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Pioneers Planned With Progressive Purpose



Colonel Light Statue on Montefiore Hill, Adelaide

Colonel Light's planning of the city of Adelaide has been highly commended by world renowned town-planning experts. His far-sighted work was criticised in his day; but he believed the future would justify his bold vision. Pioneers of the faith must also plan and venture with Christian courage and devotion.

Some Encouraging News for the Church

P. J. WISEMAN, C.B.E.

An Extraordinary Discovery

NOT many weeks ago two men from the Monastery of St. Mark, Jerusalem, arrived at the School of Oriental Research, outside the wall of the city, carrying four very ancient manuscripts. Two were made of leather and two of parchment. One of these rolls was found to be a copy of the Book of Isaiah, complete from the first to the sixty-sixth chapter; and the type of Hebrew script in which it was written was obviously very ancient. Previously the oldest known copy of Isaiah was one written not earlier than A.D. 900. Indeed we have only one Hebrew manuscript of an Old Testament book written earlier than that date, and that is only a small fragment of the Book of Deuteronomy, known as the Nash Papyrus, containing a part of the sixth chapter, including the Ten Commandments. Nevertheless, it is a fragment of immense importance, for scholars have identified it as having been written as early as the first century before Christ.

A scholar in Jerusalem, who had seen this fragment, examined the new Isaiah manuscript, and declared that its remarkably clear writing was similar in form to the Nash Papyrus; and this was corroborated when photographs of the text, which had been taken in case of injury to the very ancient parchment, were sent to America and examined by an expert scholar, Professor Albright, of John Hopkins University; he gave it as his opinion that the newly discovered manuscript is even older than the Nash Papyrus, and must be dated as early as the second century before Christ. So this extraordinary discovery puts us in possession of a manuscript of Isaiah written more than a thousand years before any other known copy.

It will be of particular interest to Bible students to learn that some of the photographs which Professor Albright has been studying were taken from chapters sixty-one to sixty-five of Isaiah. It is just this latter part of the book which has been most seriously questioned by "Higher Critics." They have assigned to a considerable part of the book dates much later than the time of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, and have attributed chapters forty to sixty-six to a so-called Second, or Deutero-Isaiah. Some of the "wild men" among them have divided its contents among as many as fifteen "Isaiahs," or, as some of them say, "a school of writers who fell under the spell of the second Isaiah."

Thus the critics have denied the literary unity of the book, especially in its later chapters. For instance, they have rashly assumed that such passages in chapters sixty-three and sixty-four as "our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary," and "our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire, and all our pleasant things are laid waste," refer, not to the taking and burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (about 497 B.C.), but to some later event. In an attempt to prove their allegations about the late date of these chapters, men like Dr. T. K. Cheyne conjectured that these references were to some unidentified calamity in the days of Artaxerxes Ochus, about 359 B.C. Others, such as Kayser ("Die Theologie des Alten Testament," page 191), more wildly conjectured that the date, not merely of the last chapters, but of chapters twenty-four to twenty-seven, must be as late as the second century, and Stade tried to bring the date of the last chapters down as late as the persecution in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, in 169 B.C.

The importance of the newly discovered manuscript is that it enables scholars to handle a text written almost as early as the date at which, according to some critics, some unknown

person, or persons, added the final chapters as a late appendix to the roll of the prophecies of Isaiah. The discovery of this copy written in the second century before Christ, now makes these wild conjectures of critics obviously absurd.

It will interest Bible students to know that one of the other three scrolls brought to the American School of Oriental Research is a commentary on the book of the prophet Habakkuk. The third appears to be about an ancient sect; but the fourth, made of leather, is so tightly rolled that great care has to be exercised in unwinding it.

It appears that the original discovery was made by some Arabs in a cave near the Dead Sea. The manuscripts were in earthenware jars, covered with linen, and the linen covered with a black wax. These four rolls do not exhaust all the "finds," and there are good hopes that when the contents of all the manuscripts are made known, this discovery will prove to be one of the most important which has taken place in connection with the scholarly study of the Old Testament prophets.—"Life of Faith."

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JESSE M. BADER

Church Needs Peace

IT is a matter of great inspiration to learn from you that Visitation Evangelism is making considerable progress in Victoria. I trust that the other States will be encouraged at Perth to undertake the same plan. It seems to many of us that while Visitation Evangelism is, not the only method in evangelism for today, yet it is proving to be our most effective method.

Things are going well with our "Crusade" here in the United States in our brotherhood. The same is true of Canada. Our British churches are taking on new life as they begin their "Crusade."

If our poor world can avert a war, then the churches will be able to make increasing progress as the months and years unfold. War never helps the church—or anything else that is good. All our work is given a severe setback during war. The kingdom of God flourishes best in times of peace.

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T. KAGAWA
Birthday Gift from America

PLANS for raising \$60,000 to rebuild the war-destroyed Shinkawa settlement in Kobe—the first social welfare project undertaken by Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese Christian leader—have been announced by a sponsoring committee which includes many prominent American Protestant churchmen.

The fund is being organized as a birthday tribute to Dr. Kagawa, who was born in 1888, and began his ministry in Kobe on Christmas Eve, 1908, in a six by six foot shack which in time developed into one of Japan's leading religious institutions.

Known as the Toyohiko Kagawa Sixtieth Birthday, Fortieth Anniversary Fund, the appeal is being supported by more than ninety outstand-

ing leaders in the United States, including Protestant Episcopal Bishop William Scarlett; E. Stanley Jones, evangelist; Walter Van Kirk, of the Federal Council of Churches; Lumen Shafer, chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America; and Paul Hutchinson, editor of "The Christian Century," Chicago.

It is expected that when the Shinkawa settlement is rebuilt it will house a church, a nursery, club rooms, a medical clinic, a co-operative store, and credit union offices.

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GEORGE MACLEOD

Value of the Bible

"WHEN I asked a Bible class of fifty seven-teen-year-olds, all from well-set Scottish Church families, how many possessed their own Bible, only ten hands went up, and of these only three read it regularly. An answer in exactly the same proportion came later from a group of 200 youths and girls."

"What is it that has half-closed our Bibles. It is the acids of modernity that have corroded life—science and religion, call it what you will.

"Please God it is not wishful thinking, but I do believe we are now moving into an environment congenial to the Bible," Dr. MacLeod continued. "The old materialism is not really the environment of our age. I believe there are two factors which are going to prove a congenial atmosphere for the opening of the Bible. I believe there are real signs that we are moving into a personal world—paradoxical as it may sound. Folk are so starved of the personal, Dr. MacLeod told this story: again."

Having quoted the opinion of a journalist that the reason newspapers give so little space to the church is that the news supplied is not personal. Dr. MacLeod told this story:

"The manager of a provincial cinema, because he could not get the 'big' pictures, despaired of his half-empty houses until he struck the idea of standing in the vestibule for two hours each evening until he learned the names of his regular patrons and was able to greet them personally. No matter what picture was shown the place was packed because he had a personal word for his audience, who felt themselves of individual significance."

"The second factor congenial to the Bible becoming relevant is that people are becoming conscious of history again. They are trying to interpret the significance of our times and the point at which we arrived. As an American journalist has superbly expressed it: 'Somehow in our mad rush it is history that is breathing down our necks.'

"From Genesis to the Revelation the Bible speaks of historic sequences and of persons.

"What is the meaning of this dreadful time? Will nobody tell me who I am? These are the daily questions of folk to-day. But there is a caveat that must be spoken, a warning. Unless we heed it men may not open the Bible, and if so, the fault will be ours. In a sentence it is this. The Bible is not only a history. It is economic history. For the Jew the year of Jubilee was the test of men's obedience. Holiness was economic health. The year of Jubilee was not a jamboree, an emotional convention. The year of Jubilee was political and economic. It was a debt cancellation."

"If we are to recover persons, we must go back to the Bible," declared Dr. MacLeod in a later passage.

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Christ and the Social Order

WHATEVER political or economic theory a Christian may urge, he will, if true to Christ, plead for each citizen's freedom. A Christian will seek an order of society in which a man will be free to do what is right.

The question raised by someone will be: Who is to say what is right? Will the "right" be what a dictator commands or what a small group of rulers demand of citizens? We may ask: Is the "right" what every man desires for some selfish end? The Christian will understand that the "right" is linked with Christ's golden rule. This requires doing to others just what we want others to do to us. This demands of us the duty of treating everyone as persons having value in the sight of God. The one desire each has is to be respected. A man wants to be valued and honored as a man. The term "hands" used of those who work in a factory is dishonoring. Such a word suggests that men are chattels and not persons.

Even if men desire to be respected, are they worthy of it if they refuse to treat all others as persons? Because communistic teaching urges force to be used against the ruling class, Christians will not endorse such a system of society. Neither will Christians support, in a capitalistic society, the practice of treating men as tools of trade, i.e., as means to an end, and not as ends in themselves.

Within industry there must be a common respect for master and worker. The master must honor the worker as a man, and the worker must respect the master as a man.

II.

A CHRISTIAN must condemn the worker if he acts unworthily towards the master, and likewise the master if he treats the worker as a cog in a machine. In other words, what a Christian must encourage in industry is justice. There must be justice for worker and master. A worker can hardly be worthy of just treatment if he is not ready to be just towards his master.

In so far as society and industry lack this justice, they fall short of the genuine Christian's desire. But even if Christians hold such a view of justice in society and industry, as suggested above, how can they introduce it into the practical affairs of the nation? Workers cannot be compelled by law to be respectful and just towards masters, nor can masters be compelled to honor workers. Unless men in industry and society have a spirit of goodwill and charity, they will have no respect for one another.

Behind this problem of justice in society there lies the deeper question, relating to the spiritual character of men and women within it. Unless men are ready to be just there is no possibility of a better order prevailing in the community. In their present frame of mind multitudes of men in industry will not be just. Before we can expect a better social order there must be, therefore, for both master and worker, a change of mind. The Greek word for this "change of mind" is translated as *repentance*.

EDITORIAL

III.

Some suggest that Christ did not come to alter the social order. It is evident in his teaching that he urged the most thorough-going changes. He concerned himself with the causes of social unrest. He pleaded with men to put causes right. The cause of much social trouble is due to selfishness in men's minds. "Change your minds," said Jesus, "and a just society will come."

If the church is true to Christ and if the church works along the line of Christ's methods, it will attack the deep-seated causes of trouble in society. Since society is made up of individuals, and cannot rise to any height above the level of the individuals within it, then to improve the social order we must work for the improvement of the individual. Men must be called to repentance. They must be urged to change their minds. Instead of being lovers of self, they must concern themselves about others. A new order can only come into society when men are made new, when they have been born again through God's Spirit.

Christians must preach the gospel of repentance, which centres in the cross of Christ. This preaching will, however, point men to the new life of justice. By the new birth they will be committed to do what is right. They will seek to serve their fellows and to act toward each other according to the principle of the "golden rule" of Christ.

IV.

IS the "golden rule" an impossible rule for business and commerce? If it were applied to present social conditions, could it be made to work? We venture to urge that, in so far as the golden rule is unworkable in society, that is measure of the degree of the shortcomings in our social order and in the men and women within our society. To create a society which will satisfy the Christian conscience, men must be converted, the gospel must be preached and Christians must witness on behalf of Christ in season and out.

Many are ready to speak about the theories of a new society, but few are prepared to make the sacrifices involved in preaching the only truths that will change men and society. Many seek a short-cut way to a new order. Each such attempt will fail, unless the fundamental truth of the Christian gospel is taught and accepted by men and women. We urge readers not to be misled by social or economic theories which are contrary to the essential truths of the gospel. Christ urges us to deal with facts, and one fact which must be conquered before a better social order comes is *sin*. Christ's good news makes it clear how people may be set free from sin and be prepared for the new social order in the kingdom of God.

While making a plea for a social order in which Christ's treatment of men will be practised by all, we are not unmindful of difficulties. So long as sin blinds men, there can be no society in harmony with a Christian's outlook. Men must go back to God before New Jerusalem can be built in Australia.

Christ is Our Peace

PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

Call to Worship.—"Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."

Hymn.—No. 393, "God of mercy, God of grace."

Prayer.—Our Father in heaven, for thy great love to mankind in sending Jesus Christ into the world to take on our humanity; and for his sinless life in overcoming all temptation, thus showing the way to thee, we give thee thanks. Amen.

Bible Reading.—Luke 2: 1-20.

Hymn.—No. 82, "To us a child of hope is born."

Meditation.—"Christ is Our Peace."

As the Christmas season draws near, our thoughts turn to Bethlehem, to the babe born in a manger, and we see how he became one with humanity.

Because the Messiah came as a babe and went through the various stages of childhood, our love should go out to all children in the world.

Because the Christ was born of Mary, motherhood is honored the more where the Christ is known.

Because the angels sang their songs of praise to the shepherds who were watching their sheep on the hillside, we know that God often shares his greatest secrets with the lowly.

Because the Christ was a child-of refugees fleeing from tyranny, he has become one with displaced persons.

Because he worked as a carpenter, he has become one with the laborers of the world.

Because he developed physically, mentally and spiritually, overcoming temptation, he shows the way to live towards God and in harmony with our fellowmen.

Thus he shows us the way to peace in our personal relationships and in national affairs. He who said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" fills our hearts with peace, even in the midst of danger, when he abides in us.

Hymn.—No. 743, "O Jesus, King most wonderful."

Spontaneous Prayers.

Business.

Home mission notes, followed by prayer for home missions; overseas letters; prayer for overseas missions.

Address, "Christian Witness in Japan."

Hymn.

Benediction.



EXECUTIVE NOTES

New South Wales.—On Oct. 1 members of Newcastle Women's District Conference visited Sydney and led meeting. Mrs. W. Fraser gave a talk on week of evangelism held at Georgetown, Newcastle district. Mrs. Greenhalgh, president of Women's Conference, expressed pleasure of all at having the visitors present. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed when over 100 representatives of women's societies had lunch together following meeting.

Victoria.—At October meeting Mrs. Ploog was in chair, and there were 78 ladies present. Devotional session was led by Miss Chappell, a student at the college. A special welcome was extended to Mrs. Elliott, from Toowoomba, Qld., and to Mrs. Oldfield. President reported that as a result of appeal for sick Bible-woman, Mrs. Oliver had £31 in hand, plus £6 from retiring offering of last month. Mrs. McGregor reported on committee meeting in connection with young women's groups. Plans were in hand for publication of a suggested syllabus covering a year's work. Dr. Kemp was speaker

for afternoon. He spoke on the college as a member of board of management of which he is chairman, urging all to support the college in its work of training young men and women for work in the Christian church. Mrs. Withers reported that contributions to date for mission bands had reached £238.

Queensland.—Devotions at women's auxiliary October meeting were led by Mrs. S. Chalmers, of Boondall, assisted by Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Tonge and Mrs. Stout. Mrs. Haworth presided over business session, and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Hust (president of Congregational Women's Union), who spoke on the subject of prayer and commended the devotional service with its accompanying prayer session. Minutes of last meeting of Federal Conference Committee were read, and necessary information passed on to delegates attending conference. Several sisters have done visitation work in Rocklea district, and are holding fortnightly meetings for women in chapel there. Work at Zillmere calls for help from sisters, and it was hoped to start regular meetings there commencing on Oct. 12. Regret was expressed by several sisters when Mrs. L. G. Burgin tendered her resignation as recording secretary. Her work in that capacity has been excellent, and she will be missed when she leaves with her husband to take up work in N.Z.

South Australia.—Monthly meeting of auxiliary was held at Grote-st. on Oct. 7 with a splendid attendance of 107 sisters. Mrs. Fax, president, presided over devotional session. Mrs. Lawrence read scripture lesson; Mrs. Kelly sang a solo; an address was given by Mrs. Fax on "The Crusade." Mrs. Fax presided over business session and welcomed Mrs. J. E. Thomas (Victoria) and all, and hoped that the year we have entered will be a helpful one. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Shipway were appointed representatives for a period of three years on Women's United Church Association. Mrs. Howard, St. Morris; Miss McBain, Milang; Mrs. Dennis, St. Morris, had received the homecall during month, and Miss Grant offered a prayer for the bereaved. Mrs. Verco reported that £8 had been collected for home missions during September, and that the home mission rally would be held at November meeting. Mrs. Trowbridge read an interesting letter from Mrs. Coventry, of India. Overseas superintendent stated that government had stopped import of many items, so it was decided to send quilts to Norseman, W.A. Food parcels could still be sent to India. £5/16/- was received during September. Mrs. Tippet said that churches of Christ had raised £16 at Alliance fair. Mrs. Bartlett reported that board members had visited Morialta for inspection and were impressed by home. Mrs. De Laine was appointed proxy delegate to Bordertown sisters.



S.A. Women's Conference

THE president (Mrs. W. Green) occupied the chair at 10 a.m. and introduced leader of devotional half hour, Mrs. R. Vincent.

Conference opened with singing of a hymn, followed by prayer. Scripture reading preceded another hymn. The subject of Mrs. Vincent's splendid address was "Lost Islands."

A hymn and the benediction closed this portion of the day's proceedings.

At 10.30 a.m. the president took charge of business for morning session.

Precis of minutes of last conference was followed by secretary's report.

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Obituary superintendent reported that 26 sisters had been called to higher service during year. At conclusion of report the congregation sang "Asleep in Jesus."

Superintendents of following committees gave reports of year's activities: Dorcas, Literature, Temperance, Prayer Meeting, Hospital, Morialta Homes, Missionary, Education.

Mrs. F. Thomas (superintendent of Hospital Committee) retired this conference after 15 years' devoted service as superintendent of committee. A motion was moved that we place on record a minute of appreciation of Mrs. Thomas's long and faithful service.

Reports from six country church guilds and Dorcas societies were read.

At roll-call 193 sisters were present from city, suburban and country churches, 122 being delegates.

Election of officers and superintendents resulted in the following: President, Mrs. L. W. Fax; president-elect, Mrs. C. P. Hughes; vice-president, Mrs. A. J. Ingham; secretary, Mrs. W. Russell; treasurer, Mrs. J. Graham; recording secretary, Mrs. H. R. Charllick; Home Missions, Mrs. C. Verco; Overseas Missions, Mrs. M. Trowbridge; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. F. Harding; Obituary, Mrs. A. J. McCallum; Dorcas, Miss A. Mann; Literature, Mrs. A. Dodson; Hospital, Miss M. Leedham; Nominating, Mrs. J. E. Shipway; Catering, Mrs. H. Bartlett.

Treasurer presented financial balance sheet for year, which showed that at end of June there was £445/7/3 to credit representing home missions, overseas missions. Women's Federal Mission Fund, rest home, catering and general fund.

Morning session closed with prayer. A number of inter-church delegates were entertained at luncheon.

Mrs. W. Green presided at afternoon session, which was opened with a hymn and prayer.

Welcome was extended to all visitors by incoming president (Mrs. L. Fax). Greetings were given by inter-church delegates and an interstate visitor. Greetings were read from four lady missionaries in India, two interstate women's conferences, Women's Federal Conference, State Conference Executive.

Two verses of "Blest be the tie" were sung, after which Mrs. Marshall responded to welcome.

Having in mind the "theme" of the whole conference, "Crusading for a Christian World," Mrs. Green took as her subject for presidential address, "Salute Those Women," in which she stressed that Christ raised the status of women, placing them on an equality with men. The apostle Paul held women in very high esteem, and commended them for their service in the church. Women have greater opportunities than men of contacting women who are on the fringe of church activities, to bring them into fuller service.

Following the address this motion was moved, seconded and carried: "That this conference of women of churches of Christ in South Australia determines to support the Christian crusade by prayer, personal consecration and loyal service."

An offering for Christian Rest Home amounted to £16/14/11.

During the afternoon two beautiful messages in song were appreciated.

Four sisters who had given long and valuable service were each presented with a beautiful posy of flowers.

Home mission superintendent gave her report of year's service among the churches, and presented a cheque for £170/19/2 to State Home Mission Department.

Superintendent of the Overseas Mission Committee stated that cheque was not quite so large this year, but she thought this was compensated for by the many food parcels which had been sent by the churches, which amounted to a considerable sum. The cheque was £140.

A cheque for £87/16/- was handed to the Rest Home committee treasurer, being the amount raised during 1948 by the sisters.

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Food For Britain From the Island Christians

A YEAR ago we were able to report that the Christians on Aoba had donated £1000 for mission work, not necessarily their own special work. Later the Christians on Pentecost, much fewer in numbers and not nearly so prosperous as their Aoban brethren, donated £100.

Our Christian community are again showing their willingness to give to needy projects. Earlier we learned from Mr. Harold Finger that the Christians, mainly on Aoba, had contributed generously to the Food for Britain



Abel Barney,
Head teacher on Aoba, New Hebrides. He
has fine traits of leadership and is giving
splendid service.

Fund. For the Christians of our own group to donate nearly one-third of what was raised in the whole group, which comprised white planters and traders, is certainly commendable.

The South Seas Island publication, "Pacific Islands Monthly," has this paragraph in the September issue:

"The drive recently organised by the British residents of Vila, New Hebrides, for 'Food for Britain' parcels, resulted in the collection of approximately £A900. An interesting contribution was that of £A248 sent in by natives of the church of Christ and independent missions of Aoba and Maewo Islands in the north of the New Hebrides. These natives had not been asked to contribute, and had heard of the drive quite indirectly.

"Food parcels are being sent from Australia, partly to nominees of local workers in the drive, but mostly to the British Red Cross, which has kindly offered to distribute them to needy homes. Each parcel contains a card stating it has been sent 'by the British community in the New Hebrides' or 'from the natives of the missions of Aoba and Maewo Islands, New Hebrides,' as the case may be."

BORROWED PLUMES

WE are indebted to Mrs. Waterman for these amusing incidents which concern one of her numerous scholars.

"You will remember Gihl was the little chap who was so short and fat he could hardly wriggle off his seat to stand. He was the one who used to slip his trousers off when it was too hot. Of course he doesn't do it now. His brother, Willie Toka, is one of the two boys we have sent to Fiji for training. When

Willie went, Gihl laid claim to all of Willie's possessions. Willie's goat, his pig and fowls are all claimed by him. He claimed, too, his clothes which were not good enough to take to Fiji. I think Gihl must be over six now, perhaps seven, and Willie was about fourteen. I'm pretty sure the trousers he was wearing to-day were part of that acquisition, for try as he would they just wouldn't stay on his hips. He was hitching them all the morning. During drill he tried body bending, etc., with one hand clutching them. He's doing pretty well at school. I think he is the youngest in the class. He is not the best in the class, but he is pretty near the top. His reading is good, but his number work is a struggle."

SOS NEW HEBRIDES

Owing to sickness Mrs. Waterman has returned to Australia, thus delaying Mr. and Mrs. Finger's furlough.

Is there a suitable couple or mature lady willing to help in the work during this furlough period? Such worker or workers essential as Miss Kennedy cannot be left alone on station.

Address replies to Federal F.M. secretary, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A.

OUR STUDENTS AT FIJI

FROM the principal of the Lelean Memorial School we learn that Willie Toka (as mentioned above) and Frank Spooner have settled in well at the school and were then preparing for their examinations.

For boys leaving their own island and going across the seas to a strange island and amongst strange people, it must have seemed to them a venture almost equal to those who set off to discover the "New World." To them it is a new world, and our fervent prayers go forth that God will help and sustain them in their quest for knowledge and in the rightful use of such knowledge when it is granted them.



PENTECOST NEWS

THE new maternity house, built out of local materials, is proceeding slowly. The roof is nearly finished and the front wall almost completed.

The village of Me, with a population of over 100, has asked for a Christian teacher, and has sufficient interest and faith to erect a church building in readiness.

As the time draws near for the departure on furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, resident missionaries on Pentecost, the people are liking the idea less. They are reassured that the missionaries will return because, like the Master of the Parable of the Talents, the missionaries have set them work to do during the "waiting" period.

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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Americans Visit British Churches

CALLED to meet at Amsterdam for the World Council of Churches, some churches of Christ leaders from overseas were able to visit British churches, though in some cases it was literally a flying visit. In addition to those who were able to be present at the annual conference, Dr. Jesse Bader flew from Amsterdam to Leicester, preached on Sunday and continued his journey by air to U.S.A. the following day. More leisurely, Dr. Glenn Clark and J. W. Fiscus passed through Glasgow and preached on Sunday. The following day a rally of the district churches was held at Coplaw-st., at which Dr. Clark gave a stirring personal testimony of the power of prayer as he had found it in his own ministry. Dr. Clark is a colleague of Dr. Stanley Jones and Dr. Laubach.

Birmingham said a reluctant farewell to J. W. Fiscus and his wife and son on their return to U.S.A. Mr. Fiscus's ministry at Moseley-rd. will long be remembered.

Our own British delegates to Amsterdam have begun with follow up meetings. Dr. Robinson spoke at Birmingham, accompanied by Pastor Kostial, of Prague. James Gray travelled to Edinburgh and Wigan. The "Ecumenical Review," which is to be published by the World Council, will contain a review by W. Robinson of the volume on "The Universal Church in God's Design." Groups in the British churches will be studying the Amsterdam reports this winter.

A. T. De Groot, dean of Chapman College, Los Angeles, a leading historian of disciples in America, is to give a course of lectures at Overdale College during the present term. Dr. and Mrs. De Groot and their daughter are staying in Birmingham until December.

T. M. Selbie has been honored by the Coplaw-st. church, Glasgow, on completing fifty years' service as church secretary. He is a past chairman of conference, and for many years had charge of the press work.

A revival mission at Belfast, conducted by C. E. McGaughey, of Washington, U.S.A., resulted in 74 baptisms in 26 days, and has given the small church a new impetus.—C. J. Hammond.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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The officers and committee superintendents for the ensuing year were introduced to the audience by the retiring president.

The remaining reports from country churches were read. Prayer closed another session of conference.

Evening meeting was preceded by a bright song service. At 7.30 p.m. the president occupied the chair for closing service of a very splendid conference, which was well attended throughout day.

The retiring president was presented with a copy of God's word and a lovely posy of flowers as a token of love and esteem.

A pleasing part of the evening's programme was the young women's choir, which rendered several musical numbers. A young married woman read the scripture lesson.

Speaker was Mrs. Brigadier Somerville, who gave a helpful address on "Life's New Sphere."

Hymn and prayer brought another sisters' conference to a close.

For a number of years the executive have arranged a "social afternoon" on the Saturday for older members of churches, who gather for a time of happy fellowship and entertainment. Musical items, community singing, elocutionary items and reminiscences form the programme. At close refreshments are served by the ladies. During the afternoon tea a happy time of fellowship is enjoyed by all who are able to attend. This year about 130 were present.—(Mrs.) M. Trowbridge, acting assistant secretary.

AN AUSTRALIAN ROUND-UP

World Conference Not for Melbourne, 1950

Reg. Enniss, president of World Convention, makes the following announcement.

TWO days before leaving home for the Federal Conference at Perth, I received a long letter from San Francisco signed by two vice-presidents, the transportation secretary and the general secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

This letter told of many discussions with steamship companies concerning transport for our World Convention in Australia in 1950. Unfortunately the shipping position to-day on the Pacific is rather worse than it was a year ago, and there appears no prospect of material improvement in the near future. The only ship on the run is the Union Steamship Company's "Aorangi." This ship reaches Sydney every nine weeks and remains but four days. Such a timetable would not make possible the coming of our American brethren to Australia.

Shipping Company Explains

A letter to hand from the Matson Navigation Company contains the following:—

"There is no immediate prospect of Matson re-establishing its pre-war service between the United States and Australasia. There is always the outside possibility of again operating one passenger ship, but any move in that direction is still in the thinking and discussion stage. From our standpoint, therefore, we could offer no encouragement for the reason that we would be unable to give you any promise of adequate service or of a specific schedule which would permit you to begin your work of programming and organising the Melbourne meeting.

"The prospects of adequate shipping facilities by 1950 between North America and Australia are so negative that you would be wise to select another location for your meeting in that year. Perhaps by 1955, when you hold the following world meeting, we will be in a better position to co-operate in providing transportation for your group."

Upon receipt of this information the Melbourne committee of the World Convention was called together hurriedly. While regretting the position, the committee felt that, as it takes two years to organise a World Convention of our people in over forty countries of the world, it was decided to fall in with a suggestion of our American brethren that the idea of a World Convention in Australia be postponed to 1955, and that in the meantime we co-operate as we can with the holding of the World Convention in 1950, probably at Edinburgh, Scotland.

Federal Executive Accepts Recommendation

Before making this matter public, it was brought to our Federal Conference Executive in Perth, where the recommendation of the Melbourne committee found acceptance. Later the matter was publicly announced to the Perth conference. General regret was expressed, but all recognised the transport difficulties of the present day, and are ready to yield cheerfully to the inevitable.

No finality in the matter can be reached until my letter to the World Convention general secretary has been forwarded to all countries for approval. It is evident, however, that we in Australia must now advance our thinking to the year 1955.

Aborigines Missions

HONORARY ORGANISING SECRETARY
RETIRES

A MASTON BELL, who has given outstanding service to the Australian churches by working in the interests of the Australian aborigines mission, has been forced by the development of the work to resign in favor of D. Hammer.

There is no doubt that Mr. Bell made a unique contribution to aborigines' work. He has special ability for organising. With his



A. Maston Bell.

position in W.A. and the confidence people have in him, he was able to organise building drives for both Norseman and Carnarvon. This has done much to put missions on their feet. He has used himself and his business unsparingly in the Lord's work, at considerable cost, both physically and financially. As a mission worker in the difficult days at the commencement of the Carnarvon work Mr. Hammer realises that we owed a great deal to Mr. Bell for the successful outcome of that work.

Half-Yearly Conference

WEST MORETON CHURCHES, QLD.

ONE of the most successful half-yearly conference sessions ever held in Rosewood chapel took place on Oct. 9. Afternoon sessions were presided over by president of circuit, A. Hinrichsen, and by Mrs. David Kruger, president of Sisters' Conference. Mrs. Haworth, State president, addressed women of circuit, and J. (Scotty) Gibb addressed combined meeting which followed business sessions.

Mr. Caldicott, in his report, revealed that much had been achieved throughout the circuit; that souls had been won; that over £2000 had been expended on circuit and brotherhood work over past twelve months, and that corporate life of circuit had been invigorated with a zest which would carry them far into the future. Earnest visitation had been maintained, and between 600-700 homes had been contacted.

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A highlight of the day was the witness of about 200 members who marched through the streets of Rosewood, and later held an open-air meeting in centre of town. Scotty Gibb led the service, and a spiritual impact was definitely made throughout district.

Visitors were present from Brisbane, Toowoomba, and surrounding districts for evening meeting. An offering of £30 was presented on behalf of sisters in circuit for overseas missions. A. Hinrichsen presided over the crowded gathering, and all were helped by the excellent address presented by L. G. Burgin.

Success at Paddington, N.S.W.

VISITATION EVANGELISM.

DURING the week commencing Oct. 10, 43 visits were made by six teams in three nights. As a result the church has already received eleven additions—eight first confessions of faith in Christ, two reconsecrations, and one by letter of transfer.

Of course, these statistical results are themselves sufficient inspiration to the visitors, and, indeed, the whole church. But this more obvious result is only one reason amongst others that confirm my faith in this method of evangelism. The impetus given to the prayer life of the church is felt by many. It was touching to hear men pray, seeking forgiveness for not having previously told others what Christ meant to them and thanking God for a new challenge and opportunity. The visitors are determined that their work will not end now. One night each month in the future they plan to visit prospective, lapsed and shut-in members as assigned by the minister. One of the problems encountered in visiting was the problem of parents of young children in attending services. This will be met by voluntary "sitters."

Altogether the church now is keen to win and to keep members. It is the church doing the work of the church.—E. W. Rossy.

Anniversary at Boonah, Qld.

THE special services held in connection with the 56th anniversary of church at Boonah, Qld., were the best attended for some years. Extra seating accommodation was required at dedicatory service on Saturday night. The celebrations commenced with a thanksgiving tea at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, when 150 persons including visitors and friends had a happy reunion. The anniversary cake inscribed with the motto: "Praise Ye the Lord," adorned the table, and was later cut by the president of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Harry Muller, all present receiving a piece. The minister, V. G. Boettcher, presided, and the secretary, Alf. Jenner, read greetings from isolated members and friends who could not attend.

The service of dedication was attended by about 200 people, the preacher being A. C. Caldicott, of Rosewood. Mr. Caldicott said: "There are people in the church who keep people out of the church. So often the life of the professing Christian is out of accord with his profession of faith, and this retards the progress of the church which is the only hope of the world."

The new furnishings in the chapel include a new pulpit, new communion table and chairs on separate platform, side panelling in artistic polished silky oak with rear wall panelling to harmonise, and new floor covering. A new pulpit chair is yet to be installed. The improvements costing about £160 were a gift to the church from members of the board of deacons.

Here and There

"Tent mission at Harlaxton, Qld., with Harold Long as missionary, opened Sunday, Oct. 24, crowded meetings; four decisions."

Mrs. G. Waterman, missionary from New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney by air on Wednesday, Oct. 20, and proceeded to Melbourne to undergo medical treatment. She was welcomed at Spencer-st. station by members of the overseas committee and friends.

A very impressive service was held at Geelong, Vic., on Oct. 24 in memory of the late Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, M.L.A. After the communion service Mr. Stirling spoke on life and work of Mrs. Brownbill. Mr. Brown was received into fellowship. Visitation Evangelism is maintaining interest. Teams are still going out each week. At evening service Mr. Stirling preached, when four were baptised.

Church at Wembley Park, W.A., has had fellowship with many from Eastern States. On morning of Oct. 17, Dr. Oldfield gave Bible school an interesting talk on Dhond, and on same morning addressed church. In evening G. Stirling, of S.A., spoke to young people and afterwards preached gospel. There was record attendance of 112. Cottage prayer meetings are held on alternate Thursdays at various homes, average attendance being 18. Junior boys' club is well maintained, under leadership of Norman Gilbert. Nine new members have been added recently, making total of 33 active members; a record attendance of 27 was present on Oct. 12.

Jubilee celebrations at Subiaco, W.A., included a youth pageant entitled "Pioneers' Parade," presented on Oct. 5, featuring history of church over 50 years. On Oct. 7, some 230 sat to "jubilee" dinner. Representative speakers included E. F. Black, chairman of officers' board; J. W. Gordon, secretary; A. C. Olds, treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Nelson, ladies; A. D. Pyne, State and Federal Conference. Reminiscences were given by E. E. Nelson, R. F. Robbins, F. D. Pollard, A. E. Hurren and R. Raymond. During evening A. G. Elliott screened pictures of historic interest, relating to various persons who had served Subiaco church down the years. On Oct. 10 A. E. Hurren, of Victoria, a former preacher at Bagot-rd., was speaker morning and evening, both services being crowded. On Oct. 13 the cantata "The Prodigal Son," composed by C. M. Nelson, choirmaster, was presented to a packed house by an augmented choir of 60 voices. Great credit is due to conductor, soloists, choir and orchestra for splendid contribution to jubilee celebrations.

Church at Grote-st., Adelaide, was pleased to have A. W. Stephenson for the 102nd church anniversary gatherings. His addresses on evangelism were instructive and inspiring. Singing provided by Grote-st. choir, Choral Association and Northern Group choir was of very high order, and delighted all. Thanks are due to conductors F. Willing, A. Glastonbury and A. Roberts, together with organists, pianists and soloists, who contributed to success of meetings. On Sunday afternoon a recital by Mrs. M. Fooks, and Mr. Stephenson's travel talk, were appreciated. Conference president T. Turner presided at Monday night's meeting. At tea meeting on Oct. 19, many old friends met and enjoyed a chat. Ladies of church provided an excellent meal, and floral decorations were pleasing. All were sorry that Mrs. Beiler's health prevented her from being present; her greetings were conveyed to church by Mr. Beiler at service on Sunday morning. Mr. Beiler ably organised this splendid series of services. Church regrets to report passing of R. J. House. For many years he was in membership with York church, but was transferred to Grote-st. in 1944. He was a diligent and faithful brother, willing to help in work of church wherever he was needed. Sympathy is expressed to those who mourn.

The church at Albury, N.S.W., celebrated 21st anniversary on Oct. 19. Banquet tables were beautifully decorated and supplied by the ladies, and about 120 guests were seated. Mr. Morris was chairman, and a variety of items were rendered by members and friends. The cake was an attraction, and foundation members, also youngest two members, took part. Wangaratta members were well represented, and greetings were received from sister churches, also telegrams from Mrs. Pratt, in Queensland, and Mrs. A. Combridge at present in Ararat, who also was present at the first meeting of the church called by the late J. R. Combridge. Mr. Morris gave a short, interesting address. Offering amounted to over £62 (incomplete). A fine spirit prevails generally, Mr. Morris's addresses being appreciated. Gospel service attendances are increasing.

At Roma, Qld., on Oct. 10, the Jones-Samuels mission came to an end after four weeks of strenuous effort on part of missionaries and Mr. Parker, and a happy time of fellowship for church. First week's meetings were somewhat affected by rain, but otherwise all services were well attended. 15 confessions were registered during mission, and many other contacts made. Mission was made possible by generosity of Albert Waldron, who guaranteed finance to extent of £150. Visiting ministers during period of mission included Mr. Boettcher, Boonah, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Horne, Wambo Creek. On Oct. 16 church conducted diamond jubilee anniversary tea in Soldiers' Hall, when there were 80 present. Thankoffering amounting to £32 will be donated to building fund. Mr. Geizendanner spoke at both services on Sunday to largest congregation for some years, when building was almost filled to capacity. On Sunday night children of Bible school were presented with prizes and also certificates in connection with scripture examination.

E. C. Hinrichsen writes: "The mission at Northam, W.A., is over. Great were the blessings of God and grateful are we to him. We confess we were afraid of the venture owing to the fact that three missions were in progress. The Seventh Day Adventists were in a tent. The Mormons, with two missionaries from U.S.A., were in a hall. The followers of Judge Rutherford were in another hall, and visiting from house to house. We felt the whole town would be confused and tired of missions, and so it was. The power of positive preaching of the truth to cast out error is wonderful. Members have been confirmed in the faith, and several who were influenced in the wrong direction have come out for Christ and into the church. Mr. Thickens, the preacher, co-operated splendidly, worked hard, and was a help in every way. The whole church attended most encouragingly. It seemed that all came every night they were free. It was an inspiration to see the crowds of non-members attending every night. Converts came from all ranks. One had not been inside a church for 20 years, another for 18 years. Another who always avoided crowds, a legacy from the first world war, came, and then decided. On Monday night he said, 'This has been the happiest day in my life.' The officers were keen for mission to continue an extra week. I pointed out that it would mean an extra week of expenses. Two of the officers, after interviewing 14 people, came back with promises of £345, so keen were all to have the extra week. It was not necessary to take the thankoffering in the ordinary way. Still the total came to £500, being twice as much as was needed. This is home mission work. Do you support it?"

Federal Conference, 1948

THE twenty-second Federal Conference of 1 churches of Christ was held at Perth from Oct. 14-22. Some 250 delegates from various States and country areas enjoyed the hospitality of Perth metropolitan churches.

After a civic welcome to leaders of State delegations on Thursday, various sectional conferences were held in chapel at Lake-st. On Friday, in Perth Town Hall, an inaugural dinner and welcome to delegates was held.

Sessions included a meeting for preachers at Lake-st., Conference Sermon at Theatre Royal and departmental rallies at Trinity Congregational Church, St. George's Terrace. At business sessions the constitution was altered to provide for a more or less permanent secretariate. A change has been made to provide for a vice-president to be in each of the States, who shall have the opportunity of attending Federal Executive meetings on behalf of his State. The College of the Bible, Foreign Mission and the Federal Aborigines' Mission Boards may now have representatives from each State appointed to the respective boards, giving Australian-wide representation on these committees. Provision was also made for the formation of a Board of Christian Education.

In next issue we hope to present a detailed report of proceedings.

The next Federal Conference has been planned for Melbourne.

Visitation Evangelism

CASTLEMAINE, NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN, VIC., AND LANE COVE, N.S.W.

THE church at Lane Cove, N.S.W., during the week Oct. 17 to 24, engaged in a special Visitation Evangelism under leadership of H. J. Patterson. On each of four nights, after meeting together for tea and prayer, four teams went out two by two and called at homes of prospects where names on cards were handed to them. In every instance they were well received, and were able in most homes to present the claims of the Master. The group of workers who each night provided tea for visiting teams, along with others who came, spent time in praying together for prospects and visitors. Return of teams each night was eagerly awaited, and reports received with elation and thanksgiving. Nine decision cards were signed and two promises of restoration received. The effort has been an enriching experience for church. At service of climax on Sunday evening there were seven decisions and one restoration.

A week of Visitation Evangelism has been held at North Williamstown, Vic., with the co-operation of N. Gavros, of Sunshine. Sixteen members shared the visitation, and contacted 45 people at 34 homes. Ladies of church provided tea for visitors, and a prayer meeting was held in chapel during each night of effort. The visitors enjoyed the experience, some came "looking for more." A cordial reception at all homes visited indicates the readiness of people to receive and respond to Christian callers. At concluding service of campaign on Oct. 17, Mr. Gavros preached and five responded to invitation. Other non-members have been interested by campaign, and some should be added later.

The church at Castlemaine, Vic., rejoices in spiritual uplift received as a result of the Visitation Evangelism effort held during Oct. 10-17. S. Neighbour came to Castlemaine on Oct. 10 and assisted church. Much prayer ascended and church, though not large in numbers, was keen to accept task. Mr. Neighbour encouraged those who went visiting, and though they found the task difficult, they gained much satisfaction. On Oct. 17, four made the good confession—a married man, a married woman and two young women. Sunday evening gospel meeting was best attended for a long time.—R. A. Banks.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Oct. 10 was Flower Sunday; good attendances morning and evening. At night Margaret Neilsen confessed Christ. Fellowship was enjoyed on Sept. 26 with isolated members, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wissmann. Aged Sister Cannon is not well, and several members and friends have been laid aside in sickness. Sister L. Bust is still in Brisbane General Hospital. On Sept. 28 a successful day of fellowship was held in chapel, several friends from other churches co-operating. Services continue monthly at Rosedale and fortnightly at Sims-rd. Local brethren are helping with speaking appointments in the four places for meetings and will continue as possible at Goodwood.

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—B. Golder, who is visiting northern Tasmania, was at Caveside and Mole Creek on Oct. 3 and conducted services. Two pupils gained prizes in Federal Bible school examination.

West Hobart.—S. Cooper and R. Boxhall, Collins-st., J. Woolley, B. Golder and H. England have given appreciated addresses during recent services. Attendances, especially in mornings, have been good. Bible school continues to be encouraging. There have been two new scholars in past fortnight. On Oct. 17 kindergarten held successful anniversary services, solos, items, etc., being given by kinders. F. E. Parsons, headmaster Bowen-rd. State school, gave an interesting and helpful address. At gospel service M. Richardson was speaker. Musical items were rendered by scholars.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—At annual teachers' meeting Mr. Burt was elected superintendent of Sunday school, J. Heard secretary, and C. J. Mason treasurer. Monthly Young People's Fellowship was addressed by Mr. Lincoln, from Christian Centre, who gave a thoughtful and challenging message. Southern District Conference is to be held this year at Nubeena, and following have been asked to act as delegates—Mr. Burt, Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Watkins. Visitors at services have included brethren from Warragul and Sunshine, Vic. Church will shortly be losing services of treasurer, J. Boxhall, who has been promoted to Inspector of Police, and appointed to Oatlands. Mr. and Mrs. Boxhall have given many years of faithful service to church, and will be greatly missed. Midweek prayer meetings held in homes of members are well attended, and interest is shown in study of Book of Acts. Officers have asked Mr. Burt to bring before church in a series of morning addresses aims and methods of Visitation Evangelism with a view to inducing members to embark on this venture. With £20, this year's College of the Bible offering reached record high level for Collins-st.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. Attendances were excellent, over 300 being present on two occasions. T. J. Wilmot conducted singing, assisted by Mrs. M. Stevens and K. Younger at organ and piano. Display of handwork and models by kindergarten and primary departments attracted much attention. During following week premises were obtained in centre of city, where these displays were tastefully arranged and attracted many who commented very favorably. A sub-leader in local daily newspaper commended school on its enterprise and in training of child in Christian principles. Church was saddened to sustain loss of one of its members, George Dewesberry, who passed away suddenly on Sept. 18. Members were pleased to renew fellowship with Mrs. H. Scott Brown, of Wangaratta, Vic., on Sept. 19.

During absence of church secretary, Jas Harrison, who is undergoing repatriation treatment, Max Wilson has been acting as temporary secretary. Church was represented at Federal Conference by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilmot and Mrs. W. G. Stevens. Men's Fellowship on Oct. 10 was addressed by minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mr. MacKnight Jones. Annual offering for College of Bible to date is £18/4/-.

New South Wales

Canley Vale.—Happy Hour, under R. V. Amos, concluded with attendance of 123. Much interest was aroused among children and parents. E. Davis addressed morning meeting on Oct. 17, when about 40 gathered in an "every-member-present" service. On that day Mr. Davis, assisted by E. Oswald, as song-leader, commenced a tent mission. Attendances first few nights have been encouraging. Paramatta District Women's Conference met at Canley Vale on Oct. 14, speaker being Mrs. Hutton, of China Inland Mission. Ladies raised £14 at recent stall for manse fund. Building is progressing, roof having been completed.

Warner's Bay.—A successful year culminated with anniversary services on Oct. 3. The year commenced with 22 scholars, and there are now 36 children, including kindergarten, on rolls as active and interested pupils, with staff of six teachers. School is handicapped somewhat in having to hire a hall, but negotiations are being made to buy a block of land and ultimately to build a chapel. Mrs. Thornton, kindergarten superintendent, presided over afternoon anniversary service, with kinders taking major parts, and H. Wilson gave an interesting illustrated address to a packed hall. Evening service was presided over by Mrs. Duffey, S.S. superintendent, and upper classes of school took most items. H. Robson combined anniversary talk with a gospel message.

Wiley Park.—A happy time of fellowship was spent at Mr. Oldfield's residence, Sans Souci, on recent week-end by over 20 young people from Wiley Park and Fairfield. Mr. Dewberry was camp leader, and Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn camp uncle and auntie. First Ladies' Fellowship meeting was held in new chapel on Oct. 12. President Mrs. Fishburn was recipient of several books and a basket of flowers, a tribute of thanks from sisters, as she had made her home available for all previous meetings. Members of choir recently joined in a social supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, at whose home choir practice had been held since inauguration. Mrs. Cooper was presented with a salad-bowl. Members of church express love and sympathy to Mr. Brown and family in passing of his wife and their mother. Since opening of chapel attendances have increased, and several new folk are attending services. There have been as many as 43 at recent prayer meetings.

Broken Hill.—Attendances have been affected by sickness of members and several families being on holidays. On Sept. 10, J. Cremer was speaker. R. Hilford spoke in morning at Wills-st. and at Wolfram-st. in evening. Misses Sultich and M. Karlson were visitors from Wollongong church. Mr. Quisby, of Pt. Lincoln, S.A., was present recently. Mr. Hilford's addresses on Sept. 17 were helpful. L. Warren preached at Railwaytown. Those who have sung solos recently have been Miss Sultich at gospel services and L. Warren. A duet was sung on 17th by Miss N. Rough and M. Rough. Young people of church spent a happy day of tennis on holiday, Oct. 4. Ow-

ing to Mr. Anderson's visit and Bible school anniversaries of both schools last month, Loyalty Month for young people is being held this month with good meetings. On Sept. 12 there was a good attendance of young people and several older members. Owing to failure of electricity, city was in darkness, so party went to residence of Mr. and Mrs. Les Warren, where an inspiring meeting was held by light of kerosene lamp. Mrs. A. Hosking has gone into hospital for operation.

Western Australia

Claremont.—Church appreciated visit of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Wendy, of Brighton, Vic. Mrs. Taylor delighted with her singing, and her contribution to concert in aid of manse fund. At Bible school anniversary on Sept. 26 and 28, R. Hillier, of Victoria Park, delighted with his talk in afternoon. S. G. Taylor spoke in evening. Church sympathises with Matron Hill in passing of her father. Recent visitors from East have been Mr. Lacey, Ormond, Vic.; Sister Anderson, Caulfield, Vic.; Sister Tyrrell, Semaphore, S.A.; Mr. Perl and Cecil Robinson, Bendigo, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Leach and daughters, Burwood, N.S.W.; R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. V. Stafford, Melbourne. Inspiring addresses were given by C. Robinson, R. Greenhalgh and V. Stafford.

Perth (Lake-st.).—On Sept. 19, good attendance, stirring music and inspirational addresses made excellent broadcast services. Sunday school anniversary was celebrated at 3 p.m. on 26th, with a large cradle roll muster, an interesting kindergarten item, and an attentively followed flannelgraph talk by Miss R. Brewer, of A.S.C.M. In evening school formed choir and rendered pleasing songs under baton of A. Povey, church choir-leader. On following Tuesday evening was shown an exhibition of young people's handicrafts in illustration of current Sunday school lessons. There were also choir items and prize-giving. Anniversary season closed with tea and social evening on following Friday. A number of church members gave Show Day to help renovating hall, preparatory to Federal Conference meetings, and others gave next Saturday. Church members have taken active interest during month in United Council of Christian Women, at a luncheon on Sept. 30; annual China Inland Mission meeting on Oct. 2; Youth Department's hill excursion postponed from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2. It was a pleasing experience to have Keith Jones address church after many years' absence from West. Mr. and Mrs. Greaves have been welcomed into fellowship, also a lad from Boys' Club. Average weekly offerings have been £16. Federal Conference activities have overshadowed local interests for last fortnight, Lake-st. being centre for business and meal sessions.

South Australia

Prospect.—Owing to inclement weather Sunday school picnic which was to have been held on Labor Day at Morialta Reserve had to be cancelled. In place of picnic, parents and scholars were entertained in school hall and grounds, and a happy day was spent. Tuesday night fellowship meetings have been resumed, "The Life of Peter" forming basis for Bible study. Church has been pleased to have fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries, from Fremantle, W.A., and welcomes into fellowship Miss C. Candida. R. Vincent was speaker at both services on the Sunday.

Mile End.—Since W. L. Ewers has taken over ministry, meetings show added interest with better attendances. A men's fellowship tea was held on Oct. 10, when Dr. Trevor Turner gave an excellent address, and in evening a male choir sang splendidly. On Saturday previously Bible school held a successful picnic at Morialta Waterfall Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Thomas, Mrs. Les Norman, Mrs. Eden, Miss Olive Moore and Miss Thora Smith went to W.A. to Federal

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Conference. Officers of church have decided to enter into spirit of crusade for Christ, and a committee has been formed to prepare plans for comprehensive crusade early in new year.

Nailsworth.—On Oct. 14, Bible school anniversary prize-giving concert was held, when all departments were represented on programme. Anniversary was concluded on Oct. 17, when kinders received prizes and rendered most items at afternoon session. An honor certificate was awarded to school on behalf of Youth Department won at recent efficiency tournament. Anniversary meetings for day were crowded, and at night A. J. Fisher gave a sand tray talk for scholars. On Oct. 16, Recreation Club held a successful moonlight hike, a large number going to Brownhill Creek Reserve.

Aldgate Valley.—On Oct. 16, at 3.30 p.m., chapel memorial porch was officially opened. J. T. Train conducted opening ceremony, assisted by J. H. Cain. Weather was ideal for service, which was held outside. Over 50 people were present, some of whom came long distances. An inscribed marble tablet has been set on inside wall of porch to perpetuate memory of Peter Nation, late of 2nd A.I.F. At 5 p.m. a sit down tea was provided by ladies. The following day (Oct. 17), 49th church anniversary services were held. J. T. Train was speaker at worship service, while J. Cain preached at gospel service. There were good congregations, and an inspiring day was spent.

Kadina.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 17 and 18. Attendances were, Sunday 116 (afternoon), 142 (night), Monday night 90. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Paker, from Long Plains. Mr. Baker's addresses at all services were appreciated. Singing of scholars under baton of C. E. Larcombe, with Mrs. A. R. Paterson at piano, was enjoyed. Prizes were distributed to scholars who had gained required number of marks, and also to those who had sat in scripture examination. Ladies' Guild has prepared another parcel containing over 200 garments, which will be forwarded to Carnarvon mission station. Don Pedler, from Queensland, has been a visitor over past few Sundays.

Kilburn.—Due to stormy weather, Bible school picnic was cancelled. Children will now be catered for more extensively, through their Christmas parties arranged for each department, than previously planned, when races will be run and prizes awarded, as well as general sports programme. A gift of £23/7/2 towards building fund is acknowledged from Echunga church through H.M. Department. 102 were present at 10 a.m. Bible school on Oct. 17, at conclusion of which picnic sweets were distributed. Attendance at 11 a.m. service was 22 adults and 30 young worshippers. At 7 p.m. gospel service M. Richter gave an excellent address. A brother and sister from Mile End church are thanked for donation of £5 for kindergarten chairs.

Dulwich.—Mr. Cave attended preachers' refresher course at Mylor and has attended Federal Conference in W.A. In his absence, visiting speakers have been Mr. Train, A. Wilson (University geology lecturer) and D. Brook, of Maylands. Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Rudd and Mr. Kentish also went to W.A. Mr. Cave spoke at Inglewood on Oct. 17. In recent State conference youth night, Miss H. Grant received a certificate for 25 years' service in Bible school. Mr. Cave has been honored with next year's conference presidency. An excellent social evening was given to retiring choir-leader and organist, Mr. Maddern, on Sept. 30. Several past members and two past preachers (Dr. Turner and F. Collins) were present. Mr. Maddern was presented with an easy chair, and Mrs. Maddern with a sheaf of flowers. They spent a deserved holiday at Victor Harbour. Miss Alison Verco is now choir-leader. Despite wet weather S.S. picnic was held in hall with great success; about 70 attended. About 40 attended a bright meeting held by Band of Hope youth

director, H. E. Paddick, on Oct. 15. Several joined up with movement. Miss Esma Harris, with excellent service as J.C.E. leader, was transferred to Whyalla. Miss Harris gave a testimony at recent youth rally. Mrs. Black celebrated her 80th birthday early in October. K.S.P. visited Osborne Power House on Oct. 8. A preliminary meeting to discuss formation of a Girls' Life Brigade section was held on Oct. 7. Tennis season opened with a narrow defeat by Edwardstown in B grade. Through special meetings a song service now precedes gospel service.

Victoria

Wonga Park (Yarra-rd.).—Attendances at morning services are maintained. Speakers for September were Messrs. Russell, Noble, Clinton and Randell. £10/5/- was collected for children of Europe appeal, also parcel of clothing.

Hampton.—Sunday school anniversary has been held successfully. Temple Day was observed on Oct. 24, offering amounting to £79. Hospital appeal resulted in £9/18/6. The preacher, C. L. Lang, and Mrs. Lang have left on annual vacation.

Ascot Vale.—On Oct. 10, R. Story showed films on work of U.F.M. in Brazil and Papua. Afterwards a number of members attended first of united Christian witness meetings held in Moonee Ponds Theatre. Members are enjoying fellowship with Mrs. Burt, visiting from Tasmania.

Newmarket.—Church is preparing for visitation campaign. On Oct. 17, Mr. Burns, of North Essendon, addressed church. Oct. 24, Mr. Wright, North Essendon, was speaker. Mr. Sack addressed gospel meeting. On Oct. 9 a shower tea was given to Miss West in view of her approaching marriage.

Boort.—Church has concluded a special series of meetings for two weeks, ending with a pleasant Sunday afternoon. V. Quayle gave addresses which all appreciated. Mrs. Quayle has recently been welcomed. Two faithful preachers, Mr. Lanyon and Mr. Streader, were lately presented with leather zipp fastening folios for their six years' service to church. Members were happy to have W. Gale on Oct. 10.

Collingwood.—Attendance is slightly improving. Church appreciates Mr. Cook's services. On Oct. 24 Mr. Roberts took evening service, which was enjoyed. Mrs. Lord attended, all being pleased to see her after illness. R. Darby is missed from services, and all wish him speedy recovery from illness. Sunday school regrets his resignation as superintendent through illness. Teachers have elected Mr. Scott in his place.

Stawell.—Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 10, when Mr. Mathieson, of Horsham church, was speaker, and attendances at all meetings were best for some years (over 100 at evening service, including children). On Oct. 11 a tea and prize-giving were attended by a large number. D. Hibburt was speaker on Oct. 17. Mr. Mudford also continues to give good service. Members welcome Mrs. Mortyn, who has come to join her husband in their new home.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Church is in midst of a "Loyalty Month," following a month of concentration on Bible reading and home devotions in which Doveton-st. and Mount Clear churches also shared. Explorer Club's cricket team opened season's play with a win. Men's Club concluded a successful year's syllabus with a banquet on Oct. 12. On evening of Oct. 17 three men were baptised. There have been good attendances, and presence of visitors in city for South-st. competitions has been appreciated.

Footscray.—Prior to Mr. and Mrs. Hurren's departure to W.A. for Federal Conference, church tendered them a social evening, when a cheque was presented. During Mr. Hurren's absence, C. Young was speaker on evening of Oct. 3, and at both meetings on Oct. 10 and 17. Church has been grateful for and helped by Mr. Young's assistance. On Oct. 21 Young Women's Guild conducted a concert in aid of churches of Christ hospital at Murrumbidgee.

Balwyn.—Church attendances are fair. Sunday school is facing a grave shortage of teachers. There have been five decisions in recent weeks—four girls and a young man from Bible school. The school is celebrating 26th anniversary. Chapel was crowded afternoon and evening on Oct. 24, D. Wilson and D. Thomas being speakers. Singing of school under leadership of Mr. Smith was excellent. Concert and prize-giving held in local hall was outstanding success, £30 being received for S.S. funds.

Geelong.—Continued interest is experienced as result of visitation evangelism. Numbers have increased at all meetings. At morning service on Oct. 17, Mr. McDonald gave a helpful exhortation. At night Mr. Stirling was preacher, and three who had accepted Christ were baptised. On Oct. 13, Ladies' Aid Society held 34th birthday celebration. Mrs. Mae Robertson provided a musical programme. On evening of Oct. 16, young folk joined in an enjoyable social with Drumcondra and Belmont young people at Drumcondra chapel.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Attendances on Lord's days are well maintained, addresses and gospel sermons of R. M. Wilson being helpful and appreciated. R. Enniss, Dr. Oldfield, A. Johnson and Mesdames Pang, Westcott and Magilton have attended conference at Perth, W.A. A successful concert, sponsored by Miss W. Lee, in aid of manse fund, was held in chapel on Oct. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Laurie McClean have returned from Queensland. Mr. and Mrs. E. McClean are holidaying at Rosebud. Misses Pittman and Davies have enjoyed a holiday at Mildura. Fellowship prayer meeting at home of Miss Prittie was well attended.

Warrnambool.—At annual business meeting on Oct. 13, it was found that church was in satisfactory financial state. Secretary reported 15 new members added to church during year, six of them Sunday school scholars. Deacons and deaconesses elected for coming year are: C. G. G. Clowes, C. LeCouteur, A. Tinker, V. H. Jenkins, C. Houston; Mesdames S. V. Petterd, G. Jenkins, C. G. G. Clowes, H. Cook, W. Robb, Misses L. Mussen and V. LeCouteur. A church tennis club has been formed, and it is hoped that sites will soon be obtainable for courts. A new fence has been erected at back of chapel, making great improvement to appearance of grounds. Alf. Richter is an inmate of hospital, and all wish him speedy recovery. Children of Sunday school are practising for anniversary. Mrs. C. Dunlop is training children in choral work.

Reservoir.—On Sept. 26 Mrs. Mitchell was received into fellowship. Bible school anniversary meetings were held on Oct. 3 and 10. Speakers were Mr. Parsons, Mr. Trezise, Mr. Burns and Mr. Townsend. Children sang splendidly under leadership of Harold Plummer. At close of Mr. Townsend's address a number of scholars signified desire to follow Christ. As a result, six of these made good confession at gospel service on Oct. 17. Two more did likewise on 24th. Marjorie Trathen and Harold Plummer were married on Oct. 23, Mr. Burns officiating. A kitchen tea was held in their honor on Oct. 28, under sponsorship of Mrs. McInnes. Many useful gifts were presented. Both tennis teams and cricket teams are having successful season, tennis team having won all matches. Cricketers have lost one and won the other match. Bible school concert and presentation of prizes took place on Oct. 14. Building was crowded, and a splendid concert was given. Prizes were presented to scholars from school, also diplomas won in annual examinations. On Oct. 3 Mr. Trezise congratulated Reservoir scholars

on winning two first prizes in examinations. Bible school made a presentation to Marjorie Trathen and Harold Plummer on Oct. 17. They have both given faithful service on teaching staff.

Horsham.—North-western District Conference was held at Horsham on Sept. 25. B. J. Combridge and S. Neighbour were visiting speakers, and following Lord's day S. Neighbour spoke on crusade aims and methods. On Oct. 16 a successful Bible school anniversary was held in school hall. Singing by scholars was under direction of A. Harmer. Ron Muller's addresses at three services were appreciated. Two senior girls responded to gospel appeal. Recent marriages celebrated were John Harmer and Joyce Berry and Len Fulton and June Rayson. G. M. Mathieson officiated. Mr. Mathieson is absent at present through a minor injury.

North Richmond.—Church is progressing under interim ministry of Mr. Baird. On Oct. 17, two girls—June Goldsmith and Joyce McDougal—decided for Christ. On Oct. 23 Temple Day was observed, and a quiet respite of peace and prayer was enjoyed by all who attended. On Oct. 24 church anniversary was held. In morning F. T. Morgan, of Box Hill, was speaker. A pleasant Sunday afternoon was held at 3 p.m. Children sang under able leadership of A. Alderson. Miss D. Martin, of Sudan United Mission, gave a helpful lantern lecture. At 5 p.m. fellowship tea was partaken by 80 past and present members, and many happy reunions took place. Hospital Sunday appeal was held in conjunction with church anniversary, and over £10 is to hand. 160 past and present members attended gospel service, conducted by Mr. Baird and Thos. Hagger, Mr. Hagger giving a helpful address. Tennis club is progressing well, and cricket club reports success in first game.

Essendon.—On Oct. 6 Mr. and Mrs. M. Nicholson celebrated silver wedding anniversary. A large number of friends were entertained in school hall, then later partook of a beautifully catered supper. Mr. Mellhagger was speaker at all services on Oct. 10 and 17. C.M.S. monthly tea meeting was held on Oct. 10, an interesting talk on hospital visitation being given by C. Young. At morning service on Oct. 17, Miss Middleton was welcomed back after illness. Miss Barndon was soloist at night. Miss R. Roberts spoke on "Floral Art" at young women's fellowship on Oct. 12. At P.B.P. combined quarterly devotional meeting with Ladies' Mission Band on Oct. 14, Mrs. McCann was speaker. S. Fordham (Moreland) presided at morning service on Oct. 24. Mr. Duggleby (North Essendon Methodist) was speaker, exchanging with Mr. Mellhagger, in preparation for week of Christian witness. P.B.P. club in recent home-crafts competitions won third place. Monthly officers' social was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, an enjoyable evening being spent.

Oakleigh.—Parents and friends have greatly encouraged Bible school and kindergarten by full attendances in town hall for anniversary services on Oct. 17 and 24. Singing by school was splendid, a credit to conductor, C. Ferguson. Miss E. Seantlebury was pianiste and Mr. Wright presided. C. L. McGregor, superintendent, attending Federal Conference, was absent for first time in many years. Speakers were S. Giles, W. W. Saunders, D. Wakeley and minister K. J. Patterson, all giving excellent addresses. Offering for school building fund on Oct. 24 was £22/15/4. A welcome evening was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Patterson on Oct. 22. Attendance, particularly of young people, was good. R. Boak was chairman, and youth choir members provided enjoyable items. Expressions of welcome were made by Miss D. Ashley and H. Farmer (youth auxiliaries), Mrs. Hodges (ladies), Major Cake (district ministers' fraternal), and F. R. Gillespie (church). Mrs. and Mr. Patterson responded. Supper in hall ended happy gathering. Ladies continue good work with

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BIRTHS

SKERMAN (nee Saunders).—On Oct. 18, at Hopetoun, Elsternwick, to Doris and Colin—**STODDEN** (nee Squires).—On Oct. 16, at "Carbethon" private hospital, East Malvern, to Marjorie and Errol—a daughter (Kerryn Marjorie).

DEATH

SNOW.—On Oct. 16, in Sydney, Alan David, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Snow, 77 Macarthur-ave., Strathfield; brother of Valerie and Neville. Aged 21 years. At rest.

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BROAD.—In loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Barbara Elsie, who died result accident Oct. 20, 1946; 21 months.

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We who loved you, sadly miss you

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—Inserted by her loving mother, father, sister Frances and four brothers, Arthur, David, Raymond and Trevor Broad.

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LEE.—In loving memory of our dear son, L. Auburn (late 2nd A.I.F.), who died suddenly on Oct. 29, 1945; loved brother of Ray, Merv. (dec.), Ken. (dec.) and Rod.

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Tribute to Mrs. F. E. Brownbill M.L.A.

THE Geelong (Latrobe-terr.), Vic., church sustained a serious loss in the passing of Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, M.L.A. Mrs. Brownbill confessed faith in Christ Jesus at Geelong, and was immersed in the year 1912 during the ministry of Mr. Gifford Gordon. Since that period she has been a faithful member, and has occupied the position of kindergarten superintendent. She was also a foundation member of the Kentucky Club, and took an interest in Christian Endeavor work. Our sister was president of the Ladies' Aid Society for a number of years. In 1938 Mrs. Brownbill succeeded her husband, the late Mr. Wm. Brownbill, M.L.A., as a member of the Victorian State Legislative Assembly, which position she successfully held until her death. She took a keen interest in public and charitable work in Geelong and districts, and also in other places, and will be greatly missed by many who benefited by her gracious influence and help. Many were the touching tributes to her memory. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Geelong. Crowds of people lined the major portions of the route of the cortege as it made its way to the Western Cemetery of Geelong. Representatives of the Federal and State Parliaments were present at the funeral, also other churches and charitable institutions were represented to pay their last respects to one who had been such a great help in the years gone by. The funeral services were conducted at the home and the cemetery by the writer, and D. D. Stewart made special reference at the graveside to the life and work of our departed sister. The church at Latrobe-terrace extends loving Christian sympathy to all relatives, and commends them to the comfort of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, until that day when the dead in Christ shall rise triumphant over death.—D. R. Stirling.

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OVERSEAS APPRECIATION OF "A.C."

I HAVE just received a bundle of "Australian Christians," and hasten to congratulate you on the quality of your journal. I confess that I had my secret misgivings when our

great brother, A. R. Main, vacated his editorial chair! I can scarcely be considered impartial when I say that your weekly is still the best reading matter that visits my desk. For instance, in this material before me, I consider your editorial, "The Freedom of the Local Church," to be the most forthright and courageous treatment I have read for a long time (May 25 issue). This problem has divided our people here into two camps, and arrayed two great papers against each other. We must avoid the Scylla of individualistic anarchy and the Charybdis of ecclesiastical monopoly and domination. Centralised authority and overhead organisation bring grave dangers, even as irresponsible independence incurs serious perils. T. D. Maiden's "What Next?" (April 13) is also a splendid diagnosis. Unified programme planning has the merit of efficiency, but at the expense of democracy. The how to get things done, i.e., methods and procedures, have divided us. What are opinions and non-essentials? To the conservative group that disavowed themselves from us in 1906, the use of the organ or piano was a matter of vital doctrine and a test of fellowship. Are not essentials restricted to that which is clearly revealed or ordained, explicitly commanded with a "Thus saith the Lord"? Where the authority of the Lord is at stake we cannot compromise. But there must be charity and concessions on expediencies and plans or programmes. May the solution be speedily found.—A. N. Hinrichsen, Texas, U.S.A.

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