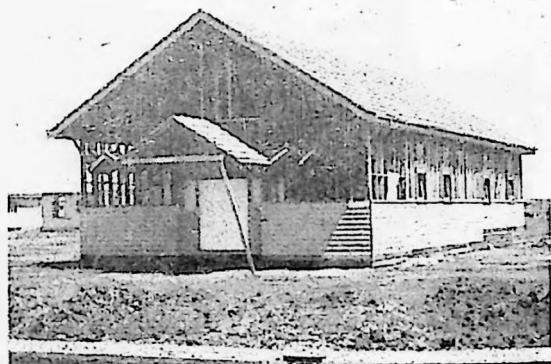


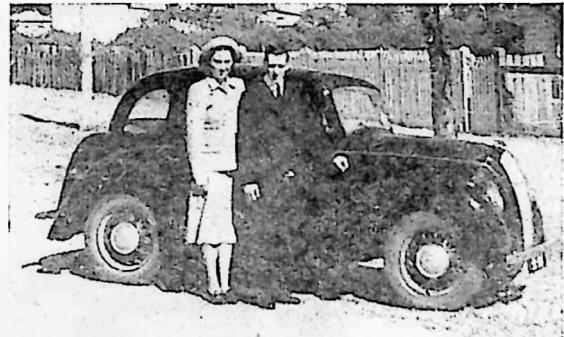
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New Chapels for New Housing Areas



Travelling Evangelists for Country Circuits

# Victoria Says:

## Home Missions are Basic to All Brotherhood Progress

### The Passing Harvest

*A. E. Hurren, President of Conference.*

IT is in the very nature of a harvest that it is passing. Great preparation has been made—much effort by man and experience of the goodness of God in sending the rain and sunshine. Then the time of harvest. With what a sense of awe we look upon it, realising the risk of loss until the harvest is gathered. In the nature of the case it cannot last. Much



Drumcondra.

effort—immediate and persistent—is needed before it is too late.

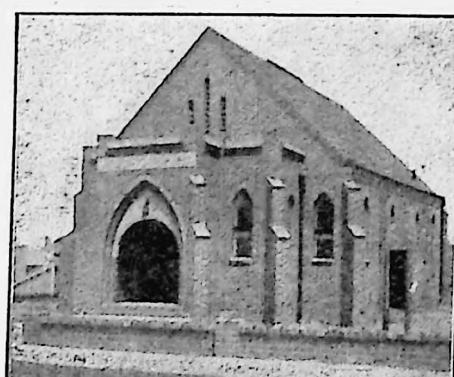
Jesus saw fields "white unto harvest," and advised prayer for workers to gather the harvest. Surely to-day—when men are seeing the futility of man's pursuit of the material and when Christians are seeking a means of co-operation with a view to ultimate union—an evangelistic people with such a clear call to unity as we have always presented, should recognise the urgency of the harvest. Who knows how long these days of grace will last—and the harvest be lost?

Our Home Missionary Committee is faced with the tremendous opportunity that exists, but also with a sense of frustration because of the very limited funds available. In many cases the harvest will not last. We must gather it now or lose it for ever. Oh, may the real joy of harvest be ours as we gather in the golden sheaves for the Master!



### Visitation Evangelism

PERHAPS the outstanding home mission enterprise of the year has been the launching of the campaign of Visitation Evangelism under the direction of A. W. Stephenson, M.A. He has adapted to Australian conditions what our American brethren have done. He has shown much skill, enterprise and devotion. The churches and preachers have co-operated splendidly. The results have cheered us all. Over 400 have been added to the churches. A new programme is envisaged for next year.



Frankston (T. Hagger).

### From the Treasurer

*Geo. W. Mitchell, Home Mission and Conference Treasurer.*

OF his church Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In complete confidence, then, we plan for kingdom extension. Our brotherhood has a task and a trust to fulfil in this present day. A strong home base is the first essential. To help small causes to maturity, to establish congregations with our Lord's message in new areas, to encourage and assist every type of evangelistic work is the responsibility of the committee.

The Visitation Evangelism campaign has enhanced, in many of our churches, the sense of personal responsibility in our unfinished task. The "Crusade for a Christian World" emphasises the challenge to strengthen the brotherhood in our own State.

Will every member give liberally to the annual offering on November 27—a record gift for record progress?



Warracknabeal.

### First Conference Committee

OUR history reveals that the first co-operative brotherhood enterprise was the formation of a conference for the furtherance of the gospel, and the first committee of that conference set up was that of home missions.

In review we find this committee has been responsible for the establishment of many new fields, for devotion to the cause of evangelism and the granting of financial assistance to the churches. Over sixty per cent. of our Victorian churches have thus been helped, including such causes as Malvern, Box Hill, Oakleigh, Hartwell, Preston, Northcote, Geelong, Horsham and Kaniva, to mention but a few.

Members of committee travel extensively in their ministry of care and oversight, covering thousands of miles.

Much has been done, but only the fringe of possibilities has been touched. Whose task is this? No one church is equipped for it, but if all co-operate then it can be done. The body which connects all into a channel of brotherhood supply is home missions. Make your link with home missions effective on Nov. 28.



### Self Supporting

SPRINGVALE and Shepparton have this year become self-supporting. Several times in Shepparton's sixty-seven years it called for the help of the brotherhood. We rejoice with both to-day, and they express thanks to the brotherhood. What a pleasure to be a partner in such a work, and so we thank you who made it possible.

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### Just Look at This

THESE campaigners for the Restoration Movement deserve the best the brotherhood can give.

Cecil Jackel would have us look hard at Gippsland. But V. Quayle calls our attention to the Middle District and his four churches. Wangaratta (W. Wakefield), Echuca (L. Dudley), Swan Hill circuit (C. Candy), press for support.

There are the churches at Ararat and Stawell who share A. C. Mudford, the Warracknabeal-



Shepparton Church Group.

Brim-Minyip circuit who need help. But the churches at Hamilton-Portland (C. Curtis), the Warrnambool - Port Fairy - Heytesbury circuit (T. V. Weir) and Drumcondra (A. R. Pidgen) feel justified in their appeal. Dunolly and Colac ask continuance of student help.

In Melbourne the churches at Frankston-Moorooduc-Mornington (Thos. Hagger), Chelsea (M. D. Williams), Ringwood (J. E. Allan), Croydon-Wonga Park (H. E. R. Steele) ask us to stand by until they reach their goal.

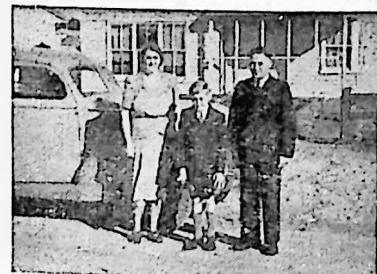
Then there are all the new opportunities—endless—just waiting. How long?

### Home Mission Day

November 28



WOULD YOU MISS IT IF YOU  
DOUBLED YOUR OFFERING  
THIS YEAR? TRY IT.



Mr. and Mrs. Jackel and Graeme (Warragul-Morwell).

# New South Wales

## Makes Novel Appeal

### The Lord's Day

E. C. Hinrichsen.

LAST Sunday afternoon there was a football match at Northam, W.A. An amplifier was installed and everybody within a mile was tormented by the announcer describing something which all who wanted to see could see. Many residents were incensed, including some who never go to church. For my part I thought of the words of a priest: "We will never destroy the Protestant faith until we destroy the Protestant Sunday." They are meeting with marked success.

*Leap Year Gives an Extra Day.*—We would like every member in N.S.W. to make that extra day *the Lord's day*. We would like everybody to give the money earned on that one extra day to home missions. Over here in W.A. one man has offered to give one day a week for twelve months toward the fund for starving children in Europe and Asia. That is a worthy offer.

Surely many of us are willing to give one day this year for starving souls—are you?

*Forty-five Souls Starved to Death.*—Mr. Thickens, in Northam, sent out letters to 45 isolated members for support for the work. Although a stamped envelope was enclosed there was not one reply—because of isolation they have died. I do not know any of them. But I do know the members in Northam. The officers wanted an extra week of the mission. I said, "That will be an extra week's expense." Two men interviewed

14 members and returned with promises of £345. See the difference! Those in touch with the church and preaching are on fire. Those out of touch are dead embers.

It is the work of the Home Missionary Committee to place preachers in the isolated districts to save those members from death—eternal death. Do you not feel that it is reasonable to give one day this Leap Year?

*Five Hundred Souls Saved.*—In the past twelve months nearly 500 souls have been won, i.e., in N.S.W., Prahran (Vic.) and W.A. That is home mission work as the missioner is the director of home mission work.

*Five New Churches.*—Not that the director or the Home Missionary Committee has done all or nearly all. Many fine workers have helped. But we had a part—a real part. These fields are Wiley Park, Wentworth Falls, Lawson, Asquith and South Perth.

The church at South Perth is not twelve months old. Some fine members met last November to form a church. Their enthusiasm got them a mission. At the end of the mission that splendid band of old and new members called their first preacher, Mr. Ivan Nixon, and they are entirely self-supporting.

The same is true of Wiley Park—and none of the other three new churches need any help from the committee.

Surely there is no work like home missions—souls saved, members restored, churches rejuvenated, new causes started.

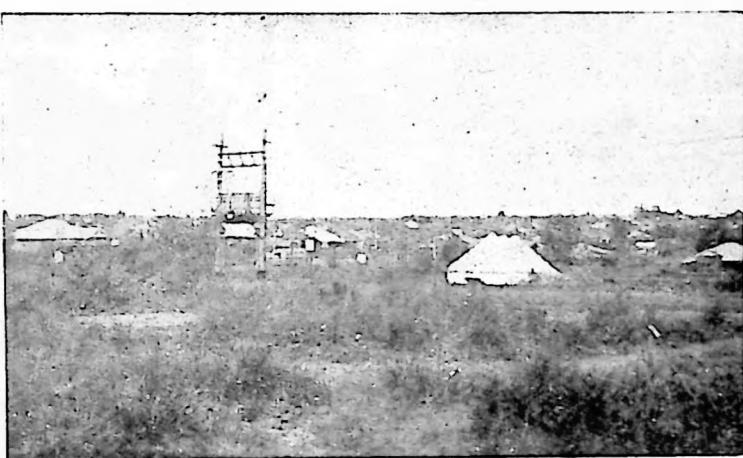
Make the extra day this year the Lord's day.

### The Scope of H.M. Enterprise

F. A. Button.

THE task of the Home Mission Committee in each State is to undertake the work of evangelism and the building up of the New Testament church wherever possible, whether by the establishment of new fields of activity or strengthening of existing weak churches who need assistance, and in general to fulfil as far as possible the terms of the great commission.

The Home Mission Committee has endeavored to work and plan along definitely constructive lines, including the subsidising of financially weak churches; endeavoring to place suitable brethren to minister in new or struggling fields; to give visits of encouragement and counsel in distant centres, and advising in their problems by the planning and undertaking where possible of evangelistic campaigns; encouraging individual churches to make such efforts on their own account.



South Perth Tent Mission.

The committee is also subsidising to the extent of £2 per week the broadcasting of the gospel message over a session on station 2KA each Sunday afternoon, and is assisting to open up new fields in the Blue Mountains area as a direct result of such broadcasts.

The committee in this State has decided to increase all subsidies so that each home mission preacher will receive as a minimum £7/10/- per week, with a request to the churches to endeavor to increase this amount to £8 per week, owing to the constantly upward trend of the cost of living. It is considered imperative, if the ministry of the word is to be given its rightful place in the community, and to enable those engaged in that ministry to enjoy a reasonable standard of living compatible with their calling, and which is assured in other occupations to-day.

It is felt better to give adequate support to one preacher rather than insufficient means of subsistence to several.

All of the foregoing avenues of service can only be successfully undertaken if sufficient backing is given by the brotherhood in interest, co-operation and support.

Our opportunity to accept this challenge will come again to the forefront with the home mission offering on November 28.

### EDITORIAL

## Commending Home Missions

WE commend to readers the appeal for a worthy response to home mission appeals to be made in all States. At this period of world history, there is a need for a strong Christian witness. Efforts are being made, by well-organised materialistic forces, to capture young people particularly, and to create in their minds revolutionary hatred. Trade unions that gained improved conditions for workers and society in general, are being threatened now by anti-God forces in the nation. While the church does not desire to stand in the way of social reforms likely to raise the standard of life, it must resist any effort being made to turn people from God and the truths revealed in Christ.

While large sums of money are being spent on this materialistic and anti-God propaganda, and many efforts are being made to capture the people, the church dare not remain inactive. This threat to her very life ought to be met by renewed sacrifice and greater initiative.

Churches in this homeland are surrounded by people who are presenting a moral and spiritual vacuum to be filled by any teaching presented with zeal. The danger is that many have been set free from one "evil spirit" only to be now in danger of being filled with "evil spirits" seven times more dangerous.

There is a race against time. Can the church meet the situation as it did in the early centuries of her existence or in the days of the Reformation? God is waiting to be allowed the opportunity to work in this present world situation. He needs men and women of strong Christian conviction who will permit him to work through them. When lives are given in sacrificial service he is able to minister through them. When Christians give sacrificial offerings to the church, God is able to use such gifts to his glory.

To help meet the present crisis, the various home mission committees look to church members to assist in the fight against materialism and to establish and maintain churches in strategic places within this Commonwealth. Let this Commonwealth be the home of spiritual and religious freedom and the land in which Christianity may flourish! By zealous evangelism in all forms, much can be achieved in this day of crisis and opportunity. Make your offerings worthy of the occasion.

# South Australia

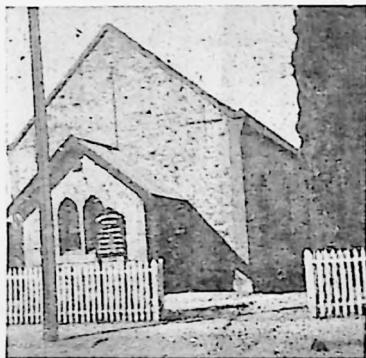
## £3000 Required for State-wide Crusade

C. Schwab, Secretary.

THE Home Mission Department has decided upon a State-wide crusade which will include every phase of enterprise associated with the cause of Christ. Many problems have to be encountered, but encouragements come from the possibilities presented in many districts.

### Practical Help

The brotherhood, through the Home Mission Committee, assists weaker causes with a view



Strathalbyn (now self-supporting).

to continuing the witness for New Testament Christianity, and finally establishing strong self-supporting churches.

The department is interested in Broken Hill, Railwaytown, Port Lincoln, Warrnambool, Minnippi, Wudinna, Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, Gawler, Williamstown, Kilburn, Cheltenham, Woodville, Albert Park, Woodlands, Colonel Light Gardens, Blackwood, Goolwa, Victor Harbour, Naracoorte and soldier settlements.

During the past five years ten churches have reached the position of being able to care for themselves. Strathalbyn church is the latest addition to the long list of causes which have been built up to self-supporting status by the brotherly care of others.

### Tent Evangelism

A very important aspect of the State-wide crusade will be that of tent missions. Kilburn is listed for a mission calculated to make that cause as strong as it now promises to be.

The new tent is an excellent equipment for missions, and its use will probably be more frequent than for many years. When not in commission by the committee it will be available for other churches.

The committee requires the very generous support of the brotherhood in order to finance the great ventures in tent missions which are a gilt-edged investment.

### New Ventures

Our State Government has a very practical soldier settlement scheme for a selected area in the fertile South-east. Church members are known to be prospective settlers. Bible school and church services will be essential needs in the new communities, which call upon our brotherhood to demonstrate a practical faith in the cause of New Testament Christianity.

The phenomenal increase of population by virtue of the unique and expanding State Housing Trust building achievements and programme presents a tremendous challenge to our brotherhood.

Kilburn, where a membership of 41 and a school nearly 200 strong have been secured

within three years, is simply acres of Trust homes, every one of which houses a family.

Woodville Gardens, teeming with young parents and children, in the midst of which we have secured a building site, urges upon the committee the need for action.

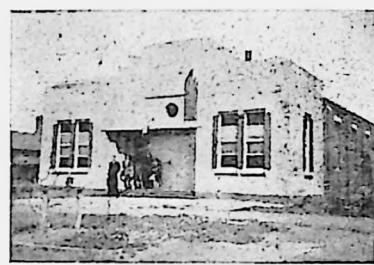
Albert Park, also a Trust homes suburb, adds its call for Christian service. Land secured, some money in hand, make the launching of the cause to come within the scope of the immediate future. Woodlands Park, on the southern side of our growing capital, belongs to the foregoing group.

### Preachers' Needs

A few years ago the Home Mission Committee carefully investigated the status of our preachers from a financial angle, and was stirred to do something of a practical nature. Rents, travel, increasing cost of living and other matters were determining factors in the making of increased payments to our brethren in the ministry. Since then salaries have been automatically adjusted according to the Federal basic wage rise.

### Field—Evangelist—Pastor

Isolated members in great numbers, weaker churches struggling against many difficulties, areas offering prospects of new causes should all be served by a full-time evangelist-pastor. The encouragement of the isolated by area communion and teaching services, periodical



Victor Harbour, fine free-of-debt property in popular seaside resort.

terms of work with small church groups, and adventuring for new churches would be a thrilling and essential labor for a great man set aside by a progressive brotherhood. The engagement of a suitable man will involve salary, travel and other costs, but the potential results justify the achievement of this crusade objective.

### Finally, Brethren

Let us think on all the foregoing and add what else we believe to be necessary in a home mission State-wide crusade.

Place the whole list upon our prayer programme and remember every item before the throne of God, bearing in mind that the present income of the committee is inadequate, and that our generosity determines the spending, hence the serving capacity of our Home Mission Department.

Under the inspiration of the Lord's great commission give generously to the £3000 appeal on Sunday, November 28.

# The Golden West

In the delightful seaside resort of Bunbury, under the able leadership of S. F. Ryles, a long-range campaign is getting under way. During the past ten months, 12 have been led to accept Christ as Saviour.

### Good Soil

There is plenty of sand in W.A. Eastern States visitors have been thrilled with the beauty of the wildflowers and amazed at the



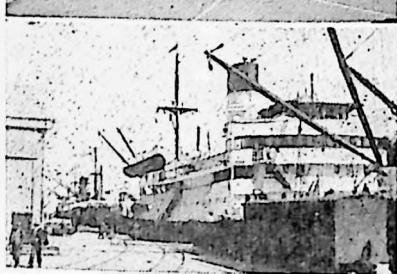
Bunbury.

productivity of this sandy soil. There is plenty of sin in W.A., but when the seed, the gospel of Christ, is planted in these sinful hearts, it grows and produces transformed lives. This is the task of the Home Mission Committee. Visitation Evangelism has been successfully used at Subiaco and Lake-st. churches. Maylands campaign commences in November.

In the early days of the Goldfields city the work at Kalgoorlie received great help from the Home Mission Committee.

I. Maloney, the oldest member, writes:

"Kalgoorlie shows its practical appreciation of the good work of the Home Missionary Department of our churches in the West. On the other hand, it is well known to so many of us that the committee has always been willing to assist churches with finance to enable them to have their own evangelists. This work should continue and not be hampered in



Geraldton.

# Presents a Golden Opportunity

any way, and we, the members of our churches, should see to it that the job is not let down. In support of the committee's forthcoming annual appeal for funds, may we make this a truly worthy offering to enable home mission work in this State to be continued and extended to the glory of God. The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

There are still great towns like Geraldton, pictured herewith, second largest city outside Perth, that are without an effective witness for New Testament Christianity.



Part of the "Golden Mile."

E. C. Hinrichsen conducted his first mission in the State for 22 years at South Perth. The church could not afford even a part-time preacher. There were 98 in active membership after the mission, and without the promised help of the Home Mission Committee the church engaged a full-time minister.

Members in long service at Northam are thrilled with the results of their campaign conducted by the missioner when 80 accepted Christ. The thankofferings at both places have far more than covered expenses, but the Home Mission Committee supplies the tent and guarantees the expenses.



Main Street of Kalgoorlie.

£800 Needed  
on  
Sunday  
December 5

QUEENSLAND is a great State. Soon Central Queensland will be producing large quantities of food to supply the needs of the mother country. Already huge supplies of coal are being obtained from this area. However, Queensland has many great needs. What is the greatest? Some would say population or perhaps education. Others might say water and fodder conservation. The wisest would say that Queensland's greatest need is Christ.

The radio has proved a blessing to many people. Many have been pointed to Christ by means of a personal word or the example of a disciple. Others have been taught in Bible schools, and still others have found Christ in gospel services. A church cannot prosper unless it supports loyally the work in this way. Every preacher must learn to do the work of an evangelist, and every church member must learn to give loyal support.

The Queensland Home Missions Committee realises its responsibility. Some churches could not carry on efficiently without the assistance of the committee. Charters Towers, Townsville, Mackay and Boondall have received subsidies. Mackay reports steady progress and souls have been won at Townsville and Boondall.

Queensland churches have long felt the need of a tent and a State evangelist. With the help of the Southern Country Conference, the tent has been purchased and has been used at Roma. The church is rejoicing because souls have been won and the work has been uplifted through the consecrated labors of Lloyd Jones and Mr. Samuels, the songleader. It was the writer's privilege to visit the church and take part in Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It was a joy to see the results of years of loyal and consecrated service. At time of writing the tent is being used at Harlaxton with H. Long

as missioner. Here the Toowoomba brethren have a fine Bible school in a growing suburb. No other religious body is represented, and there are possibilities that a strong cause may be established some day. Already plans are in hand for a suitable place of worship in addition to the present building, which will become a school hall.

To the present, plans for a State evangelist have not materialised, chiefly because no one has been capable and willing to fill this important position. Churches need strengthening and new fields must be entered.

November 28 will be an important date in the history of home missions in Queensland. Present work must be maintained at all costs. Forward moves must be made. Already churches are planning missions during the new year. Expenditure during 1948 has been heavy, and has left the committee with a large overdraft. The committee desires progress and the salvation of souls, but cannot do the work which must be done unless every member of the churches in Queensland gives the much-needed assistance.

Recently I met a man and his wife touring the far West with a gospel wagon. They were supremely happy in their work, and spoke in glowing tones of fellowship enjoyed with our brethren in those districts. But further on there is a different story. Spiritual conditions are depressing; the witness of many churches is feeble. This perhaps reminds us that further on the work may be difficult, but there are souls to be won and rich rewards for our labors. A worthy offering this year will mean that the brotherhood desires the committee to go further afield with the message of Christ, who alone can supply the greatest need of this great State.

## Tasmania

### SOUL-WINNING

THE work of bringing the gospel of Jesus to our immediate neighbors should be the task of every Christian. Jesus, seeing the need of a strong homeland church as a base for world extension of his kingdom on earth, instructed his heralds to preach first at Jerusalem.

Our land is rich in God's natural gifts; but its people are poor in their knowledge of the Creator of all this bounty. God, through Jesus, has called each Christian into partnership with him in the greatest business venture that life can offer—the business of "soul winning." Any business hampered by lack of finance must necessarily remain handicapped. The business of soul-winning demands constant investment as it seeks not a return of monies invested, but rather the return to God of "pearls of greater price," even lost souls.

Therefore let us each determine that love "so amazing, so divine, shall have my soul, my life, my all."—B. J. Golder, Conference President.

### "RENDER UNTO GOD . . ."

GOD has been pleased to entrust to man powers that he may use to the upbuilding or devastating of this world as he may choose.

With a change of heart there would come a desire to use only for the betterment of mankind those great scientific developments of our day. And the only power able to bring about

this change in man is that contained in the gospel, which is God's power unto salvation. To the extent that we have the welfare of this and succeeding generations at heart, we will make it our concern to spread the knowledge of "Good News" among the people. Time, money and prayers devoted toward this end will make men safe both for time and for eternity. —Thos. Orr, President, Home Mission Committee.

### SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

I WONDER if we realise that our total membership represents something like .027 per cent. of the population of this State, and our active membership would be nearer 3 in every 2000? Is this good enough for an evangelistic body that has been proclaiming the New Testament gospel for more than 100 years?

I wonder if we are sufficiently concerned about those other people, who are going their careless way without Christ? Are we losing our evangelistic zeal? I wonder if we can hear the voice of the Master as he gives his commission to "preach the gospel to every creature," and if so, do we realise that the proper execution of this commission will involve the unstinted expenditure of time, talents, prayers and money?

I wonder if you have ever said that the Home Mission Committee should be entering into fresh fields and taking advantage of ever-increasing opportunities? I wonder if you have made a contribution during the year to help your committee launch out as you think they should? I wonder if you will take full advantage of your opportunity on November 28? —R. Edmunds, Home Mission Secretary.

# Here and There

"Luff-Dewberry-Gibb mission at Lidcombe, N.S.W., good attendances; three confessions first week.—Baker."

Despite torrential rain at Subiaco, W.A., great interest was shown in Hinrichsen-Machin mission, Dec. 14; marquee was crowded; there was one decision.

Home mission offering will be received in all States on November 28, except in Western Australia. Offering in that State will be taken on December 5.

"Harlaxton mission (Qld.), with Harold Long as missioner, commenced fourth week with crowded tent; five decisions; total to date eighteen decisions and one restoration.—Winter."

In response to the urgent appeal of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, R. McLean has volunteered to go to the relief of the missionaries in the New Hebrides. Mr. McLean intends to marry before leaving in middle of December.

Springvale church, Vic., continues with good meetings and inspiring addresses from Mr. Bond. A fete was held recently, from which £120 was received. At annual meeting splendid reports were received from all activities of church. Over £1000 was given for all purposes during year.

Miss Flo Schurmann has returned to her work at Norseman Aborigines Mission, after holidays and visit to Federal Conference at Perth. An exhibition of leatherwork and other handicrafts which had been taught mission children by Miss Schurmann was an interesting part of the conference.

The close tie between the British Royal family and the peoples of the world is shown in the interest taken by multitudes within the British Commonwealth lands and in countries like the United States of America in the birth of a son to Princess Elizabeth. Good wishes will be expressed by many to the royal couple, and there will be sincere hopes for the health of the young prince.

At Geelong, Vic., 90th church anniversary was held on Nov. 14. Mr. Buckingham was speaker. Large attendances were at both services. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were received into membership. Many visitors were present. At evening service Mr. Buckingham preached to a good congregation. Choir rendered two anthems. One young man made the good confession. On Saturday, at a musical evening, leading Geelong artists provided a programme.

"The Hays County Herald" of San Marcos, Texas, U.S.A., has a front page article featuring the life and ministry of A. N. Hinrichsen under the heading: "Prominent San Marcos." The introductory paragraphs are of interest. "A British accent, as rich as Queen Elizabeth's trousseau and as broad as the island of Australia, was a novelty in San Marcos prior to 1941. But during that year A. N. Hinrichsen arrived as minister of the First Christian Church. Australian-born Mr. Hinrichsen is now serving his fourth year as a pastor in San Marcos, and his quick grin and infectious good humor are known to almost every church, civic club and organisation in the city."

Tommy, the first boy to leave Norseman Aborigines Mission to go out to work, is settling down happily to farm life in the W.A. wheatbelt. Hughie will be the next to go, and an enquiry has been made by the next-door neighbors of the people employing Tommy. We have hopes that Hughie may be placed in the next door farm. The two boys would be good company for each other, and could attend church together. Of the four other native boys working on farms in this district, from the Roelands Mission, three were baptised by Mr. Maiden, Narembeen preacher, during meetings of recent wheatbelt churches conference. Church people are not

only providing homes and employment for the boys, but are helping to link them into active church work.

Mrs. Keith Morris, of the church at East Malvern, Vic., has been awarded the grand champion prize of £1000 for best Budget and Menu Plan, which was offered by the "Australian Women's Weekly." There were half a million entries from all over the Commonwealth. A leading article in the same issue pays tribute to the high standard attained by many Australian mothers in conducting their home and family affairs. Mrs. Morris has four children and has rendered splendid service in kindergartens at East Malvern church and formerly at Hartwell.

Under direction of the Victorian Home Mission Committee, the second "school" of Visitation Evangelism for preachers in country and provincial areas was held at Shepparton on Nov. 10. Preachers present were Messrs. Atkinson (Mooroopna), Dudley (Echuca), Jackel (Warragul), Lewis (Shepparton), Robinson (Bendigo) and Wakefield (Wanganella). Two full-time preachers were unable to be present and sent apologies. A brother from Shepparton and another from Echuca joined the "school." The secretary of the Shepparton church, Mr. Clydesdale, arranged splendidly for hospitality. The women of church provided lavishly enjoyable meals. Travel expenses of preachers were paid by committee, because the "school" is considered to be an essential function of home missions. To train men in the art of winning others and keeping preachers fully informed in modern evangelistic methods are concerns of progressive home missionary committees. All men at "school" resolved to apply Visitation Evangelism methods in their work. This is not the only evangelistic method, but it is one which ordinary preachers can apply successfully to their work.

## Crusade Gains Momentum

ONE-THIRD of Victorian churches have sent in their progress reports of the crusade. We rejoice to learn that eight young people are prepared to spend from four to five years in training at the College of the Bible for their life work; two young women have declared themselves willing to spend some years in training as nurses. These churches report 33 restorations, 135 new Bible school scholars and 159 new converts since Aug. 1. It was stated in the manifesto issued to conference last Easter that the crusade involves Visitation Evangelism. Mr. Stephenson, the Home Mission Committee, and a host of visitors have been active in this sphere, with the result that over 400 confessions of faith in Christ have been registered since conference. An average of 50 per cent. of the resident membership of twelve reporting churches contributed to all brotherhood offerings; approximately 25 per cent. of the resident membership of fifteen reporting churches are members of the Christian Fellowship Association. We urge upon churches the desirability of reporting promptly that the brotherhood may be informed of our progress. From the above figures it is evident that we need to press forward with Restoration Visitation as well as with Visitation Evangelism and house-to-house canvass for new scholars. The writer is available to help churches in this work. The crusade is an attempt to recapture some of the devotion and enthusiasm of the early church.—Stan. Neighbour, director.

## Visitation Evangelism

SECOND VENTURE BY NORTH ESSENDON, VICTORIA

WORDS fail to express the delight of members of the climax to the second visitation campaign, when at the dedication service on Sunday morning, Nov. 14, the largest attended morning service in the history of the church was noted. C. H. J. Wright presided at communion, and at the conclusion of a powerful address by him, he called for any to re-dedicate their lives with him for service. A wonderful response from the members will live long in their memories. An invitation to accept Christ as Saviour was accepted, and members had the joy of seeing six making their decisions at this meeting—Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Simpfendorfer, Joy Hillbrick, Lorna Sayers and Pat Hall. A. W. Stephenson was speaker at gospel service, giving a delightful message on "The Story of the Church." Pleasure was experienced on hearing Christ being accepted, when at the invitation Joycelyn Holmes made her decision to follow Christ. This second visitation campaign was to members who had lapsed in attendance at meetings; all visitors enjoyed pleasure of visiting homes and renewing fellowship. It was stated during day that it was the greatest day in history of North Essendon, and your scribe endorses those words.—W. G. Mason, secretary.

## Wanted! Men

E. L. Williams, principal, College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Victoria.

ON every hand there is a need of men equipped for service in the churches as ministers of the gospel of Christ. Calls come from churches in all Australian States and in New Zealand asking whether we have college graduates who could meet their need. New housing areas are opening up, and the need for new churches calls for men and money. There can be no programme of expansion carried through without more men and money. Our home mission appeal is an immediate call for financial support, but it is also an appeal for men. There can be no home missions without home missionaries. Here are the fields. Where is the money? Who will go?

Thirteen students leave our Federal college at Glen Iris, at end of November. Who will fill their places? The best of our young men in the churches—men of character, personality and ability, and consecrated to Christ and the church are urgently needed.

Applications to enter college should be sent immediately to the secretary, K. A. Jones.

From the beginning it has been the purpose of the college to train men for service irrespective of whether they continue in the full-time ministry of the word or not. Many who have been through the college are serving the churches in an excellent way while not living by the gospel.

The college board of management has decided to provide a special course to equip some who are not called to the full-time ministry, but who would be ready to equip themselves to be of service in such centres where they live, where the local congregation may be too small and isolated to have services of full-time or regular preacher and pastor.

This Deacons' Course will be of one year's duration, and will consist of a selection of subjects from the Diploma Course such as would serve best for the purpose.

Are there men who are ready to leave the farm, the bench, the counter or the office for a year to equip themselves for such a local ministry in the churches from which they come? The College of the Bible, Glen Iris, invites them to do this. Please apply immediately to our college secretary, K. A. Jones, Elm-rd., Glen Iris, Melbourne, S.E.6.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

West Hobart.—Bible school anniversary services concluded on Oct. 29 with a school tea and film evening. Prizes were presented to scholars of senior school. Total anniversary offerings, including several donations, amounted to almost £10. J. Woolley, H. England and S. Cooper have given helpful and appreciated addresses at recent services. Bible school continues to grow, there being two new scholars on Nov. 7. Bible quiz conducted each week continues to be very popular.

## Western Australia

Harvey.—On Oct. 12, Bible school anniversary was held. Mr. Ryles spoke to children, also at evening service. K. Jones spoke in morning on college. Misses Robinson and Ottrey led kinders and presented cards and flowers to members of cradle roll. Tea was held on Tuesday, followed by concert and prize-giving. Eunice Livingstone and Constance Thuroowood have been added to teaching staff. On Oct. 27, sisters entertained Federal Conference guest speaker (Mrs. McCallum), Matron Hill, Messrs. Taylor, Pollard and Steward, to a dinner. Mrs. C. Stanford and Bob Ottrey are recovering satisfactorily in hospital after operations. Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Moore, who now reside in Harvey, are meeting with church. Sisters helped with united fete which brought over £70 for B. & F. Bible Society. Members enjoyed fellowship with Mr. Greenwood (organising secretary) who addressed church.

## Queensland

Charters Towers.—Mr. Richter concluded his ministry on Sept. 26. All services for October were conducted by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Peres. A. Coward and N. Duval assisted speakers. Women's Christian Fellowship held final meeting on Oct. 14 and is now in recess until new year. Bible school is preparing for annual prize-giving.

Annerley.—A young people's tea was held during October which resulted in increased attendance at gospel service. Weekly prayer meetings are increasing in numbers. After that held on Oct. 28, T. Kirkwood, of Moorooka church, conducted a baptism. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Crisp at morning service on Oct. 31. Chaplain Crisp addressed church.

Wynnum.—Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have been received into fellowship by transfer from church at Evington-rd., Leicester, England. During absence of preacher on annual vacation, helpful addresses were delivered by W. J. Campbell, C. McGregor and D. Rhodes. Proceeds of successful concert will help defray cost of reconditioning organ. Church is hoping for beneficial results from stewardship campaign.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Attendances continued to be well maintained during past month, averaging over 160 at Lord's Table. Night services also continue to improve, with fair percentage of strangers present. A gathering of approximately 65 men attended a fellowship tea on Oct. 27. Speaker was Mr. "Scotty" Gibb, well-known converted Communist, who gave a thrilling address including story of his own conversion. Results of meeting have been so encouraging that it is hoped to hold similar meetings at regular intervals in future. Both ministers of church are providing an excellent and stirring witness of the gospel at all meetings, and intensive plans are under consideration to further increase growing spiritual tone of church generally. Recent additions by

faith and baptism were Messrs. Benson and Simmonds, and at conclusion of gospel meeting on Nov. 7, a sister signified her desire to re-dedicate her life to the Lord. R. Draney, Toowoomba, president of State brotherhood, was speaker at morning service on Nov. 7, when ordinance of Christian baptism was observed with F. C. Hunting officiating.

Boonah.—Church expresses appreciation to A. C. Caldicott and Chap. L. Crisp for help given at church anniversary. A young lady who made her decision at conclusion of Mr. Crisp's address was immersed on Oct. 31 by Mr. Boettcher. Thanks has also been expressed to Mrs. Pratt, of Victoria, for helpful solos during her visit to Queensland. Sympathy is extended to Grimsey family in loss of father and grandfather. During Mr. Boettcher's absence at Silverdale, C. Nielsen (of Baptist Church) gave address on morning of Nov. 7.

Rockhampton.—Half-yearly State conference held at Rockhampton from Nov. 5 to 8 was an outstanding success. Twenty-two delegates attended from Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Kingaroy, Boonah and Brisbane churches. Theme was "Divine Certainties in These Days of Uncertainty," and speakers were P. C. D. Alcorn, W. J. Davidson, F. B. Stow, V. Dallinger and G. T. Millar. Women's sessions were addressed by Mrs. E. Haworth, and Mrs. E. T. Lade presided. Special items rendered by Rockhampton members were appreciated. Twentieth anniversary of Rockhampton church was celebrated same week-end. Anniversary tea was combined with welcome fellowship tea on Nov. 6. Greetings were received from a number of brethren in other places. On Lord's day 115 broke bread, and there were 115 present at gospel service, including a number of visitors and members who have drifted. Mrs. Leigh, of Mt. Morgan, passed away on Oct. 24. Her funeral moved to Mt. Morgan cemetery following day, and G. T. Millar officiated. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kane and family and Mrs. Whitehead who mourn the loss of a mother and sister respectively. A storm interfered with gospel service planned for Oct. 31 at Theodore. Morning service for breaking of bread was satisfactory. In absence of Mr. Millar, Rockhampton services were conducted by N. Johnson and W. Hutchison. Sister Mercer, oldest Rockhampton member at 90 years, had fellowship at Lord's Table on conference and anniversary Sunday together with J. Treseder, who had not had that privilege for many months on account of ill-health.

## South Australia

Queenstown.—Special meetings arranged for October by Mr. Graham were concluded by church's seventy-ninth anniversary, fellowship together being enjoyed by all. On Nov. 3 an anniversary tea was held, followed by meeting in chapel, visiting speakers being J. Shipway, S. Matthews and J. Cain. On Oct. 30 two church members, Dorothy Hall and R. Watkins, were married by Mr. Graham. J.C.E. society is still having good meetings.

Murray Bridge.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 7 and 8. Attendances were good at all services. Mr. Fisher, guest speaker, gave splendid addresses at all Sunday services, and Mr. Kingston gave an interesting talk on Monday night, when prizes were presented. At this meeting Mr. and Mrs.

and Laurel Coote were farewelled prior to leaving district. Mr. Coote has given much of his time to work of church, and has served as deacon. Mrs. Coote has been acting as superintendent of kindergarten for some time. Week-end of Oct. 23 was time of important C.E. activities, when first southern convention was held. Inspirational meetings were arranged by Mr. Kingston, president of district Endeavor groups.

Kilburn.—On Nov. 7 attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school was 54, including a new scholar. C. Smith, of Maylands, assisted as relief teacher, and Mrs. Royals commenced teaching in kindergarten. 19 adults and 24 young worshippers were present at 11.15 a.m. service, which was addressed by F. Collins, who also spoke at 7 p.m. gospel service. Preparations, including canvass by teachers of homes of scholars, are in hand for youth service. F. Collins is in charge of prayer meetings in this regard. Mrs. J. Edwards has been appointed organist for combined junior, intermediate and Bible class sections of school, and Mrs. Lawrence continues as kindergarten pianist and church organist. Miss Wright, of Prospect, has again this year made a lot of cuddly toys for cradle roll Christmas tree, and Brian and Claude Magor, of Hindmarsh, have again assisted by making wooden toys.

Strathalbyn.—Work of church is progressing steadily with average attendance of 44 at morning services for October. On Oct. 17 Bible school anniversary services were held with large attendances. Conference president, Dr. Trevor Turner, was speaker, his visit being appreciated and enjoyed. Bright singing was rendered by scholars and helpers under baton of Mrs. S. Bartlett with Mrs. Harvey at piano and Mrs. Patterson at organ. On following Monday evening Miss Harry, B.A., of W.C.T.U., gave children an illustrated talk, and distribution of prizes was made. Nelson Garwood obtained highest marks in school for State scripture examination. Usual birthday party brought a happy evening to a close. On Nov. 6 Bible school picnic was held at Pt. Elliot. Aged Miss Taylor is able to attend services again after a long illness. Young people's clubs are encouraging. A 'bus load of Endeavorers journeyed to Murray Bridge on Oct. 30 to attend Alexandra district rally. Mr. Durdin and L. Boxhall were guests at tea given by conference president, Dr. Trevor Turner, on Nov. 9, in Adelaide, followed by discussion of plans for crusade for a Christian world.

Port Pirie.—Attendances for October averaged, morning 34, evening 43; communicants, 35. Average weekly offerings, general fund, £6/0/8; brotherhood appeals, £1/10/2; renovation fund, 15/10; food for Britain, 11/3; special amount for College of Bible was £1, in addition to duplex envelopes. At a recent officers' meeting percentages of brotherhood appeals were revised as follows: Home missions, 25 per cent.; foreign missions, 30 per cent.; College of the Bible, 10 per cent.; Youth Department, 15 per cent.; Building Extension, 5 per cent.; Aborigines Department, 10 per cent.; Social Service Department, 5 per cent. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 17. W. E. Fisher, from Cowandilla, spoke at all services. Attendances were pleasing—125 afternoon and evening. Bible school prize-giving night was held on Oct. 19, when scholars again sang anthems. A lightning sketch artist and film strips contributed to programme. Bible school concert on Oct. 6 was a success, £8/11/4 being raised for school. Girls' club is doing fine work under leadership of Mrs. Barton. Y.P.S.C.E. has donated £1 towards quota for Youth Department and £1 for U.N.A.C. Ladies' Auxiliary has raised sufficient money to purchase new communion linen. Mrs. A. Gowans gave a travel talk on her term as a missionary in South America. Mr. Barton has been invited for a further year to commence from January. On evening of Oct. 31, church was delighted to witness confession of faith of Mrs. T. Davis. Church is in excellent spirit.

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## New South Wales

**Kurri.**—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 7 and 8. Ron Street, from Sydney, addressed church in morning and gave children's addresses at night. Items presented earned credit for scholars. Conductor and organist were I. Wotherspoon and T. Marley. On Monday night prizes were presented to children by S. Willets, superintendent. Mr. Hillier was chairman.

**Canley Vale.**—Davis-Oswald mission concluded on Nov. 5 with an inspiring meeting. At close a young man made the good confession. The secretary, Mr. Christopherson, expressed deep appreciation of church to missionaries, and made a gift of books. Thankoffering amounted to just over £16. On Oct. 7 two were received into fellowship—one through transfer and one through faith and obedience. In evening Ron Swager was baptised.

**Mosman.**—Work is very encouraging. Attendances keep up, and a spirit of optimism prevails. On evening of Nov. 7, two young women stepped out at close of G. Burns' address to confess Christ. Nov. 6 was annual fair day, and ladies were rewarded with an encouraging result for their labors. Midweek church fellowship is one of the most encouraging features. For October, an average of 25 attended. Meetings are conducted by various groups and auxiliaries, minister taking only last meeting in month, when a cup of tea is enjoyed at close of meeting. Preparations are under way for 40th anniversary of church and Bible school anniversary.

**Beverly Hills.**—Brethren from sister churches of Hurstville, Mortdale, Bexley North, Ashfield and others have contributed to spiritual welfare of church, which was greatly inspired by a tent mission held by students of Woolwich Bible College. Their door-to-door work was a blessing to many. Already two adults have been baptised and received into fellowship. Six made decision during mission. Two more decided for baptism. Since mission two more adults have decided for Christ. Thankoffering for mission more than covered expenses, being over £32. As a result of a musical night conducted by Intermediate C.E., 51 tins of milk were collected for mission in India. Twelve dozen eggs were contributed to an egg appeal for Children's Home at Rockdale.

**Wagga.**—Great meetings have continued and many visitors have been welcomed during last few weeks. S.S. picnic proved a great success and anniversary services on Oct. 31 had splendid meetings. R. Greenhalgh was speaker. He addressed church in morning, spoke at afternoon meeting, and preached at night. Seventeen young people responded to the appeal. Prize-giving and concert took place on Tuesday night following. Children gave splendid items, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who attended. An evening was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes, when many gathered to wish them God's blessing on beginning of their married life. A sweet set and novelty nutcracker were presented from church, a Sankey hymnbook from members of choir, and a pyrex dish from young people's club.

**Georgetown.**—A man and a woman have been baptised and two girls received into fellowship. Over 350 were present at each session of Sunday school's tenth anniversary services. Many could not be seated on Monday evening. Programmes were comprised of items from preceding nine anniversaries. Ross Beadle, of Woolwich College, was speaker. A lad made the confession after gospel service. With deep regret church has received resignation of Mr. Brookes on account of Mrs. Brookes' continued ill-health. They will go back to their home at The Entrance until her recovery. Over 50 boys and girls now attend on Thursday evenings under leadership of Noel Thompson, the young man who became interested through recent scholar drive. Chapel

was crowded on evening of Oct. 16, when church pianist, Mrs. H. Street, presented an excellent recital. Mrs. Tapp assisted with violin, and Bob Johnson was compere.

**Meredewether.**—On Oct. 17 two young men were immersed; one was welcomed in on Oct. 24, the other on Nov. 7. Oct. 24 was 62nd anniversary of church. Hamilton brethren attended both services. R. Acland, conference president, was speaker in morning. At gospel service there were about 130 present. At conclusion of P. Retchford's address there was one decision and one re-consecration. Ladies' Guild presented church with carpet runner for aisle and platform, new curtains for platform, and new light shades. A polished communion table and rails were made by H. Myles. Renovations and painting to interior of chapel are almost finished. At gospel service on Nov. 7, Tom Davies, of the S.S., was baptised. At annual business meeting T. Magner was added to diaconate. Church received with regret resignation of treasurer, R. Audsley. F. Weatherby was elected to position. L. Hancock was re-elected secretary. Bill Brown and Rae Perkins were married in chapel on Oct. 23.

## Victoria

**Geelong.**—Mr. Stirling preached at both services on Oct. 31. Continued interest in visitation campaign is experienced. On Nov. 7 Mr. Smail spoke in morning service and Mr. McDonald at night. Miss J. Hooper was soloist. Mr. Stirling was at Warrnambool for week-end. On Saturday evening many members joined with Belmont in church anniversary celebrations.

**Castlemaine.**—On evening of Oct. 31, church witnessed baptism of five who owned their Lord as Saviour as result of visitation evangelism. A Young Worshippers' League is being formed, to attend gospel services. Promotion day in Sunday school was held on Nov. 7. Mr. Banks is taking older scholars of school in a Bible class. Local men helping Mr. Banks in taking services in Harcourt-Castlemaine circuit are A. Carr, S. Lacy, A. Farrar, J. Methven, H. Peeler and V. Symes.

**Thornbury.**—During recent weeks three weddings of members have been celebrated—H. F. Burgess and Irene Farrell, A. C. Davies and Patricia Farrell, Les. J. Stewart and Vere Linard. Kitchen teas were arranged for the parties, and suitable presentations made on behalf of church auxiliaries in which they were associated. Mrs. Waterman, missionary home on account of illness, was present at morning service on Oct. 24. On this morning John Kupsch was received into fellowship following his baptism. Attendances at all services are well maintained.

**Parkdale.**—On Oct. 9, tennis club members joined with Sunday school teachers and choir members in giving a kitchen tea to Joyce Arnold and Brian Fielder prior to their marriage. A happy evening was spent, and the couple received many beautiful gifts. Same evening, club made a presentation of silver teapot and sugar basin to Betty Cock, whose marriage to George Howell takes place Nov. 20. Evening service on Oct. 17 was conducted by tennis club, various members taking part and Mr. Manning preaching. Offering for College of Bible amounted to £8/15/-. Offering for hospitals on Oct. 23 reached record sum of £16. On Oct. 31, at close of Mr. Manning's address, two made the good confession—one young woman and a girl from Sunday school, granddaughter of elder, Percy Bryce. On Nov. 6, buses took S.S. children and a large company of church members to Berwick for annual picnic, a most enjoyable day being spent.

**Essendon.**—Services on Oct. 31 were taken by Mr. Hart, morning; Mr. Thompson (North Essendon), evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Anderson were welcomed back after holidays. Good Companions paraded at evening service, having had their first birthday during week. Annual Sunday school picnic was held at Keilor on Nov. 2. On Nov. 6, cricket club held a successful concert. Phi Betas held election of officers on Nov. 11. Good Companions entered annual sports on Nov. 13. Mr. McHagger spoke at all services on Nov. 7 and 14. C.M.S. held monthly tea meeting. It being last for year, men entertained ladies at tea. Choir rendered item at evening service. Congratulations are extended to Kappa Norm Summerton on election for two years in succession as vice-chancellor of State chapter.

**Drumcondra.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 7, when Ron Muller was speaker. Children were trained and conducted by R. E. Tattersall, superintendent. Prize-giving and concert took place on Nov. 8. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Williams were baptised on Oct. 30, and received into membership with Mrs. McGlashen on Nov. 7. Lantern lecture by R. Story, representing *Unevangelised Fields*, was given on Oct. 26. Kitchen tea in honor of Gwenda Cullum and Cliff Barker was held on Nov. 10. Graduation day in S.S. and teachers' dedication service at morning service took place on Nov. 14. School is sorry to receive resignation of Noele Dabb, but welcomes Mrs. Ross to teaching staff. Sunday school roll is steadily increasing, and attendances are splendid. Endeavorers visited Protestant Orphanage on Oct. 20. Mothers' Club of Boys' Club held a successful concert on Oct. 21 to raise funds for equipment for work of boys. Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Lee have returned home from hospital.

**North Fitzroy.**—75th Bible school anniversary services on Oct. 3 and 10 passed off very successfully. Attendance of parents and members was good, and splendid singing of scholars under baton of A. Arnot was excellent. Joan Haig and Gwen Foster as soloists were much appreciated. At first morning service John F. Baker presided and Percy and Victor Foster were readers, all three being superintendents of Bible school, Vic. Foster being still in office. The address was given by H. Swain, who was connected with school more than sixty years ago. Other speakers during anniversary were W. W. Saunders, H. Lumsden and John Turner. Scholars were entertained at tea on Oct. 10, and prize distribution took place same afternoon. Many old-time scholars were present. Hampton church men's society visited North Fitzroy men's society on Oct. 26. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was appreciated, and at supper, short speeches were made by J. Tinkler, H. Robbins, J. Turner and V. Gole, recalling old days spent at North Fitzroy.

**Warragul.**—C. W. Jackel conducted two special services at Nilm North hall, when chart illustrated addresses were given to interested audiences. These services were held following request by non-members of church. On Oct. 17, a married lady from Morwell was baptised. Visitors from Morwell and Traralgon were present. Joyce Ford and Karen Butler were married in chapel on Sept. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Jackel have both been laid aside with illness. On Oct. 23 C.E. Union rally was held in chapel. Many young people attended and services were an inspiration. Tea was served to all visitors. Speaker for day was Mr. Veneer. Mr. McGraw sang an excellent solo. Young people did fine organisation work. On Oct. 24 N. McLellan (Coburg Baptist) gave a searching address at morning meeting. S. McGraw (Footscray Baptist) assisted in school and spoke at night, along with J. White (Yarragon). Miss A. Saunders presented message in song. There were splendid meetings. Thirteen new kinder chairs have been donated to school through generosity of A. E. Proposch, of Longwarry.

**Belmont.**—An enjoyable social was held in Shire Hall, Belmont, on evening of Nov. 6 to celebrate eighth anniversary of church. Games and competitions were enjoyed, and supper was served by ladies. Visitors from Latrobe, and Drumcondra were present. On Nov. 7, Mr. McDonald gave an inspiring address, and many visitors were welcomed. Interest is well maintained.

**Collingwood.**—Church welcomes back Mr. and Mrs. Darby after illness of former, and extends to Mrs. Warry and family sympathy in home-call of Mrs. Warry's father T. Towers, on Nov. 3. Members were further saddened at home-call of Mrs. Edney on Nov. 9. To Mr. Edney and family love and sympathy are extended. Mrs. Lightowler is very sick. Sunday school had a splendid time at Montrose on Nov. 2, when annual picnic was held.

**Prahran.**—In absence of Mr. Buckingham, who was visiting Geelong, E. J. Miles was morning speaker and W. Berthelsen preached at gospel service on Nov. 14. A girl made the confession on Nov. 7. Miss L. Somers and A. Haskell have helped with solos. Bible school had a successful picnic at Seaford. R. T. Pittman addressed monthly C.M.S. meeting. Women's Fellowship raised £16/10/- at gift afternoon. Painting of kindergarten hall is complete.

**Kaniva.**—Each Tuesday evening prayer meetings are held in preparation for Visitation Evangelism campaign of Nov. 21 to 28. Y.P.S.C.E. meets each Thursday and has had well attended, helpful meetings. J.C.E. is also very healthy, with up to 30 keen members present. I.C.E. with limited numbers has kept up well and has held good, helpful meetings. Regular services continue to be held at Serviceton, Lillimur, South Lillimur and Yearninga, as well as at Kaniva, where attendance averages about 65 in morning and 50 in evening.

**Ringwood.**—A pictorial service, "The First Christmas," was conducted on evening of Oct. 24, and an offering taken for Hospital Sunday appeal. Mr. Allan's review on Acts of Apostles over two Sunday evenings proved helpful. Endeavorers had a happy meeting with Bayswater society on Nov. 9, and conducted service. Annual business meeting on Nov. 10 was well attended, and showed work to be in good heart. Reports were received and office-bearers elected. Interest is maintained through Mr. Allan's visitation and addresses, visitors and non-members being present on occasions.

**Sunshine.**—Church has been blessed over past few weeks, several having been added through confession and baptism. At communion service on Nov. 14, four were received into fellowship. Commencing from Nov. 14, Sunday school board inaugurated a teachers' training class. Ladies' Guild reports increased membership, and plans are under way for sale of work to assist fund for building hall for youth activities at rear of church building. On Nov. 14, Junior C.E. society celebrated birthday with a surprise meeting. Young People's Society was represented at Endeavor rally in Lygon-st. chapel on Nov. 13 and presented a fine tableau.

**Brunswick.**—Work continues favorably. Mr. Vautier's ministry is appreciated, and spirit of fellowship grows. Oct. 31 was occasion of sixty-sixth anniversary, special services being held throughout day. Those assisting at communion service were associated with church in former days, and a large congregation was guided in meditation by Mr. Swain, foundation member, and addressed by J. Wright. Afternoon meeting was addressed by F. L. Edmunds, M.L.A. S. Neighbour addressed evening meeting. Club work is going well. Explorers under R. Gray, and Good Companions led by Misses D. McKinnon and S. Lawson, continue to thrive. On evening of Nov. 14 a memorial service was held to late Mrs. Anne Sargent, oldest member, who had witnessed faithfully at Brunswick for many years.

**Blackburn.**—Nov. 14 was Temple Day. Morning service took form of family worship service, at which S. R. Baker was speaker. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held, and fellowship was enjoyed by many with past members. Recorded messages from Mr. Hunting and Mr. Bischoff were an inspiration. Messages in song by Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Angus McConchie, and recitations by Esma Quirk, were appreciated. The address was given by Mr. Whately, M.L.A. Evening service was wonderful, a message in song being given by Mavis Scott and address by W. H. Hinrichsen.

**West Preston.**—Temple Day was observed on Nov. 13, when £119 was received for building fund. Chapel was filled to capacity for thanksgiving service on Nov. 14. J. D. Lang was speaker. A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, transferred from Yarrawonga. There was an attendance of 51 at Y.P. Fellowship, when film, "Faith Triumphant," was screened. At gospel service Mr. Withers preached. Church has enjoyed fellowship of visitors, including R. Bradshaw's mother and father from Adelaide.

**Coburg.**—Welcome has been extended to Mrs. Shearer, of W.A. On evening of Oct. 30 a social conducted by Ladies' Guild was enjoyed. Bruce William and David Lloyd, and S. Rose, of South Richmond, have been welcomed into membership. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. H. Barnden in death of her father, E. Watson. Beverly Warsnop and June Parker confessed Christ and were baptised a fortnight later. Hospital Sunday offering amounted to £21/1/-. Ladies' Guild has benefited by £71/10/8 by return of money boxes. Average communicants last month, 95.

**Merbein.**—At annual church meeting on Oct. 27, officers were elected: Secretary, H. Passmore; treasurer, N. West; elders, W. Oakes and H. Passmore; deacons, R. Neville, W. Walmsley, W. Neville, C. Ely, N. West, and N. Oakes. Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 7 and 8. Church building was packed on Sunday afternoon, when L. Snow, of Mildura, gave an enjoyable illustrated talk. Chapel was again well filled for evening service, when P. Whitmore held attention of all with a fine illustrated address. Special singing by scholars, trained by Mr. Whitmore, was a feature of both services. On Monday, children were entertained at tea, followed by a concert and prize distribution. During evening a presentation was made to Mrs. Punton for services as organist during anniversary practice.

has recently commenced to minister to the Peninsular churches at Highcroft and Nubeena.

Reports from the churches revealed that many country churches were experiencing difficulty in securing the services of brethren able to speak regularly at services, and although the churches at Nubeena and Highcroft have had considerable additions to their membership over the last twelve months, the churches at Dunalley and Kellevie are greatly handicapped by the lack of capable speakers and through lack of finance.

Dover report was encouraging, a feature being the doubling of the Sunday school attendance under leadership of E. W. O'Neil, new superintendent of the Bethany Boys' Hostel.

Afternoon session commenced with a brief devotional service led by S. M. Mead, minister of Dunalley church. T. Orr, L. Smith and B. J. Golder each gave a fifteen-minute talk on "The Church's Task in Evangelism," "The Church's Task in Teaching" and "The Church's Task in Social Service."

A motion relating to the creating of a more effective witness and doing a more efficient work among the southern churches was withdrawn after F. B. Burt, minister of Collinstown church, outlined to conference some of the plans and preparations being made by the State Conference Executive Committee for a programme of Visitation Evangelism throughout the State.

Conference adopted the following motions:

"That the Tasmanian churches of Christ Youth Department be invited to explore the possibilities of obtaining the services of a youth leader from the mainland for a certain period each year, with a view to strengthening the work among the youth of the churches and to improve present methods of teaching in Bible schools."

"That owing to the fact that city churches are largely indebted to the country churches for their larger congregations owing to the removal of people from country to city areas, it is in the best interests of the city churches to give greater assistance and support to the country churches."

Saturday evening session was addressed by E. W. O'Neil, new superintendent of Bethany Boys' Hostel, who spoke of the needs of Bethany and appealed for the wholehearted support of the brotherhood in connection with an appeal shortly to be launched for the purpose of erecting a recreational hut to provide for the indoor recreational needs of the boys.

It was a thrilling and inspiring sight to see Nubeena chapel packed to capacity for Sunday services, extra seating having to be provided at each meeting. A combined communion service was presided over by State conference president, B. J. Golder, and the address was given by F. B. Burt, who took for his theme "The Cross as a Way of Life."

The chapel was again crowded at the afternoon session, which took the form of a youth rally. L. Mundy, superintendent of Highcroft Sunday school, presided, and F. B. Burt addressed the children.

The climax to a wonderful time of inspiration and blessing came on Sunday night. The chapel was packed to the doors in spite of inclement weather; folk were seated on the platform and all around the speaker. The conference president, H. W. Street, delivered the conference sermon, his theme being "The Making of a Man." It brought the conference to a worthy conclusion.

It was decided to hold 1949 Southern District Conference at Dover, and following were elected to Executive Committee: President, W. Rushton; vice-presidents, W. H. Knight and E. W. O'Neil; secretary, K. Mundy; treasurer, D. Tonks.

Catering arrangements of conference were in the capable hands of the ladies of Nubeena and Highcroft churches, and were splendidly carried out to the complete satisfaction of all.—F. B. Burt.

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# Open Forum

## FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfire. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

### ENTERTAINING STRANGERS

RECENTLY two of our members, holidaying in another State, attended the local church of Christ on three occasions. Not once were they asked who they were or where they came from, or made welcome in any way. With a view to interesting their relatives, resident in the town, in spiritual things, they took them to one of the gospel services, with the disappointing result that it is very unlikely they will ever go back again. The church may not have been entertaining angels unawares, but they definitely were not following the New Testament pattern and welcoming the saints gladly.—W. M. Fraser, Georgetown, N.S.W.

### ADDRESSES

H. R. Coventry (preacher Carnegie church, Vic.)—1 Darling-rd., E. Malvern, S.E.5. 'Phone, UL6976.

R. K. Gerrard (secretary Hartwell church, Vic.)—13 Welfare-pde., Ashburton, E13.

J. I. Mudford (preacher Norwood church, S.A.)—C/o 37 Coorara-ave., Sth. Payneham.

P. Retchford (preacher Merewether church, N.S.W.)—155 Jenner-pde., Hamilton.

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### GOLDEN WEDDING

GRAY-SMITH.—On Nov. 23, 1898, at Minyip, Vic., by Mr. Malcolm McLellan, Hugh Gray, of Port Fairy, was married to Kezia Miriam Smith, of Minyip. Present address, 46 Doonan-rd., Claremont, W.A.

### DEATHS

TOWERS.—On Nov. 3, at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Thompson, loved father of Millie and father-in-law of George Warry, of 118 Easey-st., Collingwood; grandpa of Emily (Mrs. Leslie), Elsie (dec.), Irene, Ken and Raymond; great-grandpa of Elaine: late 29th Battalion, 1st A.I.F. "Peace, perfect peace."

WATSON.—On Nov. 4, at 51 Fyans-st., Chilwell, Samuel Robert, husband of the late Annie and dear father of Ern, Ivy (Mrs. F. J. Funston), Bob, Hazel (Mrs. D. Graham) and Pearl (Mrs. A. Whitford). At rest.

### IN MEMORIAM

EARL.—In cherished memory of my beloved husband and our dear father Harry, who was called home on Nov. 15, 1947.

Those whom God has given us to love are ours for ever.

—F. A. Earl and family, Box Hill.

HARRIS.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Walter Spurling Harris, whom God called home Nov. 19, 1947.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon the Saviour's breast; We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best, Good-night! Good-night!"

—Inserted by his loving wife, and J. Ramsey (Mrs.).

WOODBRIDGE.—In cherished memory of G. B. Woodbridge, beloved husband and father, who was called home on Nov. 19, 1938.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

### FRANKSTON SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Dandenong-rd. and Beach-st.

Sunday, Nov. 21.—11 a.m., R. V. Holmes.

3 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald.

7.30, T. Hagger.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Mechanics' Institute—Concert.

### A BROTHERHOOD FIXTURE.

#### COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE CLOSING EXERCISES,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

3 p.m., Ordination Service, Swanston-st. chapel. Speaker, J. E. Allan

8 p.m., Graduation Service, Swanston-st. chapel. Presentation of Diplomas. Items and speeches by students.

N.B.—Place of Graduation Service.

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# South Australian News

C. Schwab.

## An Extensive Survey

THE Home Mission Department has arranged for the selection of a special committee, the duties of which will be to make a thorough survey of country and suburban districts in which there appear to be possibilities of opening new causes. The committee will also report on suitable sites available for erection of necessary buildings in areas where prospects of future work predominate.

## Deaconesses

Members of our Sisters' Auxiliary Conference have given much time and thought to the matter of selection, appointment and duties of deaconesses. A well prepared and very concise statement has been presented to the Conference Executive with a view to providing churches with helpful guidance concerning the special ministries in which consecrated and capable women may be engaged. The investigations and clearly defined conclusions merit commendation, and are calculated to make a very practical contribution to the cause of Christ. South Australia, in common with other States, owes much to the women for services rendered within churches.

## Revival of Building Scheme

The "League of Five Hundred" is about to be revived. War conditions, and especially building restrictions, caused suspension of the league for an extended period. The scheme provides for enlistment of members willing to give one pound in one year to a new cause for building purposes. Kilburn has been placed on the list as the first church to benefit by the response made to the initial call.

## Visitors

R. T. Pittman, Stan. Neighbour and A. W. Stephenson, hard-working visitors, have been with us in recent weeks. Stan. Neighbour made valuable contributions during conference and the preachers' refresher course as he presented crusade features and programmes. R. T. Pittman refreshed the preachers with his excellent lectures on expository preaching and the Restoration Movement. A. W. Stephenson, guest speaker at Grote-st, one hundred and second anniversary, also addressed the preachers on the theme of Visitation Evangelism. He provided a session with informative and practical facts. All of these brethren rendered excellent service, and greatly challenged and encouraged their brethren in service for Christ and his church.

## Duplex Envelopes

Many churches are using this splendid means of systematic giving. In some instances very commendable results have been achieved, indicating that local and brotherhood needs have been very consistently observed and supported. Recent statistics reveal that some conference departments have been very substantially assisted during the year by many duplex users. It is generally agreed that the solution of church and brotherhood financial problems can be greatly advanced by a complete appropriation of the envelope system.

## Tent Missions

There are indications that a series of tent missions will be conducted during next year. Southern suburban churches are engaged in exploiting the possibilities of missions in the various parishes. J. E. Webb has just concluded a short campaign at Flinders Park with ten additions.

## Crusading

The introduction of the "Crusade for a Christian World" is well under way in this State. Preachers and conference departments are now proceeding toward adventuring for Christ in a very earnest manner. Local church pre-

parations are at various stages, and interesting reports of progress should be available at an early date. If the comprehensive range of objectives which has been advanced is achieved during the period set aside for crusading, the cause in this State will experience a tremendous revival.

## Obituary

### Mrs. Phyllis Mary Jolly

ON Oct. 26 Mrs. Jolly passed away suddenly at the age of 39 years, and was laid to rest in the Payneham cemetery, S.A., Mr. J. I. Mudford, of Norwood, assisting in the service. Mrs. Jolly, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Greaves, of Norwood church, was baptised by Will Beiler and received into fellowship on Sept. 4, 1921. She taught in the kindergarten, and was keenly interested in all church activities. After her marriage to Walter Jolly her membership was transferred to Dulwich, where she was of great assistance in the Doreas Society and in other departments of church life, and together with her husband and children, was most regular in attendance at all services. Mrs. Jolly acted as home mission collector for the sisters' work, and had recently been appointed a delegate to the S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary. Two of her sons are members of the church. We commend Mr. Jolly, Malcolm, Donald and Rodney, and the parents of our sister, to the comfort and consolation which only our heavenly Father can give.—H.C.

### Mrs. Louisa Mansell

THE death occurred at Oakleigh Christian Guest Home on Oct. 5 of Louisa Mansell, widow of the late Reuben Mansell, of Mildura and Merbein. Both were foundation members of Mildura church, and were for a time active members at Merbein. Mildura church met for the first time in their home in 1892. Mrs. Mansell came into the church in her youth. She was then Miss Gowan, of Mt. Clear; after her marriage the couple moved to Apollo Bay before becoming one of the pioneering families of Sunraysia. The present Mildura church building was built by Mr. Mansell in 1907, and throughout the history of the church there have always been members of the family in active association with it. At present there are grandchildren and great-grandchildren very active in Mildura church. Mrs. Mansell spent the last ten years of her life in the Guest Home, where she was very happy and loved of all. She lived to the great age of 91 years. The body was brought to Mildura, where, after a service in the chapel, it was buried in Mildura cemetery. A wide circle of friends rejoice with the relatives in their memory of a great life of service and also in the hope which we share.—L.E.S.

### Mrs. T. Miller

ON Oct. 27, after a long illness borne with great fortitude and courage, Mrs. T. Miller passed from this life to be with Christ. As a young woman, with her mother Mrs. Cameron, she was led to see the truth more perfectly in a mission conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen at Yarrawonga, Vic., twenty-three years ago. She then entered wholeheartedly into the service of the church, and was highly esteemed both for her loving and genial nature and for her faithfulness which did much to commend the gospel to others. Later she married Mr. T. Miller, and went to live at Marandara, N.S.W., and though isolated from the church, she continued to take a keen interest in all of its activities. Her mother, though 86 years of age, is still

alive, and is a grand old lady and an inspiration to all who come into contact with her. We commend her, the husband, Mr. Miller, and the son and daughter, Jack and Phyllis, to the comfort and care of our loving heavenly Father.—F. Cowper.

### Mrs. Anne Sargent

CHURCH at Brunswick, Vic., feels a great sense of loss at homecall of its oldest member—Mrs. Anne Sargent. On Saturday morning, Oct. 30, she passed peacefully to her reward at the age of 104 years and five months. Born in Dublin in 1844, she arrived in Australia at a very early age with her parents. They settled in the then thriving mining town of Taradale, where at the age of seventeen years she met and married John Sargent. She and her late husband were foundation members of Taradale church. They with 31 other converts were the first to be baptised by the late Stephen Cheek in the Coliban River on Sept. 8, 1878. From then till leaving Taradale in 1907, she was an active worker in church and Bible school. Coming to Melbourne 41 years ago, her membership had since then been with the church at Brunswick, where she regularly attended until failing health 12 years ago. After a service at the home, where tribute was made on members' behalf by church secretary A. Marsh, she was laid to rest in Taradale Cemetery with her late husband, who predeceased her by 44 years. James Wright, past preacher and friend, assisted writer at graveside. Sincere sympathy is extended to her daughter, Mrs. Scott, and all who sorrow. An in memoriam service was held in Brunswick chapel, Sunday, Nov. 14.—R.W.V.

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