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"Australian  
Christian"

has been sent to you and  
your church this week.

EDITORIAL

## ... A NEW BEGINNING

A church news-magazine should try to do in its own field what the minister, missionary, and ordinary church member should do in theirs: praise God, acknowledge his redemptive power and love, build his kingdom at home and abroad, love the brotherhood, and share the satisfactions of life in God's presence. In helping "The Australian Christian" to fulfil its task, the editorial team has three targets.

### TOGETHERNESS

Churches of Christ have always been ready to call all of the churches to unity. But unity is not something to be thought of in terms of achievement only. This oneness we talk about is not our invention. It is the given unity in Christ. It is a spiritual unity linking the individual with our Lord, and then linking us with all who are his, by whatever name they are known. The only unity we have a right to offer to other churches is the unity we actually possess. While this unity is a spiritual reality, it must be expressed outwardly by all of our witnessing and serving agencies. The CHRISTIAN will be one of these agencies, dedicated to the advancement of the whole brotherhood. This means the individual member, the local church, and the State and Federal Conferences of churches.

### MISSION

We shall seek to interpret the mission of the Church and the churches in the light of our historic position. Our mission is to be Christian and to serve the Christ at home and abroad. We shall be concerned with all the mighty acts of God for the people of our day. We do have a mission and a message, but it must not isolate us from the worship, witness, and service responsibilities of the whole church.

As a people calling ourselves churches of Christ we have never claimed to be the whole church, but we do participate in the life of the whole church. We have long advocated the restoration of the principles and practices of the New Testament, but this advocacy will be weakened and cheapened unless we also demonstrate the spirit of the New Testament. We shall seek, therefore, to maintain the high reputation which the CHRISTIAN has long enjoyed for integrity and kindness. Even in controversy we shall be brotherly. But we shall declare with firmness what we believe to be God's will in relation to social, moral, national, and international issues.

### DIRECTION

The living history of the churches will be presented through the CHRISTIAN. You will be informed of all that is relevant and significant for the present realisation of our purposes. But the CHRISTIAN will seek not only to report, but to give direction. By direction we do not mean the pointing out of pre-determined goals — this could be arrogant. Rather, it will be recognised that the building of the church and the extension of its outreach will come through the prophetic word of God declared within the living church by the Holy Spirit working through committed Christian discipleship. In one sense, "The Australian Christian" will be the brotherhood declaring to itself and to the world the goals and insights of its life with God.

We shall endeavour to speak to the interests of church members young and old, in city and country, in large churches and small. We shall sometimes be profound, occasionally light, often serious, and always Christian.

Especially we shall try always to be Christian.

A. E. White.

## The Brotherhood Welcomes . . .

# THE NEW "CHRISTIAN"

Messages of greeting and encouragement have come from every State as a new era of co-operation begins.

### FEDERAL CONFERENCE

The presentation of The Australian Christian to our churches in a new shape and size, and controlled directly by Federal Conference, is an occasion for both reflection and congratulation.

Due to the genius of the first Editor, A. B. Maston, and his illustrious successors through to C. G. Taylor, and due also to the great industry and generosity of The Austral Printing and Publishing Company, we, as a brotherhood, have been splendidly served for the past 65 years.

Now that the Interim Board of Management is about to launch this new venture in Christian literature, we greet them on behalf of all our Australian churches. May the new Editor, A. E. White, B.A., and his competent panel of State sub-Editors, enjoy great spiritual blessing, and may the whole Australian brotherhood extend them every co-operation and encouragement.

It is the earnest wish of the Federal Executive that every subscriber will, in the interests of brotherhood and Christian nurture, feel a sense of personal responsibility to become a crusader for more subscribers. The very life of the paper consists in the maximum number of subscribers supporting the paper and, in turn, being ministered to through its columns.

May God's own Holy Spirit mightily use this medium for the furtherance of his Kingdom both at home and abroad.

G. V. HAIGH,  
President.

STANTON H. WILSON,  
Secretary.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women of Australian Churches of Christ will have read with interest of proposed changes in regard to The Australian Christian, when by virtue of its control, through an Interim Board of Management, by the Federal brotherhood, it will acquire status in a fuller sense as our national paper.

Any strengthening of the ties of fellowship at a national level must be encouraged. The "new" church paper will be appreciated increasingly as it emerges from the transition stage to become a Federal journal of quality and distinction. Slightly increased costs are inevitably associated with progress in this field, but this surely will be no deterrent

to loyal support. I should like to appeal, personally, to each woman to ensure that, from now on, there is a current copy of our Australian paper in her home. Nationally, we depend on State co-operation, "State-wise" on local groups, and eventually on the individual to achieve success.

Magnificent service has been rendered during the past years of publication. Much of this we are not in a position to recognise and appreciate, but as tributes are paid to those responsible, may I, on behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ women, humbly add our sincere expression of gratitude.

NERIDA M. McLANE,  
President.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

I was one of the people at State Conference, Adelaide, September, 1963, who was stirred by the decision of that Conference to cease the publication of the Fellowship News. This was not an easy decision, because it was literally cutting off a friend and destroying a relationship that had been built over a period of 85 years.

It is now my pleasure to commend to the people of South Australia their new paper, The Australian Christian. I believe that in content and format this will be a paper we can be truly proud of and one that will be an expression of the mind of Churches of Christ in Australia.

In a world like ours nobody can afford to think small, least of all the church. The new A.C. gives us an opportunity to express the oneness that is ours as a people in Australia. I trust that it will also be an expression of bigness that will mean for us as a people that the best is yet to be.

K. D. HORNE,  
President.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

As we continue the thrust and emphasis of the great principles of the Restoration Movement — unity of God's people and a return to restoration of New Testament Christianity — we follow in the great tradition of our forefathers whenever we put print to paper and allow it to be a voice by which the Holy Spirit may speak.

I have just returned from a 3,000 mile journey, visiting some of the outposts of our work in Western Aus-

tralia. I am more than ever disturbed concerning the isolation and spiritual need of so many people. The enlarged Australian Christian should be a tremendous help to such people.

We commend the new Editor and Editorial Staff as they bring their talents and consecration to this ministry. Our prayer is that from the very outset it will be an instrument, blessed of the Holy Spirit, in enlarging the vision of our Australian people and bringing fresh emphasis to the wider public and to our fellow Christians in other communions — the tremendous principles on which our identity stands.

May God's blessing be your inspiration.

A. W. MORRIS,  
President.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

With this first issue in a new era of the journal of our Australian brotherhood of Churches of Christ, I am gratified to have the opportunity to express, on behalf of the N.S.W. Conference, both our appreciation of the work so faithfully done by the previous Managers and Editors, and our confidence that greater service and leadership lie ahead.

It is our prayer that this issue will be the first of many which will fulfil our best expectations of a national magazine in giving us news of our brethren both far and near, in bringing us up to date with the doings of churches and committees in stirring us to acknowledge our world-wide responsibilities as Christians, and to do something about them, and in keeping fresh and bright our objectives of "restoration" and "unity" as a movement amongst Christians.

C. A. SAXBY,  
President.

### QUEENSLAND

I have just been handed an attractive magazine. As I thumb through its pages I am impressed by the quality of the paper and by the colorful illustrations which literally invite you to read the message which it carries in print. But the message is of a devilish nature. Its purpose is to sow seeds of doubt, and to undermine my Christian faith.

The church must rise to meet the challenge in the field of literature. The attitude that "anything is good enough for the church" is just not good enough, rather should we cultivate the thinking that only the best is good enough for God.

I rejoice in the decision of our Australian brotherhood to produce a National weekly publication. The Australian Christian will serve as a medium of both State and Federal news. Through the pages of this publication the sharing of experiences alone will be a means of strength and encouragement to each one. I commend the Christian to the Queensland brotherhood believing that it will be a valuable asset to each home in which it is read.

A. J. SHERIFF,  
President.

## TASMANIA

For many years The Australian Christian has served the brotherhood in providing a link between the various States and the missionary outreach of the Churches of Christ. The service rendered has been greatly appreciated by all, especially in the State of Tasmania.

The time has now come for The Australian Christian to launch out into a larger field than ever before in becoming a truly national paper under the control of Federal Conference.

Tasmania joins in expressing joy and thanksgiving to God for this forward move and sends to the Interim Board of Management and the new Editor and his editorial staff their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

May I urge our Tasmanian brethren to get behind this forward move and make sure they receive this new Australian Christian each week by becoming a subscriber.

E. K. MORRISON,  
President,  
Tas. Dist. Conf.

## VICTORIA

The Australian Christian has for almost sixty-six years been a vital means of disseminating news of Churches of Christ at home and abroad. All States have shared in the contribution of articles and news, and our churches have benefited from the publication of the paper.

The Victoria-Tasmania Conference congratulates the Federal Conference Executive and The Austral in co-operating to bring the paper under Federal Conference control and ownership, and as this new era commences we convey to the Editor-in-chief, editorial assistants and the Interim Board of Management our best wishes for the new venture. We express gratitude for past achievements and look forward with eager anticipation to the successful ongoing of the paper in the interests of our brotherhood.

A. R. HASKELL,  
President,  
Vic.-Tas. Conf.

## THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Interim Board of Management of The Australian Christian is faced with a tremendous responsibility as it plans to carry out the requirements of our Australian brotherhood, expressed at Federal Conference a year ago—a responsibility that must be shared by all our members throughout the Commonwealth. For The Australian Christian now becomes a Federal brotherhood paper.

Many improvements will be made in size, print, news coverage, articles,

special features and layout. We hope to instruct, represent and enthuse; to educate, stimulate and encourage. This is impossible unless we can count on the wholehearted support of all churches.

The members of the Board, representing all States, are fully committed men, believing this to be a Christian service, a wonderful opportunity and a rewarding experience.

E. F. MORRIS,  
Secretary.

## PROMOTIONAL FOLDER OUT THIS WEEK.

To introduce the new "CHRISTIAN," a sample folder will go out to all of the churches this week. It will show the actual cover of our first issue in the new size and style for February, 1964. The cover has a duotone picture of "Simon, Called Peter," the first of a series of the Twelve Disciples. The series is made available to us by the Christian Board of Publication in the U.S.A. You will want to secure the whole set. The promotional folder will also tell you about many of the new regular features in the "CHRISTIAN."

## AN AUSTRALIA-WIDE EDITORIAL TEAM.

To assist the new editor, A. E. White, the following men have been appointed as associate-editors:

W.A. - J. K. Robinson.  
S.A. - E. P. C. Hollar.  
Tas. - R. J. Boxhall.  
Vic. - W. W. Saunders.  
A.C.T. - G. R. Stirling.  
N.S.W. - C. E. Bowser  
Qld. - - H. Sargent.

These men are in the main stream of the life of our churches and will give impetus to the work of all of the States in this brotherhood magazine.

## FEATURE ISSUES.

At regular intervals there will be issues devoted to special topics. Already feature issues are being planned for evangelism, church drama and rural churches.

## THE NEW "CHRISTIAN" IN YOUR LETTER-BOX.

The new journal will be posted direct to the home of every subscriber. This means that every reader will receive the up-to-date news items at the earliest possible moment.

## THE PRICE.

The new "CHRISTIAN" is a low cost journal, even though there will be a small price increase. Posted to your home address for 10/- per quarter, or 38/- per year, this works out at 9d. per copy. Surely every family could invest this much in order to maintain a significant Christian news magazine. Why, it costs 5d for you to send one letter! For 9d, the whole Australian brotherhood will visit your own home.

## CIRCULATION PROBLEMS.

The new "CHRISTIAN" will require a circulation of 7,000 copies weekly if it is to pay its way and do its job effectively. At present there are only 4,800 copies printed. We are aiming at 7,000 subscribers by the end of 1964.

This means that we shall have to find 2,000 more subscribers. We look to the churches to give this extra support over the next twelve months. We know that it will be our responsibility to hold these new readers. We shall accept the challenge by presenting a journal that will be both challenging and interesting.

## THE ROLE OF AGENTS.

The local "CHRISTIAN" agent will have a very important role in the growth of the new journal. He will no longer distribute bundles of papers once the new postal method is adopted early next year. He will instead be able to promote the "CHRISTIAN" by enlisting new subscribers and to assist members to renew subscriptions.

## HOW TO OBTAIN THE NEW "CHRISTIAN."

An order form is printed in the promotional folder being sent to you and your church this week. Fill in the form and hand it to your agent, or post it direct to The Australian Christian, 119 Hawke-st., West Melbourne, Vic. Enclose your subscription fee, of course.

There will also be an order form printed in next week's "CHRISTIAN."

# — THE INK WAR —

(Haydn Sargent is minister of Annerley church, Qld., and Associate-Editor of the "Christian.")

Haydn Sargent.

A far-sighted American Missionary once said: "The printed page never flinches, is never tempted to compromise, never tires or grows disheartened; it travels cheaply; it works while we sleep and long after we are dead." The Christian church in the past has been pathetically slow to appreciate the tremendous importance and the penetrating value of the printed page.

Communists, heretical sects and those intent on poisoning the minds of today's youth have not missed this opportunity to reach the places as yet untouched by radio, television, film and other mass communication media. Last year the communists produced 3.8 billion dollars' worth of literature, most of it very attractive and extremely well produced. One cult alone produced 21 million dollars' worth of literature.

## New Readers

Dr. Frank Laubach, who has become world famous for his devotion to the task of teaching illiterates to read and write, has stated that 800 million new readers will be upon the scene of our horizons before there is sufficient Christian material for their consideration. Illiterates are learning to read at the rate of well over 50 million per year, and more people have become literate in the past 3 years than in the previous 25. During the last four years the overall population of the world has increased by 172 million people. Despite the work being done by our missionaries, the world is growing non-Christian at the rate of 50 million people annually.

Jesus launched the most ambitious project in world history with 12 hand-picked men. In his mind was the vision of not one hundred or even a thousand, but the millions of the world of that day, the days to come and of our present day. The Christian church needs to be conscious of its responsibility, not only to the ones and the twos, but to the millions. We must face realistically and practically the issues involved.

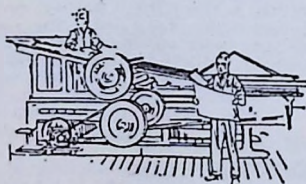
## The Printing Ministry

There has been, and there will always be, a great need for men and women in the Christian church to share personally with individuals the faith that they themselves enjoy. But the church of today must also recognise the vital importance of mass communication. Most of us have appreciated the value of movie films in presenting the gospel. We have

come to realise the benefit of radio and T.V. to communicate the message of the Cross to men in all corners of the world. Yet, for some reason, the church has closed its eyes to the tried and tested ministry of the printed page.

Any diligent student of history will soon concede the vital fact that the printed page has always played a tremendous role in the changing of the course of history.

It was the emergence of the printing press that gave expression to many of the new ideals of the Reformation Movement. It was *Mein Kampf* that was the vehicle for much of the hysterical doctrines of Adolf Hitler. It was the Communist Manifesto, the book that is seriously menacing the distribution of the Scriptures as the world's best seller, that



gave expression to the teaching of Karl Marx. Nor was our own Alexander Campbell unconscious of the importance of the printed page, but made great use of various journals to give expression to the new hopes and the dreams that he had for a church that would be true to the fundamental ideals of true Christianity.

Today we face a new approach to evangelism. The message is certainly the same. The method of communication is changing constantly. Just as the message of the New Testament had to be contained on parchment for posterity and future generations, so also the message of the Cross needs to be placed before men for even this generation.

## There Is Still a Message

Many of us still believe that our brotherhood has a message for the world and for the divided churches of the day. Maybe time has taught us to be a little more Christian in our attitudes, manner, and in our methods of communicating this message of hope and promise. But, nevertheless, we still have a message to proclaim. We need to take every opportunity to share it with the world at large — Jesus Christ can still redeem, God still forgives and

still pardons. We must proclaim the message to a divided church, that the will of Jesus Christ is still that phrase of his high priestly prayer — "that they all may be one."

We trust that this new "Christian" will be used by God to speak to men. You will not agree with all that is said, but this is healthy. If Christian journalism is to be journalism, then it will challenge you to rethink some of the things which for years you have held unquestioned in your mind; it will make new demands of you; it will open new horizons and give new visions.

Author-editor James H. Hunter once wrote: "Never in the history of mankind has the printed page been put to such potent use as it is today. The real war today is the paper war. The real battle today is for the minds and souls of men. It is an old message, but instead of being a platitude it is a tremendous reality in this day and age, for the pen is mightier than the sword. The battle is not with atom bombs but with pen and ink; it is the battle for the souls of men."



## New Life Crusade

TOOWOOMBA, QLD.

David Mansell (Qld. State Evangelist) led the church at Toowoomba in an inspiring New Life Crusade, Sept. 29-Oct. 28, 1963, assisted by the associate ministers H. J. Finger (visitation) and A. C. Thurrowgood (song-leading), who also helped with the counselling of new converts. Glen Wagner (Gatton) played his own electric organ, and David Lowe and Miss Kay Deane were pianists. The Joytones (musical group) also assisted, along with Mr. Wagner (trumpet).

There were 37 effective decisions, 29 of whom have been baptised at the time of writing; four reconsecrations, and two other little ones, who felt the urge to come forward for Christ. It was a wonderful experience for many, some stating that they had never before been so helped and inspired.

The meetings were well attended, some members being present every night. Prayer support, and the many practical services rendered by deacons, members and ministers ensured the success of the Crusade in the tent.

Seven decisions in a crowded last service was a fitting climax to a great witness in the very centre of Toowoomba.—A. C. Thurrowgood.

## LET'S GO . . .



(K. D. Horne is Director of Christian Education for our churches in South Australia, and is also President of Conference 1963-64.)

(Keith Horne.)

It's on again! This month sees the beginning of the camping season, and thousands of applications are pouring into the Christian Education Departments of the various churches in every State. Camping is by no means a new feature in the Australian Church, and our own brotherhood promotes a comprehensive camping programme. In the next months hundreds of young people will be attending Department sponsored camps.

These camps will be held in a variety of sites and settings ranging from the tropical island in the north to the hills and mountain retreats of the south, and taking in lakes and ocean beaches for good measure. Most of these properties are owned by the brotherhood and their facilities range from "roughing it under canvas" to well equipped properties with a fair share of "mods and cons." These properties have been built at a price and money has only been a small part of the price in many cases. Scores of people have tolled to make the money go as far as possible and the brotherhood owes a great deal to these people, many of whom are in the age group that has never known the rich experience of going camping.

### Together

Although church camping these days is by no means confined to young people, the great majority in these next months of course will come from the teens and twenties age group. What happens in the programme of the camps they go to will be the result of careful planning and preparation by Departments, ministers and other dedicated persons. The work of many months will pass quickly in the experience of a camp but the effects will ripple down through every aspect of the life of the church.

There are some things that can only take place in the setting of a camp. Here the elements of study and fellowship, work and worship are dispensed in concentrated measure and cemented together with the experience of "living together."

In a camp programme decisions will be made. Sometimes it is the decision to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. More often it is a decision that will result in a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ, and the consequences of these "decisions" are to be found on our mission fields and in our ministry and in the many places our young people are serving in the life and witness of the local church.

### Camping Rewards

Camp leaders are the best paid people in our brotherhood. The good Lord has paid these people with a very rare coin indeed. It is that special satisfaction of knowing you have been a partner with God in helping some young person develop into the kind of person God wants him to be. Where is there a better reward than this!

- Here is a pretty seventeen-year-old who has just arrived home from her first camp to an empty house. She simply has to tell somebody about what happened at camp and she sits on her case and writes you a letter just to say what camp meant to her.
- Then there was the mother who 'phoned to say, "What have you done with my boy? He is a different lad since he went to camp."
- What about that moment when a young man dropped into step beside you on a hike and you talked together about God's will for him and he was helped to find his pulpit in life.
- The sparkle in the voice of a young wife as she reminds you on a visit to their new home, that "we met at a Christmas Camp." You thank God for meetings such as these.
- It is hard to explain how moved you felt when you stood in that camp service and heard those healthy youngsters singing with all the sincerity of their young lives:

"Just as I am, young, strong,  
and free,  
To be the best that I can be,

For truth and righteousness and  
Thee,  
Lord of my life, I come."

- You were excited also when you heard that group of teenagers expressing their opinions in that study group and, as you walked away, you had high hopes for the future of the church if this is what young people are coming to.

You will see young people around your church busily preparing to go to camp in these next weeks. As they look forward to this experience with keen anticipation, will you pray for them? Pray that the camp they go to will be all the rich experience your State department has planned it should be.

. . . and in a few weeks' time when you hear their excited recital of all they did at camp will you thank God that in a day like ours these young people had the wonderful privilege of going camping.

## OPEN FORUM

### WOMEN SERVING CHRIST.

I agree with Rex Ellis, (Maylands, W.A.), re our women members of Churches of Christ, being silent in the church, as Paul said, 1 Cor. 14: 34, also note 1 Tim. 2: 11-15.

We can help in lots of ways to serve our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. I have been a baptised member of the Church of Christ for 35 years and have always helped in any way I could, (also my two sons), but in silence, and also with head covered in reverence of God's presence. We must not let our own opinions, or others, guide us in such important matters. The elders are to be leaders and deacons, helpers in the Church, both above reproach, in everything, living Christian lives all the time (not just on Sundays), as stated in the New Testament.

Let Jesus be our silent companion always, in any way of life, and he will help us as promised. Let's heed the Word of God. We have to live in the world, but let us not be led astray, at all. — (Mrs.) Lily Grivell, Forestville, S.A.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

### Thrilling Opportunities

Dr. R. Williams.

We are about at the end of the monsoon season now. We had some heavy rains in late June and July, but there was little follow up until the past few weeks and the farmers were becoming worried about the prospects of harvest. However, the recent rains have improved prospects considerably and the farmers and everybody (because they depend on the farmers' prosperity) are much happier. These prospects affect the hospital attendance as well; if they are sick, but the season's prospects are poor, they just don't come to hospital for treatment.

Some time ago a young man, Arzun, came in with an ulcerated ankle which I offered to skin graft for him after we had cleaned it up. However, his family couldn't see how cutting his leg in one place could help mend it in another and anyway what about the cut you made! So his stay was considerably extended and perhaps God over-ruled in that way for he displayed a great interest in spiritual things, read the New Testament and indicated to the Bible women that he wished to be baptised. Arzun is the eldest son in the family and is of the Maharashtra caste (farmer) and has a bright, cheerful personality. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue his work of grace in the life of this young man and that his witness to his family will be fruitful.

Also, while we were at Mahab., a driver at the local Beam Wireless Station (for which we provide medical attention), Ruttan Singh, a Sikh from the Punjab, showed great interest in the gospel and attended the hospital for teaching in the way of Life whenever he was free from his duties, and finally was baptised. Then he married one of our nurses, the niece of Pastor Dongre the minister of the Dhond Church.

Three months ago, our Conference area was visited by Mr. Roy Baker of Asian Screen Inc., a small organisation engaged in screening Christian films and also making them as far as resources permit. Originally from New Zealand, he has spent some time in the U.S.A. and certainly has their capacity for enthusiasm about a project. He enthused us with the possibility of using motion pictures as a very effective means of disseminating the Gospel. There is no doubt that they attract and interest people. During the nine days that he spent in our area he estimated that 7-8,000 people saw his pictures at one time or another. Here in Dhond he was invited to show films in the local High School where, as far as I know, no missionaries had been before. He showed them one of the Moody Institute's *Fact and Faith* films and was invited to come back as often as he could. In fact they said that if they had notice they could get the majority of their 1,000 pupils and their parents for a night showing.

Roy told us some interesting facts about films here in India. Thirty million people go to the pictures here each week, and of these 75% are poor. There are 4,000 cinemas in India of which 1,200 are mobile. India is the second largest film producing country in the world, and Asia is the largest film producing area. There is only one Christian film library in India with a total audience of 600,000 annually. The most popular films here are those of Hindu mythology and these are in a sense religious films. Every time a commercial Biblical film is shown in a theatre there is a marked increase in the sale of Christian literature and in people enquiring regarding Jesus Christ and the Bible. Christianity is an audio-visual religion. It has a message that must be heard and proclaimed as well as seen and radiated. This message concerns itself with the life of man in the light of God who himself is the Light of the World. Think on these things.

Mr. Baker also said that he found that people who normally wouldn't come together would if it was to see movie pictures. He felt that they arouse interest, save time, give accurate pictures, make learning permanent and faster, enlarge the range of possible experience and teach effectively. Also they reach more people at the same time. Of course they don't do away or replace other means of teaching but are a most useful auxiliary aid with great possibilities. I hope that the projector very useful and open up other avenues to us that have previously been closed as well as giving new missionaries an avenue of service in the somewhat frustrating time of language study.

We had a wonderful time at the Annual Meetings at Shrigonda this

year. The quiet country atmosphere with the green grass that we have at that time of the year enhanced the effect and was restful and pleasant. Mr. Tiessen, a Canadian missionary with the Gospel Literature Service in Bombay, gave us messages that were relevant, helpful and inspiring; truly a man of God. He had served for many years in Hyderabad previously.

At the end of August I was able to attend a General Practitioners' Refresher Course at Vellore, and found it very helpful. Doctors from all over India were there including even one from Nagaland, and it was helpful to meet with them as well as to attend the numerous lectures and demonstrations with which they crammed the week long course. Vellore Christian Mission Hospital is the largest mission complex in South Asia, with 224 doctors on the staff. The medical college, three miles outside the city of 176,000, is world famous and is situated in a delightful location. With the gum trees around and blue mountains in the distance at evening time, I thought for a moment that I was in the Gramplains.

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### News of British Churches

News has been received from Thailand of the death of Mrs. Mary Clark, one of the pioneer missionaries to that country. She died on Oct. 3, and was buried at Nakon Pathom.

The Mission in Thailand (then Siam) was begun in 1902 by Dr. Percy Clark (who died in 1957). He was joined by his fiancée and they were married in Singapore. From there they went direct to the Mission to which they gave their lives. Dr. Percy Clark spent over 53 years there, and Mrs. Clark was there over 50 years.

The story of their lives is an epic of missionary service. They were interned by the Japanese during the war. Mrs. Clark trained nurses and midwives and was lecturer for the Thailand Government at Bangkok.

A few months ago Mrs. Clark was flown to England, very frail and old; but she could not settle here and returned to the land to which she had given the service of her life. And there she died.

Dr. W. G. Baker, chairman of the Churches of Christ in Scotland, was an observer at the Second Vatican Council. He took the place of Dr. Jesse M. Bader as the representative of the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

Eddie Terry, on furlough from Nynasaland, is visiting churches in many parts of the country, telling of the work to be done and the need for teachers and missionaries. He was recently in Belfast.

## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP  
IN UNION

Mrs. L. F. Holland, S.A.

"And he (Jesus) said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel . . .'" (Mk. 16: 15).

Shortly after saying these words, Christ was taken up into heaven, but the disciples went out to make their proclamation everywhere, and the Lord worked with them. It is clearly shown to his followers what Christ expects of us. One example of Christian citizenship in the New Testament is the story Christ told of the Good Samaritan, telling us that our neighbor is the person whom we find in need.

In the first days of Christian fellowship, the Church met for three reasons — fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Having shared these things together, they went out into the community to witness to the power of the risen Lord. Perhaps the most obvious example of this is the church at Thessalonica. We read in 1 Thess. 1: 8 Paul's words to the church, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord." Each individual responded to the challenge of missionary service in the place where he lived. We must admit that many of us fail at this point.

However, with the dramatic changes that have occurred within both the church and society, our individual responsibilities have become more widely diversified. Our main responsibility is still the same, to preach the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, but our opportunities have increased tremendously. With the change in the programme of the Church from a simple group of believers meeting for fellowship, teaching, and praying, has come a whole range of new demands that are made on both the time and talents of the individual Christian. To meet the needs of the community, the Church has evolved a series of activities ranging from the Bible School to social entertainment. Whether these activities are part of the churches' teaching programme, entertainment or fellowship, each new activity makes new demands on some members of the congregation. In this age of numerous auxiliaries that have grown around the Church, it is a very real danger that the Church organise auxiliaries for needs which either do not now exist, or else can be met outside the Church without detracting from the witness of the

Gospel. Too often we are so busy running the auxiliaries of the Church that we have neither the time nor the interest to share in the activities of the community.

It is time that the voice of Christ was heard in public and community life, such as school parent bodies, Council of Women, local sporting clubs, etc. These are the places where Christians could be speaking with authority, and so revealing the mind of Christ to a community which desperately needs to hear his voice. We need to evaluate carefully the work we put into the local congregation, and compare it with the need for the voice of Christ in the community.

The voice of Christ has too long been silent on many moral and social problems which are eating at the heart of our society. It is the duty of Christians to speak on issues of drinking, immoral advertising, betting and gambling.

Our Conferences may pass resolutions which are distributed to the relevant authorities, but too often these lack the weight of the members they purport to represent. We surely cannot be satisfied with this as our contribution to these problems. A letter to our M.P., the local newspaper or organisation involved may seem insignificant, but if all Christians acted in this way, the weight would be greatly increased. Another way in which we can express the Great Commission of Christ in practical citizenship is in supporting the various agencies which have been established to aid the community, e.g. migrant work, or children's welfare work offers great opportunities for service. A portion of our time thus spent can become one of the hands of Christ in action in the community.

The only way the voice of God will be heard will be through our lives. Gone are the days of burning bushes, or figures tracing on the wall. The will of God is revealed to the community through us.

We must keep in mind that we have only a short life span, and are to make the most of the opportunities that come our way. In Hebrews 13: 14 we are told that here we have no permanent home, but we are seekers after the City which is to come . . . that we offer praises to God, and give thanks continually; never forget to show kindness, and to share what we have with others; for such are the sacrifices which God approves (New English Bible).

## New Youth Hall

ZILLMERE, QLD.

The opening of the Zillmere Youth Hall on Oct. 19 brought to completion a scheme commenced two years ago. A capacity crowd was present to see the builder, Gordon Cooper, and the architect, Don Cranston, hand the key to Harold Dean, M.L.A., to perform the opening ceremony.

The inside of the building was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns by Mrs. Hermann and Mr. Kenna. Among the decorations was a beautiful display of West. Australian wild-flowers, forwarded for the occasion by J. Stabe, a pioneer member of Zillmere. H. W. Wiltshire presided at the tea table and read greetings from D. H. Paddon (past minister), R. Holt (minister-elect), Sis. Brown (Darwin), Members of Parliament and civic leaders. Clem. Hermann welcomed the gathering, and told of the efforts the church was making to reach the young people of the district through the B.S., C.E., Boys' Brigade, Life Boys and Girls' Club. A musical programme was presented by the young people.

Mr. Dean, in his address, told of the early days of Zillmere and of the difficulties encountered in the work of the church. Howard Earle, who ministered at Zillmere in 1920, gave the thanksgiving address on the theme, *Investment for Youth*. Greetings were received from Mr. Goleby (Qld. Boys' Brigade) and Major Williams (Ministers' Fraternal). C. J. Williams dedicated the building to the glory of God.

The ladies prepared the tea, served by the Girls' Club under the direction of Miss Marj. Hermann. Mr. Van-Laar thanked all who had shared in the function.

The hall, which is built of brick, is 50 ft. x 30 ft. floor space, plus 15 ft. x 10 ft. platform, kitchen and lobby room. This hall, with the additions made to the chapel, will give space for all youth activities without any need to use the chapel. Mr. Cooper is congratulated on the fine workmanship and extras that he put into the building, and Mr. Cranston for the design and oversight. The final cost is expected to be between £2,500 and £3,000. The thankoffering amounted to £129, not including the result of the Talent Drive, which closes at the end of November. —S. Chalmers.



1,500,000 children in Algeria are involved in a huge feeding programme supported by the Christian Committee for Service in that country. In addition, 150,000 blankets and 1,000 tons of clothing, especially children's shoes, are required.

# HERE AND THERE

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor took the opportunity to say farewell at Swanston-st. church, Melb., on Friday, Nov. 8. The Taylors have given a most comprehensive ministry to Victoria and the Commonwealth. Mr. Taylor served the churches at South Yarra, Parkdale, Hampton, Lygon-st., Brighton, Doncaster, and lectured at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He is best known throughout the brotherhood as editor of this journal for nearly thirteen years, where his rich endowments of mind and spirit were spent selflessly for Christ and his church. Mrs. Taylor was first known to us as Miss Amella Scare, whose lovely soprano voice won for her many honors. She was concerned, however, to use her music in a wide ministry which God greatly blessed. Through the Taylors our minds have been stimulated and our hearts have been lifted. Among those who spoke for the brotherhood were A. R. Haskell (Pres., Vic.-Tas. Conf.), W. W. Saunders (Sec., Conf. Exec.), Mrs. M. Morrison (Pres., Women's Conf.), H. J. Patterson (for Fed. Exec.) and R. P. Morris (for the Austral Co.). The evening was sponsored by the Austral Co., whose chairman, Dr. W. A. Kemp, O.B.E., presided.

In Tunisia, the undenominational Protestant North Africa Mission has had its activities suspended by government order. The mission, which has been active since 1885, has been forced to close its Bible School and its store in Tunis. They have also had to stop a Bible Correspondence Course which resulted in 117 conversions to Christianity in the last three years. Efforts on behalf of the mission by the British and American embassies have not been successful. —(E.P.S.).

Many former members returned to Boort (Vic.) Church of Christ on Oct. 27 for the Golden Jubilee services of the church. Attendances at the three services were 65, 73 and 95. The three messages from W. W. Saunders (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec.) brought a great challenge to the church. Vocal items were appreciated from Mrs. Vearing (Avenel), Mrs. Smith (Nunawading), Miss Judith Robinson (Boort), Misses G. and B. Broad (Pyramid Hill) and E. D. Streader (East Brighton). The ladies provided a birthday tea for ninety folk, with a special birthday cake, cooked by Mrs. F. Powell, as a highlight. It was a happy and memorable day for the church, whose present minister (in association with Pyramid Hill) is C. G. Henderson.

The sad news from Belrose, N.S.W., is that it was necessary to amputate the left leg of Mr. Barry Benz, the minister of the church, who was severely injured in a car accident on Nov. 2. His right leg was also broken in two places, but his condition is reported as satisfactory to the medical authorities. The prayerful concern of the brotherhood will continue for Mr. Benz and the church at Belrose.

Ministers and their wives are reminded of the final get-together for this year on Monday, Nov. 25, in the Botanical Gardens. Please meet at the kiosk at 12 (mid-day) for a Basket Lunch. In the case of rain arrangements have been made for the hire of the rotunda.

H. C. Wheat, minister of the Kingsley - Murgon Circuit, Qld., has accepted a call to the church at Padstow, N.S.W. The move will take place in May, 1934.

Dr. Alan Hosking, of Balwyn church, Vic., is congratulated on being received into the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (F.R.C.S.).

An attempt is being made in Sweden to reduce, drastically, the time and scope of religious instruction in higher secondary schools. A movement has been launched to arouse popular opposition to this proposal. The movement claims to have the backing of all Swedish Christian groups, and is seeking one and a half million signatures for a petition to be presented to the appropriate cabinet minister before Nov. 30. —(E.P.S.).

There can be no question about the enthusiasm for togetherness that has been demonstrated by members of our churches in Western Australia. One hundred and eight delegates attended the last Federal Conference in Hobart, and reports from the Transport Officer already indicate that more than one hundred have contacted him regarding bookings for the 30th Federal Conference in Brisbane next September. Considering the membership of the West this is a practical demonstration of the ties "In Christ" that binds us to each other. Plan to join them en route and their fellowship will further enhance your participation in next Federal Conference. For travel details contact your State Transport Officer.

One of the first actions of the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Simonds), was to exclude Mr. B. A. Santamaria, of the National Civic Council, from taking part in his church's T.V. programme, "Sunday Magazine."

## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Nov. 20, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

"Confused, Crooked, Prejudiced." — Quoted from the "Continent" (U.S.A. Presbyterian journal) "It is only by confused, crooked and prejudiced thinking that it is possible for a Christian to say that God is responsible for splitting up the church into sects and denominations. It is important to cultivate straight thinking on the subject. Let us begin by setting down this proposition: If all the followers of Jesus Christ from the time of the apostles until now had understood his message in perfect simplicity, and had followed his will with perfect devotion, there would still today be just one undivided Christian church in the world as there was on the day of Pentecost."

Letter from Hong Kong. — Mr. S. Wong wrote describing the situation in Hong Kong and went on to say this about China: "We don't know whether we will go on to Canton or not at the present, as there is a lot of trouble there just now, and things politically are very unsettled. The present new ministry is not at all in sympathy with the Christian religion. They want to make Confucianism China's State religion. This proposal, if carried by both houses of Parliament, will hinder the missionary enterprise in China greatly. The Chinese Christian community is doing its utmost to fight against it."

Graduation. — A. R. Main presented the greatest number of certificates to Glen Iris men ever given in one year (up till that time). They were awarded to F. E. Alcorn (Q.), W. G. Combridge (V.), A. J. Fisher (S.A.), C. R. Hall (N.S.W.), J. Whelan (N.S.W.), B. W. Manning (S.A.), W. Rothery (Q.), C. Schwab (S.A.), and F. J. Slyver (Q.). C. M. Gordon was farewelled as he returned to America and Reg. Enniss and H. E. Knott were added to the staff and faculty.

Sam Jones and Whisky. — "Here is one man who makes whisky, another who sells it, another who rents the house for the sale of it, another who votes with a party to license it, another who dies drunk. Now if you can fix that up so that some of that crowd will go to heaven and some to hell, you are a profounder philosopher than I have been."

Bills and Pieces. In the past six months, 361 additions to the churches were reported in Victoria. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Field, of Condonboll, N.S.W., were injured when thrown from a sulky. A motor car was to blame. . . . A splendid temperance rally was held in Swan Hill, with 40 Rechabites attending in regalia. Over a pound was collected for the Alliance fund.

# A Tale of Two Churches

## CLOSING . .

### BORDERTOWN, S.A.

The old chapel at Bordertown, S.A., is no more!

Early this month working bees removed cupboards, floors, window frames, and anything else worth saving. The roof and ceilings were sent tumbling down, then a wire cable attached to a truck broke down the stone walls. A front-end loader moved on to the site and in one morning all that was left of a church was piled into trucks as debris and carted away.

The whole of the usable material was sold by tender to church members and realised almost as much as the chapel cost to build in 1905!

The demolition of the building brought more than a touch of sadness to many who shared in the life of the church over the years. Conferences were held there, and evangelistic missions. For many it was the place of conviction of sin and the finding of a Saviour. The first two to make their confession of faith and be baptised in the building were D.R. Milne and E. L. Milne. The former is still in active membership with the church, and the latter is at Muddala, a part of the circuit.

For some it was a place of tender memories because they were married there. For many more it was the cherished meeting place for worship every Sunday.

Many ministers have served here, including W. G. Oram, J. Clydesdale, E. Edwards, W. A. Eagle, F. Cornelius, W. A. Russell, A. O. S. Baker, C. Curtis and F. Langford. The present minister is D. R. Oakes.

There is no lasting sadness over the passing of this old chapel, A

new, modern building will be erected, and the church will again have a home that will witness to a faith that never dies.



## OPENING . .

### WAGGA, N.S.W.

"You have a very fine building — let it be a tool in the real work of the church." With these words, Colin Saxby, N.S.W. Conference President, reminded the church at Wagga of its mission when he opened the new Memorial Youth Hall on Nov. 9, 1963. The hall has been designed for use as a chapel and youth hall until the time when a new church building can be erected.

The old church was sold so that a larger building might be erected. The present site in Heath was purchased four years ago for £4,500, and the first building was a large brick manse which was opened nearly three years ago. The new hall is the second stage in the development of the church centre and took four months to build. The architect-builder is F. A. Button, a member of the church. The cost of construction was £13,050. The main hall seats 250, and features include a large vestibule, a kindergarten hall, and a large modern kitchen. All floors are of concrete covered with vinyl tiles. Concealed fluorescent lights give excellent lighting.

A crowd of 300 attended the opening ceremony. The Mayor of Wagga, Ald. I. J. Jack, and Mr. Wal. Fife, M.L.A., brought greetings. Ron Spence, of Albury, represented N.E. Victoria and M. Smith, Baptist minister, spoke for the churches in Wagga.

# QUESTING

A. E. White.

Our young people go to many parties. Evenings are often spoiled by the way some of them act. Could you make some suggestions for party conduct?

Young people should have fun when they have parties, but sometimes it is not fun for everyone.

You don't indicate what kind of evenings concern you. Are they regular youth recreational evenings at the church, or parties to which young people are specifically invited? Are they held in homes or at the church hall? I shall assume that the party is by invitation and is held at the church and shall make suggestions accordingly.

Always answer an invitation promptly. It helps those planning the evening to get an enthusiastic early response. In any case get in before the R.S.V.P. date is passed.

If you are sending invitations see that no one is excluded that ought to be included. You may not be able to ask all that you would like to be present, but occasionally some are unnecessarily left out and they feel hurt.

Be on time. It seems to be the fashion nowadays to start an 8 o'clock party at 9 p.m. Having tried to run such evenings I know how hard it is to get things going. If the evening is planned for 8 p.m., be there!

Do your best to see that there are no fringe people. Even if you are not the host or a leader you can encourage the quiet, involve the timid, and introduce the unknowns to the well-knowns. A gay party can be the most miserable of evenings for the neglected.

Take part in the party games and activities. An M.C. should not have to coax, cajole, or coerce folk into playing games.

Don't divert others from the main stream of the party. There are exhibitionists who gather groups around themselves, suggest improvements to the party, propose other games, carry on a conversation when the M.C. is talking to the group, and generally seek the limelight. Be a guest, not a pest!

Help the party stay alive until supper is over and it is time to close. Then help to clean-up if needed. If not needed, then go home. Don't hang around until the evening dies of exhaustion.

Be kind and considerate at all times and there is no danger that you will ever be rude. Use the golden rule. You can be Christian at parties, too.

# A Stopping Place or Steppingstone?

George C. Stuart.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day (2 Cor. 4: 16).

Why is it that a weakness of body is a stopping place for some people and a steppingstone for others?

Paul had a "thorn in the flesh," and he prayed mightily that it be removed. But when the thorn remained, Paul didn't stop; he used it as an occasion for preaching to the people of Galatia.

Harry Emerson Fosdick suffered from a speech impediment as a young student. Years later someone asked him how he had developed such powers of persuasion, and he answered, "I learned to speak because I had a lisp."

Helen Keller had everything to stop

for. The use of eyes, ears and tongue was denied her. She had every excuse she needed to fold up. But she learned to communicate despite all her handicaps, and the world learned again that excuses don't matter.

All of us have weaknesses of one kind or another. We are earthen vessels, and we break, often beyond repair. Illness makes the whole world kin.

But what we do with our weakness of flesh is another story. Beethoven, stone deaf, created ever greater symphonies for those who had ears to hear.

Perhaps a hero is just someone who has the courage to make a steppingstone out of a stopping place.—The Christian.



## Discipleship

Christine Griffith, Rosemary Haycock, Lynette Atkins, Bankstown, N.S.W.

Peter and Jeanette Muckett, Elaine Ballis, East Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.

R. Mathews, W. Hellyer, E. Weston, Ronald Kennedy, Shirlee Spencer, Fay Nicholls, Graham and Helen Walker, Helen Peart, Maryborough, Vic.

Vicki Kemp, Beverley Jones, Unley, S.A.

Lorna Hetherington, Swan Hill, Vic.

Betty Hodgson, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Barnett, Margaret Edmonds, Lynette Fraser, Phillip Batty, Ronald Edmonds, John Mann, Drumcondra, Vic.

Howard Quinon, Bexley North, N.S.W.

John Edwards, John Brynes, Broken Hill, N.S.W.

Mrs. Pickard, Susan and Annette Pickard, Leigh Munro, David Pinches, Ronald Ayres, Bill Fleming, Barbara Goold, Julie Best, Susan Boland, East Preston, Vic.

Peggy Dean, Douglas Manderson, Spring Gully, Vic.

Mr. Patience, Morwell, Vic.

## Membership

Mrs. M. Morton, Ann-st., Brisbane to Toowoomba, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Enchelmaier, Albion to Gympie, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee and Jennifer, Invermay to Devonport, Tas.

Miss P. Fyfe, Hurstville Baptist to Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mr. Heath, from Maylands; Mr. Venus, from Edwardstown Baptist to Unley, S.A.

Mrs. Bath, from Westgarth Baptist; Miss D. Haydon, from Nalls-worth, S.A., to Ormond, Vic.

## Marriage

Grace Filmer to Ted Dinning; Margaret Dugmore to Trevor Phillips, Strathalbyn, S.A.

Joy Duffin to Norman Wurst, Box Hill, Vic.

Noeleen Jarvis to Peter Lewis, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Carolyn Bagley to Wallace Austin, East Ipswich-Leichhardt, Qld.

Cherlyn Herbert to Graham Jackson, Bexley North, N.S.W.

Alison Lamont to Murray Mitchell, Naracoorte, S.A.

Denise Doolan to Alf. Gorrie, Bendigo, Vic.

Heather Cambridge to Ian Foot; Gay Paget to Bill Wright, George-town, N.S.W.

Lynette Pearce to Neil Mackay, Reservoir, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. E. T. Rowland, Unley, S.A.

G. Joyce, Mrs. Moss, Essendon, Vic.

Miss L. Bates, St. Kilda, Vic.

Mr. Stringer, Essendon, Vic.

## AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Speakers who have greatly helped church during Mr. Stirling's special ministry in New Zealand have included P. Matthews (Christian Frontier Movement), P. Andrew, J. Lloyd (Strathmore, Vic.), C. Speldwinde, Ray Bolduan, J. R. Story, Dr. T. H. Harrison, Chaplain-Gen. A. Brooke and R. Harvey. Visit of J. Lloyd and 40 Y.P. from Vic. on Oct. 12 and 13 was specially happy event, morning and evening attendances on 13th each exceeding 200.

## TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Mr. Bowen (B. & F. B. S.) spoke to church Oct. 13. Y.P. were hosts to combined youth tea, at which E. W. Pedley was speaker. At evening service the film, *Martyred Men*, was screened. On 27th, M. Harvey, lately returned from Carnarvon, gave illustrated talk on the needs and triumphs of work among Aborigines. Elderly Citizens' meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Bannon, guest artist being a man over 80 years of age. C.W.F. joined in Women's Fellowship meetings at Caveside on 31st. Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn at the Home call of a loved one.

## QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — Attendances at meetings well main-

tained, there being improvement in gospel service numbers. Prayer meetings, held twice a month, have been further enriched by Bible study, for which a series of explanatory notes were prepared and distributed. Training class for readers and helpers at morning services, has been arranged. C.Y.F. held successful film evening on Nov. 1. It was a busy youth day on 3rd — fellowship tea at 5; prayer meeting at 7.10; and youth service of witness at 7.20. Delegation attended opening of new chapel at Ipswich.

Gympie - Monkland (H. E. Jones). — 16 officers and men attended a men's retreat at Camp Elkanah, on Nov. 2, for a time of fellowship and to discuss church programme for 1964, and remainder of year. Youth Sunday held 3rd, commencing fellowship tea in afternoon; gospel service in Gympie chapel was conducted by Y.P., with Ron McNish as speaker. Minister and two Y.P. journeyed to Monkland chapel, where they conducted first of monthly gospel services, which will be held 1st Sunday of each month. Two decisions registered.

Murron (H. C. Wheat). — Special competition to find most words that can be made from letters in "Bartholomew" has caused much interest in B.S. Minister has been employing audio-visuals in Religious Instruction classes in State schools. Plans being made to have chapel renovated. Y.P. joined with C.W.F. (Kingsley) and raised £20 in fellowship evening for Building Fund. Working bee held in chapel, Nov. 8.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Asquith (D. Wakeley). — I have a Savior was theme of B.S. anniversary. Items by school were very inspiring and chapel was packed with best attendance ever for anniversary. C.Y.F. and church members attended tent mission at Belrose on two occasions. Church anniversary held on 27th, with fellowship tea. Guest speakers were M. Bedwell (Marrickville) and Dr. A. Elliott (Burwood). Church enjoyed fellowship with 3 young ladies from S.A. Youth Choir, who sang at gospel service on 20th.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Three young ladies and a young man received into fellowship following baptism. Samuel Bull brought interesting and informative talks to B.S. and C.E., and addressed morning meeting. Oct. 13. Successful concert, 25th, resulting in £21 for Building Fund. C.W.F. made further gift of £45 to

fund. This will purchase material for doors and windows, thus making the lower floors useable. Several members, including Mr. Barnett and Mrs. O. Schaefer, have been ill. Concern still felt for F. Cox, seriously ill over long period.

**Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie).** — B.S. prizes were presented to scholars at morning service of Oct. 20. B.S. picnic held at Neilson Park on 26th. Excellent evening arranged by C.W.F. on 29th was attended by 50 ladies.

**Bexley North (E. T. Hart).** — Gospel service on Oct. 27 was inspiring. There was one baptism and six decisions. Mrs. M. Davis (Murwillumbah) was soloist. Mrs. May Laney seriously ill in hospital.

**Broken Hill (R. C. Sack).** — B.S. picnic held at Penrose Park. Church honored Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garner on occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Smith in hospital. One decision Nov. 3. Loyalty Month during Oct., was given full support of church members. Auxiliaries took part in gospel services and various people presented the gospel in an impressive manner. Loyalty dinner preceded interesting programme, to which public was invited. Feature of night was screening of South Aust. T.V. film, *Focus '63*, which dealt with our S.A. churches and Centreville Awakening. Month culminated with almost 100 per cent attendance at an every-member-present communion service. Whole month was undergirded by special prayer meetings. Church has been greatly strengthened.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Strathalbyn (W. J. Philp).** — B.S. anniversary Oct. 27, when P. Fopp was guest speaker for day. Anniversary concluded on 28th, when a tabeau was demonstrated, illustrated with slides. Church welcomed M. A. K. Crosby (chairman, H.M. Dept.) at worship service on Nov. 3. Mr. Connell (Anglican) was speaker at gospel service, in pulpit exchange same day. Mr. Philp took evening service at Methodist.

**Unley (J. E. Webb).** — 81st church anniversary Oct. 27, with good attendances. Every member present service addressed by H. G. Norris. Temple Day offering £220, which will be used for building of kitchen and toilet block. At commencement of gospel service two Y.P. were baptised. Special music provided by choir much appreciated. Anniversary social and family night held Oct. 31, when an interesting programme was presented, which included illustrated talk by E. V. Lawton on his recent experiences in New Guinea. Family worship and supper brought happy evening to a close. Sympathy expressed to Mr. Rowland in loss of his wife.

**Naracoorte (E. O. Stevens).** — B.S. now being conducted at 9.30 a.m. and J.C.E. at 2.30 p.m. Minister was guest speaker at Mount Gambler B.S. anniversary. Special business meeting held on 4th, when Messrs. Chivell and Beck were invited to address gathering. At C.W.F. meeting on 22nd, gifts were brought for missionary parcel. D. G. V. Williams (B.&F.B.S.) spoke at a.m. service, 27th. Following gospel service, a film was screened in Methodist hall, and on following evening film, *God Speaks*, was screened in church hall.

## VICTORIA

**North Williamstown (T. A. Fergusson).** — Church sympathises with W. S. Harris and family in passing of Mrs. Harris. Midweek meeting continues to be well supported. Clubs and auxiliaries efficiency hampered during rebuilding and extension programme. B.S. anniversary, Nov. 3, well attended at three services. Speakers were H. Pietzsch a.m., and G. Bossanquet, p.m. Kinder and Primary sections featured in afternoon. Distribution of prizes for all sections was spread over three sessions. Youth choir conducted by T. A. Fergusson. Miss J. Neville (Primary supt.) had charge of afternoon programme. G. Aldersley recuperating after surgery.

**North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - T. R. Mason).** — October was observed at North Essendon as Loyalty Month, with subjects: on 13th, a.m., Christian Outreach and You; p.m., ladies' night, led by C.W.E.F.; 20th, a.m., led by cricket club; p.m., youth tea, followed by youth service, with address by J. Birt; 27th, a.m., R. H. Conning spoke on Stewardship and You, with chart to illustrate figures; p.m., Good companions and Young Explorers had combined tea, followed by church parade, when *Three Tales of Daring* were told by A. E. White. Av. attendances for month: a.m. 178; p.m. 146; communicants 170. Among visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Burns and Graham (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. Enchelmaier (Kedron, Qld.), Mrs. Robertson (Belmore, N.S.W.). Completion of 4 years' C.Y.F. activity was celebrated on Oct. 4, with 63 present. Three groups now operate amongst Y.P. 14 years and over, with a membership of 100. 26 of these share in leadership in various auxiliaries of the church. Mrs. F. Funston is home again after long period in hospital. At Milleara, meetings are being faithfully led by T. R. Mason. B.S. average of 107 with enrolment of 150. As Special Project for year, school raised £11/15/- for Overseas Missions.

**Carnegie (R. Hillbrich).** — Girls' gymnasium held successful display. Promotion Sunday, 27th, well attended. Two B.S. young men welcomed into fellowship. Mrs. Jory and Miss R.

Strother have undergone surgery. Mrs. Maddern enjoyed fellowship with church. John McDonald, an Explorer leader, took part in T.V. session on 27th. Boys' Sunday held Nov. 3; 93 boys and fathers sat down to tea provided by Mrs. Hawkins and helpers. Bob Cowper (cricketer) addressed the gathering. P.m. service had 114 present, when boys assisted. D. Dowling was soloist. Boys from Salvation Army Boy's Home were guests and Scouts and Cubs from local troops attended. Keith Hawkins, Ken Hawkins and Geoff. Miller doing good work with Explorers. G. Taylor has been endorsed as candidate for Federal elections. After-church sing song at home of Mr. and Mrs. Galletly.

**Croydon (W. J. Thomson).** — 90th B.S. anniversary held Oct. 20 and 27. Teachers' dedication service conducted a.m. 20th, speaker being H. J. Patterson. Other speakers were Miss Lilburne, G. Gilmour, I. Brooker, W. Thomson. Many joined in basket tea on 27th, when senior school received their prizes. Cradle Roll and Kinder prizes distributed by Mrs. Stirling at another session. 21 decisions at closing service, at which W. J. Thomson was speaker. Singing and orchestra were under leadership of C. Gadge. Mrs. Powell and Mr. Robinson recovered from illness.

**Footscray (G. S. Brown).** — C.Y.F. held barbecue at Werribee, Oct. 18. B.S. anniversary on 20th took on a "new look." Idea was to bridge the gap between parents and church in realm of Christian education. Good attendance of parents and friends at 3 p.m. service, saw children at work in their various classes. Tea-time session was followed by discussion on theme, *Christian Education — Whose Responsibility?* 7 p.m., special singing by scholars under leadership of M. Carter, and featuring the dialogue, *The Bible says — Dad says!* On 22nd, Good Companions held display of dolls and toys made for competition, and to be passed on to Uncle Charlie. B.S. fancy dress social held on 25th. C.W.F. had interesting afternoon on 30th, when Miss Dixon (Patons & Baldwins) demonstrated knitting hints and use of wool. C.W.E.F. held annual fair on Nov. 1, when £156 was achieved.

**Mildura (A. Cant).** — Church celebrated 70th anniversary Oct. 27. H. Greenwood (Berri, S.A.) being speaker at both services. Family groups enjoyed fellowship at luncheon in the hall, which was followed by a church conference attended by leaders of church groups and church members. Programme included discussion of aims for 1964 and listing suggestions for improving the effectiveness of church services, general work and witness, particularly to non-churchgoers. Arrangements being made to introduce G.L.B. in 1964. Minister to join in scheme with Red Cliffs and Swan Hill churches to provide pastoral as-

stance to Robinvale until a full-time minister appointed there.

**Parkdale (B. Crowden).** — Special services were held for Boy's Sunday, Nov. 3. Fellowship tea was enjoyed by 50 fathers and sons, at which a talk was given by Mr. Heriot, a local dental surgeon. Boys and leaders assisted at gospel service, B. Crowden preaching. Church members journeyed to Tootgarook for Bayside District Conference on Nov. 2. Proceeds from the "all day fair" held on Oct. 19 were £262.

**Red Hill (M. D. Keatch).** — Stewardship tea was enjoyed by 80 members on Oct. 25. Members attended District Conference at Tootgarook on Nov. 2. Mrs. Morrison gave message to C.W.F., M. D. Keatch was speaker at afternoon and evening sessions, and soloists were Mrs. B. Keatch and Mrs. R. Mawson. Many visitors present Nov. 3. Offering was taken for local hospitals. Mrs. E. White recovered from sickness. Cradle Roll, Kinder and Primary held anniversary on afternoon of Nov. 3; Mrs. Buntwick was visiting speaker. Boy's Sunday service was held on evening of Nov. 3. Merv. Prossor now out of hospital.

**Collingwood (S. H. Wilkerson).** — Y.P. from Harmsworth-st. evangelistic mission visited C.E. meeting Oct. 8, speaker being R. Henderson. B.S. anniversary well attended on 13th and 20th. One lad confessed Christ at last meeting. Speakers, L. Brooker, S. Wilkerson, D. Prout, J. Uren. Successful concert and prize night held on 25th. Special B.S. promotion Sunday service held a.m. 27th. Church appreciates continued assistance from men of Gardiner and North Fitzroy churches.

**Maldstone (D. A. V. Thomas).** — B.S. anniversary services well attended. Special kinder display and programme directed by Mrs. Pietzsch, Miss John and Mrs. Thomas. Scholars were trained by V. Waters. T.A. Fitzgerald was special speaker. Prizes were distributed at evening session. A.m. attendances show slightly reduced average of 76.

**Malvern (A. B. Clark).** — Oct. averages: a.m. 80; p.m. 60. Soloists have been L. Finger, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Ferguson. Judge Nimmo addressed C.M.S. on Aspects of the Trial of Jesus. Tennis club has recommenced activities. Youth group had tea at home of Mrs. Pfeifer, prior to guest night. J. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. F. Illingworth, snr., have returned from overseas. Visitors have included Misses E. Walker and E. Allen (Northern Ireland). Miss J. Mitchell again in hospital.

**Red Cliffs (S. K. Bannon).** — Church had fellowship with Youth Dept. leaders at tea and teachers' conference. V. C. Stafford and R. V. Long-

thorp speakers at morning and evening services following Sunday. C.W.A.F. held successful 31st birthday, with nearly 100 present; S. K. Bannon guest speaker. B.S. anniversary much enjoyed on Oct. 13; speakers, C. L. Lang and A. Cant. Anniversary tea and prize giving held 15th. C.Y.F. held mystery social at home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne.

**Brunswick (R. E. Burns).** — Church held 81st anniversary on Oct. 27. R. W. Vautier preached a.m. At P.S.A., R. Bolduan gave resume from his missionary scrap book, and McLean Trio rendered musical items. At anniversary tea, Planned Giving Programme was launched. Several past members present throughout day. Catering arrangements in hands of Moreland ladies. This was greatly appreciated. Evening preacher was R. E. Burns, soloist being Mrs. Murphy. Encouraging feature is attendance of several new folk at services. Mrs. Jenkin has been ill.

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**WILKINSON (Brodie).** — On Nov. 10, Carrie, loved wife of Norman, dear mother of Norma (Mrs. Jarzyn) and Len; loved sister of Edle (Mrs. Smith, dec.), Jack, Ted, Eva (Mrs. H. Beare), Lily (Mrs. T. Myerscough), Charlie, Tom, Jean (Mrs. B. Addicott).

**WILKINSON.** — Treasured memories of Carrie, for many years secretary of Burnley C.W.F. "To know her was to love her."  
—Richmond C.W.F.

**COUSINS.** — Nov. 4, William Vere, 144 Essex-st., W. Footscray, Vic., loved husband of Alexia, loved father of Les, Stan, Hazel (Mrs. Pietzsch), fond father-in-law of Addie, Mabel, Henri, loved grandfather of Leigh, John, Leslie, Joan, Lee, Marilyn, Lynton, Glynnie, Colyn, loved brother of Ethel, Ada. Aged 83 years. "Sleep on, beloved, and take thy rest."

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

**SQUIRES - FREEMAN.** — The marriage of Rosalea Joy, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Squires, 100 Rosamond-rd., Maldstone, Vic., to Noel William, youngest stepson and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kemp, 163 Swallow-st., Shepparton, Vic., will be celebrated, with D. A. V. Thomas officiating, at Church of Christ, Richelleu-st., Maldstone, Vic., on Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, at 4.30 p.m.

## MARRIAGE

**CARTER - WRAY.** — The marriage of Rhonda Joan Carter, North Adelaide, to Kenneth Thomas Wray, Owen, S.A., was solemnised at Church of Christ, Long Plains, S.A., on Sat., Nov. 2.

*Coming Events*

**BLACK ROCK (Vic.) HOMECOMING SERVICES,** Dec. 1. 11 a.m., A. R. Haskell (Conf. Pres.); 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., E. Sherman; soloist, V. Woff. All past members and friends are invited to spend this day with us.

**STRATHMORE (Vic.) CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,** Dec. 1. Speakers: 11 a.m., R. C. Bolduan; 3 p.m., P.S.A., Dr. G. Whiting; 5 p.m., You are invited to the Anniversary Tea; 7 p.m., A. B. Withers. Hostess: Mrs. J. Weatherhead (306-7465).

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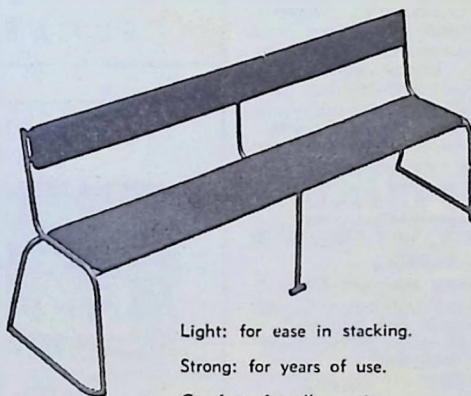
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**HATTAM - CROCKETT.** — The engagement is announced of Samlyn Joy, daughter of Mrs. J. Hattam, 8 Grace-st., Malvern, Vic., and the late Mr. S. Hattam, to Duncan Alan, son of Mrs. J. Crockett, 75 Dalny-rd., Murrumbidgee, Vic., and the late Mr. L. Crockett.

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Fullarton (S.A.) church has lost one of its most loved and devoted members in the sudden passing after protracted illness of Walter V. Wright, on Sept. 3, 1963, at the age of 71 years. He became associated with Churches of Christ in the early 1920's, under the ministry of the late J. Paternoster, at the Prospect church and together they had fellowship with the churches at Dulwich, Prospect and Fullarton. An Anzac of Gallipoli (Military Medal), he was highly respected as a wholesale manufacturer in the cycle trade, and, above all, as a Christian man of great breadth of vision. A member of the council of Adelaide Bible Institute, he had a practical interest in Overseas Mission work, his own daughter being a missionary. In the local church he served as boys' club leader, deacon, B.S. Supt. and teacher, and an elder whose friendship and greeting at the church door, visitation in the homes, understanding and wise counselling, made him truly a co-shepherd of the flock. The crowded service in the chapel was conducted by the writer, assisted by V. Goldney, and again at Centennial Park Cemetery. To Mrs. Wright and the children, June (Mrs. Neil Young, Japan), Jennifer and Elaine, we offer our loving sympathy, and share with them the certainty and hope of the Resurrection and the Life.—M. D. Williams.

**Mrs. Ethel Moss.**

It was with profound regret that the church at Essendon (Vic.) learned of the passing of Mrs. Ethel Moss, on Oct. 18, at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Moss was baptised by H. A. G. Clark on March 25, 1920, and down through the years was a most devoted member of the church. Although failing health had not permitted her to enter so fully into the activities of the church in the last few years, she maintained a lively interest. Her gracious nature endeared her to all, and her Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. During her lifetime, Mrs. Moss found joy in serving her Lord, often in little things unknown to others, and by her interest and encouragement helped others to serve him. We thank God for the fragrance and influence of her life as our sympathy goes out to Mr. Moss, Ethel, Henry and Percy in their earthly loss. Funeral services were conducted by V. Quayle in the home and at Fawkner Cemetery.—V. Quayle.

**George Arthur Joyce.**

After several months of failing health, George Joyce passed to be with his Lord on Oct. 31, aged 81 years. Although he had only been in membership with the Essendon (Vic.) church for about four years, the greater part of his life had

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Charles Watt Fraser.

The Hamilton (N.S.W.) Church of Christ was deeply saddened and sustained a great loss in the sudden and unexpected passing of its beloved and faithful elder, Charles Watt Fraser. Chas. Fraser was baptised in the old Merewether chapel in July, 1923, at the age of 19. When the Hamilton Church was founded in September of the same year, he became a foundation member. In 1927 he was appointed a deacon and trustee of the Hamilton Church. He was elected to the Eldership in March, 1955. He gave 36 years of unbroken service as an officer of the Hamilton Church. The Address of Tribute was based on Paul's words in 2 Cor. 12: 2, "I knew a man in Christ." Charles Fraser was spoken of as a "man in Christ" who will long be remembered for the simplicity of his faith, the consistency of his stewardship, and the excellency of his witness. By his gracious Christian life and winsome personality he enriched all with whom he came in contact. His love and generosity were without bounds. We extend our loving and prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser, Mr. Ian Fraser, and to all other members of the family who have been so sadly bereaved.—W. D. Howard.

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