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EDITORIAL

THE END OF AN ERA

With this issue, the story of almost sixty-six years comes to an end. This is the last editorial to be written by an Austral-appointed Editor. We have come to the end of an era.

BEGINNING WITH MASTON.

The story of how it began is one of the most fascinating in the history of our Australian churches. A little over six years before the first copy of *The Australian Christian* was printed on Jan. 6, 1898, an American preacher known as the "Tract Man" among Australian Churches of Christ saw one of his dreams come true, with the formation of *The Austral Printing and Publishing Company*. This was one of the greatest achievements of A. B. Maston's life. It took patience to initiate; he thought about it for eleven years before he



A. B. Maston.

dared convene the first of a series of meetings which culminated in the decision of Nov. 20, 1891, to proceed with the formation of the Company. It took rare courage to persist through the first five years of recurring crises, allied with the business acumen of the Directors, who made the Company a vital part of their Christian stewardship. None of these serious problems was allowed to delay later than 1898 the fulfilment of another dream — the merging of the *Australian Christian Standard* and the *Christian Pioneer* into one weekly brotherhood paper, *The Australian Christian*.

The remarkable thing is that the man who did so much to make these things possible, and who wrote much about their significance for the future, knew that he himself was under sentence of death. In his late thirties a fatal disease had begun to ravage his face, and by 1898 (the year of the birth of *The Australian Christian*), when he was only 45, the doctors would not promise him more than two further years of life. He was, however, able to continue with his editorship and what must surely have been what he called it, "arduous labor, care and responsibility," until June, 1907, two months before his death. Such was his spirit that, in his final message to the *Christian*, he could write, "I expect for the *Christian* and for the *Austral Publishing Co.* a splendid future."

DUNN CARRIES ON

During his six-and-a-half years as Editor, A. B. Maston worked hard to commend the new paper to the brotherhood, although he himself wrote very little for its pages. He was always grateful for the invaluable assistance of F. G. Dunn as Leader

writer, and of D. A. Ewers as contributor of Editorial Notes. It was the former of these who was called to succeed Mr. Maston as Editor in mid-1907. Three years later, G. P. Pittman, who had become *Austral* Manager and sub-editor of the *Christian* in succession to A. B. Maston, went to India as a missionary, and Mr. Dunn then combined the offices of Manager and Editor until his death in Sept., 1914.

Mr. Dunn had a wealth of writing experience. In his last message to the brotherhood before his death, he claimed that he had written, in all, about seven hundred editorial articles in just on 30 years of writing for the *Watchman*, the *Australian Christian Standard* (of which he had been Editor for 13 years) and *The Australian Christian*. He exerted a



F. G. Dunn.

strong, steady influence in the brotherhood. His long-time colleague, D. A. Ewers, said of him on his death, "He was always fair in his presentations and criticisms of views conflicting with his own . . . With an unflinching faith in the plea for a restoration of primitive Christianity, and in its ultimate success, he was ever anxious to further its interests and maintain 'the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace' among its advocates, and to this he devoted the powers of his fine intellect from the editorial chair, with marked success." In his last illness, he himself called it "the work by which I have been able to accomplish most for God."

MAIN'S RECORD TERM.

World War I was less than two months' old when A. R. Main succeeded Mr. Dunn as Editor. He, too, had written weekly for the paper from the beginning, with the excep-

tion of three years during which he was absent from Victoria (though, even then, he forwarded occasional articles). As Editor, he commenced



A. R. Main.

a remarkable record term of 27 years, ending in Oct. 1941, as it began, with the world at war. In all those years, Mr. Main exerted a remarkable influence on the brotherhood, and was the first of the Editors to go overseas as an Australian representative to a World Convention. Even when he resigned as Editor to become the first Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich, he continued as a regular writer for the *Christian*, completing well over forty years of such service to the brotherhood. His connection with the Austral Company went back beyond the birth of the *Christian*, for he and D. E. Pittman (later to be associated with him for many happy years as Austral Manager) entered the Austral employment on the same day in Feb., 1894.

Summing up his editorship on Oct. 29, 1941, Mr. Main commented, "From beginning to end, the work has proved happy and congenial. . . . During all the years the paper has been the ally of those in charge of our brotherhood work, and Conference Departments and Committees in each of the States. It has endeavored to support every good cause." Mr. Main's contributions in these fields could not have been bettered. Indeed, only a man of his rare calibre, supported (as he always admitted freely he was) by a wonderful Manager and loyal staff, could have maintained so high a standard for so long. To the end of his editorship, his clear and incisive comments on brotherhood and world affairs were eagerly read each week, and his leadership was an inspiration to many.

STEPHENSON'S TEN YEARS.

The issue of Nov. 5, 1941, was the first under the editorship of A. W.

Stephenson, who had already shown his journalistic worth in editorial work on the Austral Graded Lessons. In his introductory word to readers, he wrote, "It is our hope that this journal will be a unifying force in the Christian community." Writing his closing word nine years and four months later, before proceeding to the Woolwich Principalship, he commented, "The view of no one State was allowed to govern the policy; at all times what was in the best interests of the churches throughout the Commonwealth was kept uppermost." In an article specially written for this issue on a later page, Mr. Stephenson recalls what those years of service meant to him.

Prior to the appointment of C. G. Taylor as Editor from June, 1951, W. R. Hibburt (Austral Manager) was Interim Editor for four months. He had served in a similar way for the same time in 1947, when Mr.



A. W. Stephenson.

Stephenson had been overseas. Another to serve as acting Editor was Wilkie J. Thomson, for just on five months in 1955, while C. G. Taylor was on a preaching tour and World Convention visit in U.S.A. and Canada. Brief articles from both these men are also included in this issue.

ENDING WITH TAYLOR.

I little thought when I began my Editorial duties in June, 1951, that I would be not only the fifth, but also the last, Austral-appointed Editor — that I would be writing the closing words of the great story outlined in this article. But nothing could have made either myself or the Austral Directors happier than the fact that next week, for the first time in our history as an Australian brotherhood, an issue will be published under the editorship of a man appointed by an Interim Board of Management representative of every State in the Commonwealth, and that the

journal itself should come under the control of Federal Conference. To such an end we have worked for many years. It has become increasingly obvious that only in such a way was there hope of the journal being accepted as truly federal. So long as it continued to be edited by Victorian-appointed men (even though the last two Editors have been West Australians), with a preponderance of Victorian news and advertisements (hardly surprising in view of the fact that one-third of our Australian membership live in Victoria), and with other States producing their own monthly papers, it has been easy for some to assume that this is "just a Victorian paper."

This it has never been, from the first issue to this last. It has sought unceasingly to promote all the federal aspects of our work, and from the first issue prominence has been given to missionary interests and all other work jointly undertaken through our Federal Conferences. As A. W. Stephenson pointed out in the Jubilee Issue of Dec. 24, 1947, "It ought to be recognised that the Austral Company has been willing to bear losses involved without asking any Department for any financial support. Even when special Departmental numbers have been issued, the Company has contributed a generous share of the financial cost involved, only cost of blocks and extra pages being charged to the Departments."

In my 1961 review of ten years as Editor I wrote of constant attempts to "promote the full range of brotherhood activities, and to give ready co-operation to Departmental leaders." "This paper," I claimed, "exists to serve and inform the brotherhood. It tries also to open windows to the wider work of the Church as a whole." We have faced this kind of task in the tradition of earlier Editors — in the spirit, for example, of A. B. Maston, of whom F. G. Dunn



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wrote, "A. B. Maston had a supreme contempt for littleness, and for that meanness of soul which always has a grievance." In turn, D. A. Ewers said of Mr. Dunn, "Above all littleness and petty ideas himself, he looked for fairness and broadmindedness in others, and where possible would see nothing else." It has been a joy to work in this spirit, and to find an answering response in many people. There has been criticism, of course, though doubtless not nearly as much as I have deserved.

It has been a heavy task to try to keep a Christian weekly both big in spirit and stimulating to heart and mind, as well as informative and newsworthy. There have been many restrictions — some of them finan-

cial, others of them caused by the fact that it has always been necessary for me to maintain a full-time ministry with a church, whilst also serving as Editor of this paper. But there have also been many compensations — the trust and confidence of the Austral Directors who have given me a free rein throughout; the generous goodwill and help of the Austral Managers and my other co-workers on the Austral staff; and the practical assistance and encouragement of many contributors and writers.

A NEW DAY DAWNS.

It was one of the hardest decisions of my life to resign from this task.

It has been a privileged ministry, and if the Christian has not grown as much as I could have wished, I am sure that it has helped me to grow a little — a little more than the extra grey hairs! But I believed that a new day called for a new man, and to no one would I have more gladly handed over than to my friend, A. E. White. I commend him to you all.

This is the end of an era. I shall always be humbly grateful that I was part of it, associated with a Company whose contribution to the whole Australian brotherhood I regard as incalculable. But a new era is dawning — and, with God's grace, a greater one than the past. This is our prayer.

Principal A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A. (Editor, 1941-1951) looks back . . .

AN EX-EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS

In 1941, when I was invited to be the Editor of *The Australian Christian*, some in the brotherhood of Churches of Christ were demanding the right to express their private views. We were then well aware that some freedom of expression would be beneficial, but that statements of extreme views by a few could be harmful to the unity and peace of all the churches. Some writers desired to be free to state just what they believed, and resented the Editor's efforts to state the views of the majority of the readers. Since the journal was designed to represent Churches of Christ in Australia, the Editor was called upon to make decisions in the interests of the majority of the readers, and not allow himself to be used as the tool of a few.

An Editor's mail is very extensive, and he becomes aware, more so than any other, of the reactions of readers and churches. So, while he is expected to be just and to permit reasonable freedom, he is made aware of the responsibility of his stewardship within the life of the churches. It was my aim, while permitting varying viewpoints, nevertheless to try to make the main theme of the paper an expression of the views of Churches of Christ in Australia.

The aim of the paper was to give guidance and inspiration to the ordinary reader, to help him in his devotional life and in solving practical church problems; to open to him the truths of revealed Scripture, and to provide him with the news of churches in all parts of the world.

The majority of readers were not concerned with problems that were likely to interest the more scholarly minister, so articles were sought rather to help and encourage the larger

group of readers who looked to the paper for help, from week to week.

Apart from setting out views, we aimed, in particular, to present news. We encouraged reporters of churches and departments in all parts of the Commonwealth to write regularly. We sought to give the paper an Australian outlook.

But we did not think it was right for us to be concerned only with what took place within the ranks of Churches of Christ. We aimed to bring news of church life in all parts of the world. We think now of one item of news which we stressed and which has proved of great importance: namely, the discovery of "The Dead Sea Scrolls."

A paper that goes each week into our homes ought to make some appeal to young people. We considered it good policy to encourage prospective readers, and to help build goodwill for the future. We, therefore, provided a special youth section each month.

The "Open Forum" was considered an important feature. At times it was difficult to control, because a few writers wanted to take charge. Some, who exceeded the word-limit set for the Forum, became upset when their letters were cut to requirements. The Editor had to write privately to many of them to explain the policy of the Forum.

People think that the Editor runs a paper just the way he desires. But our experience revealed that, by and large, the readers of a paper determine the paper's policy. A journal must, more or less, pay its way. Its circulation must be maintained and, if possible, increased. If readers do not get what they want, well, they

cease to be subscribers. When we presented features and a policy that appealed to readers, we saw an immediate rise in circulation. This was our experience, again and again, during our ten years of association with *The Australian Christian*.

In addition to my work as Editor of *The Australian Christian*, I was busy writing and preparing material for the *Austral Graded Lessons*. The aim of those lessons was to present Bible truths to teachers and scholars. We were content to make the lessons Bible-centred and to allow God to speak in his own way to young people. We are still sure that this aim will bring the best results into the lives of young and old. It does not matter a great deal what men say, but what God has said is of great importance.

My associations with the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. covered some seventeen years. At all times, I was given every consideration by Manager and Directors. The Directors left me free entirely to serve as Editor. When some persons tried to press their private views, and went to the Directors to put pressure on the Manager, the Directors were wise and considerate enough to reject such representation, and to allow the Editor to maintain a policy he considered was in the best interests of the paper and of the brotherhood.

Australian Churches of Christ have been served very well indeed by the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. We ought to thank God for this Company, and for the gracious Christian men who have served over the years as Managers and Directors, as well as the men and women who have served very faithfully on the staff.

Union Effort and Ability

The Austral Printing and Publishing Company for 72 years has been a servant of the brotherhood, involving itself in printing and publishing, not for profit but for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. It imposed on itself the task of making vocal through the printed page the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and reverence for the Holy Scriptures. The birth of *The Australian Christian* was the natural medium for a Company desirous of unifying the brotherhood in common ideals, activities and responsibilities. God channelled his blessings to the Company through a wise Board of Directors, devoted Managers and staff members, and shareholders who gladly permitted dividends to be absorbed into capital.

The Company encountered its share of the stress that is normal for business concerns. One such occasion happened when, within twelve months, the Company lost by death its Manager, D. E. Pittman, and its Factory Manager, H. Stokes. Upon the experience of these men depended the ongoing of the Company. Their service and experience totalled 70 years. In this emergency I was projected into the management of the Com-

W. R. Hibburt
(Acting Editor, Feb.-May, 1951).

pany. The following year, A. W. Stephenson, the Editor of *The Australian Christian*, was appointed Principal of Woolwich Bible College and transferred to Sydney, and I was requested to add the editorial work to my managerial responsibilities until the Directors appointed an editor. The appointment of an Editor was always a careful and unhurried decision. In 1951, C. G. Taylor accepted the invitation of the Directors to serve as Editor of *The Australian Christian*. As interim Editor I gained insights into the Federal dimensions of its contribution and its flow of fellowship, and its ability to make fluid the aims and ideals of the brotherhood.

Because of the federal character of the journal it seems appropriate that *The Australian Christian* and its management should become the responsibility of the Executive of Federal Conference. The terms on which *The Austral Printing and Publishing Company* is making this possible is further proof of the goodwill that the Company has displayed to the

brotherhood. The success of this new arrangement depends on translating this responsibility into individual responsibility. In this transition period it is not too soon to realise that the acceptance of individual responsibility regulates success — no responsibility, no success; little responsibility, little success; much responsibility, much success. Let us guarantee the future of *The Australian Christian* as a joint interstate journal by an avalanche of new subscribers, and understanding prayerfulness for God's penman, A. E. White, Editor-elect.

"It takes a union of effort and ability to run a paper," wrote A. B. Maston in the fourth year of the journal's existence. He continued, "This we had, the brethren everywhere vying with each other and giving me every assistance. I have not pleased everybody, but the great rank and file of our brotherhood have testified their approval by the support which they have given the paper. I have simply acted fairly and impartially, and I have found that this course pleases most right-thinking men and women."

If this is the spirit and pattern that shapes the present venture, success is assured.

An Interim Editor Looks Back . . .

W. J. Thomson
(Apr.-Sept., 1955)

The Australian Christian was born before I was, and so I cannot remember a time when it was not in my parents' home or in my own. Long before I could read I perused it. That is, I looked at its pictures and pondered over its large decorated capitals. It is the one paper that has been with me all my life. Although as a small boy I knew in my heart that I must one day be a preacher of the gospel, it was a College Number of *The Australian Christian* that brought me face to face with the fact that I must prepare to be about our Father's business.

After leaving the College of the Bible and entering the full-time ministry of the Word, I was asked by the Editor, the late A. R. Malm, to write an occasional article, which I did. If the span between articles was too long he would write me again. I still have some of those letters. Throughout the years of subsequent editorships, I continued to submit Mss. A few of these were requested, but as I was writing for other journals I considered it my duty to make some contribution to the brotherhood, if I could and if desired. But, more than that, I continued to read, with profit, the Editorials and

the writings of the brethren throughout Australia.

Nothing could have come with greater surprise to me than a request to edit the paper whilst C. G. Taylor was overseas. And nothing gave me greater pleasure, although I entered upon the task timorously. Nevertheless, I would have liked the Editor to have stayed away a little longer.

I would not know to what degree *The Australian Christian* has influenced my own life, because it is immeasurable. As for others, I know of those won to obedience to Christ through its ministry, of lives spiritually deepened, of churches helped and guided, and of the whole brotherhood being encouraged. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Austral Co. for its continued publication.

Any church paper such as our own should be informative. It should carry news of the brethren wherever they are. We are intensely interested in one another's welfare. It is not because of the Scriptural injunction in 1 Pet. 2: 17 only, for we are a people who really do "love the brotherhood." We mourn with those that mourn, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Good news from a distant place is like water in a thirsty land.

The Australian Christian has also met a devotional need. This is a very real need in our lives. One has only to see the number of devotional books and magazines on sale to realise how great is the desire for such literature. Christian organisations have commenced schools in various places to teach the art of writing for religious journals, not the least of which is for devotional columns.

Doctrinal pages dealing with the great themes of the Bible have given the "meat of the Word" to those who would eat of it. There are a great many who are anxious to understand what the Bible teaches about such important matters as the here and hereafter, and look for help and guidance in their studies.

As another chapter in the life of *The Australian Christian* closes, I would like to express my thanks to the Editor and to the Directors and Staff of the Austral Co., and to voice the hope that the journal will fulfil its charter and the mission required of any Christian paper to exalt Christ and never at any time lower the flag of truth in favor of "opinions." May the new Editor be blessed and God-guided in his task.

NEW CHAPEL, MARYBOROUGH VICTORIA

For the opening of the new chapel at Maryborough, Vic., Oct. 26, 1963, so many people were present to witness the dedication service that many had to stand at the rear and sides of the chapel. The crying room, designed for children, was packed by adults for the occasion.

E. P. C. Hollard, a former minister, now of Adelaide, unveiled the foundation stone. R. Walker (builder) handed the key to Mrs. F. Lancaster, who, assisted by Mrs. Branton (both members of long standing), turned the key and invited members and friends to enter the chapel.

The dedication service was presided over by A. Kennedy. Tributes were paid to the builder, R. Walker (Maryborough) and the architect, M. Murray (Ballarat).

Greetings were given by Mr. Thornhill (Mayor) who, with the Mayoress, was present with members of the Council; Hon. Keith Turnbull, M.L.A., Ven. Peter Monie, M.A. (Maryborough Ministers' Fraternal), W. W. Saunders (Conf. Executive), A. R. Haskell (Properties Corp.), A. Avery (H.M.).

During the service Mrs. A. Kennedy (pres., Y.W.F.) presented to R. C. Pritchard (minister) the new Wurlitzer organ, which cost £600, Milton Drake (C.O.B.) was reader, and a

solo was given by Max Murray. The choir was heard in "I Dedicate Myself to Thee." Many people present said they have never heard the choir sing so well; Mrs. R. Walker was organist.

The address of dedication was given by A. R. Haskell (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.). After the service, afternoon tea was served by the ladies.

The first Sunday services were held in the new chapel on Oct. 27. For the morning service the building was packed to capacity. R. C. Pritchard was preacher, and the choir rendered an anthem, with Miss B. Lunn as organist. At a P.S.A., the building was again packed, when the guest speaker was E. P. C. Hollard (S.A.); during the service items were rendered by the choir, the trio (Misses Bartlett and Drake and Mrs. Walker), A. Kennedy and Miss Jean Milne; Mrs. Walker also gave an organ recital on the new organ.

Mr. Pritchard was speaker at the gospel service, with the choir rendering items — also solos by Miss Jean Milne and A. Kennedy. At the conclusion of the service there were four decisions for Christ — three men and

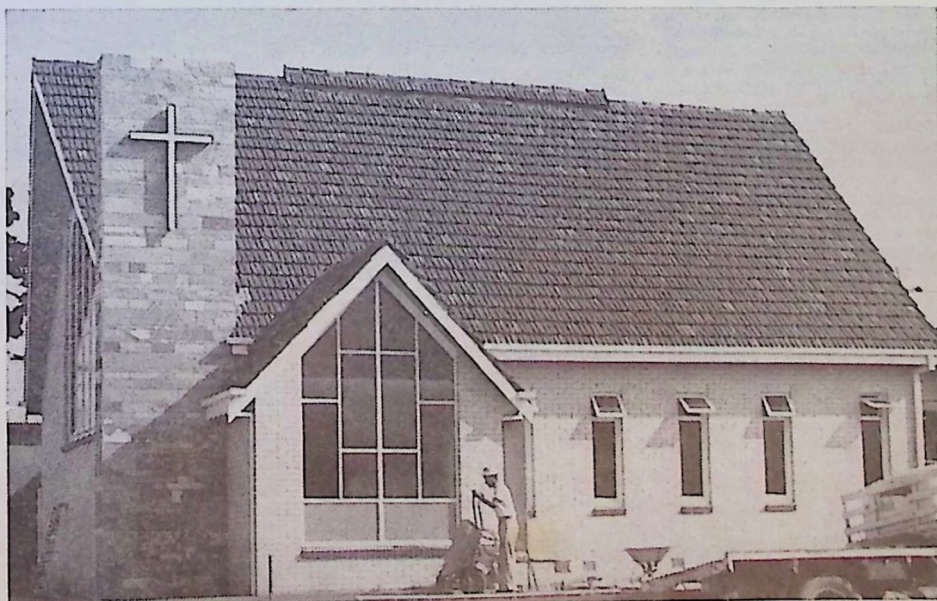
a young lady. Farewells to visitors brought to an end a wonderful experience. A vital step forward has been made.

The attractive new chapel stands at the corner of Inkerman and Clarendon streets, and is of cream brick, with a tiled roof. The pylon is faced with Castlemaine rock, and the large cross is illuminated at night. An attractive forecourt adds to the building. The inside is of pink brick, with the floor and all furnishing finished in a light stain; with maroon carpets (gifts of the Ladies' Aid).

The feature panel is of light blue, with an illuminated cross. The sunken baptistry is of blue tiles at the back of the chapel. A cry room is included for mothers with young children. The building has an electric heating system, connected under the seats.—Mavis Davies.


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The N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal will hold its last meeting for 1963 at 10.30 a.m., Nov. 18, at the Woolwich Bible College. The theme will be *Music and Programmes that have Worked*, presented by three ministers as a prelude to general discussion. The College will provide hot water, milk and tea, but each man is asked to bring his own lunch.—D. Foletta.




Putting finishing touches to the new chapel at Maryborough, Vic.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for Dec.**Theme:****"A Recipe for Christian Living"**

Mrs. S. Lawrence, South Australia.

MEDITATION.

Let us pause and meditate upon the many joys and blessings that are ours each day.

There's the hope that's set before us,

There is faith that lights each day,

Peace that passeth understanding,
Trust — assurance in his care,
Christian fellowship and blessing,
And the crowning gift of prayer.

HYMN.

No. 884, "O Thou Who Camest from Above."

PRAYER.

As we unite our hearts in prayer before thee, our Father, we come in Jesus' name, asking forgiveness for all our shortcomings, and praising and thanking thee for the wonderful gifts showered upon us every day. Help us to live under thy Divine control, so that our lives may lead others to want to know him in whom we have rest, peace and strength for each day and each task. Amen.

BIBLE READING.

Matthew 5: 13-16.

DEVOTIONAL.

How many of us have recipes tucked away in books that we plan to use "someday"? We have been attracted to these recipes by a beautiful picture in a magazine, or we have tasted something which has been so delicious we have felt we must have the instructions for making it. At the time we put them away in our book, fully intending to use them, but we became too busy or absorbed in other interests and eventually we forgot we have them. Or we may have tried them once, and found that the result was not as good as expected, so put them aside. But I am sure that, almost without exception, each one of us has some recipe or other which we have just put aside.

These recipes are of little importance, but, what of The Recipe for Christian Living that was given by our Lord himself? Remember, he said, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." And, "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another."

Each of us has been attracted to Jesus, the Christ, by the beauty and wonder of his love for us, and in accepting him as our personal Saviour we have indeed "tasted and found that the Lord is good." But then we are inclined to look at ourselves, and because we see that we have not the graces that are necessary to love as Christ did, we are inclined to give up. When we look a little further we read, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." This, then, is the wonderful truth, that not only are we supplied with the recipe, but with an unlimited supply of ingredients, too. The Bible also tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are patience, joy, hope, gentleness, meekness, goodness, longsuffering, and faith. We then must live so close to the Lord that he can daily refine out the dross so that we can be used as the salt or seasoning, or preserving agent of the earth.

**Missionary Snippets**

Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

ON FURLOUGH.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludgater returned for furlough on Monday, Oct. 28. Mr. Ludgater comes from Queensland and Mrs. Ludgater from Victoria, so they will spend several weeks in each State before coming to South Australia for a Missionary Convention on Feb. 29, 1964, after which they will proceed to West Australia for 6 weeks' deputation work.

The Stanhope family arrived in Sydney on Nov. 6. Dr. Stanhope will attend a Missionary Convention in Gympie on Nov. 16, and attend lectures at an anaesthetics course, which commences in Sydney on Nov. 18.

Jack and Barbara Edwards, from the New Hebrides, are visiting South Australian churches during November.

RETURNING TO NEW GUINEA.

Sister Betty Anderson returns to New Guinea on Nov. 18. During her stay in Australia, Sister Anderson has spent most of her furlough engaged in deputation work.

We must become as a moon or satellite, revolving around, and reflecting the true Light of the world, who trod this earth as the Son of Man; being very careful to allow no selfish interests to throw shadows which would confuse and distort the Divine Light of Love, which we are here to reflect.

HYMN.**MISSIONARY NEWS.****MISSIONARY PRAYER.****BUSINESS.****ADDRESS.****HYMN.****BENEDICTION.****W.C.W.F. PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.**

"... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me" (Matt. 25: 40). Let us pray for our North American sisters, that they may be conscious of the great needs, material and spiritual, of their sisters in the underdeveloped countries where women constantly work at difficult tasks, whether in their homes or to maintain them, without the help of the slightest convenience, that they may feel the desire to share their abundance.

SAFE ARRIVAL.

We praise God for the gift of a son, William Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bolton, in New Guinea, on Oct. 27. Both mother and son are well.

Awakening at Baramati

Miss E. Vawser.

What a wonderful surprise this morning to receive a letter advising that a brother had given £50 for the Haqq Campaign. How wonderfully God supplies every need. We have Gaston Singh, an Indian gentleman, born in Trinidad, missionary with the Youth for Christ, Bombay, to help us this week with counselling. Already there is a great awakening in our church. The daily cottage prayer meetings have been fruitful. Now we are to have a chain of prayer night and day for some days this week. All are taking part. How this great venture started I do not know. We have prayed and prayed for this church, and truly God is giving us a time of rich fellowship. We have much to plan and prepare this week. It is overwhelming, but with the whole church full of willing helpers it will not be too much for anyone. The

financial side of it all has not been a worry to anyone; we know that when people receive a blessing they give. We have left that to our Father Who has untold riches, and here we have this word from you of £50. We know expenses will reach about £150, but nothing is too great for our wonderful God.

Progress at Asau D. Hammer.

The work here at Asau is progressing really well. Jennifer Smith is with us now to do the school teaching, and that leaves me free to do the evangelistic work. I plan to go on Wednesday up river into villages who have invited us, and who want to send some of their children to the school here at Asau. These villages are in the Asau language group, so there is a common starting point. These villages are Puwala, Gwala and Mannimong on the Ramu, and Erenong, which is inland. Actually the main villages of all these places are inland, but our contact has come through the river villages. I know that there are children waiting to come to school as soon as I visit and bring them; however, because of the number of children Jennifer will be able to handle, we must limit our intake to possibly 10 or 12. This will give us around 35 in the school, and with the new intake of 5-year-olds from Asau that Jennifer would like to have will make the number up to over the 40 mark. I will take the names of all those interested, and ages, and we can keep them for future references. The four villages mentioned are only a few of the many who are scattered between the Ramu and the Sepik rivers. I have heard whispers that some of these villages are interested in us visiting them so I will do so, but I am afraid we shall not be able to offer them schooling facilities.

The attitude of the folk here has really changed for the better over the last few weeks. Our services on Sunday have been very well attended, and mostly the people have been very co-operative. It has thrilled us to see their change of heart. It is a thrill to me personally to be freed to do evangelistic work in the villages, and I do thank the Lord for this opening. These few months before furlough will be a time of experimenting, but they will give me the knowledge I will need to be able to start off on a programme when we return from furlough.

Another thing which thrilled Lynne and myself is the possibility of the short-term nurse. It seemed as if Asau would have to be worked on more or less a part-time basis until we received the news that Miss Mary Joyce, from Gympie, was coming. We believe it was a direct answer to prayer, and everything has worked together for good. Jennifer will be here

all the time we are away now, instead of other arrangements needing to be made. We do thank the Lord for these things.

Village Work, Chungribu Rosalee Rofe.

Beryl and I went over to Nabringi last Friday. The people were all there to meet us. Beryl lined up the children of the nearby villages. They were quite thrilled, and turned up in just about full force. Sunday I took a service in the klap house. About forty folk came along. They had remembered the hymns and choruses, and were very quiet and attentive throughout the service.

Quite a few folk have written to me about their "adopted" school child, and as I've told the children about the folk at home that support them, their faces have broken out into broad grins.

Abundant Life Campaign

DRUMCONDRA (Vic.).

After months of preparation in the way of prayer and visitation, the Abundant Life Campaign opened on Oct. 20 and continued until Nov. 3. L. F. Barker (Balwyn) was the preacher, and R. Tattersall, song-leader.

The gospel was faithfully proclaimed, the messages were not only enjoyed, but also profitable for instruction and soul-winning. The singing, under the leadership of Mr. Tattersall, was very bright, and was a valuable contribution to the success of the mission. Another feature was the fine vocal items rendered by visitors and local members.

A highlight of the Campaign was the Christian Cabaret held on the last Saturday evening. The first part of the evening consisted of entertainment, and this was followed by two young men giving testimonies. Mr. Barker then gave the address, and at the conclusion ten teenagers confessed Christ. During the fortnight, 24 confessions of faith in Christ were made, and all but three of these were teenagers.

Not only were there many decisions, but the church was greatly blessed by splendid messages and good fellowship.

The church has much reason to rejoice in the power of the gospel, and is grateful to the Balwyn church for releasing Mr. Barker.—R. A. Banks.

The chairman of the Australian Council of the Mission to Lepers, P. L. Turnbull, is pleased to announce the appointment of W. R. McKeown, formerly executive secretary, as secretary for Australia in succession to the late Robt. Edgar. The appointment has been confirmed by the London Council of the Mission.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Now that summer is getting close, what do you think of men taking off their coats for a church service?

There is no virtue in being uncomfortable when worshipping. Indeed, it seems to me that there would be less effective worship as members become progressively conscious of the heat.

It seems common sense to take coats off when the weather is hot and humid. There is no loss of dignity or reverence in the removal of a coat. However, the attitudes of the majority of the members should be considered. If the removal of coats would upset members, it would be better to put up with the inconvenience.

Some men prefer to keep their coats on, even on the hottest days, and these should not be made to feel embarrassed. It is a mistake to urge men to remove their coats. It is enough to say once that "men may remove their coats if they desire." Some will, and those that do will supply sufficient example.

For those who are taking part in the service the problem is a little more difficult. I have known services of communion where the president and all of the helpers were in shirt-sleeves. There was nothing unseemly about it. However, there should be general uniformity in the dress of those assisting at the Lord's Table.

The privilege of taking off his coat should also belong to the minister. He should not be expected to swelter when others have more comfort. Some ministers, because of size, shape, or age, may be more vulnerable than others. Although I think I have the right to go coatless, I have not yet done so. In earlier days I had only one suit. It was necessarily of heavy, long-lasting material. On hot days, I longed to take it off. But, although the temperature was in favor of such an action, the church climate was against it. Now that the church attitude has become more tolerant in this field, there is not now the same need. I now have two suits (despite Luke 3: 11), and one is a light-weight suit that permits both comfort and tradition in hot weather!

Common sense must be the guide, and there should be no drastic measures taken for or against. You cannot reduce common sense to a list of things to wear and not to wear. You can wear what you like so long as in your worship of God and service for Christ you think of God first, others second, and yourself third.

HERE AND THERE

Brooklyn Park church, S.A., announces that its minister, J. W. Lewis, has accepted a further term of three years' ministry there on completion of his present term of six years at the end of 1964.

A church and brotherhood farewell was held at Mosman, N.S.W., on Oct. 17, to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wylie on conclusion of their ministry with the local church. C. Saxby (Conf. Pres.), Mrs. Dickson (Pres. Women's Conference), and representatives of other churches took part in the meeting. Mr. Wylie has now commenced a ministry at Gardiner, Vic.

The Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education is offering young people a new experience in camping, in the Young Adult Summer Conference, Dec. 27 to Jan. 3. This Conference will be held at the New Monbulk, and is offered to young people, 18 years and over. Chairman is David Hliburt; programme includes such activities as Bible research, group techniques, creative activities, worship. Enquiries will be welcome — ring 32-2449, or Mr. Hliburt, 379-5275.—L. A. Trezise.

A great Woman to Woman evangelism rally was held at Croydon, Vic., on Oct. 31, 1963. The chapel was well filled, some being representatives from Eastern District Churches. A song service was conducted by Miss M. McCracken and a welcome given to all by Mrs. W. J. Thomson. The president was Mrs. Newham, who introduced the visiting artists, Miss Jean Milne (soloist), Mrs. Dickson (elocutionist). An excellent message was given by Mrs. Robottom. Supper was served at the close of the meeting.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1963, the Church of Christ at East Ipswich, Qld., opened a new £17,000 church building in Brisbane-rd., with over 600 people present. The key was turned by A. Feeney (one of the 14 foundation members in 1915), and the minister of the church (Roy Acland) led the dedication service. At a reception in the church hall (the former chapel) local and brotherhood representatives spoke in praise of the church's achievement in erecting so fine a place of worship. Keith Ludgater spoke at the Sunday morning service, when 240 broke bread, many past members being present. The church regrets that, owing to throat trouble, Doug. Willis has had to retire from preaching in the Space Age Campaign in the atmosphere, and his place has been taken by David Mansell (H.M. Organiser).

F. C. Chipperfield, a deacon of Ivanhoe (Vic.) Church of Christ, and Chairman of the Vic.-Tas. Social Services Dept., has been appointed deputy secretary of the State Electricity Commission, Victoria.

Austral Chairman Sums Up

The Austral Printing and Publishing Company, through the years since it was first established, has considered it a privilege to publish and arrange for the Editorship of the paper presenting the interests of Churches of Christ in Australia.

The Company, formed in 1891, whose first Directors were W. C. Craigie, B. J. Kemp, C. W. Mitchell, T. G. Prior and J. A. Stewart, began publishing in 1892, under the inspiration and Managementship of A. B. Maston.

This Company, which was formed for the purpose of printing papers of a religious nature and tracts for distribution, had its chief interest from Jan. 6, 1898 in the publication of the Churches of Christ weekly, *The Australian Christian*. The Directors have borne the sole responsibility for its Editorship, contents, format and costs. The Company's Directors, over the years, have received no pecuniary benefits in any way, from the progress of the printed matter or publications, but have at all times given a devoted interest to the on-going of its main purpose, to maintain the high standard of *The Australian Christian*.

The Directors have appreciated the splendid Editorship given by succeeding Editors since the inception of the paper, and the present Directors wish to state that it has been a privilege to have had so thoughtful and gracious an Editor as Cliff Taylor, B.A., during the last twelve and a half years.

We anticipate that, whilst the Directors relinquish their responsibility of providing an Editor and a maintained high standard, *The Australian Christian* will lose none of its former splendor. The new Interim Board of Management, which is composed of markedly efficient men representing every State of the Commonwealth, is to be congratulated on the choice of the new Editor, A. E. White, B.A. The Directors will be most happy to co-operate with him in printing the new publication. They wish for each member of the Board, and the Editor. God's richest blessing in all their plans to forward the Kingdom of God.—W. A. Kemp, O.B.E.

The following telegram arrived too late for publication last week: "Urgent message. Belrose mission concludes Nov. 10. No breakthrough yet; tragic accident to minister, Mr. Benz. Both legs broken, condition critical. Prayer requested." No further information has been received, but L. E. Wylie, minister at Gardiner, Vic., volunteered the following details from personal correspondence he had received. B. Benz, minister at Belrose, N.S.W., where a mission is being conducted by R. M. Wilson (Kingsford), was assisting to push a stalled car when he was struck from behind by another car. He is critically injured, and doctors are endeavoring to save one leg from amputation. Two lady students at Woolwich College, both of them trained nurses, have offered their services to Manly District Hospital for continuous nursing of Mr. Benz.

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Too Good to Miss!

Queensland's Half-Yearly Conference at Boonah gave the Federal Arrangements Committee an opportunity to screen the Audio-Visual promoting the 30th Federal Conference, to be held in Brisbane next September. Committee members were unprepared for the spontaneous and sustained applause that followed the screening, and were greatly encouraged by many individual comments. Members felt that the Audio-Visual was "too good to miss" and wanted to make a booking to show it in their own churches. They were disappointed to learn that the only two copies were now in circulation in Victoria and South Australia.

I am sure you will agree that these are days when the "sure word" of Jesus Christ is more urgently needed by the people of Australia than ever before. The growing problem of community expenditure on the consequences of basic "insecurity" can only be adequately met by revitalised witness to Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Federal Conference will give you an opportunity to make such a witness, not only to the people of Brisbane, but to the whole of Australia through the national radio broadcast that it is anticipated will follow the Conference.

You may already have made plans to attend the Conference but the opportunity to have a preview is too good to miss! If you have a slide projector, a tape recorder, and some friends or your congregation, write to your Conference Secretary and arrange to screen the audio-visual as soon as possible. This will fire your enthusiasm and help your prayers that Christ may be faithfully presented in word and deed to the people of Australia.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

Waiting on God

I remember that when I was young, one of the things my father used to say to me was, "Wait!" Sometimes that was all he said. On other occasions he added to the command an explanation of why it was better to wait. To an impatient youth it was not always welcome advice, but I came to appreciate its wisdom and I have been glad on more than one occasion that he gave it. But not only did he tell us to wait. He could carry out his own advice. He taught us to play draughts, and how he could play the "waiting game" then! All unsuspectingly I would be working away on my own ideas, and then came the moment when my father said, "Take that one," and moved one of his pieces forward. When I had taken it I discovered that my position on the board was terribly vulnerable, and the game was as good as lost.

Nor was it only on the draughts board that he could play the "waiting game." He could do it in more serious affairs, such as church work. He often knew what he wanted but was not able to put it into effect. He did not fret or fume about it. He just waited, and was ready for the opportunity to go forward when circumstances permitted. Then he could act swiftly — or as swiftly as his church allowed him! — and seize the chance presented to him.

This ability to wait seemed phenomenal until you got to know him well, and then it was obvious that it was based on a complete trust on — and in — God. Most of us can "put things off" because of laziness or cowardice. To go on waiting — sometimes year after year — for things to happen isn't always easy in church work at home, or in a Mission station abroad. But the Bible is rich in advice to wait, and at the same time to trust in God. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27: 14).

When we talk about "waiting on God" we often think of it as meaning "prayer." The formula at the prayer-meeting is, "Let us wait upon God in prayer." But why should not the words be taken literally? I do not know any Hebrew, but comparison with other translations shows that

the words can be taken as they stand. Wait for God. Do not push in front of him. Don't fume and fret and get impatient. After all, God has other things to think about besides our affairs. (Too often it amounts to our convenience!) Nor are we likely to be able to hustle God, the Father of Jesus, who slept calmly through the storm.

Doctors would use far fewer sedatives if people would only recognise that "getting steamed up" doesn't really get you anywhere. How much better to "rest on the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Ps. 37: 7).

—Reprinted from *The Baptist Times*.

Fear

Jessie Wells Clark.

Far in the future
Lieth a fear,
Like a long low mist of grey...

With these words Amy Carmichael began a poem which deals with fear. Those who have lived long enough know that fear is a gnawing something with which practically everyone has to deal.

A little boy carried his younger sister to a hospital in the height of a London blitz.

"Weren't you afraid, son?" the doctor asked as he was treating the sister's wounds.

"No," said the boy, "but my stomach was."

The Maori warrior seems to have tattooed his face to mask the expression of fear, but no amount of disfigurement can take away fear. Sometimes one can see fear in the face of another. Oftener, it cannot be seen, but it is there, nevertheless, digging in nasty fingers and sapping the strength of thousands. And there are many Christian people whose "stomachs are afraid" even when reason and faith tell them that with God there is no need to be afraid.

Fear, then, is something which must be reckoned with. It is with us in a hundred different forms and in varying degrees. There is the fear of the things that cannot be seen, and there is the fear of the terrifying things that can be seen; there is the fear of what the present is doing to us, and there is fear of the future; there is the fear of some power too great for us to cope with, and there is fear of criticism and persecution; there is fear of failure, and fear for the safety of loved ones.

There will always be people who, in Lee Carter Maynard's words, seem to pray, "Give us this day our daily dread," but there are also thousands

who would give anything to live above those fears and conquer them, and it is possible to do so with the help of God.

Often we fear because we have not asked for God's help. Stanley High, in an article, "Our Prayers Could Change the World," which appeared in *Reader's Digest*, quotes a story told by James Keller. In it he tells of a small boy who was struggling to lift a stone. His father, seeing him, asked if he was using all his strength. The boy was a bit impatient with his father at the question.

"Yes, I am," he said.

"I don't think you are," said his father. "You haven't asked me to help." — *Christian Standard*.

TOTAL VICTORY

When all men live in love and trust,
And not for golden gain,
When mercy conquers greed and lust,
The Christ at last shall reign.

When beauty takes its rightful place
Within the hearts of men,
When terror yields to kindly grace,
The earth will bloom again.

When nations plan for human weal,
Nor bow to kings and courts,
When faithless laws no more conceal
The threat of guns and forts,

The haunting fear of war shall go,
The battle-years shall cease,
And all the tribes of earth shall know
The benison of peace.

Then love shall conquer hate and
pride
And heaven will find it good
That men have learned at last to bide
In bonds of brotherhood.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

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Weary father (appearing in hall doorway at midnight): My dear sir, I have no objection to your coming here and sitting up half the night with my daughter, nor to your standing on the doorstep for three hours saying good night. But — in consideration for the rest of the household, who wish to go to sleep — will you kindly take your elbow off the doorbell?

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A nine-year-old girl was asked in class, "Why were the first deacons chosen?"

She was quite confident about her answer: "To take care of the wind-dows and organs!"

Which reminds us of another girl's definition of deacons: "Inflammable objects, lit up in times of emergency!"



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Alan Osterstock, Nailsworth, S.A.
Peter Couper, Russel Hillbrich, Carnegie, Vic.

Judith, Barbara and Colin McGowan, Kingsford, N.S.W.

Ros, Kain, John Snook, Miss Ben-
netts, Brooklyn Park, S.A.

Susan Young, Flinders Park, S.A.

Mrs. S. Clark, Albion, Qld.

Pam Neve, Carol Denn, Pat Burgess,
Faye Reed, Kaye Smythe, Kal-
goorlie, W.A.

Marilyn Pulsford, Arthur Coghlan,
North Essendon, Vic.

Gary Wake, Graeme Rogerson, Don-
caster, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. G. B. Carslake, to Kalgoorlie,
W.A.

Marriage

Margo Jenkins to Geoffrey Grundy;
Janice Brown to Laurence Ancrum,
North Essendon, Vic.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalgoorlie (G. B. Carslake). — Pres-
ence of campers from Youth Camps
held in district has been appreciated
at services. T. A. Morrison addressed
one service. Five have been welcomed
into fellowship after confession of
faith and baptism. B.S. anniversary
well attended. Speakers were G. Car-
slake and T. Morrison. A. W. Morris
(Conf. Pres.) conducted and addressed
a teachers' dedication service. Four
basketball teams (2 boys', 1 girls', 1
men's) proving valuable contact with
non-Christian Y.P. Project to fur-
nish house of Thea Lake (New Heb-
rides) has been completed.

QUEENSLAND

Murgon (H. C. Wheat). — Recent
midweek Bible studies conducted by
Mrs. R. Johnson. Services depleted
because of sickness. Y.P. preparing
chapel seats for staining. Church
represented at formation of Western
Churches' Fellowship at Chinchilla.

Albion (M. H. A. Pleper). — At
men's tea, C. J. Phillips (Texas, U.S.A.),
guest speaker, gave interesting talk
on Latin America, illustrated with
colored slides. The Joytones, a
Y.P. musical group from Toowoomba,
present on a Sunday evening, when
a sacred concert was conducted prior
to gospel service. Group later took
part in service. One decision for
Christ during month. Jill O'Neill
gained a first prize in State B.S.
Scripture examinations. Pam Fletcher
welcomed home from U.S.A., having
spent 12 months there as exchange
student under American Field ser-
vice plan.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). —
C.W.F. held car drive to Blyths, and
received £11 towards carpet for new
hall. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling and son
Campbell (W.A.) recent visitors. Mr.
Stirling addressed church a.m., Oct.
20. Mrs. Stirling spoke to C.W.F.
Several members paid visit to Laurel
Hill prison farm, and Mr. Stirling
presented gospel to men and received
good hearing. C.W.F. hostesses to
ladies of other Wagga churches at
well attended evening meeting on
29th. Mrs. Drury guest speaker. At
election of office-bearers for deacons
and elders, W. Caspersen elected
chairman, A. Powell, sec., J. Morris-
son, treas., with W. Snowdon being
asked to continue as asst. sec. Mr.
Snowdon has given 22 years of loyal
service as church sec. J. Rhodes,
asst. treas.

Kingsford (R. M. Wilson, B.A., Dip.
P.A.). — Minister released for three
weeks to conduct mission at Belrose.
Speakers in his absence have been
T. Scotland, C. Saxby (Conf. Pres.),
H. Rodler, C. Terry, N. Reeve. Solo-
ists have been Miss D. Walsh, Miss
J. McArthur, W. Cooper. Missionary
Committee set objective of £500, of
which over £100 has already been
given in special faith offering enve-
lopes. Presentations to Miss J. Mur-
ray and F. Love, E. McElvenny and
T. Mallin prior to marriage. C.W.F.
addressed by Mrs. J. Maxwell on Boys'
Home activities. Cookery books,
compiled from recipes given by ladies,
now on sale. C.W.A.F. raised £11/10/-
at cake and novelty stall. C.M.S.
addressed by E. Gough on Psychology
and Modern Living. B.S. anniversary
well attended. Scholars enjoyed talk
by Alan Anderson. Men have been
busy painting hall, polishing pews and
plastic painting floor of chapel, also
tending garden of Mrs. Maguire, who

is now home from hospital. Church
enjoyed fellowship with Miss Betty
Anderson, H. Miles (Mission Publ. of
Aust.) and some Indonesian students
from Uni. of N.S.W., who gave a
musical item. Annual business meet-
ing was well attended. H. Rodler was
welcomed as an elder of the church.
Deacons elected were K. Larcombe,
D. McElvenny, M. Morton, R. Murray,
G. Porter, E. Smith (sec.), J. Turner.

Mosman (G. Warne). — B.S. anni-
versary held Oct. 13. Numerous vis-
itors welcomed during month. Japheth
(New Hebrides exil student, Woolwich
College) preached at a.m. service,
Nov. 3, and assisted in p.m. service.
Ministry of L. E. Wylie concluded Oct.
20. Evening service that day included
some from Deaf Christian Crusade.
One of their number was baptised.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Brooklyn Park (J. W. Lewis). — In
recent weeks Experiments in Presenta-
tion of the Gospel have been featured
at evening services with much success.
New interest is evident as new ideas
are put into practice. Baptismal ser-
vice conducted on afternoon of Oct.
23, when 80-year-old lady was bap-
tised, after making public confession of
faith previous Sunday evening.
Ladies very active. Mannequin pa-
rade, Nov. 1, successful. C.M.S. teas
on Sunday afternoons very popular.
On Oct. 27, audio-visual, A Christian
in Business, provoked lively discus-
sion. P. Paschke appointed B.S. supt.
in succession to G. Lampshire. Func-
tional church programme beginning
to operate, with keen committees.
Minister giving careful and diligent
lead in all aspects of work. Midweek
meeting well attended and worthwhile.

Flinders Park (P. R. Whitmore). —
B.S. anniversary best attended ever;
speakers, M. D. Hamilton, A. E.
Brown, E. P. C. Hollard and P. R.
Whitmore. F. Russell given vote of
thanks when he handed over as supt.
to A. Foote. One girl made decision.
Singing was conducted by A. Quil-
liam. Prizegiving night and annual
picnic at National Park also well
attended. It is hoped that change
to morning school will stop drift of
older scholars. C.W.F. made eatables
for Morlaia Home, and Day Group
had mending day at Northfield Hos-
pital. Ladies also had cleaning day
at chapel. C.M.S. enjoyed evening of
underwater films, by R. Stone. C.Y.F.
went behind scenes at Queen Eliz-
abeth Hospital, inspecting administra-
tion, theatres, laboratories and places

of interest. Av. communicants for Oct. 180; offering £75.

Murray Bridge (H. Cave). — B.S. doing well. Attendances maintained; some sickness prevailing. School in good financial state, enabling it to help support worthy causes. Donation given for hoe heads for Indonesia. In Nov., project is to raise funds for Bibles for India, where senior Mission children will receive free copies. Men's bowls team premiers in Inter-Church association. Mr. Graham preached at services during minister's vacation. Mrs. F. Mitchell and Mrs. Pearce in hospital.

Aldgate Valley - Stirling East (R. Sider). — Aldgate Valley B.S. raised £8 for B. & F. B. S. at social emphasising Society's work in India; children dressed as Indians. Aldgate Valley ladies raised £85 for chapel improvements through fete held on Oct. 26. Mrs. Golding and Lorraine Porteous in hospital.

Beverley (W. A. Russell). — B.S. anniversary speakers were L. Austin, J. Chivell, D. Thoday, A. Jones. Kinders and juniors gave special items at all services. J. E. Webb, V. Fatchen, C. Stock, L. Harding, L. Lawrie and E. Curle preached at services during minister's vacation. B.S. picnic at Longwood well attended.

Barmera (T. Lawrie). — Morning attendances very good, evening down at times. Introduction of Time and Talents scheme on Oct. 6. B.S. anniversary, 20th; T. Lawrie spoke in morning and afternoon, and A. Johnston (Congregational) in evening, when Mr. Lawrie took the Congregational service. Explorer club progressing well; visited fire station on 30th. Mrs. Finn unable to carry on as Captain of G.L.B., and Mrs. Agg has taken her place as leader. Mrs. Leane now Kinder supt., as Mrs. Agg is unable to continue. B.S. presented gift of appreciation to Mrs. Agg for her 8 years of service. Combined Ministers' Fraternal proving very helpful, also combined church Men's Fellowship, which meets each month. Members planting $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of tomatoes and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of triangles for Building Fund. Kinder hall placed back on supports on 26th, after being blown 6 feet by gale force winds.

Grote-st., Adelaide (R. Greenhalgh). — Increase in number of communicants to 172. B. Pearce (B. & F. B. S.) preached a.m. Oct. 27. Evening service was attended by large group of Y.P. from Y.M.C.A. Annual business meeting held Oct. 30. Members elected to office for first time were G. Blackeby, J. Collier (deacons), Mrs. G. T. Ellis (deaconess). Gospel service of Nov. 3 included monthly parade of Y.P. sporting groups. Mr. Manning and Mr. Taber home from hospital.

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — Attendances at services remain at high level. One baptism recently. J. Edwards (New Hebrides) addressed church on Nov. 3. C.M.S. arranged visit to Parliament House, the group being conducted by G. Bywaters, M.P. Sickness prevails among elderly members. Mrs. N. Coombe is now choir-mistress, following retirement of Mrs. Schultz, whose leadership was much appreciated.

VICTORIA

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — Church received bequest of £100 from estate of late Dr. Paul Jenner. Early morning prayer meetings commenced in Oct. for summer months. Several senior B.S. scholars attending discipleship classes conducted by minister. Newly formed Dramatic Society well attended, much interest shown. N. Arnott underwent surgery; now back in fellowship. Interesting talk given by representative of Eye and Ear Hospital, on the Eye Bank, to C.M.S. Kaye Heron, a finalist in Miss Victoria quest. C.M.S. conducted evening service 13th, with W. S. Lowe speaker. Sympathy extended to Miss Tope on passing of her sister. R. P. Morris and W. S. Lowe represented church at combined C.M.S. gathering of local churches on subject of Christian Union. Primary Dept. launched Rocket Campaign for general efficiency in dept. C.S.F. members attended services at Canberra 11th-13th. C.W.F. celebrated birthday by inviting Matron and members of Emmaus Home to luncheon in school hall.

Caulfield (F. A. Youens). — Two welcomed by transfer and one by baptism. Fortnightly Y.P. after-church fellowship is helpful and enjoyable. Mrs. Massey attending services after surgery. Mr. Webb in hospital. Both C.W.F. groups gave concert for debt reduction of C. of C. Centre. Over 220 attended excellent evening. Services are well attended.

Morwell - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). — C.W.E.F. accepted invitation to meet with group at Moreland. The warm hospitality and delightful evening's fellowship offered Morwell ladies was greatly appreciated, and will long be remembered. Morwell church welcomed A. R. Haskell (Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Haskell on 27th. Mr. Haskell preached at both services. Men from both churches attended special prayer sessions for men's mission with Dr. Halverson, to be held in Traralgon in Nov. Three welcomed into membership, one by transfer and two by baptism.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). — Seven baptised Oct. 13, and welcomed into fellowship on 20th. C.W.F. held salsmagundi social on 18th to raise money

for debt reduction of C. of C. Centre. Missionary night held on 24th, at which Mrs. Nina Harris showed collection of interesting slides taken on trip to Tonga, and also a display of handcraft work, etc., from Tonga. Barbara Edwards brought a greeting from the New Hebrides and told something of their work. Proceeds of the evening for work of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards (New Hebrides). The Face of Red China was screened at a C.E. meeting. Church fete held Oct. 22 in Dandenong Town Hall when £146 was raised to pay off debt on church building. Mrs. T. Westwood receiving medical treatment. Sympathy expressed to A. Jones in loss of his father.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — Building filled for church anniversary services, Oct. 20. One welcomed into fellowship by faith and baptism. A.R. Haskell (Conf. Pres.) guest speaker a.m. service, which included dedication of church officers and deaconesses. Many former members enjoyed hospitality. Speaker at P.S.A. was G. Bryant, M.H.R., who spoke on Aborigines and Assimilation. G. W. Barnett conducted p.m. service, at which Miss Jean Milne was soloist. Thankoffering for Manse Fund appeal exceeded aim, total received to date being £530. C.W.F. enjoyed talk by Mrs. Ward on Traveller's Aid Society work.

Ringwood (J. E. Brooke). — Two welcomed by transfer Oct. 6. Bayswater C.M.S. made return visit 21st, and conducted meeting. Guest speaker at C.W.F., 16th, Mrs. Gillespie, on Japan. Following appointments at annual B.S. meeting: General, Inter-Junior supt., I. Smith; Kinder supt., Mrs. Martin; Primary supt., Mrs. Hall; sec., W. Fairfull; treas., N. Dickason. Good Companions runners-up in sports championships, 5th. B.S. anniversary 13th and 20th; speakers, Miss Goodall, G. Gilmour and D. Beasy. C.Y.F. conducted own service p.m. 20th. Very successful concert 11th. Church annual business meeting 24th. New appointments filling vacancies: J. Baker (elder); K. Barnes (sec.); I. Harradine (treas.); I. Smith (B.S. supt.); C. Emerson, R. Moore, A. Hall (deacons), Mesd. Burden, Cleland, Duffy (deaconesses). Special presentation made to Mrs. Duffy in recognition of 40 years' faithful service. Sympathy of church to Mr. and Mrs. Tope in loss of Mr. Tope's sister. Total offerings for year. £4,866; payments for others, £1,004.

Toolgarook (G. Lawrie). — Student ministry appreciated and church prays that period of indifferent health will soon pass. Church honored Graham and Rosemary Bryant, two very faithful and active Y.P., on their marriage, and joined in a typical country housewarming on their return home. B.S. anniversary held Oct. 20, with A.

Matheson (Middle Park) as guest speaker. Large attendances enjoyed the services and appreciation was expressed to new conductor and pianist for their very fine first attempt. Social evening and prizegiving held 26th.

Shepparton (D. B. McIntosh). — Brethren from Mooropna met with Shepparton church for gospel service, Oct. 13. Sonny Graham baptised two Aboriginal boys, the grandsons of the late Pastor Atkinson. Record number of 122 communicants on 13th. Offering of £61/15/2 was record. J. Edwards (New Hebrides) occupied pulpit on 20th. At this same service, three were received into fellowship of church by transfer. Research groups, looking into the functional life of the church, have completed the first stage of their work and met, as a whole, on 23rd. A number of recommendations have been put to church for implementation in 1964. B.S. scholar baptised p.m. 27th.

Gardiner (L. E. Wyllie). — To aid Mission work in New Hebrides, an excellent entertainment, on Oct. 5, by Alan Rowe for C.W.F., realised £40. On afternoon of 6th, an organ recital was given by Horace Weber, with Mrs. D. Willing as soloist. Deacons elected for two-year period are S. Corlett, D. Didsbury, D. Thomas, G. Williams.

Hartwell (Dr. G. A. Whiting, B.A.). — On weekend Oct. 11-13, 29 teenagers journeyed to Monbulk Camp, and, led by minister, enjoyed time of study and fellowship. Speaker a.m. 13th, J. Wise (C.O.B.). Interesting address given on morning of 20th by Mrs. J. Ashley, representing B. and F. B. S. in Africa. World Outreach functional committee addressed by S. Davey on 18th. Annual business meeting held 23rd, with good attendance. Reports and financial statement showed year of progress. Elders re-elected F. Butler, A. Morflew. Deaconesses appointed Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Staley; Mrs. McDonald re-elected. On 27th, 75 C.Y.F. visitors entertained at tea by local Y.F., and address given by A. E. Smith, returned Baptist missionary from India. One sister welcomed by transfer. Mr. and Mrs. N. Warmbrunn (Tas.) visitors p.m. service.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — Successful B.S. anniversary held on Oct. 20, with missionary rally at 9.30 a.m., when cheque for £20 was handed to E. Heard (guest speaker) for support of Indian boy. R. V. Longthorp spoke at morning worship and at Kinder, Primary and Cradle Roll demonstration. Evening service took form of song and pageant, school presenting play, Life of Lives. Seminar Discussion Group considered relevance of Churches of Christ plea on 16th and 23rd. Men supporting Crusade for Men. N. Earl recovering after illness. Presentations made by church

and auxiliaries to M. Launder on occasion of approaching marriage. Y.P. attended special united service at Knox Presbyterian on 27th. C.W.F. visited Mount Royal Homes for Aged on 27th, providing meal for elderly men and speaking with inmates.

Berwick (K. Mason). — Annual business meeting held Oct. 19. Election of officers as follows: sec., C. Cameron; treas., S. Symes; deaconess, D. Meyer; B.S. supt., M. Croucher; elders, N. Meyer, P. Aurisch; A.C. reporter, O. Meyer; organists, E. Hillbrich, D. Meyer; Board of Officers: P. Aurisch, N. Meyer, C. Cameron, S. Symes, A. Funston, V. Denny, W. Mills, A. Mills, M. Croucher, W. Wilson, C. Minns, D. Meyer. B.S. anniversary held Oct. 27; speakers, K. Mason and R. Brooker. Singing under leadership of Miss Joyce Brown (Dandenong).

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — E. L. Williams guest speaker at united churches' service on Oct. 6. During minister's absence on holidays, speakers on 13th were Mrs. E. L. Williams and H. Steele. C.W.E.F. held mannequin parade on 22nd. 180 present at church family evening on 25th. C.M.S. attended Crusade for Men on 29th.

Camberwell (Dr. K. R. Bowes). — B.S. anniversary services Oct. 13; Dr. Bowes addressed crowded church at night. School singing directed by E. A. Peters. 20 new scholars enrolled in recent months. First of adult group meetings on 15th, attended by 28. After-church discussion of sermon on 20th proved interesting and popular. Church business meeting elected following to office: elders, E. Allsop (sec.), C. Brown, W. A. Fordham; deaconess, E. Stones, W. M. Fordham, B. McCoull, R. Ryall; E. Peters, R. Porter, A. Stock (treas.); deaconesses: Mesd. Abercrombie, Allsop, Clark, Stock; B.S. supt., W. M. Fordham; organist and choirmaster,

E. A. Peters. Successful youth tea and service held on 27th; soloist, G. Ogden.

Kyneton (K. H. Pitt). — At annual business meeting, Oct. 26, following officers elected: G. Gilmore (sec.), W. Marsh, C. Beer, C. Bingham, J. Edwards (New Hebrides) and I. Baker (B. & F. B. S.) have spoken at services. Church welcomed Mrs. Harriday after illness. Church saddened at passing of Mrs. Fox.

Horsham (T. V. Weir). — B.S. anniversary Oct. 6 and 13; speakers, G. Jackel (Ballarat) and R. Holmes (Mt. Gambler). Two made decision at anniversary. D. H. Smith (Dept. Home Missions) spoke a.m. 20th. C.M.S. met 21st, when Mr. Weir spoke on The Hard Facts of Christian Unity. Eight who made decisions were baptised at morning service of 27th.

Richmond (N. B. Wells - W. J. Gaunson). — Church anniversary success; attendances: 97 a.m.; 110 at P.S.A.; 110 fellowship tea; 160 p.m. C.Y.F. continues with varied and interesting programme, including Bible study. Visit from Malvern on 25th. Special Sunday each month for Y.P. with youth tea, followed by family film service. Mrs. Addicott, snr., Bruce Gaunson, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Brodie, Miss I. Davidson are ill. Sympathy extended to family of late Mrs. Andrews.

BIRTHS

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Federal Conference Change. — The Federal Acting Executive, after consultation with the Sydney Arrangements Committee, has reluctantly decided to postpone the Conference which was to have been held in March, considering it advisable, owing to the continuance of smallpox in Sydney. Under the present circumstances, it was felt that the Conference would be largely a failure. It has now been decided to hold the Federal Conference next September, 1914, in Adelaide, at the close of the State Conference there.

Improving B.S. Work, N.S.W. — Conditions have very much improved in our B.S. work in N.S.W. since last Conference. The statistics then showed a decrease of 90 scholars. So far as we are now able to tell, our schools have added to their enrolment 130 net. Rolls have been revised, and are kept clean, so as to keep up a fine average. The month of Sept. saw a marked advance, there being an increase of 424 in the average attendance, with 100 new names placed on the rolls.—W. Gale.

News Across the Nation. — Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gordon, shortly to leave for America, were entertained at a social gathering at Lucas' Cafe by representatives of the various committees connected with the Victorian Conference . . . B. W. Manning commences his work at Cottonville, S.A., on Nov. 23 . . . The B.S. in Marrickville, N.S.W., has won the highest average attendance of enrolment in the State, 91 per cent, with a record 222 present on Nov. 9 . . . A. E. Forbes is to leave the church at Albion, Qld., at the end of the year to take up the work at Belmore, N.S.W. . . . The church at Maylands, S.A., presented its evangelist, H. R. Taylor, on the occasion of his marriage on Nov. 4, with a desk cabinet, revolving chair, inscribed clock and afternoon tea service . . . W. L. Ewers, of Balaklava, S.A., is spending a couple of weeks visiting brethren in several centres in the Murray River District, in the hope that arrangements may be made to establish a circuit and place a preacher there . . . The tent mission commenced at St. Arnaud, Vic., on Nov. 9. In spite of threatening weather, there were good meetings; at night the tent was full, and a good crowd stood round outside . . . To mark the 25th anniversary of his first address in Australia, given in the Park-st., Unley, S.A., chapel, G. T. Walden recently gave an interesting talk at Unley on Then and Now, showing how the cause has progressed in South Australia.

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