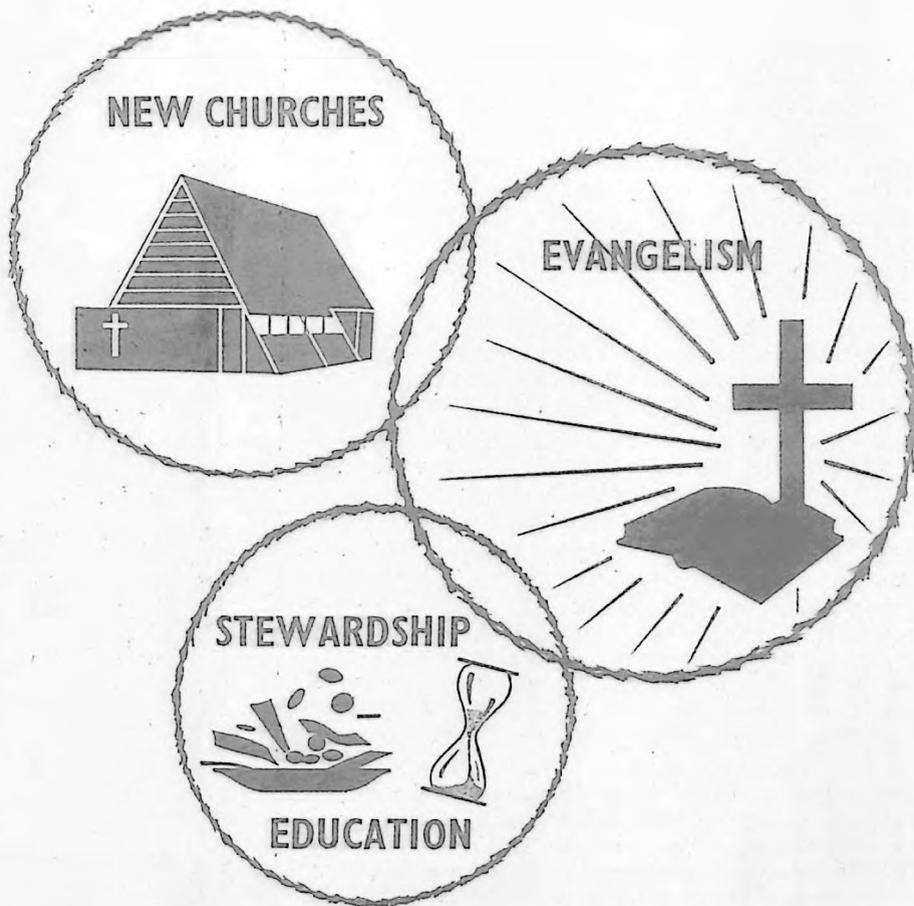


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HOME MISSIONS AT PARSONS BAY

From Nubeena, Tasmania.

While friends in distant Melbourne are helping to prepare the Home Missions number of "The Christian," your editor is on the shore of Parsons Bay. There is plenty of good fishing — I've actually caught some — and the crayfish boats are being prepared at the jetty for the opening of the crayfish season this week.

I don't know how the bay got its name, but there have been plenty of parsons around. Dr. Frank Boreham once broke his leg here, but that is not the reason. It could well have received its pastoral label because of the men of our churches who fished in its waters for perch and on its shores for men.

Stephen Cheek may have been here. That eager apostle established the cause at Bream Creek, only 30 miles away. A walk like that to preach or gossip the gospel would have seemed little enough. William Clifford has certainly been here. He is reckoned to have baptised over 200 disciples and the Kellevie Church near Bream Creek became one of our largest Tasmanian churches.

Other ministers in the church at Nubeena, on the edge of Parsons Bay, were C. M. Gordon, Chas. Hale, W. J. Way, Fred Collins, and many others. There have been parsons aplenty without the two ministers and the local preacher who had such good fishing this morning.

The parsons and the men and women of the churches built well, and today Nubeena and Highcroft on the Tasman Peninsula, and Copping (for the Kellevie church on the Forester Peninsula moved to Copping) are the strongest Christian causes in the whole area.

Way back in 1836 there was a larger, stronger church. This was the church at Port Arthur, built by convict labour. Today, only its walls stand, topped by thirteen spires to represent the Lord and the Twelve Apostles. But it was built to seat 2,000! It must have been a lovely approach to worship through an avenue of oaks with other English trees and flowers on every hand. But as the military and naval personnel with their families took their places they were outnumbered many times by the convicts who were in church by command — a captive congregation.

When the convict settlement closed, the penitentiary and the church were emptied, the land was opened up for settlement, and the ports were available for fishermen. It was there that free men and women brought their own faith and built their own churches, and none were so strong as those established by our own people at Kellevie, Nubeena and Highcroft.

These churches also became weak as young people left the district. There was so little local opportunity for employment that the youth of the churches moved away to give their faith and strength to other communities. It became more and more difficult to maintain an effective witness. It was here that Home Missions entered the story.

Through Home Missions, congregations in distant places can reach out a helping hand to assist others who are facing difficult days. One member of a pioneer family here — four generations have been in our churches — said that if it had not been for Home Missions it was most unlikely that the churches on the Peninsula would have been able to carry on.

They did carry on, with H.M. assistance, and today the churches are self-supporting again. The help that was given by Home Missions is no longer required, but others require it. There are new causes to start, older causes to strengthen, and stronger churches to be kept strong through evangelism and stewardship.

Here at Parsons Bay, Home Missions looks a good thing to support. I am sharing in a mission with Nubeena and Highcroft. Tonight, as I preach at the Nubeena Church, I shall remember that Dr. Frank Boreham is only one of the great names that belong to this exciting chapter of Tasmania's early history. There are also many names that are honoured in our own church history. Home Missions, too, is a part of a great team!

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STRENGTHENING THE BROTHERHOOD IN NEW SOUTH WALES THROUGH . . .

EVANGELISM

Our Saviour says, "Go ye." Ninety per cent of our population do not know Christ as their Saviour. Our love for God and the desperate need of men makes Evangelism our urgent task.

We have not restored New Testament Christianity until every member is a witness. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1: 8).

Every church and every Christian is responsible for their own field of influence. We do not witness as often as we can, because we are not prepared.

Our Department seeks to serve our churches and members by assisting in the following ways:—

- Correspondence Course in Witnessing.
- Classes in Personal Evangelism.
- Conducting Visitation Evangelism Programmes in the Local Church.
- Evangelistic and Teaching Campaigns.
- Assistance in the Implementation of "Design for Development."
- Evaluating Evangelistic Programmes of the Local Church and Making Recommendations on Outreach.
- Maintaining Library of Books and Audio-Visuals on Evangelism.

During 1965 two special series of studies were taken on the theme, "Evangelism Through the Local Church." One at New South Wales Ministers' Refresher, and the other at the Men's Camp. K. Crawford also takes lectures on Evangelism at our N.S.W. Bible College.

NEW CHURCH AT TURRAMURRA



NEW CHURCHES

How strong we are ten years from now as a brotherhood depends on what we do today in the area of Church Extension. Strong churches have always grown from humble beginnings.

Our best way to evangelise many areas for Christ is to establish a local church. This group will go on winning and training people for Christ until he returns.

People need Christ. A growing and shifting population lays upon us the privilege and responsibility to establish churches where people are now living.

Churches are being established at Blaxland, Campbelltown, Engadine, Turramurra, Dapto, Oak Flats, Orange, Kingscliff and Liverpool West.

The following churches are acting as sponsors to these new churches:— Belmore, Burwood, Bexley North, Rockdale, Hurstville, Caringbah, Chatswood, Wollongong, Warrawong and Murwillumbah, Kingsford, Marrickville, Wagga.

GROWING CHURCHES

Many of our smaller churches are unable to effectively evangelise their area because they lack the resources of manpower and money to take advantage of all the possibilities offering. In the name of the brotherhood, a subsidy is paid to enable them to have the services of a minister. At the moment subsidies amount to £40 per week, and go to the following churches:— Belmore, North Balgowlah, Broken Hill, Campbelltown, Cardiff, Liverpool West, Murwillumbah, Narraweena, Penrith, Wyoming and Engadine.

The following churches are giving direct assistance to other growing churches: Albury (Lavington and Wodonga), Lismore (Goonellabah and Bangalow), Epping (Telopea), Taree (Wingham, Combyne, Port Macquarie and Macksville).

STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION

"The primary motive is not merely fund-raising, although that is involved. Rather it is the creation in members of a renewal of commitment to Christ and his Church. The Church's evangelistic programme is intimately connected with the Stewardship of Self." — "Design for Development."

Churches assisted have included:— Albury, Asquith, Austral, Bankstown, Bexley North, Bowral, Canley Heights, Campbelltown, Caringbah, Carramar, Chatswood, Doonside, Earlwood, Epping, Georgetown, Gilgandra, Hamilton, Kingsford, Lismore, Liverpool West, Narraweena, Padstow, Pendle Hill, Penrith, Rockdale, Seven Hills, Taree, Telopea, Wagga, Wyoming.

ISOLATED MEMBERS

We have 453 Isolated Members in New South Wales who live away from existing churches. These receive a copy of the "Christian Messenger" each month and a visit whenever possible.

In several places communion services have been commenced in homes. In the past most of our churches have started in this way.



Personal Evangelism Class — Epping.

STATE GROWTH DEMANDS ... URGENT ACTION

WE'RE GROWING THICK AND FAST

The annual increase in Melbourne's population would fill a city the size of Ballarat, and require roughly the same number of houses, roads, shops and community services. By 1980 it is estimated the city will have grown from the present approximate 2 million to 3¼ million.

RECORD CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

To meet the overall State growth four new church buildings will be opened in the twelve month period ending December. Scoresby Road, Ferntree Gully, Thomson (East Geelong), Traralgon and Briar Hill. All except Thomson require an immediate subsidy. Some churches have shown real assistance in sponsorship.

NEW MINISTRIES

T. T. Robinson, B.A., commences at Bentleigh East, a rapidly growing new suburb of Melbourne. Other appointments are pending in the suburbs. Rural churches to have new full-time ministries, include E. K. Morrison at Robinvale, in August, 1965; J. W. Lowrey to Dareton, and G. C. Jackel to Wedderburn - St. Arnaud, both in February, 1966.

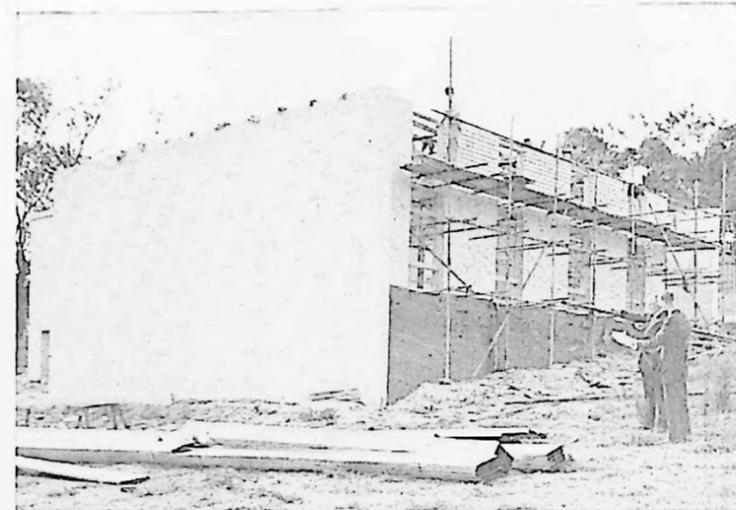
UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL

Subsidies to churches in 1966 will be running at a level quite unprecedented in our State experience. Such activity is demanded by the overall level of State growth. Strong local congregations are the only satisfactory basis for overall brotherhood development. All told, 22 churches will be assisted in 1966.

Some developmental plans for churches have been set back through lack of finance. Churches and individuals can help remedy this.



RICHMOND After-School Sessions, with D. J. Andrews and D. J. Marr.



BRIAR HILL'S First Unit Nears Completion.

CITY GROWS UPWARDS

Melbourne's inner suburbs are growing upwards. Population is increasing. Housing Commission redevelopment plans now cover numerous suburbs. Richmond church faces the responsibility of reaching new residents. The Department has helped finance an experimental assistant ministry this year. A recent review judged the experiment as highly encouraging. Further developments are expected in 1966.

20 STOREYS

In the Newmarket area the church is faced with high-rise flats. New mem-

bers have been linked. Ascot Vale - Newmarket congregations and their team ministries continue a ministry of service and outreach.

ALTERNATIVES

More desperately needs to be done in these and other areas. These are crisis situations for the church's mission. The alternatives are few — death or renewal.

SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY

(Norlane, Vic.). B.S. anniversary on Oct. 10 was an outstanding success. Guest speaker, C. Minns, with his seeing-eye dog, and shining faith, thrilled young and old alike. Excellent attendances of scholars and interested friends . . . A young married man was baptized on Oct. 17 and received into fellowship on 24th, and Mr. Parkes spoke and showed slides of mission work in W.A., at evening service.

RECORD NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN TWELVE MONTH PERIOD

- Scoresby Road • Thomson
- Traralgon • Briar Hill.

DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS RESOURCES.

HOME MISSIONS

Victoria - Tasmania.

1965 in Six Tasmanian Churches

Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey have directed or planned evangelistic and stewardship activity in six churches during 1965. Hobart has completed a successful planned giving programme which will equip the congregation to face wider responsibilities in mission, both in the city and beyond. Nubeena and Highcroft have received several visits for planning purposes in preparation for a two weeks' series of meetings currently being conducted by A. E. White. Invermay, Margaret Street and Ulverstone have participated in group sessions, special planning and meetings for evangelism and spiritual life renewal. The churches have sought to examine their community responsibility.

INVOLVEMENT

In all these situations a growing congregational involvement has been experienced. This is vital if the congregation is to make outreach a continuing part of its life. E. W. Heard led meetings at Caveside - Mole Creek, and K. R. Bowes



Breaking
Bread
at
Ulverstone

is currently leading special services and group meetings at Hobart. College students have also assisted.

ULVERSTONE MINISTRY

A new full-time appointment is envisaged in 1966. M. R. Byard in an interim, part-time capacity, succeeded K. A. Mason, who relinquished service during 1965. During the ministry of K. A. Mason

the work saw evidence of growth in attendances, youth participation and general activity. To enable a full-time minister to be appointed a substantial subsidy will be required from the Tasmanian churches. The Department regards the work of significance as the North-West Coast area experiences a general growth. Development of Ulverstone is a further step in the pattern of strengthening existing churches.

VICTORIA - TASMANIA

INCREASING DEMAND FOR FIELD OFFICER MINISTRY

The services of field officers, Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey, have been widely sought during 1965. 24 churches have enthusiastically used their specialised ministry in various programmes. Numerous others have used them for special services, rallies, camps and discussion groups.

The appointment of Kevin Harvey as a second field officer at the beginning of the year marked a major step in offering additional service to the churches. A steady flow of bookings for both men

in 1966 is forthcoming. This reveals both the need of the churches and the wide acceptance of the leadership of the two men.

NEW PLANS.

At the beginning of 1965 it was announced that the officers were ready to discuss new plans for a programme of evangelism. The programme centres around congregational involvement in outreach and visitation. Experience to date reveals the programme has a ready acceptance. There has been wider congregational involvement and an encouraging response to the work done. Numerous decisions have been recorded. The most significant lesson to date is that congregations can be effectively

involved in evangelism. They can also come to see this type of work as an ongoing part of their life and not something spasmodic.

RENEWAL GROUPS.

Alongside the emphasis upon evangelism some time has been spent in group work. Areas such as church-community responsibility, personal growth in and understanding of the Christian faith have been considered. The response to this work has been quite remarkable. Small groups have multiplied rapidly.

Some other groups have had non-church members as participants. In these there has been a helpful sharing of experience and convictions. Some churches have conducted a special week of group meetings with day and evening sessions for men, women and young people.

40 PROGRAMMES.

By the end of this year, 40 churches will have experienced the stimulus of the planned giving programme. A number of churches have conducted a review programme after the first three years. Drumcondra, in a review programme, reported a further increase of 25 per cent in giving, as well as considerable spiritual stimulus to the congregational life. Ararat, an initial programme, early in 1965 recorded an increase of 140 per cent, which has been more than sustained in subsequent days. The church has also experienced quite dramatic growth, with approximately 40 additions by faith and baptism in local follow-up evangelistic programming. The 40 churches have now registered an increase in giving alone of £200,000 over a three-year period. This is an average of 83 per cent. The testimony to planned giving is in congregational achievements.



K. J. Harvey Trains ORMOND (Vic.) Group.

HOME MISSIONS — A PRACTICAL TASK

"The Home Missions Committee shall further the cause of evangelism within the State of Queensland . . . through MISSIONS . . . by establishing NEW CHURCHES . . . by assisting WEAK CHURCHES . . . and by generally ENCOURAGING EVANGELISTIC FERVOUR in all the churches."

—Qld. Churches of Christ Constitution.

The task of Home Missions in Queensland is clearly set out in the constitution of our churches in the State. It involves four aspects to a very practical task.

We are glad to be able to give an account of our stewardship in each of these aspects.

MISSIONS

As this is being read, the Home Mission tent will be in use at Baddow, where the Maryborough church is conducting a crusade for two weeks. The tent and equipment are maintained through the Committee's Missions Fund, which also helps to finance or subsidise evangelistic missions.

The Director has conducted five Teaching Missions, each of eight days, this year, in centres very widely spaced — Charters Towers, Toowoomba, Gatton, Dalby and Ipswich.

NEW CHURCHES

Meetings commenced in July at Kenmore. This represents a break-through into the Western suburbs of Brisbane, where until now no Church of Christ was established.

Moves have also been made with a view to starting a work in Cairns. A visit there some five months ago revealed a handful of members, but good possibilities. This visit was too short to enable a commencement of meetings, but a further visit by a member of a Brisbane church has brought added progress. It is now expected that the Lord's Table will be set up quite soon, following the pattern which resulted in the establishment of the church at Mt. Isa last year.

In the last 20 years, some 18 churches have been added to the brotherhood in Queensland. This rapid expansion has its problems, but with the State itself developing at a phenomenal rate, we are bound to keep pace.

WEAK CHURCHES

Our answer to the problem of weaker churches is being found in a new move taking place under the name of "Operation Sponsor."

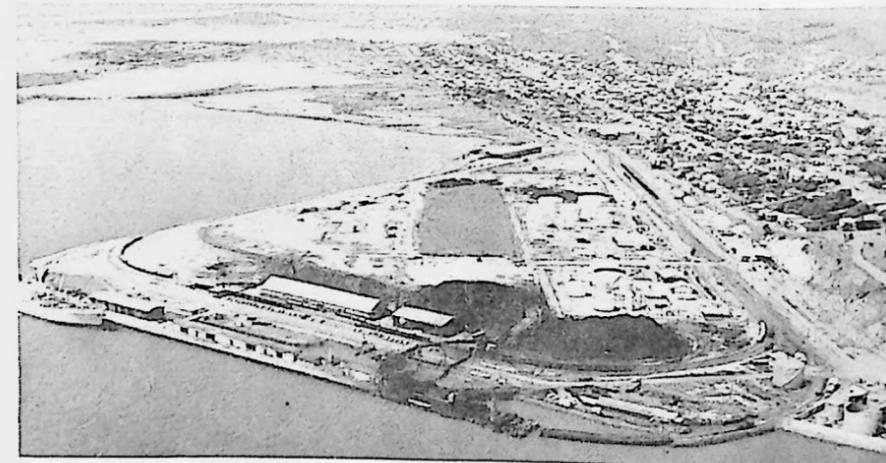
The initial suggestion came from the city church at Ann Street. The Home Missions Committee was challenged to seek and develop ways of helping smaller churches from the resources of the larger churches.

Through the "Operation Sponsor" committee this is being done. This committee comprises representatives of Brisbane's four largest churches, as well as of two country churches, and of Kenmore Christian College, together with the Home Missions Committee.

The needs of small churches throughout the State were surveyed, including manpower and financial needs. Information about these needs is channelled through "Operation Sponsor" to larger churches, with a view to having one or more such churches "sponsor" or adopt the smaller church.

As a result, the new work at Kenmore is being sponsored by the Albion church. Churches in the Brisbane area at Salisbury and Rocklea are being helped by Kenmore College, with manpower also being supplied from Annerley at Salisbury. These are examples only and are not the full story.

Special concentration is being made upon the work at Gladstone, on Queensland's central coast. Here, in one of



GLADSTONE, on Queensland's central coast, is one of the State's fastest developing towns. We face the challenge of building a strong witness there, to keep pace with industrial expansion and the town's population explosion.

(Photo courtesy Qld. Govt. Tourist Bureau).

the State's fastest-growing communities, a very small church has been maintaining a faithful witness for several years. Now, with industrial expansion involving almost £100-million, we are faced with the task of developing our church there almost overnight.

"Operation Sponsor" is meeting this challenge head-on. Plans are to place a full-time preacher in Gladstone for six months, to be climaxed with a full-scale mission. Thereafter, it is expected that the church will be able to continue full-time with further help.

The very heavy financial drain involved in such a plan for Gladstone could never be met by the Home Missions Comm. But "Operation Sponsor" has brought promises of substantial help from the churches at Ann Street (Brisbane), Maryborough and Boonah, and other churches are interested. We hope to have the cost of the first six months' ministry covered by the end of this year. The cost of the proposed mission is already underwritten by the Home Missions Committee through its Missions Fund.

EVANGELISTIC FERVOUR

The committee's own handbook on evangelism, "Go, Tell," has now reached all corners of the State. Altogether, some 1,000 copies have been distributed. Wide use has been made of it in study groups, midweek meetings, training sessions and private study.

The committee also conducts seminars in Visitation Evangelism. Such a seminar was held recently at Toowoomba, where just over 40 adults attended from the two churches in the city.

In all, the task of Home Missions is growing rapidly in Queensland. The committee earnestly seeks the support of all in prayer and in financial backing to the most sacrificial extent.

Will you, who set us our task, ensure that we can carry it out?

75 YEARS OF ADVANCE

GEORGE SMITH, Conference President.



First Communion Service of Wembley Downs Church in home of A. Walkington.

Churches of Christ in W.A. were born with the State in which they serve. On "Proclamation Day," October 21, 1890, T. H. Bates stepped ashore at Fremantle to fulfil a task commissioned to him by a committee set up by the first Inter-Colonial Conference of Churches of Christ, held in Melbourne in 1889.

Within a week he had conducted a gospel service, with about 50 hearers, and within a fortnight had established a "breaking of bread" service. The mission prospered as members were added by faith and baptism, and transfers came from those attracted from the East to the rising city.

In January, 1897, the first building was opened in Lake Street, Perth, at a cost of nearly £1,000. The land, valued at £600, was donated by a St. Kilda member. 76 members were on the roll in a city numbering 30,000.

Today, 75 years later, Perth absorbs nearly half a million of the State's 800,000 population. Churches of Christ are still advancing with the State on all fronts. Spearheading the advance is the Home Missions Department. Headed by full-time State Organiser, K. J. Patterson, this resourceful department has stretched its vision and resources to look far South to Esperance and Albany, through the big timber country of the South-West, North to Geraldton, and beyond, where new and flourishing communities have sprung up as the result of the development of iron ore deposits.

In the same month that the Movement celebrates its 75th Anniversary, a new cause, Wembley Downs, commenced a communion service and Sunday School. A home has been made available until a building is erected on land already purchased within a few hundred yards.

On the same day, Dianella conducted its first Bible School Anniversary, with over 70 children present. Dianella was only on the drawing board a year or two ago, but today consists of a vigorous group.

As a young man I used to listen to Home Mission speakers tell of the work of ministers working in the Eastern

Wheatbelt area, travelling hundreds of miles to link up isolated members. That same area today is served by five churches and three full-time men. Problems and distances are not obstacles barring the way, but rather stimulants to a practical but visionary approach to proclaiming the gospel to all.

BEGINNINGS —

I. E. ALLSOP begins a joint ministry with East Victoria Park and Riverdale

churches in January, our only full-time minister in the South-Eastern suburbs, with a population of over 50,000. Rivervale—Church: 35. Sunday School: 70. East Victoria Park — Church: 50. Sunday School: 110.

Churches begun: Albany (1963), Dianella (1964), Wembley Downs (1965). Sunday School at Balga (1965). Plans to commence at Hamilton Hill (1966).

PARTNERS —

To be a partner in one hour of service with a Home Missionary minister, or the secretary, will cost you around 12/6 (\$1.25). Count up the hours you will be sharing through your offering for HOME MISSIONS on November 28.

DIANELLA AT INGLEWOOD

(W.A.). Thanks to Inglewood church for the use of their buildings, and to supporters of two recent events, B.S. anniversary and prizegiving on Oct. 3, which were very well attended. Fifteen Cradle Roll enrolment cards were presented. C.W.F. apron parade and fete proved very successful, approx. £75 being received for the Building Fund. Mrs. Young has been welcomed back after a stay in Victoria.

GOD MEETS NEEDS THROUGH THESE MEN

E. B. CLAPP — (outer suburban and rural) — Midland, Koongamia, Helena Valley, Mt. Helena, Wooroloo, etc. Church: 75 active members. Sunday Schools: 135 scholars. "The Midland attendances are almost built up again to the level before the commencement, last year, of the services at Mt. Helena and Wooroloo." District population about 19,000.

G. A. HARRISON — (suburban, with some new housing) — Applecross, Ardross, Mt. Pleasant, Alfred Cove, Myaree, etc. Church: 58. Sunday School: 115. "As I have gone from home to home there has been great opportunity. Sunday School anniversary excellently produced, good attendances." District population about 30,000.

F. GRIFFITHS — (large country town, port, 325 miles north of Perth) — Geraldton. Church: 50. Sunday School: 75. Secretary, C. Johnston writes, "We thank God for F. Griffiths' recovery in health. The response of the members in the emergency made it a joy to be secretary." District population about 14,000.

B. STITT — (small country town, 160 miles south of Perth, plus neighbouring towns, also ministry to isolated members over several thousands of square miles) — Bridgetown. Church: 24. Sunday School: 35. "Have started visiting mornings now to cover more ground . . . Nine High School scholars home for tea Sunday evening . . . highly successful." District population about 9,000 (Bridgetown, 3,000).

D. CROOT — (near city hills and rural) — Kalamunda, Lesmurdie, Karragullen, etc. Church: 56. Sunday Schools: 105. "A fine fellowship of prayer and work is making ready for our tent mission in October." District population about 8,000.

G. E. C. HUGHES — (small country town about 150 miles east of Perth) — Corrigin. Church: 14. Sunday School: 13. "I have taken over the supervision of the Police and Citizens' Youth Club on community request; 60 youth attend . . . work is moving slowly." District population about 2,000.

K. J. PATTERSON — State Organiser and Home Missions Secretary. "God now is leading us onward into our fourth quarter-century. Together we will organise, work, pray, give and love so that many more in this State will understand the love of God in Christ Jesus. Our forefathers took the Church of Christ to the places where men lived and laboured. We will try to do the same."

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in South Australia
speaks for itself** 99

LOXTON - - - H. Cave

Loxton, 156 miles from Adelaide, originally a farming area, and predominantly Lutheran, now has a district population of 6,500, including the families of some 300 ex-servicemen placed on fruit blocks after the recent war. Citrus, stone fruits and grapes are produced in abundance, while wheat and sheep farming is still an important factor in the life of the town. The church commenced in a private home in 1951, and three years later, moved into a vacant chapel on the Berri Road. In 1959, a modern chapel was erected opposite the Civic Centre, largely by voluntary labour, with a saving of £4,000. The demanding nature of work on the blocks affects church attendance, but the membership, though not large, is responding well to its leadership.

WHYALLA - - - D. M. Hughes

In the last 18 months the population has mushroomed from 18,000 to 22,000. It is predicted that promised industrial expansion will give the Steel City of the Sun a population of 100,000 in the year 2,000. This phenomenal growth challenges the church, firstly with the hordes of young people who need direction and purpose in life. To bridge the gap between church and men in industry requires that the church should seek to understand her mission in the light of this gap. There is also the large migrant population needing the church's friendship and help. Home Missions accepts this challenge and will further assist the church here as they open a new worship sanctuary and plan for further extending the Kingdom of Christ.

PORT LINCOLN - A. J. Storay

"No strings attached." Will it work? Helping people without trying to drag or lure them into the Kingdom of God. God only knows! Experience in helping alcoholics and their families has encouraged us to explore this; the "no strings" comes as a breath of fresh air to people bound by disease. Food when hungry, drink to quench my thirst without a hangover, hospitality as a stranger, clothes to keep us warm, comfort through suffering, and — you even talked to me in prison.

"I belong" in this world of God's, is the constant discovery. "We live," says the church, "as we give our lives for the troubled, the outcast, the diseased."

"We're doing a worthwhile work in the world." A Home Mission church in mission at home.

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS

A. J. Mathieson, Jnr.

Forty years is a long time to struggle with inadequate buildings, but today all is changed. We have excellent kindergarten and primary rooms, and a 170-seat A-frame sanctuary. Signs of material progress are evident to all who pass this prominent corner site. There are new challenges too. There is a growing area on the outskirts of the "parish" and new families who need to find the reality of Christian worship.

To aid this work a full-time minister has been engaged for the first time in the church's history. This is a church which is seeking to understand her nature as a serving community so that she may minister through the grace of Christ to needy men and women.

MOUNT GAMBIER - T. R. Mason

Without the Home Missions Department there would be no Church of Christ, as it exists in Mt. Gambier. Imagine Mt. Gambier as a city poised to make a great leap, a leap which would involve tremendous industrial expansion centred on the Sth.-East's major industry—timber.

There have been some disappointments in the past with regard to this promised progress, but we must always look to the future — and be prepared.

This church must always be ready to take up the challenge that could be thrown down by a sudden influx of new families to man new industries.

The churches, through the Home Missions Department, are joining hands with us in this task.

BROKEN HILL - - - R. C. Sack

An affluent city of 31,000 people enjoys almost every modern amenity, many cultural interests and a multitude of sporting facilities, licensed clubs and hotels. Here, for 56 years, the witness of Churches of Christ has been maintained. The city's flourishing economy is tied to metal prices; it would be difficult to find one of the 21 Protestant churches flourishing spiritually.

For many years the Church of Christ has been supported by South Australian Home Missions, which still seek to minimise its isolation. Now, with their help, and in its new Worship Centre, the church is better equipped to meet present challenges, accept new opportunities and with increasing vigour will continue to present, in this strategic mining centre, our own distinctive message.

- Baramera
- Broken Hill
- Christies Beach
- Colonel Light Gardens
- Loxton
- Moorook
- Mt. Gambier
- Port Pirie
- Port Lincoln
- Tarpeena
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• CHRISTIAN WOMEN SERVING . . .

IN OUR PRISONS

By Mrs. ALICE MATHIESON, South Australia.

"Our society has neglected the social problem of rehabilitation of prisoners for too long. There is an urgent need for the education of the public, a wider exchange of ideas by experts and a better appreciation of the real Christian objective in this field of work . . ."—Hon. N. J. Mannix, M.L.A., N.S.W. Minister of Justice.

It was with the real Christian objective in view that I entered this field of service over seven years ago, discovering a ministry so different from that in which we had been engaged for 28 years.

As prison doors were opened to us, we were introduced to a new, strange world with amazing challenges, opportunities and problems. How could we relate the church to this world of needy people? Did the church and its programme have any relevance to them? To bridge the great gulf between them and the church was no small task.

In the role of social workers we entered incognito and were thus enabled to find acceptance with people who have little time for the church. A remark of one man, years after he had been successfully rehabilitated, is significant: "And to think that I would never have had anything to do with you had I known you were a minister of religion."

Sitting where they sit, forging links of friendship through simple kindness, touching off a spark of gratitude, build vital lines of communication. When hatred of society, bitterness, self-pity and resentment are strong it is no easy task, for we all come under suspicion. That anyone would be their friend for their own sake, seems unbelievable to them. Our sincerity is tested to the nth degree; but, once accepted by the prison population, our real work begins.

Women Need Help

The writer's service over the years has been confined to the women's section of the Adelaide Gaol, and assisting the wives and families of male prisoners. The things we do are legion. Robbed of the bread-winner, shocked and ashamed, burdened with debts, heavy house payments or rent, time payment commitments, sickness, threats of gas, electricity or water "cut-offs," shortage of food or clothing, wives pour out their troubles. Our large stocks of good clothing and groceries can do something; advice about tangled business affairs, information about Government and other aid available, also helps, but the "hand up" is harder than the "hand out."

Take the case of the person arrested at work, with belongings at a boarding house, clothing at dry-cleaners or cloak room, worries about keeping a job open for his release, maybe a motor car nearly paid for, pets to be cared for,

wages due, relatives to be contacted. Who will help?

Safeguarding the rights of prisoners at this stage is crucial to their later rehabilitation. Sometimes after visiting a girl in prison, we find it necessary to write at some length to a worried mother, possibly in the country area, or another State. Her relief, breathing through every line of her reply, is complete compensation. One mother whom we contacted in Canada felt that God had intervened. Eventually, with our co-operation, two grandchildren were returned to that country.

The Release

The day most looked forward to, and most dreaded, is the day of release. For many, prison has been a refuge from all their past troubles; accommodation and regular meals, no responsibility, no need to think for themselves. But with the opening of those gates, the old problems and responsibilities pour in like a flood, and often an already inadequate person is made even more inadequate by a prison sentence. We endeavour to see that no woman walks out those gates alone, that she is assured of some accommodation and whatever help is necessary in the first weeks of re-adjustment.

Good Intentions

What type of people do we meet? We have never met a person who figured she would end up in gaol, and practically all will assure us they will never be there again. Of course, there are the

alcoholics, who leave the prison looking splendid, with all sorts of good resolutions, but in a matter of weeks we see them again wrecks of humanity. Borderline mental cases, not certifiable, but quite unable to cope with life, are numerous.

These two classes form a big section of the recidivist prison population. There are the Aborigines, who have imitated white men's vices. Some of these women tell us they are much better off in gaol, especially in winter. The roofs don't leak, the beds are good, and they get three meals a day.

Then there are the New Australians. Many do not understand our laws and are most grateful for any help given them. People are still imprisoned for debt. At times mothers have ignored a judgment summons and the chaos that follows is heart-rending.

Then we have the 18-19-year-olds, who present a big problem. Some have said: "I simply must make good when I leave here. I never knew so many people cared about me. I couldn't let you all down." The prostitutes are amongst the most difficult to rehabilitate. It is so easy for them to drift back into the old life. But the church has an inescapable responsibility for all.

Lost Sheep

Is this work worthwhile? Yes, if for no other reason than that it meets Christ's challenge: "I was in prison and ye came unto me."

Do many reform? Naturally, the highest percentage is among the first offenders, but having done our best for all, it is a comfort to realise that we are called to be faithful, not necessarily successful.

The task is too great for any one denomination. Had we represented Churches of Christ alone, we would have helped eight persons over the years, but we have been able to help thousands, and we covet the prayers of God's people for all these "lost sheep" who need our care and concern.

If any task facing the Christian Church should challenge it to unite its forces, it is the immense task of rehabilitation of those in our prisons. Here is a field of Christian service into which dedicated young men and young women, equipping themselves at University level, can enter and become bridge-builders between the church and these thousands of needy people in our community. It is a real ministry.

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It was Monday, the seats were hard, the large hall was too much for the few brave heaters that glowed their best and looked better than they felt, and we had already sat the morning through at another meeting. This "Clergy Training Course for the Church and Life Movement" was getting off, away behind scratch. Within an hour we were completely absorbed.

Ministers had come from all over the south of New South Wales to All Saints Hall in Canberra. We could not help feeling a little disappointed that the other Churches of Christ in the area had not sent their ministers, nor their laymen to the course that preceded this one. The ministers, together with the lay people who had been in training previously, are to be the trainers of group leaders back in local areas.

The Church and Life Movement is an adventure in Bible study to be experienced across Australia in June and July, 1966. It is expected that in 10,000 homes 100,000 people will engage in weekly Bible study. It is expected that 10,000 group leaders will be trained to lead their Bible studies and the discussions on them. Christians will meet together by studies rather than by denominations.

It is earnestly hoped that in each home, amongst the ten who gather, there might be four or five denominations represented, together with neighbours of no active Christian affiliation, who will also be invited by the hosts.

Edwin Robertson, noted Baptist minister, and one-time Study Secretary of United Bible Societies, and now Director of the World Association of Christian Broadcasting, will give radio Bible studies during the period. Radio and T.V. and press will all play their part.

At the training course, Rev. Gordon Beatty, set out clearly methods of group Bible study designed to encourage participation by all members of the group. He outlined ways of getting people to talk . . . and more important, ways of getting usually talkative people to listen to what others have to say.

The ministers divided into groups and had actual group experience. Here

were men whose stock in trade is talking and telling, learning how to listen, that in turn they might help to train others to keep a balance between listening and talking in the ultimate house groups.

Observers sat in groups to assess the value of the group discussion, the work of the leader, and the ability displayed in both talking and listening. Some ministers were red-faced when it was revealed to each how often he had spoken in the group.

The groups tried one of the studies to be used in 1966. One of the purposes of this was to experiment with the study under group conditions, and suggestions and criticisms were received for the editorial committee.

The studies follow a wide range of topics and Bible material. They cover "Living as a Christian in Modern Society," "What is Affluence Doing to Christian Values?," "What is the Place of Science, and Where Does the Church Come In?," "God and the Pressures that Are On Us All," "Loneliness in a Crowded World," "The Ministry of the Church in the World," "God and the Individual."

Rev. Peter Mathews, assisting Gordon Beatty, outlined another aspect of the Church and Life Movement that will be undertaken in some selected areas. It is hoped that in such communities to bring together leaders of all phases of life such as business, education, trade unions, professions, and local government, that they might look together at their community and its problems. Churches will be represented as such. However, it is believed that in such consultations the best work will be done by community leaders who are themselves convinced Christians.

One came away from it all with a head full and a heart full, and the sincere hope that Australian Churches of Christ will be in this up to the hilt. What a tragedy it will be if our people hear their neighbours talking about it and have to say . . . "We never even heard about it!"

—G.R.S.

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TEACHING AND PREACHING

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Church appreciated Visitation Evangelism lectures of A. Surtees, H.M. Organiser. Many homes were visited the following week, making the lectures effective. Guest speaker at B.S. anniversary was E. Watson. Theme was "Spreading the News" . . . Special meetings were held Oct. 10 to 17, with different speakers, who spoke on the subject: "If I Had One Sermon to Preach." Visit of R. S. A. McLean sec., Overseas Mission Board, was appreciated.

BUSY MONTH FOR TOWNSVILLE

(Qld.). Church reports on a full programme, under the leadership of P. Woolford. Most encouraging to have 70 present at Youth Service on Oct. 24, with Girls' Brigade and Boys' Explorers participating. Two girls from G.L.B. were baptized, making a total of four baptisms in recent weeks, and two decisions were received at this service — one from another G.L.B. lass, and the other from a B.S. lad . . . Monthly Sugar Shack which followed the service attracted an attendance of 65, who enjoyed bright programme of gospel singing, instrumental items, and the "message with a punch!" . . . Oakey Creek, 40 miles from Townsville, became the venue for a picnic lunch and communion service when members from Ayr, Charters Towers and Townsville combined in happy fellowship on Oct. 3. Mrs. Waterman brought greetings from the New Guinea mission field on 17th when she addressed the church at morning service . . . C.W.F. conducted a successful apron parade, Oct. 28 . . . A weekend camp at Ayr, early in Dec., is planned for Y.P. . . . A visiting team from Giru played off a challenge round at tennis . . . "Cabarama" is the title of the programme arranged by youth for youth on Oct. 31. Good contacts are being made and inquiry encouraged.

EVERYBODY HAPPY!

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). It is usually impossible to make everyone happy, but that result was achieved when the Church-Sunday School picnic was held on Oct. 23. 140 adults and children boarded the N.V. "Nirvana" and were taken to Bishop Island, at the entrance of the Brisbane River. Perfect spring weather and pleasant surroundings set the stage for a happy time. A programme of games, sports and competitions was arranged, the highlight being a "Sand Text" competition. And the verdict — the best picnic for years. The teachers have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their efforts.

MISSION AT BADDOW

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). There were two working bees at Baddow on Oct. 16 and 23, to erect and prepare the Home Mission tent to be used for Mission to Baddow, which commenced on Oct. 26 through to Nov. 7. D. Nelson (circuit minister) is missionary, with local brethren assisting in other duties each night . . . There have been several decisions and two reconsecrations at recent gospel meetings . . . The minister has been granted extended leave, Dec.-Jan., to return home to W.A. for some 8 weeks. Kenmore students will assist in interim.

National Diary

- 7 — VIC. — Boys' Sunday.
- 12 — N.S.W. — Ministers' Wives' Outing — Ormond School for Girls, Thornleigh.
- 12-14 — N.S.W. — Church Leaders' Camp (Home Mission Dept.), Lane Cove National Park.
- 13 — W.A. — Youth-meet. Arranged by Youth Fellowship leaders.
- 19 — VIC. — C.O.B. Ordination and Graduation, Lygon-st.
- 19 — N.S.W. — Woolwich College Graduation Service — Enmore Tabernacle.
- 20 — W.A. — Children's Elsteddfod.

• OUR MAN OVER THERE

" . . . AND SO TO ROME "

BY E. P. C. HOLLARD

From Florence's art treasures, across the "backbone of Italy," the Appenines, to Rome! There's anticipation at a high peak. What to do first, where to go? Lined upon one's mind are the storehouses of the memories of the centuries. To walk the Appian way and somewhere imagine the very place where the brethren from Rome met Paul as he came to trial. To imagine the young men of Paul's band, Timothy, Titus, Aristarchus, Onesimus, and others wending their way to the port, and the ships, carrying in knapsacks precious letters to churches in Corinth and places far afield.

Maybe to enter the Forum and see the very place where the orators of ancient Rome thundered their edicts, or assuaged the public ear. Then the Colosseum, tier after tier seated to watch the Games. One could surely see young Telemachus, the country monk, fling himself across the barriers in protest against the butchery and wretchedness. One could surely feel the silence which descended upon the Empire as the death of the young man took effect in laws to condemn the Games.

And in Rome the memories are all there. But the sounds across the centuries are drowned by the song of the souvenir trader and the tramp of the tourists from around the world.

One may anticipate the Vatican and its splendour — and surely such splendour could never be! The main great corridor was now composed of tiers of seats for the Vatican Council in session. Even those empty seats are imposing, as one has a concept of all that has happened, and is happening in the sessions. The greatest nave, the second largest dome, the sculpture of Michelangelo's "Moses," the paintings and tapestry, the marble columns and golden articles, all cry out that here is wealth and power beyond imagining.

Outside the great building the vast square of St. Peter's is surrounded by columns of stone, parapets and sculptured figures. From a door one storey up the Pope makes his public appearances, and on holy days the vast square is filled with countless multitudes. The picture books and stories, and the movie screen have conditioned us to see it all and to be utterly crushed before its splendour and magnificence.

Let it be said that the Vatican is fantastic! Having seen it one knows that there is nothing more to be seen in the way of ornateness, treasure and awesomeness. And if one is a Roman Catholic it means everything and all the lives are filled with significance and deserving of adoration.

But, if one is not a Roman Catholic, and can try to rid the mind of bias, what then? May I attempt to give reactions by describing the city around the Vatican, and then ask you to listen in to the group of Americans and Australians who stood around me and talked about it all.

So the Vatican stands in its mag-

nificence amid the city set on seven hills, with about 5,000,000 lives eddying around it. And, remember, this is the city which is reputed to have one of the largest socialist and communist groups outside Russia. This fact is no idle accident of the 20th century.

Rome is the dirtiest city I have seen. The squalor streams to high heaven. I have not seen one home (of course there are many large and lovely villas belonging to the wealthy), but apartment houses abound like nothing we have seen anywhere in the world. Rome has been literally thrust into the sky. For sure, the ancient ruins, preserved for all of us, are surrounded by shops and factories. But the ugliness of the unpainted appals the senses. The River Tiber flows through the city, and over the parapet goes the garbage from nearby tenements. Street after street cries out that this is unkempt, unloved, and civic pride has all but departed.

In every place where a bus or a crowd congregate, the traders are in evidence. They bustle and haggle, they pester and become rude. "No, no, no," is the only definite utterance! Two "no's" are not enough! The nuns are much in evidence for offerings, and this applies throughout Italy. One cannot but feel that the Roman church has nothing to give away, nothing to share, nothing "for free." Everything has a price.

I wanted to visit these Catacombs, the cities of refuge, where early Christians have lived and met to commune, and I felt that this could be mine — it was, for a price! Oh, sure — it has to be maintained! Yes, but no poor church runs it all.

Something strange exists in this city. To define it as an atmosphere or attitude isn't quite correct. The Americans say, "these people hate us." The attitude expresses itself in an obvious contempt for the tourist and an ill-mannered rebuff in stores and hotels. We know that America has become concerned over the brash and over-bearing tourist, and this may have upset the Italians. But it doesn't follow that Americans reserve this attitude for Italy, because it simply did not happen in Austria, Switzerland and West Germany.

For those countries friendliness and courtesy were of a high standard. It could be the outcome of a socialist upsurge in the country. The tourist stands for the dollars which enables him to travel, therefore he has more of this world's goods than he deserves. It could be an offshoot of American international policies — if such policies are as bad and evil as some would have us believe. Whatever it is, from whence it is spawned, it is obvious and obnoxious.

Now, listen-in on our group discussion. Said one man, "Where have we ever seen such poverty and wealth living together?" He was right — on most streets people were begging, whilst nearby was a treasury which could fill many stomachs.

Said another: "There's not much religion in this city," to which another quickly replied, "There's plenty of religion," but not much Christianity around."

"I notice that the church charges more than those making their living by trading," commented a lady spender.

An engineer from Canada said, "My mind is almost bursting with the magnificence of it all. If only there was something simple somewhere."

And then one turned to me and said, "Reverend, what are you thinking about all this?" To which the "Reverend" had to truthfully say, "I'm afraid a word of Jesus has been niggling me all the time." "Oh, what was that?" "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head." I simply couldn't get that borrowed tomb of Arimathea's out of my mind, particularly when I saw the ornate burial places of some of his "successors." I couldn't overlook these mothers with babies, begging in the streets and believe that he would want it so.

In spite of all that is distasteful, Rome, the so-called "eternal city" is a custodian of some things which belong to all the nations. Not only her treasures and art, in her forts and walls, but the laws which even now have found a place in most nations. From Rome in those early centuries went ambassadors for Christ to places beyond horizons, within the walls still standing a multitude died sooner than deny the Christ. As I think of them now I see a new glow in the second half of Romans 8. This city has seen prophecy fulfilled in its own story.

Tomorrow we leave Rome. I sincerely wish it were lovelier than it is.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 23 — HEART ::: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN

In English in addition to the name of the physical organ, the meanings are still in use: mind; soul; seat of the emotions; sensibility; courage; central or vital part. From Anglo-Saxon *heorte*, allied to Latin *cor*; Greek *kardia*. The Latin and Greek words have come into English in "cordial," "heartly," "cardiac," belonging to the heart, and similar words.

In the Authorised Version "heart" is a translation of

(1) *kardia* in all passages except Eph. 6: 6 and where compound words are used as indicated below.

In secular Greek *kardia* was used (1) of the seat of feeling or passion, inclination, purpose, mind; (2) of the physical organ. Galen, the Greek physician (129-199 A.D.) said that the heart, with the lungs and arteries, maintained animal life; (3) of the pith in wood.

In the Septuagint *kardia* is used in a great number of passages, representing several words in Hebrew. It appears in the physical sense in such passages as 2 Kings 18: 14 (2 Sam. 18: 14 in English Bible), and in many senses paralleled in the New Testament.

The New Testament uses of *kardia* are similar to the secular, but in most instances with definite relation to the spiritual life. The Lexicon by Arndt and Gingrich has a lengthy treatment of the word, introduced by two summary statements which state that it is used of the heart (1) as the centre and source of physical life (see Acts 14: 17; Jas. 5: 5); (2) as the centre and source of the whole inner life, with its thinking, feeling, and volition, in the case of the natural man as well as the redeemed man.

Some Textual matters should be mentioned. In Revised Texts *kardia* is omitted in Matt. 12: 35; Mark 4: 15; Acts 8: 37. In Ephes. 1: 18, Revised Texts have *kardia* where the Text of the Authorised Version has *dianoia*, understanding. "Broken-hearted" in Luke 4: 18 represents two words, one of which is *kardia*, but Revised Texts omit.

(2) *psukhe* in Eph. 6: 6. The Authorised Version also translates this word "heartily" in Col. 3: 23. The Greek word will be treated under other studies: LIFE, MIND.

Some compounds are of interest. "Hardness of heart" (Matt. 19: 8; Mark 10: 5; 16: 14) is *sklerokardia*, the adjective *skleros* meaning "hard." God is the one who "knows the heart" (*kardiognostes*—Acts 1: 24; 15: 8). "Hearts failing" in Luke 21: 26 is from a compound, *apopsukho*, used only here in the New Testament.

While the expression "change of heart" does not occur in the New Testament, the thought is present in such passages as Luke 1: 17; Acts 2: 37; 16: 14; Rom. 2: 29; Jas. 4: 8.

The word translated "heart" in the Revised Version (Col. 3: 12; Philemon 7, 12, 20) is *splagkhna*, a plural word used metaphorically, the literal meaning being "inward parts."

Further profitable study of the word "heart" may be enjoyed by noting the epithets used in the Authorised Version: evil (Heb. 3: 12); foolish (Rom. 1: 21; honest and good (Luke 8: 15); impenitent (Rom. 2: 5); pure (Matt. 5: 8; 1 Tim. 1: 5; 2 Tim. 2: 22; 1 Pet. 1: 22); true (Heb. 10: 22). There are also many phrases which are illuminating.

(Keith) acted as leaders. Through an unfortunate accident, Mr. Stevens finished up in Stawell Hospital with a fractured skull and other injuries. On Oct. 24, a guest service was held, when the film, "The Prior Claim" was screened. . . . Church has entered two teams in United Churches Tennis Assoc. . . . Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. Jean England have spent several weeks in hospital.

MEMORIAL FURNITURE AT GROTE-ST.

(S.A.). The 119th church anniversary was held Oct. 17, with good attendances and excellent singing by the choir at both services, under the baton of W. Watson. A new notice board, presented by the family in memory of the late Miss M. Leedham, was erected on this occasion. Church celebrations included a social evening, with the Women's Fellowship providing supper and organising games. Miss P. Orr was compere. About 100 attended. . . . Church regrets the passing of Mrs. Ramsey and extends Christian sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. Brealey. . . . R. Sansome was guest speaker at morning service of 24th. . . . C.Y.F., after successful activities throughout the year, has gone into recess to allow Y.P. to study for forthcoming exams.

MARJORIE DEANE GOES TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Over 120 Kindergarten and Primary superintendents registered for the three sessions of the "K. and P. Conference," sponsored by the South Australian D.C.E. Miss Shirley Hall accompanied Miss Deane on the visit to S.A., and they literally brought with them a car load of ideas and resource materials for superintendents.

The Conference covered three areas of K. and P. Work: "What Are Our Objectives?"; "How Do Children Learn?"; "What Happens When Teachers Plan Together?"

A significant factor is that in the session set aside for "Your Problems" hardly any questions were asked. Perhaps this is an indication of how effectively Miss Deane introduced the sessions and the gracious and charming manner in which she shared her experiences with teachers.

Two things at least have resulted from the visit. Firstly, editors are people, and help is always as near as the letter box. Secondly, the image of the Board is higher than ever in the minds of the superintendents who availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting Marjorie Deane.

BAPTISMS AT HAMPSTEAD GARDENS

(S.A.). Baptismal services were conducted on evening of Oct. 17 and morning of 24th. . . . A church tea meeting was held on Oct. 23, with a barbecue tea, offering to all a time of fun and fellowship, concluding with a devotional period. . . . C. P. Hughes spoke to church on 17th in interests of the Mutual Fund.

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(N.S.W.). The 60th anniversary of the church at Inverell took the unique form of an "Anniversary Missionary Convention," with the challenging theme, "To the Uttermost," organised by the minister, M. Hall. Among the visiting speakers were Miss Jennifer Smith, who presented slides of the work on our New Guinea mission, Mr. Brabham, of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and a representative from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Attractive displays of the various types of missionary activity proved most effective. Earlier in the month slides and a tape recording, sent by Mr. and Mrs. Powell, presenting aspects of our work in India, were much appreciated. . . . The church has also enjoyed recent visits from J. Bacik and W. Flett (Woolwich) and the Conf. Pres., C. E. Bowser.

BURWOOD WELCOMES

R. S. A. McLEAN

(N.S.W.). The church at Burwood enjoyed fellowship on Oct. 17 with R.S.A. McLean, Sec. of the Overseas Mission Board, as he passed through the State with fresh news of our New Hebridean and New Guinea fields. Graham Warne (Woolwich) also addressed the church, bringing a message concerning the work and needs of the College. All-Age Christian Education continues to be effective and the ministry and leadership of F.L. Ewers is much appreciated.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

Dr. and Mrs. John Stanhope have now returned to Sydney from the New Guinea field. Dr. Stanhope has tendered his resignation to the Federal Overseas Mission Board, in order to take up an appointment as Medical Officer assisting the Papua-New Guinea Medical Research Advisory Committee. He is available for deputation work in N.S.W. churches during the first three weeks in November.

Miss Pauline Jones, who is now in Sydney, following some years of service as a nursing sister on the New Hebridean field, will be visiting churches in N.S.W. during November.

PLANS FOR ORANGE

(N.S.W.). A recent survey by the N.S.W. Home Mission Dept. of the area around the important centre of Orange, has revealed the presence of sufficient members of Churches of Christ to warrant the formation of a local church. In view of this development, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hawkins, at present ministering at Carramar, will shortly move into the town of Orange to assist in the organising of the new work. It is anticipated that Mr. Hawkins will take up part-time secular employment in Orange in the initial stages of the work. Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, Kevin E. Crawford, is busily engaged in the meantime in planning for the purchase of land and the erection of suitable buildings.

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ANNIVERSARY AT EPPING

(N.S.W.). At the Bible School anniversary, the theme, "If Jesus Came to Your House?" was sustained throughout Kindergarten and Primary afternoon, and Bible School evening session, which was climaxed by a mimed tableau, "The Cobbler." E. T. Hart spoke at C.M.S. tea, when 35 men were present. . . . Youth for Christ team were present for Youth Fellowship tea. The team then conducted gospel service. Guest speaker was Barry Frew. . . . Gospel service on Oct. 3 was broadcast over 2CH. . . . Boys' Brigade camped at Wattamolla over holiday weekend. Church combined with them on the Monday. . . . A. W. Stephenson addressed the church in interests of Woolwich College at morning service, Oct. 10.

ACTIVITY ON THE MURRAY

(Albury - Lavington - Wodonga N.S.W.). The church celebrated a successful anniversary, with C. W. Jackel as guest speaker. An anniversary tea was held on Sat. evening, Sept. 25. This was followed by a series of meetings through to Oct. 3. Concern was felt for Mrs. Jackel, who became ill and spent some days in Albury Hospital. . . . C.W.F. held an enjoyable annual Thanksgiving meeting on Oct. 12, with Federal C.W.F. President (Mrs. D. Strack), Essendon, Vic., as guest speaker. Many visitors attended from other churches and all were challenged by Mrs. Strack's presentation of Woman to Woman Evangelism. . . . Ladies had charge of flower and plant stall at combined churches' hospital fete. They also shared in delivering "meals on wheels" to elderly folk in the city.

HORNSBY HAPPENINGS

(N.S.W.). Boys' Brigade took part in the first annual display and prizegiving of Northside Battalion on Oct. 14. . . . Speaker at gospel service on 17th was W. Scotland (W.E.C.). . . . A young lady of the Church of England was baptized at the gospel service of 24th by Mr. Fennell. Guest speaker at the service was C. Cole (Conf. Pres.-Elect).

WOLLONGONG WITNESS

(N.S.W.). There were seven baptisms and six decisions on Oct. 17. There have been 16 decisions during the past four weeks, and the building has been crowded for both morning and evening services. . . . Boys' and Girls' Brigades both continue to average 28 in attendance, and the Youth Fellowship is functioning well. J.C.E. has enlisted eight new members in recent weeks. . . . Plans are being made for the removal of the cry-room to provide extra seating in the chapel. . . . D.W. Mansell is the minister.

N.S.W. ABORIGINES COMMITTEE OFFERS GRATEFUL THANKS

The Aborigines Committee desires to thank all those churches and individuals who have forwarded goods for the packing of the 36 cases which are being prepared for shipment to the fields in Western Australia. The Committee is grateful for excellent quality of goods.

Parcels for the Balladoran Mission are now being assembled, and any toys would be greatly appreciated.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

L. H. PARK TO VISIT N.S.W.

Lewis H. Park, representing the work of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board in Western Australia, will be visiting churches in N.S.W. from Nov. 16 to Dec. 15.

His itinerary will include:— Nov. 16, Albury; 18th, Wagga; 21st, Kingsford; 24th, Lidcombe; 28th, a.m., Penrith, p.m., Burwood; Dec. 4-5, Newcastle churches; Dec. 12, a.m., Wyoming; p.m., Hornsby.

On Friday, Dec. 3, Mr. Park will be present at the monthly session of the State Christian Women's Fellowship, at City Temple. Churches should contact C. T. Garrett, 24 Forest Glen-cresc., Belrose, for further information.

THE "SUNSHINE HOUR" BROADCAST

(N.S.W.). For all interested in the appearance of Woolwich College on Australia's National Christian Broadcast Session, the following information is provided regarding the broadcast times of this feature.

The Christian Broadcasting Association, Sydney, advises that the programme will be on the air throughout the Australian states on Sunday, November 28:—

N.S.W.—2CH Sydney, 8 a.m.; 2TM Tamworth, 8 a.m.; 2MW Murwillumbah, 5 p.m.; 2RE Taree, 6.10 p.m.

Qld.—4BC Brisbane, 6.15 p.m.; 4RO Rockhampton, 7 a.m.; 4SB Kingaroy, 6.15 p.m.; 4ZR Roma, 9 p.m.

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WELCOMES AT ASCOT PARK

(S.A.). There was a good attendance at morning worship on Oct. 24, when church had the joy of receiving into fellowship six young people who were baptized the previous Sunday. Mrs. Sims was received into fellowship by transfer.

ACTIVITY ON THE BORDER

(Bordertown, S.A.). C.W.F. sent Christmas parcels to New Guinea, and four food parcels to India, for missionaries. Mrs. Rene Williams (Kaniva) was recent speaker to C.W.F., when she showed slides of her trip to India. Church commenced Adult Education, in the form of group discussion, at night service. Groups ranged from early 'teens to grandparents. . . . Church joined with Val Milne in celebrating her 21st birthday, as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milne. . . . A trip to the Police Station was a feature of Men's Fellowship activities. Young men have helped with hay-lift, which is being organised by Inter-Church Aid, for drought areas in N.S.W. . . . Church sympathises with Russ Madern in loss of both his parents; E. P. and L. E. Verco in the loss of their brother, and Doug. Chigwidden in loss of his father. . . . Forty-eight Y.P. from Bordertown, Naracoorte and Mt. Gambier churches went into camp at Hall's Gap for holiday weekend in Oct. Mr. Stevens (Naracoorte) Mr. Mason (Mt. Gambier), Mr. Oakes (Bordertown) and Mr. Brand

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THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

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PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Lindsay Simpson, Fred Peters, Alan Schneider, Dianne Shields, Michael and Michelle Phillips, Ascot Park, S.A.

Mrs. E. G. Ganzer, Busselton, W.A.

Jillian Marshall, Harvey, W.A.

Sandra Klein, Mrs. F. Wellings, Ray Boettcher, Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.

Miss R. Ilmer, P. Pope, R. Stratton, Norlane, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. P. de Vries, Miss M. Van de Kool, R. Upsall, Mrs. J. Dobbie, Miss T. Dobbie, Mrs. D. Barker, Miss H. Hedley, G. Jones, Barry Seigal, Paul Matts, Roslyn Samuel, Terry Coville, Gay Wood, Nola Nicholls, Peter Evans, Wollongong, N.S.W.

Marión Sperne, Cheryl Spann, Boondall, Qld.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Sims, Moorook to Ascot Park, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sprigg, Miss F. Sprigg, from Narrembeen to Busselton, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones, from Busselton to Bunbury, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Yates, John Yates, Assemblies of God to Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Albert, Miss J. Albert, Latrobe-terr., to Norlane, Geelong, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Terry Rose to Rex Coomby; Sandra Morris to Chris Jones, Wollongong, N.S.W.

Betty Bradley to Mel White, Essendon, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Ramsey, Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.

John Turner, Boondall, Qld.

DEATH

HADDOW. — On Oct. 22, Nat, dearly loved husband of Alma, loved father of Elaine (Mrs. McClean), Allan, Natalie (Mrs. Wright), David; respected father-in-law of Laurie, Judith and Ron, dear grandpa of Bronwyn, Lyndel and Andrew McClean; Janine, Barbara and Anthony Haddow, and Sandra, Debbie and Jenny Wright. "Asleep."

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL, W. J. H. — Precious memories of my loving and devoted husband, called Home (suddenly) on July 31, 1965. —Loved and sadly missed by his wife, Dorothy W. Campbell, 44 Fordham-ave., Camberwell, E6, Vic.

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COMING EVENTS

NOTE.—Because of the large number of Coming Events advertisements in October and November, it is regretted that space is not available for displayed notices.

CAMBERWELL (VIC.) 49th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, NOV. 14. 11 a.m.: Dr. G. A. Whiting. 7 p.m.: Mr. A. H. Coleman. Past members and friends cordially welcome.

MOUNT EVELYN (VIC.) 18th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, NOV. 7. 11 a.m.: Speaker, C. Dow; soloist, Mrs. J. Dow. 7 p.m.: Speaker, J. Dow; soloist, Miss J. Milne. All visitors will receive a warm welcome.

BRIGHTON (VIC.) 106th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING SERVICES, NOV. 14. 11 a.m.: Speaker, R. N. Gilmore, B.A., B.D. Lunch in homes of members. 3 p.m.: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service. 5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea in the School Hall. 7 p.m.: Speaker, R. N. Gilmore, B.A., B.D. All welcome.

MIDDLE PARK (VIC.) 60th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING DAY, NOV. 21. 11 a.m.: E. C. Keating. 3 p.m.: E. G. Kernick; Albert Park Baptist Choir and Miss M. Jackel (soloist). 5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea for all. 6.30 p.m.: B. J. Jenkins; soloist, L. North. All former members and friends are invited to return for the day.

SUNSHINE (VIC.) CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND TEMPLE DAY, NOV. 14. 10 a.m.: "Back to Bible School." 11 a.m.: Worship. Speaker, B. Alcorn. Soloist, Miss J. Milne. Past members assisting. 7 p.m.: Preacher, G. Welden. Soloist, Miss G. Fordham. Past members and friends desiring hospitality for day please contact Mr. I. Hocking, 17 Hill-st., Sunshine, 311-4097.

DUNOLLY (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, November, 14, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Speaker, P. Andrews (Ashburton). All welcome.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Vic.-Tas. — CONCERT, "Golden Bag" Project, on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1965, at 8 p.m., in Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale-st., Melbourne. Ticket Programmes: 5/- Adults; 2/- Children. Proceeds to Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. Excellent programme, with first-class artists: Cedric Gower, Joy Drinkmilk, The Three Notes Trio, Eric Hancock, Betty Frances and Alan Rowe. Please plan to come with your friends.

BIRTHS

DUNN. — June and Allan are pleased to announce the safe arrival of a son — Timothy Allan, at Brisbane, on Sept. 22, 1965. Brother for Mark, Ian and David.

FRASER (Sherriff). — On Oct. 20, at Eildon House, Ballarat, Vic., to June and Aleck, a daughter — Delinda Jean. Sister for Heather.

SQUIRES (Fleer). — On Oct. 25, at Cabrina, Malvern, Vic., to Lorraine and Wallace, a daughter — Denese Joy. Sister for Julie.

ENGAGEMENT

ROSS - GRAHAM. — Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ross, 16 Eleanor-st., Ashburton, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Neil Andrew (C.O.B.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Graham, 3 Greville-st., Nth. Essendon, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

CANDY - TROMPF. — Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Claude Candy are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Marion Dael, to Warren Raymond Trompf, to be celebrated in the chapel at East Kew, Vic., Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m.

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The society began fifteen years ago with twelve members, who were young people from Sydney Churches of Christ. (Since then membership has risen to 90 and is at present 60.) They had a two-fold aim:

(1) To provide fellowship for young people, on a brotherhood scale, in Christian Endeavour activities.

(2) To foster in our young people an interest in the brotherhood.

Over the years these things have been accomplished in several ways. Most of our churches in Sydney have had active members in "CTBYPSC," and as a result, many lasting friendships have been formed. The society has had many opportunities to serve in the brotherhood — in taking gospel services and rallies, providing cabins at "Camp Greenhalgh," and in various missionary projects. Ex-members today are taking their places in local church work, on brotherhood committees, in the ministry and in mission work.

On Sept. 25, the 15th anniversary was held in the form of a rally at Enmore church. The theme was "Russia and America are attempting to get a man to the moon, but 'CTBYPSC' GETS A MAN TO THE SUN."

The programme began with an unsuccessful attempt to "launch" astronaut Bob Aldred to the sun. All "data" had to be rechecked and the years' activities reviewed. The society's president, David Crawford, led a team of "research reporters" in presenting the rest of the programme. Jan McKirdy and Stephen Sulfaro both presented solos, a girls' octet and a choir, led by Brian Benson, also presented inspirational items.

The speaker was J. Henderson, the

BAPTISMS AT WEMBLEY

(W.A.). Following the B.S. anniversary tea, John Bolton (New Guinea) spoke to the school . . . T. Banks presented L. Blume, the past Inter. supt., with a wall clock, in recognition of 7½ years as supt. . . R. Ellis presented the prizes . . . C.W.F. conducted successful Fashion Parade, which raised £35. Other ladies' activities have been a visit to Scarborough Fellowship, and a visit from Mrs. Newcombe (supt. of the Isolated Comm.) . . . Two B.S. scholars and a married couple have been baptized and received into membership . . . John Bolton showed slides and preached at a gospel service . . . Alex. Smith is recuperating after surgery.

"CRUSADE IMPACT"

(Midland, W.A.). The church launched a "Crusade Impact" on Oct. 31, which will continue to Nov. 14, and prayers for the success of the Crusade are coveted.

first president of the society, minister of the Telopea church and superintendent of Ormond Girls' Home (N.S.W. Child Welfare Dept.). He presented a challenge to the society and also brought a challenge to those present who had not been to THE SON.

"CTBYPSC" continues to play a vital role in the brotherhood through strengthening young people in faith and in the work of the church.—Kevin Caulton.

THIS IS IT!

Youth Crusade at Ipswich City.

(Qld.). The young people themselves became enthused to conduct a mission for teens. As planning and praying commenced the Town Hall was booked for one week. David Mansell, from Wollongong, was invited to be special speaker, with Rob Holt, from Marburg, to lead the singing. Young people who could sing and play, and special groups were booked for certain nights.

Advertising began with slides showing at all theatres, 98 advts. went over the radio station 4IB. There was much publicity through the "Queensland Times," the Ipswich paper. Four thousand handbills, right at teen level, were given out, and sandwich boards were worn by three young people in the main shopping centre each lunch hour for nine days.

Each night featured a special theme, and the stage was decorated accordingly. The programme themes were: Blast Off, Western Roundup, Surfie Night, Folk Night, Dream Island, Car Crazy, and a Mighty Finale.

The attendance started with 180, then grew from 300 to 400. Two reconsecrations and four decisions were made. The following Sunday night was a youth service, with young people attending that we have never seen at church before, and the after-church sing-a-long had approx. 70 young people present. Was it worth while? Ask our young people, and they will say, "When can we have the next one?"

BUSTLE AT BUSSELTON

(W.A.). The church is being blessed in its two-week mission, with evangelist J. K. Bond. To date six have made their stand for Christ. We praise God for these decisions. The Crusade commenced on Oct. 10. Delegations from Bunbury, Collie and Bridgetown churches have supported the meetings . . . C.W.F. is having good meetings, and all clothes are now ready for a Carnarvon child.

THE GREAT WALKABOUT AT HARVEY

(W.A.). Sunday school anniversary held Oct. 10, with theme, "Jesus, the Way." All mothers of children on Cradle Roll received a posy. School presented tableau, "The Great Walkabout," depicting last quarter's lessons on the Life of Moses . . . An evangelistic leaflet has replaced the church's weekly paper, for distribution to friends . . . Ladies of the South-West churches held a rally at Harvey, with Miss Helen Maiden as guest speaker.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WESTERN WOMEN'S COUNTRY CONVENTION

The Women of the West conducted a Country Convention at Northam, W.A., on Oct. 19. Eighty women from the metropolitan area travelled 60 miles by buses and cars. Others came from the Eastern Wheatbelt and York, making a total of about 130 women. When the visitors arrived they were served morning tea in the beautifully prepared church hall by Northam C.W.F.

The State President, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, presided over the meeting that followed in the church. "Possessing Land Through Prayer" was the Convention theme. Morning meditations were conducted by York C.W.F., led by Mrs. W. Turnell, who developed her message from Luke 18: 1: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Mrs. E. Roediger was soloist.

Praise and Prayer Pointers from all departments of Conference were presented by representatives. Through them we were reminded that God does hear and answers prayer. By praying and feeding on his Word we discover his programme for his work. Infinite resources are available, for there is much land to be possessed through prayer.

The afternoon worship was conducted at the lunch table. Much food for thought was gained from Mrs. R. Richard's message from Eph. 6: 18. "Pray at all times with every kind of spiritual prayer, keeping alert and persistent as you pray for all Christ's men and women."

We give thanks and praise to God for a wonderful day of fellowship together with our Lord.—Dora Gordon, sec.

WESTERN TRAVELS

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). B. Wells (minister) travelled to Kalgoorlie on weekend of Oct. 17 to take the anniversary services. Children's choir performed well and were most attentive when Mr. Wells gave an illustrated flannelgraph talk . . . C.W.F. held their first "at home" in the new chapel. 36 ladies attended from other communions and from district Churches of Christ. Nurse Helen Maiden, formerly missionary to New Hebrides, spoke on the difficulties experienced in mission work. . . . Some weeks ago the church farewelled Kaye Lewis, who left to be married to Winston Holmes, of Narrogin.

ANNIVERSARIES

(Bassendean, W.A.). Bible School anniversary services consisted of two Sunday afternoon sessions, participation in an evening service, special tea, a play and presentation night. All these were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. . . . Of special interest was the Nathaniel Harper Children's Home Sunday School anniversary, held in our chapel on Oct. 24. These young people challenged with their singing and simple faith. After the service the ladies of the church held a tea for these children and their parents.



VICTORIA

GOINGS AND COMINGS

(Doncaster, Vic.). At the gospel service of Oct. 17, J. G. Shaw farewelled nursing sister, Miss Noelle McIntyre, as she takes up missionary service with the Australian Inland Mission at Kununurra, near the Ord River, North-West Australia. (Previously at the Ewing Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Goy set aside Noelle for this mission task.) Mr. Shaw wished Noelle well and invoked God's blessing on her future service for him. At the same service, Miss Heather Tully was welcomed home after sojourn in London . . . C.M.F. had a great evening when Ralph Petty gave an interesting talk on "Photography." He showed a superb exhibition of his skill.

MISSION AT RED CLIFFS

(Vic.). Evangelistic campaign, with David Mansell, missionary, Miss Betty Marcus, soloist, and C. L. Lang, song leader, got away to a good start on Oct. 20 and will continue to 31st . . . B.S. anniversary, with L. E. Brooker as speaker, was well attended . . . C.W.A.F. held 33rd birthday on Oct. 14.

TEMPLE DAY AT OAKLEIGH

(Vic.). Temple Day was helpful and offering exceeded £790 . . . Church is saddened at death of W. Kent, after a prolonged illness . . . A married couple were baptized at gospel service of Oct. 17. B.S. anniversary was held in Oct., and thanks are extended to speakers — Mrs. Dollman, Ken. Fraser, R. Hillbrich and A. Dean. . . Boys' Explorer club, under leadership of H. Miller and R. Johnson, now meets on two nights weekly to more effectively cater for junior and senior sections. Seniors gained 1st place, and Juniors, 3rd, in Metropolitan Outdoor Sports.

B.S. ANNIVERSARIES

(North Fitzroy, Vic.). Bible School anniversary was held on Oct. 17 and 24. V. C. Stafford was speaker at a teacher dedication service on the morning of 17th. "The Life of Christ" in song and story was presented at the afternoon service. This was followed by a reunion tea. D. W. Hibburt addressed the evening meeting . . . On the 24th, the teachers conducted the morning service, at which the speaker was Mr. Arnot. Afternoon speaker was D. Parkin. A family tea was held, at which the minister, J. Turner, led a discussion on Christian Education. Youth group presented a modern version of "The Prodigal Son" at evening service. A parcel of school materials for a New Hebrides boy was on display.

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(Blackburn, Vic.). Forty men attended C.M.F. annual dinner held in hall, and catered for by the ladies. G. Smith (Antarctic Div. of Dept. External Affairs), the guest speaker, gave an interesting illuminated talk. Baptismal service was held on Oct. 3, when lady who made her decision at a recent Women's Coffee Hour, was baptized . . . 400 scholars, parents and teachers attended Church School family service addressed by R. V. Longthorp.

ANNIVERSARY DECISION

(Croydon, Vic.). There was a decision on Sept. 26 at the B.S. anniversary. This was held over three Sundays, with Barry Jenkins, from Brighton, Viney Longthorp, Director of Christian Educ., and the minister, W. J. Thomson, as speakers. E. Keating, of the College of the Bible, was leader of song . . . Sympathy is expressed to the family of Mrs. M. A. Dudley, who died just after she celebrated her 90th birthday.

CHANGE IN SERVICE

(East Preston, Vic.). Ladies' annual apron parade included modelling of some church members' wedding frocks. It was a very successful night. £50 was raised for the church Building Fund. C.W.F. also raised £21 from their jumble sale. . . . Y.P. club visited North Essendon club for a series of meetings . . . A new form of evening service is being conducted, which includes a changed form of seating arrangements, the use of printed forms in the service, and the introduction of the Folk Mass, to be used occasionally.

UNUSUAL VISITOR

(Mildura, Vic.). On Oct. 17, the Mildura church had an unusual visitor to its monthly modern-Idiom family service, in the person of Father Arundel, of the local Roman Catholic Church. The minister interviewed Fr. Arundel concerning the Vatican Council, and we were considerably heartened by the gracious

Christian spirit and obvious desire for tolerance and understanding that our guest displayed. He freely suggested errors his church had made, and expressed a longing for all Christians to break down the barriers of prejudice and ignorance that separate Protestant from Catholic . . . The large congregation was made aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit is blowing a mighty wind through the edifice of Rome in our generation.

TEACHERS' DEDICATION SERVICE

(Northcote, Vic.). A teachers' dedication service was held at morning service of Oct. 17. A scholars' tea was held at 5 p.m., to which the Campbell Singers were invited. This tea finalised the Plan of Development in 1965. The Campbell singers assisted in the gospel service with excellent singing. A senior B.S. scholar made her decision on Oct. 24. Church held a successful picnic recently.

CHADSTONE'S FAMILY CAMP

(Vic.). Fourth church family camp was held at Monbulk. Studies held on "Listening," Prayer, the Bible, and "Communication." Both senior and junior C.Y.F. groups have discontinued. Concern for this expressed at half-yearly church meeting on Oct. 17 . . . J. Brewster and Miss M. Coventry represented church at conference called by Christian Union Dept. . . . Coffee club concluded 1965 programme on high note.

OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

BRUNSWICK. Two delegates attended Church Unity Camp at Monbulk . . . Church saddened last month by the passing of its elder, Mr. Cornish . . . After-church fellowship held to congratulate tennis team, who won the Winter B.2 Premiership.

BAYSWATER. "The Master's Light Bearers" was a pageant presented by senior scholars at the Church School anniversary . . . Primary and kinder. depts. were addressed by H. Potts. Family tea followed the late afternoon service.

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OPEN FORUM

WOMEN IN CHURCH.

To the Editor,

C. H. Jackson, in "A.C." 2/10/65, calls it an assumption that 1 Cor. 14: 34, 35 was an instruction only to the women at Corinth, yet the epistle is addressed to the Church of God at Corinth, and being so addressed it is no assumption that its contents were meant for the church members.

The pioneers of the Restoration Movement maintained that to understand any part of Scripture the following, at least, should be considered. Who said it? To whom was it said? When was it said? What were the circumstances under which it was said?

This system of study and reasoning has served the Churches of Christ well for over 150 years, and I am quite willing to apply it, not only to Corinthians, but to all the rest of the Bible. Mr. Jackson mentions Timothy, Titus, Hebrews and Revelation as being to specific churches. Timothy and Titus were individuals, not churches, Hebrews carries no address whatever, and the Book of Revelation is directed to the seven churches in Asia.

Mr. Jackson says the Scriptures do not say anything about the women at Corinth interrupting the services, yet 1 Cor. 14: 35 reads, "And if they will learn anything let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." This shows that the women were asking questions in church and disrupting the services, and Paul's objective was to stop this practice. When Paul said, "Let your women keep silence and not speak in church," he meant let them keep silent while they are in the congregation. This cannot be taken as prohibiting women from addressing churches as official speakers.

Mr. Jackson says the Scriptures do not say that the woman of Samaria taught the men. John 4: 39 reads, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. If they believed because of what the woman told them, then quite obviously she taught them something, whether John uses the word "taught" or not.

The important thing here is that a woman was used to take the good tidings to others and bring them to Jesus, and was not forbidden to do so, and if women could do this in those days, they should be able to do it now. Opposition to women helping in church services is always based on 1 Cor. 14: 34, 35, and 1 Tim. 2: 11, 12, all other Scripture being ignored.

When you add Anna the prophetess (Luke 2: 28), the daughters of Philip (Acts 21: 9), the prophecy of Joel (chap. 2: 28), the statement by Peter that this prophecy was fulfilled at Pentecost at the very beginning of the Christian Church (Acts 2: 16), there is a considerable weight of Scripture in favour of women which cannot be disregarded for all time. There is no Scriptural warrant for forbidding women to take part in church services.

—A. Middleton, W.A.

OBITUARY

Fred W. Bradley.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, at the very time of evening worship, our Warrnambool preacher, Fred W. Bradley, was called "Home." He had been resting for some weeks following a heart attack. The cremation took place at the Western Suburbs Crematorium, Melbourne, on Sept. 15, and the service was conducted by the writer, assisted by the Conference Secretary, W. W. Saunders. The thought uppermost in our minds at that service was the fine example of Christian conduct and character of Mr. Bradley. He had exercised a splendid record of Christian service, beginning as far back as the early days of the Ormond church, where he served as secretary for nearly seven years. His emphasis on the prayer life was outstanding, and his leadership in church work was greatly appreciated. Mr. Bradley, for many years, worked in a large tailoring warehouse, and in the tailoring and clothing circles he later served in an administrative capacity. As a young man he had served as a wireless officer in the British merchant fleet, and this training fitted him for his life of discipline and orderliness and devotion to duty. When later he moved to Warrnambool the church called him as their minister, and since 1960 he was appreciated for his faithful preaching and pastoral oversight. He "walked by faith, and not by sight," and his life will stand as a testimony to this, and will serve as an inspiration and encouragement to those who knew him. To his wife and son Neville, the sympathy of the brotherhood is warmly extended.—S. R. Baker.

William D. Kent.

William David Kent was called Home on Oct. 17, after an illness that left him partially paralysed. Over a number of years he grappled with ill-health, which robbed him of much of life's enjoyment. He bore his troubles courageously and without complaint, and even until the end tried hard to help recovery, always thinking of his loved ones. Over 40 years ago he joined the church at Emerald, where he attended regularly. When he married, he and his wife returned to the city, where for a time they attended the church at Gardenvale. Twenty-five years ago they moved to Oakleigh, where they immediately became associated with the church. Here he laboured faithfully with his wife and three daughters. He was a quiet man, loyal to the church, and with radiant faith in the Son of God. He was highly respected and deeply loved. He was laid to rest in the Springvale Lawn Cemetery, after a largely attended service held in the Oakleigh chapel. To his dear wife and daughters we tender our loving Christian sympathy. "Forever with the Lord."—E. J. Miles.

Mrs. M. A. Dudley.

Mrs. Mary Ann Dudley passed away early on Oct. 13. On Sunday, 10th, she celebrated her 90th birthday and left hospital for a few hours to spend them at her daughter's, Mrs. R. Elliot, where she had made her home for some years. Mrs. Dudley was born at Ballarat, where her father, Edwin Fisher, was very active in the church work. The family moved to North Richmond, and it was

there, at the age of 16, she was baptized. Throughout her 74 years' membership she was a faithful, loyal and consistent Christian. Her married life was spent at Shepparton, where her home was marked for its hospitality. Student preachers to Shepparton were often cared for there. She had six daughters and one son, Lionel (dec.), who was one of our missionaries in the New Hebrides. She was pre-deceased also by her husband and a daughter. The Dudleys and the Fishers are two families who have, and are giving great service to Christ and his Church. Mrs. Dudley was full of faith, which never wavered even in the times of her greatest suffering. Until such days overtook her she was faithful at the Lord's Table and at other services of the church. With her five daughters, and 12 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren, we rejoice in the victorious achievements of her life and the crowning day that awaits her.—W. J. Thomson.

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PSALM 23.

Thursday, Nov. 11. v. 1. The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.

A shepherd leads his sheep, he never pushes. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way" (Isaiah 53: 6), so I am glad to acknowledge and follow the One who leads me. He knows all my waywardness — so he leads. He knows the nourishment I need — so he feeds. "They that seek the Lord shall not want (lack) any good thing." Said the little girl, "The Lord's my Shepherd, that's all I want." I am safe — because my Shepherd is the Lord.

Lord, lead me. I am glad to be led by the loving Shepherd, who gave his life for the sheep. Thank you for being the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. Amen.

Friday, Nov. 12. v. 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

The green pastures are full of lush food. It is in the living Word that I will be nourished — not in haste — but resting. Take time to be nourished in and fed on the Word of Truth, the only way for the sheep to grow. The green pastures are only for those prepared to live at the Shepherd's leading. Sheep never drink from troubled waters. The Shepherd leads to still waters. His Word is water to cleanse, water to slake the thirst for righteousness, and still water to reflect our true nature — and show us what we really are. Only when we see our true selves do we realise how much we do need the Shepherd.

Father — show me the true picture of myself, speak through your Word and

cleanse my inmost being, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Saturday, Nov. 13. v. 3. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

When I see my own reflection in the still waters, I am discouraged. My own righteousness is as filthy rags. Like Isaiah, "I am undone" (Isaiah 6: 5), yet it is the Shepherd who restores the purity, the uprightness, the holiness. Again, he never drives or pushes, but gently leads me and bids me follow, for he is righteous. "Be ye holy (righteous) as I am holy." It is for my own good, but also for his sake. He bought me and cleansed me. Should not the glory and honour be for his Name's sake?

Thou art worthy to be praised, for thou wast slain. Always lead me where you choose and give me strength never to murmur at thy bidding.

Sunday, Nov. 14. v. 4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Yes, when this life ends, the Shepherd has already prepared a home, and the valley will only be a shadow leading to the light of that glorious home. Then, too, there is a valley of shadow of the self life. Until this is put to death (Galatians 2: 20), there is only shadow cast by turning to the darkness of the world. When self is really put to death, there is no shadow, only the joy of walking in the light of the Light of the World.

Dear Lord, give me courage to put to death (mortify) all that is of self and flesh, and serve the Lord with gladness. Thank you for the Light that illumines my daily walk. Amen.

Monday, Nov. 15. v. 4. For thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Nothing is too difficult if the Shepherd is there to help and encourage. The rod of his authority is my assurance. Moses had the rod of God to show that his power was present. He struck the Rock and water flowed. We have the authority of the presence of our God. And the staff? The Shepherd's staff or crook was used to rescue the sheep slipped over the mountain side, or to hook the straying foot back into the right path. Am I willing to be brought back into his path if I have turned to my own way?

Loving Shepherd, I bow to your authority. Lead and direct my ways, and bring me back if I should err from the strait and narrow way. Keep me from the broad way. Amen.

Tuesday, Nov. 16. v. 5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.

What food is on the table? A feast! Bread! Jesus is the Bread of Life. Honey. Thy Word is even sweeter than honey or the comb. Water! "Now ye are clean through the Word." Milk! "Desire the sincere milk of the Word." Meat! "Strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern between good and evil" (Hebrews 6: 14). No wonder I can face all enemies. What wonderful provision for the sheep. And my head — oil — the symbol of the Holy Spirit pouring from my head over my whole body. God's man or woman from head to foot. My cup of salvation so full that it must flow over to others. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Blessed God — your provision is so wonderful, I can only bow and acknowledge your bounty. Keep me true, and enable me to share this bounty with my neighbour. Amen.

Wednesday, Nov. 17. v. 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This means for all the past, in all the present, and in all the future. For tomorrow, as today, I can say, thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. "Goodness" is the love received from the Shepherd in daily provision — physical and spiritual. "Mercy" is the extra goodness heaped upon an undeserving "sheep." As I am the temple of the Holy Spirit, I am dwelling in his temple. I can say with Paul, "Whether I live or whether I die, I am the Lord's." Here and now I live in his temple, my body indwelt by the Holy Spirit. One day I shall live in the Heavenly Mansion prepared just for me.

Loving Shepherd, I acknowledge that all that I am and have are only because of thy grace and mercy. Amen.

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kiss

Set on thy sighing lips shall make
thee glad;

A poor man served by thee shall make
thee rich;

A sick man helped by thee shall make
thee strong;

Thou shalt be served thyself by every
sense

Of service which thou renderest.

—E. B. Browning.

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The chairman replied with a few appropriate words.

—Cecil Hunt.

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A Negro minister said that he had fifty members in his church. "All of them active — twenty-five working for me, and twenty-five against me."

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