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CHRIST CALLS THE CHILDREN



The Bible has been translated into many languages and has brought light to those in darkness. To none has the Bible truth brought more light than to the blind. Here is a blind child reading a Bible school lesson to companions from her Braille magazine.

Broadcasting News: Amsterdam Assembly

ELABORATE and effective plans were set up for the broadcasting of the news and actions of the assembly to the world. Frederick Reissig, of Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.), was in charge of the arrangements. He reported that over 200 press representatives covered this first meeting of the World Council. These all sat together in one section of the hall where the plenary sessions were held. A reception was given this group, which came from so many parts of the world, at one of the hotels. Dr. Marc Boegner, one of the presidents of the council, stated to them that people all over the world eagerly awaited the results of the assembly. "It will be a failure," he said, "if only a new organisation is formed. It must also create the means whereby God's message may be brought to the world in a new way."

Radio played an important part during the assembly in broadcasting the news to the whole world. News broadcasts were made to the Netherlands a number of times, also over B.B.C. and to America several times over the networks. A forty-minute direct broadcast was made to America on August 29, and also two half-hour, round-table discussions were broadcast direct to America over N.B.C.

The World Council Budget

The assembly approved a budget of \$300,000 for its first year. It is generally understood that 75 per cent. of this budget at least must come from the United States. There are a number of countries which, due to the war, abnormal financial conditions and other factors, cannot give much. In fairness to the generosity of U.S.A., it should be stated that for the past ten years, about 80 per cent. of the budget of the World Council has come from that nation. However, the assembly took this action, "That if the World Council is to be a real council of churches, it is desirable that responsibility for its maintenance should be shared in due proportions by all the member-churches, and that the budget of the council should be within the capacity of the member-churches to bear in common." The assembly further stated that it "believes that all the churches associated in the council must work to achieve a progressive improvement of apportionment in each of the next five years." Also it recommended "that, as a first objective, the central committee be asked to ensure that in 1950, or as soon thereafter as possible, the estimated expenditure (apart from special projects for a limited number of years) shall be such that the contributions which may be reasonably expected from the churches outside the United States shall constitute not less than one-fourth of the whole."

Study Groups

Those attending the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, not only worshipped—they also studied. The general theme for the entire two weeks was, "Man's Disorder and God's Design." Under this over-all theme, four sub-themes were studied by four sections of 125 each as follows—

- "The Universal Church in God's Design."
- "God's Design and Man's Witness."
- "The Church and the Disorder of Society."
- "The Church and International Affairs."

Not only did the 450 official, voting delegates consider these four themes, but they were considered also by the alternates, by the accredited visitors and by the youth delegates. Each of these four groups prepared carefully worded statements as a result of their studies.

I was in section two, which considered evangelism at home and abroad. Also I was appointed a member of the drafting committee of twelve to work on the initial and tentative statement, which was in turn presented to the section for amendment and approval, and then finally to the plenary body for its consideration.

Jesse M. Bader, delegate of churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand, continues his report of proceedings of the World Council of Churches held

Aug. 22-Sept. 4.

Only the statements presented by the four sections, composed of official, voting delegates were considered by the plenary body. Instead of "adopting" these statements as their own, the four statements on the four subjects were "received" and commended to the churches for their consideration and action. These four statements will be available soon, and those who desire copies should write to the World Council office at Geneva.

It was revealed in all these sections that there was a wide divergence of opinions on various matters on the part of all those present. These differences were faced frankly and considered in a Christian spirit. Some of the differences were resolved and others could not be at this time. The various groups disagreed at a number of points in their opinions, without being disagreeable. On the other hand there was remarkable unity and agreement in the group. Unanimity must never be achieved through the sacrifice of tolerance and the ill-recognition of divergent views. Amsterdam demonstrated that, while there are deep differences within the Christian fellowship, none of them is deep enough to rend the fellowship and frustrate the working unity of the Christian church.

Reconstruction and Refugees

No part of the assembly's study had more tragic facts to face than the committees concerned with reconstruction and refugees. A conservative estimate is that there are now 12,000,000 uprooted and homeless people in Europe and a larger proportion of them were thrust into that position through the Potsdam Agreements of the victorious powers. The United Nations' International Refugee Organisation has been slow in action, and all that the World Council's Refugee Commission can do is supplementary to it. Only a comparatively small budget of some 400,000 U.S.A. dollars may be available for the work, and not that amount with any certainty.

Refugees and their re-settlement are a major Christian concern. Here are the figures given for admission to World Council countries since July, 1947: Great Britain, 48,685; Belgium, 17,678; France, 16,628; Canada, 13,887; United States of America, 13,594; Argentina, 6699; Palestine, 5824; Australia, 3636; Netherlands, 3166; and Brazil, 2784. The number of displaced persons is far larger now than during the war.

Women To-day

Two cheers broke out early in the life of the assembly when the place of Christian women and the place of Christian men in the church were mentioned. Many women in the assembly felt that the World Council must secure more adequate help from women on its major committees. It was pointed out in one of the discussion periods in the plenary session that 99 per cent. of the membership of the church is composed of the laity. Yet, when the council elected its central committee of 90 to serve for the next five years, only 11 were from the laity, and of the 11, only 2 were women.

At one of the press conferences during the assembly, Professor Karl Barth accompanied a panel of women delegates in debating the topical question of women's place in the church. Professor Barth believes, with the Bible that there is equality between men and women, but each has a different function in society. He is not reconciled to the idea of a woman presiding at the Lord's Table. On this point he made the observation that a woman presiding at communion would destroy the family idea of the meal. Whereupon Miss Sarah Chakko, of India, undertook to instruct Dr. Barth in the ways of the East. "Who cooks the meal and serves the family?" she asked. "The woman! Does not the woman," she continued, "speak for the family as much as a man?" Miss Chakko maintained that women should occupy their places in the churches as persons, and not merely as the helpers and collaborators and consorts of men, which is evidently the view of Dr. Barth.

Some Disappointments

While there were many things which happened during the two weeks at Amsterdam about which all delegates were enthusiastic, yet there were some disappointments. May I indicate three at this time?

1. Some very large and important communions were officially absent from the Amsterdam fellowship. The Southern Baptists of the United States, numbering six million, voted not to send a delegate. In spite of this fact, more than six of their outstanding ministers were present to observe and participate as individuals.

The Russian Orthodox Church was not represented. It refused to send even one representative.

2. The World Council failed to provide for a Department of Evangelism in the setting up of its structural organisation. Many of us came to Amsterdam feeling that this would certainly be done, and also that it would be given an adequate budget of at least \$20,000. There was opposition, not large, however, from certain influential quarters, and the best that could be unanimously secured was to make provision for a full-time secretary of evangelism, who would be attached to the Geneva headquarters' staff, and given a budget of only \$9,000. The assembly, in almost every address, on almost every subject, emphasised the need of evangelism now, its high priority in the church, and its ecumenical values. In one of the study books prepared on evangelism for section two, it states that "The life-blood of the World Council is evangelism." Yet, in the face of all these assertions, all the assembly did was to give approval for one secretary, with a budget that will just about pay his salary and his travel expenses. Had a Department of Evangelism been provided for, with two secretaries and a budget of at least \$20,000, the cause of evangelism would have been set before the churches in a dignified way, on a parity with the other departments of the World Council.

What was finally done presents very little encouragement with reference to the future of evangelism in the World Council. Perhaps, by the time of the next assembly meeting, which will be held in 1953, the council will be prepared to take higher ground and give evangelism the place it deserves in the life and work of the ecumenical movement.

3. Churches of Christ, numbering almost two million members, are not as widely known and as often referred to publicly as they might be when speakers and writers begin to name the religious bodies of Christendom. Perhaps the fault is our own, that we have not had more people take an active, aggressive part in ecumenical affairs. In these gatherings we are not vocal enough. We are too often awed

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A Task to be Completed

REPORTS of the first meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam do not provide a promise of that degree of Christian unity anticipated by many.

Various religious groups at Amsterdam seemed to have maintained an exclusive attitude toward those who name the same Lord as Master. By denying the right of participation in the Lord's Supper, some members of the Assembly denied to others the right of a common fellowship in the body of Christ. The Lord's Supper is the symbol of the one body of Christ. The one loaf and cup, shared by many, should unite many in one body. Instead of making the Lord's Supper a unifying symbol, some sections of the Assembly made the Lord's Supper divisive. If the unity of the church is to be achieved, it will be necessary for Christians to set aside the traditions which divide and hold only to the New Testament teachings which unite. Such traditions that have come down to this age in what is called "apostolic succession" have no authority in New Testament teachings and are hindrances to Christian unity. Campbell's plea for a return to teachings and practices of the New Testament is still a relevant principle.

Despite the fact that the Restoration Movement has been in existence for almost 150 years, it is, as Dr. Bader points out, a comparatively little-known movement. Even many of those who claim to be members of churches of Christ have little knowledge of the essential ideals that inspired the pioneers to make great sacrifices. How, then, can we expect the Christian world to be made aware of the truths which called us into being, if we are not ready to study those ideals diligently and to pass our knowledge on to others! Dr. Bader suggests that we have not been vigorous enough and have been overawed by well-known leaders of larger religious communions, thus hesitating to make our witness at a time when it is needed. Because the unity we had hoped to find at Amsterdam was manifested in part only, it has emphasised the attitude of the church at Rome and also of the politically controlled church at Moscow. Neither of these religious organisations were represented. This ominous sign of division, cutting not only across the religious community, but through the world society of nations, emphasises again the weaknesses in human effort to gain unity and salvation. We do not go so far as Karl Barth, who urged the Assembly of the World Council of Churches to give up its humanly devised programme and to listen only to what God has to say, but we believe that Christians around the world ought to banish human pride and to depend more on God's will, seeking his help in prayer. This is a tragic hour in world history. We need a world church, united in Christ. While something has been accomplished by the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches, it is not as much as we had hoped.

We realise that nothing can be achieved unless the ordinary men and women are brought to the Christ of the New Testament. One of the weaknesses revealed in the World Council organisation is the small part which "non-clerical" members will be given in the central council. Of the ninety members of this central council of the World Council of Churches, eleven only are outside the clerical ranks, two only of these being women. This is a weakness. Unless ordinary church men can be made to see that the church is a fellowship which belongs to ordinary life and history, and not a mere professional organisation, he will have little interest in it.

Emil Brunner has pointed out already, in his book entitled "The Divine-Human Encounter," that "the time of the 'clergy-

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man-church' is definitely past" (p. 142).

He believes that the ordinary church member must become more active in teaching and in explaining the truths of the Bible and in pastoral duties. In this way he urges that definite expression be given to that principle expressed familiarly as "the priesthood of believers." Dr. Brunner sees an eternal wisdom in the methods of the New Testament church, and pleads for their restoration in the church to-day. We are hoping that the members of the World Council of Churches will learn the same truth and give "non-clerical" church members a more influential place in its organisation. Unless this development takes place, and the total church membership has an adequate expression in the council, the machinery of the World Council of Churches will become unrelated to industrial, professional and common life.

The traditions which divide must be set aside, and the New Testament truths that unite must be made central in life and worship.



Economists Preach a Sermon

THE Institute of Public Affairs has on its Victorian Council many of the business leaders of Melbourne. In the August number of the "Review," a journal representing the institute, the leading article discusses "economics and faith." Some remarkable confessions are made. One or two of these we pass on to our readers.

While "many people seem to have a sublime faith in what economics can accomplish," the leader writer says, "the fact is the 'contributions of economics' concern only a limited section of human activity. The present tragedy is due to trouble higher in society than the realm of economics. Until this area of human society is set right, economics will not be able to put the social order right.

"The cure of our discontents to-day does not lie in economics or in our inability to find economic solutions; it lies in the higher realm of the spirit and morals. The post-war crisis is, in truth, not fundamentally an economic and industrial crisis at all; it is something far more profound and infinitely more serious. It is a spiritual crisis. It does not arise primarily from a lack of knowledge or of resources to sustain human life at an adequate standard of material comfort and well-being; it arises primarily from an apparent incapacity to live life properly and nobly. It does not concern so much provision for man's bodily needs as provision of sustenance for his soul. It is not a matter so much of livelihood as of life itself."

Because society is so sick it is no longer willing to carry responsibility; it desires the State, or a dictator, to take charge. "It welcomes manacles to prevent its hand shaking."

The article suggests that men must gain the great faith in life that dominated the character of Gladstone. Nothing appears, however, to suggest that Gladstone's faith in life rested upon his devotion to the Bible, church, and, above all, to Christ. Where there is a falling away from Christian faith, it is not long before people fall into economic trouble. It is true, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Unity in Christ

Call to Worship.—“Ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”—Jer. 28: 12, 13.

Hymn.—No. 233, “Beneath the shadow of the cross.”

Prayer—

“O God, by whose ordinance we are one body in Christ and every one members one of another, fill us, we beseech thee, with a right spirit, that we may abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. Make us kindly-affectioned one to another; not slothful, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And grant that, continuing steadfastly in prayer, we may not be overcome of evil, but may overcome evil with good, for the sake of him in whom we are one body, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Bible Reading.—Ephesians 4: 1-7.

Meditation.—“Our Unity in Christ.”

The apostle Paul urged the members of the early church to maintain their unity in Christ; but with the passing of time it was disregarded, and with unhappy consequences. A divided church has been unable to show to a sinful world the full spiritual character of the church—“one body, one spirit, one hope: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all and in all.”

What factors undermined this unity? “As deep as the mystery of sin is the mystery of the divided church. Its coming seemed as inevitable as the fall of man. Departure from apostolic simplicity and practice, incorporation of pagan customs and rites, diversified interpretations of the scriptures and traditions and the growth of worldliness in the church, brought about conditions that broke the unity of the flock of God. . . .” (Dr. Peter Ainslie.)

The end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries saw a great revival towards the return to New Testament Christianity. In Great Britain and America men were seeking to bring about a closer unity among the various denominations. Probably the best known to us is Alexander Campbell, of whom it was written, “There is not a religious body in Christendom that, whether it will confess it or not, has not been profoundly affected by the life and work of Alexander Campbell.”

The twentieth century has seen the fulfilment of many of the hopes of such prophets, for there have been men and women raised up to lead the church into a fellowship “as wide as the inhabited world.” At the Edinburgh Conference, in 1910, the International Missionary Council came into being, and throughout the intervening years many other church conferences have been held, all working towards the greater unity of a divided Christendom, until last August the World Council of Churches became a reality.

As the apostle Paul gave the injunction to the church at Ephesus to “endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” so in this twentieth century, when the world church has rediscovered something of the power of this unity, members of the church in all lands have a responsibility not only to preserve but to intensify our unity in Christ.

Let us praise God and give thanks—

For the church, the body of Christ.

For the World Council of Churches.

For the men and women who in the face of difficulties pioneered for Christian unity.

Let us pray—

That church leaders and members of churches

co-operating in the World Council of Churches may seek unitedly to follow Christ more closely.

We commend to thee, almighty God, the whole Christian church in the world. Bless all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the grace and power of the Holy Ghost fill every member, so that the whole company of thy faithful people may bear witness for thee on the earth. Look in mercy on the errors and confusions of our time, and be pleased amidst them to speak thine own peace, and to draw the hearts of Christians everywhere nearer to the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that thou wilt heal the out-

EXECUTIVE NOTES

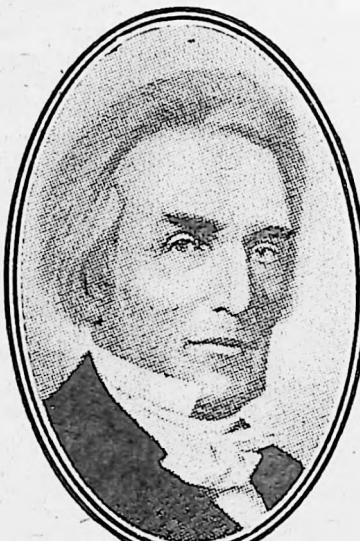
Victoria.—Monthly meeting was held at Swanston-st. on Sept. 3. Mrs. Ploog presided; 97 ladies were present. Mrs. Youens led devotions. President welcomed Mrs. Stevens from Tasmania; Mrs. and Miss Bailey from Ballarat. Speaker for afternoon was W. Atkin, of Social Service Department. Mrs. Nankivell introduced “Women’s Peace Campaign,” a movement to unite all peace-loving women in an active campaign for peace. It was decided to order from W.C.T.U. 1000 leaflets setting forth suggestions as to what women can do regarding peace. Delegates to Federal Conference were appointed. Mrs. Oliver read a letter concerning a Bible-woman in India who is ill and needing financial assistance. It was decided to take a retiring offering and that inquiries be made to see how much more was needed. Reports were read from Missionary Department, Overseas Committee, also from British and Foreign Bible Society representative.

Queensland.—Mrs. Haworth, president, led devotions for monthly auxiliary meeting on Sept. 3, and also presided over business session. Mrs. Giezendanner sang “O, My Redeemer.” Mrs. C. Latimer was welcomed, this being first auxiliary meeting since coming of Mr. and Mrs. Latimer to work with church at Annerley. Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. Lade were welcomed after recent illness. There were 25 sisters present from eight churches. Quarterly reports were presented by superintendents of departments.

Western Australia.—Fremantle and Harvey sent devotions for August meeting. Mrs. Gracie led session, assisted by Mrs. Ottley and Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Robinson sang “The Name of Jesus.” A paper, “The Better Part,” sent by Mrs. Stanford, read by Mrs. C. H. Hunt, was enjoyed. Mrs. Digwood presided over business session in absence of State president (Mrs. Humphrys), who was indisposed. Mrs. Hammer, from Carnarvon, brought a short message from missionaries. Mrs. Beck read financial statement, which showed a balance of £380/7/3. Secretary submitted Federal programme, which was approved. **Bethesda Hospital.**—President welcomed Matron Hill, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Lushby and Mrs. R. Manning from the hospital women’s auxiliary. Matron gave a talk about the hospital. A discussion took place regarding the hospital finances and our budget system. It was decided to approach general conference on the subject.

South Australia.—Monthly meeting of Sisters’ Auxiliary was held at Grote-st. on Sept. 2. Mrs. A. J. Fisher led devotional session and gave a paper on “Loyalty to the Local Church.” There was attendance of 79, 72 being delegates. Reports were given by superintendents of committees. Mrs. McCallum told of home-call of Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Scriven (Semaphore), Miss Norman (Norwood). For home missions Mrs. Verco reported Mile End, Henley Beach and Torrens-ville churches had been visited. For overseas, Mrs. Read read an interesting letter from Mrs. B. Coventry, and reported that Miss Vawser needed old linen for use in hospital. Miss Elsie Caldicott is hoping to leave India for South Australia in November. Mrs. Dodson (hospitals) reported books had been sent to hospitals, homes and clubs. Mrs. Tippett (temperance) stated that church of Christ stall at Alliance Fair realised £40. Mrs. Green read an extract from a letter from the Federal president, Mrs. Digwood, telling of gratitude of missionaries among our aborigines for parcels received from South Australia. It was decided to send a letter to National Council of Women commanding them for scrutinising of films.

New South Wales.—In absence of president, Mrs. Greenhalgh, on holidays, president-elect, Mrs. Larkham, presided at September meeting. Devotional session was led by members of City Temple Mission Band. State president of Women’s Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Segitin, gave address. Mrs. Oswald, now in Sydney from Newcastle district, and Mrs. Bates, from Georgetown, Newcastle, were welcomed.



Alexander Campbell.

ward divisions of thy people, disposing all Christian hearts to a true union of order in the truth, for the work of the one Lord. But above all things we ask thee for the unity of the Holy Spirit, that we may all be one in the Father and in the Son; to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted.)

Hymn.—No. 195, “City of God, how broad and far.”

Business.

Programme—

Home Mission Notes.

Overseas Letter.

Solo.

Address.—“Man’s Disorder and God’s Design.”

Hymn.—No. 197, “From all that dwell below the skies.”

Benediction.—May God, the Lord, bless us with all heavenly benediction, and make us pure and holy in his sight. May the riches of his glory abound in us. May he instruct us with the word of truth, inform us with the gospel of salvation, and enrich us with his love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The hymns chosen are from the churches of Christ hymnal. We are indebted to Dr. Jesse Bader who prepared the topic paper as source material for the address on “Man’s Disorder and God’s Design.”

Adventures in Friendship

THE work in the Friendship Centre has been most encouraging. All available accommodation is filled every night. For six months the reading room was open in the mornings also, but due to pressure of work the morning session had to be discontinued. The reading room and library is now open in the evenings only. The usual time is from six to nine thirty. A large number of young people are thus kept out of the streets, their minds being profitably occupied with decent reading materials for three to four hours daily.

Classes in English and Mathematics are held in the mornings. These classes are absolutely free. These students are the future leaders and citizens of Baramati. It is my firm conviction that contacts made in this way will help to cement the friendship between the mission and the people. When these young people will take their place as leaders in the New India they will not forget the friendship formed by means of these tutorial classes. It is encouraging to learn that almost all who attended these classes were successful in the last matriculation and other examinations. This year we have many Christian students also attending these classes, and thus they benefit our own community as well.

In connection with the work at the Friendship Centre, I have distributed over a hundred Marathi New Testaments, and a few in modern English. The latter have been made possible by donations, especially from Miss Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. I have been able to get rid of these New Testaments quicker than I was able to receive them. These are not distributed indiscriminately, but given only to those who show a desire to know about the Christian religion. Many discussions have followed which show that the recipients are reading them. The value of the printed page is infinite. Many have been brought to our Lord by reading the New Testament. I believe this to be a good way of presenting the gospel to the unsaved. The Holy Spirit can enlighten, reprove them of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment, as they read the word of God.

At least another room is urgently needed. It is found impossible to give lectures in comparative religion and gospel addresses in the one room. The foundations have already been laid for two other rooms on the ground floor. According to the plan already drawn, the gospel hall is to be on the first floor. To complete this it will take a large sum of money. But the accommodation in the present room is overtaxed. Therefore it is urged that the two rooms on the ground floor be completed so that gospel addresses and lectures can be given to large audiences.

There are infinite possibilities of Christian service in this centre. It is right on the main road and occupies a central position. More people can be attracted if accommodation is increased. A projector can be used to show Christian and educational films. The one thing needed for all these activities is increased accommodation. The roof of the present Friendship Centre room is a borrowed one, and leaks very badly. This needs replacing. To complete the rooms on the ground floor we require about fifteen thousand rupees (£1500), and the whole building was originally estimated to cost about thirty thousand rupees (£3000). Cost of materials and labor has risen considerably, but the need for completing this building is urgent. It provides an avenue for work not

Born of a desire to help the youth of Baramati, the Friendship Centre was commenced a little over twelve months ago. From the commencement John Bairagi, B.D., has guided its fortunes. At the recent annual meeting, it was felt that the centre was creating cells of friendship. We present, in full, the first annual report, and urge prayerful co-operation with this splendid Indian leader.

only among the rank and file, but among the literati and intelligentia of the people. We are already enlisted in the crusade against ignorance, illiteracy and every form of evil in the spiritual realm. We cannot mark time. We cannot retreat. We must march forward in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.



BAPTISMS

FROM Baramati comes the encouraging news of some giving their lives to Christ.

The village of Lasurna, a few miles from Baramati, reports the conversion of a young Hindu, whilst four boys from the Baramati Boys' Home have taken their stand. Our missionaries and co-workers are greatly encouraged.

CHINA

THE Chinese H.M. Society reported that a missionary couple were on the way to Hueili, but owing to difficulties regarding transport, were held up at Chungking. Meanwhile, the work at Hueili continues under the former doctor of the C.H.M.S. (Dr. Chi), in conjunction with a group from the Baptist F.M. Society. We are advised that we can expect further news and reports.



John Bairagi, B.D.

New Housing Area Venture

I WRITE to tell of a recent venture of the Maylands church, S.A., in the establishing of a new cause at Koongarra Park.

The move began during the ministry of K. A. Jones at Maylands, when two blocks of land were purchased in the midst of an area now being covered with new homes. It is proposed to build a church on one of these blocks when building conditions become easier.

The second chapter in the story concerns the decision to open a Bible school. A tour of the area showed that there was no hall available in which a school might be opened, except that belonging to the Anglican church, the only church in the area. An approach was made to the rector concerning the hiring of the hall for Sunday afternoons, and he encouraged us to believe it would be available. The matter was put before the committee of the Anglican Church, and a minute on their books reads that they are happy to assist "our brethren of the church of Christ." They decided to leave it to us to make an annual donation to cover wear and tear of equipment rather than make a set charge.

In every way our Anglican friends have been most sympathetic and helpful, and have even made their own kindergarten equipment available for our use. When we informed him that two or three nominal Anglican children were attending our school, the rector expressed disappointment that they were not going to their own Sunday school, but took the attitude that it was better for them to go to our school than go nowhere. The opening of our school in the parish hall has meant the return to the Anglican Sunday school of some children who had dropped off in their attendance. The kindness and co-operation of St. George's Church of England has thus helped their own work.

This department is conducted by A. Anderson, secretary of our Overseas Mission Board, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. M.O.'s should be made payable at Adelaide.

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When the hall was secured, arrangements were made for the opening of the school on July 18. Allan Sando, B.E., was asked to be superintendent, and Miss Vi. White consented to undertake the organising of the kindergarten department. Printing was put in hand, and then everything was ready to begin—except that we did not have a single scholar.

It was planned that one member of the committee (formed from the Maylands board of officers and co-opting others), H. W. Hannam, should spend three days of his holidays in visiting the homes in the district in conjunction with the minister, E. R. Sherman. When the time came, however, the minister was ill and Mr. Hannam carried on alone. In his persistent and gracious manner, which is known to hundreds of people in this area, for Mr. Hannam is an outstanding visitor for the Maylands Bible school, he went from door to door enquiring for children not attending any Sunday school. It ended with his spending a full week in visitation, and the names of almost 80 children were given to him as scholars for the new school. In addition, over 30 names were taken for the cradle roll. Our visitor seizes every opportunity to speak to parents and make contacts that will result in new scholars.

On the opening day 39 scholars and about 60 visitors were present, and a very happy afternoon was spent. Numbers have grown since, and on August 29 there were 62 scholars present. There are 13 teachers and officers of the school, and only two or three of them come from the staff of the Maylands school. The others represent new recruits from the Maylands membership.

Thus a beginning has been made in this area where several church young couples have building blocks, and a church meeting should be the next development. Through the visitation carried out, several have been added to Maylands church; it is expected that these will later transfer to Koongarra Park.—E. R. Sherman.

Brethren in Conference, S.A.

J. E. Brooke gives a brief outline of main features of happy and hopeful gatherings.

THE 74th annual conference of South Australian churches, held at Adelaide, Sept. 15-22, saw very happy and hopeful gatherings.

The president, W. A. Russell, gave a strong and gracious lead. In his address he pleaded for consecration and close communion with God, a more vigorous evangelism, and more careful training, especially of young people, in Christian service. As an outcome of his wide visitation, he felt, and conveyed to conference, a deep concern for the country churches, and urged suburban churches and preachers to help them, especially those without preachers.

Warm greetings were received from interstate, personally from Mr. Reeve, a past president of Queensland conference. Mr. J. K. Bond, of Victoria, was also present, and helped with a devotional address. New preachers welcomed were: E. R. Sherman (Maylands), R. E. Hillford (Broken Hill), and Ron McLean (Flinders Park). Three faithful and beloved former preachers, A. M. Ludbrook, H. J. Horsell and G. Wilson, had been called home during the year, and were lovingly remembered.

Conference was stimulated by the introduction of the "Crusade for a Christian World." A keen committee, consisting of Dr. T. Turner, chairman; A. J. Fisher, secretary; W. E. Fisher, G. R. Stirling and J. H. Cain, is doing much preliminary work.

S. Neighbour, the Victorian crusade organiser, preached the conference sermon, and placed the crusade strongly before the large congregation. An offering of £200 in cash and promises was received for crusade, and members pledged to observe the "Dedicated Moment of Prayer" each evening at 9.

The churches have added: By faith and baptism, 190; by transfer, 216; by former immersion, 25; by restoration, 27; total, 458.

Losses.—Revision of rolls, 816; death, 81; letter, 204; total, 1101; net decrease, 643.

Isolated members, 684.

A heavy revision of church rolls has followed the decision of last conference to request churches to contribute sixpence per active member as conference fee.

Youth Department statistics were again encouraging.—Bible school scholars, 5016; increase, 160. Bible school teachers, 837; increase, 1. Christian Endeavorers, 1319; increase, 1. Other youth groups, 2464; increase, 503.

The chairman, T. Butler, and secretary, C. Schwab, outlined the Home Mission Committee's work. Graphic field reports were given by A. Hutson, Naracoorte; F. Collins, Kilburn; M. T. Lawrie, Central Eyre Peninsula; Garfield Rootes, Kadina; G. T. Fitzgerald, Colonel Light Gardens-Blackwood; Ira Durdin, Strathalbyn. Strathalbyn has become self-supporting.

After successful home mission tea, the rally was held. Dr. Turner was introduced as incoming president. E. R. Sherman was speaker.

It had been another record year in the State's giving for overseas missions. The State secretary, A. J. Ingham, was unfortunately absent through illness. The chairman, Miss E. M. Messent, continues in the position for third successive year, her leadership being greatly appreciated. The Federal secretary, A. Anderson, supplied much information.

Conference greeted Mr. Harold Williams, of Kaniva, Vic., very cordially, showing deep appreciation of his assistance in the islands, and great interest in his informative message about the work there.

The Youth Department, led by G. R. Stirling, continues to expand its vital work. Another

Bible school and youth workers' conference had been held in April. The director conducts the popular "Call to Youth" radio session for the Council of Religious Education. Youth night featured the crusade, and a pageant, "Youth Crusading for a Christian World," was presented. Special appreciation was expressed of C. L. Johnston, now retiring from the Youth Department after many years' service, including the last three successive years as chairman. Prize-winners in the Federal scripture examinations were Jillian Ewers and Milton Lewis.

The Social Service Department has encouraged the sending of food parcels to British brethren, and supported the united movements for European relief. The Christian Fellowship Association has made strong, steady progress. Now 18 months old, it has 340 members in 29 churches. Under Gordon Forbes, secretary, it aims to press on vigorously. C. P. Hughes, secretary, and H. E. Paddick, youth organiser, of the Temperance Alliance, reported on their work, and R. Vincent spoke on marriage guidance.

At the social service rally, G. T. Fitzgerald expressed strongly the brotherhood's conscience on social evils, and Dr. C. Duguid carried conviction as he pleaded for Christian interest in international affairs.

Conference resolutions adopted unanimously, supported the R.S.P.C.A. in its efforts to prevent the use of live hares in coursing; opposed all forms of gambling, and protested against institution of a State lottery; and took "strong exception to wineries using huge quantities of sultanas to make wine and thousands of gallons of petrol for their road transport here."

The fund for establishing a Christian Rest Home now amounts to £3589. It is aimed to increase this to £8000 by June, 1949. The Morialta Protestant Children's Home continues its good work, taking a special interest in child migration.

Conference enjoyed renewing fellowship with K. A. Jones, and his representation of the work of the Federal college was warmly received.

The Aborigines Committee reported strong support for their work. The committee was given time on overseas mission night to speak of the aborigines' need. At preachers' session C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., of the Methodist Church, recently returned from New Zealand, was speaker.

Immediately after conference, the preachers journeyed to Mylor, in the hills, for a week's "refresher course," with R. T. Pittman, from Glen Iris, as lecturer.

Conference Officers and Committees.—President, Dr. Trevor Turner; president-elect, Horace Cave; past president, W. A. Russell; secretary, H. R. Taylor; assistant secretary, F. K. Glover; treasurer, F. P. Langlois; members of executive, W. Beiler, J. E. Brooke, G. St. J. Outlaw and J. Allen.

Home Mission Committee.—T. Butler, G. M. Cox, W. L. Ewers, W. Stanford, A. W. Tompsett, J. T. Train, J. E. Webb, W. Beiler, D. Lawrie, H. R. Taylor, S. E. Matthews, W. A. Russell, A. J. Fisher, G. R. Stirling.

Foreign Mission Committee.—A. Anderson, F. A. Halleday, A. C. Glover, Miss Messent, W. J. Rudd, H. Cave, C. L. Johnston, A. J. Ingham, E. H. Kentish, E. R. Sherman, A. J. Fisher, Mrs. A. L. Read.

Youth Committee.—F. K. Glover, A. Red-

man, W. E. Fisher, Miss A. Kentish, A. R. Jones, W. Greenwood, W. Morrow, Miss H. Pritchard, C. Stock, A. Wilson, J. H. Cain, Miss G. Taylor, R. Potter, W. Heath, Miss D. L. Wood, Miss C. Linquist.

Social Service Committee.—G. T. Fitzgerald, W. N. Bartlett, H. E. Mortimer, D. A. Lewis, H. E. Paddick, Eric Parker, F. A. Halleday, A. E. Mauger, C. P. Hughes, G. Forbes, Miss C. Rudd, R. Potter.

Building Extension Committee.—J. E. Smith, H. R. Taylor, A. W. Tompsett, J. E. Shipway, O. V. Mann, C. M. Verco.

Aborigines Committee.—W. L. Ewers, H. L. Davie, E. H. Kentish, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. S. E. Riches, W. R. C. Bell, L. G. Johnson.

College of the Bible Committee.—J. E. Shipway, Reg. H. Lampshire, A. E. Brown, S. E. Riches, J. E. Webb, W. A. Russell, E. R. Sherman.

Training Committee.—C. L. Johnston, Ray Vincent, W. Green, C. Schwab, J. E. Brooke, H. R. Taylor.

Preacher Placement and Advisory Board.—A. McGlasson, D. K. Beiler, A. Anderson, J. E. Shipway, A. J. Fisher, C. M. Verco, T. P. Richardson, W. A. Russell.

Vice of Gambling in New South Wales

WE can only speak for N.S.W., but the tide of gambling in every form is gradually rising, and at the moment has reached disquieting heights.

Housie-housie schools operate in practically every Sydney suburb once a week, some players going from suburb to suburb. The daily press reports that, in the metropolitan area, the turnover is £2,000,000 a year. In this wretched business the law is broken in every direction. According to law nobody under the age of 17 is permitted to play housie-housie, but we are told by the press that "Enid, a second-year high school student, won £6 recently, and said, 'I wouldn't miss housie for worlds!'"

Another press report informs us that "Thursday is Paddington's high housie-housie night. More than 1000 players, mainly housewives, squeeze into the town hall basement. Many take their babies with them." The proceeds of housie-housie in this instance go to the Paddington Mayor's Charitable Fund. It was learned that the sum of £60 from the fund was paid to the Methodist Community Centre.

It is gratifying to see the reaction to this as reported in the "Sun" newspaper. J. R. Brand, superintendent of the Methodist Christian Centre, said, "I am very distressed to learn that the money donated to our centre was raised through gambling. . . . I intend to hold a committee meeting to decide what to do with the money. I shall suggest that it be returned immediately." Mr. F. W. McKibbin, Methodist minister of Newtown, said, "Greatest factors demoralising family life to-day are housie-housie and lousy housing." Dr. Barton Balbage, president of the N.S.W. Council of Churches, said: "I am strongly opposed to all games of chance. Housie-housie is economically and morally bad. The Anglican Church would never accept donations of money obtained from gambling." Mr. Duff-Clark, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church in N.S.W., said that he had notified the town clerk of Paddington that he intended returning a cheque for £10 which he had received from the mayor's fund for church activities.

Now the other side. Dr. Rumble, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, said, "Gambling is not wrong in itself. . . . We consider that moderate gambling is perfectly lawful. Housie-housie is legal and the Catholic Church sees nothing wrong in it. It is de-

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Here and There

Hinrichsen-Machin mission at Northam, W.A., had crowded service on Sunday, Sept. 19. There was one decision; many are interested.

To provide space for South Australian conference report we have been compelled to hold several church reports and others items of general interest.

From Roma, Qld., we received following message on Sept. 27: "Mission going well; biggest meeting last night; Messrs. Jones and Samuels giving of best; seven decisions to date."

A wonderful week was experienced at Geelong, Vic., when visitation evangelistic campaign was held from Sept. 12-19. Ten teams visited 70 homes during week. Services on Sunday were well attended. H. R. Coventry spoke at both services. There were nine decisions up to date.

In morning worship at Fullarton, S.A., on Sept. 19, Mr. Reg. Hinde, of Frankston, Vic., gave thoughtful address which was appreciated, J. K. Bond presiding. Church is enjoying the exchange ministry of J. K. Bond and Mrs. Bond. Gospel service was preceded by a bright service of song. J. K. Bond gave a virile gospel message.

At East Kew, Vic., on Wed., Sept. 22, members attended annual meeting, W. A. Wigney being chairman. After presentation of reports new chapel project was discussed. Officers were asked to proceed with final plans. Lindsey Hurford and Lorna York were married on 25th. Two, baptised previous Sunday, were received into fellowship on Sept. 26. Intermediate Endeavor Society has begun to practise for anniversary.

Marrickville, N.S.W., cradle roll picnic, at Riverside Park, August 25, was a happy gathering. Fifty-five mothers, children and friends attended. Chapel was decorated beautifully on Sept. 11 for wedding of Jessie Thomas and Howard Curzon. P. E. Thomas (father of bride) officiated, and choir, with June Knight at organ, provided appropriate music. Auxiliary reports, presented at half-yearly church business meeting, showed good work being done. Treasurer's statement indicated liberal support through duplex envelopes of home and overseas funds and other brotherhood undertakings.

Loyalty services held during August and September at Stirling East, S.A., were successful, resulting in better attendances. Challenging sermons were given by J. H. Cain. A special choir, under leadership of G. M. Cox, rendered service during these meetings. This choir will continue to help. Mr. and Mrs. Greaves have been received into fellowship from Norwood and Maylands respectively. On Sept. 5, T. Butler spoke in interests of Christian Rest Home. On Sept. 19, Stan Neighbour, visiting conference speaker, preached at morning service. Aldgate Valley combined with this service, 90 being present. Those who have assisted with preaching since our last report are C. Purdie, J. Hemer, B. Baxter and G. Cox.

Dr. Turner has visited Balaklava, S.A., in interests of Christian Rest Home. Ladies' Dorcas held a successful gift afternoon. On Sept. 5 Mrs. Wills, of Maylands, and J. Shubsole rendered appreciated solos at gospel service. On Sept. 12 Sunday school held a successful anniversary. K. Barton, of Port Pirie, delivered three splendid addresses; attendances at all meetings were excellent. Singing by scholars was appreciated, specially kinders' items. On Monday night J. Gibson, school superintendent, presided over a well attended meeting, when scholars received prizes. G. May gave splendid travel-talk to a combined meeting of youth clubs. K. Jones visited church in interests of college on Sept. 15. Mrs. E. Long, after serious operation, has recovered splendidly and is out of hospital. Attendances at all services during past weeks have been good.

D. E. Pittman, manager of the Austral Co., is visiting South Australia with R. T. Pittman. The staff and directors of the Austral Co. paid the manager a delightful tribute by presenting him with tickets for the week steamer trip down the Murray River. This will enable Mr. and Mrs. Pittman to enjoy a well-earned rest and holiday.

Attendances at Kaniva, Vic., during past few weeks have been about 70 at morning worship and 50 at gospel services. Three young folk have confessed Christ—Joyce Welsh at a girls' camp, Ed. Hawker at Yeringa, and David Williams at Kaniva. Mr. Combridge continues taking three services each Sunday, local brethren taking the other services. Fortnightly study group on personal evangelism with average of 15 has been completed. Now a fortnightly discussion group meeting on Tuesdays will be held. Recently Y.P.S.C.E. paid a visit to Bordertown society; 24 made the journey. On Sept. 16 a social evening in honor of the Legg family was held. They move to Yanac.

Several young people decided for Christ at Inglewood, W.A. Three girls were immersed on Sept. 12. Attendances at all services are encouraging. On Sept. 8, J.C.E. celebrated anniversary and prize-giving. Parents of children enjoyed programme. Miss Paul is doing good work with Endeavorers and with school at Morley Park. Four prizes were gained in scripture exams., two firsts (Merle and Beryl Peacock) and two seconds (Kay Beams and Margaret McLennan). Merle Peacock also gained second place in Commonwealth, for division 7. Response from children and congregation to appeal for starving children was about £20. F.M. offering was over £25. Recent additions to membership include E. Wortlock, who has joined school staff. E. C. Plenty is giving valuable help in Explorers' Club.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 12, at Maylands, W.A., Mr. McRoberts welcomed a mother of a Bible school girl who had been baptised previous Sunday. In evening two young ladies were baptised. Speakers have been C. Taylor (Melbourne) and A. Elliott (Subiaco). On Saturday, 11th, Mr. McRoberts officiated at wedding of Miss M. Muirhead and P. Howell. Dorothy White and Valerie Wyss gained first and third prizes in recent scripture examinations and Dorothy gained second place in Federal award. Mrs. Hammer was speaker at Women's Guild on 16th, and spoke of work amongst natives at Carnarvon. A successful sale of work was held in hall on 18th. Women's Guild stalls raised £25; young women's fellowship, £35; Girls' Club, £8; Men's Fellowship, £6. Proceeds, £74, will be distributed to manse fund, baptistery bath heater fund, and all missionary funds. The appeal for starving children of Europe has been successful.

Church at Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld., has enjoyed happy fellowship in various meetings to commemorate 65th anniversary of church, and Golden Jubilee of occupancy of present chapel. Cricket picnic-match, on Sept. 11, was most enjoyable. On morning of Sept. 12, F. C. Hunting was speaker at a well-attended service. About 80 young people met at tea during afternoon. Mr. Alan Cunningham was speaker at devotional session which followed. In gospel service four young people witnessed to the Christian life in form of answers to questions put to them by C. J. Mackenzie. Choir assisted in helpful service. Women's Fellowship held jubilee meeting on Sept. 15; Mrs. Shakespeare, of

B. & F. Bible Society, was speaker. An enjoyable musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Hinrichsen. Speaker and various soloists received appropriate floral gifts from president of the fellowship, Mrs. F. C. Hunting. Young people met on evening of Sept. 18 at a social evening, when many visitors from sister churches were present. At an impressive baptismal service on morning of Sept. 19, F. C. Hunting baptised, and later received into fellowship Mrs. Hawkins. Speaker at both services during day was V. G. Boettcher, of Boonah, whose addresses were most stimulating. At conclusion of gospel meeting a man confessed Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Toombes rendered a duet. During afternoon a service was arranged for 12 surviving members of church of 50 years ago and "shut-in" members; facilities were provided to ensure their attendance. Church continues to enjoy fellowship with many inter-state and country visitors. Attendances are well maintained and are increasing at gospel services.

Sunday school work at Lismore, N.S.W., has flourished since introduction of Happy Hour by Mr. Greenalgh, together with revised plan of operation. New pupils have been added. Projecting lantern is a real success in this work. Two boys confessed Christ during month, and were baptised by Mr. Vanham. Jean Carlton received a presentation of a wedding cake, on occasion of her marriage, from Women's Guild. This was in recognition of her past work with church. Betty Window also received a presentation from church before her recent marriage. Special prayer evening each Wednesday night has proved a noteworthy success. During August, church celebrated 64th anniversary. Visiting ministers attended from Baptist church, Salvation Army and Aborigine Mission. Special services on Sunday brought largest congregations for some time. Since Mr. Vanham returned from Georgetown, where he participated in visitation evangelism campaign, church has been encouraged with news of success during this enterprise. A meeting of 200 people attended fellowship meeting held by Mr. Vanham at Bangalow on night of Sept. 14.

The induction service and public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burns were held on Sept. 4 at Mosman, N.S.W.; H. J. Patterson, M.A., delivered charge to preacher and P. E. Thomas, B.A., to church; at welcome Mr. Prior, Baptist minister, as chairman of Mosman Ministers' fraternal, conveyed greetings; W. J. Modral (assistant-secretary of conference) brought good wishes of executive and brotherhood to Mr. and Mrs. Burns and church; Mrs. Donaldson welcomed Mrs. Burns on behalf of ladies and presented a bouquet. The secretary, Mr. Donaldson, spoke for church. Mr. and Mrs. Burns responded. On Sept. 5, G. E. Burns was greeted by large congregations, morning and evening; his messages provided a challenge; Mrs. Stinson was soloist. Evening service on 12th concluded with baptism of Fay Allen, Norma Best and Rob. Thorn, who were welcomed to fellowship on 19th. Mr. Burns, at evening service of 19th, received confession of Rachel Dennis; Mrs. Holden contributed a solo and choir an anthem. The Y.P. club team, Mosman No. 1, has qualified for semi-final of table tennis championship by defeating Beverly Hills team on Sept. 18.

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New South Wales

Canley Vale.—Attendance at Bible school on Sept. 19 was 117, being the "Gala Spring Sunday." A fellowship tea was followed by "movie films." Prior to gospel service scholars and teachers marched through local streets led by the members of the Baptist Boys' Brigade drum band. At evening service 120 were present when representatives of Open Air Campaigners conducted meeting. At morning service Mr. Saunders exchanged with J. Luff, of Enmore. A "Happy Hour" conducted by R. V. Amos, of Chatswood, commenced on Sept. 20, early attendances being 99, 104 and 109.

Broken Hill.—Church was delighted to have A. Anderson on evening of Sept. 4. He showed moving pictures of India. This was very interesting, as members of 35 years' standing in church and even longer have never known of a missionary coming to local church. On Sept. 5 Mr. Anderson gave interesting and appreciated addresses at both services at Wolfram-st. and showed pictures after evening service. Members with cars kindly conveyed members of Wills-st. church for morning service. Mr. Anderson visited Wills-st. school early in afternoon, then came back to Wolfram-st. Bible school; a fellowship tea was enjoyed. Mr. Anderson gave a tea table talk. Railwaytown Bible school children were all present. On Monday more pictures were shown. J. Cremer exhorted Wolfram-st. on morning of Sept. 12. R. Hilford was speaker at Wills-st. Mr. Hilford was speaker at gospel service, when Mr. and Mrs. R. Warmbrunn contributed a beautiful message in song. Mrs. Peckham has been welcomed after illness.

Queensland

Wombo Creek Circuit.—Church has enjoyed fellowship with Mr. Hart, of Toowoomba. A young man made the good confession at a recent Sunday afternoon gospel service. At successful annual Endeavor rally over 130 people were present in the Sixteen Mile chapel. Mr. Hart was speaker. The Wombo church is proceeding with plans for new chapel on new site about two miles nearer Hopelands.

Bundaberg.—During absence of Mr. Dallinger on annual holidays, church was indebted to Messrs. Presswood, Deoeritz, Cedergreen, Proudley, Jones and Jorgensen, for carrying on preaching appointments both at Barslin-st., city, and Sims-rd. Meetings were held at Rosedale in local hall on Aug. 21 and Sept. 19, with good attendances. Brethren met at home of Sister T. Oliver, Goodwood, on Sept. 10, when Mr. Dallinger was speaker. Sims-rd. church has formed a small Helping Band among ladies to assist church and school financially. Girls' Good Companions' Club held girls' party on Sept. 11, with an attendance of 30 children. Sympathy was extended, on behalf of club, to parents of Beryl Daniel, who passed away on Sept. 3. Several have been in hospital. Roy Egmalesse, Thebeban, and Mrs. Cliff, Neilsen, and N. and J. Wissmann are now recovering. Church has taken part in "Loyalty Month" and in special Bundaberg "Come to Church" campaign held by Ministers' Fraternal.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—Sunday school and church in the U.N.A.C. appeal raised £10/8/3. With Mr. Gordon still unwell on Aug. 22, appreciated addresses were given by Mr. Hunt (morning) and Mr. Fieldus (evening). Monthly "living link" prayer meeting, held Aug. 24, at 2.30 p.m., received support. Services on Aug. 29 were full of blessing. Mrs. Gordon, present after three weeks' absence, is now enjoying normal health. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were received into

fellowship after decision for Christ at South Perth. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, of Brighton, Vic., and Wendy, were warmly welcomed. The gathering was addressed by Fred Stephenson, his sermon being most helpful. Evening service was conducted by Mr. Fieldus. A pleasant "after church" gathering for fellowship was held, when talkie films, loaned by Mr. Hunt, were reviewed. Combined and Intermediate and Junior C.E. societies held successful fellowship social on evening of Aug. 31. Mrs. H. Cole and Mrs. Verco are in eastern States on extended holiday. Mr. Gordon resumed his preaching ministry on Sept. 5, church rejoicing at his recovery of health. Gospel service was well attended, when soloist was Mrs. C. G. Taylor, whose solos delighted all.

Kalgoorlie.—Y.P.S.C.E. held social evening on Aug. 31, proceeds being for new building fund. Fiftieth anniversary services were commenced on Sept. 5, Mr. Greenwood, State organiser and secretary, was evangelist for services, 138 being present at Sunday evening service on Sept. 5. One young lady made her decision on evening of Monday, 6th. Jubilee tea was held on Sept. 8. Mr. Fewster was chairman. Among guests were mayor and mayoress of Kalgoorlie, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy (Pres.), Mr. and Mrs. Slater (Meth.), Mr. and Mrs. Rance (Cong.), Mr. Reeves (Salvation Army), Mr. Greenwood (State organiser and secretary), and Mr. G. Banks, of Perth (foundation member). Items on programme were rendered by Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Shirley Morrow, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Cannon, Miss Florence Clark, Mrs. Ewers, Mr. Beard and Mr. Cannon. Church secretary, Mr. E. C. Smith, read messages of congratulations and good wishes from Federal President, Federal Secretary, State President, Youth Committee, Lake-st. church and Maylands church. Reminiscences were given by Mr. G. Banks and Mr. J. A. Maloney. Mrs. J. A. Maloney had charge of catering. Tables were beautifully decorated. Children were catered for and entertained by Mr. Les. Hicks.

South Australia

Kilburn.—Attendance at morning Bible school is increasing as weather improves; all teachers have large classes. 120 were present on Sept. 19, including five new scholars. Extra help is now necessary. At morning service 24 adults and 36 Young Worshippers enjoyed ministry of F. Collins. Gospel service was cancelled to enable members to attend conference sermon session.

Queenstown.—At recent business meeting three new officers were elected: F. Broadbent, treasurer, A. Martin, deacon, and I. H. McGuire, reporter and agent for "The Australian Christian." Mr. Ross Graham has introduced September as "Friendship Month." On Sept. 5 church had a day with youth. A youth tea was held in evening, followed by a young people's service. J.C.E. has had good meetings, conference figures showing society is largest junior society in State.

Prospect.—At Tuesday night fellowship 30 were present. Following Bible study, a rehearsal for Sunday school anniversary was held. At meeting of W.C.T.U., on Wednesday, Mrs. C. Hughes spoke. R. Vincent was preacher at both services on Sept. 19. Combined Inter. and Y.P.C.E. societies have planned a "Food for Britain" evening. Representatives of youth groups attended youth night of conference, when Hazel Anderson and Rae Riches received scripture examination prizes, the Bible school an Honors Efficiency Campaign Certificate, and girls' handball club a pennant.

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Ungarra.—Combined worship and gospel services have been commenced again and held at Lipton. Attendance has been good, though there was much sickness in district. Mr. Laurie was re-elected for a further term of three years with the circuit. A combined C.E. rally at Pt. Lincoln, on Aug. 14, was well attended. Junior and Y.P. societies from Ungarra presented items. On Aug. 29 the gospel meeting was not held to allow members to journey to Mt. Hill to attend S.S. anniversary celebrations. Mr. Laurie was speaker. Missionary offering has reached £102, and United Nations appeal for children, £15.

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—In August T. Burtt, of Launceston, visited Caveside and Mole Creek to conduct Sunday services. Mr. Balton provided transport. On Sept. 19 A. Griffiths visited both churches, his messages being appreciated.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Since last report there have been two reconsecrations to Christ. B. J. Golder, conference president, was morning speaker on August 29. About 90 were present at after-church fellowship hour on same evening to express good wishes to Alec Ramsay and Miss Margaret Williams, and Vincent Stevens and Nola Barlow in view of their approaching marriages which took place on Sept. 3 and 17. E. W. Heard and Miss Berry, of College of the Bible, were visitors. Mr. Wilson, on behalf of church, assured them of interest in their services in India. Bruce Burn, together with Jack Sewell, has been on vacation from college. Mr. Sewell was preacher at gospel service on Sept. 5. Mr. Wilson gave an address on meaning of Lord's Supper. Monthly meeting of Men's Fellowship, Sept. 12, was addressed by J. H. Jones, secretary of Tas. Protestant Federation. An "Helpers' Night," held Aug. 20 to consider most effective conduct of worship in church services, was well attended. An offering for food for Britain fund totalled £11/11/6, and £5/19/- was contributed for work of Northern Tasmanian Temperance Alliance.

Victoria

Portland.—On Aug. 29 church enjoyed fellowship and addresses of H. M. Waghamore. Members regret loss of Neil Pritchard, who has transferred to Warrnambool. Mr. Curtis was preacher on Sept. 5. T. Ryett and T. Davey have also assisted. Attendances continue to show improvement compared with same period last year.

Malvern-Caulfield.—A well attended birthday party was given at home of Mrs. Webb, in honor of Mrs. Denton. J. Holloway has received letter from Chas. Cole, now holidaying in Queensland, stating that he is well, and enjoying himself, and hopes to resume his ministry in December. On Sept. 22, Mrs. Mitchell gave interesting travel talk at women's meeting, on recent trip to New Zealand.

Coburg.—Ken. Wilson was welcomed into church membership on Aug. 22. David Lloyd, son of preacher, made good confession on Aug. 29, and Bruce Williams on Sept. 5. Cricket club has appointed W. White, secretary; Ron. Wright, treasurer, and C. Wright, captain. On Sept. 12, A. R. Lloyd preached to a large congregation in morning and L. Armstrong, of College of Bible, gave a fine address in evening. C. G. Burtt, of College, was morning preacher on Sept. 19.

Stawell.—Mr. Mudford was preacher on Aug. 29. On Sept. 5, C. Kimber, of college, preached at both services. The church anniversary was held on Sept. 12. Mr. Robbins was speaker; he was preacher of church 34 years ago. Attendances were excellent. Anniversary social evening was held on Sept. 13; Mr. Robbins assisted in programme. New scholars have been added to Bible school. D. W. Hibburt was preacher on Sept. 19. Mr. Jackson, after an illness of five months, has been able to attend services.

Gardenvale.—Congratulations are extended to Lorraine Chesterfield, who was awarded first Federal prize in S.S. examination. Church welcomes back Mrs. Bunny and Mr. Notman after illness. Best wishes are extended to Jack Lunn and June Buckley, who were married recently. Mr. Arnott, from Brighton, was speaker on morning of Sept. 12, and Mr. Funston, from Nth. Essendon, addressed church on morning of Sept. 19. Mr. Shaw is giving helpful sermons.

Warragul.—Average attendances for August were, 11 a.m., 64; 7 p.m., 50; breaking of bread, 60; Bible school, 52. Church services are being advertised over local radio station. C. Jackel addressed Dandenong Rangers Prayer Fellowship service at Cockatoo recently. Encouraging visitation is being done, and time of ingathering is anticipated. At splendidly attended service on Sept. 19 a married man who had been baptised the previous Sunday was welcomed in. On Sept. 12, Mr. Jackel conducted the service in morning at Morwell. Jean Lowe and Peter Martin and Norma Keatly and Alexander Gibson were married in chapel recently. C. Pederson, secretary of church, has been elected Shire President. Church was glad to have Mrs. Thornton back after long illness. Because of increase in scholars it has been necessary to purchase more kindergarten chairs.

BIRTHS

BLENKIRON (Hurren).—On Sept. 14, at Fairbank Hospital, Box Hill, a son (Peter Douglas) to Dorothy and Ivan.

CARTMEL (Laurie).—At Victor Harbour, Sept. 12, to Colin and Daphne — a daughter (Karen Norma).

SILVER WEDDINGS

JONES-GOWAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones announce with pleasure and gratitude the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at church of Christ, Geelong, on Sept. 29, 1923, by Pastor Stewart Stevens. Present address, 39 Mt. Korong-rd., Bendigo.

NICHOLSON-DREW.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson announce with gratitude the 25th Anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Essendon church of Christ, Oct. 6, 1923, by Pastor H. A. G. Clark. Present address: 10 Price-st., Essendon.

IN MEMORIAM

GRUHL.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mrs. Cordelia Gruhl, who passed away at Murray Bridge on Oct. 5, 1947.

—Inserted by a loving husband, daughter and son-in-law.

PEDERSEN.—In loving memory of our loved ones, who passed to their eternal rest—mother, Sept. 17, 1944; dad, Jan. 27, 1932; Bruce, Feb. 24, 1938.

The passing of the years can never dim
The memories of our loved ones.

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From Section I. on "Unity."

"We all believe that the church is God's gift to men for the salvation of the world; that the saving acts of God in Jesus Christ brought the church into being; that the church exists through the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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"Wherever we find ourselves thus speaking together of our unity, we also find ourselves faced by some stubborn problems. In dealing with them we discover disagreements which are to be traced back into our different ways of understanding the whole and, beneath those disagreements, we find again an agreement in a unity which drew us together and will not let us go."

From Section II. on "Into the World."

"The church must find its way to the places where men really live. It must penetrate the alienated world from within and make the minds of men familiar with the elementary ideas of God, of sin and of purpose in life. This can be done partly through heroic ventures of self-identification by Christians with the life of that world, partly as Christians make the word of the gospel heard in the places where the decisions are made that affect the lives of men. It can be done fully only if, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the church recovers the spirit of prophecy to discern the signs of the times, to see the purpose of God working in the immense movements and revolutions of the present age, and again to speak to the nations with the authority of God."

From Section III. on "Communism."

"The points of real conflict between Christianity and the atheistic Marxian Communism of our days are as follows: (1) the Communist promise of what amounts to a complete redemption of man in history; (2) the belief that a particular class by virtue of its role as the bearer of a new order, is free from the sins and ambiguities that Christians believe to be characteristic of all human existence; (3) the materialistic and deterministic teachings, however they may be qualified, that are incompatible with the Christian belief in man as a person, made in God's image and responsible to him; (4) the actual methods of Communists in dealing with their opponents, in the demand of the party on its members for an exclusive and unqualified loyalty, and the policies of Communist dictatorship in controlling every aspect of life."

From Section IV. on "War."

"War as a method of settling disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of

our Lord Jesus Christ. The jungle state of our present international life, in which war plays its terrific role, is a sin against God and a degradation of man. We recognise that the problem of war raises specially acute issues for Christians to-day. A great change has come over warfare. War is now total and every man and woman is called for mobilisation for war service. Moreover, the immense use of air forces, the discovery of atomic power and other weapons render widespread destruction inherent in the whole conduct of modern war in a sense never experienced in past conflicts. In these circumstances the tradition of a just war requiring a just cause and the use of just means is now challenged. Law may require the sanction of force, but when war breaks out force is used on a scale which tends to destroy the basis on which law exists."

From Section III. on "Socialism."

"The church cannot resolve the debate between those who feel that the primary solution is to socialise the means of production and those who fear that such a course will merely lead to new and inordinate combinations of political and economic power, culminating finally in an omnipotent State. In the light of the Christian understanding of man we must, however, say to the advocates of socialisation that the institution of property is not the root of evil. We must equally say to the defenders of existing property relations that ownership is not an unconditional right. Therefore, it must be preserved, curtailed or distributed in accordance with the requirements of justice."

From Section I. on "Divided Churches."

"Within our divided churches there is much which we confess with penitence before the Lord of the church, for it is in our estrangement from him that all our sin has its origin. It is because of this that the evils of the world have so deeply penetrated our churches, so that amongst us, too, there is discrimination between races, worldly standards of success, class division, economic rivalry, a secular mind. We are in danger of being salt that has lost its savour and is fit for nothing.

"Within our divided churches it is our shame that we have so often lived in pre-occupation with our internal affairs, looking inward upon our own concerns instead of forgetting ourselves in out-going love and service. Our churches are too much dominated by ecclesiastic officialdom, clerical or lay, instead of giving vigorous expression to the full rights of the living congregation and the sharing of clergy and people in the common life in the body of Christ."

From Section II. on "Laymen."

"This is the day of opportunity for the lay member of the church. What needs to be done cannot be done unless every member of the church is an active witness. The 'layman' has his duties in the church in worship and in stewardship. These do not exhaust his responsibilities. He is charged also with a task in the world outside. Some are called to accomplish this task by the ministry of intercession. For most men the field of witness lies in the place where they do their job or their profession as the instrument through which they make God known to men. Christian service is to be conceived in the widest possible terms. The variety of forms of witness is just the means by which God can make known the fulness of the gospel as his answer to all the needs of mankind."

From Section I. on "The World Council."

"The World Council of Churches has come into existence because we have already recognised a responsibility to one another's churches in our Lord Jesus Christ. There is but one Lord and one body. Therefore we cannot rest

content with our present divisions. Before God we are responsible for one another. We see already what some of our responsibilities are, and God will show us more. But we embark upon our work in the World Council of Churches in penitence for what we are, and in hope for what we shall be. At this inaugural assembly we ask for the continual prayer of all participating churches that God may guide it in his wisdom, saving us both from false claims and from faithless timidity."

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plorable that women take children to housie-housie schools. However, I do not think that housie-housie should be abolished because a few people abuse it." Dr. Rumble further declared that Catholic authorities would accept money raised by "housie." Representatives of other churches had not been approached, but the position taken by Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches would be endorsed by churches of Christ, Congregationalists, Baptists and other churches. The position of the Romish church has always been the same.

The Atomic Age

J. R. Blanchard, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, preaching in Scots Church, Sydney, said that the Christian in this atomic age must believe that not only the atom, but the soul also is a source of inexhaustible and powerful energy.

"For generations," Mr. Blanchard said, "the prevailing idea in men's minds has been that of evolution. In this atomic age, however, the prevailing idea is going to be different. Instead of concentrating their attention as did their forebears, on slow, gradual and orderly development, the children of this atomic age will be inspired by the notion of incalculable forces suddenly released."

Women and Presbyterian Ministry

The Presbyterian General Assembly is meeting in Sydney at the present time. One of the questions under discussion is whether women should be appointed to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. One delegate has suggested that if the church admitted women to church office they would have to resign at marriage or be ordained to spinsterhood; and further said that the appointment of women as Presbyterian ministers or lay elders would lower the supreme standards of the church, and would necessitate the establishment of a celibate section within the church.

Acting with characteristic caution, it was claimed that the church as a whole should decide the matter. The Assembly decided to ask ministers throughout Australia to vote upon the issue, the result of the plebiscite of ministers to be announced at the next General Assembly three years hence. As the question is one that has not been agitated in our particular constituency, the writer is not called upon to express an opinion.

Many of our churches are losing, and are threatened with further loss of, young married couples, who are securing homes in new building areas. Many of these will be a loss to the church, and their children be a loss to the Sunday schools, because they will be too far removed from existing churches. Up to the present we are not established in these centres. Where possible the Home Mission Committee should plant churches, and where possible, groups of churches geographically situated could agree to sponsor the founding of the church and maintaining of it for a while. On the other hand there is a challenge to members moving into such centres to pioneer the work by setting up the Lord's Table in their own homes, and contacting other members who may move into the district.—Ethelbert Davis.

British Churches and Amsterdam

★ G. J. Hammond reports on fellowship with American delegates to World Council, Leicesterser churches' social programme, and on discussions on "indiscriminate baptisms."

THE Amsterdam programme gave opportunity for the delegates from the constituent churches to meet together privately. Some 50 churches of Christ and Disciple representatives came together, including Dr. Jesse Bader, Oliver McCullough, Dr. McCormick and Dr. Robinson. America, Canada, Australia, Argentine, Italy, Germany and Great Britain were all represented. Dr. W. Robinson was elected chairman of the group. Dr. McCormick made a fine contribution to the discussion, urging that, whereas previously churches of Christ had failed to produce theologians who could understand and speak in the language of the older churches, such men were now coming to the front and meeting that particular need. A photo. of the group was taken, which should prove of historic interest.

A great social work carried on by the Leicester churches has meantime come to an end. Forty years ago a committee was formed, which sent poor children to the sea for a day in summer and gave them a party at Christmas. In 1917 three railway coaches were converted into a permanent camp which received 20 children each week for a country holiday. The work was greatly developed in 1926 by the purchase of Saddington Hall, which entertained 500 children each summer, besides being available for youth conferences, etc. The hall was re-opened after the war, but after two years' working the committee has come to the conclusion that changed social conditions, holidays with pay, children's allowances and school meals, have made their voluntary work unnecessary. The hall has been sold, and the committee is considering experimental work among adolescents.

A residential home for blind people has been opened in Northumberland. The home is named after Alderman N. Garrow, who performed the opening ceremony, and who is chairman of the north-eastern district churches.

The Anglican Church in this country and certain of the Free Churches are greatly concerned at the practice of what is termed "indiscriminate baptism"—the baptism of infants whose parents have no church connections, and who have no intention of training their children in the Christian faith. Dr. Robinson, in a "Christian Advocate" editorial, speaks of his fear that churches which practise believers' baptism may also act with less discrimination than the ordinance requires, and urges a more careful pre-baptism instruction of candidates.

The Fellowship of Youth reports six new groups affiliating. In addition to its commitments to the missionary and bursary funds, the F.O.Y. is pledged to raise £50 during the year towards the cost of training new Sunday school and youth organisers.

Obituary

Rupert Henry Upton

THE death of Mr. R. H. Upton, of West Preston (Vic.), occurred on Sept. 8. Death took place at Mildura, whence Mr. Upton was conveyed when he took ill in the course of a travelling holiday. Mrs. Upton was able to journey to him, and was with him for some days before his passing. An Australian by birth, Mr. Upton, because of sporting ability, spent some time in England, where he was engaged as a professional. He was baptised as a young man in Sydney, and came into the membership of the Baptist

brethren at Parramatta and served there in the choir. Many years later, in a series of meetings conducted by K. A. Macnaughtan at Preston, Mr. Upton re-expressed his faith and came into membership at West Preston. It was here that he was in fellowship at the time of his death, and on the last possible occasion he could have attended the service here he did so. Hindered not a little in his following of Christ, he yet finally triumphed, to the very great joy of his loved ones and his own peace of mind. Mrs. Upton and several daughters are associated with the church here, and to them, the son Rupert, and all the family we convey our sympathy while yet rejoicing with them in their faith and hope. Major Drury, a friend of the family, participated in the service both at the parlors and the graveside.—A.B.W.

Ernest Edward Watson

ERNEST WATSON, of West Preston (Vic.) died suddenly on Sept. 11. On the previous Sunday he was present at communion. Born at Norwood, S.A., Mr. Watson came as a boy to Bendigo, where his mother became associated with churches of Christ. Ernest himself was baptised at Brunswick (Vic.), and later had membership at North Fitzroy (where his marriage to Ada Lovell took place), Northcote, Preston, Moreland and West Preston. He also assisted at Lygon-st. and Swanston-st. churches as a singer. In this capacity he made perhaps his greatest contribution both to individual churches and to the brotherhood. Music was a great part of his life, and he was associated with men like Ernest Tippett and Henry Thomas in the Melbourne Choral Society and in church choirs. As a younger man (he was almost 74 at his death), he assisted preachers with his solo work as well. Here where he was last in fellowship he gave years of service with his voice. His family of one daughter and four sons are all members of the church, one son being the present preacher at East Preston, and one a former secretary at Moreland. The other two are at West Preston, and the daughter (Mrs. Barnard) at Coburg. W. H. Clay and W. Gale, through former association, and preachers with churches having some connection with the deceased, attended the funeral services. W. Gale speaking of Mr. Watson's life and service and E. Miles, in a representative capacity, offering prayer. Our sympathy to loved ones, especially his wife, is not simply in sorrow, but in hope in Christ.—A.B.W.

Urgent Needs

FEDERAL ABORIGINES MISSIONS

AT Carnarvon, W.A., Miss E. Robins assisted for about two months but was unable to continue longer; this has left our workers operating under very heavy strain. It should be clearly realised that the native children at Carnarvon come from a different background, requiring much more personal supervision and attention than those of Norseman. On both fields our staffs are too short. Our missionaries are having to work far too long and far too hard with far too few weekly and occasional rest periods. Their consecration, and the shortage of workers, commits them to very heavy strain. At Carnarvon the situation has reached serious proportions, and the board fervently appeals to any who feel they can devote their time and talents to this work as a special service in the Master's cause. High educational training is by no means essential. Many of the duties are those of house-keeping, cooking, general oversight, helping with Sunday school and Endeavor work and so on. At the moment

a married couple and single lady can be placed immediately, or if such are not available, two ladies who could undertake such work as cooking, laundry and some assistance in the oversight of the girls. The chief qualification is a genuine conviction of divine approval to one's sphere of service, implemented with kindly, sympathetic Christian love.

In addition, the West Australian Department of Education is exceptionally short of teachers in schools, and it would be most helpful on our missions if suitable people, able to teach elementary education, could be devoted to this work. It would be no difficulty to obtain support from the Education Department "on supply" without having gone through the West Australian Education Department Training College.

For those who feel called to serve in these fields, so white unto harvest, your State Aborigines Mission Committees or the Federal Aborigines Mission Board would supply gladly any further information required.

Plans are to hand for the Aborigines Mission section of Federal Conference. Our two single lady missionaries, Miss Schurmann, from Norseman, and Miss McDonald, from Carnarvon, it is hoped, will attend conference. Mr. Hanmer has been invited by the Federal Conference Executive to speak on Aborigines Mission night. A set of lantern slides, giving the latest developments of the fields, is being prepared for the occasion.—A. M. Bell.

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