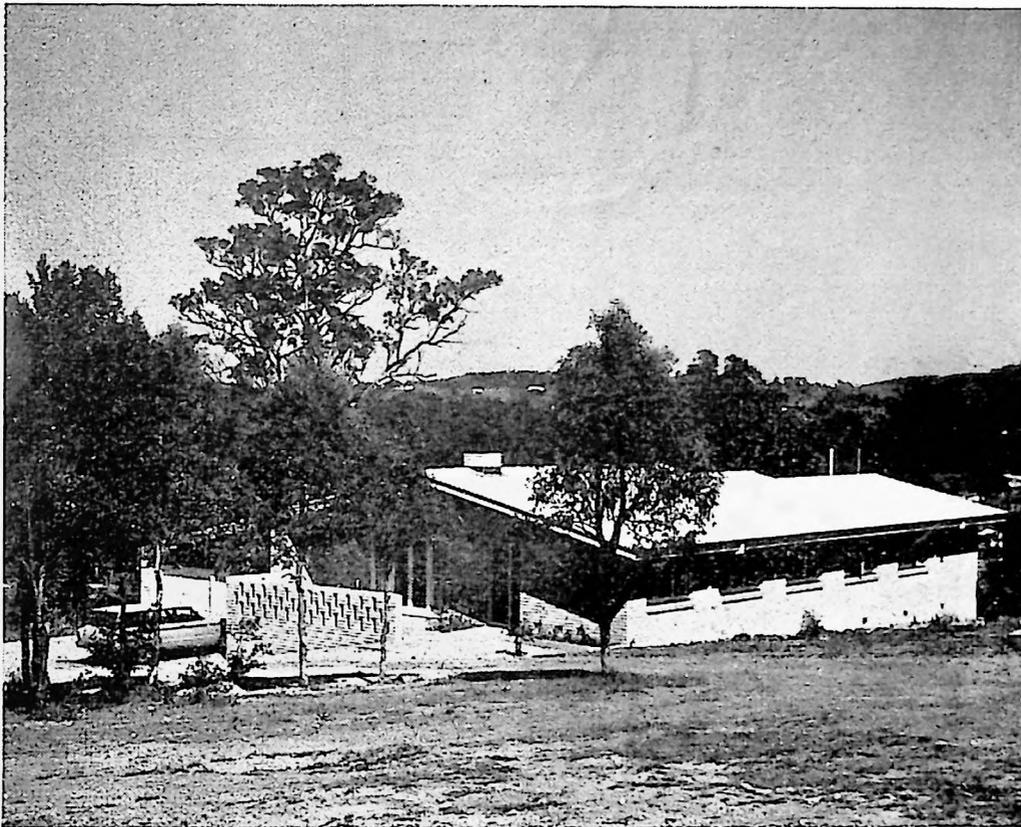


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ABOUT OURSELVES

Recent correspondence on the Open Forum page raises the issue of the place in our brotherhood of a national journal in relation to State monthly papers.

It is, of course, the right of each State to make its own decisions concerning its own paper, but it is certain that if each State exercised that right, there would be no national paper. We are simply not big enough or wealthy enough to afford the luxury of both a national journal and State monthly papers.

This is true of other churches as well. The Presbyterian Church of Australia has not had a national paper until now. For the reasons we also hold — their common interests, collective enterprises, shared mission, economy and efficiency — the Presbyterian Church will begin publishing a national journal in 1966. As a prerequisite for this national venture an assurance was required from the States that they would cease publishing their own State journals. This assurance was readily forthcoming.

All of the churches have had to subsidise their papers — including our own State monthly journals. "The Australian Christian," however, does not receive any subsidy from the Federal Conference or from State Conferences. Only generous donations this year by churches and individuals, in response to a cry for help, enabled us to maintain our existence. We are still losing money every week and will continue to do so unless we receive either substantial subsidies or a substantial increase in circulation.

Whether or not the State papers recognise themselves as being in competition with the "Christian" the fact is that their continuation prevents many new "Christian" subscriptions.

The States which have been publishing their own papers this year are three. The "Christian" subscriptions in those States are: W.A. 352, N.S.W. 667, and Qld. 392. South Australia, which ceased publishing the "Fellowship News" when the new "Christian" was established, now has 1,300 subscribers. Expressed in relation to membership, the States have following percentages of subscribers: Vic.-Tas. 19%, S.A. 19%, Qld. 13%, N.S.W. 9½%, and W.A. 7½%. If all States reached a subscription list of about 20%, our circulation would be at an economic level.

We are an Australian brotherhood with a strong need for effective communication between all of the churches and members. The only medium for such communication is "The Australian Christian," and it is commended to the continuing interest of State Conferences, local churches, and individual members.

FATHER DIVINE

Of all the curious religious phenomena of the 20th century none is more strange than the Peace Mission of Father Divine.

He was born plain George Baker and he earned a few dollars in Georgia, U.S.A., cutting lawns and trimming hedges. When he declared himself to be God he gathered a surprising number of white as well as coloured believers in America, and also in many other places such as England, New Zealand and Australia.

His meeting places were called "heavens" and some of them were of great value and luxury given by wealthy followers. One was a 32-room Philadelphia mansion on a 73-acre property. He rode in a Rolls Royce car and wore rings that were worth a fortune.

He was married twice. Once to "Mother Divine," a negress, who died in 1943. In 1949 he married a twenty-one-year-old white girl who is known to the movement as "Spotless Virgin Bride."

It is easy to sneer or laugh at this little man — he was only 5 ft. 2 in. short — and his foolish claims to miracles, but it is hard to understand his capacity to win apparently intelligent people to his cause. He found continuing loyalty in far-off places. There are two of his "heavens" listed in the Melbourne phone book.

When he died a few weeks ago it did not disturb his followers. They expect him to "rematerialise" some day. What is disturbing is to find in the age of scepticism so many to follow so strange a star.

It seems that man is incurably religious. If he turns from the true God he will fill the vacuum with strange inventions.

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THE KENMORE STORY

M. H. A. PIEPER, Secretary

During the past year or so many have enquired of us concerning the WHY and HOW of Kenmore Christian College. It seems appropriate at this time, when we are in our first year of training activities, that the story should be officially recorded for the inspiration and challenge of our Australian brotherhood now and in future years.

A Great Vision

This concerns the WHY of Kenmore. It was the compelling vision of God. There were not many who shared it, and it was with no little persuasion that Queensland State Conference set up a College Establishment Committee at Annual Conference, 1962. The Committee met for the first time on April 17, 1962.

The vision was to grow. The first suggestion was that we should utilise the boys' Hostel at Annerley for the accommodation of students, and the Annerley church buildings for lecturing purposes. It wasn't long, however, before this door was closed, for the Boys' Hostel became Hillcrest Home for the Aged. Looking back now we believe God closed this door as he also closed other doors at which we knocked for some time.

There was the thought of renting or buying premises at West End or St. Lucia. One or two places in each of these areas created interest, whilst a building at Toowong was also inspected, but nothing eventuated.

Then came the idea of building a College if we could purchase suitable land. A property of three-quarters of an acre on the river, and adjacent to the University, took our eye. But there were problems because of City Council ownership. The possibility of a University College was also investigated, but it was our unanimous decision that we did not want to buy into the problems faced by such Colleges, even if the opportunity offered itself. Many hours of discussion and months of fruitless but unrelenting search were involved.

All this occupied a period of eighteen months until November, 1963. We had a mandate to proceed to look for property upon which to build, providing we reported to the churches before purchasing.

Now we set out to test the true feeling of the Queensland brotherhood. An appeal for an initial sum of £15,000 was launched at a rally in Ann Street chapel on August 24, 1963. Dr. A. G. Elliott, Vice-Principal of Woolwich, was the guest speaker. It wasn't a big rally, and some were crestfallen. But a fire was lit that night which could not be put out. A month later, on September 24, a College Subscription Dinner, with 120 present, was held. Principal A. W. Stephenson, of Woolwich, was guest speaker. The flames were fanned. The brotherhood responded magnificently. Within three months the target of £15,000 had been reached. This we believed was the first sure sign from God that he was in it.

Then came another great sign. It was early December, 1963. There was brought to our notice a block of nearly five acres of land at Kenmore, a quarter of an hour by car from the University, and seven miles from the G.P.O. The situation was excellent. The price, £6,000. We felt that God had at last brought us to the place of his choosing. The churches gave their reply in favour and the deal was closed.

A Great Miracle

This, together with all other things that have happened, concerns the HOW of Kenmore. It was God who did it. Let him alone be praised!

Few people in Queensland had heard of Dr. James H. Jauncey until November, 1963. But the unseen hand of God was at work fashioning the future. A chain of events beginning with a visit by the Jauncey family to Dr. Jauncey's seriously ill father in Perth, and ending with Dr.

Jauncey's acceptance of the Principalship at Kenmore, could not have been planned by any man.

Dr. Jauncey was, at that time, minister of the First Christian Church, El Paso, Texas. He had previously been occupied as a scientist working on the electronic brains of missiles at White Sands Missile Base. He had left this to minister to the El Paso Church following the death of Dick Williams, brother of Principal E. L. Williams, of Glen Iris.

Information that Dr. Jauncey was travelling east on his way home reached Haydn Sargent and a letter was sent inviting Dr. Jauncey to speak at a service at Annerley.

Dr. Jauncey preached at Annerley. He came to an after-church fellowship at Albion, and we said "good-bye" and added, "perhaps some day we'll meet again." That day, unknown to us, was only two days away.

A sightseeing tour of Brisbane, which included as an after-thought a run out to Kenmore to see where these crazy Queenslanders intended to build a College, led to a seemingly stupid question, "Would Dr. Jauncey consider the possibility of becoming Principal of the

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Back Row—Left to Right: E. K. Scott (W.A.); D. Stewart (Q.); G. A. Krenske (Q.); D. M. Usher (Q.); L. Berthelsen (Q.); B. A. Hinrichsen (Q.).

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Absent: L. G. Read, Lecturer in Church History; D. Armstrong (W.A.); A. Griffiths (Q.).

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College?" "Yes." The answer was breathtaking. Events then moved rapidly. A meeting of the College Committee was hastily arranged for that evening at the home of Prof. A. F. Wilson. Possibilities were discussed, but we had nothing to offer except our belief that God was leading us to do this. We agreed to keep in touch and pray for the revealing of God's will.

On February 12, 1964, a joint meeting between the State Conference Executive and the College Establishment Committee unanimously agreed to invite Dr. Jauncey to become Principal of Kenmore. The written invitation was followed by a telephone call from the Albion manse to the El Paso parsonage. His voice came over as clearly as though we were speaking just across the city.

The miracle had happened! He would come. The letter confirmation said, "Prayerful consideration over many weeks has led us to believe that this is indeed the guidance of God, and therefore we are happy to accept." On September 3, 1964, the Jauncey family stepped from the plane at Eagle Farm. There were Dr. and Mrs. Jauncey, and their daughters, Colleen and Maureen.

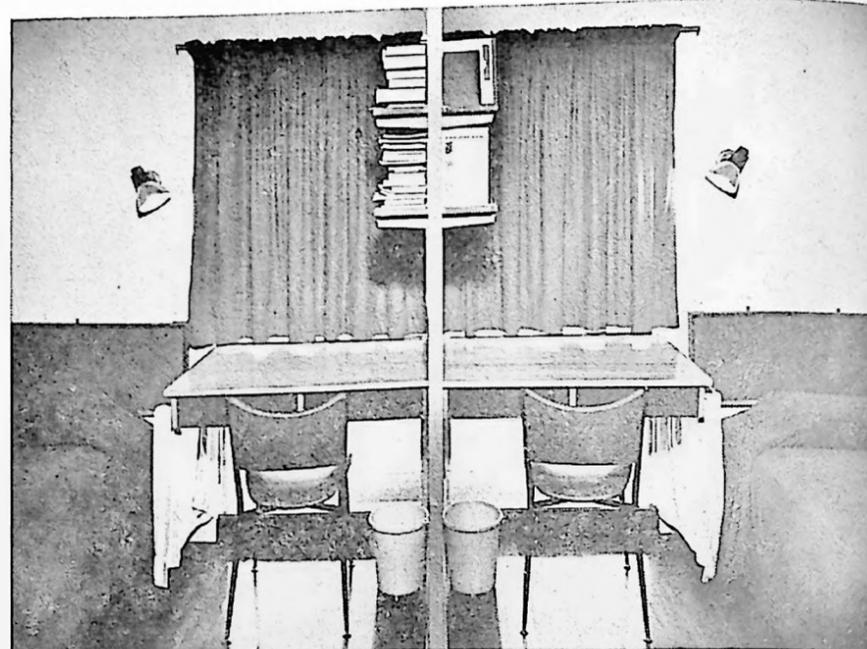
A Great Future

So we got on with the job. We had already "broken ground" on the beautiful crisp autumn morning of April 18 that year. Then came a tree planting day in July, and the letting of the contract for the first stage of the building was finalised in August.

It was my privilege to induct Dr. Jauncey as Principal at an Australian-wide representative gathering at Ann Street, just prior to Federal Conference. It was an overflow crowd. His message filled our hearts with joy.

Another great crowd of some four hundred attended the unveiling of the Foundation Plaque at Kenmore by R. Acland, President of State Conference, on September 19. It was good to have both our other Colleges, Glen Iris and Woolwich, officially represented, and also our World Brotherhood in the person of Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, Acting General Secretary of the World Convention.

On March 2, 1965, we held our first College Convocation at Ann Street. The number attending again exceeded the capacity of the building. Seventeen



VIEW OF STUDENTS' ROOM.

students, representing the U.S.A. and a majority of Australian States, were presented as candidates for the first year at Kenmore.

On May 2, during our Annual State Conference, L. Larsen, our oldest Queensland minister, officially opened Kenmore Christian College, and Mrs. C. R. Burdeu, wife of the College Board Chairman, officiated in declaring the Principal's residence open. The attendance was eight hundred. The thankoffering, £850.

And now we press on. The existing accommodation for eleven students is full. Extensions are even now under way which will provide for another sixteen students and an extra lecture room in 1966.

How wonderfully everything has worked together for good. We have not overlooked the graciousness of the Glen Iris College Board in withdrawing the annual College of the Bible appeal from Queensland. Woolwich College has encouraged and helped us continually. Many interstate friends and some churches have sent gifts ranging from £500 downwards. And the response of the Queensland brotherhood has increased. Albion church has, with vision and graciousness, supplied half

the Principal's salary and car allowance. Rosevale church has promised £2,000 over the next three years towards the cost of the present extensions. Other churches are giving on a weekly basis.

Individual brethren have helped with large gifts and small — but all great in God's sight. And our brethren in the U.S.A. have been a wonderful blessing to us. In El Paso there is a "Kenmore Christian College Association." In Oregon there is a brother who has given greatly and also organised other help. From individuals has come money for scholarships, and one brother connected with the Billy Graham Crusade has given two thousand dollars.

And that is just the framework of the Kenmore Story. It has been a thrilling experience to be associated with it.

The need, of course, is still great. Capital outlay will be in the vicinity of £40,000 by the time the present extensions are completed. But we know we have a great future, because we have a great God who is able to meet great needs. If you want to share a part in this great future then you can make October 17 your opportunity of joining us in this work of God.

Proclaiming Kenmore Abroad

Dr. JAMES H. JAUNCEY, Principal

As a result of my month abroad I have been able to do a good deal to put Kenmore Christian College on the map as far as our world brotherhood is concerned. At the World Convention of the Churches of Christ, in Puerto Rico, I gave a message on "The Awareness of God," calling our people back to Christ's acceptance of the Bible as the infallible Word of God. The audience gave me a tremendous ovation, not for my speech, but for my insistence on this basic truth of the Restoration Movement. In the succeeding days unprecedented interest was shown in the work of God in Kenmore.

In El Paso, the Kenmore Christian College Association had arranged a testimonial dinner, at which 250 people were present. The interest shown in our school was simply tremendous.

Bloys Camp meeting was the largest and most powerful ever. It was a tremendous experience to see up to two thousand people at times at the meetings in this magnificent scenic setting in the Davis Mountains in Texas. We were one of four denominations, each with a representative speaker. I gave a series of messages on the power and guidance of God and used our experiences at Kenmore as the basis.

After this I conducted a four-day crusade in El Paso. In spite of the holiday season, and the intense heat, the hall was filled every night, and the spiritual impact grew with every meeting. Recent reports from America indicate that the blessing still continues.

My last engagement was at the First Christian Church in Albany, Oregon, which recently voted \$300 per year towards the support of Kenmore. Charlie Briscoe, who has done so much for our College, is a member here. Once again the interest shown in our work was tremendous.

The big appeal of Kenmore is our outspoken stand on the infallibility of the Word of God, plus our demand for the highest standards of scholarship, and the fact that God has been marvellously blessing this emphasis. We are not alone in this, of course, but many people abroad feel that God has raised us up for just such a time as this.

Kenmore Students Serve the Churches

A. McK. SURTEES,

State Conference President and Home Missions Director.

"What a help it will be to smaller churches!" This is what people said when Kenmore Christian College was being planned. They were talking this way because Queensland has a peculiar problem: there is a very high percentage of small churches. Actually, over one-third of our churches have less than 30 members each!

Up to now, the alternatives were a full-time ministry or none at all. In many instances, a circuit arrangement eased the burden, but there are disadvantages.

With the first year of the College entering its last term, immeasurable help has been given by students in Brisbane and near-country centres. There are 16 students. They are only in their first year of training. But as the year has progressed, one by one they have entered into service with churches in varying capacities. At the moment, all but one are placed with churches. The last student looks like being placed with a church in N.S.W., just across the border, very soon.

Here is the list —

Annerley: Lionel Berthelson.

Albion: Ted Watson; Philip Jauncey.

Bangalow (N.S.W.): Inquiry with view to placing Arthur Griffiths.

Boonah: Barry Hinrichsen.

Hawthorne/Murarie: Doug. Armstrong.

Ipswich: Trevor Holmes.

Rocklea: Wally Chapman; Louis Van Laar.

Salisbury: Barry Cutchie; Adrian Risson.

Stafford: Don Stewart; Gordon Krenske; Miss Judy Patterson.

Warwick: Ted Scott.

West Moreton Churches: Dennis Usher.

In larger churches, the student works alongside a full-time preacher. In others, he ministers either alone or as part of a student-team. Where possible, adequate payment is being made. But in some cases students work without any payment except expenses; in one or two cases they receive nothing at all!

All this represents dedication and sacrifice. Already the fruits are being reaped. Who can measure how great the contribution is towards the future development of our cause in this State?

WOMEN AT WORK FOR KENMORE —

Mrs. W. A. MACHIN, College Committee President.

The Ladies' Committee was formed last year at the invitation of the College Board. It consists of two representatives from each metropolitan Women's Fellowship, with Mrs. D. Baker as secretary, and myself as President.

Late in January an appeal was launched throughout Queensland. The suggestion was made that each lady give one pound towards the furnishings of the College. The closing date for contributions was March 2. In the meantime, the Committee went ahead in faith to order the requirements for the College, and on February 26 a working bee was held, when the ladies cleaned, unpacked, and set everything in order. What a wonderful day that was, everything ready for the students to move in and make this their home for the next few years.

Much prayer had gone into the ladies' effort, and on March 2 a spiritual rally was held in the Brotherhood Centre, with Dr. Jauncey as guest speaker. Over £500 was handed in, with more to come from country Fellowships. To date £761/13/- has been received. The response has been wonderful, and we thank our Heavenly Father. The money has been used for the purchase of curtains for the whole College, bedspreads, bedside mats, blinds, carpet, crockery, cutlery and kitchen equipment.

When the Principal's residence was completed we handed £50 to the Board towards the cost of curtains and blinds. The ladies also work on a roster for general cleaning at the College each Monday. They are finding great happiness in this work of the Lord.

"A Student's Thoughts About Kenmore"

It is a wonderful thing to be chosen by God for the ministry. Frighteningly wonderful. The minister's main responsibility is toward undying souls. He has to answer to God. No wonder that Paul says that not many should be teachers.

With this in mind the ministerial student has a big decision to make when he is looking for a training place.

The first thing he desires is spiritual depth and practical Christianity. The atmosphere of College must be vibrant, compelling. It must link him with God and help him to link others with God. He wants a College where the Word of God is accepted and taught as such.

A good student will also want to improve his

E. M. WATSON, Student President

own learning, so that he can stand with the best in his class and give a good reason for his faith in this modern world. He needs a place where he can continue to live as a normal human being, and not be too inhibited by traditional restrictions. But he also, even if secretly, deeply respects discipline and responds to a sympathetic "slave driver."

This combination of deep spirituality, high scholarship, and wide friendship is a difficult frame for any College to fit into. But the students at Kenmore think "our College" fits snugly. As Principal, Dr. Jauncey continually reminds us of these boundaries and inspires us by his own dynamic drive.

Each of the students sees Kenmore as our Sovereign Lord's gracious answer to prayer.

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4. **CHURCH HISTORY.** The history of the Christian faith from ancient times to the present day, the progress of modern missions, the Restoration Movement.

5. **THE MINISTRY.** Workshop training in all aspects of the minister's work including such related fields as psychology of counselling, religious journalism, radio and T.V.

6. **SECULAR.** We provide tuition in secular subjects required for matriculation and degree purposes.

MATRICULATION. Matriculation in Arts at the University of Queensland, and in Divinity at the University of London is required of all students, but

is not necessarily a pre-requisite for admission. We provide tuition in English, Hebrew, and Ancient History for Queensland's Adult Matriculation (over 23) and such other subjects as required.

DEGREES. Since diplomas such as L.Th. are on the way out we do not touch them at Kenmore. But we do slant our curriculum so that students may gain degree credit. Without much additional work students should be able to qualify for the B.A. (Queensland) and the B.D. (London).

LANGUAGES. Because of our reverence for the Bible as the inspired Word of God, we insist on students learning to study it in the languages originally used by the Holy Spirit. The direct, rather than the grammatical, approach is used and the study starts from the first year and continues for four years.

NON-MINISTERIAL COURSES. Besides the regular course for the ministry we also provide two-year courses for women preparing for missionary vocations. The basic coverage is the same, but the detail required is less, and knowledge of Hebrew and Greek is not required. We like such candidates to matriculate before they graduate.

N.S.W. NEWS

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

Pray daily for the work of our churches in N.S.W., including:

1. The Home Mission Committee in its planning and development of new fields.

2. The growing work in places like Campbelltown, West Liverpool and Engadine.

3. Faithful "Isolated" members in country areas of N.S.W. who remain true to the position of Churches of Christ.

4. Natives at the Balladoran Mission, and Gilgandra brethren in their efforts to help this work.

5. The healing ministry in the new Hospital at Ndui Ndui, Aoba, New Hebrides — and all medical work on our other fields, in India and New Guinea.

REFORMATION RALLY

(Sydney). A large combined gathering of representatives of churches and Protestant bodies met at Moore Theological College, Newtown, on Sept. 17, to participate in a Reformation Rally. Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and members of Churches of Christ shared in the service. The theme of the rally was "Reformation and Renewal in the Church," and the speakers included Dr. A. W. Morton, of Darlinghurst, and Rev. J. R. Reid, of Gladesville.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

(N.S.W.). Ray Ewers, minister of Belmore church, is acting as Churches of Christ liaison concerning the forthcoming visit to N.S.W., Nov. 15-19, of Roland and Marcia Brown, of "Camp Farthest Out" fame. This will be Roland Brown's fourth visit to Sydney to conduct yet another School of Prayer. The School will be held this year at the Methodist War Memorial Youth Centre, Wesley-st., Elanora. Many folk from our churches have shared in these gatherings in other years and it is hoped that there will again be another large group participating.

One-time minister of Parkside Baptist Church, Chicago, Roland Brown has majored in the power of prayer, and for the last 15 years has devoted his whole time to training people around the world in effective prayer techniques and the secret of daily victorious living.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COURSES

(N.S.W.). The Dept. of Social Service in N.S.W., under the direction of Charles Cole, has planned a short course in "Marriage Guidance," on Tuesday evenings, at City Temple, Campbell-st., Sydney, during October and November.

These courses should be of considerable value and benefit to any of our young people who may avail themselves of this opportunity.

MUSIC FOR TEENAGERS

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). The church was crowded on Sept. 24 for the combined Youth Rally for Churches of Christ in the St. George district. A feature of this rally was the provision of special music for "Teenagers," and the guest speaker was the N.S.W. Director of Christian Educ., Bruce Armstrong.

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(S.A.). In a 20 ft. x 14 ft. room in the Osborne Community Hall, 36 children gather in a Sunday School. They have no musical instrument and their resourceful superintendent, Brian Luck, supplies all the music needed on a tape-recorder. This means careful preparation and a trip to his mother's home each week to make the necessary recording. Mrs. Luck (snr.) is an accomplished organist and supplies all that could be desired for a well ordered service on her electronic organ. . . . This new school is situated in a new area that is being developed in the Outer Harbour districts by the Housing Trust and the Education Dept., which plans a new Primary School, High School and Co-ed. Technical School.

At the present time the future is still a little uncertain. However, the S.A. Home Missions Dept. would welcome the names of any of our members moving into this area. The brotherhood expresses appreciation for the splendid work Mr. Luck is doing in this exploratory period.

FAMILY WEEK

(Croydon, S.A.). Family Week was held in August, when Dr. and Mrs. T. Turner and A. R. Jones addressed meetings in Family Week. J. R. Wise, of the College of the Bible, spoke on Aug. 29. . . . The C.Y.F. held a successful annual camp at Longwood, Aug. 27-29. Their study theme was "Christians Are Citizens" . . . A young man responded to the gospel invitation on Sept. 12 and was baptized on the 26th.

SEVEN DECISIONS

(Ascot Park, S.A.). C. H. J. Wright conducted the teachers' dedication service at the B.S. anniversary on Sept. 26. Miss Bywaters addressed the afternoon session and the senior school presented the drama, "Man Born Blind," at night. There were seven decisions, including one adult.

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CONTROVERSIAL T.V. SERIES

(Adelaide). The popular and often controversial series, "This Matter Is Urgent" will be seen for five Sunday nights on Channel 7, commencing Oct. 24.

This programme is used by the Christian Television Association as a means of looking at community issues. Considerable comment was received from our earlier series this year. Among questions to be looked at in this series are The Lottery, Television Censorship and the Use and Abuse of Sunday.

Presiding over the series is well-known television personality, John Temple. The Investigator is Robin Millhouse, M.P. "This Matter Is Urgent" is produced in the studios of A.D.S. 7, and is directed by Barry Green.

CHURCH AND STUDENTS

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The students of Glen Iris conducted an evening service recently. An after-church fellowship provided opportunity for members to meet them . . . The work of the B. & F. B. S. has been featured . . . The church indoors bowls team won its grand final, and the table tennis team reached preliminary finals . . . C.W.E.F. shared in a progressive supper at the homes of Mesdames Allen, Keller and J. Roberts . . . The minister, K. H. Pitt, is lecturing in "Bible Understanding" at an Adult Educ. Course conducted by local ministers.

GIRLS' ACHIEVEMENTS

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). The church has offered congratulations to Capt. Hunt, officers and girls, who won the Davie Shield, and also the Silver Pennant of the Girls' Brigade Jubilee celebrations. . . . Recent speakers have been Principal E. L. Williams, on Conference Sunday, and B. V. Coventry, guest speaker at the church anniversary . . . The C.Y.F. heard a tape recording by Gladys Aylward . . . The missionary project now has £124 in hand.

MINISTER RE-ENGAGED

(Lenswood, S.A.). The minister, A. J. Ingham, has been re-engaged for a further term after six years of service . . . £30 was voted towards the support of Sister Esma Harris in Japan . . . The annual business meeting was held on Sept. 20 . . . The church expresses sympathy to Mrs. B. Bennett in the recent loss of her father.

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G.B. CELEBRATIONS

(Port Pirie, S.A.). Twelve girls and two officers of the Girls' Brigade shared in Silver Jubilee celebrations in Adelaide . . . The following were elected to office: elders, P. Harrison, R. McNicol; deacons, L. Arnel, A. Davies, M. Fletcher, R. Hoepner, J. McNicol, I. Purdie . . . K. D. Horne was guest speaker at the church anniversary. He also addressed the S.S. teachers on "Communication" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Whalan and Jolie have been farewelled on leaving for Adelaide . . . A successful "Sunbeam" demonstration was held by the ladies . . . The girls' basketball team were runners-up in their grade. The C.Y.F. have entered a men's and ladies' team in the summer competition of International Rules Basketball. . . . S. Thomas is minister.

B.H.P. DONATES £500

(Whyalla, S.A.). The B.H.P. company has donated £500 to build a basketball and tennis court on the church block to increase facilities for youth work . . . The annual meeting elected E. Bryant, W. Tregloan, M. Summerton and K. Watson as officers; J. Lawrie, B.S. supt.; Mrs. R. Flavel, C.W.F. Pres. . . . Recent speakers have been W. Berry and Rev. J. Wallis . . . C.W.F. held a social afternoon and raised £7 for the Food for Hunger Campaign. Guest speakers were Mr. Hemmings, of Y.M.C.A., and D. Hughes, the minister . . . Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Clutterbuck in the loss of her mother.

WHYALLA OPENING SET

(S.A.). The new building nears completion and November 13-14 has been set aside as opening dates. This will coincide with the 25th church anniversary. Our "Pay for a Pew" by installment plan has resulted so far in nearly half the cost of pews being paid for. A wonderful example was given by a primary school scholar who had received a sum of money from England for her birthday and insisted on giving £1 towards a pew. Working bees are being arranged to help prepare the surroundings so that the opening day of the chapel will be at its best . . . Plans are also in hand to construct a men's basketball court on the church property to serve the youth work as well as the five basketball teams.

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Churches Aid Refugees in Nth. and Sth. Vietnam

(Geneva). Refugees in both North and South Vietnam are receiving help from the East Asia Christian Conference (E.A.C.C.) financed by contributions from churches around the world given through the E.A.C.C. and the World Council of Churches.

Most of the aid is going to refugees in the South because of the difficulties in making contacts and determining needs in the North.

However, \$1,000 of medical supplies have been sent to Hanoi, via Djakarta, where it is being distributed by Red Cross representatives. E.A.C.C. has asked the Red Cross to notify it of further requirements.

In the South, aid includes supplementary food rations provided three times a week to 30,000 persons. Planned in the near future is distribution of first shipments of 1,000 midwifery kits, and 5,000 kits of school supplies.

An E.A.C.C. appeal for medical personnel has resulted in offers of three-person teams, consisting of a doctor, trained nurse, and assistant, from churches in Japan, Australia, the Philippines, and New Zealand.

E.A.C.C. is investigating the possibilities of establishing a centre near Saigon for soldier amputees who are reported to be receiving inadequate care.

E.A.C.C. also has set up a small industry employing 60 refugees to make bed mats and soap for distribution to other refugees. The first consignment of 1,000 has already been distributed.

E.A.C.C. relief in the South is directed primarily to refugees beyond the reach of U.S.A. and South Vietnamese government aid. The majority of these are Montagnard tribal people, some 15,000 of whom have been made homeless and whose crops and village industries have been largely destroyed.

The relief operation is headed by U. Thaug Tin, a Burmese Christian layman, who has established an office in Saigon

and secured a government contract which recognises E.A.C.C. as a legitimate relief agency.

The Rev. Alan Brash, E.A.C.C. Inter-Church Aid secretary, announcing the programme here, said that while distribution of relief supplies is seriously hampered by the hostilities, lack of transport, and other facilities, aid now being given is considered only a beginning and it is hoped to greatly expand the programme.

The food being distributed consists of rice, of which 50 tons are being flown monthly into Saigon, 100,000 pounds of tinned pork from Denmark, and tea donated by churches in Ceylon. New Zealand and Australian churches have financed purchase of the midwifery kits.

The aid programme is being financed by funds being raised in a \$120,000 appeal in which E.A.C.C. is asking \$20,000 from its members, and the World Council of Churches is asking \$100,000 from churches in other areas.—E.P.S.

500,000 BIBLES ORDERED

(London). The Ghana Government has just presented the British and Foreign Bible Society here with what its General Secretary, Dr. Norman Cockburn, calls "a very healthy headache."

Ghana's official book-supplying agency has now placed an order marked "very urgent," for half a million Bibles for distribution in the schools. About half the order is for copies of the Authorised Version in English. The rest is made up of various English and vernacular versions.

Some 120,000 volumes — part of a first consignment of 216,000 — are expected to be on their way by mid-December. The Society estimates the 216,000 books will cost Ghana £48,915 (\$136,962) and the Bible Society, which in accordance with its usual policy charges less than the actual cost, a total of £28,000 (\$78,400).—E.P.S.

WOMEN OF THE WEST CELEBRATE

The Diamond Jubilee Display and Pioneer Afternoon was attended by 150 guests. A greeting was brought by the most honored guest, Mrs. Sharp, who celebrated her 104th birthday on Sept. 28. Mrs. J. Pallot, who presided over the afternoon, presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers.

A "Tell and See" presentation of "Land Possessed Through the Years," was brought by six executive officers. This was full of enlightenment and challenge as each told of the major developments and highlights of the work during a decade. The work was limited because of a depression and two World Wars, but new avenues of service were also made available — the Christian Centre, with all its potential; the development of the Aboriginal Mission Fields; the entry into the New Guinea Field; the expansion of the Social Service work; and the new churches being established caused us to give thanks and praise to God that, after 60 years, there is still more land to be possessed for him.

The exquisitely decorated Diamond Jubilee cake, made by Mrs. J. Hansen, was cut by Mrs. Etheridge, representing the past years, and Mrs. G. Underhill, representing the future years. After they lit the 60 candles, Geo. Smith, Conf. Pres., led in a prayer of dedication.

The display, arranged by Mrs. E. F. Black, created much interest and happy and nostalgic memories, to remind us of the many churches which commenced through the breaking of bread services held in homes. Afternoon tea was served on check tablecloths, by candle light, and waitresses in period dress.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

Things I'd Like to Change ..

No. 14

BY RON SAUNDERS

Whilst we insist on the formalities of a "Letter of Transfer," or even the Transfer Form, and a formal ceremony of "Welcome" according to our traditions received from our pioneering forefathers, we will often have difficulties when members are being transferred from congregation to congregation because of change of domicile.

First, the secretary of Church "Launchpad" fails to notify the secretary of Church "Splash-down."

Second, the Pastor of Church "Launchpad" is culpable for his carelessness in failing to correspond with the pastor of Church "Splash-down." Anyway, by what accepted book of regulations has this ever been a duty of our ministerial brethren? Further, few know the addresses and geographical locations of our interstate churches. A national directory has often been a "felt" need in these circumstances.

Third, many of our membership are unaware of the right and courteous course of action. Often a change of address is hurried — the post office will be told where to forward the letters, but that the church secretary should be told accurately the future domiciliary address is casually forgotten.

Let's have Membership Cards, showing name, date baptized, by whom baptized,

Mr. Saunders is minister at Goolwa Mt. Compass, S.A.

name of church, name of successive congregations with whom membership has been taken, auxiliaries listed with spaces to be ticked for association therewith.

Membership Card No. 1 — for the Secretary's file.

2. For the Pastor's file.

3. For the Member to carry.

In these days of the ubiquitous local church news-sheet let us stop using formal letters of transfer and ceremonial right hands of fellowship. Instead, I suggest, let Card 1, or copy, be sent to Secretary of "Splash-down," or Card 3, be presented as sufficient entitlement to membership, and the fact be noted in the news-sheet.

Surely our National Conference Executive could design and promote throughout our brotherhood's 450 congregations some more easily administered and workable system than the antiquated and often embarrassing "Letter of Transfer."

BUNUNS BIBLE CLASS

A total of 967 Bununs, a Aboriginal mountain tribe of some 20,000, from 24 villages in Taiwan, has enrolled in a new Bible course initiated by Presbyterian U.S. missionaries and Bunun Christians. The classes, conducted in the mountain communities, are teaching Bununs to read in their own, seldom written language with the use of three booklets which present the basic concepts of the Bible.—E.P.S.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Is it desirable to have a minimum age for deacons written into the church constitution, say 21?

As a general rule, the less you have in the constitution, the better. No church has succeeded in closing every undesirable loophole, and the more specific you are the harder it is to make exceptions.

It seems to me also that there is no justification whatever for prescribing the age at which members will make suitable deacons.

The offices of elders and deacons were created in the early church to ensure that the church would function effectively. Those best able to perform these offices were chosen to do so. Although a deacon — and an elder — was to be the husband of one wife, this did not mean that he must be married, or even of marriageable age. It simply meant that he was not to be a polygamist.

I have long maintained that the decision to commit life to Christ and his church is more important than any other decision within the church. If a church accepts someone as a member it is taken for granted that he is old enough to make such an important decision. It seems reasonable to assume, therefore, that there must be grounds other than those of age to guide us in the selection of church officers. John Wesley and David Livingstone were equipped as well as committed when in their teens. At 18, Jeremy Taylor was preaching in St. Paul's, London. Charles H. Spurgeon started preaching at about 16. Granted these were exceptional, the point is that it is not years that should determine suitability using anyone, but dedication and capacity.

A shallow Christian at 60, or an incompetent one at 40, will not make a good deacon, whereas a young man in his late teens could have both dedication and capacity.

We have to use common sense here as well as in all of our church life. We may accept lads of 12 or 13 into the membership of the church, but we are most unlikely to place them in the offices of Church secretary or treasurer. Other qualifications being present, we would have no hesitation in using a man of 30. But we cannot point to any age in between and say that here at this age of 21, or 18, or 25, this man became suitable.

The more important tests lie in the realms of consecration, loyalty, enthusiasm and capacity. The church using such guides will be protected from choosing the unworthy or inadequate for office. The candidates should be men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom.

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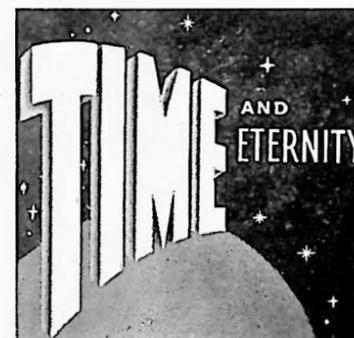
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CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

(N.S.W.). Representatives of the N.S.W. Council of Churches' constituent communions have issued a fine statement on "Civic Responsibility of Christians," directed particularly to the probable influence of Christian voters in the forthcoming Local Government Elections, to be held on Dec. 4. It declares that there is much opportunity for positive Christian influence in the affairs of local government. In some districts there are many candidates offering who are active Christian workers in local congregations and their claims should be supported.

More serious thought should be given by Christian people to the work of local administrative bodies. The matters on which they adjudicate often have a vital bearing on the witness and work of the Christian Church and on the well-being of the community. 10,000 copies of this statement have already been distributed in Sydney metropolitan area. Representatives of churches supporting this "Christian Citizenship Crusade" are Dr. Hugh Gough (Archbishop of Sydney, Anglican), N. A. Wales (Baptist Union), C. E. Bowser (Churches of Christ Conf.), Rev. M. E. Kelly (Congregational Union), Rev. E. T. Walker (Methodist Conf.), Rev. J. F. McKay (Presbyterian Assembly) and Colonel G. S. Palmer (Salvation Army).

EXTENSION LECTURES

(N.S.W.). Woolwich College Extension Lectures, conducted each week at City Temple, Sydney, commenced the third term for 1965 on the evening of Sept. 16. The present course includes Christian Education and Preparation and Delivery of Addresses and Practical Church Work. Lecturers for the third term are B. Armstrong and E. T. Hart.

BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). At the Northside Boys' Brigade athletic carnival on Sept. 18, our Company came third . . . The 5th Girls' Brigade Sydney Battalion non-commissioned officers' dedication was featured on Sept. 26. Five of our girls became Lance-Corporals, and two were promoted to Corporals. Ron Bartholomew conducted the service, Miss J. Stone was guest soloist, and four of our girls sang. Guest speaker was Mr. Richard, of Youth for Christ International.

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INTEREST MAINTAINED

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). Hymns were again sung to 20th Century tunes at the Third Guest Service in the Year of Evangelism Programme. Solos were rendered by Bruce Mulligan, Peter Forward and Sandra Fitzgerald. Three members of the congregation, Doris Allen, Peter Pitts and Hon. J. G. Foot, M.L.C., gave short talks on "How the Church Can Be More Effective," from the points of view of Women, Young People and the Business Man. 160 were present. Supper after the service provided an opportunity to welcome home Miss Win Walker, from India, and also to say farewell to Stuart Debnam, soon to join the Fleet Air Arm . . . C.W.F. held a "Musical Markette." Ladies form Baptist, Congregational, Church of England, Methodist and Catholic Churches all enjoyed a musical and elocutionary programme. Mrs. Robinson presided, and Mrs. M. Wilson led a devotional session. Mrs. N. Kemp, Pres. Methodist Women's Conf., spoke on "A Ring at the Door," her experiences as a minister's wife. Well-stocked stalls raised funds for the purchase of stack-away chairs and tables in the school hall. Appreciation of fellowship, as expressed by the Catholic ladies, was heart-warming . . . C. J. Robinson is minister.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

(Doonside, N.S.W.). The church is rejoicing in victories in the recent brief mission, conducted from Sept. 12 to 26. Barry Benz, of Austral, preached convincingly and was ably supported by song-leader, Max Harrison, of Belmore. District visitation and personal invitation was responsible for the large proportion of local folk in attendance. Weeknight meetings averaged over 90, and at the weekends up to 150 attended. There were five primary decisions, two people came for baptism and nine for re-consecration.

R. J. DUCKETT MEMORIAL FUND

(Lygon St., Vic.). The "Duckett Memorial Fund" has reached £2,100, and will remain open until Dec. 31, 1965. Donations may be sent to L. R. E. McClean, 126 Lygon-st., Carlton, N.3. The amount subscribed will be used solely towards securing a home for the family. Mrs. Duckett and family have asked that their heartfelt appreciation be expressed to all who have assisted in many ways.

SECRETARY TURNS PRESIDENT

(Shepparton, Vic.). F. J. Funston, secretary of the church, 1924-27, returned as Conference President to preach. Miss Aileen Draney, missionary from New Guinea, told of the work there . . . Three former ministers, A. R. Lloyd, T. V. Weir and T. A. Fergusson, attended the Half-Yearly Convention . . . The Rev. Ron Gordon, Methodist minister, exchanged pulpits with D. B. McIntosh on Sept. 12. . . . The C.W.A.F. held a successful birthday afternoon, with 80 ladies present, and 24 visiting organisations answering the roll call. Each lady was presented with a floral dress spray . . . The offerings have been maintained since the Planned Giving Campaign, and £20 per week is placed each week in to a special fund to cover interest on the loan for the new building project.

DONCASTER IS 102

(Vic.). Crowded congregations marked the 102nd anniversary services, when H. J. Patterson, of Burwood, and Dr. L. E. Jones, of Swanston Street addressed morning services on Sept. 19 and 26 respectively. Special choir music was presented under the leadership of Mrs. G. Crouch and C. L. Ward . . . The church conducted a very successful anniversary fellowship tea at the Athenaeum Hall, with 200 members and friends present. Excellent entertainment was presented by Mr. Brooker, of Nth. Balwyn, and the Box Hill Salvation Army Quartette . . . Mrs. J. G. Shaw, wife of the minister is progressing satisfactorily after an operation at Box Hill Hospital.

VIC. MINISTERS' WIVES' ASSOC.

(Melb.). The next meeting of the Ministers' Wives' Association will be held at the Brotherhood Centre on Monday, Oct. 18, at 11.30 a.m. Mrs. McKenzie, the wife of a Presbyterian minister, will give an address on the "Reorganisation of Women's Work in the Presbyterian Church in America."

MISSION FOR TEACHING

(Dalby, Qld.). A. McK. Surtees led a teaching mission from Sept. 19-26. Largest attendance was 82 and there were two decisions . . . A married couple have been baptized . . . Seven were welcomed into fellowship on Sept. 19, which was also S.S. anniversary day. Mr. Surtees was guest speaker, and A. Weedon, the minister, led the singing.

MOVEMENTS

NEW MINISTRY AT CAMP HILL

(Brisbane, Qld.). A welcoming social for Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb was held on Sept. 24. Mr. Webb, whose previous ministry was at Penrith, N.S.W., is already well into the work with visits to the various auxiliaries . . . The Girls' Brigade, whose recent camp at Caloundra Youth Centre was attended by 35 girls, is led by Capt. E. Cranston. Girls help with a missionary project for Margaret Parkinson, serving with B.M.M.F. in India.

National Diary

OCTOBER—

- 14 — N.S.W. — Visit of Christian Broadcasting Association to Woolwich College for "Sunshine Hour" Broadcast.
- 15-17 — VIC. — C.E. Action Camp — Hall's Gap.
- 16 — VIC. — Bible School Committee All-Day Conference.
- 16 — VIC. — Junior Good Companions' Indoor Sports.
- 19 — VIC. — C.Y.F. Impact.
- 21 — N.S.W. — State C.W.F. "Convention Day", 10 a.m. at Burwood Church.
- 22-24 — VIC. — Christian Union Camp.
- 25 — N.S.W. — N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Meeting, City Temple, 10 a.m. Discussion Leaders, K. E. Crawford (Home Missions), G. Cole (Social Service), B. Armstrong (Youth).
- 26 — VIC. — Adult Counsellors' Seminar Commences (4 weeks).
- 30 — S.A. — The Boys' Brigade Annual Display.



M. H. A. PIEPER.

Mr. Pieper is minister of the church at Gatton, Qld., and is secretary of the Kenmore College Committee. He supplied the Kenmore material for this issue.

MISSIONARY AT BRIDGE

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The Overseas Missions Committee brought Miss Aileen Draney to share with the ladies on Sept. 30. There were ten guests for lunch. In the afternoon Mrs. Trowbridge presided, Mrs. Lewis was accompanist, and Mesdames Butler and Parker sang a lovely duet. Miss Draney held the meeting enthralled with her story, illustrated by slides, of life in the New Guinea village and mission. Handwork by New Guinea people was on display.

N.S.W. MEN'S WORK

Plans have been finalised, in conjunction with the Home Missionary Dept., to hold a Men's Weekend Camp, Nov. 12-14, at Lane Cove National Park. Endeavours will be made to have at least three men from each church in the State present. It is expected that 100 will be present at the Men's Annual Dinner being held at Chatswood Christian Centre on Oct. 26. F. L. Ewers, preacher at Burwood, is to be the guest speaker.



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DEGREE GAINED

(Vic.). Robert Bust, now Chaplain at West Geelong Technical School, has passed the examination for the Bachelor of Divinity Degree at the London University.

DEPARTMENT VISITORS

(Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.). The church has appreciated the ministry of Department leaders, including C. Cole (Social Service) and B. Armstrong (Christian Educ.) who spoke at the B.S. anniversary. In the past six weeks there have been three decisions and one baptism. The Bible study group for Y.P., on Sundays, and the Y.P. prayer group on Wed. mornings are well supported . . . The annual meeting elected F. Button, J. Rhodes, J. Morrison, H. Renison, C. Willis, W. Snowdon and N. Mowsar as deacons. Receipts for all purposes for the year were £4,527. Owing on the building, after two years, is £5,900 . . . The church has agreed to act as a co-sponsor for a new church at Orange.

PROJECTED YOUTH CRUSADE

(Sutherland, N.S.W.). Churches of Christ in the district, and particularly the Caringbah congregation, are becoming increasingly involved in the planning already launched for the "Sutherland Shire Youth Crusade," March, 1966. All churches are combining in this impact on the district, sponsored by the local Ministers' Fraternal. It is anticipated that Brian Willersdorf will be the evangelist, while the Crusade Director, John Morey, of Adelaide University, and Prayer Committee Chairman, Rev. John Farr, of Cronulla Baptist Church, are already engaged in planning for preliminary rallies and youth publicity.

FILM SCREENING

(Bridgetown, W.A.). The film, "Something to Die For," was screened on Sept. 26. The next "Woman to Woman" feature will be slides and tape-recordings from the people in New Guinea . . . G. Carslake, of Kalgoorlie, will be speaker at the Spring Convention, Nov. 7-21.

ADDED TO CHURCH

(Fremantle, W.A.). A large group of brethren was welcomed into the fellowship of the church on Sept. 26. Three were added by faith and baptism and others by transfer. The minister, F. Rees, gave an appropriate practical address. . . . We said "au revoir" to the Bible School supt., Barry Goddard, who will train at Wagga, N.S.W., for three months. On his return, Barry will become a member of the Western Command Band.

SIGN OF SUMMER

(Victoria Park, W.A.). In the summer months the evening service commences at 7.30 each Sunday. Oct. 3 begins this change of time . . . After spending several months here, Mrs. Newham, of Victoria, is returning home . . . Recent speakers have been Mr. Lake and Mr. Patterson, and missionaries, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cunningham.

NORTHAM DECISIONS

(W.A.). There were two decisions at close of morning service on Sept. 26. . . . An "Old Fashioned Barn Evening," arranged by Mrs. R. Roediger for the ladies, attracted young and old. The younger women conducted C.W.F. on Sept. 28 at home of Mrs. C. Beavis . . . K. A. Jones, of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was speaker at prayer meeting night.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
7.30 p.m.—"A Workshop on Evangelism."
(a) Preliminary meeting in Auditorium.
(b) G. R. Stirling with Youth in Lower Hall Coffee to follow.
(c) Panel discussion with remainder of congregation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
CITY CHURCH SERVICES
(Minister: T. A. Morrison)

11 a.m.—Worship and Communion. To be broadcast by the A.B.C.
3 p.m.—Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
(a) Combined Choirs from churches commenced by City Church.
(b) "In Retrospect," with J. K. Robinson (former minister).
(c) "Why in the World?" G. R. Stirling.
5 p.m.—Reunion Tea. Those desirous of attending should contact their own church sec., or Mr. C. Povey (24-4832; a/h 29-1346) before Tuesday, Oct. 19.

7.10 p.m.—Organ Recital.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Worship.
(Hospitality for the day will be provided).

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

MEDICAL WORK IN INDIAN VILLAGES

By Sister I. GROVES.

I thoroughly enjoy visiting the villages with the ambulance team. We have found a friendly welcome in each village visited. The little sticky-eyed, runny-nosed, dusty kiddies crowd around the ambulance almost before it stops. It's interesting to watch the expressions and different personalities emerging from behind the dirty faces. The appealing brown eyes never fail to capture our hearts. The people seem ready enough to bring their sick ones. In this way we are able to bring some relief from suffering which otherwise would not have been helped. We do have need of a permanent evangelist to take with us on these trips.

We have sold quite a number of Gospels and little booklets, and given out hundreds of tracts. So in this alone, while we will never be able to measure the good we do or the results of our work, we are confident it is not in vain, for God has said, "Go ye, teach, and lo I am with you."

There are the amusing incidents, too, which always produces smiles all round. When we ask a father the name of his child — he will shrug his shoulders, or look to his wife to give the name. Or,

when asked how old they are, again there's the helpless shrug of the shoulders, with the comment, "who knows?" to which all spectators laugh and have a guess at how old so-and-so is.

OPENING NDUI NDUI HOSPITAL

By R. COMBRIDGE.

We had excellent meetings for the opening of the Ndui Ndui Hospital on Sept. 11. Everything went off very well. The hospital buildings really look beautiful.

A very big crowd turned up for the opening ceremony, including Mr. Yaxely, representative of British Government, Dr. Ram, and representatives of other missions. E. W. Roffey, Mrs. V. Saxby and Miss F. Kennedy were visitors from Australia.

The day was a very happy occasion and an excellent feast was prepared and enjoyed. Excellent meetings were held on Sunday, Sept. 12, the Ndui Ndui church being taxed beyond capacity. Both missionaries and local people have worked extremely hard on this project. People from other islands have helped in cleaning up on the day or so prior to the opening, and all islands made small donations to the Aoban people to assist with expenses.

It was a happy day, a great occasion, and the Lord truly blessed. We thank all those who assisted in so many ways, and particularly through prayer.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Annie Torode (Thyer).

After 20 long weeks in much distress and weakness, a happy release came to Mrs. Annie Torode (nee Thyer) on Sept. 5, 1965. Her 79 years leave a legacy to her husband, children, grand and great-grandchildren, and the family of the household of faith, and of quiet, unobtrusive, deep devotion and loyalty to the faith. Her well-worn, much cherished Bible, which had been given her upon departing from the place of her birth, Glastonbury, Somersetshire, England, on April 25, 1911, was placed on her casket at the funeral service, opened at her favorite passage (1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17). The 50th anniversary of her marriage to Ira Francis Torode, at Granville, was celebrated in 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Torode first lived in an area then known as Locksley Hall Estate, later moving near our Loftus Park church. Here was given 25 years' active service participation in the witness of the gospel. Almost the same period has since been spent at Epping. Mrs. Torode proved a most faithful "help meet" and graced her husband's function as an elder. Over-riding the natural sadness of parting was the note of thankfulness and victory sounded at the chapel service, and also at the graveside at the Northern Suburbs Lawn Cemetery. As Clive Way sang, by request, it is "Only goodnight beloved, not farewell." The membership of Epping church lovingly commend those who mourn, her husband, and children (Ira and Nellie) and their families to our Lord.

William Alexander Johnston.

Following a stroke two years ago, William Alexander Johnston had known much suffering and handicap. Over this two-year period he was cared for and nursed by his wife until, following several minor strokes of more recent times, he was admitted to Brisbane General Hospital for possible surgery, but died on July 14, 1965. He is survived by his wife, Ella, of Lismore, and two sons, Alfred and Allan, of Moree. Both the family, and the church at Lismore, have suffered a loss. At 18 years of age, William Johnston joined the church. He lived the Christian life faithfully until his home-call at the age of 54 years. In his earlier years Will had plans for studying for missionary service. However, following the untimely death of his father he returned to his home, there to take up the responsibility of caring for the family's needs. In more recent years he loved to be able to stand and speak the Word of God to the people. Following the stroke, Will made a remarkable recovery and was able, though under much difficulty and pain, to attend the services of the church again, attending the pre-gospel prayer meetings in the vestry. When he was forced to confine his movements to the home, he was still an inspiration to visit. To his wife and family we express our deepest sympathy. A large crowd gathered in the Lismore chapel for the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer.—H. K. Christensen.

• W.A. HOME MISSIONS

MIDLAND REACHES OUT

Fields near and fields far — this characterises the work of the church at Midland, now approaching its 36th anniversary. Midland is situated on the eastern edge of the Perth metropolitan area.

In past years the church seemed to cling to its precarious existence, an outpost of our City - Suburban work.

With the population and industrial expansion of recent years, Midland has become a very real centre, and the work which for years has been subsidised by the brotherhood through Home Missions,



E. B. Clapp.

is now pressing on toward self-support. Beside this, Midland reaches out to minister to the fringe dwellers, members scattered through the hills between Perth and Northam, by providing regular fellowship and contact with them.

Besides ministering to members, we seek to make general witness to the New Testament - Restoration and Unity-mes-

sage of our movement. In a real sense we have a Home Missionary church facing a missionary challenge. Midland could be unconcerned about this and seek only to enlarge and consolidate her local structure, but the church sees these others nearby as her immediate neighbours. We press on with the God-given task.

Midland plans an evangelistic crusade from Oct. 31 to Nov. 14. We are also seeking to make headway with the Bible Schools, Bible study groups and breaking of bread fellowships.

We have put our hand to the plough and dare not turn back.—E. B. Clapp.

Bruce Clapp's ministry in the Midland and hills districts is greatly appreciated. He himself will be the preacher in the coming evangelistic meetings. He has just given a year as State President for Christian Endeavour. A month or two back he was released to lead inner mission meetings for the church at Merredin.

The Bible Schools above referred to are Midland (average attendance of 55), Helena Valley, 4 miles from Midland (av. 30), and Mt. Helena, 14 miles (av. 30).

For twelve months now communion services have been held in the hills fortnightly, alternating between Mt. Helena (av. att. 24) and Wooroloo, 24 miles (av. 25). Saturday night film evening attendances at Wooroloo on the third Saturday have been in the twenties.

Midland men are having mutual improvement meetings on public prayer, public reading, song leading, etc. Working bees on the property have been scheduled for a day every three months.

Midland ladies have fitted the church platform with carpet.

—K. J. Patterson, H.M. Sec.

CANADIAN ANGLICANS APPROVE UNION WITH UNITED CHURCH

(Vancouver, B.C.). The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada approved, in principle, a proposal to unite with the United Church of Canada.

The historic action, coming after 22 years of talks, was taken in endorsement of a document "Principles of Union" prepared by a joint committee of ten representatives of each church.

The General Council of the United Church will consider the proposal when it meets in September, 1966. If approved, the new church would be the second largest in Canada with a membership of upwards of 6,000,000 (2,400,000 from the Anglican Church, and 3,600,000 from the United Church, which itself is a union of Methodists, Congregationalists and some Presbyterians). Roman Catholic membership is 8,000,000.

The plan for unity is interesting in that it skirts a major hurdle of talks aimed at church union — namely, the question of ordination and apostolic succession.

On this point the statement acknowledges the differences of view, noting only

OBITUARY

George Murray Davis.

Having been admitted to the Lismore Base Hospital on July 7, 1965, George Murray Davis passed quickly from our midst. He was 69 years of age. He is survived by his wife Elsie, sons George, (Murwillumbah), Geoff. (Lismore), and Beth. (Mrs. Burgess, of Sydney). Mr. Davis lived at "Norwood," Lagoon Grass, Lismore. At the age of 12, G. M. Davis joined the church. For the following 58 years he tried and proved the Christian life. His was a life of active service for the Lord and his Church. He held the offices of deacon and elder for many years, and was actively engaged in preaching in and around the Lismore district. One of our most vivid remembrances is the beauty and reverence which he brought to the Lord's Supper as he led the church at the table. His understanding of the scriptures, and his love for them as the divinely inspired word of God, have made a lasting impression. His family, and the church, have suffered a great loss. To his family we express our deepest sympathy. A large crowd gathered in the Lismore chapel for the funeral service which was conducted by the writer.—H. K. Christensen.

Mrs. J. E. Shipway.

Mrs. J. E. Shipway (nee Kilpatrick), wife of the late J. E. Shipway, was born at Nhill, Vic., in 1890. She met Mr. Shipway at a mission in Swan Hill, Vic. They were married in Swan Hill chapel by the late W. G. Oram. They ministered at Rochester, Swanston-st., Carnegie (Vic.), and Port Pirie, Hindmarsh, Nailsworth (S.A.). She died suddenly at her residence in Sefton Park, S.A., on July 27. Her gracious ministries will long be remembered, as she faithfully served her Lord for 55 years. She served as Conference President in Vic. and S.A., and as Federal President in 1958. Mrs. Shipway was at her usual place at church on the Sunday before her death. Our loving sympathy goes out to the family, her daughter Valma, son-in-law Len, and grand-daughters Gail and Helen.—H. Moore.

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MARRIAGES

Marlene Roberts to Bryan Oates, Springvale, Vic.
 Nancy Brooks to Alf. Bastian, Croydon, S.A.
 Miss G. Stirling to J. Middleton; Miss C. Warden to K. Taylor, Northcote, Vic.
 Cherril Probyn to Ray Arthur, Shepparton, Vic.

DEATHS

P. J. Byard, Devonport, Tas.
 Miss E. Salter, Prahran, Vic.

IVANHOE (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 17. 3 p.m., Primary, kinder and cradle roll service. Speaker: Mrs. Rosalie Johnston. 7 p.m., The senior departments will present the pageant "... SHALL NOT PREVAIL."

SHEPPARTON (VIC.) 84th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, OCT. 24. Guest Preacher: S. R. Baker, Federal Conference President, former minister at Shepparton. Services of Thanksgiving: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

BAYSWATER (VIC.) CHURCH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 17. 3 p.m., Kinder and Primary; Puppetry and Talk by Mr. Hedley Potts. 5 p.m., Basket Tea; everybody welcome. 7 p.m., Pageant by Senior school, "The Master's Torchbearers."

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MALVERN (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, OCT. 24. 11 a.m., Communion conducted by Youth Group; 3 p.m., Sunday School, Kinder, Primary and Cradle Roll; speaker, A. J. Matheson; 7 p.m., Teen Group and Youth Demonstration; speaker, A. B. Clark. Bright songs and choruses by children.

BIRTH

SOMERVILLE. — To Margaret and John, Mukinbudin, W.A., a daughter (stillborn), Sept. 18. Margaret well.

ENGAGEMENTS

HAMILTON-WILSON. — Mr. and Mrs. V. St. Clair Hamilton, Green-st., Boronia, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lorna Milton, to Ronald Wilson, 84 Rosamond-rd., Maidstone, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker.

KELLAM-THOMPSON. — The engagement is announced of Nola May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kellam, 44 Hopetoun-gve., Ivanhoe, to Ian Bruce, third son of Mrs. A. R. Thompson and the late Mr. E. E. Thompson, 46 Oriel-rd., Ivanhoe, Vic.

KNOX-WEATHERLEY. — Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Knox, 29 Thompson-st., Clayton, Vic., are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret Violet, to John Francis, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Weatherley, Orchard-rd., Kinglake.

TREGLOAN-BROWN. — The engagement is announced of Gwenda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tregloan, Whyalla, S.A., to Darrell, elder son of Mrs. M. M. Brown, and the late Mr. H. B. Brown, Mayfield, Newcastle, N.S.W.

BARNETT-BECKER. — The engagement has been announced between Dorothy May Barnett and Lyle Eric Becker, both of Frankston church, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

GROVER-GUNTER. — The marriage of Shirley Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Grover, Dulwich, S.A. to Brian Neville, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bell, Ohai, New Zealand, will be solemnised at Dulwich Church of Christ at 5 p.m. on October 16, 1965.

LAWRIE-BRIMBLECOMBE. — The marriage of Beth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lawrie, of Beverley, S.A., to Trevor, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brimblecombe, of Nailsworth, S.A., will be solemnised at Church of Christ, Main-st., Beverley, S.A., on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 3.30 p.m.

DEATHS

DEMERAL. — Called to Higher Service on Sept. 18, Mrs. M. Demeral, treasurer of Lygon-st. C.W.F., Carlton, Vic., for 25 years, also faithful correspondent to isolated members. Lovingly remembered.

SALTER. — On Sept. 21 (suddenly), Elizabeth Caroline (Lily), dearly loved daughter of the late Charles and Josephine, beloved sister of Rose and Perc., loved aunt of Harry and Nance Clarke, Rose and Herb Roberts, and Valerie and Roy Clarke. In God's care.

IN MEMORIAM

LE PAGE. — In loving memory of my dear wife, and our loving mother, Lucy Lynda, who was called home Oct. 11, 1957. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

—Inserted by husband (Everest) and children — Theo, Frank, Vern, Dorothy, Jean, Len.

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TOOTGAROOK (VIC.) 15th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 31. 11 a.m., Mr. Alan Fletcher; 1 p.m., Luncheon, followed by P.S.A.; 5 p.m., Basket Tea; 7 p.m., Evening Service.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to our parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. MARR, of Williamstown, S.A., on occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, from their sons David and Peter. The marriage was solemnised by Harold Fitch, at the Williamstown Church of Christ, S.A., in October, 1940. Also best wishes from Pauline and Sue.

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SADNESS FOR FAMILY

(Ormond, Vic.). The church was grieved to learn of the road accident in which Dr. and Mrs. McCauley lost their lives. Dr. McCauley was the son of our beloved elder, Mr. McCauley . . . The C.W.F. entertained Emmaus Rest Home on Sept. 14 and served afternoon tea to the guests. Nine ladies of C.W.E.F. attended camp at Monbulk. C.W.E.F. members assisted in a special service on Sept. 26. Ladies continue to meet for morning prayer once a month in homes . . . A "two-Sunday" mission to youth was held on Sept. 12 and 19. Guest speakers were K. J. Harvey and A. A. Avery.

BACK FROM NDUI NDUI

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). E. W. Roffey and John were welcomed back following trip to New Hebrides for official opening of Ndui Ndui Hospital. During minister's absence, pulpit was occupied by P. R. Thickins, former minister, back from U.S.A., S. K. Bannon, H. Earl, F. Nankivell and C. Kimber . . . Fete for Organ Fund raised £140 . . . Cricket club has entered two teams in local competition. . . . The following office-bearers were appointed: chairman, F. Nankivell; sec., H. Earl.

CAR WASH FOR MONBULK

(Croydon, Vic.). Members raised £12 for Monbulk Chapel Appeal by washing cars . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Hurford, and to the Cotton family in their bereavements . . . The Myer Christian Fellowship conducted the evening service on Sept. 12 . . . The Explorers held a church parade . . . The Men's Fellowship held a spiritual rally, with E. J. Miles as speaker. There were items by the Box Hill Salvation Army Quartette . . . W. J. Thomson is minister.

ELDERS' AND DEACONS' DAY

(Northcote, Vic.). Sept. 26 was unique for Northcote in that elders and deacons had charge of both services. In the morning the minister, A. B. Withers, conducted a "Setting Apart of Elders and Deacons," after which two elders gave messages. At night, two of the deacons were the speakers . . . The Conf. Pres. F. J. Funston, addressed the church on Sept. 19. That afternoon prizes were presented to Kindergarten children and Cradle Roll members. The B.S. has completed the Plan for Development programme for this year.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

(North Essendon, Vic.). Eleven Intermediates attended discipleship classes recently. There have been three baptisms . . . The Good Companions "Barrow Bazaar" raised £60, and the S.C.Y.F. sponsored church concert raised £27. Both were for the Electronic Organ Fund. Recent programmes for S.C.Y.F. have featured Alcoholics Anonymous, the film, "From Heritage to Destiny," and Terry Lane and John Lloyd in a session dealing with Bible questions . . . The C.W.E.F. raised £27 at a "Gingham" afternoon . . . Denis Peebles and John Birt have been appointed Associate Officers of the Board . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Reardon recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary . . . Cliff Rowles, now overseas, will study teenage activities in our American churches next year before returning home. Contact has been made with Dr. L. A. Kirkpatrick to assist in making these arrangements.

ADVANCE AT MILLEARA

(East Keilor, Vic.). Land has been purchased by the Campbell Edwards Trust for a manse to be built in connection with the church in Milleara-rd. The Trust has also made funds available for the erection of a Kindergarten hall and this work has commenced.

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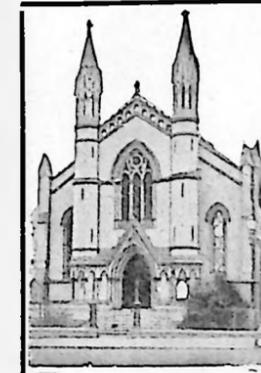
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UNITY IN NEW GUINEA

BY R. S. A. McLEAN,
Secretary, Overseas Mission Committee,

John Urquhart, in his letter ("A.C." Sept. 18) unjustifiably attacks Churches of Christ as having a lack of interest in Church Unity, and asks why we do not send observers to discussions on Unity in New Guinea.

Last year missions in Western New Guinea formed the Evangelical Alliance to bring into a wider fellowship churches and missions in this important area. Churches of Christ have been involved with the Evangelical Alliance since its inception.

In Port Moresby, on June 23 this year, the Inaugural Meeting of the Melanesian Council of Churches was held at the Boroka Baptist Church. I personally attended these meetings as a representative of the Churches of Christ. The M.C.C. is made up mainly of missions working in Eastern New Guinea and Papua. The M.C.C. is not affiliated with the Aust. Council of Churches or the W.C.C. This position is taken in view of the great diversity of Christian groups within the Territory, and the desirability of seeking the widest possible basis for common action. Churches of Christ and other member missions of the Evangelical Alliance are being invited to apply for membership with the M.C.C. The cordial relationship between the Evangelical Alliance and the Council of Churches is encouraging.

For several weeks I visited with other Mission Board Secretaries, denominational and interdenominational missions throughout the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. This visit did far more to promote understanding, and break down barriers that exist between missions, than a multiplicity of "talks." Surely these facts indicate that we are not "just plain lazy" and "sitting on our backsides" as John Urquhart rather bluntly puts it.

Mr. Urquhart says "we find our brothers in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Papua Eklesia Churches

working hard for Unity." This statement needs clarification. The churches that have proposals for unification are the Methodist Church and the Papua Eklesia (not "Papua Eklesia." The word "Eklesia" being adapted by the Papuans for Church from the Greek "Ekklesia"—generally speaking the Melanesian people do not like too many consonant clusters!)

The Congregationalists and Papua Eklesia are not two different churches. Congregational Churches in Papua received autonomy in 1962 and became known as the Papua Eklesia. Congregational churches assist financially the Papua Eklesia, and make available fraternal workers. The Congregational Church is represented in New Guinea by the London Missionary Society (L.M.S.) which receives the greater part of support and finance from Congregational Churches.

The Presbyterian Church has no mission work in Papua, or the Territory of New Guinea, except that in 1962 the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand became a partner in the work of the Papua Eklesia.

All of this means that, in the main, it is the Methodist and Papua Eklesia churches that are involved in proposals for unification. The United Church in Port Moresby and Boroka are also involved to some extent. These, with the United Church at Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, are member churches of the United Church in North Australia. Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have representation on the Board responsible for these churches.

If unification is achieved between the Methodist Church in New Guinea and the Papua Eklesia, the new church will be called the United Church in Melanesia and the United Church in Port Moresby and Boroka will most likely become member churches of the newly-formed church.

Churches of Christ have not been invited to send observers to the discussions between the Methodist and Papua Eklesia Churches, nor have we been invited to send observers to the talks the Lutherans are having as they attempt to achieve unification in their three separate missions in New Guinea. We do not expect to be invited to any of these discussions, and those concerned would not expect us to be there. Whenever we have been invited to attend discussions by churches throughout the Territory we have done our best to accept.

One wonders, however, how vocal we should be when our mission in New Guinea is still in its infancy, with a membership of 60 compared with the Papua Eklesia 23,182, Baptists 6,000, Lutherans 180,000, Methodist 25,000 (church attenders 112,000).

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o VICTORIAN NEWS

MISSION WITH DIFFERENCE

(Drumcondra, Vic.). The 40th anniversary of the church was celebrated on Sept. 19, with A. R. Pigdon, former minister, now of Bentleigh, as speaker. A "Mission with a Difference" was also begun, with Kevin Harvey . . . C.W.E.F. served hot dinner for 130. The activities were climaxed with a youth camp and a special evening service a week later . . . C.W.E.F. ladies conducted an evening service, with Mrs. M. Conning, of North Essendon, as speaker, and Mrs. M. Bullock, State Pres., bringing greetings . . . There have been five recent baptisms . . . B. H. White is minister.

"HAPPY HOURS"

(Maidstone, Vic.). 95 children shared in "Happy Hours" programmes. Gifts from Austral Ptg. and Publ. Co. were appreciated . . . Mr. and Mrs. Westaway have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary . . . A Bessemer Ware afternoon, conducted by the C.W.F., raised several pounds . . . 60 campers attended camp at Parkdale, with D. A. V. Thomas and N. Hodgekiss, ministers at Maidstone and Sunshine, as leaders . . . 40 attended missionary night to hear Don Singer, of Borneo, tell of work there.

MISSIONARY FROM CONGO

(Pahran, Vic.). The Pahran Town Hall was crowded for the evening service on Sept. 26. Miss Elaine De Russet spoke of her experiences as a missionary in the Congo during the recent crisis. . . . A young man made his decision. . . . At C.W.F. birthday luncheon 100 ladies were entertained by Heather Singers from Ormond Presbyterian Church.

ASIAN STUDENTS SING

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The Overseas Missionary Fellowship Quartette, made up of Asian students, sang at an evening service, and the film, "Flower of Tibet" was screened . . . Forty men met to improve leadership of the morning service. Les. Crisp minister of Thornbury gave leadership to all who are on service plan . . . N. S. Moore, of North Essendon, was morning speaker at the 49th church anniversary on Sept. 26. The P.S.A. featured Miss Jean Milne, Ken Briggs, M. Heron, and the Ambassadors' Quartette in a programme of high quality. 160 attended tea and L. G. Crisp preached the gospel. A married couple responded to the invitation . . . The "B" grade tennis team was defeated in the district grand final of the Baptist-Churches of Christ competition. The "C" team won both the district and the State grand finals.

YOUTH COMBINE

(North Fitzroy, Vic.). 200 were present when Y.P. were hosts to youth groups at an after-church fellowship. Churches represented were Collingwood, Northcote, Thornbury, Preston, West Preston and Fawkner. Programme consisted of singing and items from each group — duets, solo, instrumental and concerted. Supper followed closing devotions.

FRIENDSHIP MISSION

(Springvale, Vic.). The "Friendship Mission," involving 30 visitors, is progressing well . . . The guest service had 160 visitors as result . . . Ladies are catering for naturalisation ceremony at Springvale . . . Mr. Thomas will be away for two months, attending Men for Missions Campaign.

KEEN TEENS

(Norlane, Vic.). Keen Teen Weekend, with youth evangelist Brian Willersdorf, resulted in five teenagers making decisions. Five new members welcomed into fellowship during September . . . "Happy Hours" in school holidays were well attended. Three two-hour training classes were conducted for B.S. teachers and youth leaders . . . The Girls' Brigade presented the church with an electric clock. Renovations are due to begin on outside of church building.

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

(Saigon). A campaign to distribute one million Scriptures in South Vietnam has been launched by the Pocket Testament League.

Glenn Wagner, foreign secretary of the organisation, who has established headquarters here, said that "Christian workers report the need for great quantities of Scriptures to be given to American and South Vietnamese soldiers and refugees in hospitals, training centres, outposts, and camps." He said that 200,000 Gospels in Vietnamese languages have already been printed.—E.P.S.

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the communion, nine elders came down the centre aisle from the back of the building. One elder stood at the head of the Table (which was placed end on to the congregation) while the others stood, four on each side of the Table, and facing it. The elder at the head of the Table read some carefully chosen passages of Scripture which brought to mind the death and resurrection of our Saviour. Without announcement, two elders gave thanks, and the nine of them distributed the bread and wine. Returning to the Table, another elder prayed that God would help us to live in fellowship with the risen Christ. The elders then returned quietly to their seats in the congregation.

It was a simple and beautiful service of communion. It was a mutual ministry. It exalted the eldership. It was better than a discourse on the boys' club, Balaam's ass, a football match, etc., as I have heard in recent months. This is something we can give to any uniting church.

Brother, try it sometime!

—I. J. Chivell.

HOURS REFERENDUM

To the Editor,

This is a "Year of Decision!" The consequences will be far reaching in terms of homes, youth and national economy. Whether to have or not to have four leisure evening hours on licensed premi-

ses to consume alcoholic beverages known to contain a narcotic drug of addiction: that is the question.

A deputation of representatives from all the churches waited on the Chief Secretary a few weeks ago to urge that the democratic right of the people of Victoria to a Referendum be not set aside.

Mr. Rylah gave assurance that no decision had been made; the matter is for the Government; the Council of the Liberal Party had left the members of the Government free to act according to conscience. In "Hansard," in 1955, Mr. Rylah said, "In a democratic country it is proper that the will of the majority should prevail. The only way to determine the majority opinion with certainty is to take a Referendum."

It is not yet too late to take action! But it is the eleventh hour! It is most urgent that ALL church members should act at once. Write or call upon your local members of both Lower and Upper Houses of Parliament. Let them know your deep concern that the democratic policy of a Referendum be upheld in this question of national, social and moral import. Ask your non-church friends to take similar action!

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—Mrs. Nellie Richards (Vic.).

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Moments of Worship



Thursday, October 14. Acts 5: 12-16. As Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them (v. 15).

There was extraordinary miraculous activity in the first days of the church. When the people placed their sick in such a position that Peter's shadow might fall on them and heal them, we may think that it was mere superstition. Part of the answer may be found in the experience of the woman who touched the hem of the robe of Jesus. It was not the robe that healed her, it was faith in Jesus. It was not the shadow of Peter that healed, it was faith in Peter's Lord.

Our God, for all who are in need of healing we pray in faith for the help of the Great Physician. Amen.

Friday, October 15. Acts 5: 17-20. Filled with jealousy (v. 17).

Again and again we find that the religious leaders were not concerned with what was right and good, they were jealous of their own position and power. Instead of rejoicing at the healing of the sick people, the high priest and his party placed the agents of healing in prison. It may be hard sometimes to see that others have become God's instruments instead of ourselves, but we should always rejoice that others have God's favour.

Heavenly Father, help us to be so jealous for you that we shall be glad for anyone to do your will. Amen.

Saturday, October 16. Acts 5: 21-26. They were perplexed . . . wondering what this would come to (v. 24).

Christians are human enough to feel some sense of satisfaction when the obviously unrighteous fall flat on their faces. When the jealous high priest sent for his prisoners it was found that the doors were secure, the guards in their places but — the prisoners were gone off to preach in the market place. The temple guards were sent to bring them back, gently, because they were afraid of the people. The wicked are always fearful. They were perplexed, they wondered, they feared — they were everything but believing.

Our God help us to have the clear conscience that comes from facing facts, accepting truth, and doing right. Amen.

Sunday, October 17. Acts 5: 27-32. We must obey God rather than men (v. 29).

The charge against the apostles was that the Sanhedrin had directed them not to teach in "this name." They could not bear even to speak the name of Jesus, it was "this name." There was no hesitation in the reply of Peter and

the others. "We must obey God!" We may not be placed in such a dramatic setting, but we are also faced with the choice of obeying man or obeying God.

Dear Lord, may we have the courage to obey you when next we are tested. Amen.

Monday, October 18. Acts 5: 33-39. take care what you do (v. 35).

Here in the heart of the enemy's camp came the voice of sanity. It was all so clear and simple. If the message being presented by the apostles was an invention of men, it would fail of itself and there was no need to worry about it. But if it came from God it was abysmally stupid for the leaders of the Temple to be found opposing the God of the Temple.

Dear Father, help us to take care what we do about the big choices of life, so that we are not found opposing you. Amen.

Tuesday, October 19. Acts 5: 40-42. So they took his advice . . . (v. 40).

The Sanhedrin actually wanted to put the apostles to death. When Gamaliel brought them to their senses they took his advice, well, partly. They didn't kill them, they only flogged them, and told them not to speak again in the name of Jesus. It was, of course, quite useless to tell the king's men not to speak of the king. They were simply overjoyed to think that they had the honour to suffer for Christ — then they got on with the job of witnessing.

Dear Lord, help us to witness even if it means suffering, and help us to find joy even in suffering for you. Amen.

Wednesday, October 20. Acts 6: 1-6. Pick out from among you seven . . . (v. 3).

There was a crisis in the church. It was really due to a failure by the few leaders to keep up with all the growing tasks. As the disciples increased in number, included among them were some who needed material assistance. This was provided, but the work of looking after widows and others was so heavy that the important ministries of preaching and teaching were being crowded out. The problem was solved by appointing seven good men, including Stephen. They were set apart to assist the apostles, and a great and significant change had taken place in the life of the church. This division of labour was to begin a new epoch of expanding ministry.

Our Father, when new needs bring new responsibilities, may we be ready to make changes under the guidance of your Spirit. Amen.

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Or cool one pain, . . .
I shall not live in vain.

—Emily Dickinson.

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The world is full of people making
good livings but poor lives.

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A pessimist is a person who is sea-
sick during the entire voyage of life.

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Some people are awfully busy when
they are only picking up the beans they
spilled.

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"Hello, honey, I could hardly wait to
tell you what's happened. I wrecked the
car, and dad's cut off my allowance, but
we can still date, and have fun just...
hello? . . . Ann? . . . hello?"

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It is better to know nothing than to
know what ain't so.

—Josh Billings.

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Diner in restaurant: "Do you serve
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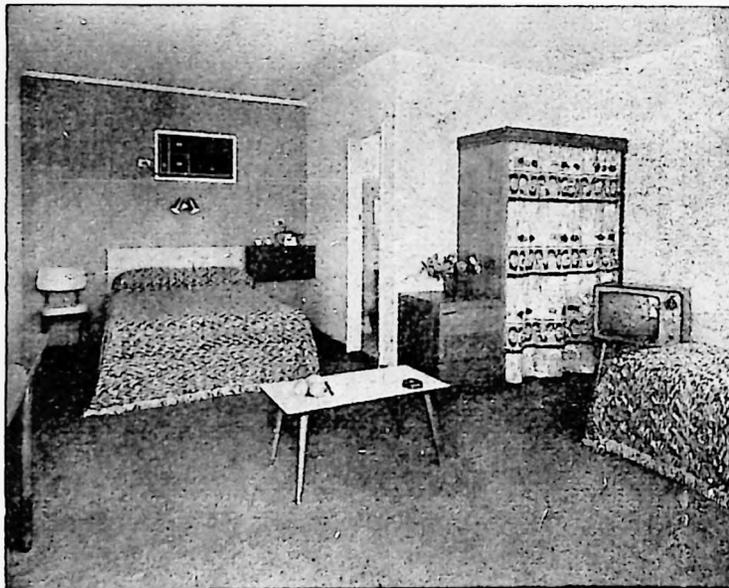
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