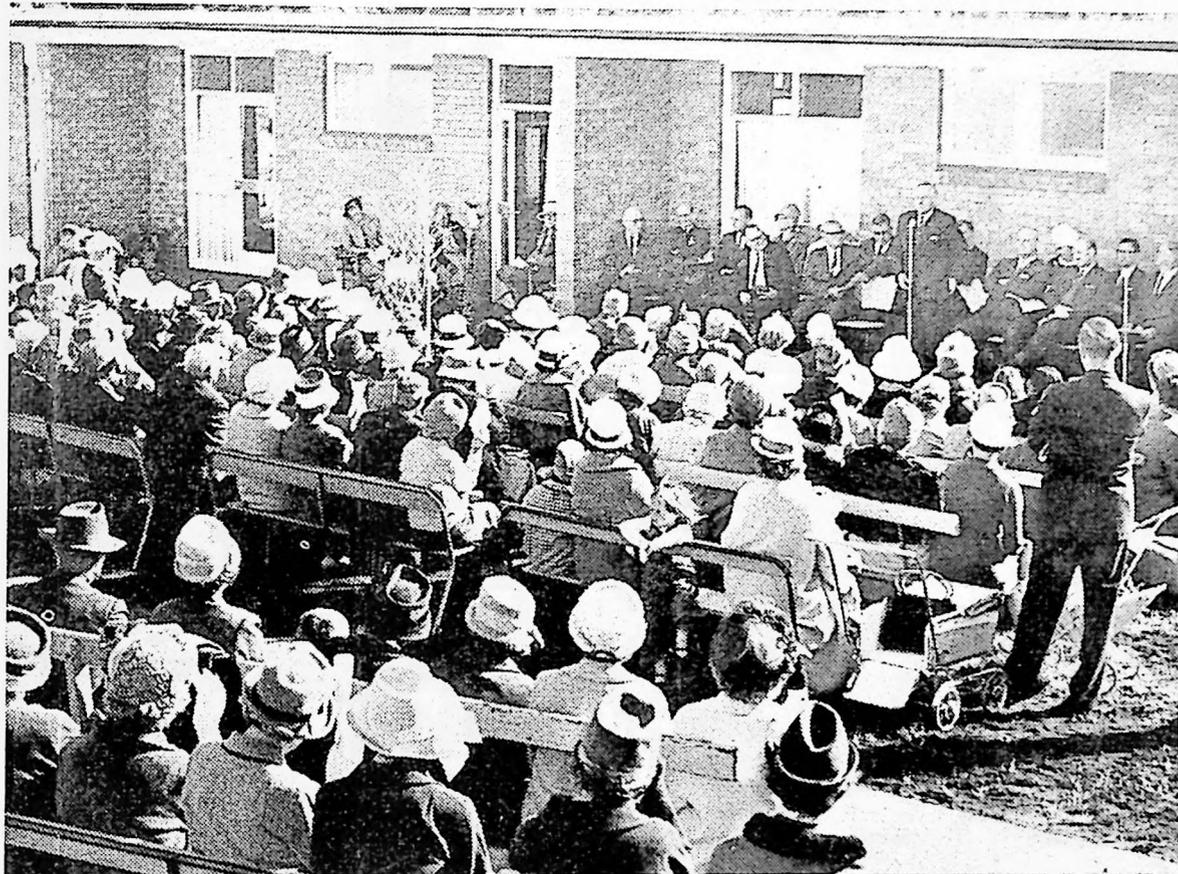


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MULTI-LINGUAL SILENCE

The writer of Ecclesiastes said: "There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak." The other day, when I heard a fellow sounding off about his rights and privileges being invaded, it occurred to me that most of us find it easier to speak up for our own interests than for those of others, and it is far easier to be silent about the wrongs suffered by others than about our own.

For example, hardly a week goes by without some union or other going on strike for better pay or conditions, or some firm or organisation protesting against restrictions on activities by the government in one way or another. What a refreshing change it would be if, for instance, the watersiders went on strike in order to get increased benefits for pensioners! How inspiring it would be if the Chambers of Commerce led a deputation to Canberra to insist that taxes be increased so that at least one per cent. of our national income could be used for needy and under-developed countries!

It is unlikely that we shall be given this inspiring lead. Such concern for others is still so rare that when we find an example of it in individuals it is still newsworthy. It was newsworthy in Moshe Sharrett, who died earlier this year. Mr. Sharrett was a leading statesman of modern Israel. Like most politicians, he suffered a great deal from enemies who envied him, and even from friends who misunderstood him. Sharrett was one who did have the interests of others so much upon his heart that he bothered very little about himself. He spoke out for the rights of others but he was silent in the face of many personal attacks and bitter opposition. This moved the editor of "The Jewish Chronicle" to remind us that Sharrett spoke nine languages fluently, and knew how to keep silent in each of them.

Multi-lingual silence! There's a phrase to describe unselfishness! To care so much for others that he did not bother to defend himself—this is a part of the Christian way of life practised by one who was not a Christian. There was once a greater than Sharrett in that same land of Israel, and he would have understood and approved.

Our Lord knew when to speak and when to keep silent. He did not speak out for himself. If anyone could claim that his rights and privileges were being abused, Jesus could. But he did speak out loud and clear about the needs of others. He strongly denounced injustices to widows and wrongs to children. When religious leaders were using the principles of God for their own selfish ends, he called them "a brood of vipers." He was prepared to make dangerous foes when standing up for the rights of others. But when his own person was threatened he would not speak. He was silent before the high priests and he had no word at all for Herod, the unkingly king. "Like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth."

This is not a hint to pensioners, South African negroes, or trade unionists, or anyone else to suffer in silence. People have a right to speak for themselves. But that right sits more becomingly on those who first speak for others.

AMPOL ON TV

I didn't view the programme of the Mavis Bramston Show that was the subject of more objections during this past week. I haven't forgiven M.B.'s earlier examples of bad taste.

Apparently the latest offence concerned the communion service. The church cannot claim immunity from satire if it becomes smug, pious, hypocritical, or foolish. Indeed, many reformers have used the satirical weapons with great and good effect. But apart from its lack of concern for the sacred areas of many lives, the M.B. Show lacks the essential ingredient of satire, and that is a serious purpose behind its shafts of irony and humour.

The true satirist breaks things, but he breaks them because they are foolish or vicious. The M.B. Show breaks things just for the sake of breaking them. This is not satire, it is vandalism.

My guess is that Ampol has also had just about enough and will quietly drop Mavis at the end of the year. She is one additive Ampol doesn't really need.

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• INTERSTATE NEWS

CRUSADE '65

(Sydney). Historic Enmore Tabernacle was given a "new look" for "Crusade '65." Considerable effort went into the planning and preparation for this specific series of meetings directed to youth evangelism, and the response of the young people of the Sydney churches was very gratifying. Faithful prayer-support, keen publicity and effective organisation made Enmore the focal point of the youth of our N.S.W. brotherhood. Delegations from as far afield as Newcastle, Wyoming, Wollongong, Bowral and Canberra indicated something of the widespread interest engendered by the Crusade.

For five nights, Aug. 24 to Aug. 28, large and expectant gatherings listened to the stirring preaching of George Wood, of South Perth, W.A. All his messages were challenging, and the gospel was faithfully and clearly presented. Bruce Armstrong carried out his duties as song-leader in his own inimitable way, and the "Crusade Choir," under the direction of Franklyn Elliott, and with Warren Murray at the electronic organ, and Ray Myers at the grand piano, made a tremendous contribution.

The Challenge of Southport

Having a great concern for the plight of old people on the Gold Coast, a Southport family has invited the Social Service Committee to provide a Home similar to Burdeu House, and Mylo House, to cater for our Aged People from the Northern Rivers of N.S.W., the Gold Coast area, and for those of our members who have to come to Queensland from the Southern States for health reasons.

To show their interest in such a project the family has offered a property of 8 acres valued at £8,000 to the Committee for £4,000, on £1,000 deposit, the balance to be repaid over a period of 3 years, interest free.

Our architect, Don Cranston, has submitted a plan of development providing for the subdivision of 3 acres of the property into building blocks, which will be sold to meet purchase costs, and have money in hand to commence the project.

In addition, the assistance on the musical side of Fred Grice, Roy Ashton, Ed. Holt, "The Gospel Helms," Chatswood Trio, "The Rhythmaires," and "Paul and Christine," was much appreciated. Ray Ewers, of Belmore, and his band of counsellors also made a worthy contribution in their personal assistance to inquirers.

The final night attracted the largest congregation and climaxed the whole series when Mr. Wood preached on the compelling theme, "Out Too Late," and 29 young people filed down the aisles in response to the appeal.

In all, there were 36 commitments to Christ, 8 being primary decisions, 12 offering for full-time service, and 16 re-consecrations.

MEN AT WORK

(Mackay, Qld.). Enjoying their usual good fellowship, men spent a day installing a sink and wall unit at the church . . . The eleven from Mackay who journeyed to Magnetic Island Youth Centre (300 miles from home) returned with reports of a most successful Youth Camp, under the leadership of Phil Woolford, Qld's Youth Director. Among the confessions of faith which were made at the camp was that of Colleen Cullen, one of the Mackay girls.

WORLD C.W.F. ANNIVERSARY

(Sydney). The World C.W.F. Anniversary gathering arranged by the women of N.S.W. was planned in conjunction with the monthly meeting on Sept. 3, at City Temple Sydney.

The President, Mrs. J. P. Henderson, was in the chair. The Epping Ladies' Choir capably provided the musical programme. A special feature was a "Floral Display," in which 16 Fellowships depicted Scripture texts by means of tasteful flower arrangements, and 16 countries where C.W.F. is in operation, were represented by a distinctive object. Australia was represented with a basket of fruit and flowers. Mrs. W. R. Hayward was in charge of the arrangement of the display.

The W.C.W.F. anniversary programme was taken as a basis for the meeting, with the theme, "Yield an Hundredfold." Women from Bexley North, in costume, presented a dialogue. Mrs. N. Armstrong, of Caringbah, made the anniversary cake and appropriately decorated it with a basket of fruit and Scripture references relating to the theme. Mrs. O. Bloore, recently appointed W.C.W.F. and Federal representative for N.S.W. women, was presented to the meeting in that capacity and read the introductory message.

It was a great privilege to have, as our guest speaker, our Federal President, Mrs. J. Strack, of Melbourne. Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie proposed a vote of thanks to all who had a part in this successful occasion, and Mrs. Strack was presented with a small token in appreciation of the work she is doing as Federal C.W.F. President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRANSPORT

(Nollamara, W.A.). A bus route has been planned for the Yokine-Dianella area for any requiring transport. The newly commenced Sunday School is thriving at the Balga State School, with 50 attending . . . Members of the C.E. visited R. P. Hospital on Orange and Flower Sunday. Ladies held a workday on Aug. 17, in the Social Service Dept. . . . As well as our Living Link, Mrs. Veal, we are now sharing in the Team Support System of U.F.M., and help support Ray and Pam Goodlett. From Aug. 17 to 22, a special Missionary Convention was conducted by J. Reid, from Clayton, Vic., to challenge the church for mission giving for the coming year.

SIX BAPTISMS

(Hampton, Vic.). Two further decisions on Aug. 15. Six scholars from Bible School baptized on Aug. 22.

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of divisions within the church. Other speakers were: T. H. Smeaton, M.P., A. G. Saunders, Les. Gooden, R. Raymond, J. E. Allan, Jas. Johnston, B. W. Huntsman, A. R. Main. Statistics showed that 693 were added to the church in the year, and 718 lost. A net increase of 25 . . . F. M. Students. A photograph of Foreign Missionary students in the College number of the "Christian" showed H. R. Coventry, G. H. Oldfield, W. H. Hinrichsen, K. M. Bowen, H. A. G. Clark, F. R. Killey, W. R. Hibbert, Miss L. Redman, L. C. McCalum, Miss V. Blake and S. B. Hibbard. The faculty was: A. R. Main, M.A., Principal; R. T. Pittman, Dip.Ed.; H. E. Knott, M.A.; Reg. Enniss, organiser; J. Howlett Ross, F.S.S., A.F.I.A.; J. S. Taylor, B.A. and Miss F. I. Sims, B.A.

31st S.A. Conference. G. D. Wright was President, with Chaplain-Capt. E. W. Pittman as incoming President. The Adelaide Town Hall was packed to hear the Conference Sermon by Leslie W. Baker, on "The Heart of Our Plea," dealing with the damning and blighting effects

LINES FROM LEICESTER (SQUARE)

BY STANTON H. WILSON

"Good-bye Piccadilly, farewell Leicester Square" took on a new meaning for us when, after four months in England, I paid my first visit to London. The occasion was when we attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. It was a wonderful experience on a memorable mid-summer afternoon. We walked about London with the familiarity we used to walk along Collins Street. We felt from the first moment: "This is our city." In London, our history and our heritage come alive.

BRITISH CHURCHES OF CHRIST CONFERENCE.

This convocation recently concluded at "The Hayes," at Swanwick, in Derbyshire. The 120th Conference was held from Saturday to Thursday inclusive. It followed the pattern of most Australian State Conferences, except for two main differences.

This was a "live-in" Conference. 300 people lived in for the duration. "The Hayes" is a world-famous conference centre, developed from the original mansion in the centre of an enormous country estate. The catering and accommodation leave nothing to be desired. There is a commodious conference hall, large modern chapel, a creche, innumerable committee rooms, lounges, reading and writing rooms, a swimming pool, and facilities for tennis, croquet, cricket, bowls and other recreations.

Secondly, there was only one Evening Inspirational Rally (at which Howard Dentler and I were speakers). On other evenings, the whole Conference was divided into five separate discussion groups, of their choosing, to consider: (1) "Churches of Christ Today: The Place of the New Testament." (2) "Preparing for 1980: Our Relations with Other Churches." (3) "The Missionary Task Overseas Today." (4) "Finance and Organisation." (5) "Moral Standards Today." From the final presentation of reports it was apparent that the level of discussion was excellent.

Stanley Sewell and I were co-opted members of the Christian Union Committee. I am personally grateful for this privilege and opportunity in a situation in which the Nottingham resolution making Easter 1980 a target date for

accomplishments in Christian Union, has quickened ecumenical interest and progress.

Australian readers will be interested to learn of three persons whom Conference honored:—

NAOMI PITTMAN.

Noting the recent "Home Call" of our sister, Conference carried the following resolution:—

"That this Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the life, work and witness of our pioneer missionary, Naomi Pittman. Along with her husband, the late G. Percy Pittman, she accepted the challenge of R. H. Parker to share with Paul Singh the opening of a mission field in Daltonganj. Arriving in India at the end of 1909, and living in very trying and primitive conditions, she toiled unceasingly in the spread of the gospel. Her loyalty and devotion never failed, and she continued to support her husband during a significant ministry in India, and in later years in a period of service in the Australian Churches of Christ. We thank God for her faith, courage and example."

JAMES GRAY, M.A.

In the British brotherhood, the office of Chairman of Central Council is a most important and onerous responsibility. When the following resolution was proposed, the whole assembly carried it by spontaneously rising to its feet and according James Gray sustained applause.

Resolved: "That this Conference place on record its great appreciation of the devoted and able service of James Gray as Chairman of the Central Council for more than seventeen years — a position he has filled with honor. He has guided the affairs of each Annual Conference, and through the years has spent much time in correspondence with many Christian bodies. In all these spheres we have safely trusted his administrative ability, wise judgment, Christian sensitiveness and his exceptional knowledge of the personalities and procedures of our Churches."

Conference in thanking Mr. Gray, presented him with a cheque as an expression of appreciation. Mr. Gray is a member of our congregation at Evington Road.

SIR NICHOLAS GARROW, O.B.E., J.P.

Sir Nicholas was knighted in the latest Queen's Honours. He has been for 48 years an active member of our church at Bedlington (Northumb.), in which he is an elder and a lay preacher. He was President, Secretary, and then Vice-President of the Divisional Committee for 30 years. His son, James, a graduate of Overdale College, was ordained to the ministry at the recent British Conference. Sir Nicholas told me of his life-long concern to relate the Christian faith to current moral and social problems. He said: "With every inch of my six feet three, and every ounce of my sixteen stone, I am proud to be in the battle of Moral Re-Armament."



Sir Nicholas Garrow.

Sir Nicholas is a giant in more ways than one. He is justly proud of the congratulations he is receiving from around the world, including, as he puts it, "dukes and dustmen, Cabinet Ministers and cabinet-makers." We, too, are proud of him. Conference passed a resolution of congratulation.

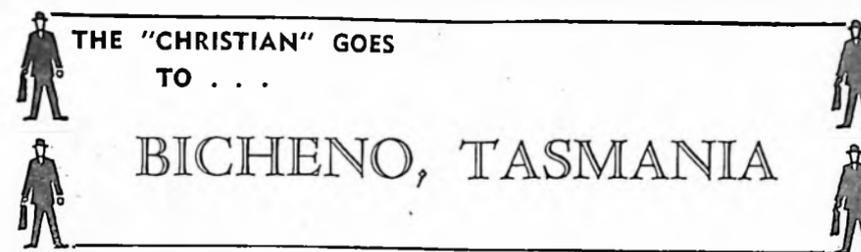
TREASURES FROM THE PAST:

DEUTERONOMY.—In Manchester, recently, I visited the famous John Ryland's Library. Here I saw parts of Deuteronomy, chapters 23 and 28. This was written on papyrus and the script dated back to 2nd century B.C. These exhibits are the oldest surviving fragments of the Septuagint, and possibly the earliest known portions of the Old Testament in existence! The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the Old Testament made c. 284-247 B.C.

JOHN'S GOSPEL.—A further delight was to see a fragment of papyrus, 8.9 x 5.8 cms., of John's Gospel, containing, on the one side, part of verses 31-34, on the other side, part of verses 37-38 of chapter 18. This is the earliest known piece of the New Testament writing in any language. It dates back to the last half of the 2nd century A.D.

ANCIENT SCRIPTS.—In a special exhibition was a piece of papyrus which was part of a text in Hieratic invoking the crocodile as the protector of fishermen. It dates from the middle of the second millennium B.C. Nearby was a clay tablet, about 5 x 4 inches, dealing with the conquest of Kish by Gilgamesh, in the reign of Agga, the last king of the first dynasty of Kish. This tablet was assigned to the third millennium B.C.!

It was lunch-time when I left the Library. I was excited, but I wasn't hungry. I had had a feast of good things. England is a veritable treasure house of things old and new!



It is not an unusual occurrence for a Tasmanian Christian to go to Bicheno — at least not over the past few months — because frequent trips have been made by our church folk from Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

It is somewhat unusual, however, for a Mainland Christian to make the trip except, of course, as a tourist, and Bicheno attracts its fair share of these.

Back in April, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Fielder and son, from Victoria, came over to Bicheno and lived "on site" for seven weeks. "On site" is scarcely exaggerated, because they camped in one of two ex-Air Force huts which had been dismantled at their original war location and transported to Bicheno in pieces to become the humble beginnings of what is planned to be a first-rate Youth and Education Camp for the Churches of Christ in Tasmania.

The Fielder family lived in their draughty discomfort through each week and each Saturday a team of volunteers joined them to work hard on making the buildings more habitable. The preparatory work of the Fielders during the week days assisted greatly in enabling the Saturday team to move in and get to work immediately on specific tasks. Thank you, Fielder family, for your greatly appreciated help! You were truly "Christians in Action."

All workers have to travel over 100 miles to camp, and the same back home, so early starts and late returns have been the order of the day. At an "on site" meeting just recently it was decided to continue to work throughout the winter months by having a working bee at least once each month.

Despite slow beginnings, frustrations and a period of doldrums, interest has been rekindled and things are taking

shape. The exteriors of the buildings have been painted a nice fresh green, with white trims to follow. This work was carried out by an energetic team of young ladies under the direction of an ex-Police Inspector!

Electrical wiring for one building is almost completed ready for fittings and switchboards, and the interior ceilings, lining and partitioning of both buildings are under way. Ultimately, the existing two buildings are to comprise 8 self-contained flats. New buildings will be boys' and girls' Dormitories, Dining Room, Recreation and Worship Centre and Toilet Block.

The present goal is to complete 6 flats and a temporary dining and meeting room in the existing two buildings, before Christmas.

We hope this will be read as a special appreciation to the Fielder family and an acknowledgment to our local Tasmanian volunteers for their willing services, but, above all, we want to challenge those of our Tasmanian brotherhood who have not yet shared in this venture. We need more volunteers and would like more of our country churches to become involved. If you are too old, or physically unfit, or otherwise unable to help in actual work, we would welcome your donation to assist our strained finances.

If you have no other contact you can write to the Associate Editor for Tasmania (address inside front cover this issue).

"The Christian" was happy to go to Bicheno and see the heartening signs of the establishment of the first ever Youth and Education Camp of our Churches of Christ in Tasmania.

—R.J.B.

THE WATER OF LIFE

By Mrs. AUDREY WINDRAM

You see these hills in the summer and you see nothing but dry grass and gum trees or cropped paddocks. But in the winter things happen — green things — wet and glistening things — bowing, blowing, tumultuous things — and one of the things that happened one winter was the appearance of the spring. It didn't bubble discreetly among the grass like a politely muffled hiccup, it spurted forth like a geyser to be sure we noticed it. We acknowledged it — we could do no less. It wouldn't be ignored, that was certain. We dug around and made a bit of a hollowed plateau for it on the hillside, and it stopped saluting so militantly and filled the bowl of earth and made itself a pond. It was too cold for us to stand watching it, so we left it.

Over the years the pond grew reeds about it, and in succeeding winters spillage from the pond-sized dam trickled down the hillside into the gully and joined the creek there, which accepted offerings from all the springs and rivulets of our enclosing hills.

In the winter the creek gurgled happily, and even in the summer, because of the spring that filled the tiny dam to overflowing there was water in the creek — enough to gather in the deepest rocky places and even to provide a water-fall.

Such a small thing the spring on our hill, and such a tiny thing our creek with its miniature waterfall, but it winds down the gully and joins with a creek of larger dimension, and that joins with a creek important enough to have a name which actually gets to empty into a river and that is important and big enough to travel to the sea, and the sea — well, sufficient it is to say that some of the water from the spring on our hill has mixed with the brine of the Southern Ocean, and it has travelled — and we wish we knew how to make such use of our small resources.

What did it have that we have not?

Courage, of course. It wasn't shy about introducing itself to us. It came forth boldly and let us know it existed. It neither apologised for its existence, nor exaggerated its own importance, and it accepted the miserably inadequate bed we dug for it without complaint.

When it was time to go forth — it did so. No shilly-shallying, no clinging to maternal skirts, no fear of the unknown, no prejudice against mixing with foreign water. It hurried happily and expectantly down the hillside. Some soaked into our ground — some was evaporated to become rain — some sank into the creek bed and some was thirstily consumed by the stock — but came the winter again to get the creek flowing freely, and off it cascaded — what had to go went into the unknown; and the unknown became the known.

Yes, courage it had, and acceptance of the Law, and a oneness with the universe.

Those things it had which we have not — yet.

Mrs. Audrey Windram is a member of Aldgate Valley church in Sth. Australia.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JOHN CHIVELL IS HOME

(Adelaide). I. J. Chivell, the S.A. Conference Secretary, flew into Adelaide yesterday (Sept. 2) after a whirlwind six-weeks' tour around the world. The World Convention, and a week on our Indian missions field, were major events in his tour. Relatives and the staff of "189" were at his place for tea an hour after his landing, and were delighted with his "Travel Talk" delivered in typical I.J.C. manner . . . The S.A. State Conference commenced on Sept. 7, so our State Secretary is well and truly back at work.

GOOD SERVICE AWARDS

(Broken Hill, S.A.) At a G.L.B. parade on Aug. 15, five were presented with Good Service awards, and three were enrolled. . . . Nine young people from South Methodist Church attended our service on Aug. 15, as part of their Bible Class studies . . . Mrs. D. Tuft is leader of a physical culture class that is attracting interest among girls and women of the church . . . The church helped Mrs. Smith to celebrate her 90th birthday. . . . The minister, R. C. Sack, attended the Church and Life Movement Training Conference in Adelaide . . . To celebrate the opening of the worship centre, a social evening on Aug. 21 had Darrel Tuft as compere . . . Brian Good, of the Gideons Movement was a recent speaker.

ELIZABETH, S.A. MISSIONARY CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER

24th 25th
7.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m.

26th
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SADNESS AT UNGARRA

(S.A.). Church was saddened by the death of Kathryn Telfer (4 years) and extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Telfer and the boys . . . Eyres Peninsula Conf. Pres., Bert Gray, welcomed back after major surgery in Adelaide.

LOYALTY DINNER

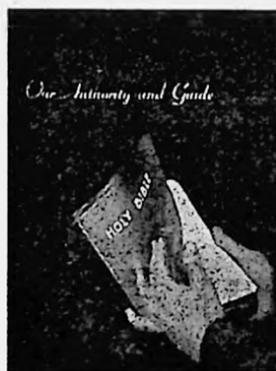
(Ascot Park, S.A.). The ladies catered splendidly on Aug. 20 for a hot dinner for over 100, at a Loyalty Dinner, to launch an appeal for increased support for the church. After dinner, "The Facts of the Case" were presented by W. F. Bibby, D. McDonald spoke on "Managing Your Budget," and L. Simpson on "The Spiritual Aspect of Giving or Tithing." The church took part in an act of rededication on Aug. 22. With more pledges to come, £43 per week has been pledged. . . . Wm. Thornton, of the College of the Bible, was speaker on Aug. 29 . . . At the B.S. annual meeting, D. G. Fenn was re-elected supt., and W. J. Palmer, sec. K. D. Horne, Director of Christian Educ., addressed the teachers on "The Teacher and the Scholar."

S.S. EMPHASISES S.S.

(Edwardstown, S.A.). One session of the Sunday School anniversary emphasised Social Service work. A. R. Jones, Social Service Director, was the speaker, and he received from the school a good supply of blankets, groceries, clothing, and £10 for his work. Reg. Sugars was song leader . . . The girls' basketball club gained one premiership. Trophies were presented at a special night to which parents were invited . . . The church ladies entertained C.O.B. students at tea on Aug. 28 . . . There were 270 at an after-church coffee hour on Aug. 29. John Halbert led in singing, and four C.O.B. students formed a panel to answer many questions on the ministry and Christian education.

NEW CHURCH IS HOST

(Goolwa, S.A.). Half-yearly rally of Southern Conference churches was held in new church building at Goolwa. President R. W. Saunders, chairman. K. A. Pitt, Murray Bridge minister, gave the address on "The Rural Church." Items were given by the Inter. C.E. and a men's quartette. All church auxiliaries had displays of work for visitors. Some early church history was included in the programme . . . Twenty C. of B. students were shown over the new church building on Sept. 1. Two C. of B. students, one presiding, the other giving the address, led the service on Aug. 29.



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INVASION

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The College of the Bible friendly invasion of S.A. reached here when Neil Graham presided on Aug. 29 and Ian Thompson spoke on life at the College. Questions were answered by the students at an after-church fellowship . . . The minister, K. H. Pitt, attended a two-day leader training seminar for the Church and Life Movement . . . R. V. Holmes and G. Lord were guest speakers for the S.S. anniversary . . . Presbyterian ladies were guests of the C.W.E.F. for a games night . . . Norman Page has been transferred to hospital in Adelaide after a sudden illness at Mildura.

LENSWOOD IS 32

(S.A.). The church celebrated its 32nd anniversary on Aug. 29, with Albert Anderson as guest speaker. The minister, A. J. Ingham, presided at both services. There is now a membership of 34, with only four of the foundation members left . . . Social Service offering to date is £17.

LESSONS FROM GOD

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Mission sec., on Aug. 29, spoke on lessons God had taught him in his recent trip to New Guinea with secretaries of other missionary societies. Missionary project for catamaran for New Guinea has approximately £110 in hand. . . . C.Y.F. used tape by Brian Willersdorf, "Christ is coming again — are we ready," for monthly meeting. . . . C.W.F. had officer from Welfare Dept. for meeting . . . Several groups attended tent mission at Strathalbyn on several occasions . . . Girls' basketball teams had special break-up tea.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW BUILDINGS AT AUBURN

(N.S.W.). The work at Auburn continues to be extended, under the leadership of Harry Davies, and all departments are making progress. Of particular interest, however, is the design of the new chapel and hall, with provision and facilities for youth activities. It is anticipated that the new buildings will be opened toward the end of the year.

N.S.W. SOCIAL SERVICE SURVEY

A "Social Service Survey," in the form of a four-page pamphlet, has been prepared for distribution throughout our N.S.W. churches by the Director of Social Services and Homes Department, Charles Cole. The pamphlet deals with such branches of this extensive work as the Counselling section, Marriage Guidance section, the organised planning necessary for the continuance of the Domestic Aid section, and pointers of interest in relation to Geriatric Care and the specific ministry that is being carried out in the homes, at the "Will Roffey Community Centre," Pendle Hill, "Bingley Hall," Hornsby, and "The Christian Guest Home," at Croydon.

TEMPERANCE FILM STRIPS

(N.S.W.). Specially prepared literature and Temperance Film Strips are available to all Women's Fellowships in N.S.W. from the C.W.F. Temperance Committee. These are particularly suitable for use in Bible Schools, Youth Groups, Clubs and Brigades, in the interests of the lives of our young people for whom we are responsible. This material may be helpfully incorporated in programmes throughout the year. The importance of sane, scientific education regarding the principles of Temperance can never be over-estimated. The hiring of very beneficial sound films can also be arranged through the committee. For further information, contact Mrs. Wrigley, 23 Centennial-ave., Chatswood (41-7049), or Mrs. Single, 18 Scott-cres., East Roseville (JY-2750).

BACK FROM NEW GUINEA

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. S. Catts have returned from New Guinea after visiting their daughter, Diana . . . A tea, and later, an after-church fellowship were the means of expressing the members' sorrow at the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Thomas and their children, Alan and Jill. A presentation was made. Mr. Thomas has been appointed staff manager with the A.M.P. in Brisbane . . . Our Girls' Brigade, 110th Sydney, have been taking an active part in the World Silver Jubilee Celebrations, and they have greatly appreciated the work of their leader, Capt. Enid Stinson. . . . Croydon Guest Home has been visited by the C.W.F., when the devotions were taken by the secretary, Mrs. J. Curzon. Slides were presented at the fellowship by Mrs. Taylor on the work of our Aborigines Missions.

N.S.W. CHRISTIAN UNITY — PROGRAMME AND PLANNING

The Christian Unity Committee in New South Wales is continuing during this Conference year its plan, developed in previous years, for the increasing education of the membership of the churches in the basic principles of the Restoration Movement. With this in mind, discussions have taken place concerning the attitude of Churches of Christ to the most recent Church Union proposals in Australia. These concern the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, with a view to coming together as the Uniting Church of Australia.

The New South Wales Committee has also been concerned that our people be-

come more fully acquainted with the history and teaching of our own Movement. To this end a series of published articles is in the course of preparation, the themes and the writers being:

"Why Churches of Christ?" — E. T. Hart.
"How the Churches of Christ Came Into Being" — Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
"The Importance of the Scriptures to Churches of Christ" — F. L. Ewers, B.A.
"The Importance of N.T. Restoration in Church Life" — Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A.
"Churches of Christ and The Uniting Church, the Ecumenical Council and the Ecumenical Movement" — C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed.

N.S.W. DEPOSITS FUND

For some considerable time now, a select committee, set up by the N.S.W. Conference, has been working in conjunction with members of the Property Trust, with a view to establishing a Churches of Christ "Deposits Fund."

This is now an accomplished fact, so that members of our churches in N.S.W. may now make deposits of capital with this fund which may be utilised for the benefit of the brotherhood as a whole. Deposits will be accepted either "on demand" or for a fixed term from one to ten years. Interest ranging from 4 per cent to 5½ per cent per annum will be paid in June and December each year, or may accumulate until the principal is repayable.

Such funds will be available on loan to churches and Conference Committees. Security of depositors' funds and repayments are guaranteed through the Chapel Extension Fund assets, which at the moment exceed the sum of £20,000. At the outset the fund is operating on minimum initial deposits of £20 for a fixed term of not less than one year.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

We invite you to join us in prayer, as we remember —

1. The N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee — in its Education Programme, to present a greater understanding of "Unity Through Restoration."

2. The Correspondence Bible School of the Department of Christian Education, and Miss Cox, of Earlwood, who directs this vital work.

3. The N.S.W. Slavic Church of Christ, meeting at City Temple, Sydney, each Sunday afternoon, and the minister, George Wladysluk.

4. The Principal and staff of Woolwich College — in the training and oversight of students for the ministry.

5. C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. (City Temple Brotherhood Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour) in its weekly meetings and witness for Christ.

6. "CRUSADE '65" — in its ongoing influence and impact upon young people of N.S.W. — especially in the "Follow-up" phase of the campaign.

C.W.F. COVERS CATWALK

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). A covered way has been erected over the catwalk at the side of the church to provide sheltered entry to the rear of the building. This project was financed by the C.W.F. . . . Church extends sympathy to Miss Dinah Everingham on death of her father. . . . A Boys' Club has commenced, run by Mr. Ben Briguglio.

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Scant equipment of a couple of old motor seats, a box or two and fire-place all exposed to the weather, formed a guess as to the furnishings, or lack of them, one might find inside the "residence."

But in conversation, as one looks into Bill's weakening eyes, there is an inescapable radiance shining through his full, round face from a heart released from fear and secured in hope.

I had written a letter or two upon hearing of Bill's commitment to Christ, to assure him that in the family of God he had many brothers throughout Australia. Someone else would have to read the letters to Bill, who has never had opportunity to learn to read and write. But he informed me he still keeps them as a reminder of the real fellowship in Christ.

It was September, 1963, when both white and colored gathered for the annual race meeting, that our missionaries conducted a Crusade, with Ben

Mason as preacher. On one evening the town picture theatre had been engaged to screen the Billy Graham film, "Shadow of the Boomerang." Someone saw Bill outside the theatre and invited him in.

He resisted on the excuse that the light was too bright for his eyes. However, when the lights went out he moved into a back seat and saw the picture through. At the conclusion, and appearance of the lights, Bill rose to go. Ben Mason asked that nobody leave the theatre, an invitation hymn, and then the benediction. So Bill felt cornered and stood to listen. During the invitation hymn, most unexpectedly, Bill went right to the front and confessed his belief in Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Next morning Lance Fisher called at Bill's place. "How do you feel about last night?" said Mr. Fisher, "do you intend to go on with that decision you made?" "Yes, Mr. Fisher," replied Bill. "That picture was for me."

In due course, and with an understanding that response in baptism was an identification of the life with the Saviour, he was immersed into Christ. There has been no nominal Christianity for Bill. One can only stand amazed at the rapidity with which this unlearned and literally handicapped man began to practise a moment by moment communion with his Lord.

Problems were solved by faith and implicit trust. Bill soon learned from

old friend, and the writer, shared in the funeral service, when a crowded chapel of relatives, workmates, church members and friends, paid loving and well-deserved tribute to a kindly, gracious Christian. —A. H. Coleman.

Mrs. Elsie Marion Schibrowski.

When Mrs. Schibrowski died suddenly on July 29, it was a shock to the church at Maryborough, Qld. Although she has not enjoyed good health for many years, she was her usual bright and cheery self until she suffered two strokes in quick succession. Mrs. Schibrowski joined the church during the Chandler-Clay mission in 1918, during which there were about 120 decisions, with over 80 being received into the church. Her husband, Jim, also made his decision as a teenager during this mission, and in this way they met and within the fellowship of the church there grew an eternal affection for each other. She was blessed with a beautiful voice which she used most effectively to present the gospel in song. The service at the chapel and graveside was conducted by D. G. Nelson. Tribute was paid to a life fully dedicated. Comfort and assuring prayer are offered to her husband, relatives and friends.—A. C. Popp.

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experience that his Lord was a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. And he did not hesitate to commence witnessing for his "wonderful Father."

My personal introduction was preceding the Sunday School anniversary, and Bill had been round that week giving out tracts, urging people to turn from the old life, and inviting them to the 1965 Anniversary meeting in the town theatre.

Last week Bill was taken to hospital with swollen legs and blood pressure. Mr. Fisher went to visit. What do you think was Bill's greeting? "Hullo, Mr. Fisher, I have just finished talking to 'My Friend.' Many of us are entering into profound spiritual experience through the witness of the simple, confident faith of Bill, Bob, Vincent and others. Do you, dear reader, know and live intimately with Bill's 'Friend,' as he does?"

It is to give these people a venue for fellowship, worship and service, lifting them from their sordid conditions, that the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, and the missionaries at Carnarvon are anxious to have the Carnarvon Christian Centre built as speedily as possible. We invite you to pray with Bill, and with us, for its early fulfilment.

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Forward Moves — New Hebrides

CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW HEBRIDES.

At the August meeting of the Field Council of our mission in the New Hebrides plans were put forward for the formation of a Conference of Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides.

This is a major move forward in our island work. The proposal to establish a Conference will be discussed by the churches on the different islands.

At present our work in the New Hebrides is managed by a Field Council, which comprises an elected group of missionaries who represent each mission station, and six island brethren, two coming from each island.

The formation of a Conference will be an important factor in unifying the work and will place greater responsibility upon the island churches.

In the New Hebrides we are referring less to the "work of the mission" and more to the "work of the church." Island churches are willing to accept responsibility in many directions. They wish to share in the provision of equipment which previously was regarded as the responsibility of the mission.

For example, a new launch is required to replace the "Grace," which went to the New Hebrides in 1949. Previously the mission provided the launch, but the

new launch will be provided by the churches in the New Hebrides and the churches in Australia. At least, we trust that this will be so. The island churches have indicated their willingness to provide half the costs involved. At a later date the Australian churches will be asked whether they are willing to do the same. In future we shall think more in terms of the churches in Australia co-operating with the Conference of Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides.

NEW HEBRIDEANS FOR NEW GUINEA.

The Minister for Territories, Mr. C. E. Barnes, has approved of an application for the admission of a limited number of New Hebridean teachers to serve with our mission in New Guinea. When I arrived in the New Hebrides from New Guinea, I was able to convey this news to our island churches. Abel Bani, our head teacher, said, "This is the best news we have had for a long time. We shall send our people."

The New Hebridean churches have asked that we approach the Administration in New Guinea to see if pastors and builders could also go. The training given during the erection of the Ndui Ndui Hospital, and other projects, means we have a number of young men capable of giving valuable assistance to the building programme in New Guinea.

If the New Hebridean churches are able to send out missionaries to another country, this will bring encouragement and blessing, as they obey the command of Jesus to take the gospel to every creature.

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Which is the more important: the chairman of the board or the church secretary? It seems to me that the secretary does all of the work and the chairman gets all the publicity.

The only person of real importance in the church is the one whose church it is. That is neither the chairman nor the secretary. It is the Master. His views on the question of importance are well known. You will remember that he took a towel and basin and washed the feet of his importance-seeking disciples.

It is the service given by each person that is important. Members may preach, clean the floors, wash the communion linen, play the organ, stack the hymnbooks, chair meetings or write minutes — according to their ability. Christ does not ask what job we do, but how we do the task that is ours. The honour in a job is not found in its title, but in the loyalty and devotion with which the job is done. Loyalty and devotion are qualities not easily measurable by man.

We do attempt to measure some qualities. In the chairman of the board we look for the capacity to represent the church well. He will be a man of Christian character and good reputation, with the confidence of his brethren and the ability to express the will of the church in a manner acceptable to all.

The secretary will also be a man of Christian character and good reputation. He will need a thick skin and a gentle heart, with a mind capable of seeing a hundred things while he focuses on one. He will require a sense of humour and loads of tact. He will have or develop the knack of recording with precision the resolutions of the church and, with an eye to the church historian, provide adequate descriptions of events and accurate identification of the folk concerned in them. (How frustrating it must be to find that a person who did something significant in the early days is known in the records simply as "Bro. Smith"!)

Who can measure the importance of these tasks? Not I! Both will be ruined if they are measured in terms of prestige. Both the chairman and the secretary should have only one concern: how Christ can be exalted and how his church can be made strong.

The chairman and secretary are not interested in how deep are their footprints in the paths of service. And, we may remind ourselves, from the viewpoint of the Man with the Towel, the feet of all disciples look the same.

OBITUARY

Will McDermid.

The Camberwell church, Vic., is happy to have had the privilege of Will McDermid's association over many years. He was a faithful and sincere member until his sudden death on Aug. 9, 1965. We remember the beauty of his fine voice, which he was ever willing to use in choir or solo work, uplifting, inspiring and delighting us. We remember his friendliness, his genuine interest in people. We remember his courtesy, his concern, and his consideration for others. Our lives are enriched because we knew him. Born in W.A., Will served in the First A.I.F., and was wounded in France. Though his parents and family came into the Churches of Christ through the Hinrichsen-Brooker Mission at Kalgoorlie, in 1926, it was not until some years later that he also became a member. Will was devoted to his wife Elsie, and following her death just over two years ago, his daughter Shirley took him into her home. To her, her husband and two children, we extend our sincere sympathy. Will was justly proud of his brothers and sisters — Jack (Essendon), Cleve (dec.), Allan (Drake University, U.S.A.), Jean (Mrs. Nelson, Bassendean), Mavis (Mrs. Hicks, Sth. Perth), Ruth (Mrs. Johnson, Sth. Perth), and Joy (Mrs. Perc. Thickins, U.S.A.); and they have cause to be proud of him. W. F. Nankivell, an



SPOTLIGHT ON W.A. . . .

Listening In

Spending a Sunday at home in bed gave an opportunity to listen to broadcast church services. In the morning, at 11 a.m., the service was from St George's Anglican Cathedral. It proved to be much more effective as a broadcast service than Anglican services heard on other occasions, which had kept rigidly to the prayer book format, without any particular commentary directed to radio listeners.

The Dean of Perth, the Rev. James Payne, welcomed listeners, told them where to find the hymns, and related the prayers to Peace in the International situation, and in industry at home. The Scripture lessons were read by a lay reader, who is also a professional actor.

However, much of the liturgical chanting and intonation and musical responses were retained. "Do you dig us out there?" asked the Dean. "We are worshipping here in this Cathedral. We love it. We are at home in it, but what about you. How are you receiving us?" He gave an open invitation for constructive criticism from listeners.

During the week following the broadcast the Dean received nearly 50 letters from housewives, farmers, business and professional men from Esperance to Carnarvon. The criticism was a mixture of praise and censure, but most listeners said they did "dig" the service. A farmer, who said his only contact with the church was through his transistor down in the paddock where he worked, said, "Science has just about debunked religion, but I congratulate the Cathedral on attempting to make the service more easily understood for people like myself." A critical teenage listener wrote, "Sermons too long, hymns too unnatural, the chanting is awful."

In the evening we listened to the Perth City Church of Christ. This was the morning service, tape-recorded for broadcasting at 8 p.m. Here, in 65 minutes, we had the full communion service as conducted by Churches of Christ, but including an introit and anthem by the choir. One can hardly

escape a charge of bias, but in sincerity one felt that here was a service which had simple dignity, and listener appeal.

The writer has conducted approximately 300 broadcast services, the great majority from the old Lake Street church, Perth, and tried to be a critical listener. His judgment is that this was a service which did not have to overcome rigid liturgical forms, nor did it have to descend to entertainment artifices to capture listeners' ears. Hymns, prayers, readings, communion message and sermon reached out and drew the listener in. There was movement and variety, coupled with harmony and balance. The speech throughout was good, clear, homely English, the Scriptures were read intelligently, also by "lay" readers.

Both services were greatly enjoyed. The efforts of the Dean to project the Anglican service into the attention of the listeners was appreciated, and one felt confident that our City Church of Christ got there.

Our State Women's Auxiliary is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. This year's motto is, "There remaineth yet much more land to be possessed." The women have set a Diamond Jubilee aim of £200 over and above their normal budget. The extra £200 is to assist youth projects in our W.A. churches, our Aborigines Missions, and the Shrigonda Girls' Home in India. A Diamond Jubilee display and pioneer afternoon is to be held on September 21.

From September 12 to 19 the Home Missionary Department will be conducting a brotherhood United Special Evangelistic Crusade called "Crusade '65." It will have George Wood as preacher, and Fred Rees as musical director.

All churches are seeking to cooperate in this great venture, bringing delegations, particularly those to whom appeal can be made for decision for Christ. There will be meetings on each Sunday afternoon and every night of the week in between.—J.K.R.

MOVEMENTS

TO NORSEMAN

(Carramar, N.S.W.). A farewell service to Mr. and Mrs. Rogan and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson and family, was held on Aug. 18. The families were about to depart for Norseman Aborigine Mission. A. Davis, of New Tribes Mission, was chairman, and brought a challenging address. Mrs. Wladysluk was the soloist. . . . Christian Endeavour, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, has proved a great success.

NORTH SYDNEY MINISTRY

The church at North Sydney is happy to announce that Noel Flint, whose service with Gilgandra will conclude at the end of the year, has entered into an agreement to minister, commencing in February, 1966.

CHANGE TO PROSPECT

(Naracoorte, S.A.). O. E. Stevens will complete a three-year ministry in Dec., 1965. He has accepted a call to the Prospect church . . . At the Bible School anniversary, on Aug. 18, a young married man made his decision for Christ. Guest speaker was W. J. Philp . . . The church was saddened at the recent death of Mrs. Pomey, snr. . . . Plans and a tender have been accepted by the church for the erection of the new church buildings, to be opened in June, 1966. . . . Annual church business meeting elected: elder, A. J. Wardle; deacons, R. Cocks, R. Gericke, G. Jurgens, D. Rackett, I. Simons.

ROBINVALE WELCOME

(Vic.). There is gratitude here for the first full-time ministry since 1960, as E. K. Morrison, formerly of Invermay, Tas., commenced service with the church. The Morrisons were welcomed into fellowship on Aug. 22 by Geo. Chislett, and Mr. Morrison was inducted by R. F. Geyer. On Aug. 25, folk from Mildura, Red Cliffs, Dareton, and other Robinvale churches shared in a public welcome. Gratitude is expressed to the Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism, and the churches at Horsham and Haven.

FROM ECHUCA TO ESSENDON

(Echuca, Vic.). B. L. Pryor will conclude his ministry at end of year and minister to Essendon church. D. Marr, at present at C.O.B., has accepted call to minister with church in 1966 . . . Mrs. Rosendale, snr., is still hospitalised . . . The Conf. Pres., F. J. Funston, was speaker on Aug. 29.

National Diary

SEPTEMBER—

- NEW SOUTH WALES
- 25 —C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. Anniversary.
- VICTORIA
- 18 —C.E. Demonstration and Exhibition (Inter-Y.P.).
- 26 —C.Y.F. Service Appeal Worship — Monbulk.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- 21 —Boys' Brigade Drill Competition.
- 25 —Duke of Edinburgh Award and The Boys' Brigade Athletic Testing.
- WEST AUSTRALIA
- 12-19—"Crusade '65" in the Christian Centre. Preacher: Geo. Wood.
- 18 —Northern District Conference at Geraldton.

WELFARE CENTRE

(W.A.). The increasing load of mending and preparation of clothing for welfare distribution has caused the Welfare Centre to send out a call to Western Australian C.W.F. groups to include a day at the Centre in their annual programme.

The response has been heartening, and in recent weeks groups attending have numbered up to 26, and huge quantities of sewing have been handled.

The coming of these groups has been an education to the women generally as to the nature of the work being carried out by the Welfare Centre, and the result has been an increase in the flow of clothing, crockery, and food to the Centre for our work.

Furthermore, as a result of the winter blanket appeal, many generous donations have been received. Some of these have been on an anonymous basis, and the Centre expresses, through these columns, sincere appreciation to all who have cooperated in making this winter one of the most successful as far as aid to needy families is concerned.

HOLIDAY HOME

(W.A.). The Christian Welfare Centre of the W.A. churches has joined forces with the Youth Committee in constructing a Holiday Home on part of 5 acres of land granted by the National Fitness Council of Western Australia to the Youth Committee for future camp site at Point Peron.

Building commences in early September, 1965, for a Holiday Cottage, situated a few hundred yards from Safety Bay Beach, and consisting of two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, enclosed front verandah, and all facilities under the main roof.

The Home will be made available to under-privileged families, aged persons, and any others who have need for a fortnight or more complete rest throughout the year. At peak camp times the Youth Committee will use the Home as a leaders' house.

Whilst this property is being built, a toilet block is being constructed by the Youth Committee as a first step of an overall plan to construct a substantial Camping Centre at Point Peron. It is anticipated that a Work Camp will be held at Christmas time to do further ground work for future building erection.

The initial finance for the Holiday Home has been made available by a generous gift of £2,500 from an interested friend. The Home will cost in the vicinity of £3,300.

"FAIRHAVEN" PLANS

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Early morning prayer meetings are being held each day, except Sunday and Monday, in the City Chapel, in preparation for mission at Baddow in October . . . State Conf. Pres. and H.M. Director, Alex Surtees, spoke for a few minutes to church on Sunday evening, Aug. 1. He also baptized his son, Jim, at this meeting. Another young man was baptized on Aug. 15 . . . Church officers and Bible School teachers visited a small Housing Area near Baddow on Aug. 22 to invite children to Bible School. Baddow Bible School has gained 20 new scholars.

QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE

Mylo Project Completed

(see Cover Picture)

The final phase of Mylo House, Toowoomba, which was officially opened by the Mayor of Toowoomba, Alderman McCafferty, was named the "Grenfell" Wing, in recognition of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. N. E. S. Grenfell since the commencement of the Home.

Alderman McCafferty said that all associated with the Mylo project were full of enthusiasm, and this had led to success. What had been achieved at Mylo was an inspiration to all.

The Leader of the State Opposition, Mr. Duggan, said the project excited the admiration of every citizen in the community.

The Member for Toowoomba East, Mr. Anderson, congratulated the church for the part played in providing Homes for the Aged, such as Mylo House.

Mr. Swartz, Minister for Health, said there was an expanding need in the community for this type of service. It was a Christian service and also a public one.

Greetings were received from the Conference President, A. McK. Surtees, and the President of Women's Conference, Mrs. Haigh, both of whom congratulated the Committee on the completion

of the project. Interstate Social Service Committee forwarded messages of greetings.

In a recorded message, a former minister, Ray McKenzie, of Ormond, Vic., said it was lovely to think the Home was completed at last and it was marvellous this had been accomplished in such a short time.

A very large and representative gathering was served afternoon tea by the Ladies' Committee.

The Mylo project was commenced in 1958 and has cost £93,000. Accommodation is provided for 62 aged people in single rooms, under the direct supervision of Matron McWhirter, assisted by trained medical staff.

The new additions contain accommodation units, lounge rooms, enlarged kitchen, chapel and sun-lounge. The chapel will be used for private devotions, consultations and devotional meetings. The chapel will be the Flower Memorial room, containing a Roll of Honour for those whose names appear in the Flower Memorial Book of Remembrance. The sun-lounge is in the centre of the landscaped inner courtyard, providing comfort and protection in any weather.

BACK FROM INDIA

(Perth, W.A.). Miss Gwen Thomas, recently returned from a visit to her brother on the Indian mission field, showed slides entitled "India in Color," at a missionary night . . . The girls' junior basketball team was defeated by Cottesloe in the semi-final . . . Two girls have made the good confession in the last weeks . . . On Aug. 22, Michael Lush (Scripture Union) was guest speaker. Later, 100 young people joined in City Coffee Corner. Maureen and Bob Furr provided musical items . . . On Aug. 29, a plan to host cadets at "H.M.A.S. Leeuwin" was begun. Four cadets attended morning service and were entertained in members' homes for the day. If any Eastern States reader has a boy at the base, advice to C. F. Povey, 195 Morley-drive, Mt. Yokine, W.A., would be appreciated, so that a personal invitation may be extended.

BURDEU HOUSE MEETING

The fifteenth annual meeting of Burdeu House was an outstanding day of fellowship and inspiration. Delegations were present from all metropolitan churches and as far afield as Dalby and Maryborough. Fred Winter, interim minister at Ma Ma Creek, was guest speaker. A musical programme was provided by Mrs. Shepherd and Ron Holt, of Boondall. Greetings were brought by Conference President, A. McK. Surtees, Women's Conf., Mrs. Haigh, and Chairman of Mylo Committee, N. E. S. Grenfell.

During the meeting tribute was paid to the late Harold Robbins, who was Patron of Burdeu House for many years, and the late J. H. Lee, who was a member of the Social Service Committee, and had taken an active part in the work of the Home.

HOBART STEWARDSHIP

(Tas.). A. A. Avery, of the Dept. of H.M. and Evang. is conducting a Planned Giving Programme. The target is £18,000 over three years. 200 sat down to Family Dinner on Aug. 21 . . . Former minister, C. P. Hughes, preached recently . . . A bus load of young people went to Launceston for Youth's Own Weekend. Youth have also been helping with working bees at Bicheno . . . The Boys' Explorers gained pennant for Service month . . . College of the Bible student, Ian Allsop, is conducting a youth programme over the vacation.

"FAIRHAVEN" - MARYBOROUGH

Tenders have been called for the first phase of the "Fairhaven," Maryborough, project, and it is anticipated that work will commence at an early date.

The estimated cost of this section is £42,000, which allows for 29 accommodation rooms, plus staff dining and lounge and amenities block to meet the needs of the total project.

PROBLEMS . . . BUILDING AND BIBLICAL

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). With the help of D. Cranston, architect, problems related to the projected enlargement of the chapel, at the back of the building, are being ironed out. The minister, L. G. Read, at the midweek family fellowship, dealt with passages in the Bible that are hard to understand. In September, Mr. Read will lead studies on Personal Evangelism . . . The Women's Fellowship reports a splendid response to their appeal for goods or money for New Guinea mission boxes . . . Guest preacher on Aug. 22 was Rev. D. Dadd, State Sec. for B. & F. B. S.

SCHOOL INCREASING

(Morawa, W.A.). Seven new scholars have been added to the Bible School during "Operation Increase" . . . At the annual business meeting the following were elected: pres., R. H. Carslake; sec., G. D. Carslake; treas., G. W. Barr . . . Dr. and Mrs. Cliff Warmbrunn, from Belmont, Vic., visited here recently. Dr. Warmbrunn gave sermon at morning service . . . A. J. Anderson is minister.

INTEREST AT MUNTADGIN

(Bruce Rock, W.A.) Prayers are requested for the infant work at Muntadgin, an outreach of Bruce Rock, 30 miles away. The minister, N. B. Wells, was almost overwhelmed by flood waters on a recent visit to Muntadgin. This outreach is quite isolated . . . Mr. McWilliam, of the Sudan Inland Mission, visited and showed slides and a film of that work.

IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

WHEN GROWN-UPS GROW UP

Belated maturity is obvious in many ageing people. It occasions distress and thwarts the goodwill of loved ones and the befriending intentions of others. Infantilism mars the winsomeness of old age and distorts the benediction that the younger generation covets.

Processes that aid maturity should not be delayed by Christian men and women. The cultivation of any ongoing maturity was the concern of the apostle Paul and his co-labourers. Recent translations favour the use of the word mature in many instances, and interprets Paul's ministry as aiming to bring "every man to his full maturity in Christ" (Col. 1: 28). Since maturity is the effective result of experience it is not an unreasonable expectation to require it in ageing people.

In recent years we have established the principles of growth that apply to young people. It may be that we are overdue to establish with clarity the principles that apply to growth in adulthood. Is there any stage in one's advancing years when one can claim the right to stop maturing?

We learn by living. There has been heaps of living by the time we have fifty or more years to our credit, and this should have ripened into maturity. The delights of the autumn season are the delights of nature's maturing processes. With the approach of fifth and sixth decade of one's being, life should have seasoned into a recognisable maturity.

The following chart is formulated to encourage readers to engage in an honest discernment in given life areas. With pencil in hand, seriously question oneself and register the degree of one's discernment by using the terms — Substantial, Moderate, Low, and Negligible. For simplification in marking use the initial letters — S, M, L and N.

1. Seeing things steadily and as a whole.
2. Getting the fret and whine out of life.
3. Over sensitiveness and nerve tension under control.
4. Conquering moods and such besetting weaknesses as pride and jealousy.
5. Channelling impulses and impatience into sweet reasonableness.
6. Care in exercising sound judgment and the acceptance of responsibility.
7. Finding joy in the simple things of life.
8. Sharing friendliness without favour.
9. Enriching the mind with seasons of gratitude.
10. Ambitious to grow old gracefully.
11. Magnanimity that measures up to Paul's advice: "Be generous to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you." (Eph. 4: 32, N.E.B.).

The progress of medical science is accounting for society to be made up more and more of older people. Lest such consider themselves worn out adults there must be a re-evaluation of life's autumn years. Not by the invention of consolation prizes for old age, but the discernment of the true meaning of life. A meaning that shifts the emphasis from doing and having to the being.

The criterion of summer is that it mellows itself into autumn beauty and fruitfulness. Likewise the supreme vocation of old age is in gathering the fruits of experience into enriching contentment that keeps mind and heart growing and horizons expanding.

Contemplation born out of maturity banishes doubt about the coming years and prompts a sturdy faith in the testimony of God's promises. There is a special grace for those who have a living faith in God. "Even to your old age I will be the same. When you are grey-haired, still I will sustain you." (Isaiah 46: 4, Moffatt's translation). "As thy days so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33: 25). As the sunset reflects the pattern of the day at its close, so maturity reflects life's pattern at its close.

Growing old is not life bankruptcy when it mellows into maturity. "On to maturity" is the commended slogan of those gallantly encountering life's closing years. "I revel in my years," testified a man of 70 years. "If God should say to me, 'I will let you begin over again, and you may have your years over again, and you may have your youth back once more,' I would say, 'Oh, dear Lord, if thou dost not mind, I prefer to go on growing old.'"

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NEW VATICAN WEDDING RULES DISAPPOINTMENT TO PROTESTANTS

(Rome). Protestant leaders have expressed disappointment that new regulations for weddings, announced by the Vatican, do not go further.

The new rules will permit celebration of the nuptial mass at a marriage of a Roman Catholic to a non-Roman Catholic and also grant bishops permission to allow non-Catholic Christian clergymen to give a sermon, prayer, or blessing in the home of one of the partners following the ceremony.

Protestant churchmen pointed out, however, that Protestant clergy are still prohibited from taking any part in the actual marriage service, and that nothing was said about modification of the requirement that children of such a union be raised in the Roman Catholic Church.—E.P.S.

MOSLEM - COMMUNISTS CAN'T MARRY

(Cairo). One of Islam's top spiritual authorities has ruled that no Moslem woman may validly contract marriage with a Communist.

The ruling was handed down by the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University, world centre of the Islamic faith, in reply to a query submitted by an Egyptian citizen who sought his opinion on a projected marriage between his Moslem daughter and a self-professed young Communist. It said such a union was impossible because Communism was "a materialistic creed which does not believe in God and denies all religions, branding them as 'myths'."—E.P.S.

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World Studies in the New Testament

No. 22 — GRACE :: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN

Among the meanings given to "grace" in modern English, it will be sufficient to mention here those which are nearest to Biblical use: thanksgiving; pleasing quality, attractiveness, charm; unmerited favour of God. The word is from Latin *gratia*, favour, allied to *gratus*, agreeable.

In the Authorised Version "grace" is a translation of (1) *euprepeia* in Jas. 1: 11. This word is used only here in the New Testament. It appears in the Septuagint in the sense of "beauty" (see Psalm 50: 2 and other passages) or "majesty" (Jer. 23: 9). It is found in Classical writers in the sense of "goodly appearance" or "majesty." The New English Bible translates the phrase in Jas. 1: 11, "what was lovely to look at."

(2) *kharis* in numerous passages. This word is found in every book of the New Testament except Matthew, Mark, 1 John, 3 John. Some Texts have it in 3 John 4, but the weight of evidence supports the Greek word for "joy." *Kharis* is a good example of words which have their origin in early secular literature in various senses in everyday use, but which, when taken up into the New Testament vocabulary, are used in a theological sense far above the previous use, although at times the more usual meanings have been retained. The Septuagint sometimes is a bridge between secular and New Testament usage. Compare Gen. 6: 8, etc.

In the Revised Liddell and Scott Lexicon, the earliest use of *kharis* is stated to have denoted outward grace or beauty. In the plural the word was used of "The Graces," the personification of loveliness. It was used of the sense of grace or favour felt on the part of the doer or receiver. Sometimes it meant a favour done or returned, boon; at others the sense of gratification or delight in something; and again in the sense of thanksgiving.

In the Vocabulary of the Greek Testament illustrated from the Papyri and non-literary sources, Dr. Milligan intro-

duces the word *kharis* by writing: "The utmost we can attempt with this important word is to illustrate some of its meanings from our sources with the view of showing how readily it lent itself to deeper Christian implications involved in its New Testament uses."

The varied use of *kharis* in the New Testament can be seen by observing the many translations other than "grace" in the Authorised Version: acceptable (1 Pet. 2: 20); benefit (2 Cor. 1: 15); favour (Luke 1: 30; 2: 52; Acts 2: 47; 7: 10, 46; 25: 3); gift (2 Cor. 8: 4); gracious (Luke 4: 22); joy (Philemon 7 in some Texts); liberality (1 Cor. 16: 3); pleasure (Acts 24: 27; 25: 9); thank or thanks (Luke 6: 32, 33, 34; 17: 9; Rom. 6: 17; 1 Cor. 15: 57; 2 Cor. 2: 14; 8: 16; 9: 15; 1 Tim. 1: 12; 2 Tim. 1: 3); thankworthy (1 Pet. 2: 19).

The theological use transcends all others. As Dr. Thayer says in his Lexicon, "The New Testament writers use *kharis* preeminently of that kindness by which God bestows favours even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offences, and bids them accept of eternal salvation through Christ." He adds, "*Kharis* is used of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of Christian virtues."

It may be added that in the Epistles, grace, combined with words such as mercy and peace, was used as a form of salutation or farewell. The words always retain their essential meaning.

"Grace" is at times contrasted with words such as "debt," "works," "law," "sin."

The saying of "grace before meat" retains the notion of thankfulness expressed in the word *kharis*. The practice goes back to Old Testament times.

ALL IN TOGETHER

representatives from Protestant denominations. The 1963 Conference thought about "The Nature and Mission of the Church," the 1964 Conference centred around the theme of "Worship" — at these Conferences, as well as earlier ones, Churches of Christ were well represented.

The Victorian Christian Youth Council also sponsors Annual Work Camps which have had Churches of Christ representation. Work camps in Victoria have erected holiday flats for Aborigines and migrant youth, and completed additions to a home for under-privileged children.

However, Churches of Christ participation has not been limited to these Victorian work camps — our young people have worked in other Australian States as well as in "long term" ecumenical camps overseas.

The Ecumenical Affairs Committee took

responsibility for promoting the Asian Christian Youth Assembly, held in the Philippines in January, 1965. Now after this important ecumenical event, the Committee is keen for groups to hear personally from one of our two Churches of Christ delegates.

The Committee promotes concern for ecumenical affairs also through published articles and through segments at various camps. It is one of those Committees that we hope will be superseded when the Church takes seriously and practically the passionate prayer of Jesus Christ, "may they all be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, so also may they be in us, that the world may believe that thou didst send me" (John 17: 21, N.E.B.).

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Carolyn Hamilton to Glen Drust, Broken Hill, S.A.
June Tinetti to Brian Sprigg, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
Janette Bassett to Donald Pedler, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

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Stan McDowell, Mrs. T. Petty, Mrs. R. Crouch, Mrs. Hewish, Miss Ranscombe - Doncaster, Vic.
Mr. Chenoweth, Mrs. O. Frencham, G. Murray - Caulfield, Vic.
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ONE FOR THE ROAD

(Boronia, Vic.). The new notice board includes a "Thought for the Road," a series of messages for those who pass by . . . The second combined quarterly evening service for local churches had 170 attending. Afterwards an audio-visual on the "Church and Life Movement" was shown. It is hoped that there will be a combined church emphasis on this project next year . . . C.Y.F. joined with Ringwood and Bayswater in a camp at Ocean Grove. A C.Y.F. book club has been formed . . . The C.W.F. mannequin parade raised £25 to support the work of Mrs. Beale in New Guinea. A coffee morning was held to hear a local shire social worker tell of her work. . . . Several men attended the combined men's prayer breakfast.

DAY OF PRAYER

(Chadstone, Vic.). Thirty-seven members, including eight young people, participated in day of prayer on Aug. 22. . . . Morning worship now commences with a five minute quiet time . . . Mrs. A. Tatterson, senior deaconess, has been co-opted to the Official Board . . . P.E. Perry is minister.

MAYOR CONGRATULATED

(Maryborough, Vic.). Church offers congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Drake, who have been elected Mayor and Mayoress of the city. Mr. Drake is a retired postal officer and is actively serving the church. He is a lay preacher, taking services in our church, also assisting at St. Arnaud, and the local Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. Mrs. Drake is actively serving in church auxiliaries. She has been secretary of the Mission Band for 12 years . . . Number of members travelled to Shepparton to take part in the Convention, on Aug. 29 . . . Ron Sewell is in Heidelberg Military Hospital and would appreciate visitors from city churches.

CHOIR RE-FORMED

(Malvern, Vic.). After an absence of many years, a choir has re-commenced, under the leadership of Bert Besson . . . Cricket club elected following officers: pres., A. H. C. Pfeifer; vice-pres., L. Finger, L. Robinson; sec., Harvey Clark. Soloists have been Dulcie Gray, L. Finger, Iris Winstone and Lyle Williams. . . . Some members attended Shepparton Half-yearly Conference . . . Both tennis teams have reached the finals in the Church of Christ-Baptist competition.

TEACHERS' LUNCHEON

(Croydon, Vic.). On Aug. 15, 23 B.S. teachers held a luncheon, which was addressed by Viney Longthorp, Director of Christian Educ. . . . C.W.F. enjoyed a demonstration of fashion fabrics on Aug. 24 . . . Sincere sympathy is offered to Mrs. O. Smith and the family at the sudden death of Mr. Smith, who was associated with the church for 35 years. . . . Chas. Young, Hosp. Chaplain, was speaker at C.M.S. tea on Aug. 29. Mr. Young spoke at evening service also.

WORSHIP AT EMMAUS

(Caulfield, Vic.). The Bamba Rd. church conducted the worship service at Emmaus during the month of August. . . . The J.C.E. visited the Repatriation Hospital at Caulfield as part of a combined District C.E. hospital visit . . . Church youth found their camp profitable for fellowship and instruction . . . Loyalty Month meetings in August were reasonably well attended . . . The church has been saddened by the death of several faithful members.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUC. CENTRE

(Doncaster, Vic.). History was made on Aug. 24, when the church decided to accept the recommendation of the Official Board concerning the erection of the Christian Education Centre, for a cost of £25,000. The building will be commenced in September, and be completed by March, 1966. The builder whose tender was accepted was G. W. Beer. An appeal has been launched to finance the project . . . The church is pleased to announce that the debt on the manse has been cleared . . . 50 young people attended a camp at Mt. Evelyn on Aug. 27-29.

FROM OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP

(Reservoir, Vic.). Two young men from the Overseas Christian Fellowship spoke at youth tea and evening service on Aug. 22 . . . Good Companions entertained mothers at tea and later conducted evening service for Girls' Sunday . . . Senior "A" grade basketballers won semi-final, but later were eliminated from final . . . Mrs. Crossfield represented members at Half-Yearly Conf. at Shepparton . . . Ladies of C.W.F. recently held stall, when £25 was raised for Christian Education in schools . . . Slides of T. Cliff's overseas trip were screened at a social evening on Aug. 27, with proceeds to aid church missionary family . . . K. Crick and family received book presentations on their removal to Sydney.



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September 12 — (6) "IS THERE A WAY BACK?"
CENTENARY SERVICES — OCTOBER 24

Things I'd Like to Change

By G. J. FOOT, M.L.C.

I should like to change the attitude of many of my brethren towards their responsibilities as citizens of the Commonwealth. In my somewhat brief experience of four years as a Member of the smallest of our Commonwealth's thirteen Houses of Parliament, I have found that some Christians are conscious of their responsibility to give leadership in community affairs.

However, only the few are willing to make the effort and the sacrifices necessary to win positions from which this positive witness may be given. We are prone to offer criticism, verbal or implied, of the few, who endeavour to have Christian standards accepted and maintained in civic and national affairs.

Too often we say of a Christian in a place of power, "He's weak," because he doesn't throw his weight about enough to suit us. It is worse than useless for a small minority to try to use "steam roller" methods in an attempt to impose on a majority a course of action, when the reasons for it are not understood or conceded.

Where an active Christian stands alone or in a very small group in a body of authority, his witness, while it should be clear and unmistakable, must be also tactful and persuasive.

The thing I should really like to change is the wastage of extraordinary

gifts of many of my brethren for clear thought and expression of Christian precepts. Too frequently these men are confined to discussion, debate and administration of comparatively minor matters at Conference and congregational levels. These talents should be exploited to the full, in leadership in shire or municipality, State or Commonwealth.

The church has large numbers of men, and women, who for ability and "elector appeal" bear favourable comparison with many already in "seats of power." I believe that even now the Church has influence far outreaching her comparative numerical strength. If this nation is to be more than nominally Christian, this influence must be greatly extended.

These are challenging thoughts. Perhaps there are some in our own congregations who will seek positions of leadership in the community for Christ's sake. I can assure you that any other rewards are illusory. Perhaps there are congregations and ministers who will put forward and encourage young men and women to take an active part in community leadership. This is vital — to the nation and the Church.

G. J. Foot is a member of Tasmania's Legislative Council and is in fellowship with the Church of Christ, Margaret St., Launceston.

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(Bendigo, Vic.) Whilst awaiting the appointment of a full-time minister, Brian Adams (C.O.B.) is regular preacher at a.m. services, with Barry Baker (C.O.B.), G. Doolan, E. Duus and C. Houston being rostered for p.m. services. . . . Ladies have forwarded a parcel of complete clothing for a Carnarvon Mission boy . . . The church's Centenary will be celebrated in November '66 . . . Three members on church executive committee are planning for 1966 "Bendigo Youth Crusade" . . . A Young Worshipers' group has been formed, under leadership of Miss Merelyn Perl . . . Explorer club activities have been recommenced, under leader Ian Lacy.

EXCITING SOUND

(Sunshine, Vic.) Over 700 participated in Exciting Sound — choral programme arranged by Sunshine Schools' Chaplaincy Committee. Church gift of £25 to Chaplaincy Fund . . . Kevin Harvey, H.M.

Dept., addressed church on Aug. 22, on rich experiences of Planned Giving Programmes. Message was taped for discussion later by members . . . Fellowship tea for B.S. was led by T. Westaway and J. Smith. Intermediate scholars led gospel service, N. Hodgekliss giving illustrated message . . . Monthly "Pause with God" midday session took form of local churches Women's Fellowship Day. . . . Y.P.C.E. members shared in Western Suburbs rally and tea at North Williamstown, also College of the Bible concert and Youth United . . . Young man decided for Christ at Youth for Christ rally.

BENTLEIGH MISSION

(Bentleigh, Vic.) Neville Horn conducted a mission, Aug. 10-15, stressing the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian . . . A number of parents visited the Sunday School on Aug. 15 to share in the work of the school in conjunction with Education Week.

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ALAN MORGAN FOR UNESCO SEMINAR

Churches of Christ in Victoria were honored by the Youth Council of Victoria in having Alan Morgan, the Chairman of the brotherhood front agency of C.Y.F., chosen as one of Victoria's two representatives to the Unesco Seminar on Youth and Leisure, being held in Adelaide.

Alan, a graduate in Agricultural Science at Melbourne University, is at present doing his Diploma of Education.

The Seminar is one of the most significant of recent years. With the effects of automation, increasing affluence of teenagers, the problem of leisure is becoming acute in many of our suburbs. Congratulations, Alan, we look forward to hearing your reports.

FIVE DECISIONS

(Parkdale, Vic.) There have been five decisions recorded recently . . . After attending a camp at Monbulk, C.Y.F. conducted evening service on Aug. 8 . . . C.W.E.F. held an apron parade on Aug. 19, when the Good Companions presented items . . . Recent guest speakers have included Miss D. Martin, Cyril Minns, B. J. Cambridge, John Birt.

MORELAND. The ladies conducted an evening service in August, with Mrs. I. Dixon, C.W.F. Conf. Pres., as speaker. C.W.F. held a jumble sale on Endowment Day, Aug. 24. C.W.E.F. visited St. Augustine's ladies' group on Aug. 3. Seven ladies attended C.W.E.F. camp at Monbulk . . . P. R. Baker recently addressed a morning service.

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Is Compromise Inevitable?

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Compromise is an emotive word. For some compromise is always wrong; it means giving way on sacred principle.

To others compromise is a practical word. It means giving way on matters of lesser importance in order to achieve agreement on matters of greater importance. Parties are thus able to work together and ignore, for the purposes of their common action, matters on which they disagree or hold differing preferences.

For instance, I am against the drinking of alcohol; but every time I undertake some joint action with my drinker colleague who works in the same office, I do not remind him I am against imbibing. I compromise to some degree.

Compromise is essential for Christian unity. I cannot expect my own way all the time. My communion should not expect to have everything just as it has been used to. My communion has "traditional ways" quite good in themselves but not of the essence of the faith. We may well be called upon to adjust ourselves — to make concessions — on some of these "traditional ways." Thus we could well agree to patterns of church government (the New Testament hasn't a blue-print for it) different in some detail from what we have known.

The structure of our co-operative work as churches has arisen according to need. Such human expedients are permissible and necessary, but we should not pretend they are of divine origin; they should be changeable without contention or division in the church.

However, we may not compromise the revealed will of God, or, as Thomas Campbell stated it: "What is expressly

taught and enjoined in the Word of God . . . by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles . . . either in expressed terms, or by approved precedent." No compromise here!

But we may compromise on matters inferential and deduced from the Scripture premises; for no Christian has the right to formally bind his inferences and deductions upon another who cannot see them for himself. Thus I compromise with my non-pacifist brethren, my pre-millennial brethren, and those of my brethren who hold the substitutionary view of the atonement or the verbal inspiration of Scripture.

I do not fall out with them. I allow them the views they conscientiously hold. But as the Scripture does not persuade me, then in all conscience I cannot hold these views before the Lord. But I will work with my brethren in the Lord's church. If we love one another we will recognise non-essentials for what they are, while still holding to faith in our Master.

In present discussions with other Christians we must not insist on our own words and ways all the time. We must listen to others as they listen to us. We will be enriched by each other as we seek to glorify God in the church and in Christ Jesus.

On the Lordship of Christ there is no compromise, and by him you are bound to "do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves."

If your soul would be made ready for conference and possible compromise with other Christians, read again Thomas Campbell's "Declaration and Address."

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THE UNITING CHURCH.

To the Editor,

R. V. Holmes and R. H. Sercombe, and others who have glanced at my letter, are requested to read E. P. C. Holland's article in "A.C." Aug. 7. Eric expresses fervent hope that the divisions as seen in America shall never come to the Australian shores. I heartily agree with him and trust we can maintain our distinctive witness, as it now stands, for generations to come.

Granted The Uniting Church would have been a better heading than Division, the questionnaire for unity with Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists — (the S.A. Dept. for Christian Union having issued same to ministers) — was presented in discussion form to the Bordertown churches. Since then the Victorian newspaper, "The Sun" (28/8/65) has announced strong moves are being put forward by some within the brotherhood to bring about this union of churches.

The American United Church of Christ discussions, the United Church of Canada, and the Uniting Churches of New Zealand are counterparts of the Australian Uniting Churches. As in America, many here will want such a union and many will not.

Having read the "Practice" of the Basis of Union of the American United Church of Christ, I could be no party to the General Synod, to a sympathetic acceptance of infant baptism (and the latter involves Open Membership), to ordained men only presiding at communion, etc.

The issues under consideration are the same here. If we are going to have unity let us have "A Biblical Approach to Unity" and "speak where the Bible speaks," and not compromise.

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Thursday, September 16. Psalm 20:1-9.
May he grant you your heart's desire (v. 4).

This psalm was written prior to a battle. Israel was almost always at war in David's day, and this psalm probably had a lot of use. It is to be expected that the conflicts of the day would be featured in prayers. There are dangers, however. If the people were to pray that the king's desire be granted, it must also be determined that the king's desire be just.

O God, we often pray that our heart's desire be granted, may we as earnestly seek that it may be your heart's desire also. Amen.

Friday, September 17. Psalm 21:1-7.
Thou has given him his heart's desire (v. 2).

This psalm is a companion for Psalm 20, which sought God's help in time of war. The first seven verses give thanks for the victory that was gained. The people thank God because the hope of David's heart has been realised. This is a timely reminder that if we pray earnestly for something, we should be as ready to give thanks when the prayer is granted. Like the nine forgetful lepers, we sometimes fail to show gratitude.

Heavenly Father, we often pray in urgency and desperation, may we now in calmness thank you for your many gifts. Amen.

Saturday, September 18. Psalm 21:8-13.
You will destroy their offspring from the earth (v. 10).

When we go to war it is not long before our prayers are against God, and our plans contrary to his will. How could it be God's will to destroy the children of our enemies? How could it be God's will to drop fearful bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Were there not children there who were also God's children? There are lovely things in this psalm, but there are others that we cannot imagine Jesus endorsing.

O God, help us to test all in your word by the life of the One who is its theme. Amen.

Sunday, September 19. Psalm 22:1-11.
Why hast thou forsaken me? (v. 1).

There are parts of this moving psalm which fit no known experiences of the life of David, but which fit most closely the sufferings of our Lord. It is hard to escape the conviction, long a tradition in the church, that David wrote this psalm through the influence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus used the key verse on the Cross. In spite of many attempts to explain the words in other ways, I still feel that Jesus experienced the ultimate loneliness which is the result of man's sin.

Dear God, we thank you that through the loneliness of Jesus, we need never again lose your companionship. Amen.

Monday, September 20. Psalm 22:12-21.
My heart is like wax (v. 14).

Verses 14 to 18 describe the physical sufferings of our Lord in word pictures that are deeply moving. When he was on the Cross, he was utterly spent. His great heart was broken, and he had no more firmness in his heart than there is in running water. Intense pain had dried up his strength and no part of his body had escaped its share of agony.

Heavenly Father, help us to see the Cross not as sentiment or glamor, but to see it as indescribable ugliness and intolerable pain that is love's suffering response to sin. Amen.

Tuesday, September 21. Psalm 22:22-31.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord (v. 27).

The last portion of this psalm is a song of joy after deliverance. At the head of the psalm there is the phrase, "according to the Hind of the Dawn." It is a figurative expression meaning "the first light of the morning." It takes us through the darkest night the world has known to its fairest dawn.

Beyond the Cross there is the promise of the Resurrection.

O God, we thank you that because Jesus knew the darkness, we can know the dawn. Amen.

Wednesday, September 22. Psalm 23.
"The Lord is my shepherd" (v. 1).

This psalm is beyond the reach of ordinary comment. It is so lovely, so complete, so ultimate, that any attempt to explain it is to lose some of its wonder. Joseph Parker likened it to the use of a scale on a map. One inch to a mile. This psalm is one inch to a mile, one inch to a universe, one inch to infinity. "Shepherd stands for Ineffable, Eternal, Infinite, Unthinkable; God on a small scale; God minimized that we may touch the shadow of his garment."

Our Father, we thank thee for this psalm, so easily learned, so readily recalled, and so wonderfully helpful. Amen.

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Thank you for the springtime,
For birds that gaily sing,
Thank you for the lovely world,
Thank you for everything.

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backwards.

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A London business man was touring
the Far East and wound up his travels
with a visit to Formosa. There he was
entertained at luncheon by the local
Chamber of Commerce. At the end of
the meal, he was asked to "say a few
words."

Almost none of his audience could
understand English, and he could not
speak a word of Chinese. His address
was therefore to be translated by an in-
terpreter as each sentence was uttered.

"Well," he began, "I just want all you
fellows to know that I'm tickled to death
to be here!"

A look of agony appeared in the in-
terpreter's face. "This poor man," he
said in halting Chinese, "scratches him-
self until he dies, only to be with you."