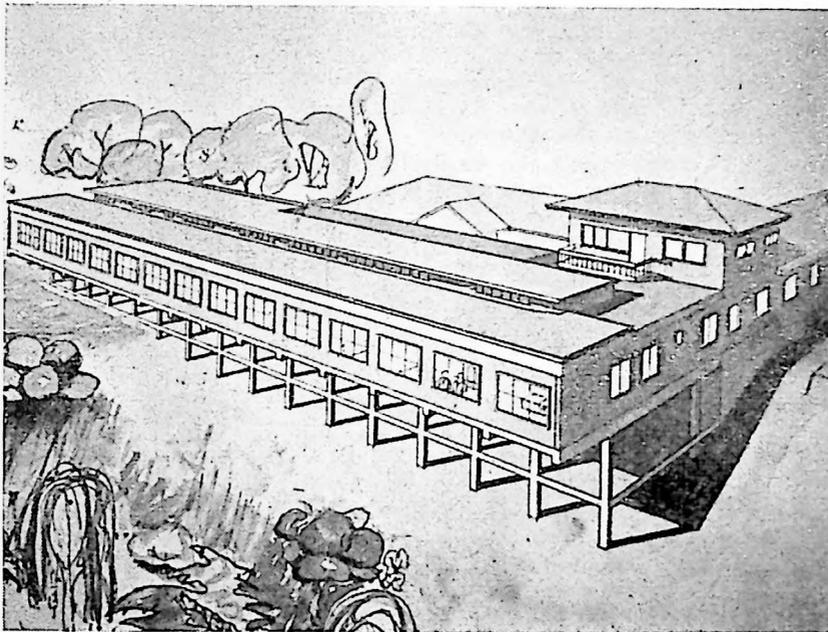


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## MOMENTS OF DESTINY

The international stage is subject to such swift changes of scene that before these words are read the position could be so much improved as to make them look unduly pessimistic. On the other hand, the international situation could be so much worse that we may have reached the point of no-return in our movement towards a third world war.

As we go to press, the conflict between India and Pakistan continues. All war is bad. It seldom solves immediate problems and can never in itself bring a permanent solution to the complex Kashmiri trouble. Whatever answers they will find after the war could be found without war. The clash between the newly independent, under-developed, and under-nourished nations of India and Pakistan is an almost unbelievable disaster. It makes no sense from any viewpoint. With China threatening to intervene and enlarge the area of battle, the position of both India and Pakistan has become precarious in the extreme.

India would be quite unable to withstand a large-scale invasion from the Chinese and, if India fell, Pakistan would fall permanently under China's influence.

It is not easy to forecast the role of other nations like the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., but it seems beyond belief that the U.S. would exert so much effort to contain China's influence in Vietnam and allow this greater threat to Asia to go unchallenged. Russia, too, will not easily accept Chinese domination of the Indian sub-continent.

Every hour is charged with destiny and the Christian churches, especially the missionary churches of Asia, will be severely tested in faith and loyalty.

## CONVENTION CITY

The South Australian Conference received last week a World Convention report from its Secretary, I. J. Chivell, who was a delegate to Puerto Rico.

The Australian brotherhood, and the South Australian churches in particular, sent Mr. Chivell on this journey so that he could see at first hand in San Juan the organisation and working of our world brotherhood's major Convention.

Sending John Chivell was a most worthwhile investment. He found that it would be cheaper to go round the world than to go to Puerto Rico and back, so round the world he went. He did the trip in 48 days, which is 32 days better than Jules Verne's imaginative *Eighty Days*. But Jules Verne, of course, would never have dared to invent anybody quite like John Chivell! His account of his journey was interesting, informative and entertaining.

With his behind-the-scenes experience at Puerto Rico, Mr. Chivell is well equipped, together with the new World President, Sir Philip Messent, and the C.W.F. President, Mrs. E. V. Lawton, to enable "Adelaide 1970" to make a strong contribution to our world fellowship.

## PULPIT HAIR STYLES

The press reports that a young minister in England has cultivated a Beatle-style hair-do which, he thinks, will enable him to communicate more effectively with the teenagers of his parish.

We wish him well, but we are of the opinion that it will take more than a new hair style to strengthen his capacity for effective communication. Samson found that his strength was in his long hair, but it is doubtful if even the most enthusiastic admirers of the Old Testament hero believe that long hair was all of the answer.

Fashions in hair — and clothes — have changed before, and they will change again, but the main reason for our lack of success with today's teenager is surely that he finds the message of Christ irrelevant. If we are to make Christ more significant in the lives of young people we shall need to make him significant in our own. It is not that we are out of step with fashion, but that we are out of step with Christ. A revolution in hair-do's and clothes is trivial in comparison with the required revolution in love and loyalty to our Lord and His mission.

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# IMPRESSIONS OF OUR INDIAN MISSION FIELD

BY I. J. CHIVELL

Every member of the Australian Churches of Christ who is going overseas, via India, should endeavour to visit our Indian Mission field. For the sake of the visitor and the visited, this is most necessary. It has been my privilege to spend six days with our missionaries at the various centres. It has been an enlightening experience.

It was a thrill to be with my daughter and son-in-law and their family during those days, and a real joy to meet the other missionaries in their work and homes, and to talk and worship with the Indian churches. I have always been strong in my advocacy of our Overseas work. I will not be any the less when I return, but I hope I will be a little more intelligent in my appraisal of the work.

I do not profess to know everything about this field. Six days is far too short a time to correctly summarise the work. However, as a visitor, there were some things which occurred to me which I would like to share with you.

If I have not seen things correctly, I hope I will be forgiven; if I do say anything which is worthwhile, I hope it will issue in the good of our work.

In the first place, I think the Board at home are doing the best they can do to direct the work. In spite of Indianisation, the final decision in most matters must rest with the Board. I have no criticism of what they have done. It is always easy to be wise after the event. I know they are sincere people who are doing the best they can do. One of their handicaps is that not many of the Board have visited the field.

I talked with a missionary from another mission. He said their Board is so concerned about the policy and day to day working of the mission, that 10 of the Board members are coming out to the field next year to have a consultation with the missionaries. They, too, feel that it is most difficult to direct this work from Board-room chairs back home.

At least, Board members going overseas, should call in to the field. Perhaps others could go there in other ways. I feel it is essential to see every part of the work to be able to formulate policy and make wise decisions.

In the second place, I do obelance

Mr. Chivell, Executive Secretary of the S.A. Conference, visited India on his return journey from the World Convention at Puerto Rico.

to the missionaries who have gone before. Those pioneers of our work here did more than ever we have realised. Their task was difficult beyond our understanding. They won people for Christ who are the strength of the work today. I admire beyond my expression the devotion of the missionaries who serve in the field now. As I have moved around villages, bazaars, down the streets, etc., I have been thankful that the Lord did not call me to serve here.

Come with me to an Indian village. This village has not a Christian in it. It covers about 10 acres of land and accommodates at least 2,000 people. The houses are mostly one room, built out of stone or mud. It is home for possibly a dozen people, plus animals, fleas and lice. The doctor, his wife and family, a missionary, a compounder, and two Bible women arrive in the ambulance. The doctor drives through narrow winding streets to the centre of the village. In this centre is the school, with government employed Indian teachers. The children are sitting on the floor, with slates or pieces of slate in front of them, chanting their lessons.

Opposite is the village temple, and next to it, a so-called public hall. The head-man of the village receives the doctor with an evident warmth of friendship. A dilapidated table is brought from somewhere and placed in this hall, a mat is spread on the floor, the doctor prepares to consult and the patients begin to arrive — men, women, children, babies, with various ills. The compounder sits on the cow-dung floor and begins mixing medicine under the doctor's instructions. There is an evident confidence in the doctor and great faith in the needle.

The head-man called the missionary, doctor's wife and myself into a little room for tea. It was brewed over a primus in an uninviting tin. Two cups and saucers were produced. The missionary and myself were the first to be served. I thought it polite to ask for a second cup, but he didn't understand, so didn't give it to me, and I certainly didn't press the matter.

After tea, the head-man engaged the doctor's wife in conversation. I could not follow their Marathi. I discovered he wanted to know if I were a farmer, how many I have in my family, how much were the missionaries paid, how could they afford to live on it and educate their children, etc.

Tea over, I lingered in the consulting room. I saw the doctor examine the back of a 19-year-old married woman.

Her husband had thrashed her and broken the bones in her back. What I would call her back-bone was protruding about an inch. It had knitted in that position and nothing could be done for it.

Consulting over, we boarded the ambulance and called on the man-power of the village to give us a push to start the engine—a cell in the battery had collapsed. As we went on our way, my mind sped back to Australia. I knew this doctor in his practice back home. It was in a very aristocratic area. I found it difficult to realise this is the same man, happy in his work in these primitive and unhygienic conditions. I would have a heart of stone if I was not moved by such devotion. This is typical of the work being done by all our missionaries, and their adaptation to their new surroundings.

Thirdly, I was impressed by the Sunday morning service in the church at Dhond. There were about 180 present. The building is too small for them. The service was led by their able and consecrated young minister. The people were more reverent and attentive than some of our people in Australia. As I looked down over them, I remembered what was said of Barnabas at Antioch, "When he saw the grace of God he was glad."

The Boarding School for boys at Bara-mati, and for girls at Shrigonda, left the impression that here is a humanitarian and educational work being done of which we can be proud. The High and Primary Schools at Bara-mati, with respective enrolments of 300 and 1,300, were most encouraging.

Here are schools which are a credit to those who conduct them. They are the best in the city, with waiting lists of students. Their accommodation and equipment is hopelessly inadequate. I felt humiliated because of the lack of facilities. The staff is doing magnificently under difficult circumstances.

There were some things which were disappointing to me.

I went to several of our villages, and in some cases, most of the Christians were the paid mission workers. True, some had been won and had moved away, but it seemed to me that in the villages where we did not have schools or institutional work, we had not touched the people with the gospel.

Another thing which caused me to think seriously was the use we are making of our land. In some cases, good efforts were being made to use our land to produce vegetables, grapes, sugarcane, etc., but I feel that we desperately need a trained agriculturalist who could use the land we have at Bara-mati and Shrigonda to its best advantage. (continued on page 4)

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# IN MENTAL HOSPITALS

By Mrs. F. SMITH, Western Australia.

Mental sickness; what thoughts flash through our minds as we view the past and the treatment of those suffering from this affliction! Shut away, sometimes forgotten, and many times ill treated, a malady to be spoken of in hushed tones. But today, what an avenue of service for the willing heart and hand!

## The Beginning

Nearly nine years ago, in September, 1956, Mrs. E. C. Plaistowe, of Peppermint Grove, Western Australia, sent a note to local churches around Claremont and Cottesloe, asking that representatives come to her home to form a group to help patients from the large Mental Hospital at Claremont. It was asked that one own and drive a car, and have another to be a helper.

Mrs. H. Rogers and I represented the Claremont church, which has since become the Dalkeith Road congregation, having amalgamated with the Nedlands church. Only ten attended this meeting and it was decided to hold monthly parties in a private home, the idea being to get the patients used to mixing with folk outside the institution, and to using pretty crockery and eating food not mass-produced.

Twelve women patients were entertained at a time, using four cars, each with a driver and a helper. Before afternoon tea was served we had community singing and the patients were encouraged to participate when possible. From this very modest beginning more recruits were attracted to this absorbing work; more homes were made available for the monthly parties, and now six parties are held simultaneously, with four drivers and

four helpers to each home, where approximately twelve patients are entertained.

The need was then felt for more personal interest, as many of the inmates never had any visitors on visiting days, and just had to sit in the large hall or ward while others had friends and relatives to bring them attractive gifts of food and books. So another roster was made for patients to be asked for by name, and either taken out for a drive, or given the personal attention needed.

## Co-operation

Of course, for the work to be a success, co-operation was necessary from doctors and nursing staff; this was there right from the beginning. A suggestion was made to Mrs. Plaistowe that something be done for the men and children, and so some of the present helpers, with new members, commenced the visiting of the male and children's wards.

It was also suggested by the hospital that a series of lectures be given, and a badge presented to each person completing same, with our names and the initials C.V.S. (Claremont Voluntary Service) printed on them. These lectures proved very helpful to all interested in this work, and the trained doctors willingly gave the hours to help us.

## Male Appreciation

A pianist friend and I work regularly three Mondays in month in Male Ward 1. We report for duty at 2 p.m., and are taken to the ward games room and sing and play until time to leave at 3.45. It is amazing how the men look forward to the visits and remember our names. We have one young native lad about

sixteen, named Carnamah, and he sits all the afternoon without talking, and just points to any song he would like us to sing; we go from hymns to the popular old songs.

The men have even expressed a desire for us to come along on Sundays to their church service. On the first Monday in the month, a social is held for men and women combined, in Ward 8, this being mainly for Mental T.B. patients. The ladies from the Cottesloe Church of Christ have worked untiringly with these folk, serving afternoon teas and talking to them while we sing or bring other entertainment to them. This seems a less responsive ward, as quite a few are bedridden, but who can tell just how much joy is given to them? Other male wards are visited during the mornings also.

## New Developments

Many other avenues of service have evolved from this small beginning, such as the "Mental Health Association," and "Aid to Useful Living" (A.T.U.L.) where a wonderfully-equipped workshop is supervised and many useful articles made. These used to be sold direct to the purchaser, but as it is a government institution, no profit could be made and now we rent a shop and it is manned by voluntary workers. We all wear mauve uniforms, which were made by the patients in their own sewing room. Another service for the inmates supplied by C.V.S. is transport to dentist, optician or shopping appointments.

At Christmas time we used to hold one party for the female patients, but over the nine years the work has expanded to such a degree that we now have separate parties for women, men, girls, boys, Ward 8, and then for the patients too sick in mind to leave their wards. Every inmate is given a separately wrapped Christmas gift. Each C.V.S. member pays an annual fee of 10/-, and functions such as fashion parades and picture nights are held to raise funds to buy gifts at Christmas.

Of the ten original members, Mrs. H. Rogers and I are proud to be active still in such a rewarding work.

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## IMPRESSIONS ON OUR INDIAN MISSION FIELD

tage. We could make these centres self-supporting, supply labour for Christian people, and it would be an object lesson for surrounding farmers, for we are situated in a rural area.

Having been reared on a farm, and always having retained my interest in the land, I felt here is scope for real development. Missionaries who are trained for evangelistic, educational or medical work, ought not to be spending their time trying to farm the land. We need experts here as we do in the other field of activity.

I salute our missionaries. They are, for the most part, young. They are well trained for their work, they work as a team, they make sacrifices, but count this a privilege. They need greater support from home in money and prayers. We are well represented by them. The churches are thrilled to have Aus-

tralian visitors and welcome them with genuine pleasure. I am enriched by these six days amongst them.

Plan to come out here sometime for your own good, to encourage these people, and so you can discuss this work intelligently, and pray for our mission with real purpose.

## UPSIDE DOWN COUNSELLING

(London). An experimental scheme to provide pastoral care for unbelievers is to be launched by the British Humanist Association in November. The aim is to provide people who do not believe in God with counsellors who will fulfil many of the functions of the parish priest. The counsellors will advise on social questions and problems of disbelief.—E.P.S.

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# BETHESDA HOSPITAL

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Earlier this year, the Minister for Health in W.A., the Hon. Ross Hutchison, M.L.A., officially opened the new £120,000 wing of Bethesda Hospital (Inc.).

This new wing, which contains two modern operating theatres, up-to-date sterilizing units for theatres and wards, and fourteen single rooms overlooking the Swan River (four of which have private bathroom accommodation) as well as four double and one triple room, brings the total patient accommodation of this hospital up to fifty-four.

The new wing opening culminates twenty-two years of endeavour, for Bethesda really began in January, 1943, when Matron Hill (recently returned from missionary service in India), entered into partnership with another Christian nurse, Sister M. Murray, in order to establish a hospital which would cater for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the community.

Towards the end of 1943 the hospital, at Matron Hill's request, was brought under the administration of a committee consisting of R. Raymond, C. R. Burdeu, E. E. Nelson and W. S. Bown, Matron Hill and Sister Murray. A workable constitution was drafted in which two important clauses were:—

(a) To provide a registered hospital conducted on Christian lines for the treatment of medical and surgical cases at fees determined by the Board of Management, having in mind that Christian workers and the poor may be accepted at reduced rates or without fees.

(b) The hospital shall not be run for profit, but for the purpose of dispensing benevolence, towards which will be paid the fees and all donations and gifts received.

The Board consists of seven to eleven members in good standing and fellowship with the Churches of Christ in W.A. The Matron is automatically a member of the Board, and the President of Conference of Churches of Christ in W.A. is an ex-officio member. These appointments are confirmed by the Conference Executive. Although the hospital is not directly responsible to the

Conference it is by virtue of its own constitution a brotherhood project.

Financially, Bethesda was a venture in faith. Matron Hill began with a working capital of 5/-. When the Board accepted the responsibility of administering the hospital's affairs, it was found that of the ingoing £550 an amount of £420 was to be repaid to those who had lent the money to Matron Hill. Wages amounted to £24 per week (no mean item in 1943). Rent was £6 per week, and there were the other expenditures normally associated with a venture of this nature.

Today Bethesda is still a venture in faith, salaries and other outgoings are very much higher, our total indebtedness amounts to £120,000 on an asset approaching £250,000, but due to the policy of the Western Australian Government, which pays the interest on £100,000 of this amount, we are responsible only for capital repayments and interest on the balance. For this and other assistance we must express our thanks to an interested and helpful Medical Department and Treasury.

Our Christian witness is maintained in many ways and, thanks to the assistance of the Gideons, a Bible is available in every bedside locker. Morning breakfast trays are each provided with a small text, and each morning two religious services are conducted by Matron over the pillow-phone system. During these services no other programme is available; this system has been highly commended by both doctors and patients to Matron Hill, whose personal contact and witness to each patient is the most effective evangelism of all. To assist and back up these efforts, we do, where possible, employ Christian staff, and to those Christian nurses who may be considering a tour of duty in Western Australia, may we recommend Bethesda as a hospital where both professional and spiritual abilities may be exercised?

From its inception, all those connected in any way with Bethesda, have been very conscious of God's guidance, and there is no doubt that through the devoted service of Matron Hill, many have been led to a knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

girl at Carnarvon. New carpets and curtains have been put in the chapel . . . A B.S. scholar was recently baptized . . . Recent morning speakers have been H. Heyhoe, G. Powell, K. Turner.

## IN THE EAST

(Nth. Perth). Wendy Brigatti and Diane Roberts are in Melb. with Churches of Christ basketball team . . . Mrs. Coventry, mother of Mrs. Ken Patterson, has returned to Melb. . . Gordon Summers has been selected in the State ten men's basketball team . . . The Endeavourers visited Royal Perth Hospital, and many others on Orange and Flower Day . . . Mrs. J. M. Dearden, an active member of the church, died on Aug. 26 . . . J.K. Robinson is minister.

## POSITIONS FILLED

(Narembeen, W.A.). Conference was enjoyed at Corrigin. Newly elected officers are: C. Smith, sec., S. Cosh, treas., L. Smith, C. Hooper, S. Cosh, C. Smith, deacons. B. Sprigg is new B.S. supt. and N. Hooper, sec. . . Fellowship was enjoyed with G. C. Cann (Mission to Lepers deputationist). . . The W. Sprigg family is now residing in Busselton. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sprigg were tendered a surprise house-warming following their recent marriage at Kalgoorlie.

## PICNIC ON THE FARM

(Morawa, W.A.). A most enjoyable time was spent on the property of J. Dayman, where the Sunday School picnic was held on Aug. 21 . . . Typewriter appeal has brought in gifts totalling £112. The new typewriter has been purchased and is now in use . . . With the recent screening of the film, "In His Steps," many were challenged . . . Mr. Booth (B. & F. B. S.) spoke at a morning service.

## GARDEN PARTY

This year DR. HALL'S GARDEN PARTY will be held in the grounds of the WEMBLEY CHURCH, Nanson St., SAT., OCTOBER, 30, 2 p.m.

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# 91st CONFERENCE

The 91st Conference of the South Australian churches is over. Delegates have returned to the four corners of the State, and implementation of Conference decisions has become the responsibility of the few and a Conference analysis the privilege of all.

In many ways this Conference was different, and not a few people have suggested that it could be well a "date line" by which we will mark an important stage in the South Australian story.

We owe much to Roland E. Pittman, a gracious and Christian gentleman who has endeared himself to the whole brotherhood, and who brought to the role of Conference Chairman a wise and warm understanding of his people and the task before them.

Attendances — were splendid. All meetings of Conference were well attended, with gatherings as high as 1,750 for the Conference Sermon session, and over 1,000 at the Home Missions and Department of Christian Education rallies. The guest speaker was A. E. White, B.A., Editor of "The Australian Christian."

Visitors — were there, lots of them. The College of the Bible was represented by its Principal, E. L. Williams, and two of the students, Margaret Luhrs and Alan Fletcher. The College Secretary, K. A. Jones, "popped in" en route to W.A.

The Aboriginal Missions were well represented with R. E. Roberts, of Norseman, and Vincent Lambadge, Norma McKenzie and Josie Rose. Aileen Draney from our New Guinea field was also present.

Programmes — were varied and well received. Some of the highlights included:—

The address by the Hon. G. A. Bywaters, M.P., on Social Service night, when we were reminded that the social problems facing South Australia are more than the "big three": T.A.B., Lotteries and 10 O'clock Closing.

Dawn Chivell presented a cheque for £319 from the young people of South Australia as their Project '65 gift to the Esperance Hostel, W.A.

Women's Day is always a big day, and Mrs. C. Cunningham led our ladies through a day of reports and fellowship that climaxed in the induction of the new President of Women's Conference, Mrs. C. Watson, and a splendid dramatic presentation by the ladies of the Brighton Gardens C.W.F.

There was something to get excited about on Saturday night, when R. E. Roberts (Norseman) and R. S. McLean (Overseas) stirred their audience with the breadth and implication of our missionary endeavour.

"Stop the Church, I want to Get On," was the introductory address by C. H. J. Wright, B.A., on Christian Union night. A truly representative panel, with Maurice Coombs as compere, discussed the frank and searching questions of a keen audience. The issues and responsibilities facing the brotherhood in its relation-

ship to the Uniting Church of Australia stand out clearly as a result of this splendid programme.

A family gathering of 600 sat down to tea in Adelaide Town Hall on the closing night of Conference, and the building was comfortably full for the final address by Mr. White.

Roland Pittman became our Past President, and in a simple and dignified ceremony inducted Mervyn Lawrie, minister of the Beverley church, to the office of President of Conference.

Decisions — the dust has settled and the captains and their hosts have departed, and we are able to look back and see debates that were always keen, Department reports facing the scrutiny of an interested brotherhood, and members participating to the full in the business sessions. A few of the decisions of wide interest to us all were:—

The re-appointment of Executive Secretary, I. J. Chivell, and Home Missions Organiser, E. P. C. Hollard. South Australian Department organisers are appointed on the recommendation of their Committees and by the ballot of Conference delegates.

Conference unanimously endorsed the motion to support, in Federal Conference, a motion by which it may relinquish control of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and the proposal to establish an Interstate College Board for the control of the College of the Bible.

The Home Missions Department was asked to investigate ways in which closer co-operation with other religious bodies in new housing areas could be encouraged, and experiments such as the Scoresby Road and Churchill ventures in Victoria were mentioned.

A motion to abandon Religious Instruction was defeated. However, churches were urged to face their responsibilities in this area of witness more realistically, and Conference pledged its support to the new Committee recently established in S.A. to investigate the present situation.

Hospital Chaplain, John Baker, will be re-appointed to his important work in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and the Finance Committee will give guidance to local churches on the Budget allocations that will make this work possible.

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active member. The amount payable by the local church will be decided in the light of the Budget approved by Conference.

Ministers' salaries were raised by £2/10/- to £25 a week and a rent free manse, with recommendations also being made and endorsed relating to adequate car depreciation and travel allowances.

The Finance Committee brought before Conference their first Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments, and Department Budgets amounting to £84,961 were approved by Conference.

We will always say of any Conference, and this one is no exception, that time prevented an adequate discussion of some important matters. It is to be hoped that delegates will convey to their Churches something of the splendid contributions made by many people on the floor of Conference.

This can be said: the 91st Conference was a splendid Conference and the S.A. Churches move confidently into another year of work and witness in which we pray in the spirit of the President's theme for 1965-6, "Christ might have the pre-eminence." (K.D.H.)

## S.A. CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President: M. T. Lawrie (Beverley); President-Elect: S. E. M. Riches (Hawthorne); Executive Secretary: I. J. Chivell; Asst. Sec.: M. D. Williams (Fullarton); Treasurer: R. F. Stacey (Brighton Gardens); Asst. Treas.: R. W. Peacock (Brooklyn Park).

## FOOTBALL SERVICE

(Loxton, S.A.). There were more than 90 people present on Sept. 5, when players and officials of the Loxton Football Club attended a special service. The church sec., L. B. Swanbury, as president of the club, welcomed the visitors at the door of the chapel. John Rundle, Berri church, who is sec. of the Upper Murray Football Assoc., presided, and was assisted by players in the reading of the Scripture. Others joined in an audience-participation sermon by H. Cave (minister) on "The Game and How It Is Played," providing the talking points. Our ladies served supper in the hall... 19 girls and officers attended Silver Jubilee celebrations of the G.L.B. in Adelaide.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### MISSIONARY GIVING

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). In addition to weekly giving, over £480 was given during the last 12 months as a special Faith Offering to Missions. An exhibition of missionary work was conducted by the Missionary Committee to mark the end of the year of special effort. Speakers included Miss Jennifer Smith, missionary from New Guinea, at present at Woolwich Bible College; T. Pedley, B. and F. B. S., and Mr. and Mrs. M. Sconce, who told of their work in New Guinea with the New Tribes Mission... On Sept. 5, guest speakers were Dr. A. G. Elliott, of the Bible College, and Miss Edna Lincoln with slides of work among Aborigines at Carnarvon... Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. George on the passing of her father, and to Mrs. DeLooze, on death of her husband after a long illness.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). At the District Convention on Aug. 7, Jimmy and Dorothy Adams presented a very challenging ministry in word and song. Mr. Adams spoke at Sunday services and again presented the gospel in singing and sketching... Young people enjoyed a day of fellowship at Wyoming, when Newcastle District played soccer against Sydney, followed by barbecue and evening rally... Men have begun early morning prayer meetings in preparation for coming mission... C.W.F. held a cup and saucer afternoon... Visiting speakers recently were R. Baxter (former member), prior to departure for Horsham, D. Wade and R. Barker, and D. Craig. R. Barker also spoke at youth tea concerning "Jewish Evangelical Witness"... R. J. Anderson is minister.

### DECISIONS AT ALBURY

(Albury-Wodonga-Lavington N.S.W.). Max Winch has been appointed Albury B.S. supt. in place of Ian Sproule, who has resigned and gone to Melbourne to live. The Sproule family were farewelled on Aug. 15, and presentations were made in appreciation of Mr.



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Sproule's many years of service to the church in Bible School, Boys' Brigade and Youth Fellowship... Sympathy of church is extended to the Beach family in the sudden loss of a brother and uncle, Fred Beach... C.W.F. donated new carpet runners for Albury chapel, in memory of late Alice Sproule, who was a very active member of church auxiliaries... There was a large attendance at the gospel service on Sept. 5, when the Girls' Brigade held a special Silver Jubilee Church Parade. There were two decisions for Christ... D. Oldfield is the resident minister.

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY EFFORT

(Taree, N.S.W.). Christian Women's Evening Fellowship held a missionary display in July, with all their sewing for the mission fields on display. Guest missionary for evening was Miss J. Smith, who showed slides and told of the work in New Guinea. An offering of £20 was received for the Milk for India appeal. Articles made by the ladies included children's pants (36), men's pyjamas (4), toys (14), dolls (15), children's night-dresses (4), ladies' pants (18), boys' shorts (37), men's shirts (9), boys' shirts (40), ladies' nightdresses (12), girls' dress and pants sets (19), girls' blouses (22), girls' skirts (25), baby's nightdresses (13), patchwork quilts (27), small girls' frocks (41), pillow cases (13), towels (1 pair), tea towels (35), pot holders (8), men's singlets (8), Bon Bons (126), knitted quilts (9), medical goods, £20. A sweet stall conducted during the evening raised £10/15/6.

### SKI RUN COMPETITION

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). B.S. ski run competition aroused lots of interest among the girls and boys — and brought new scholars. The Kindergarten collected items for a missionary parcel for Carnarvon, and these, together with a full set of clothing for an Aboriginal boy prepared by the Christian Women's Fellowship, were forwarded to the Mission... The C.W.F. were visited by the ladies from Warrarong, who conducted the meeting and then stayed for fellowship over lunch... The Youth for Christ team conducted an evening service... The Mayor of Rockdale, Alderman Nairn and Mrs. Nairn, and Haydn Sargent, minister of Annerley, Qld., have been visitors.

### LADIES' GATHERING

(Belmore, N.S.W.). A large gathering met in Belmore chapel at 11 a.m. on Sept. 14, for the C.W.F. anniversary. Representative delegations came from many churches, and Belmore C.W.F. was congratulated on its year's activities. C.W.F. State President, Mrs. J. P. Henderson, was the special guest speaker, Mrs. C. Cole, of Telopea, the soloist, and Mrs. Jan Baker, of Enmore, elocutionist. At the conclusion of the anniversary meeting, luncheon was served in the school hall by the Belmore Fellowship.

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The 60th anniversary of the church took the form of an Anniversary Mission Convention, Sept. 10-12. The theme was "To the Uttermost." Miss Jennifer Smith gave a challenging portrayal of the missionary work in New

Guinea, supported by slides. Eric Brabham, of Newcastle, illustrated and told of the work of the Wycliffe Bible translators, and Peter Salisbury, of Tamworth, screened the film, "Mid-Century Martyrs," and outlined the work of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship throughout the world. Displays were most attractive and educational... Church welcomed visit of College students, Jay Bacick and Bill Flett on Aug. 22, for preaching and presentation of Bible College work per medium of audio-visual aids... Parents and friends who attended the open night held by boys' and girls' club on 21st were much impressed by the general activities... Colin Bowser, Conf. Pres., took the pulpit on Sept. 5.

### EARLWOOD CELEBRATES

(N.S.W.). Following an anniversary tea, F. L. Ewers, B.A., of Burwood, was the speaker at Saturday rally to begin church anniversary services on Sept. 11-12. Mr. Harrison (Belmore) and Mrs. Jan Baker (Enmore) assisted in the programme. Sunday services were conducted by H. T. L. Davies, of Auburn church, and P. E. Thomas, B.A., who serves so faithfully in the local field. In the evening service, E. Oswald led in song and music was provided by John Morris and the Young People's Choir.

### MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(Wingham, N.S.W.). D. H. Paddon has been ill in hospital with a severe attack of virus influenza... R. J. Anderson, of Mayfield, was guest preacher for the 87th church anniversary... The C.W.F. sent a parcel of new clothing for an Aboriginal girl at Norseman... Kevin Jenner, of Mackay, was speaker on Sept. 12. After evening service he showed slides of Mackay and of the Brisbane Fed. Conf... A special service featured Girls' Brigade Jubilee Year... Keith Gernon, church treasurer, has been discharged after a long and serious illness in the Taree M.R.D. Hospital.

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# "SHEPPARTON 1965"

BY W. W. SAUNDERS

Well over 250 visitors "invaded" Shepparton for the Vic.-Tas. Half-yearly Convention on Saturday, August 28. The weather was ideal — a glorious early Spring day. Never have we been more completely welcomed. First the Mayor of Shepparton (Councillor J. C. Stewart) extended a welcome on behalf of the citizens. He was followed by Rev. Pearce Barber, of the Maude Street Methodist Church.

Because of the inadequacy of our own chapel to house the Convention, the Methodist buildings were made available. Mr. Barber welcomed the Convention on behalf of the Methodists. D. B. McIntosh, Shepparton minister, expressed a welcome from our own people. The Conference President, F. J. Funston, presided over the Convention.

Devotional sessions were conducted by D. B. McIntosh, A. E. Stevens (Wangaratta minister) and E. L. Pryor (Echuca minister).

Our Shepparton members worked splendidly in preparation. Accommodation was arranged in motels, guest houses, church homes and caravan park. Chapel and hall were tastefully decorated. Ushering was efficiently carried out. A creche for children was organised and meant much to parents with children. Good publicity was given locally. Vocal and choral items were arranged for each meeting. Catering by the ladies was excellent. Tea and fresh scones awaited all morning arrivals. Lunch and tea were provided at reasonable charges.

A conducted tour of places of historic, scenic and civic note included the Radio Australia transmitting station, and the recently completed Civic Centre. We are indebted to our Shepparton brethren,

to whom nothing seemed too much trouble, and for whom only the best was good enough, for hosting the Convention so cheerfully and efficiently.

At the morning session A. F. Cant (Mildura minister) spoke on "The Making of Tomorrow." He stressed the need for the church to add to her concern about men's spiritual life an active and participating concern about the conditions under which men lived daily — social and political affairs, advertising, entertainment, commerce, industry, etc., which so greatly influence and affect men's lives.

Eminently desirable as is making people spiritual, the church must also be involved in community life. A primary need of the church is not simply revivalism — quickening the spiritual life — but an understanding of the relevance of Christianity to all areas of life, for Christ is Lord of all. Understanding this and putting it into practice the church will contribute worthily to the making of tomorrow.

"In the day's work" was the topic of the message given by R. N. Gilmore (Brighton minister) at the evening session. He challenged all to take Christianity into the community life every day. The Christian's mission is out in the world of broken homes, homeless children, desperate need and pitiable suffering.

In the day's work the Christian must be loyal to Christ and his principles — he must be radiant for God and full of devotion and practical service to fellowmen — he is called to Christian action in daily work. As Luther said, "We are called upon to be Christ to our neighbor."

The singing of "Rise up, O men of God" and the doxology brought to a close a Convention which must be effective in

the life of the brotherhood because of its fellowship, education, inspiration, heart-searching and challenge to fulfilment of our Christ-given mission.

## NOT THE ONLY CHRISTIANS

"We are Christians only, but not the only Christians." This honored expression formed the basis for the Christian Union segment of the Half-yearly Convention programme. The main speaker was John McCormick, minister of the Wattle Park church.

Change, he said, is the natural and inevitable consequence of life, and nowhere more so than in the living Body of Christ, the Church. If we accept that we are not the only Christians, we have no excuse for our disobedience if we do not enter into fellowship with other Christians.

Four things drive us to such fellowship — our personal experience, our study of the gospel, the history of the Church, and the strong stand of the New Testament against any form of divisive sectarianism. The love of God which led Christ to die for the sins of us all leads inescapably to a willingness to covenant with others.

Harold Gross, secretary of the Christian Union Dept., outlined the practical steps being taken to further our relationship with the Uniting Church of Australia — consultation between States to finalise our response to the U.C.A. basis, educational articles in the "Australian Christian," the Christian unity camp in October, and congregational discussion next year, prior to a vote at Federal Conference in October, 1966, concerning continuance of conversations with the U.C.A.

Members of the Convention were then requested to frame questions to be put to a panel which comprised Rev. R. Gordon (Methodist), Rev. R. Collard (Presbyterian), Mrs. Strack (C.W.F. Federal President) and the two speakers. Mr. Col Smith acted as moderator for a lively session. Questions such as the following were asked and answered frankly, but with graciousness and some humour.

- Have we left it too late to enter the union conversations?
- What is the attitude of the other three churches to our belief in baptism by total immersion?
- Could provision be made for laymen to administer the sacraments?
- What part have non-theological issues played in the U.C.A. negotiations?
- If unity is God's will why don't we obey and sort out our differences afterwards?

Convention was particularly interested by the frankness and friendliness of our two guests, who were especially thanked for their participation

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## • ABORIGINES MISSIONS

BY RAY ROBERTS

# Remarkable Anniversary at Norseman

This year we have seen a wonderful answer to prayer. Our greatest joy, possibly, was the openness of other Missions in the area. The entire Kurrawang staff arrived with truck loads of Natives. They brought their own food and joined in the fellowship. Wongutha arrived in Norseman on the Saturday night with a truck load. Six cars transported the young men from the A.A.E.M. Hostel at Esperance. In addition, we had Natives from Merredin, Laverton, Kalgoorlie, Leonora and Mount Margaret.

The messages were very challenging and a call was made for total commitment to Christ. This year we have seen a deeper response amongst the older people who came in from scattered areas. The largest crowd ever was on the Mission property on the Lord's Day. Possibly 500 had gathered for the fellowship.

Many testified to the blessing received from the radio programmes. Those on the trans-line said the session had become their church now. We are being pressed to increase the time of this programme. With overall advances of the work we do need prayer as we prepare material for the broadcast. We need wisdom in dealing with the letters that are beginning to come in.

I had been invited to lead at the Mt. Margaret anniversary services, which followed our own, but owing to the situation at Norseman could not go. I place on record our praise and thanks to God for the witness borne by those who went. A party led by Bob Kingi, Sonny Graham, Alan Bonney and his wife, Valma, were fully conscious of their responsibility to our Lord. Mr. Noel Blythe (Leonora chemist), Mr. Gordon Leaney (Powerhouse engineer), and the Superintendent of Mt. Margaret Mission, have all personally testified to the blessing received as these, our Native brethren, moved in and organised for the four-day period.

I do believe in every way our Lord has revealed his will in the moving that has come to date. The result has been the response we are seeing before our very eyes. Possibly this is the unity that needs to be thought of more in our own causes.

Noel Blythe proposes to lead a party from Leonora to Meekatharra for October 9 to 11. With Mr. Fisher, Bob Williams and Bob Kingi from Carnarvon and (D.V.) our own group from Norseman, we shall be uniting to present the claims of the gospel to the unusually large gatherings of Native people who assemble at that time for their annual tribal deliberations.

## AUSTRALIAN FRONTIER

Australian Frontier announces a residential study course to be held at Brassen House, in Canberra, from December 27, 1965 to January 14, 1966.

The guest lecturer will be Mr. C. I. Itty, of the Department of the Laity of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

Mr. Itty is an Indian of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Travancore. He has had wide experience with the W.C.C. and has travelled extensively.

The theme of the course will be "The Local Church in the New Reformation." It will deal with the problem of developing new structures for the local church.

The cost will be £10, plus board at £3 per day. Accommodation is excellent. Most of the bedrooms include separate showers. Double rooms are available.

Churches are asked to assist and encourage both their ministers and laymen to attend. The number of places is limited to 75. Application forms are available from Australian Frontier, 3 Civic Bldg., Garema-place, Canberra.

## MOSCOW MAP LISTS CHURCHES

(Moscow). Moscow's main active churches, mosque and synagogue are among the places of interest marked on a new city map that went on sale at newsstands last week.

For years houses of worship have been omitted from telephone books, directories, guidebooks and other reference materials.

The official argument was that church and State are separated in the Soviet Union, and that the government's publishing houses should not point the way to religious institutions.—E.P.S.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our family has more rows and troubles than a Christian family ought to have. Can we still say that we are Christians?

You sound as though you have more troubles than any family ought to have. But maybe it is not so bad as it seems. The Arabs have a proverb which says: Every man thinks his own fleas bite hardest. Because they live there, many think that their own homes are noisier and their domestic problems harder to solve.

I do know some families which look very good, but there may have problems the rest of us know nothing about.

I am not sure that there is a recipe for living that will suit all families. The uniqueness of people is more than fingerprint deep. As no two persons have exactly the same finger-prints, no two persons are exactly the same in their attitudes, plans, likes, dislikes, breaking and boiling points.

Once upon a time, the family appeared to be built upon the authority of the man — the father, the chief of his little tribe. You may have noticed that father no longer enjoys this role unchallenged. My suspicion is that he was always subjected to fairly strong forces. He may have made some pretty strong family statements in the living room, but they were often fed to him in the kitchen.

In any case, the authoritarian role of the male parent is quite gone — and a good thing, too. A family is a democratic institution. This means not only that the views of the wife and mother are considered, but that the children are also persons. A family is a continuing adventure in living together, and the happy family is not one where the father rules, or where the mother rules, nor yet where the children rule — this sometimes happens! — but where all are treated as persons with rights as well as responsibilities.

A democratic family does not mean that in every situation every member of the family has an equal vote, otherwise where there are three or more children the youngsters would stay up too late, soap would be banished, and ice cream would be a permanent dessert. No! parents have a responsibility to God, society, and their own children, which cannot be surrendered to a majority vote. It does mean, however, that even bed-time, hygiene, and menus are negotiable and that children are entitled to reasons as well as instructions.

There may still be disagreements, but they will not be so deep or dangerous as those that exist beneath the surface of a family dictatorship.

Having preached an introductory sermon, next week I shall answer the question.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

Conquests of the Cross. In Korea, after 30 years' evangelism, there are 185,000 Christians. And if Christianity could die out in England and America, the Christianity of Korea is so strong and vigorous that it would surely cross the water and re-establish itself in these lands

from whence Korea received it. What a conquest this is! (A. G. Saunders). S.A. Conf. It was freely expressed that the public speeches at the 1915 Conf. reached a high-water mark. At the Temperance meeting a lady announced that T. Hagger's address was a national mistake! The mistake was probably the lady's. The names of 146 church members, enlisted in the war, was read to Conf. Here and There. Capt. Chaplain G. T. Walden wrote: "After three weeks' training in Egypt, we leave to see our Aust. boys drive the Turks out of Europe as a power . . . Ministers. A. Cameron began at Goolwa, S.A., and C. R. Graham moved to Hawthorne and Annerley, Qld. Canton Church. An artist in S.A., a member, painted a picture, "The Light of the World," which was bought by Lum Yow in Adelaide, for £106. The whole of this sum was given to the fund set up by Chinese Christians in Aust. to start a church in Canton.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON N.S.W. . . .

# "Thy Word . . . A Light"

"**THY WORD** is a lamp unto my feet and **A LIGHT** unto my path." So says the Psalmist (Psa. 119: 105), and this comment may well apply to our churches in N.S.W. in their efforts to proclaim Christ through the illuminating Word. The spread of the gospel through many converging ministries can certainly be likened to a light at is continually "on beam" and ceaselessly penetrating the gloom and dimness of unbelief. Highlights of the N.S.W. scene in recent weeks have been "Crusade '65" and the Ministers' Fraternal Refresher.

"Crusade '65," August 24-28, with George Wood, of South Perth, as evangelist, proved both a challenge and an uplift. The preaching was invigorating, the singing and musical support delightful, and the crowded meetings more than encouraging, while the steady stream of young folk offering themselves in committal to Christ, either for the first time, or for greater service, was a powerful vindication of the fact that the large, well-organised, prayed-steeped evangelistic gathering is still a relevant means of presenting Christ to the masses.

The venue of this year's Ministers' Fraternal Refresher was again the Boys' Home, "Dunmore House," Pendle Hill. Home Mission Director, K. E. Crawford, was the "Joseph Whelan" lecturer, and the series took the form of a "Seminar on Evangelism," in which various methods and plans were presented and discussed. Discussion also centred around the consideration of the attitude of Churches of Christ to developments in the realm of Church Union, with particular reference to the proposed merger of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational communions to become the Uniting Church of Australia. Another helpful aspect of the Refresher was, as usual, the opportunity for fellowship and the intermingling of men from country and metropolitan churches. At the annual meeting of the Fraternal, F. L. Ewers, B.A., was elec-

ted pres., and D. Foletta, sec., for the coming year.

"Education Week" in N.S.W., August 8-14, proved an occasion on which many of our churches were able to share in community and youth activities. Likewise, "Bible Society Week," culminating in "Bible Sunday," Sept. 5, was also a feature in which Sydney Churches of Christ were well represented, co-operating with the British and Foreign Bible Society in special services in various centres.

Springtime in Sydney appears to be the occasion for many Church Conferences. This month the Baptist Union Assembly takes place, while early in October, the N.S.W. Methodist Conference, the Assembly of the Congregational Union and the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney will be held.

Movements of our ministers include the recent departure of R. Baxter for Horsham, Vic., and A. L. Webb, B.A., for Camp Hill, Qld., while within the State, D. Foletta has concluded his ministry at Canley Heights and taken up the work at Narraveena, and J. Sedman leaves Wyoming to labour with the church at Penrith.

N.S.W. churches also recently welcomed home Miss Edna Lincoln, on leave from Carnarvon Aborigines Mission, and farewelled three married couples, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rogan, Mr. and Mrs. K. Stephenson, and Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Foot, who have all answered the call to serve on our Aborigines Mission field in W.A. Sister Pauline Jones, of Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides, has also returned to her home in Bexley.

Finally, the regular commitment of lives to Christ registered in so many of our N.S.W. churches, lends quiet but assuring testimony to the power of the gospel. Week after week, the Psalmist's statement is proving to be true. The Word of God is abundantly vindicated in the experience of so many who can say: "**THY WORD** is a lamp unto my feet and **A LIGHT** unto my path." —A.G.E.

Brigade in Australia . . . A. Webb commenced full-time ministry on Sept. 19.

### MUSICAL WEEKEND

(Southport, Qld.). The Gatton Musical Group gave three periods of delightful music on Sept. 4 and 5. Youth group entertainment on Sat., a Sunday afternoon programme, and an hour of music at the gospel service. There were 24 interstate visitors for the day. The organ fund has passed the half-way mark. . . . There have been 10 additions this year.

### WORLD ANNIVERSARY

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). The World C.W.F. anniversary was observed on Sept. 8. The President, Mrs. Robinson, led the meeting on the theme "Yield a Hundredfold." Fruit and vegetables were arrayed on the table centre piece. Members all contributed to the programme with items of news and interest concerning the countries in the Newsletter. Mrs. N. Holland wrote for the occasion from Puerto Rico. The monthly offering for the Fellowship of the Least Coin was received . . . Two cartons of gifts and old linen have been sent for New Guinea and New Hebrides, and one carton of gifts from Junior C.E. Society.

### OTHER LANDS NIGHT

(Bassendean, W.A.). The church thanks G. Smith, K. Turner and G. Wood for challenging messages they have brought at recent morning services. Special prayer meetings have been held over the past few weeks for "Crusade '65" . . . G. Cann (Mission to Lepers) was guest speaker at youth tea on Sept. 5 . . . Ladies held an "Other Lands" night on 10th, at which Sister Helen Maiden, missionary from New Hebrides, brought a message.

## MOVEMENTS

### CHANGE OF MINISTRY

(Northam, W.A.). W. Gaunson, who will be completing studies at Glen Iris this year, has accepted a ministry at Northam, commencing Feb., 1966 . . . T. D. Maiden, who will have been with Northam church for 6½ years, will commence a ministry at Scarborough next year . . . Mr. Maiden conducted a short teaching mission at Morawa, from Sept. 7 to 12, and during his absence C. Roediger and Mr. Turnece, of York, spoke at the Sunday services . . . Several members attended "Crusade '65" meetings held in Perth . . . C.W.F. held an all-day of sewing, when 7 large bedspreads were completed to be forwarded for Social Services. Ladies are to clothe Shirley Hayes, of Carnarvon Mission . . . F. M. Fewster has been admitted to Hollywood Hospital for treatment.

### NEW MINISTER FOR GILGANDRA

(N.S.W.). B. Benz will commence a ministry in early 1966 . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford were welcomed by transfer from Hornsby . . . The church had a visit from Mrs. Henderson, C.W.F. President . . . Bob Whan (Woolwich College) spoke at a gospel service. There has been a confession of faith and baptism.

## National Diary

### OCTOBER

- 1 V. Explorer Worship Month.
- 2 V. Explorer and Good Companions Outdoor Sports.
- 2 V. C.Y.F. Central 217.
- 2 S.A. Duke of Edinburgh Award and The Boys' Brigade Expedition Testing Bronze Standard.
- 3 \* College of the Bible Annual Offering.
- 3 \* World Communion Sunday — Union Department.

\*General.

### "MOTHER OF KOREA"

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). Miss Helen Shaw, a young missionary with the Slavic and Oriental Mission of Korea, visited Bruce Rock to tell of her work, illustrated with slides and handcrafts. She works among orphans and last May she was named "Mother of Korea." Her message to the church was simple, helpful and effective. . . . The first wedding in the new church was celebrated on Sept. 18.

### COURSE FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

(Adelaide). In S.A. each year, three Courses are held for couples planning for marriage — in March, June and October. The next Course will begin on Oct. 7, and applications are being invited. Ministers are asked to announce through church papers or send addresses direct to the church office.

The Northern country churches are also planning a Course over a weekend and young people interested are asked to contact R. Tippett, minister at Kadina, for particulars. The same team of lecturers who speak at the city Courses will be available for this Course also.

Young people may send in their names for any of the Courses and information will be forwarded at the appropriate times.

### WHAT PRICE UNITY?

(Berri, S.A.). "What Price Unity?" — four questions dealing with this subject were discussed by the church at three morning services in August. Berri B.S. held its anniversary on Aug. 22. The new hall was used for the evening programme; H. Cave, from Loxton, was guest speaker . . . Annual church meeting and tea was well attended, all retiring officers re-elected.

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a small admission fee.

### S.A. GIRLS' BRIGADE CELEBRATE

(S.A.). There are more than 2,000 members of Girls' Brigades in South Australia, and the Silver Anniversary celebrations of the weekend of Sept. 3-5 were a splendid tribute to the work of many years.

Over the past year Mrs. Pauline Crosby has been the Commissioner of the Brigade, and Mrs. Alice Lawrance has been the Officer I.C. Cadets. Both of these ladies are Past Presidents of the S.A. Women's Conference. The Brigade secured an office in Rundle Street during the year, and Mrs. Nancy Hull has been employed as Training Officer for the Brigade. Roy Greenhalgh, of Grote St. church, is Chaplain to the S.A. Division.

The celebrations began with a display in the Thebarton Town Hall. The President of the Brigade, Mrs. D. Kidd, welcomed the guests of honour, Miss Chenhalls, M.B.E., of Great Britain, and the

### MISSIONARIES FAREWELLED

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church farewelled two members, missionaries to the New Hebrides, on Sept. 4 & 5 — Miss Valerie Crowte and Miss Margaret Luhrs. A. G. Leane presided at the Saturday meeting, when a tea was given in their honor and a social evening followed. Both guests brought a word of challenge to the church and asked for the prayers of the congregation. Miss Crowte left by plane for the New Hebrides on Sept. 6, whilst Miss Luhrs will return to the College of the Bible for further studies, and plans to leave at the conclusion of her training in 1965 . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Greenhalgh visited Taree on their annual vacation from Adelaide. Mr. Greenhalgh preached to the church . . . The Youth Director, Bruce Armstrong, addressed the church on Aug. 29, setting out the programme of the Committee for future developments.

### INTERIM ANNOUNCEMENT

(Blackburn, Vic.). Dr. K. R. Bowes lecturer at the College of the Bible, will undertake an interim ministry with the church during portion of 1966 . . . C.W.E.F. celebrated its 16th birthday with a visit to the Hawthorn Bowl . . . Members and visiting speakers have occupied the pulpit whilst minister, R. V. Amos, is overseas. J. Tocknell (former member) showed slides of work at Roelands Native Mission, W.A. . . . The cricket club will enter an under 16 team in competition.

### TWENTY-NINE YEARS B.S. SUPT.

(Williamstown, S.A.). Church combined on Sept. 12 with Methodist and Church of England at a tea in the Methodist Hall. This was followed by a service, when Mr. Williams (B. & F.B.S.) screened a film, "This is the Vision" . . . G. R. Harvey has been elected supt. of B.S. Former supt., J. G. Marr, resigned after 29 years of faithful work in the school. The school qualified for third place in the State Efficiency Campaign.

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Hon. D. A. Dunstan, M.P., the Attorney General of S.A. The audience was treated to a programme of figure marching, folk dancing, rhythmic and tableau.

Officers and invited guests were entertained at a dinner in Strangways House, at which Mrs. Smith, the Chairman of the Pacific Fellowship, was the guest of honour.

The highlight of the weekend was the March and Church Parade on Sunday afternoon. The S.A. Police Band accepted the invitation to lead the march through the city to the Adelaide Town Hall. The Chaplain of the Brigade, R. Greenhalgh, led the service, and the Rev. Lance Shilton, of Holy Trinity, was the guest preacher. A choral group and verse speaking choir from Brigade members were features of the service.

As a result of the Jubilee Celebrations the image of the Brigade is higher than ever in this State.

### GLENDA JAMES MISSING

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). All Australia was shocked at the news that Glenda James, seven-months old baby, was taken from her pram outside a supermarket at West Merrylands on Sept. 16. In addition to the natural anxiety of the parents, the fact that Glenda needs special feeding is a cause for additional distress. The baby girl has red curly hair and was wearing a fluffy, pink woollen matinee jacket, white nightdress and yellow booties . . . Mr. and Mrs. Francis James, the parents, are isolated members of our church at Kingsford.

### VISIT FROM RAY ROBERTS

(Grote-st., S.A.). Attendances have increased, with visitors to Conference. Ray Roberts, of Norseman Mission, was preacher on Sept. 12, at gospel service, and after-church meeting. Two young girls from the Mission were the guest singers . . . At recent service a young lady made her confession of faith . . . Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in recent bereavement in the family . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pannell in celebrating their golden wedding.

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# NEWS

**BAPTISMS — NEW GUINEA.**

"We have had requests from some more for a new Discipleship Class. Two schoolboys, one of whom at this stage we are a little doubtful, and Dare, our doctor boy. Our hearts are really giving thanks to God for this. Dare is a fine man and could have a big influence both in Tung and in his own village." —Sister J. Hunting.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENT STUDENTS BAPTIZED — INDIA**

"During May and June three of our students were baptized and received into church membership. We have had very nice letters from them. They are all late teenagers, 19-20 years. This morning, in the post, we had a letter from a Parsee boy who has just completed the course on Romans. He said that before he started our studies he did not know about Jesus Christ, but he has learnt to love him, and he has helped him in his studies."—Miss H. Skuce.

**PROGRESS BUNAPAS HOSPITAL**

An encouraging report has been received from New Guinea concerning the progress at the Bunapas Hospital. Mr. L. Springbett, a voluntary worker from Gawler, South Aust., has assisted Graeme Sonsie in the erection of two 80 ft. x 30 ft. frames for the two wards, that is the Outpatients, Theatre, etc., and the General Ward. A good third of the cementing for the Outpatients block is completed.

Plans are under way for a small work force to go to New Guinea early in November. Three men have offered to go, but at least six are required. An appeal for men to serve with the work force appeared in recent editions of the "Australian Christian." We are grateful to the brethren who have forwarded donations to assist in the provision of food for the work party.

**SAFE ARRIVAL**

It is with thanks to God we announce the safe arrival of a third son, Francis

James, to Ray and Betty Veal at Shrigonda in India.

**RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA**

Sister Win. Walker, from India, arrived in her home State, Tasmania, on Sept. 6. She will be in South Australia from Sept. 25—Oct. 11, and will be in Eastern States for deputation work early in 1966. We are indebted to Sister Walker for the valuable service she is giving on our mission field in India.

After serving eight years in the New

Hebrides, Sister Pauline Jones has resigned, and returned to Australia early in September. Sister Jones has served mainly at Ndui Ndui, but also on Maewo and Pentecost. For a number of months, at one time, she was the only missionary on Maewo. Unfortunately, Pauline left the New Hebrides a few days before the new hospital at Ndui Ndui was opened. We praise God for the years of loving service Pauline has rendered, and wish her God's blessing as she continues to serve her Master.

## Women of the West

**September Auxiliary Meeting.**

"God worketh in you both to do and to will his good pleasure."

The President, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, introduced Mrs. P. Armstrong, President of the Subiaco C.W.F. as leader of the morning meditation. It was presented on behalf of the Kalgoorlie C.W.F. "I will walk within thy house with a perfect heart" was the theme chosen by Mrs. McMeekin.

Both these churches commenced their work in 1898. Retrospections were presented by Mrs. E. F. Black, Subiaco, and Mrs. Hunt, sr., Kalgoorlie. From humble beginnings the churches grew. Tent missions were highlights in the churches' history — in the case of Kalgoorlie, 297 during the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission. Young people have gone forward into Overseas Mission work and the churches developed through their outreach work by assisting in the establishing of new causes.

Prayer for the sick and bereaved was offered by Mrs. D. R. Manning.

Special welcome was extended to Mrs. Ramsay, Blackburn, Vic. We were sorry to have to say farewell to Mrs. Newham, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Roll call was answered by 72, representing 20 C.W.F.

Finance — balance in hand, £880.

The President, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, reported that she had been busy during the month attending the Eastern Wheat-belt Conference and representing the

women at functions within and without the sisterhood.

**Superintendents' Reports:**

**Overseas - Mrs. Ladner.** Mr. and Mrs. John Bolton, New Guinea, will be engaged in deputation work throughout the State during October and November. Pray that missionaries will be available to go into new areas while the opportunity is there.

**Aboriginal - Mrs. Manning.** Pray that God will grant wisdom in the establishing of the work at the Carnarvon Christian Centre, and for the special services being conducted during race week. Pray for the health of all the missionaries.

**Home Mission - Mrs. Smith.** Praise God for the encouraging reports of the establishing of new causes and the strengthening of young churches.

**Prayer - Mrs. Richards.** This month has been a time of special personal preparation for "Crusade '65." Prayer request for those responsible for the Crusade and the leading of the Holy Spirit in all exercises of it that Christ will have the pre-eminence.—Dora Gordon, sec.

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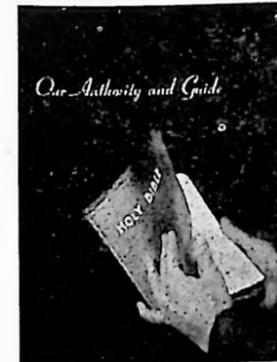
(Noble Park, Vic.). For their missionary project this year the Bible School has undertaken to support an Indian boy at Baramati Boys' Home, India, and the Kindergarten an Aboriginal boy at Norseman . . . C.W.E.F. will have Miss Dawn Martin to speak at their meeting on evening of Oct. 8.

**BROTHERHOOD SESSIONS**

(Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.). The "Home and Family" month concluded with almost 100 present at the gospel service. The church is conducting a series of Brotherhood Departmental Sessions, for 25 minutes each Sunday night until the end of October. This is illustrated by slides and commentaries, kindly loaned by the various departments. The objects are: To educate the local church in the wider work; to stimulate interest in giving and prayer beyond the local level; to enlarge the church's vision . . . The officers and representatives from auxiliaries met and prepared a plan to launch "Evangelism Through Friendship," to cover the whole church life, with emphasis on personal evangelism. . . Seven new scholars have been added to the school. Mr. Albert Graham has completed 30 years as S.S. supt., broken only by leave of absence during the last war . . . The C.W.F. and the ladies' bowls have donated £75 and £25 to the Organ Fund respectively . . . The S.S. won the basketball competition, under the leadership of Mrs. Val. Schenk and Joy McLeod . . . Bill Mackay and Ivan Crowley have donated appreciated labour in renovating manse . . . During Mr. Jackel's absence at St. Arnaud, Mr. Graham had speaking responsibility.

**NEW MEMBERS**

(Warragul, Vic.). A young man was baptized on Sept. 5, and there were decisions at both services on 12th . . . Miss Shirley Byard, of Bethany Children's Home, has been visitor . . . The reorganisation of C.Y.F. is being reviewed. . . Explorer Club now has Junior and Senior divisions . . . The minister, T. V. Weir, is conducting a visiting campaign in town and district, making many new contacts . . . D. H. Smith recently visited the church to discuss a Planned Giving campaign.



**WITH THE COUNTRY CHURCHES**

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). Brim church anniversary was celebrated on Aug. 15, the guest speaker for two services being the Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., F. J. Funston. Morning service in the chapel, afternoon in Brim Memorial Hall. Many visitors from other churches present . . . Brim Ladies' Guild conducted their annual fete recently, when £85 was raised as result of the year's work, besides a splendid afternoon's fellowship . . . Aug. 29 was the occasion of the Inter-Church guest service at Warracknabeal, when five Protestant churches gathered for the evening service. The building was packed, with some seated on platform. B. C. Snoxall conducted gospel service as normal. Fellowship meeting followed, when M. Suter, A. W. Harmer and C. N. Rogers addressed the gathering on the History, Doctrine and Administration of Churches of Christ. These quarterly services have been very largely attended and prove most interesting . . . B. C. Snoxall is circuit minister.

**"FIRST THINGS FIRST"**

(Hartwell, Vic.). The colored film, "First Things First," based on Sermon on the Mount, was screened on Sept. 12. It depicts the message of the sermon as applicable to life in every age . . . The C.W.F. conducts weekly prayer hour in homes of members each Monday morning . . . The new paper, "The Messenger," edited by K. Barton, and replacing weekly news and announcement sheet, was well received . . . The cricket club is active. Season begins Oct. 2.

**HAPPY HOLIDAY HOURS AT MAIDSTONE, VIC.**

During the second week of the school vacation, Monday to Thursday, 95 boys and girls enrolled in a stream-lined "Vacation School," which ran each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A short time of singing was followed by an audio-visual each day featuring "Parables of the Kingdom." Then children broke up into 6 groups for a half-hour lesson based on the Dept. of Christian Education's production, "Thy Kingdom Come." Biscuits and cordial followed, served by a friendly team of ladies, then to the local school ground (right next door) for ball games for half an hour, and back to work on projects covering the whole theme. Books and projects were displayed at the local State School, and in the porch for the church members to see. In all, 20 senior girls, C.W.F. members and several mothers participated in leadership. Quizzes each day were a feature. At the closing session each

child received an icy pole as a prize for good work done during the school. More than 50 children attended every session, with an average of 75 each day. Through the generosity of The Austral, and local members, and some valuable help from our Dept. of Christian Education, the whole school cost children 2/6 each. —D. A. V. Thomas.

**FATHERS AND SONS AT TEA**

(North Williamstown, Vic.). Christian Men's Fellowship invited fathers, sons, uncles and brothers to a tea on Sept. 19. Many attended and enjoyed the fellowship of the tea gathering and the evening film service held at 7 p.m. . . C.Y.F. had the Gospel Mission Y.P. to conduct the weekly C.Y.F. after-church programme on Aug. 29. Both groups also enjoyed a combined bowls night on Sept. 11 . . . C.W.F. groups have engaged in special programmes in recent weeks. Ladies are holding monthly coffee prayer luncheons in various homes. Bev. Jones and Ray Curwood were honored with a kitchen tea prior to marriage.

**MAKING FRIENDS AT SPRINGVALE**

(Vic.). The church has begun a Friendship Mission, under leadership of A. Avery. He was speaker on Aug. 5, at all services, including Youth Fellowship tea, with 38 present, and also at coffee bar after church . . . Officers had a weekend at Rye to pray and plan for mission. 7 a.m. prayer meetings were opened and 24 were present to start. Church has been having special meetings, with each auxiliary taking a service. The Y.P. presented the play, "No Time to Live." All are enthusiastic and co-operating in our effort . . . Maureen Sleamer and Geof. Daniels were in an accident. Geof., fortunately, escaped serious injury, but Maureen has a compound fracture of a leg, an ankle broken and lacerations.

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## DISCIPLESHIP

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Kerry Jones, North Perth, W.A.  
Cyril Elwood, Narembeen, W.A.  
Pam Burton, Bassendean, W.A.  
Lesley Titter, Noble Park, Vic.  
Caroline Annear, Gillian Carroll,  
Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.  
Coral Hindward, Kingsford, N.S.W.  
Moyra Miller, Kedron, Qld.  
Pam Tyrie, Bill Munt, Mayfield,  
N.S.W.  
Robin Wakeford, John Gall, Earl-  
wood, N.S.W.  
Mrs. R. Hazel, Mrs. B. Manning,  
Jeannette Villa, Robin Leane,  
Barmera, S.A.  
Ross Kentwell, Rockdale, N.S.W.

## MARRIAGES

Bev. Jones to Ray Curwood, North  
Williamstown, Vic.  
Dawn Dennis to Leon Dahlitz,  
Williamstown, S.A.  
Valerie Jacob to Warren Jackson,  
Hartwell, Vic.

## COMING EVENTS

**SEVENTH BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVER-  
SARY**, Highbury Road, BURWOOD,  
Vic., Sundays, OCTOBER 3 and 10,  
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**SOUTH MELBOURNE (Vic.) A WEL-  
COME TO OUR CHURCH SCHOOL  
ANNIVERSARY**, Sunday, Oct. 3, 1965.  
3 p.m.—Guest speaker: Pastor Doug  
Nicholls. Church School Choir. 7  
p.m. Speaker: Max Moody. Church  
School Choir. Sunday, Oct. 10:  
3 p.m., Kindergarten and Primary. 7 p.m.,  
Guest speaker: Mr. Steven Tam, from  
Chinese Church of Christ. Also, special  
guest artists, the "P.K.s." bring us the  
items on their guitars. Church School  
Choir.

**BENTLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.) 36th  
HOMECOMING and ANNIVERSARY  
SERVICES**, Sunday, Oct. 3, 1965. 11  
a.m., A. E. Hurren. 7 p.m., Gospel  
Service, with J. G. Shaw. Tea at 5  
p.m. All Welcome.

**NORTH FITZROY (Vic.) 92nd BIBLE  
SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 17 and  
24 — 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Reunion  
Tea, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m.

**EAST KEW CHURCH, Vic., BIBLE  
SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Sept. 26—  
11 a.m., 2.30 and 7 p.m. All wel-  
come. Bright Singing.

**OAKLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.) 49th ANNI-  
VERSARY HOMECOMING**, Sunday,  
Sept. 26 — 11 a.m., N. S. Moore, B.A.,  
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2.45, Pleasant Afternoon of Music and  
Song. 4.45 p.m., Tea Table Fellow-  
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Mr. and Mrs. Brumby, Castlemaine  
to Colac, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Reddie, Hindmarsh  
to Flinders Park, S.A.  
Miss R. Martens, Goolwa to Grote-  
st., Adelaide, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. McKelvie, Ann-st.,  
Brisbane; Beth McKelvie, Towns-  
ville; Eric Bell, Georgetown — to  
Mayfield, N.S.W.

## DEATHS

Mrs. J. M. Dearden, North Perth,  
W.A.  
Peter Findlay, Gardiner, Vic.  
Mrs. D. G. Jones, Footscray, Vic.  
Mrs. Findlay, Noble Park, Vic.  
Alan Finch, Inverell, N.S.W.  
Charles Bulley, Wingham, N.S.W.

**ORMOND CHURCH (Vic.) BIBLE  
SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 3 & 10.  
Oct. 3: 2.45 p.m., P. Andrews; 7 p.m.,  
R. McKenzie. Oct. 10: 2.45 p.m., Special  
Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Service;  
7 p.m., L. Chapman. A Hearty Wel-  
come to all.

**RICHMOND (Vic.) CHURCH ANNI-  
VERSARY**, Oct. 17. 11 a.m., Speaker:  
H. F. Gross, B.A.; 2.45 p.m., D. J.  
Andrews, B.A., LL.B.; 5 p.m., Fellow-  
ship Tea; 7 p.m., Speaker: C. H. Dow,  
M.A. A welcome awaits all.

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to return to the **WATTLE PARK (Vic.)  
CHURCH** for the 17th ANNIVERSARY  
SERVICES, on Sunday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.,  
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J. Haines; 7 p.m., R. McLean. (Hospi-  
tality provided if you advise A. Clut-  
terbuck, 22 Moore-st., South Box Hill,  
by Sept. 23). This will begin a week  
of special meetings, featuring Displays,  
Films, Talks on the "Mission of the  
Church," and Bible School Anniver-  
sary on Oct. 10.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION (Vic.)

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## IN MEMORIAM

**PARNELL (nee Leng)**. — In loving  
memory of our daughter and sister,  
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**FISHER, Lavington**. — Treasured mem-  
ories of a devoted husband and father  
who entered eternal rest, Sept. 17, 1964.  
— Inserted by Margaret and family.

## BIRTH

**SAXBY**. — To Peter and Gail (Crum-  
blin), Woolwich, 1964, at Harvey, W.A.,  
God has given us a son, Wednesday,  
Sept. 8. Parents and baby all well.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**BRAND - LOWREY**. — The engage-  
ment is announced of Marlene Joy, elder  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brand,  
Daw Park, S.A., to John William, younger  
son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lowrey, Croydon,  
Vic. The address of both Marlene and  
John is the College of the Bible, Elm-  
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**DONNELLY - DUNDAS**. — It is with  
much pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. Don-  
nelly, Gosford, N.S.W., announce the en-  
gagement of their youngest daughter,  
Joan, late of Earlwood, and now of Bel-  
more, to Kenneth, elder son of Mr. and  
Mrs. C. Dundas, Yarramundi, Richmond.

## GOLDEN WEDDINGS

**BROUGH - LUKE**. — Mr. and Mrs.  
Stanley Brough, 1 Bryson-ave., Middle  
Brighton, Vic., announce with gratitude  
the 50th anniversary of their marriage  
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Ludbrook, on Sept. 25, 1915.

**SAUNDERS - SHUGG**. — Mr. and  
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## DEATHS

**BRYANT, James Jeremiah**. — At  
Dunolly Hospital, Vic., on Sept. 13 (late  
of Bet Bet), loved husband of the late  
Lily, loved father of Lavinia (Mary-  
borough), Ellen (Mrs. D. Dobson, Bel-  
mont), Hilda (Mrs. C. Da Fonte, Mary-  
borough), Amy (Mrs. H. Birkett, Dun-  
olly), Tom (Newport), Arthur (Tim-  
boon), Jack (dec.), Mary (Dec.), Jim  
(Dunolly), Fred (Bet Bet), Dorothy  
(Mrs. W. R. Chiswell Betley), and Peggy  
(Mrs. H. Raeburn, Birchip). Aged 93  
years. Grandfather of 36 and great-  
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**DEMERAL**. — On Sept. 18 (suddenly),  
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## INTERSTATE NEWS

### GIRLS' SUCCESS

(Barmera, S.A.). The Girls' Brigade  
travelled to Adelaide for Jubilee Cele-  
brations. The 1st and 2nd Barmera  
companies won 1st and 2nd places in  
sports afternoon. The 2nd Barmera Coy.  
is from the Gerrard Aborigines Mission.  
Mrs. Aggreens leads both companies...  
Back to Barmera was celebrated on Aug.  
14-15, with State and interstate visitors.  
R. Saunders, of Goolwa, was guest speak-  
er. Visitors were accommodated at youth  
camp. A tour, barbecue, social and fel-  
lowship tea were features... The C.E.  
led the service on Aug. 21. It was a  
baptismal service and one lady and two  
young girls made decisions... A Youth  
for Christ rally, with Brian Willersdorf  
as speaker, was held on Sept. 3-4. All  
meetings were held in the theatre...  
T. Lawrie is minister.

### KEDRON ELECTIONS

(Kedron, Qld.). The annual church  
business meeting was conducted over two  
Wednesday nights. The following officers  
were elected: L. Brooks, B. Chesney, E.  
Enchelmaier, G. Haigh (elder), Greg.  
Haigh, R. Mutzelburg, I. Mutzelberg, M.  
Russell, J. Stevens, D. Stevens, H. Weil,  
and R. Smith (S.S. supt.). . . . Recent  
speakers have included A. Surtees (Direc-  
tor of H.M. and State Conf. Pres.), L. Read,  
B. Chesney, and Mrs. Williams (Sudan  
Inland Mission) . . . S.S. scholars partici-  
pated in the annual sports day at  
Kedron Park High School, and in the  
annual Scripture Examination . . . The  
Ladies' Fellowship visited Albion and  
enjoyed an outing to Caloundra . . .  
The Caloundra Youth Centre was the  
meeting place for our young people in  
camp . . . Sympathy of the church was  
extended to Mrs. Nott in the passing  
of her mother.

### MUSICAL MEMBERS

(Nambour, Qld.). The church concluded  
Stewardship Campaign with A. Surtees  
(H.M. Director) guest speaker at Family  
Night, and two Sunday mornings, result-  
ing in 25 per cent increase in giving...  
Anniversary day was a record for offer-  
ings — £77 for the day. Afternoon pro-  
gramme was outstanding for innovations  
— electronic organ, solos on an instru-  
ment specially brought from Brisbane,  
trio by trombone and cornets played by  
minister and two B.S. scholars, electric  
guitar and banjo by two fathers of  
scholars, mouthorgan solo by an elder,

solo on concertina by minister; B.S.  
scholars also brought a number of items.  
Alex. Surtees (Conf. Pres.) gave an in-  
spiring address on "Railway Lines." An  
Old and Young programme was much  
enjoyed by all . . . Annual church meet-  
ing elected J. H. Adermann, N. Bull and  
R. Labinsky, elders; P. Rattray, A. Thom-  
son, R. Bull, deacons; A. Thomson ap-  
pointed B.S. supt., with 5 teachers...  
Church has agreed to accept a Consti-  
tution. An Organ Fund has been opened  
with £25. Structural alterations to plat-  
form, with a new doorway, has proved  
beneficial to services. Good attendances  
at services are being maintained. Visi-  
tors from Dandenong and Mitcham, Vic.,  
and Wagga, N.S.W., have been welcomed.  
The minister, W. J. O. Todd, is deputis-  
ing for three local ministers on Radio  
4NA. Minister is taking studies in the  
Book of Daniel at midweek meeting,  
with good attendances. August finances  
were the best ever.

### START AT DULACCA

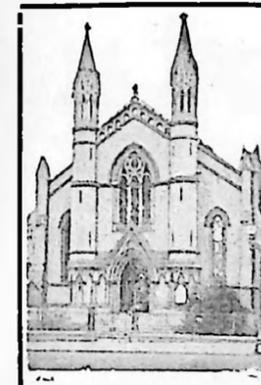
(Chinchilla, Qld.). A monthly church  
service has started at Dulacca in the  
afternoons . . . There have been two  
recent baptisms . . . Over 80 attended  
a special fellowship tea on Fathers' night.  
The following officers were elected  
at annual meeting: B. Reid, pres.; R. D.  
Clark, sec.; G. Thomas, treas. . . . A  
combined meeting was held with Wambo,  
when S. Chalmers represented Social  
Service and showed slides of this work.  
The I.C.E. of Dalby and Chinchilla  
joined Wambo in missionary evening,  
with fellowship tea, quiz and items. Aileen  
Draney spoke to children on New Guinea  
work. Afterwards she spoke to adults  
and showed slides.

### TO APPLE ISLE

(Colac, Vic.). The student minister, I.  
Allsop, conducted youth programmes in  
Hobart during the College vacation...  
A recent service was broadcast over  
Station 3CS . . . Recent speakers have  
been L. Firth, L. Sellwood and Kevin  
Wickham . . . W.C.T.U. members were  
present in strength on Sept. 12 . . .  
The men of the church have fitted doors  
to the youth hall . . . Young people held  
a barbecue at Meredith Park.

### MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(Melb.). T. Fitzgerald, minister of the  
Fairfield Church of Christ, is a patient  
in the Preston and Northcote Community  
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## OBITUARY

"Chris." Harop.

At 84 years of age the small body of Chris. Harop was laid to rest at Mildura, Vic., on Sept. 6, after a service conducted by the writer. Chris. was greatly beloved by all who knew him and had an association with Mildura church stretching back beyond 50 years. In those early days he was a Sunday School teacher. In 1914, he shifted to Woorinen, with other members of his family, when land was opened there for irrigation. He became a foundation member of Woorinen church, wherein he served as an officer and did a good deal of preaching. Shortly before his death he had the great thrill of attending the 50th anniversary of Woorinen church. He had the sadness of losing his wife (who had borne him 8 children) during his time at Woorinen, but he married again, and a daughter was born of this marriage. He moved back to Mildura early in the 30's, when he became very active in Mildura church, being a deacon, then an elder, and he continued to preach from time to time. Mr. Harop was a man who never complained, who was always an encourager, who could see the bright side of any situation. His faith in the Master was radiant, and all who visited him prior to his death were inspired by his simple confidence. Though small in stature his heart was great! —A. Cant.

Mrs. Rosa Jane Petty.

Mrs. Petty was a member of the church at Doncaster, Vic., for some 75 years. Her family came to Australia from England in 1845, and settled in Box Hill North. When the church school was commenced in 1881 she, along with her brothers, were among the first scholars. She continued with the school until she resigned as a teacher in 1900. She married Thomas Petty in 1899, and this couple made a great contribution to the work in the years to follow. Mr. Petty laid the foundation stone for the new chapel shortly before he died in 1965. Mrs. Petty was affectionately known to many as Aunt Rosie. She loved music and played the church organ for 40 years, and some weeks before her death played for the meeting of the local W.C.T.U. Possibly there was no person as much loved as she, but this came to her because of her love for people. She truly displayed the warmth of Christian fellowship. She had a magnificent spirit, and leaves behind a truly

fragrant memory. Her funeral from Doncaster chapel on Aug. 20 was a testimony of witness to one of the saints of God. She was recovering from an illness, but began to deteriorate slowly, and peacefully fell asleep on Aug. 18 at the age of 90. To her sons, Les, an elder of the church, and Gordon, and to her many relatives, active in the work of the church, we convey our sympathy, but at the same time rejoice with them in the memories they treasure. Heaven is richer, but earth is poorer for her passing.—J. G. Shaw.

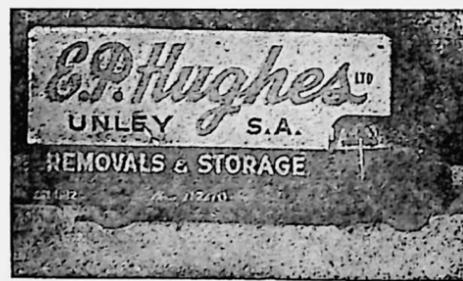
Mrs. H. S. Parsons.

Mrs. Harriet Suzannah Parsons died Beulah Bush Nursing Hospital, Vic., on Sept. 3, at the age of 79 years. She had spent 10 weeks in hospital following a stroke which left her incapacitated. During this period, however, she was able to receive many visitors. Born at Minyip, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Newell. She joined the Church of Christ at Dunmunkle, Vic., 65 years ago, and has served faithfully from that time. With her husband, Edward A. Parsons, who pre-deceased her in 1935, she farmed in the Bangerang and Brim East districts. She was actively engaged in the work of the church, and also served with many other organisations, being associated with the Brim East State School for 25 years. She was one of the pioneers of the church at Warracknabeal. She moved back to Warracknabeal in 1949, but during the past 10 years she has lived with members of her family. She was a gracious, highly-regarded Christian lady. A large group of relatives and friends overflowed the chapel for the service at Warracknabeal. She is survived by 5 sons, 4 daughters, 31 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. To all of these we extend our deep and sincere sympathy — B. C. Snoxall.

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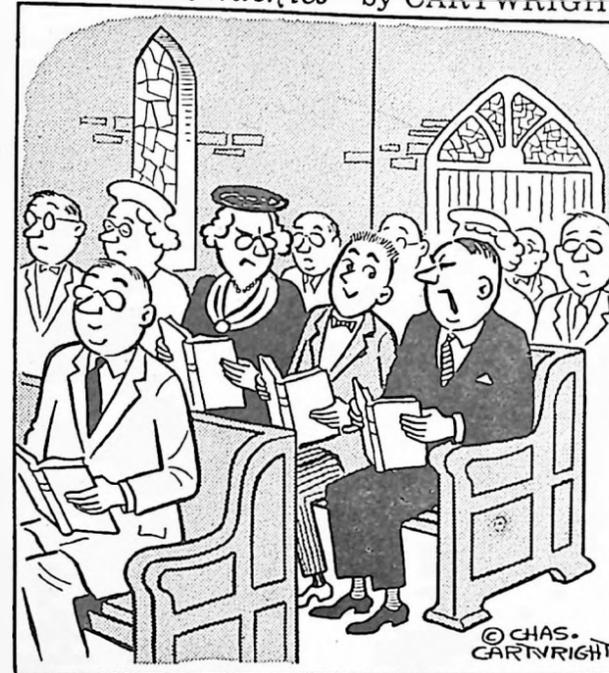
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### GREEK MIGRANT FAMILY SPONSORED

(Dandenong, Vic.). The Christian Men's Fellowship sponsored a Greek migrant family from Egypt. They will arrive in Melbourne in October. The welcoming and caring for this family will be the responsibility of the whole church. . . . A very happy time was had by all the ladies who attended the C.W.E.F. birthday on Aug. 26, when our own ladies produced a play and other items. C.Y.F. news — 52 Y.P. went ice skating, Sept. 4; great time had by all. . . . J. Walker recently underwent a very serious operation and his recovery is very slow. He is being remembered in prayer. . . . Principal E. L. Williams and E. S. Sanders preached on Sept. 5, in absence of minister, A. R. Lloyd, who preached at Yarrowonga's church anniversary week-end services.

### MINISTERS MEET

(Warrnambool, Vic.). The ministers of Warracknabeal, Ararat, Hamilton, Portland and Maryborough came with their wives and families, for their ministers' conference on Aug. 9. They visited F. W. Bradley, Warrnambool's minister, in hospital. Mr. Bradley has since been discharged. On Aug. 8, R. Pritchard, of Maryborough, was preacher. . . . The C.W.A.F. sent a parcel of clothes for a Carnarvon boy. The C.W.E.F. have despatched parcels to the Dorcas Soc. in Melbourne and to the Aborigines Missions. . . . The South-Western Harmonica Band gave a concert for the widow and daughters of the late Geo. Dalton; £43 was raised. . . . The church treasurer, John F. Clark, has been forced to resign following his acceptance of a Melbourne teaching appointment. His resignation was accepted with regret. Don Witham was appointed acting-treasurer.

### YARRAWONGA CELEBRATES

(Vic.). The 40th church anniversary was held Sept. 4 and 5. Tea on Saturday evening well attended, with visitors from Shepparton, Wangaratta, Albury, Morwell and Benalla churches. Local Presbyterian church was also represented. Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross Lloyd were special guests. Mr. Lloyd gave address in chapel, where all assembled after tea. On Sunday, he gave excellent addresses at morning and evening meetings. Church is busy preparing for special meetings for a week, commencing Sept. 18, with A. Stevens (Wangaratta) as missionary. . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. Starr and family in their recent bereavement. . . . R. Oke ministers at Yarrowonga.

### SHOPPERS' SERVICE

(Balwyn, Vic.). The monthly Friday service for shoppers is still proving interesting, with different speakers and soloists. . . . K. A. Macnaughtan represented the B. & F. B. S. on Sept. 12 with an after-church fellowship at night, featuring Temperance Sunday. . . . During the holidays youth were catered for with bowling, an Emerald picnic, sing songs, and after-church fellowship in members' homes.

### MINISTERIAL TERM EXTENDED

(Maidstone, Vic.). Annual business meeting held on Aug. 14. Reports were well received. Many new members had been added, mainly through a mission held early 1965. The minister, D. A. V. Thomas, was thanked for his services and accepted the unanimous invitation of the church to extend his ministry for a further 12 months from early 1966. The budget was considered and revised. Missionary target for 1965 is now over £500. . . . Girls' basketball team reached the semi-finals. . . . On Aug. 22, a light was added to the organ as a memorial to Annette Freiberg, who was killed in an accident last year.

### DORCAS SAY "THANK YOU"

(Melb., Vic.). General Dorcas Society would like to thank all who helped to make their annual "Bring and Buy" day a success. £94 was realised. This is Society's main source of revenue. The result is encouraging to many workers in the country and city and will be of great use in the increased work this Committee is being called upon to do.

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## OPEN FORUM

### "THE WESTERN CHRISTIAN"

To the Editor,

Gordon Stirling's assertion that the "Western Christian" has "died happily" is too great a pearl to be passed over by my medical mind. It reminds me of the milkman who put on his cart, "Fresh milk from contented cows." The butcher, not to be outdone, came up with "Fresh sausages from dogs that died happy."

I disagree that the demise of the "Western Christian" was a happy one. It was a tragic, sudden, untimely death, and was not due to natural causes, but was due entirely to bone pointing. Certainly the prognosis as given by the panel of doctors (the W.A. State Executive) that the demise would occur because of the lack of an editor and printer, was not based on valid facts. No public effort was made to find an editor — a bald statement was simply made in the last issue that an editor was unobtainable, and the paper would cease. In the words of Isaiah, "It was cut off out of the land of the living," — it was, in fact practically strangled to death.

The printer, I understand, was very happy to keep the "Western Christian" alive, as an act of stewardship. It has even been hinted that the panel of doctors acted unethically by not even approaching the printer; and that he did not know of the impending demise, until told by his staff when the last issue was actually in print. Furthermore, every subscriber I have spoken to would have been happy to have paid one shilling per copy to cover the full cost of publishing the paper.

As the death was not from natural causes an inquest becomes inevitable. Many post-mortems will take place in coming months and the inquest will be held at next State Conference. The panel of doctors will have to face up to some serious charges. Firstly, the last State Conference voted by a majority for the continued life of the State paper. Secondly, as already stated, there was some bone pointing as far as the editor and printer were concerned. Thirdly, State committees were not given an opportunity to vote on the matter.

As Chairman of the State Overseas Committee, I can state that we were unanimously in favor of the continued life of the paper, and we are hopeful that in these days of miraculous cardiac surgery, the "Western Christian" is only in a state of suspended animation, and will be brought to life again at the next State Conference.

Finally, let me make it clear that I am all for a national paper, but I and many others in W.A. feel that the "Western Christian" serves a purpose that the "Australian Christian" can never fill.

—Dr. G. Hall, W.A.

The above letter was referred to the W.A. Conference Executive for comment.

"Continuing Dr. Hall's metaphor, he and Mr. Stirling are guilty of the same faulty diagnosis. In view of the latter's distance from the patient, this is perhaps excusable, but the assumption of death is a little premature. There has been no funeral service. However, owing

to the fact that a very important organ of the body had reached a stage where it could no longer continue to function, the patient could perhaps best be described as being in a coma. Whether or not recovery takes place will depend upon the result of a consultation next year between the panel of doctors and a large number of interested relatives. It may or may not be possible or wise to replace the organ affected.

"In the language of the layman, what happened is this. For over twelve months the Executive has been aware that the editor of the 'Western Christian' could not continue indefinitely, but was unable to nominate a successor. Time is one factor. Few people realise the time required to be a satisfactory editor. Nor did the Executive consider it wise to advertise for a successor. The editorship of a Christian journal is a ministry — a special ministry. Wise elders do not advertise for a minister when the church pulpit is vacant. There are too many potential pitfalls.

"The Executive therefore agreed that as the editor was unable to continue beyond the August issue (there was certainly no bone pointing) the churches should be asked to try an experiment with the 'A.C.' They were asked if they would be prepared to meet the full year's subscription to the 'W.C.' in order to make available, free of charge to non-subscribers, copies of the 'A.C.' for the month of September. The object was to see if the national paper could be an effective substitute, the whole question to be reviewed at next Conference.

"Almost unanimously they agreed to do so and during this month nearly 1,000 copies are being distributed. It is only natural that there have been many expressions of regret — indeed, some strong opposition. The Executive, however, did not make the decision lightly. It was not an easy thing to cease publication of a paper that had been of such value during the years, but perhaps we have been forced into a course of action that will ultimately prove to be a great step forward in our brotherhood work. We pray, as we have prayed for a long time, that the Lord will lead us in this most important decision."

—A. D. Pyne, W.A.

### UNITY.

To the Editor,

May I register my concern at the trend of division which seems to be evident in our Federal brotherhood? It would appear that "The Australian Christian" is an echo of such disunity within our own ranks.

For example, in same issue of the "A.C." there appears an article by one brother stating that compromise is inevitable, and a letter by another stating, "If we are going to have unity let us have 'A Biblical Approach to Unity' and 'speak where the Bible speaks,' and not compromise."

Again we find some of our ministers desiring to wear clerical robes and to wear the title of "Reverend." On the other hand, there are others who claim that this is contrary to New Testament principles and teaching. Another brother expresses his desire to put women in the pulpit and in the presiding chair, while others criticise this idea as being contrary to apostolic teaching. One

brother condones and sympathises with infant christening, while others write condemning it as being contrary to the teaching and practice of the New Testament Church.

Perhaps some would optimistically hail this trend as an expression of our plea, "in non-essentials — liberty." But what of the other points of that same plea? In essentials there must be unity — remember? Just how much unity is there in our brotherhood on what are essentials and what are non-essentials?

Furthermore, many have forgotten the point in our plea that says "in all things — love," as some of the letters to the Editor have obviously emphasised. Where is the voice of unity within our own beloved brotherhood? Where is the demonstration and the expression of love in all things?

Jesus said, a house that is divided against itself cannot stand. My beloved brethren, I do not hesitate to express my concern for our future. Where are we heading, towards unity, or away from it?

—D. H. Paddon, N.S.W.

### HONEST BEFORE GOD.

To the Editor,

Because the Biblical idea about sin is unintelligible to a great many people it would seem we are supposed to find another concept.

Having read "Honest to God." I still prefer to be honest before God and acknowledge myself a sinner — saved by grace — because after all Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

I mix with people and I choose Christ and his way rather than "the opinions of whole areas of the community at large." I know the selfishness and self-interest that dominate the thought of man, apart from the influence of Christ upon the man — and I include here people who are leaders in the community.

I don't dislike them — I only wish more would seek the truth.

Surely Mr. Pedersen doesn't think war will be abolished by refusing to face up to the fact of SIN in the human soul — and SINS in the world. Read again James' version of where wars come from.

I've also read "The Abolition of Religion," by Dr. L. Morris (I.V.F.), and would commend it to any who think Bishop Robinson has all the answers.

—W. F. Casperson, N.S.W.

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Thursday, September 30. Acts 2: 14-21. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted . . . voice, and addressed them (v. 14).

The birthday of the church shows a unity of believers; Peter standing up with the eleven. It is significant that this first message of the evangel was spoken with Peter standing! Teachers sat; heralds stood. Peter stood up to proclaim the greatest message the world was to hear. We are entrusted with this message to the world. Christ dead, buried, risen, glorified, coming again! Stand up and herald forth the message of God's love and grace. Each in our own place have a part to play, a word to speak, a life to live.

Lord help us so to live today that by lip and life we will show forth thy salvation. Amen.

Friday, October 1. Acts 2: 22-28. Ye men of Israel, hear these words; JESUS OF NAZARETH!! (v. 22).

Peter comes immediately to the core of the message of the evangel. Filled with the Spirit, he is not concerned with argument or philosophy, but declares the fact that Jesus is alive. The one whom they by wicked hands had crucified — hath God raised up. This fact was and is the life of the gospel. We preach, and we serve a living Christ. Our task is to so live and speak that men shall take knowledge of us, that Jesus is a living bright reality. Sin is met and overcome, not by theory or by words, but by the Living Christ and faith in him.

O Living Lord, be thou so real to us today, that our lives will reflect thy livingness to others. Amen!

Saturday, October 2. Acts 2: 29-36. God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ (v. 36).

Notice how Bible based the message is. Facts of history brought to bear upon it, the word of Spirit-inspired prophets spoken so long time before the event, all the wealth of sacred story gathered together and focused upon God's great love and grace in making this same Jesus, both Lord and Christ. How firm a foundation is laid for our faith. What encouragement, what security for the soul! The words of the hymn writer come to one's mind, "Trembling soul, beset by fears, thy God reigneth!"

Our loving Father, enlighten our minds that we shall understand a little more of the wonder of the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Sunday, October 3. Acts 2: 37-42. . . . and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (v. 41).

Crowds had gathered to Jerusalem. Jesus had entered in triumph. Then arrested, tried, crucified, risen, glorified. Anger and confusion, conflict, doubt, ex-

citement had filled the minds of the crowd. Now amazement — Pentecost had dawned. A great confrontation takes place, Jesus is preached. Out of anger and excitement comes guilt; out of doubt, conviction and three thousand souls find peace in the ever-lasting arms. How blessed the day when all our doubts we give to Jesus and we move out into life in him. The world is still in need of this great message which is able to bring so great results.

Spirit of the living God so be with us that our convictions will convict others to surrender and obedience. Amen!

Monday, October 4. Acts 2: 43-47.

Every sentence a key sentence. Every statement blending together to reveal the wonder of fellowship. We try to move into the atmosphere of the early church, to sense something of their experience as hearts and minds are welded together in love, sympathy, kindness. "They did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart and having favour with all the people." What strength, comfort and fortitude comes from out of the fellowship of the saints. How rich in grace is the group where Christ is loved and we love one another. To develop such fellowship as was experienced by the early church must be the supreme aim of our lives.

"Dear Lord and father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways; Re clothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise. Amen!"

Tuesday, October 5. Acts 3: 1-10. Silver and gold have I none; but . . . give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ . . . rise up and walk (v. 6).

Reckoned by world standards, Peter and John were paupers, for neither silver nor gold had they, but how wealthy they were. Peter, later in his life, again made a comparison 'twixt material and spiritual wealth. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye

were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . But with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1: 18-19).

In the all prevailing name of Jesus is found every blessing to them that believe. There is a ministry of healing to mind and body as well as to the soul. Jesus Christ is able to break the power of habit as well as cancel sin. Let us prevail today in the name of Jesus.

O God our Heavenly Father, grant the all prevailing name of Jesus to be our strength. Amen!

Wednesday, October 6. Acts 3: 11-16. . . . "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this?" (v. 12).

That a remarkable miracle had been wrought was beyond question, but in the estimate of Peter there was not need for amazement. This is demonstration of the power of the Spirit of God working through them in the name of Jesus. Man is the channel through which flows the power and blessing to others. It was Peter's hand that lifted the lame man to his feet, because Peter believed that God was able, together with a dawning faith on the part of the lame man. "Look on us," Peter had said! Yes, our God is able for every need and every occasion. "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

Dear Lord, we do believe, help thou our unbelief. Amen!

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Live as free men, yet without using  
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—1 Pet. 2: 16.

What matters death if freedom be not  
dead?

No flags are fair, if freedom's flag  
be furled.

Who fights for freedom goes with joy-  
ful tread

To meet the fires of hell against  
him hurled,

And has for Captain him whose  
thorn-wreathed head

Smiles from the Cross upon a  
conquered world.

—Joyce Kilmer.

☆

I wish the sun would shine  
On all men's fruits and flowers as  
well as mine.

—Ben Jonson.

☆

Mr. Reid to Mr. Murray: Let's take  
the stairs. I can't bear to hear the  
liftman say, "Going down! Going down!"

☆

Most after-dinner speakers are men.  
Women can't wait that long.

☆

"I don't know why it is," complained  
the old dear, "but somehow I always feel  
bad when I feel good for fear I'm going  
to feel worse tomorrow."

☆

I eat my peas with honey —  
I have done all my life.  
It makes the peas taste funny,  
But keeps them on the knife.

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Boarder: "There's woodworm in my  
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three pounds a week — the Beatles?"