

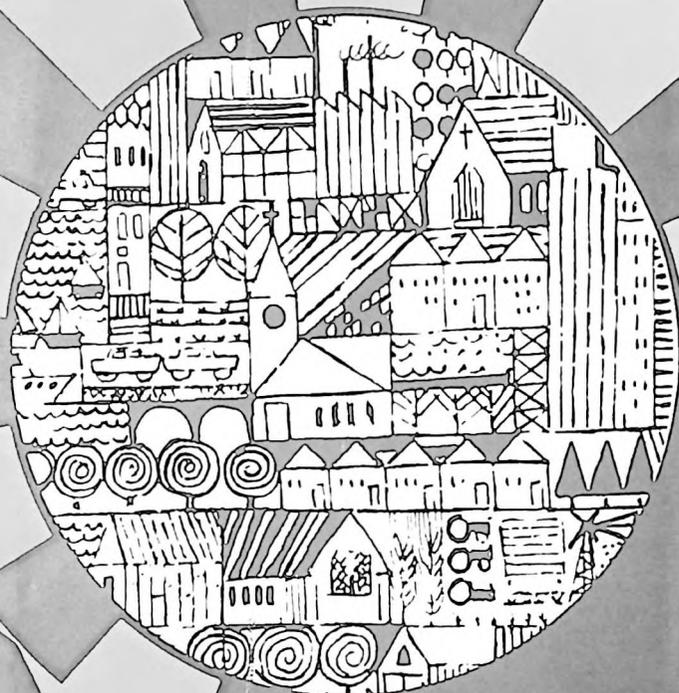
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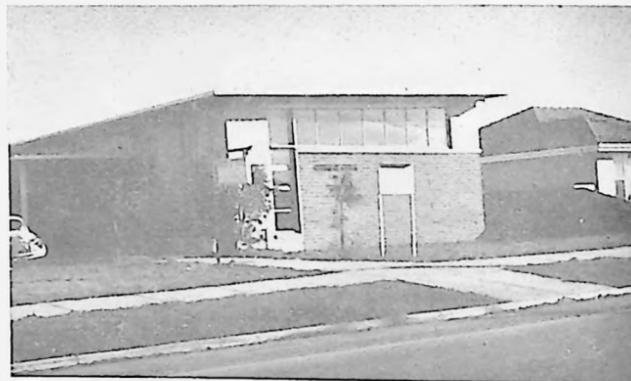
E. C. L. Ots.

MILLEARA PARTNERSHIP

The story of Milleara is one of partnership. North Essendon was the sponsoring church. The Campbell Edwards Trust has financed the development of the project through the various stages of land purchase, buildings, and now manse erection. The Home Mission Department has assisted with a subsidy for a student ministry, and conducted a planned giving programme.

First Full-Time Ministry

Now the scene is set for the coming of E. C. L. Ots, in 1968. The area is continuing to expand and there are great opportunities amid many young families. Victorian C.W.F. groups made a gift to Home Missions to get this project under way. Each of the partners is deeply committed to the new phase about to begin.



Milleara Chapel.

Victoria Needs \$3600 Extra in 1968—

An aggressive development programme is taxing resources. Income has risen, and churches have assisted with special projects, such as North Essendon for Milleara. But commitments and requests have never been greater. In 1966 the first full-time ministry commenced at Bentleigh East, then at Burwood in 1967, and now at Milleara in 1968. Two proposals are in view for 1969. New responsibilities will likely be accepted at Stawell and Wangaratta in 1968.

The Department is facing a period of critical demand and urgently looks to churches and individuals to back its action programme. Other churches are waiting far too long for the help they need. \$3,600 extra is required in 1968 to avoid a deficit.

Work Is Basic

What happens in new and smaller churches is of basic importance to the whole brotherhood. The Department's programme is spread over 23 churches in Melbourne, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, the Murray Basin, and other country areas. At every point the concern is for people and their relationship to Jesus Christ.

Very encouraging progress is being made in a number of centres. Geelong churches at Norlane and Thomson are among those in new area situations showing marked growth. The programme expresses the convictions of the churches and the determination of the Department to try to meet the missionary situation in our midst.

TASMANIAN OUTLOOK

C. J. Orr has continued to act as the Department's Tasmanian representative, and through his sub-committee has maintained close contact with the churches. Mr. Orr also serves as District Conference President.

Ulverstone

C. J. Robinson has completed his first year of full-time ministry. It has been marked by intense pastoral activity. Some gains have been recorded, and reports indicate the church is in good heart. With the relocation of the Bass Highway, additional land for church purposes has been acquired. The Department will be assisting in an examination of possible site and plant redevelopment. Subsidy expenditure exceeds annual income. The present situation continues because of the ability to build up reserves when no minister was in the field. However, for the Ulverstone project to continue, additional help will be necessary from the churches.

Hobart

In late 1966 plans were finalised for a second ministry. It is hoped that an appointment can be made at an early date to launch this major move. Once this has been done the Department hopes to review the whole Tasmanian strategy with a view to vigorous development at all levels of church life.



C. J. Orr.

FIELD WORK

Far and Wide

In 1967, field officers Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey have done intensive work in 30 churches, plus numerous other visits. Allan Avery served in Perth and Sydney at invitation of the State Departments.

New Programming

This year a number of week long consultations have been held with churches. These have examined the effectiveness and strategy of the church's outreach. Practical experience in group evangelistic outreach has been part of the consultations. Numerous weekend consultations have taken place.

Survey

In 1968, Allan Avery will spend six months in special survey work. This will include review of past work. An attempt will also be made to shape future programming in evangelism and stewardship. Aspects of inner and new area work will also be surveyed. The Department is concerned to have an adequate strategy as we prepare to enter the 1970's.

Support from Ministers

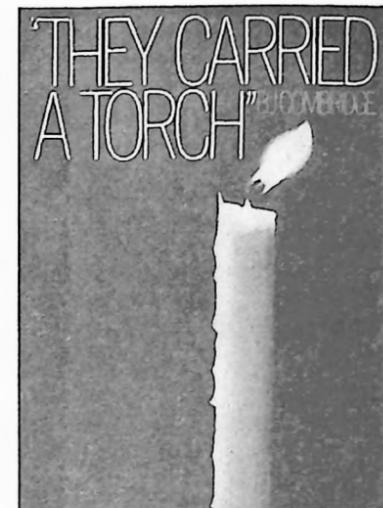
A recent live-in conference conducted by the Department with a group of ministers gave strong support to the Department's lead and direction in evangelism for local churches. Emphasis is upon equipping the church for its local outreach. The Department believes there are signs of real awakening to responsibility. Twelve programmes this year have served to provide training experiences in visitation and outreach through group activity. Members and associates informally discuss life centred issues and explore the relevance of the gospel to them. There have been numerous responses for decision, restoration and recommitment.

Anticipated Gain of \$34,000

A planned giving programme completed at Blackburn in October should see a rise in giving over a three-year period from \$39,000 to \$73,000. With such resources the church is equipped to handle local extension proposals and make an increasingly significant contribution to brotherhood work. Other churches have experienced similar impetus recently. The overall field programme has immeasurably strengthened work in recent years.



Allan Avery.



"They Carried A Torch"

A History of Home Missions in Victoria and Tasmania

By B. J. COMBRIDGE

ches, members and ministers have worked through the years to give point to the book's title. The history is the story of response to changing situations with an unchanging gospel borne of deep faith and conviction.

ORDERS

Copies may be obtained by ordering through Vic.-Tas. church secretaries, or by posting the form below, or that included in the annual offering leaflet shortly available in the churches.

Early comments indicate that over the years the book will become a very significant record of brotherhood history. Inevitably it will be one of the very few books on such subjects and will become increasingly valuable.

Commissioned by the Department to write a history of Home Missions, B. J. Combridge has recorded the Victorian story since 1873 and in Tasmania since 1952. Older members will thrill to recall some of the great personalities and events which characterised Home Mission work. Younger people will enjoy his skilful sketching of the significance of past eras, without cluttering the narrative with tedious detail. Every era receives due attention with penetrating assessments of the times.

PERSONALITIES

The work of great personalities like the evangelist, E. C. Hinrichsen, is carefully discussed. The history possibly presents the first assessment of his work in Victoria, seen now with the perspective of the years. The long and faithful ministry of William Gale, a past secretary, through the depression and war years, has its own ring of courage and will thrill all those who knew the period.

TEAM WORK

"They Carried A Torch" is the story of evangelism through team work. Department members, secretaries, chur-



B. J. Combridge.

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MAIL ORDER FORM

Mr. D. H. SMITH, Secretary,
Department of Home Missions and Evangelism,
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Please forward me copies of "THEY CARRIED A TORCH," at One Dollar per copy, for which payment of is attached.

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NEW SOUTH WALES FOR CHRIST

"And daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."—Acts 5: 42.

In these words lay the secret to the rapid growth of the New Testament church. In our plea to restore New Testament Christianity it is important that we also restore this very active concern for others. The early church went to people where they were in order to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

One of the most encouraging developments in N.S.W. in the past year has been an emphasis upon this. To our amazement we have found that folk are more than ready to discuss spiritual issues in their homes and that many can be reached who would remain untouched by our present ministries.

Reggie Thomas Crusade in Wollongong

During 1967 the Wollongong church enjoyed progress in all departments, not equalled before in its 26 years of history.

During this year there have been approximately 140 decisions for Christ, and over 100 of these have been baptized.

Some of those not baptized have had family difficulties, or other circumstances that have hindered obedience to Christ.

The church's outreach has gone to many sections of the community as they have received into membership business and professional people, as well as migrants and manual workers. The prestige of the church in the city of Wollongong is extremely high, with opinion being sought in most social and welfare issues.

The greatest single effort came through the mission with the Thomas Team from the U.S.A. For months before the mission up to 40 members visited each week in homes of B.S. and club members, parents and other contacts of church.

Wollongong church, in conjunction with Warrawong and the Home Missions Committee, is sponsoring a new work at Dapto, approximately 10 miles south of Wollongong. Already the breaking of bread services are conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Northey, with an average of 25 taking communion, and over 50 in the Bible School. Twenty of those

who registered decisions in the Thomas mission came from the Dapto area.

Attendances at services have reached an all-time high, with well over 200 breaking bread each Sunday, and a gospel service of approximately 200 each Sunday night.

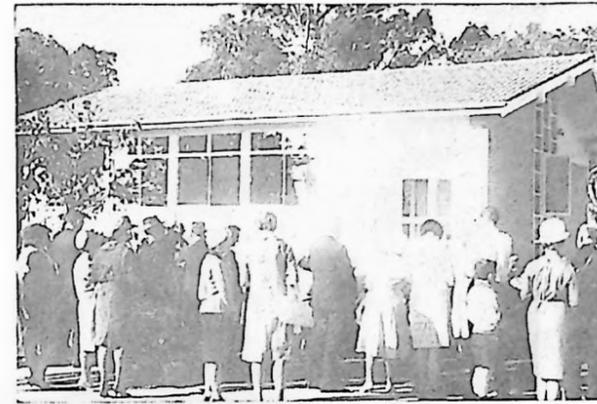
Planned Programmes of Evangelism

These have followed the pattern developed by the field officers working with our Victorian-Tasmanian Department. Their main aim is to assist churches to integrate evangelism into their programmes, and to involve the membership in this fundamental mission of the church. The programmes recognise four steps which are fundamental to evangelism: contact, cultivation, commitment and consolidation. Over a period of time all those associated with the local church are contacted, cultivated and presented, in their own homes, with a simple explanation of why they need to accept Christ. During 1967 programmes have been commenced at North Turramurra, Belmore and Caringbah.

Lay Institutes for Evangelism

These are a series of Training Sessions which help Christians to experience consistently the abundant Christian life, and to equip them in how to share Christ with others in the power of the Holy Spirit. Training sessions are usually held over five nights, each divided into a lecture period followed by a workshop.

During the Institutes practical assignments are given. As a result of this many make a verbal witness of Christ for the first time in their lives, and are encouraged to make witnessing a way of life. This leads to the transformation in their own Christian experience and others won to Christ.



New Strategy in Queensland Outreach

By A. Mc.K. SURTEES,
(Qld. H. M. Director)

Left: Gathering at Opening of Sunnybank chapel (Brisbane), July, 1966. H.M. subsidy helps work.

A new strategy is steadily developing in Home Mission work in Queensland. There are good reasons for this.

With a brotherhood of 50 churches, numbering only 3,000 active members, resources are limited. And these resources are very widely and thinly spread, as a glance at a Queensland map will quickly show.

Eleven of our churches are more than 250 miles from Brisbane. The most remote are four to five times that far away!

Let's put it another way. The small group at Mt. Isa (pictured on this page) is farther from Brisbane than Melbourne is! Distance-wise, Queensland Home Missions could take over, without extending its radius, every church in New South Wales, and every church except two in Victoria.

How can such a situation possibly be met effectively?

Outreach Plans

In recent months, we've discussed ways and means of decentralising H. M. activities on a "zone" basis. Methods of utilising and financing a "field officer" are being explored — someone who can move through the State to encourage, guide and assist distant churches in their development and programming, as well as keep in touch with isolated individuals and groups.

Such a move is far-sighted and ambitious. The obstacles for so small a brotherhood are great. But the vision persists and we trust that God will open doors for us.

Meanwhile, immediate activities are concentrated on strengthening the witness of churches and members where they are. In this way, each church can become a miniature H. M. Committee intent on evangelising its own area, and each individual Christian can become a unit with the same purpose.

Programme Summary

It isn't possible to detail here all that is being done, but the following indicates ways by which the H.M.C. strengthens the witness of —

Churches: By conducting tent and chapel missions; providing church evangelism programmes; holding teaching campaigns and stewardship programmes; assisting weak churches; supplying material for new members; helping establish new causes; financing church ministries

by subsidy; operating an annual men's camp which provides both doctrinal and practical emphases; providing literature and facilities for isolated groups meeting round the Lord's Table.

Individuals: By conducting training sessions on personal evangelism; providing aids for personal workers; operating an isolated-member programme; training members in visitation, leadership and other skills.

Co-operative Agencies: By supporting activities of an evangelistic nature in inter-church spheres.

[For example, considerable support by our churches was given to Crusades by Dr. Akbar Haqq in Toowoomba, Mt. Isa, Cairns, Townsville, Ipswich and Brisbane, and considerable involvement is already current for the 1968 Graham Crusade. Further, the H.M. Committee provides our churches' share of finance for Queensland operations of I.T.I.M., whereby 15 industrial chaplains (including our own Ann-st. minister, L. G. Armstrong) are serving in commercial and industrial organisations.]

Practical Examples

Pictures on this page illustrate some of the activities outlined.

The new chapel opened at Sunnybank (Brisbane suburb), in July last year, evidenced the remarkable progress made in the Acacia Ridge/Sunnybank circuit under the ministry of Vic. Parker, with a subsidy by H. M. Committee. Over

the period of the last two completed Conference years, this circuit has doubled its membership!

In fulfilment of long-laid plans, the first full-time ministry at Gladstone commenced with Kevin Jenner, on August 20 last. This also involves a complete subsidy of full minister's salary and allowances. A new manse is being built. Formerly, the burden of the work for some years was borne by a small handful of faithful members, led by the church secretary, Roley Smith.

Roy Acland, former Conference President, is ministering under subsidy at Charters Towers, and is currently conducting a Forward to Revival programme.

Altogether, it's a big task being faced in Queensland. A great vision creates great needs. Total support by all, under God's hand, is the only answer. "Brethren, pray for us!"



Top: Group at Lord's Table in Mt. Isa. Lower (from left): K. Jenner, newly-appointed Gladstone minister; R. Smith, Gladstone church secretary; R. Acland, Charters Towers minister.



Group after service at Wollongong with Thomas Evangelistic Party.

EVANGELISM BEGINS WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

ALBERT H. WALKINGTON, B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed.,
Chairman, Home Missionary Committee, W.A.

Home Missions is the story of thousands of men and women in local churches, appointed by Christ to proclaim the good news that Christ by his life and death has reconciled man to God and men to each other. The task of the church, of the brotherhood, of the Home Missionary Committee, is to involve the whole church in this task of evangelism.

In a day of specialisation and of larger scale organisations both in our society, and to a lesser extent in the church, there is a danger that individuals will leave to the specialists many tasks which they themselves should be doing. Sometimes church members are misled by the publicity which precedes mass campaigns, such as the Billy Graham Crusade, or the recent Crusade '67 in Western Australia.

Even such mass crusades begin with the local church. Unless the local church has a constant outreach to the community in which it is placed, and attracts by its fellowship those who would respond to the gospel, mass campaigns can be a failure.

Membership Training

During July and August, Allan Avery, a Field Officer of the Victorian-Tasmanian Home Missions Dept., led a special programme in the church at Dalkeith Road and South Perth, W.A. It actually began in April, 1967, when Allan Avery outlined the programme to be undertaken to the elders and members of those churches, and set them the task of organising and training members for friendship cultivations, consecration and conservation.

Over the four months each of these churches experienced increased interest from the community contacts, and members learnt that it was possible for them to be evangelists if they were prepared to train and be involved with other people.

Brian Stitt, who takes up the position of W.A. Youth and Christian Education Director in 1968, was associated in this campaign with Allan Avery, Cyril Flood and George Wood. It is anticipated that in 1968, and later years, Brian Stitt will conduct similar programmes in other churches.

Role

The role of the Home Missionary Dept. is to provide key personnel with experience and training to advise the local church as it ventures out for Christ.



A. H. Walkington.

"Operation Go"

Last year the Home Missionary Dept. sponsored "Operation Go" with missions at Rivervale, Applecross and Scarborough. The first two of these were subsidised Home Mission churches, while Scarborough had only the previous year ceased to receive a subsidy.

The purpose of "Operation Go" was to involve the whole brotherhood in providing personnel to assist small churches in expanding areas of housing development to contact the community. In this, the programme was not completely successful, although there can be no doubt that the churches benefited. Applecross is now a self-supporting church, and Rivervale has been challenged to seek its own minister in 1969, after a joint ministry in 1966-68.

From the experience of 1966, Rivervale church decided to hold another special campaign in July this year, and Midland church conducted a fortnight's mission under the preaching of their minister, Maurie Hodgson.

Crusade '67

Crusade '67, in September, with Gordon Moyes, of Cheltenham, Vic., needs to be seen as part of this emphasis, and not separate from it. This Crusade, organised by a committee appointed by the Home Missionary Committee, was seen as an opportunity for the whole brotherhood to share together in the fundamental task of the church, not as a special event, but as one phase of a total programme of evangelism in the local churches. Thus, there was no sense of competing with local churches conducting missions, either before or after the Crusade, because each served to strengthen the other. If the local churches had not already been at work evangelising, Crusade '67 could not have succeeded at all.

In all these ways, evangelism begins with the local church. The Home Missionary Dept. cannot establish churches; it can only help to provide the means whereby the local church can grow and reach outwards. And this it did when the Australian brotherhood sent Bruce Clapp to Albany to minister among Christians already establishing a church. It is the way your local church can evangelise, not only in your district, but also in places where as yet there is no church.

— W.A. NEEDS —

For PRESENT COMMITMENTS	\$5,000
For FUTURE EXPANSION,	\$ Unlimited.
TOTAL-	\$5,000 Plus.

"The promotion of a programme of evangelism in South Australia and its border districts . . ." The constitution of the South Australian Home Missions Department is as simple as that! However, the "spelling out" of the programme is no simple matter. It is a challenging and exciting task in which the Department is seeking to truly be responsible for . . .

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH AT HOME

During this past year the South Australian Department of Home Missions has spent considerable time in conference as a committee, and in local churches and district meetings, discussing the issues we must face if the church is to truly serve this present age.

There is no easy solution to the problems of the modern church. Whether we like it or not we are forced to admit "things are not what they used to be." The veneer of materialism and secularism that has always been with us has deepened and hardened. Only an aggressive programme, laced with responsible experimentation, flexible programming and dedicated support will crack the crust!

South Australians are used to hearing their Director (K. D. Horne) say this during 1967. We want our brotherhood to know that we are serious! Serious enough to stand by the responsible experimenter in his success, and his failure, and welcoming every opportunity to talk programme with any church which extends the invitation.

Not from the Top

We firmly believe that a lead must be given from "the top," but programmes imposed will not work. The S.A. Department has a programme which includes Planned Evangelism — Stewardship and Church Life Conference, and already this year the Director has been able to talk to 45 Boards of Officers about important aspects of their programme. In an effort to give "on the spot" assistance the Director has conducted five Stewardship Programmes, eight Church Life Conferences, and two Planned Evangelism Programmes.

One man cannot do everything, and a significant part of South Australia's programme in 1968 will be the "Team Ministry" of the men from the "Centre." Diary commitments for the next year are already heavy.

Not Alone

In the next years churches will be established in the Tea Tree Gully and Reynella areas. Home Missions Department policy is that these "babies" will develop in relationship with the churches located nearest to them. Right from the start they will have the benefit of the oversight of a "full time" ministry.

For instance, Tea Tea Gully will be linked with Windsor Gardens and Reynella will also link with Christies Beach. Recent figures indicate that our present "babies" have grown in the

last year. Windsor Gardens (Alan Norris) has an average of 64 communicants per week, and Christies Beach, 63 communicants.

Aggressive Programming

The Department is heavily committed at Whyalla (Dennis Hughes) and Mount Gambier (Tom Mason). The Department through its Director will give on the spot assistance in 1968 in promoting a Planned Evangelism Programme. We have good properties — ministers in their second terms — growing communities.

We believe that these add up to opportunity, and this is not a day for "pussy-footing." The Ministers and Boards have already conferred with the Director, and will launch their programmes early in 1968. Whyalla is listed as one of the fastest growing communities in Australia. B.H.P. development has taken the population to 25,000.

Together

What we could not do alone — N.S.W. and Federal Home Missions is making possible at Broken Hill (Reg. Sack). I. J. Chivell has a Church Conference planned for November, and K. D. Horne and C. H. Dow will be closely associated with the church in next year's programme.

A Big Job

In 1968, Horace Cave will conclude his ministry at Loxton, and Roger Brown (Barmera - Moorook) will add this church to his circuit. We thank God for the

dynamic enthusiasm of this man "on the river." As well as subsidy, the H.M.C. will arrange for a Department leader to be in the circuit each six weeks to work under the direction of the local minister.

On the Fringe

45-50 young people "on the fringe" have made the church at Cheltenham (Ron. Saunders) walk a "tight rope" this year. The virile leadership of the minister has hit the community with a vengeance, and 25 decisions have been recorded. The church now has 81 communicants and is one of the churches we will have "stood by" in an experiment.

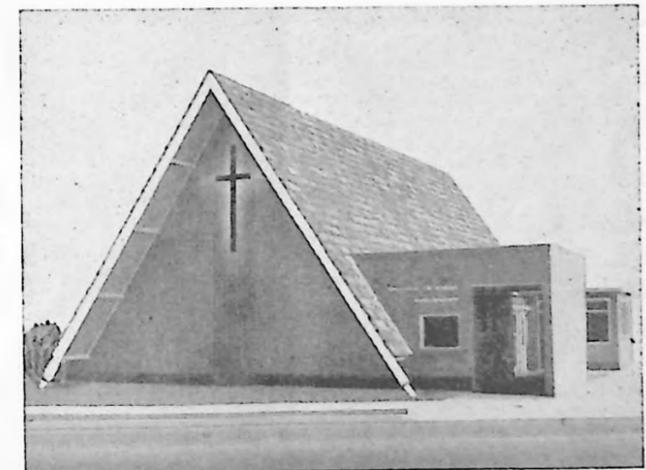
This Is Giving

Week after week the church at Port Lincoln gives \$75.80 from its 45 communicants. Bob Sidler has led the church in 1967, and this working man's church sets an example in spirit and giving for many larger churches.

The church at Mount Gambier is giving \$75.00 per week from 31 communicants. Only a sacrificial response from the "bigger sisters" of these churches will provide the means for an on-going programme in 1968.

The S.A. Department's finances have never been so critical — 1967 has been the hardest year on record — the future programme of development and the maintenance of support to some courageous congregations is in jeopardy.

We urge our people to give as never before on November 26.



CHELTHENHAM CHURCH, S.A.

LINES

FROM

LEICESTER

BY

STANTON H. WILSON

Next year will be a great occasion for peripatetic ecclesiastics. They will cover more miles than usual. There will be the fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, and the centenary Lambeth Conference in London. We should learn all we can about both.

The Lambeth Conference

This had an uncertain beginning. When Archbishop Longley, in 1867, wrote to 144 Right Rev. and Dear Brothers, requesting their presence at a meeting of bishops "purposed (God willing) to be holden at Lambeth under my presidency," 68 of them boycotted the Conference. Subsequently, numbers grew until 1948, when 326 took part. In 1958, Archbishop Fisher limited the numbers to 310, to make discussion possible.

The present Archbishop, Dr. Ramsay, however, is inviting even more, not only diocesans but coadjutor, suffragan, and assistant bishops from all over the world, and more prelates from Asiatic and African countries will be attending than ever before.

At the 1867 Conference, "ecumenism" was an unknown word, but it is interesting that the very first resolution was concerned with church division and church unity. Next year the same subject will be on the agenda.

The main theme: "The Renewal of the Church," will be considered in relation to Faith, Ministry and Unity. We should deliberately keep ourselves informed on the processes and findings of this great Assembly, which will last for a whole month, July 25 to August 25. While the Lambeth Conference emphasises its deliberative and non-legislative role, its considerations and recommendations, published afterwards, have always been important as "guides for future action."

Uppsala, 1968

Immediately preceding the Lambeth Conference will be the Fourth Assembly of World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, July 4-20, of which the theme is, "Behold, I make all things new." It is expected that some 2,000 persons will attend. There will be 800 official delegates from the 223 member churches of the World Council. They will constitute a cross-section of many churches of the non-Roman world varying from the Russian Orthodox Church to small Pentecostal meetings in Chile.



A special plea has gone out from the headquarters of the W.C.C. in Geneva that half of the delegates sent to Uppsala should be laymen and women. The Asian countries will have 100 delegates, Africa 80, Latin America 20, North America 180, Australasia 40, and Europe 300. In addition, there will be over 300 specially picked youth participants and several groups of observers, including one of 15 persons from the Roman Catholic Church. The press corps is expected to number 750.

The Assembly will be concerned with the church's mission in the world. It will face problems peculiar to the technological revolution now affecting the lives of all people. The Assembly will also seek to point the direction in which the ecumenical movement should proceed during the next six years.

My Preview

Last July we spent a holiday in Scandinavia. We made a deliberate journey from Stockholm to visit friends in Uppsala. The father of this family is a retired Lutheran minister who was formerly a University professor in China. He is six feet four tall, and when we made our tour of Uppsala, he would, at every opportunity, edge to the side of the pavement and walk along in the immaculate Swedish gutters; this, to minimise the disparity in our height, and so we got on the same "wave length." During this visit to Uppsala we were fortunate to have such competent guides and genial hosts. They speak perfect English; English is well spoken everywhere in Sweden. During our stay I made copious notes on the history and geography of this ancient city, which is to be the venue of the most widely representative meeting in the history of the ecumenical movement.

Landmarks

Whenever I motor in England, and ask my way, invariably my informant begins: "Well, you know 'The Red Lion'—or 'The Black Horse'—'The Blinking Owl' . . ." Why do English people almost always direct visitors by means of some tiny tavern or insignificant little pub? I used to think (rather uncharitably) that this habit was a commentary on the British way of life. I am told, however, that it is an old custom which has grown from the fact that in coach-

ing days "the local" was the regular stopping place from which visitors set out to find their way. As a rather artless antipodean, I am not sure now whether the British are just pulling my leg.

This I do know, they have some exceedingly beautiful churches as landmarks. I have seen a great many of their famous cathedrals, minsters and abbeys, but last month I discovered what, for me, is the loveliest of them all—Beverley Minster!

Returning from Glasgow, we motored to Blantyre, and saw the home of David Livingstone, which tenement house is now a most interesting museum commemorating the work and witness of that great pioneer missionary to Africa. Then we travelled (via Greta Green!!) to York. Here, the Minster is one of England's Gothic masterpieces, a monument of enormous proportions, grandeur, beauty and antiquity. King Edwin of Northumbria was baptized here in 627.

From York, we journeyed to Beverley. Our hotel (we only borrowed it for the night) overlooked the beautiful St. Mary's parish church. On waking that morning our bedroom was flooded with sunshine and the joyous peal of "the bells of St. Mary's." But the best was yet to be when we went into Beverley Minster. Here is sublime beauty. Here is "worship," "praise," adoration," petrified," "held," "captured" in majestic masonry.

Summoning ourselves from such ecstasy, we drove back to Leicester. I confess my mind ran ahead of me, down the motorway, down the miles across the oceans that divide, to the two Western Australian towns of York and Beverley, dear to me from the days of my boyhood. For me, "York" and "Beverley" are great names on both sides of the Equator!

Etcetera

Recently I told you about two neighbours of mine, one called Mr. Purse, and the other, Mr. Money. I hesitated to tell you also that the man down the road who kept the fish shop was Mr. Whale—I thought it might sound a bit "fishy." So, I have decided to finish with a few spoonerisms.

Last week I heard Professor Julian Huxley give a lecture on his friend, Dr. Spooner. Dr. Spooner's name has been given to the accidental transposition of the first letters and/or syllables of two different words. Professor Huxley doubts, in fact, whether Dr. Spooner ever said to a lady in church: "Excuse me, but I think you are occupying my pie." He did, however, once announce the hymn, "Make way for the conquering kings," by saying, "Make way for the kinking konks."

On another occasion, a windy day in Oxford, the Doctor's hat blew off and he ran down the street calling out, "Will no one hiccup my pat?" Indeed, it is soberly affirmed that on one occasion Dr. Spooner was telling a neighbour how his cat somersaulted off the roof and fell to the ground. "Was the cat hurt?" asked his friend. "Oh, no," said the learned doctor, "she popped on her draws and ran off."

Spoonerisms are dangerous territory for preachers to venture upon. They can even get overseas correspondents into a mad buddle . . . er, sorry! I think I had better stop.

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL LESSONS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

The N.S.W. Department of Christian Education in the last month made a very important and far-reaching decision. Two special conferences preceded the decision.

In January of this year, Federal Board representatives and N.S.W. representatives met at Woolwich. The talks helped to determine the present position. No actual action was forthcoming.

On Sept. 7, Federal Conference Executive representatives, A. W. Stephenson, E. W. Roffey, A. E. White, along with four Executive members of the Federal Board of Christian Education, met with the N.S.W. Conference Executive and State D.C.E. members. The discussion was concerned with the implications of reprinting Standard lessons here in Australia.

COMMENT FROM THE FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Federal Board of Christian Education, which has produced lesson materials for our churches in Australia and New Zealand for twenty years, deeply regrets the decision of the N.S.W. Department of Christian Education to reprint and publish Standard lesson materials for schools in that State.

Every effort has been made by the F.B.C.E. to help the N.S.W. Department. At the same time, the Board as a Federally appointed body, has a responsibility to serve the whole Australian brotherhood in producing materials which reflect the main stream of our thinking as a people.

At the January conference, the F.B.C.E. listened to what N.S.W. delegates had to say about the present materials. The conference finally agreed on eleven points to which the Board would give attention. Six weeks later the N.S.W. Director wrote on behalf of the Department: "We would not like you to think that to make some accommodation to our way of thinking even on all the eleven points would be sufficient to satisfy our needs."

The N.S.W. Department announced by the Federal Board conference in July that it was investigating the possibility of reprinting Standard materials in N.S.W., and negotiations were under way.

At a further conference arranged by the Federal Conference Executive with the N.S.W. Conference Executive, the N.S.W. Department and the F.B.C.E., an appeal was made by several speakers that we make very endeavour to main-

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FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

The N.S.W. Department of Christian Education felt that there was no alternative but to reprint Standard lesson material, published by the Standard Publishing Co., Ohio, U.S.A. The N.S.W. State Conference Executive has endorsed this action. The material will be available about the middle of 1968.

It should be clearly stated that the reprint is to be offered to schools as the alternate material to Federal Board of Christian Education material. At present there are other lesson systems being used by those who have swung off Australian Churches of Christ Graded Lessons. No campaign is to be waged in N.S.W. against the F.B.C.E. material. Schools are at liberty to choose for themselves from the two materials.

tain our unity in the matter of our teaching materials. This meeting was sensitive to the problem that exists in N.S.W.

The F.B.C.E. is acutely aware of the fact that a number of our schools in N.S.W. use materials produced by different independent bodies. However, it does not see the solution of the problem to lie in the Australian reprint of another independent lesson system in which there can be no real share in the writing.

We note the assurance given at the Board conference that these overseas materials are to be published for schools in N.S.W. desiring to use them. The Department will not promote these materials elsewhere in Australia.

The Board feels it to be a matter for very serious concern that one State out of the whole Australian brotherhood has taken this step.

B.S. ANNIVERSARY

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). Speakers at anniversary included J. McLellan, Miss I. Hanbury and N. Flint. School sang under leadership of David Crowe. Three young girls made confession of faith . . . Chas. Cole was speaker for Social Service "field day" on Oct. 29. Musical items were rendered by Julianne Beckingham, Mrs. Cole and Rex Harrison, with H. Handley as song leader . . . Mrs. J. Saville and A. T. Laney are home from hospital . . . Church regrets sudden death of R. W. Smith, a faithful member, one time secretary of Earlwood church. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Smith and family.

VISIT BY PRESIDENT

(Taree, N.S.W.). Mr. Morton addressed Taree church as N.S.W. Conf. Pres. on Oct. 22, and visited the Wingham congregation in the evening . . . Progress is being maintained with the new Fellowship Centre, the manse which is being built as the second floor of the building, will be ready for occupation in four weeks.

NEIGHBOURLY HELP

(Dareton, N.S.W.). Many thanks go to both Mildura and Dareton members who helped with services recently during J. Lowrey's hospitalisation . . . Recent speakers have been K. D. Horne, J. R. C. Wise, both of S.A., W. Neville, I. Mitchell, L. Keatch, D. Hamilton, all of Mildura . . . The church has been saddened by the loss of Mrs. Webb, senr., and Mrs. Jean Henderson . . . The Church School has ventured out into a plan of team teaching . . . Mrs. Ivy Webb was recently baptized and received into membership.

GIFT FOR COLLEGE

(Hamilton N.S.W.). Mr. Taylor of the N.S.W. Bible College, spoke on Oct. 22, and Anne Mackenzie, of the C.E., presented a cheque for \$26 for the new marrieds' quarters at Woolwich . . . The gospel service on Oct. 22 was broadcast over 2KO, with G. McKelvie, of Mayfield, as speaker . . . Rev. R. Proctor, of Congregational Church, Cessnock, was speaker at S.S. anniversary. The kinder afternoon was led by Mrs. J. Roberts, \$17 was presented to the church for Aborigine Mission work . . . Julie Cadler and David Cox, kinders, and Glennis Bender, senior school, gained special awards.

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FALL-OUT SHELTERS.

To the Editor,

In his article, "Too Serious for Emotion" ("A.C." Oct. 14), Dr. Crowley asserted that: "The revolutionary aspect of nuclear warfare is that there is no real defence against it." This is a widely held misconception.

A 100 megaton nuclear device can not ensure the destruction of a properly constructed fall-out shelter which is more than four miles from the centre of the explosion. A circle with a radius of four miles has an area of less than 51 square miles. Australia, however, has an area of 2,967,909 square miles. Therefore it would take more than 58,000 nuclear weapons, all of 100 megatons, to ensure that no fall-out shelters in Australia remained intact.

Dr. Crowley stated that the combined total of Soviet and American land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles is less than 2,000. Let us assume that submarine-based missiles and nuclear bombs carried in planes bring the total to 4,000, and that all these weapons are 100 megaton ones. (In fact, many are only one megaton.) A combined U.S.-Soviet attack on Australia could still only ensure the destruction of fall-out shelters in an area less than 1/14th of Australia's total area.

In other words, a combined U.S.-Soviet nuclear attack on Australia would be insufficient to ensure the destruction of every fall-out shelter in the State of South Australia, let alone in the whole continent. Without shelters most Australians could be killed by less than 20 nuclear devices.

—Richard Lucy, Post-Graduate Research student, University of N.S.W.

MINISTERS.

To the Editor,

The positive suggestion in Dr. Caldwell's letter, "A.C." Oct. 28, warrants support.

Our ministers don't often complain. The following extract from a letter, written by a prominent minister to a congregation in another place, is a significant departure from the usually restrained silence.

"It seems to me God has made us ministers the most abject of mankind. We are like men condemned to death in the arena, a spectacle to the whole universe — angels as well as men. We are fools for Christ's sake, while you are such sensible Christians. We are weak; you are so powerful. We are in disgrace; you are honored. To this day we go hungry and thirsty and in rags; we are roughly handled; we wander from place to place; we wear our-

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

"FLAT OUT"

To the Editor,

I don't like "Yours faithfully" at the end of a letter. It's so dreadfully impersonal. "Yours, etc.," leaves too much to the imagination. I like "Yours sincerely," even when it is written with pen in cheek.

Some of my friends like to leave me with a little religious greeting. And they all work to have one as original as possible. So I have "Yours fraternally," "Yours brotherly," "Yours in Christ," "Yours in service," and "Yours in the King's business."

The Apostle Paul always finished his letters with a full-scale benediction. But that was before the days of speed and postcodes. (Can you imagine "The Second Letter to the Corinthians, Greece, 2435"?)

I heard the other day of a fellow who always ends his letters with "Yours, flat out for the Lord." He must go about the service of the Lord with some sort of jet-assisted take-off. I'm sure he doesn't have time to be sorry for himself. I don't think that the words are scriptural, but the spirit is.

I hope that he hasn't a copyright on the expression, for here goes . . .

Yours F.O.F.T.L.,

TERTIUS.

P.S.—The editor has to be "flat out for the Lord." The rest of us see to that!

selves out working with our own hands. They curse us, and we bless; they persecute us, and we submit to it; they slander us, and we humbly make our appeal. We are treated as the scum of the earth, the dregs of humanity, to this very day.

"I am not writing this to shame you, but to bring you to reason; for you are my dear children. You may have ten thousand tutors in Christ, but you have only one father. For in Christ Jesus you are my offspring, and mine alone, through the preaching of the gospel. I appeal to you, therefore, to follow my example."

This is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, 4: 9-19, with the word "minister" replacing "apostle."

It seems that the status of ministers of the gospel has not changed much since then.

—Alen Smart, Vic.

BAPTISM.

To the Editor,

In a discussion on this subject I said, "In the New Testament there is no promise of salvation without baptism." I wish to know if I am right or wrong. Is it unreasonable to suppose that if a person believes, in his heart, repentance and baptism will naturally follow, seeing these two things are continually taught in the New Testament?

1 John 1: 7, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Can it cleanse us if we do not come in con-

tact with it? His blood was shed when he died upon the cross; so Paul tells us, "So many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death."

Please note, I have not said, "No hope of salvation without baptism." Our Lord Jesus Christ, who knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts, will be the judge, and we may be sure that he who suffered so greatly to reconcile us to our Heavenly Father will do what is just and right.

I presume we will all be judged by what we know and understand of our Heavenly Father's will, as suggested in Romans 2.

I suggest our old-time preachers who sometimes spoke of the baptism of believers as part of the gospel of Christ were quite correct.

—L. E. Verco (S.A.).

MINISTER DIES SUDDENLY

(S.A.). The death is announced of Arthur Griffiths, minister at Christies Beach, S.A. He was well known in Victoria, Tasmania, W.A. and S.A. He served for a time as Supt. Norseman Mission Station, and as minister at Cottesloe, W.A. His sudden death was a great shock. He was planning to commence a ministry with Forestville in 1968.

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DEPARTMENT'S PLANS

By Dr. K. R. BOWES
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PLANS FOR 1968:

The Department is finalising its plans for next year. A selected group of city and country ministers are to share soon in a one-day consultation so that the Department can listen again to the needs of the churches.

Various members of the Committee have accepted oversight of activities previously handled by the Director — such as Bible School, camp properties, C.Y.F. and adult work. The churches are assured that the Department is geared for continuing assistance in all areas of Christian Education. Enquire through our efficient secretary, Miss Val Williams.

FINANCES:

The treasurer reports that giving by the churches this year is at a slightly higher level than in previous years. We appreciate this sustained support, and believe that this will continue next year, not only as the Department maintains its present programme, but also as it prepares for the new Director.

DIRECTOR:

There has been no pause in efforts to secure a new Director to start as soon as possible. Arrangements like this, however, take time. We ask your continued prayers that all who are involved in decisions may know the guidance of God.

"SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL":

This 40-page booklet is one of the best publications by our brotherhood in the field of Christian Education. Written by John Way (now studying and working in Canberra), after intensive research into the situation in our Victorian Bible Schools, and wide discussion about the problems confronted by the schools, this booklet is a factual study on Australian conditions, with many excellent suggestions about ways ahead.

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Each minister and superintendent in Victoria has received a free copy; others are available at 40 cents. (The material is such that it is relevant to all States — South Australia has ordered copies already.) Read it now! — and don't ignore the appendices, which contain splendid lists of books suitable for children and teachers, and a helpful note on how small Bible Schools can adapt the suggestions made. (Look out also for other notes being produced by John Way for the Department on "Activities in Teaching." These promise to be just as good as "Spotlight.")

NEW GUINEA WORK PARTY:

Many churches and youth groups have received personal reports from the nine young men, from C.E. and C.Y.F. groups in Victoria and Tasmania, who were in the party. It is a thrilling story (see "A.C." 28/10/67, p. 9). Make sure your church hears about it, and also about the hundreds of young people throughout

THE OLD BELIEVERS

The Old Believers belong to a sect which, in the early seventeenth century, refused to accept innovations in the Russian Orthodox liturgy. They have guarded their religious identity jealously, and neither in Russia after 1917, nor in China, where they then moved, have political changes caused them to alter their beliefs or customs.

The sect has no priests; births, weddings and deaths are traditionally registered by the specially elected elders of the isolated farm communities in which they live. They tend to marry only among themselves. Their rugged credo, built up over generations as trappers, farmers and horse breeders, has been put in a nutshell by one of their leaders: "Those weak from birth die, and those who live through childhood are healthy and live to an old age without medicine or treatment from doctors, except in cases of accident." Shaving is considered blasphemous because it tampers with the image of God in which Adam was created.

Up to 1956 the Old Believers had considerable difficulty in obtaining permission to leave the mainland of China. Suddenly a change in policy occurred, and in 1957 and 1958, 1,500 arrived in Hong Kong.

Eventually more than one thousand of this group went to Brazil, several hundred to Australia and a smaller contingent to Argentina. Australia also accepted families with aged members.

In Australia and New Zealand an effort has been made to promote their integration among the local population in rural areas. Notwithstanding initial reluctance on the part of the adult settlers, this has on the whole been suc-

the two States who backed this missionary venture to the hilt with finance and prayer. One bi-product of this venture has been the even closer co-operation of C.Y.F. and C.E. groups. Each central committee is now to have two representatives from the other movement, and further joint work is envisaged.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP RESOURCES:

Christian Education Resource Bulletin No. 2 will be posted off in a few days. This contains suggestions for worship programmes for Christmas that can be used with juniors, teenagers and adults in C.E., C.Y.F., Good Companions, Explorers and Bible Schools. There is also a play that can be used effectively in a gospel service. If you don't get a copy, ask for one.

VISITS TO CHURCH BOARDS:

Every church in Victoria has been notified of the motion concerning lesson materials to be presented to the 1968 Conference. The Department has offered to visit meetings of Officers' Boards so that the matter can be explained fully. Several visits have been made and more are being arranged for before and after Christmas.

We hope these visits will also make each Board even more aware of the tremendous opportunities in our Bible Schools for teaching the Word of Truth, and for bringing people entrusted to our care to commitment to Christ and to a growing discipleship in him.

cessful. The children have been quick to learn English and sometimes, to the consternation of their parents, have married outside the circle of Old Believers. Some have even left the countryside and moved into towns to work in factories.

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POSITIVE THINKING AT HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

(Gympie). Mr. and Mrs. BURDEU were commended by Conference for their magnificent contribution to the work of Kenmore College. Mrs. McLEAN also was commended for her assistance at the College, and wished God's blessing for her 12 months' world tour to commence shortly. The Burdeus and Mrs. McLean have labored at the College without monetary reward since the establishment of Kenmore.

ERIC T. HART, newly appointed Social Service Director, paid tribute to the work of the Qld. Department. He emphasised the sterling service of the previous Directors, C. R. Burdeu, Stan Chalmers and the late David Baker. He seeks to implement schemes that will provide gainful employment for pensioners in the golden age of their retirement.

ROMA RECREATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FORMED. A recreational fellowship, to be held each fortnight, has been formed at Roma. The first evening's activities consisted of a barbecue. A. C. Male, Director of Y. and C. E. spoke at recent morning service.

Vale — Miss JACK. The late Miss Jack served as a nursing sister with the British Army on the North West Frontier in India, and refused to leave her post of duty until carried out with malaria.

She was Matron of the Churches of Christ Aged Guest Home in N.S.W., and served in this capacity until the age of 70. For the past 11 years she has been a regular attender at the Acacia Ridge Church of Christ. Vic. Parker conducted the funeral service.

VIC. PARKER — EXTENDED TERM. The Sunnybank-Acacia Ridge Circuit has extended Vic. Parker's engagement as minister for a further term of three years. The first three years nearly completed, has seen the church membership trebled, the Acacia Ridge church hall debt cleared, and the new Sunnybank church comfortably filled each Sunday.

A circuit team plays cricket each week, and the Girls' Brigade initiation ceremony took place recently.

GLADSTONE MANSE ERECTED

(Qld.). Arranged by H.M. Dept., under the direction of Alex Surtees, Director, the speedy erection of the new manse proved a successful venture.

Volunteers came from as far afield as Mackay — Fred. Schneider, electrician; David Lowe, plumber. Toowoomba — Jim Rogers, painter. Acacia Ridge — Horace Christensen and Harold Scholl, in charge of the whole team — Gary Acton. Toowoomba — Steve Rogers, West Moreton minister, Jim Nicholson. Marburg — Allan and Glen Wegner. Gatton — Kevin Jenner and Alex McK. Surtees.

Cooks — Mrs. Surtees (in charge), Mrs. Boettcher, Marburg; Mrs. Jim Rogers, Acacia Ridge, and Sandra Jenner. Work began at 5 a.m. and concluded at 7 p.m. There was a real fellowship in toil.

JOURNEY TO "THE TOWERS"

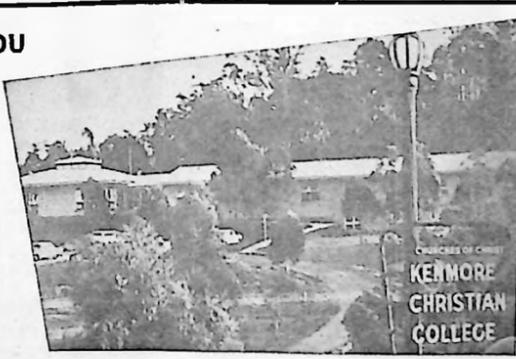
(Townsville, Qld.). On Oct 18, 12 C.W.F. members journeyed to Charters Towers to meet with "The Towers" Fellowship. Morning tea and luncheon was provided in the Park. Devotions were led by Mrs. Roy Acland. . . . During recent weeks, representatives of the Qld. Temperance League spoke at Senior C.E., and a morning service. . . . Three members have been received by transfer, and a number of young people by faith and baptism. The church regrets the loss of the Tucker family by transfer. . . . The C.W.F. conducted a Floral Art Demonstration and Sale of Work to finalise fund-raising for the year. A parcel of toiletries, bandages, cotton wool, etc., donated by members, is also being prepared for despatch to a mission field, and \$20 has been forwarded to Home Missions.

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CRUSADE IN N. Q.

(Townsville, Qld.). The Crusade, with Rex Ellis, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, had the theme, "Christ Is the Answer." The church itself gave strong support and many non-members were present at the meetings. Members also participated in a visitation programme, whereby every home in our suburb was visited and every householder was given a personal invitation to the meetings. A choir was formed for the Crusade and its ministry of song was greatly appreciated. We were able, therefore, to make effective contact with those who came to the meetings and those who were interested in going further in terms of membership were given opportunity to let us know and they were visited the next day. More than 60 non-members came to the meetings. Three made a personal response at the invitation, while a number of others indicated on cards that they were interested in membership.

TEACHING MISSION

(Kedron, Qld.). Church has been greatly strengthened by Teaching Mission, with Rex Ellis, B.A., of Kenmore College. Several decisions resulted from among young people. . . . Women's Fellowship were hosts at a very successful rally of women from churches on North side of Brisbane, on Oct. 5. . . . Allan Brecknall spent a short time with his parents at Kedron on his way from Tasmania to America to further his studies in engineering.

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CHURCH SECRETARY TO TOP P.S. POST

Hartley Smetherham has just been appointed to the position of State Director for Commonwealth Social Services in W.A. He is 49, and commenced his career with the Commonwealth Public Service in 1934 as a telegraph messenger.

At the completion of his war service, Mr. Smetherham moved from the Post-Master General's Dept. to the Commonwealth Social Services Dept. He soon demonstrated his great potential and steadily moved up until his appointment now as State Director for Commonwealth Social Services.

Mr. Smetherham has had a long association with the church at Maylands, starting with the Cradle Roll Dept. He received the Silver and Gold Medals for S.S. attendance, was secretary of the school for 13 years, and is currently secretary of the church, a position he has held for 16½ years. He is a very keen leader amongst the young people, and has coached one of the girls' basketball teams for many years.

On the brotherhood level Mr. Smetherham has been involved in the administration of girls' basketball, and is convener of a Standing Committee which periodically reviews ministers' salaries.

CIVIC SERVICE

(Loxton, S.A.). Councillors of the Loxton District Council, and their wives, attended a Civic Service recently. Assisting Mr. Cave in the service were the Chairman, who briefly outlined future Council projects, and another Councillor, who read the Scripture lesson. The Methodist Male Quartet, including three High School teachers, sang. An address on "Christian Citizenship" was given by Stan. Neighbour, B.A., Pres. of State Conf. . . . Mr. Cave concludes his ministry at the end of January, 1968, and the church will then go into circuit with Barmera and Moorook.

FIRST FOR BOWEN

(Qld.). The Lord's Table was set for the first time in Bowen on Oct. 22. The service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Queen's Beach. Visitors from Mackay and Ayr were present. After fellowship, people had afternoon tea on the beach. Bowen is an important link in the chain of churches stretching from Mackay to Townsville.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES:

NOVEMBER:
17—WOOLWICH COLLEGE Graduation Service—Emmore.
25—Newcastle, N.S.W. District Convention.

VICTORIA

NOVEMBER:
13—C.Y.F. "Consultation on Witnessing" (D.C.E.). Also on 20th.
17—College of the Bible Ordination Service and Final Session for 1967—Lygon Street.
25—Young Adults: "Foya" (D.C.E.).
25—C.E. Party Time.
26—Annual Offering—Dept. of H.M. & Evang.
28—C.M.F.—Christmas Fellowship Dinner.

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FEDERAL CONFERENCE — SYDNEY, 1968

Change of Secretary of Arrangements Committee.

The Federal Conference Secretary, E. W. Roffey, advises that the Secretary of the 32nd Federal Conference Committee, W. N. McCann, has resigned because of his having accepted an appointment to Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. He will take up his post early in November.

The newly appointed Secretary is:—

Fred. J. Stephenson, 409a Sailor's Bay-rd., Northbridge, N.S.W., 2063.

All correspondence concerning registrations, accommodation, tours, etc., should go through Mr. Stephenson.

Both the Federal Executive and the

Sydney Arrangements Committee appreciate the administrative experience of Neil McCann expressed in the primary work of planning the next Conference. We wish him and his family happiness in a new country.

Mr. Stephenson, brother of the Federal President, moved from Subiaco, W.A. to Chatswood, N.S.W., about seven years ago. He was transferred by the bank in which he holds an executive position. With brotherhood experience in several departments, F. J. Stephenson will make a valued contribution to the 32nd Federal Conference.

"MISS WESTERN AUSTRALIA" COMES FROM MAYLANDS

(W.A.). Miss Yvonne Johnston who was crowned "Miss Western Australia," 1968, on Oct. 10, is a member of our church at Maylands. Yvonne has been on a working holiday in Onslow, a small and isolated town on the North-West Coast of W.A., for the past 15 months. During her stay there she helped four other young people, two of whom were also Church of Christ members, to run a Sunday School, which was attended by about 60 children, mainly Aboriginal.

Prior to going north Yvonne was a very keen and enthusiastic teacher at

Maylands S.S., and is a member of our A grade girls' basketball team.

During the opening service of the special series of meetings on Oct. 15, the church officially offered congratulations and best wishes, and presented Yvonne with an R.S.V. New Testament.

During the young people's "Mocha Tavern" which followed, Mr. Powell interviewed Yvonne concerning various aspects of the "Miss Australia" quest, her Sunday School work in the north, and what the Christian faith meant to her.

NINE DECISIONS

(Ipswich, Qld.). The minister, B. Roberts, was chairman at all Billy Graham Crusade meetings. There have been nine decisions since Crusade meetings . . . Leichhardt C.W.F. are holding monthly functions towards new building. A garden party and a parade of Brides' frocks were highlights.

FOR MISSIONARY PROJECTOR

(Croydon, Vic.). A barbecue and film night was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Elliot to raise funds for purchase of a projector for missionaries . . . C.W.F. held a sewing night at home of Mrs. Cotton. They also held a meeting at the home of Misses Ellis at "Emmaus." A C.W.F. progressive dinner raised \$20. They also gave a farewell luncheon to Mrs. Knight, who is leaving the district. . . . The Explorer Boys are increasing in numbers.

GOING STRONG

(Box Hill, Vic.). W. H. Clay, aged 93, founder of the Christian Guest Homes, delighted 18 C.W.F. members with his still fine voice and his abundant testimony of God's goodness and love. Our ladies entertained the guests at the Home with music, singing and poems . . . 23 Y.P. Endeavourers and leaders conducted a communion service at Eldon, whilst 18 boys and their leaders shared an Explorer Camp . . . A B.S. boy has made the good confession . . . Mrs. Dewberry is in hospital awaiting surgery; Mrs. Blake progressing slowly after illness and recent surgery; Mrs. Young improving after surgery; Miss Cameron awaiting hospitalisation; Mrs. Sharp, many weeks' suffering with painful back ailment.

60 DECISIONS

(Fremantle - Hilton, W.A.). Capacity attendances and encouraging response in commitment of lives to Christ were features of the four week's "Campaign for Christ," led by J. K. Bond and F. Rees, which concluded on Oct. 29. Over 60 decisions were registered, more than half of these being for re-dedication. The group at Hilton is particularly encouraged at gaining new members. \$2,828 in gifts and loans has been received towards the erection of a building there. Coffee Hours gave women in both areas the opportunity to "meet the missionaries" informally and discuss questions with them. Mrs. Bond addressed Fremantle C.W.F. on Oct. 26.

CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). Christian Life Week, with Gordon R. Stirling, of Canberra, proved an exciting venture in outreach to the various groups covered by the church's ministry. Mr. Stirling was thanked, and presented with a brief-bag at after-church fellowship on Oct. 15 . . . The church mourns the loss of two more elderly members — Mrs. C. Bills and Mrs. G. Wilson. A special Missionary Project has been launched — to raise, by June, 1968, at least \$1,000 for a school dormitory at Chungribu, New Guinea, where the church's Living Link, Miss Rosalie Rofe, teaches . . . B.S. 53rd anniversary services on Oct. 29, had K. Larcombe and C. G. Taylor as speakers. The school supt., R. O. Pentelov, was honored for 21 years' consecutive service in that office. Farewells have been expressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McCann, and daughter Merran, leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

THE BRAINS WON!

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). Men's Fellowship took the form of a Men v. Women debate on the subject, "That Beauty Is More Important Than Brains." The women's team won by two points . . . Mrs. R. Wells demonstrated floral art at C.W.E.F. Special project was the provision of girls' briefs for the mentally retarded children . . . Speakers at recent meetings have included C. E. Dinning and S. E. Riches . . . C.Y.F. held a mystery hike and barbecue . . . B.S. anniversary services had I. Gates and T. Lawrie as guest speakers. Mrs. J. Tuckwell conducted children's singing. A young lady and a B.S. scholar made decisions. A teachers' dedication service was held on Oct. 22 . . . Adelaide Ladies provided the afternoon's entertainment for the C.W.A.F. 53rd birthday on Oct. 4. K. H. Pitt led devotions, and Mrs. K. Pitt cut the birthday cake.

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MAYLAND'S SPECIAL MEETINGS

(W.A.). Tom Morrison was speaker at a series of special meetings at the church, Oct. 15-22. During the week there were six decisions. Mr. Morrison's theme for the week was "A Faith to Live By" . . . Two weeks prior to the special meetings, on Oct. 1, five people were baptized and six made decisions. Two were made in the morning service, which was a S.S. and Boys' and Girls' Brigades parade. This was the third morning parade service, and on each occasion there has been a large attendance and decisions.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

The Chairman of the Commonwealth Council of the B. and F. B. S., F. R. Berry, O.B.E., of Perth, W.A., announces the appointment of the Very Rev. James Payne, Dean of Perth, as Commonwealth Secretary in succession to Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, whose retirement in 1968 was announced recently. Dean Payne is expected to take up his appointment in Canberra in February 1968.

Biographical Details.

He was born in 1921. Served in 2nd A.I.F. in Australia and New Guinea from 1941-1944. On discharge in 1944 entered Moore Theological College.

1952, appointed to a chaplaincy of the R.A.A.F., and proceeded to Malta with the 78 Jet Fighter Wing and, until 1954, carried out chaplaincy duties in Mediterranean, Middle East and Europe. Dean Payne is married, with three sons.

BELROSE TO TAMWORTH

(N.S.W.). Roger Foletta, now at Belrose, will serve at Tamworth, following the move of R. N. Hawkins into the pioneering venture at Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Foletta will commence their work in the city of Tamworth shortly.

CALL FROM VIETNAM

(Glenelg, S.A.). In response to a request from Mick Roberts, one of our members serving in South Vietnam, two large parcels containing suitable clothing for Vietnamese children, have been despatched to that country . . . 40 young people, led by E. P. C. Hollard and J. Pederson, camped at Point Sturt on Labor Day weekend. 145 attended the follow-up youth service two weeks later. . . . Two separate Bible study and discussion groups (one for Y.P., and the other for the general membership) are meeting each month . . . Members have co-operated in submitting lists of "Ten Favourite Hymns." From these the "Top Ten Hymns" have been selected for special services.

STEPHEN CHEEK REMEMBERED

(Boondall - Zillmere, Qld.). The 85th anniversary of the Zillmere work commemorated the pioneer work of Stephen Cheek, who commenced the cause by baptizing candidates in Zillmere's Water-hole. M. H. A. Pieper, Conf. Pres., and E. T. Hart, Social Service Director, were guest speakers. Diane Griffin was baptized by R. V. Holt, assisted by Darryl Thorpe, student. Five decisions were recorded at the close of the service.

Mrs. L. Kubler, assisted by Mrs. Van

MENTAL HEALTH STUDIED

(S.A.). The annual study day conducted by the Christian Education Committee of Women's Conference in S.A. was held this year at Longwood, on Oct. 26. Among the 80 women present were representatives of the Salvation Army and the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The subject was "Mental Health in the Community." During the morning session, the Rev. Hansen, Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hosp., spoke on problems of tension in the community, and Mrs. Harley, Occupational Therapist at the Community Mental Health Centre, spoke of the needs of people who have been discharged from a mental institution. Valuable information was given of ways in which we can

Laar, arranged the fellowship tea and Mrs. Haigh cut the anniversary cake, decorated by Mrs. B. Cooper. Both Mrs. Kubler and Mrs. Haigh are descendants of the Starby's, a pioneer family.

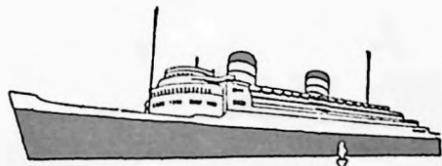
Boondall's 51st church school anniversary had Harold Plint, Redcliffe, and A. C. Male, Youth and Christian Educ. Director, as speakers. There was one decision.

MINISTER APPOINTED

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Officers' Board and congregation are pleased to accept into partnership K. H. Pitt, as minister, early in 1968 . . . C.W.E.F. 20th birthday enjoyed the entertainment by members of Williamstown Little Theatre Group. Opportunity stall, for general funds, realised \$21.

COMBINED ANNIVERSARY

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). The Brim Church of Christ-Methodist S.S. anniversary, on Oct. 29, in the Brim Memorial Hall, had as guest speaker Mr. Mitchell, of the Horsham State School. A good selection of modern hymns and tunes were well presented by the combined choir . . . The Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conf., G. H. Gilmour, spoke at Warracknabeal. Also, on Oct. 22, the W'beal and Brim churches combined for their quarterly Circuit Rally, which included the missionary film, "White Condor" . . . In spite of the drought, the women of the W'beal C.W.F. conducted a very successful fete and raised \$178. The fete included a cake competition . . . A Tuesday evening half-hour "Prayer-time" has been commenced at W'beal following the cessation of the Bible study nights.



MIGRATION AND AUSTRALIA

BY A. R. JONES. A.U.A.

When we travelled to Canada we disembarked, with 700 others, at Vancouver. Some of these were holidaying, but many were making North America their new home. Young Australian couples who were seeking experience abroad, and many migrant families who had been disappointed in Australia, were now seeking their fortunes in another land, which they hoped would be more generous to them than Australia had been.

We talked with many and heard their criticisms, and were disturbed that they felt as they did, but had to accept their criticism as a genuine reason for their leaving Australia.

While we were in England we gathered, from newspapers and other sources, that the image of Australia was not as good as it ought to be. One person wrote very bitterly of the exploitation, unemployment, hardship, and ultimate loss that they had suffered, and how glad they were to be back home.

A reply was sent to the newspaper by the writer, pointing out that for every dissatisfied migrant there were many hundreds who had made a success of their venture and were very happy, but such letters of criticism do irreparable damage to the Australian migration scheme. If we want the migrant flow to continue we must, if we can, repair the damage done, and at the same time improve conditions.

Our publicity in England should be so clear in what it offers that there is no chance of anyone misunderstanding the facts and being misled. One migrant said, "We are going to a hostel — but we do not mind this, as we were told that everything is completely new there." We sincerely trust that this is so, as it is such promises, when proved false, that cause disappointment and unhappiness.

We know the selection of the right type of migrant is a very difficult task, and we wonder if Australia is being selective enough in the migrants chosen. Not all migrants make good citizens. A close observation of life on the "Fair-sky," on which we returned, was not necessary to see that we were importing a few problems.

And we read in the daily paper in London that in the last two years British migrants on assisted passages to Canada and Australia left behind them £40,000 (\$A) 100,000) of unpaid debts to retail stores. Such debtors are not screened and will have the chance to do the same thing in Australia. If retailers in England can't be helped, surely Australian retailers can be protected. It will not require sharp salesmanship to load them again with debts. But do we really want this type of migrant, and do we have to take them? Surely it will be the best policy in the long run to be more selective.

South Africa is now making a strong bid for British migrants, and figures

released recently reveal that in 1966, 13,130 migrated. In the first six months of 1967 this figure was up 20 per cent. There is no quota and no qualification for entering, and South Africa offers generous travel allowances and free accommodation to the new migrant until he starts work. South Africa is attracting the engineer, architect, doctor, nurse, electrician, fitter, and other professions and trades, and most of those who migrate are young families. While our numbers fall, the number going to South Africa increases.

How much is being done to attract young migrants from the U.S.A.? We were surprised how many young men and women are interested. They approached us on buses, and in churches, to ask about the opportunities offering in Australia, and how to approach the immigration authorities. Australia, as a young country, appeals to young people as a land of opportunity. Could we, as a church, do anything there to attract settlers?

On the "Fair-sky" there was a splendid cross-section of ages. Teenagers, young couples, young families, and middle-aged couples joining their families in Australia. Most of them intend to settle to make their permanent home here. Some will become home-sick, others unsettled and, after two years, will want to return. There are others who have no intention of staying. One young man openly stated that he would fulfil his two years' residential obligation, and then work his way back to England through Europe. Middle-aged folk said that they were visiting their children for two years and would then return to England.

We sincerely hope such folk will like Australia so much that they will change their minds and decide to stay and so justify the cost of their fares. Or should we be reviewing the residential guarantee required, offering in return better security, including free accommodation until the migrant starts work, and more help in finding accommodation?

We spoke to many on the ship. We liked the type of people coming. There was good quality and splendid skills represented. A Professor of Surgery, a Professor of Economics, an engineer, a young doctor, a nurse, a cook, a landscape gardener, a plumber, a driver, and many other professions and trades. A very good variation of skilled and unskilled labor, all coming to add to our work force.

The professional men, and some skilled men, were coming to positions waiting for them. Others hoped to find work on arrival. As we talked with them about Australia and their future, which for some was so uncertain, they looked for assurances. They had many fears. Many did not have a job or a home — some not even going to the State of their choice. How would they get on?

They had many questions. They wanted to know about housing, taxes, Government benefits, health schemes, schooling, cars, climate, etc. It is surprising how their confidence can be built up, fears allayed, hopes renewed. A hopeful, confident migrant is a happy migrant. A Scottish migrant, leaving the ship at Melbourne, came to say good-bye. With a warm handshake he said, "You have restored my confidence. I am going to like Australia. I'm going to make a go of it."

These folk with whom we spoke were under no illusion as to what to expect. They were coming to work, to make a home for their children. An Italian family had lived in England for 14 years. There were six children who could not speak Italian. The father said, "I have to consider my children, so we thought Australia offered us the best." "What is there in it for you?" an Englishman was asked before he left. "Hard work and a future for my children," he replied. He was not expecting to pick gold off trees, but he knew it was there for those who were prepared to work for it. An engineer, who had worked in Rhodesia, and was forced to leave, returned to England. He said, "I stayed there for 12 months but could not stick it any longer, now I am going to Queensland where work is waiting for me."

We were concerned for some very young couples with little children. They were undertaking a very big assignment. We hoped within ourselves that there would be sympathetic and helpful friends of older years who would support them and help them weather the first few months of settling in.

The "Fair-sky" was a very happy ship. Very few complaints were heard, and people praised the ship's service. The food was good and plentiful. The music was splendid, and other entertainment was most enjoyable, except the feature films, most of which were in poor condition, and some in very poor taste. How much more beneficial to have good documentaries on Australia which migrants and others are always so keen to see.

We trust that the migrants will all settle happily and find that Australia fulfils their highest expectations. All they will need now is the good neighbour down the street to welcome them and help them make Australia their home.



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"WITCHES' BREW"

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). 100 young people crowded hall for C.Y.F. "Witches' Brew." Methodist, Congregational and Church of Christ young people presented a concert at Kuitpo Colony (for Rehabilitation of Alcoholics) . . . Church joined with other congregations for A.B.C. recording of Community Hymn Singing, in the Congregational Church . . . Mrs. Lawton spoke at C.W.F. birthday meeting. I. J. Chivell spoke on Brotherhood Sunday. The ladies arranged a display covering all departments . . . R. Greenhalgh was speaker at S.S. anniversary . . . Series of home discussion groups on "Strong Son of God" have concluded.

GUESTS AT B.H.

(Broken Hill, S.A. Conf.). 15 girls from Adelaide Girls' Brigade Companies, led by Capt. R. Smith, were guests of local Company, Oct. 6-9. Social functions included barbecue, social, and tea, and Brigade activities comprised a Cadet enrolment service and combined parades, with Good Service awards being presented to local girls, one receiving a bar to her award, and another advancing to Pioneer rank . . . Mrs. M. Fishwick, serving in Ethiopia with the S.I.M., spoke to C.W.F. and screened color film, "Fire on the Mountain," to midweek Fellowship . . . B.S. anniversary services had splendid singing, led by Mrs. N. Sonstie. Speakers were Rev. B. Robins and Rev. I. Gaskill (Methodist), J. Curtis, and the minister, R. C. Sack.

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HELP FOR INDIA

(Edwardstown, S.A.). B.S. anniversary services were led by Mr. Schulz. One service featured the "Land of India," when Miss Dawn Chivell gave an interesting talk on her visit there. An excellent offering was received for "Indian Food Relief" . . . At recent morning service a young man was baptized . . . Over 100 attended church picnic on the Labor Day holiday . . . Sunshine Circle held a sewing day for Social Service Dept. Ladies are also preparing gifts for Christmas Cheer.

KEN. PARK IS 50

(S.A.). Our 50th anniversary brought former members of St. Morris, Beulah Rd. and Kensington Park to celebrate the occasion. Principal Leaver, from Parkin Cong. Church, was guest speaker at the communion service. He was one of the first scholars at St. Morris. At the P.S.A., Albert Jones (also a former scholar) gave an inspiring message on his recent visit to churches in U.S.A. Items were rendered by Miss Muir, Mrs. Fooks and Mr. Keightly. The buffet tea included a "curio corner" for documents and photos. Reminiscences were aired by Messrs. Simpson, Jones and Fisher. Mrs. White, our only surviving foundation member, is still attached to the church and was able to attend. Kelvin Parry gave the evening address, and Miss Shirley Alderton was soloist . . . Deaconess Edna Braddock, who had to undergo surgery, is recovering.

EIGHTEEN DECISIONS

(Prospect, S.A.). There have been 18 decisions since April. The minister, E. Stevens, has undertaken an Industrial Chaplaincy and is finding this experience worthwhile and rewarding . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Long Gully Nat. Park . . . The Young People's Fellowship recently spent a weekend camp at Blackwood . . . There are regular meetings of C.W.F. day and night groups, together with the combined C.M.S.-C.W.F.

1,500 CELEBRATE

(Flinders Park, S.A.). B.S. anniversary speakers were W. Compston, R. R. Brand, H. Lukehurst and H. S. Prime. Mrs. Green conducted the singing. Total number of teachers, scholars, parents and friends attending was 1,500 . . . B.S. teachers' dedication service was held on Oct. 15. Alf. Foote is again supt.

TWELVE DECISIONS

(Elizabeth, S.A.). There have been a number of decisions lately, including 12 at one service . . . Harvey Perkins recently spoke on Inter-Church Aid work in Vietnam. Church received a special offering of \$123 for this vital work . . . Church enjoyed Family Study Day on Oct. 8 on subject, "How God Heals Today." W. J. C. Maxted and Dr. J. B. Allan presented the studies . . . Family prayer lists have been issued to encourage all members and worshippers to pray systematically for each other.

PICNIC IN HISTORY

(Goolwa, S.A.). The B.S. picnic was held on Oct. 9, at Currency Creek, on property of Ross Bennett. This was the site of the old horse railway tram track between Middleton and Strathalbyn, completed in 1869. A. Neighbour gave a luncheon talk on the building and use of this very early railway, which connected with the first railway built in Australia (1854 between Goolwa and Pt. Elliot, horse traction).

NEW SCHOOL ROOMS

(Balaklava, S.A.). When the church celebrated its 50th anniversary, new Sunday School rooms were dedicated for S.S. and C.E. use. All meetings were crowded, including the P.S.A. at the Town Hall. An outstanding feature was the displays of all auxiliaries and departments of the church. The minister, C. A. Smith, presided over the S.A. teachers' dedication. . . . Just prior to the anniversary the church was saddened at the death of two of its oldest members, Allan Whiting and George May. The church offers its sympathy to all the bereaved.

OFFICERS VISIT

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). During August the officers conducted a week of visitation, and the following Sunday I. J. Chivell spoke at both meetings on Stewardship . . . For the remainder of his term with us Mr. Cunningham will have a part-time ministry, to help relieve the financial position of the church . . . C. Stock spoke on the work of the Jewish Evangelical Witness at a midweek prayer and Bible study. 110 attended coffee hour for the young people . . . 16 girls and two Girls' Brigade leaders attended a Battalion Camp . . . A family barbecue was followed by a slide evening. \$15 was raised towards the lining of our hall.

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BIRTHS

BEAZLEY (Reed).—Beverley and Ian, East Bentleigh, Vic., joyfully announce the arrival of Brendan and Darren's baby sister — Nareeda Mae, on Oct. 7, 1967.

CHISWELL (Dunn). — June and Mervyn are happy to announce the safe arrival of Annette Raelene, on Oct. 25, at Oakleigh Community Hospital, Vic. Sister for Karen and Jennifer.

VEAL (nee Crick). — To Betty and Ray, on Oct. 7, a son — Timothy John. Brother for Peter, Luke and James.

ENGAGEMENTS

COX - BARNETT. — Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cox, Heathmont, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett, Ringwood, Vic., proudly announce the engagement of Cella and Don.

WADSLEY - McCREDDEN. — Mr. and Mrs. R. Wadsley, 4 Albert-st., Blackburn, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their second daughter, Pamela Joy, to Robert Leslie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McCredde, 2 Simpson's-rd., Box Hill, Vic.

DEATHS

ROWAN, W. J. — At hospital, on Oct. 16, beloved husband of Irene (nee Hunt), father of Malcolm and Belle; father-in-law of Dora and Alan. Aged 79 years. "Resting where no shadows fall."

BRODIE. — On Nov. 2, at his home, 5 North-st., Richmond, Vic., Edward Victor (Ted.), dearly beloved husband of Ruth (Searle, formerly of Prospect, S.A.), loved father of John, Pauline and Lorraine; fond father-in-law of Elaine. "Peacefully sleeping."

BRODIE. — Ted, loved son of the late John and Isabella, dearly loved brother of Carrie and Norm Wilkinson (dec.), Edie and Sid Smith (dec.), Jack and Ethel, Eva and Harold Beare, Lily and Tom Myerscough, Charlie and Rae, Tom and May, Jean and Bob Addicott. "Our loved brother at rest."

IN MEMORIAM

FISHER. — With grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for our parents, who departed this life — Lavington Fisher, Sept. 17, 1964, and Margaret Anne, Oct. 31, 1966, for their Christian influence and devotion to their family—Mundalla, S.A.

CLARK. — In loving memory of my dear husband, Frank William, dear father of John, and fond step-father of June, John and Rod. In quiet thought I live again the happiness of the years that used to be.

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OBITUARY

Josiah Park.

As members retired from the B.S. anniversary service at Hobart, Tas., on Oct. 8, 1967, they were informed that Josiah Park had died that afternoon at St. John's Private Hospital. He was in his 81st year, and achieved a membership of over 54 years with the Churches of Christ.

He joined the Lygon St. church, Melbourne, in Aug., 1913, and, in addition to that church, he had membership with Fitzroy and Geelong, in Victoria, and West Hobart and Collins St. in Tasmania.

Mr. Park was a busy man throughout his life. He served as a B.S. teacher in four churches, and at the Hobart church he also served as secretary and elder. He regularly presided and assisted as a local preacher for many years.

He was secretary of the Temperance and Social Service Committee of the Tasmanian Conference for a long term, and was Conference President for one session. In 1929, he was appointed secretary of the Tasmanian State Council of Churches, and held that position for 22 years. Another 14 years of service were given as secretary of the United Social Service Committee of the churches in Tasmania. He still found time to serve as Federal Conference President, and several years as Tasmanian Vice-President of Federal Conference. For a number of years, commencing with its inception, he was a member of the Bethany Boys' Hostel Committee. At the time of his death he was Registrar for the Tasmanian Incorporated Churches of Christ and official Historian. He was also a Vice-President of the Hobart Temperance Alliance. In 1952, he was made a Life Member of the Alliance for services rendered to the cause of temperance, including holding the office of President for several years.

Mr. Park was an Estate Agent and Valuer. He was a Fellow of the Real Estate Institute of Australia, and also of the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers. He carried on his business right through until his death.

Many have remarked that the passing of Mr. Park has marked the close of an era in our church. Without doubt, his personality influenced many people. His views were strongly held and maintained, and, because of this, he won both friends and opponents. Those who have disagreed with him at any time have never doubted the obvious sincerity of his views, and readily acknowledge his scholarship, particularly in relation to the Bible, which he proudly claimed to have read through completely many times over.

Lloyd Cooke, minister of Hobart church, conducted a funeral service at the chapel and Cornelian Bay Cemetery. The large attendance, not only of church members, but of other persons representative of many community and business associations, was a fitting demonstration of the respect and affection in which Mr. Park was held. The church extends its sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Elsie G. Park.

The minister concluded the funeral service with a paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm, written by Mr. Park.

CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE (Psalm 23)

The Lord of Life my Shepherd is,
He caters for my needs.
My resting place — green pastures — his!
I love him for his deeds.

He leadeth me by waters calm
With soul refreshed, restored.
In paths of right I take no harm:

I'm guarded by my Lord.

Yea! tho' I walk in death's dark vale
No fears shall me affright:
My Lord with rod and staff avail,

I've comfort in his might.

Prepared, in presence of my foes,
A table he has set.
With oil's caress his love he shows —

My cup is greater yet!

His blessed grace and mercy sweet,

To life, assurance give,
That in his house I'll find retreat,

And evermore shall live.

William Milford (Bill) Cooper.

"Last Post" for Bill Cooper occurred on Oct. 16, 1967, at the Repatriation General Hospital, Hobart, Tas.

Bill Cooper served in the 26th Battalion of the 1st A.I.F., and was a little "digger" with a big heart. He was in his 80th year when he died, and 65 years of Church of Christ membership was in itself quite an achievement. Most of these years were given in active service to the West Hobart church, where he often spoke from the pulpit and communion table, and served in many other ways. In his younger days he also conducted services in the country centres of Southern Tasmania.

At the funeral service in the Hobart church, the minister pointed out that Bill Cooper proudly owned to having been a worker with the workers' interests at heart. For many years he was employed by the Tramways Department and, before his retirement, he actively participated in union affairs to promote better conditions for tramway workers.

Since the end of World War I, Bill was an active member and committee-man for the Returned Soldiers' League and his service was rewarded with a coveted Life Membership badge. Until a few months ago, Bill attended the funerals of ex-servicemen in the Hobart area to conduct the "Poppy Service." The affection and regard in which he was held by ex-servicemen was well demonstrated in the large number of them who attended his own funeral and placed remembrance poppies on the casket.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were among the many people in Southern Tasmania who lost their home and treasured possessions in the disastrous bush fires of Feb. 7, 1967.

As President of the Hobart branch of the Aged Pensioners' League, he was actively engaged in distributing money,



(Author: the late Josiah Park).

contributed by pensioners throughout Australia, to those pensioners who suffered in the fires. Following an accident, Bill hobbled about with the aid of a walking stick but he still maintained his independence and made his own way to church, the R.S.L. or Pensioners' League, etc.

A new home, erected by the Government, to replace his burnt-out home, was almost ready for occupancy as Mr. Cooper was forced to enter hospital. That he never occupied it is, perhaps, a matter for some regret, but when reveille sounds for Bill, we know he will be occupying a mansion prepared for him by the One who said "I go to prepare a place for you."

Lloyd G. Cooke, minister of Hobart church, conducted services at the church and at the Crematorium Chapel, Cornelian Bay. The large numbers present at both places showed the esteem in which Mr. Cooper was held.—R.J.B.

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MISSION CONCLUDES

(Doncaster, Vic.). Kevin Harvey concluded the programme of evangelism at Doncaster. There was one decision at final meeting, Kim Pierpoint. Subsequently a young girl, Ann Wray, also confessed Jesus as Lord. . . . Lance Fisher, Aborigines Mission at Carnarvon, W.A., was guest speaker on Oct. 15.

MINISTER FOR SURGERY

(Prahran, Vic.). The minister, T. H. Ede, has not been well and will undergo surgery. Ian Bunnett preached on Oct. 22. . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Cann, whose husband died suddenly. . . . There have been a number of baptisms recently. Services were held at 4 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. during Sept. There was a combined service with St. Kilda and South Yarra. Allan Avery was speaker, with items from visiting artists, then a basket tea. . . . Greek services are still held.

BOX HILL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

(Vic.). Anniversary services had Ray Clark as guest speaker. Other speakers have been Haebich sisters at Youth service; Murray Farmer and Ted Cuthbert at Men's Fellowship (an intriguing story of the laying of the C.O.M.P.A.C.T. cable between Aust. and N.Z.); Principal E. L. Williams on the life, work and needs of the C.O.B.; Dr. and Mrs. Williams, to Endeavourers, on Mission work in India; John Birt and Malcolm Humphries, on Boys' Sunday. . . . Mrs. Hall welcomed back after recent illness; Mrs. Blake improving after recent surgery. . . . After training, Mrs. G. Clare is in charge of religious instruction in grades IV at B.H. State School.

RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

(Hartwell, Vic.). Another step forward was made with the additions and alterations to the school hall being completed. A "Family Gathering" celebrated the opening, programme being arranged by E. Hancock. A. R. Haskell represented Properties Corp. . . . On 22nd, church made a reaffirmation of belief and consecration to the mission of the church. The film, "Unless You Become," was screened at night. . . . Good Companions were hosts to church officers and their wives, at tea, when trophies and awards for club and basketball successes were awarded. . . . E. Hancock has been elected as deacon, and Mrs. Lucas as deaconess.

ASSISTANT MINISTER APPOINTED

(Blackburn, Vic.). The church announces that at the beginning of 1968 Frank Langford will serve as assistant minister. He is now living in Blackburn. . . . 247 attended a family dinner in connection with Planned Giving programme. . . . A Building Committee has been formed to proceed with two new halls. The two 20 ft. x 30 ft. multi-purpose halls were part of the original overall plan. . . . The final series of Christian Encounter groups have commenced and will be six-week series studying Ephesians. . . . A concert sponsored by the Men's Society, and presented by the Carinya Players, was held in the church hall.

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ARCHBISHOP KNOX APPOINTS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE

(Melbourne). Archbishop Knox has appointed a sixteen-member Committee for Ecumenical Affairs in Melbourne Archdiocese, under the chairmanship of Bishop Moran. Priests, religious and laity are all represented. In addition, a team of nine priest-consultors has been nominated.

The Archbishop also announced terms of reference for ecumenical matters requiring the approval of the parish priest. They are:

Delegations invited to be present without active participation (strictly interpreted) at other church functions or services must be appointed or approved by the Parish Priest.

The Parish Priest is competent to consult with other Ministers of Religion concerning Inter-Church functions within the limits of his Parish.

The Parish Priest will decide when any member of the clergy within his Parish may address other religious gatherings outside of religious services.—"The Advocate."

VIETNAM AID MAY CONTINUE

(Sydney). Australian churches' support of aid operations in Vietnam is not affected by the Federal Government's Defence Forces Protection Act.

This was the opinion of the Australian Council of Churches' Executive Committee.

The Defence Forces Protection Act makes it illegal for Australians to send aid to certain named organisations, including the Communist Party of North Vietnam, the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the North Vietnamese Government.

The act does not make it unlawful to contribute to the Australian Red Cross Society or other bodies to be specified by proclamation.

The national Inter-Church Aid Secretary, the Rev. Harvey L. Perkins, publicly expressed grave concern at the unwarranted suspicion implied of other aid bodies operating in Vietnam, including Australian Inter-Church Aid.

Australian churches give funds, personnel and material aid to Asian Christian Service, the refugee relief agency of the East Asia Christian Conference at work in South Vietnam.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

MIDLANDS RALLY

(Maryborough, Vic.). The Midlands Rally was held at Maryborough on Oct. 15. Representatives came from Dunolly, Bet-Bet, St. Arnaud and Wedderburn. At the afternoon session, the Billy Graham film of the Denver Crusade, "Thunder Clouds Ahead," was screened. At night, G. Jackel, of Wedderburn-St. Arnaud circuit, was guest speaker. Musical items were rendered by the Maryborough Choristers and the "Mountaintettes" from Ballarat. The B.S. anniversary singing on Oct. 1 was led by Miss Jean Bartlett. Music was provided by Mrs. D. Roulands, piano; J. Roulands, drums, and Barry Heath, guitar. Guest speaker was Malcolm Gray. The Primary and Kindergarten anniversary, on Oct. 8, had Mrs. Val Parker as guest speaker. The scholars presented their concert on Oct. 20.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

(Bayswater, Vic.). The B.S. anniversary had Ted. Keating, of The College of the Bible, as guest speaker. A family tea preceded the evening service, when a film, "Jungle Doctor on Safari," was shown. The guest speaker at the C.W.F. birthday was from Red Cross. Voluntary offering for this work was \$9. C.W.F. choir added to enjoyment of the evening.

BEVERLEY'S CELEBRATION

(S.A.). The speakers at the 82nd S.S. anniversary were H. Prime, Ian Gates, Don Hutton and John Halbert. Two scholars made decisions, and since the anniversary there have been four more. Keith Chessell showed films of B. and F. B. S. work in East Africa. A youth service, on Oct. 15, included a parade of youth groups and sports clubs. Young people led the service and provided special singing. The B.S. picnic was held at Paracombe Reserve.

HOBBIES AND PETS

(Gulgandra, N.S.W.). A Hobbies and Pets afternoon was arranged by the school at Gulgandra. Young people combined with Methodist Y.P. for their meeting. The church was visited by Conf. Pres., and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Morton. Mr. Morton spoke at both services, and at Balladoran school in the afternoon. B.S. combined with Balladoran for picnic.

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SERVICE WITH METHODISTS

(Malvern, Vic.). Members attended combined church service at Spring Road Methodist Church on Oct. 29. Bill Tavernee, of Ivanhoe, was speaker at a youth service. Young people had tea at Mrs. Pfeifer's. John Blucher showed slides of a trip to Adelaide, to C.M.F. Soloists have been Glenys Fordham, Mrs. F. Bennett and the "Choralaires." Cricket club is winning matches, whilst tennis club is having mixed success.

"THE GLORY OF GOD"

(North Perth, W.A.). The theme of the S.S. anniversary was "The Glory of God." Tom Morrison, of Perth, was speaker. Miss Pam Chatfield led the kinders. Mrs. G. How is in charge of Cradle Roll. Graham How led the Bible School at night in presenting "What a Wonderful Story To Tell!" A S.S. tea was followed by films. C.E. concert raised \$17.

GUESTS AT BERRI

(S.A.). Visitors from Maylands church family camp joined in fellowship on Oct. 8. A. Jones was speaker. C.W.F. held art display and Devonshire morning tea. Berri-Winkle B.S. camp again held at Barmera camp-site. Les. Haines conducted a "Round the World in 90 Minutes" slide evening, which raised \$10.50. Winkle B.S. anniversary held at Winkle on Oct. 29, at 2.30 p.m., and combined with Berri at night. R. L. Baxter is minister.

TWO DECISIONS

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). Gordon Johnson, of the Youth Crusade, spoke on first day of S.S. anniversary. On the second Sunday, following family tea, the minister, R. L. Oke, gave the message. There were two decisions by scholars. B. Coventry, representing the B. and F. B. S., spoke to the church on Oct. 1. Murray Bridge C.W.F. took meeting recently.

THANKSGIVING AT ALBURY

(Albury, Wodonga, Lavington, N.S.W.). The combined churches conducted Thanksgiving services at Albury on Oct. 21 and 22. P. Kavanagh, of Lygon St., was preacher. Fellowship features included after-service supper on Sat., and family basket luncheon on Sunday. Arthur Combridge, our esteemed leader, is missed from services through continued illness. Albury-Wodonga C.W.F. held annual Thanksgiving meeting on Oct. 24. Mrs. Risdon, Vic. State Pres., W.C.T.U., demonstrated making of fruit drinks to counteract the use of alcoholic beverages for social occasions. Miss Ruth Roberts, and Shantabai, of India, led devotional service.

HELP FOR CONVERTS

(Thomson, Vic.). Incorporated with Wednesday night prayer meeting, R. Banks, minister, is giving particular help to young converts. R. Drayton, Latrobe Terrace, showed slides of America at youth tea. The film, "History at the Crossroads" was screened at gospel service. On Oct. 29, D. H. Smith spoke and showed slides on H. M. work. Items were rendered by the Junior Choir, led by Mrs. Grazules. G. Littleton conducts a Bible study group for young people on Sunday mornings.

50 YEARS WITH KINDERS

(Nth. Fitzroy, Vic.). The 94th S.S. anniversary marked the 50th year of service for Kindergarten leader, Miss E. Peck. Speakers were John Newnham, Fitzroy footballer, and J. Turner. Other features were a dialogue on Lord's Prayer, and scholars' play, "Naaman the Leper." Reunion tea attracted many past members. Y.P. enjoyed camp at Marysville on 24th. Sound system has been installed in chapel.

TRIAL COMBINED SERVICES

(Swan Hill, Vic.). Combined evening services with Methodist and Presbyterian congregations have commenced for a trial period until end of the year. Services are held alternately in each chapel with all three ministers taking part. Attendances have been excellent and reflect fine fellowship and co-operation. On Nov. 5, the church joined with all other Protestant congregations for Civic Service in City Hall to commemorate 150th Anniversary of B. and F. B. S. Canon J. Arrowsmith was guest speaker. C.M.S. has been formed, and elected M. Douglas president, with E. G. Mott, sec./treas. First project will be to provide financial assistance to a brotherhood Dept., through pumpkin growing.

BENTLEIGH BAPTISMS

(Vic.). Two were baptized at an evening service, and the Box Hill girls' singing group, "The Quinteens," gave items. Earlier the Billy Graham district prayer rally was held in our chapel. On Oct. 24, a members' tea was followed by the Billy Graham film, "Decade of Decision" and a commitment night. Miss D. Quayle, of the Poona and Indian Village Mission, told the C.W.F. of evangelistic work in India. On Oct. 29, the church welcomed five into the church, four by transfer and one by faith and baptism. B. Sheppard and G. Lee were speakers for the day. We welcome home on furlough: Joan Wells, from Ethiopia; Kath Gollan, from Canada, and Ken Baensch, from Nauru.

PRAYER CELL FORMED

(Morawa, W.A.). The ladies held a prayer cell for the coming Leighton Ford mission. A S.S. scholar has joined the church. The film, "Signposts Aloft," has been screened. Deputationists have included Mr. Cann, of the Leprosy Mission, and Mr. Brighton, of J.E.W., who screened films of Israel. Mrs. Nenke told the Ladies' Friendship meeting of life in Fiji. The church annual meeting decided that the Officers' Board would consist of 4 elders, 2 deacons, and the resident minister.

EMU PARK CAMPSITE

(Rockhampton, Qld.). Men of the churches have been holding working bees at the Emu Park Campsite for the last seven Saturdays. A street stall and a barbecue have been held to raise money for the camp. The C.Y.F. held a "Walkathon," and have donated the \$300 raised to buy a lawnmower for use at Emu Park. The C.Y.F. held a "Drip" night recently and washed down the chapel and hall at North Rockhampton. J. Knight and Mrs. Kearney have been hospitalised following operations. The small William St. school has raised \$40 as a project to help pay for Dick Powell's radio broadcasts in India.

OBITUARY

John Harper Piercy.

A sudden heart attack, followed by almost a week of intensive hospital treatment, preceded the death of John Piercy, on June 24, 1967. Still only relatively young, Mr. Piercy owned a thriving business which he built up through diligent effort, and was not to enjoy for very long the new home that he had constructed for his family. A home visitation campaign was the means by which he was brought to hear the gospel, and he was baptized in 1958. His service in the church at Auburn, N.S.W., included presiding and reading; six and a half years as a deacon; and five years as captain of the Boys' Brigade Company from its inaugural meeting. Eric T. Hart ministered to Mr. Piercy during his illness, and to the family in their grief. The service at the church, and the Northern Suburbs Cemetery, were conducted by Mr. Hart and Mr. Whan. The church expresses its love and concern for the Piercy family at this time of loss.

Miss Nellie Smith.

The church at Auburn, N.S.W., lost one of its oldest members with the passing of Miss Smith, on July 18, 1967, in her 79th year. She joined the church in July, 1912, during the ministry of the late F. Collins. Having shifted out of the district and, due to physical disabilities, she had not been able to participate in active fellowship at services. Accommodation became available to Miss Smith at Ashwood House, where she could receive every attention. It was here that she died. Messrs. Evers (Burwood), Whan and Oswald (Auburn) assisted at the services in the chapel, and at Rookwood Cemetery. Her loved ones, Dorothy, Marjorie (Mrs. Jackson), and Wil, are assured of our prayers.

Mrs. Hannah Jean Hambly.

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82nd year, Mrs. Hambly suffered this final illness for a comparatively short period. Though not enjoying the best of health over the last several years, this gracious Christian lady never seemed to surrender to these illnesses. She had a love for flowers and carefully tended her own gardens. On many occasions she was responsible for the floral decorations for church services, and particularly weddings. With her husband, who predeceased her, she helped in the work at Clyde which was started by the Auburn church. Mrs. Hambly had been living in the Community Centre at Pendle Hill until just prior to her decease. The funeral service was held in the Auburn church, where she was in membership, and at Rookwood Cemetery. A. Rae, Chaplain for the community Centre, officiated.

Mrs. Violet Scott.

Our church family at Epping, N.S.W., was bereft of yet another valued member on Sept. 19, when Mrs. Scott (84 years) died peacefully. She had been brought back by car from Gunnedah with relatives the previous Saturday, because she had been missing all her church friends. After months of sustained weakness she was but a shadow of her former energetic self we all knew. Born Violet Jackson, she knew extremely difficult and impecunious times. What she lacked in formal education she made up for in the "university of hard knocks." It never crushed her spirit, however, and only added zest to her living. She married her husband, Bret, at Lithgow in 1919. Their contact with our congregation came during a tent mission conducted by Don Tonkin from W.A., and in the years since proved most conscientious and loyal members, endearing themselves to us all. Other happy associations were formed with the Salvation Army Home League and the Senior Citizens' Club, who were well represented at the funeral service. Everything she did she did with such enthusiasm and an energy that was phenomenal for her age. She was generous in spirit toward folk of other persuasions, and generous with her substance to any and all in need, seeing to it that her left hand never knew what her right hand was doing.

Mrs. Elsie Morris.

On Sept. 7, Mrs. Morris died after long weeks in much distress. It is thought that the end was precipitated by a heavy fall that she sustained in a bus on her way home from a C.W.F. meeting at Epping, a couple of months earlier. A mammary growth was activated and was too extensive for corrective surgery. Born 67 years ago, Elsie Cordingley commenced life under unenviable circumstances, but this was more than com-

pensated for by the cheeriest disposition that was always able to make a joke out of any situation. In any company she was always at the centre provoking them to peals of laughter in next to no time. She joined the church in 1925, being baptized by S. J. Southgate. She married Gladstone Morris in 1925. They came to live at Dundas and named their home "Hawarden," a name with sentimental connection for the Morris family. She had the most wonderful propensity for making friends, which extended from humans to every living creature. The home was forever populated with stray animals and birds, whom she never failed to shelter and tend. Her kindness and thoughtfulness and practical helpfulness to anyone in any kind of need (regardless of creed) is proverbial in her immediate neighborhood. Many will be the sadder for her passing; not sad for her, but sad for themselves for having lost so good-hearted a friend.

ANGOLA DECLINE

(Nova Lisboa, Angola). Protestant missions in the Portuguese territory of Angola are said to have dwindled to about 65 today from over 250 in 1961, according to a special report published in the "New York Times," on Sept. 18.

The Council of Evangelical Churches of Central Angola has not been authorised by the Portuguese to bring in any new missionaries since 1964. Nor are the Council's missionaries permitted to return after they once leave the country, it is reported.

Portuguese authorities in Angola blame Protestant missions for the nationalist insurrection, which has been going on in some areas for the last six years.

The Governor-General, Lieut. Col. Camilo Rebocho Vaz, is quoted as saying that some Protestants are deliberately working for the denationalisation of the population. Protestant missions have also been criticised for use of African languages rather than Portuguese.

The missionaries deny charges of "denationalisation." They say they use the local African languages in vocational courses and religious services because they feel this is best way to reach villagers.

While many Angolan nationalists have previously attended mission schools, this is said to be because the Protestant missions have been a leading force in education since end of last century.

In 1961 there were 80 missionaries serving the Central Angolan Council. Today there are 20, according to the "New York Times" report. Medical missionaries are especially needed because the Council has only two doctors running its eight hospitals.—E.P.S.

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SERVICE FOR NURSES

(Fullarton, S.A.). Nurses' service, on Oct. 15, was conducted by Aust. Nurses' Christian Movement, with Mrs. Burrows as speaker. The Nurses' Choir sang and several hospitals were represented. Later, slides were shown, with recorded commentary by Sister Marjorie Barton, of Port Lincoln, on her term last year as voluntary worker at Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides. . . . Speakers at B.S. anniversary were Rev. Peter Newell, St. Stephens Anglican, Glenunga, and Murray Couch, Glenunga Methodist. Church held reunion picnic on Labor Day holiday at Longwood Camp picnic site.

CHRISTMAS APRONS

(Tumby Bay, S.A.). C.W.F. and Guild ladies combined to make 34 aprons for Carnarvon . . . One young girl has confessed her faith . . . A light luncheon on Oct. 22 was held to farewell McKelvie family . . . The minister, B. Ricketts, was one of the leaders at a recent Y.P. camp at Red Cliffs.

PROFIT AND LOSS

(Balwyn, Vic.). Homecoming, with its happy reunions, hospitality and fellowship, had H. J. Patterson, past minister, as guest speaker, with Mrs. Dorothy Langford, as soloist . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Russell and family have transferred to North Balwyn, after many years faithful service . . . C.W.F. held coffee morning at the home of Mrs. Rusden, with Matron Gall as interesting speaker . . . After series of evangelistic sermons by minister, evening service changed to form groups for helpful discussion.

TEENS TIME

(Morwell, Vic.). On Oct. 15, "Teens time" group led the evening service, announcing the hymns, giving the scripture readings; "Teens Time" leader, G. Teese, gave the sermon. Teenagers were well represented in the congregation.

MANSE PLANS

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Plans are being prepared for erection of manse on allotment purchased next to existing property. . . . Christian Men's Society spent an afternoon inspecting Gatton Agricultural College . . . A letter from our Living Link in the New Hebrides tells of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Finger, and of the warm welcome they received . . . Three tradesmen from church shared in the erection of the new manse at Gladstone . . . Recent speakers have included Eric Hart, Director of Social Service Dept.; John Sara and Rex Ellis, of Kenmore College. Fred Winter, senr., continues to exercise interim ministry while church seeks full-time minister. . . . Visitation during the B.S. Hour for new scholars is being carried out by H. Large and C. Noble . . . The B.S. anniversary used the theme, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Allan Weedon, of Dalby, was guest speaker.

KALGOORLIE CRUSADE

(W.A.). A four-day Crusade, with W. Gaunson, of Northam, was assisted by gospel singer, Max White. The film, "Going Steady," was also screened. A coffee shop was held after the meetings. . . . Our S.S. anniversary had best attendances for years. Speakers were our minister, G. B. Carslake, Captain Ling and his talking doll, and Dr. Rowe, of Leonora. Four young people made decisions for Christ . . . Sat. evening badminton is attracting new members. . . . Five basketball teams, men and women, have been entered in this year's competition . . . Ruth Edgell spent a few days with us before leaving to continue her work in the New Hebrides.

A STORY TO TELL

(North Perth, W.A.). At the S.S. anniversary, a colorful mission pageant, "The Most Wonderful Story to Tell," was presented. G. Howe was the conductor. T. Morrison was guest speaker . . . C.W.F. members travelled to Mandurah . . . The C.E. Societies presented a concert in aid of C.E. work and missions in New Guinea. . . . The church is planning wholeheartedly to enter into Leighton Ford Crusade . . . Many have registered as prayer partners . . . Mr. and Mrs. Goff have left on an overseas tour, after Mrs. Goff's recovery from a serious accident.

C.E. EARNS \$150

(South Perth, W.A.). The C.E. Societies worked hard every night for a week recently. They contracted to deliver the telephone books for both the Como and South Perth districts. In all 8,000 phone books were delivered. As a result they raised \$150 for the State Youth Project. . . . Mrs. George Wood spoke on "Woman's Realm" to 160 at the C.W.F. annual "at home." The Ladies' Fellowship enjoyed a spring bus trip to York (65 miles from the city). York C.W.F. extended hospitality, and their minister, W. Turnell, spoke on the Wooroloo work . . . "Working Together in the Woman's Realm" was the topic of Mrs. F. Newcombe, Conf. Pres., when she visited the women . . . The minister, G. Wood, is conducting a mission at Geraldton.

\$1500 FOR TEMPLE DAY

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). Temple Day offering has exceeded the target of \$1,500. . . . B.S. anniversary services, on Oct. 15, had A. E. White and R. V. Amos as speakers. A special evening service included a Biblical tableau by scholars, based on theme, "Jesus — King Most Wonderful" . . . Boys' Explorers conducted car trial on Oct. 14, with many participating . . . Officers have been conducting evening services at Emmaus during October . . . Pre-Crusade prayer rally, conducted by C.W.F., was held on Oct. 17.

C.W.F. BIBLES IN SCHOOL

(Stawell, Vic.). The C.W.F. has bought two Bibles to be placed in the library of the Stawell West State School . . . Visiting speakers have been J. Paver (Ararat) and Barry Miller (C.O.B.). . . . The church is supporting Billy Graham Crusade . . . A young people's afternoon, in Sept., had Viney Longthorp as guest speaker . . . The C.Y.F. concert raised over \$25 for the Freedom from Hunger appeal . . . The church was saddened by the death of one of its organists, Mrs. Ferguson.

SEVEN BAPTISMS

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). Seven young people were baptized on Oct. 8, and received into church membership . . . At an Inter-Church Study Seminar at Bridport, Churches of Christ were represented by five of our members . . . November is to be "Friendship Month," with special features to encourage greater fellowship, and special addresses by L. G. Read.

AWAITING MINISTER

(Albion, Qld.). The induction of Mervyn Bedwell will take place on Dec. 10. . . . B.S. weekend was a success. A talent quest, involving vocal and elocutionary items and Bible readings attracted many entries of high standard. A. C. Male was guest speaker on Oct. 15. Two S.S. scholars made decisions. Three young people were successful in recent J.C.E. examinations.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 46 — SERVANT :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

In the Authorised Version, "servant" is a translation of (1) diakonos in Matt. 22: 13; 23: 11; Mark 9: 35; John 2: 5, 9; 12: 26; Rom. 16: 1. This word has been already discussed under "MINISTER?"

(2) doulon in Rom. 6: 19, where the word is used twice. It is an adjectival use of doulos.

(3) doulos in many passages. This word is also translated "bond" in 1 Cor. 12: 13; Gal. 3: 28; Eph. 6: 8; Col. 3: 11; Rev. 13: 16; 19: 18; and "bondman" in Rev. 6: 15.

In Classical Greek doulos was used of a born bondman, then generally of a bondman or slave. It is interesting to note that the English word "slave" occurs only once in the Authorised Version of the New Testament (Rev. 18: 13), where the Greek word means "bodies." There is one reference in the Old Testament (Jer. 2: 14), where the word "slave" is in Italics, since it is a supplied word. "Slave" is derived from a word indicating originally a member of a Slav race. "Servant" for "slave" is "largely confined to Biblical translation and early American times." The status of a slave depended largely upon that of the master. In its higher sense doulos is used of one in the service of God — in the Old Testament of prophets, for example; in the New Testament of apostles and others who are dedicated to the Lord. Even Christ, the heavenly Lord, appears on earth in the form of a slave (Phil. 2: 7).

(4) therapon in Heb. 3: 5, the only occurrence of the Greek word in the New Testament. It is used in the Septuagint especially of Moses, as an "attendant." A similar use is found in the Classics.

(5) oiketes in Luke 16: 13; Rom. 14: 4; 1 Pet. 2: 18. In Acts 10: 7 this word is rendered "household servant." It is connected with oikos, a house, a word which can be seen in English in the first part of words such as "economy." In Classical writers, the word is sometimes used in the plural to indicate all the members of a household; sometimes it is used in the sense of doulos.

(6) pais in Matt. 8: 6, 8, 13; 12: 18; 14: 2; Luke 1: 54, 69; 7: 7; 15: 26; Acts 4: 25. This word is also rendered "child" (Matt. 2: 16; 17: 18; 21: 15; Luke 2: 43; 9: 42; Acts 4: 27, 30); "maid" (Luke 8: 54); "maiden" (Luke 8: 51); "manservant" (Luke 12: 45); "son" (John 4: 51; Acts 3: 13, 26); "young man" (Acts 20: 12).

In the Classical writings, pais was used in the sense "child," whether son or daughter, in relation to descent; "boy" or "girl" in relation to age; "slave" or "servant" in relation to condition. In the last sense the word was often applied to adults, much as we speak of soldiers as "boys." These meanings are paralleled in the New Testament.

(7) huperetes in Matt. 26: 58; Mark 14: 54, 65; John 18: 36. This word was discussed under the study MINISTER.

"Hired servant" is the translation of misthios in Luke 15: 17, 19. The Greek word is an adjective meaning "hired." In Mark 1: 20 the related noun misthotos is used. It appears also in the Greek of John 10: 12, 13, where it is rendered "hireling." The phrases "become servant" (Rom. 6: 18, 22) and "make servant" (1 Cor. 9: 19) are translations of the verb douloō, I enslave.

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50 YEARS AGO

(From "The Australian Christian," November, 1917).

RUSSIA. It is most depressing to see the way in which Russia has become palsied by her own external divisions. It is a sad spectacle to see a mighty empire in travail and sorrow. This is no more than we can expect from a people who have long been bound by the religion of a simple faith in traditions, and who are going along the path of scepticism, socialism and selfish materialism to their destiny.

HAWTHORN. The second anniversary of Mr. Scambler's work here was observed with splendid meetings. The Chandler-Clay mission has completed five weeks. There have been over 200 decisions to date.

PROPHECY. "The man who is looking for a lasting peace previous to the advent of our Lord, is falling into one of the great mistakes of modern times. Christ said, 'I came not to bring peace but a sword,' and 'From henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two and two against three.' Are not England, France, and Russia on the one hand divided against Germany and Austria on the other, making five in one house or family relationship?"

GOD'S PEOPLE IN GOD'S WORLD

"I came not expecting people to listen to me, said an African woman. But I was wrong. I've never felt so respected, nor been listened to so carefully." This comment was made by one of the African delegates to the World Council of Christian Education Institute, held at Nairobi, Kenya, in July this year.

It is a remark which raises questions. Is patronage still the dominating factor in the attitude of Europeans to Africans? Are Europeans usually listeners, learners, or people who promote their "superior" western ways?

At the Institute, President Nyerere, of Tanzania, was quoted as follows: "Our problem is just this: how to get the benefits of European society, benefits which have been brought by an organisation of society based on an exaggerated idea of the rights of the individual, and yet retain the African's own structure of society in which the individual is a member of a kind of fellowship."

This issue came into focus again and again as the 370 delegates from 76 coun-

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tries discussed being "God's people in God's world," in seven commissions relating to Daily Work, the Structures of Church and Society, the Tension between the Generations, Racial and Cultural Differences, State Controlled or Supported Education, A Just and Peaceful International Order, and Public and Private Worship.

The learning was mutual, those belonging to Western cultures finding themselves the recipients of insights as much or not more than the givers of insights. Yet our self-image of superiority probably operated more than we know. Whether we "heard" or not, those from the "developing" countries taught us a great deal.

Two Stories

An African minister from Zambia told us that he recently visited Rhodesia, accompanied by his wife and child. The bus conductor, a European woman, addressed him as "boy." He asked her, "Do you know the English language?" "Yes, of course," she replied. "Then," asked the African, "how could a boy be a husband and the father of a child?" "I'd never really thought of that," she said. They had a talk and shook hands.

Mr. Tom Mboya, Minister of Economic Development in Kenya, addressed the Institute. He made a deep impression, displaying mature wisdom, eloquence, courtesy, and he made a plea that we

should forget the bitterness of the past and build a true inter-racial community.

Our effort at Nairobi was to face the radical question: "Does our work in Christian education really prepare people, adults, youth and children, to be God's people in his world, in the midst of personal, class, racial, national tensions such as are illustrated in these stories?"

We were challenged to get away from vague generalisations, challenged to face the often harsh realities of our world in our educational programmes. We were challenged to be deeply involved in the world's life, and to reflect on what we experienced in the dimension of faith in Christ.

Education for Stability or Radical Change?

From South America came the following comments and questions: "In Latin America change, and not stability, is the midwife of peace. The structures of stability become stronger and the economic conditions of the masses become more and more deteriorated. Peace is not a matter of preserving present structures which are judged by the inhumanity at their base . . . Are we sensitive enough to see the violence involved in and provoked by this stability? Should not Christian education be geared to radical change rather than stability?"

Perhaps even this glimpse into the Institute's life will give some idea of its enormous complexity. There were many delegates present from countries in the midst of revolutions. We were meeting in Kenya with its newly found independence after the Mau Mau "emergency."

Delegates came from parts of the world where radical changes in social structures are needed because of dire poverty; from affluent countries unable to deal effectively with racial and cultural clashes; from countries directly



Dr. C. J. Wright.

involved in war; from affluent countries where there is need for a decisive re-evaluation of the Puritan doctrine of work. We were all involved in the clash of world views — animistic "ontocratic" secular, which call for theological re-thinking, the re-examination of church structures, and of the church's relation to the world's life and so on and on.

The fact that at Nairobi we made a genuine attempt to face radical questions, tried to discover the ministries of the church needed in the situations of the world, tried to see what changes in our educational operations are needed, was itself an achievement.

No doubt, people left the Institute with widely varying impressions. Some were disturbed, some confused, some disappointed, some went home with profound new insights.

It is abundantly clear that in Australia we have a responsibility to continue the work of the Institute, and see if we are guilty of having an operation in our work of Christian Education which is remote from the mainstreams of our national life.

We need profound commitment; we need to avoid just addressing other people about the need for change, for renewal; we need to break open many rigid structures and find ways in which the directions of renewal may become integral with our work of Christian Education. A great task is before us.

FROM KEITH SKILLICORN

I am out again on tour in a 7-ton Mercedes truck on a seed purchasing trip. However, friends have warned me not to go to Ranchi, where trouble has again flared up between Hindu and Muslim extremists, who fought bitterly during the riots during the last week of August. Many died — around 1,500 so far — though some insist that the figure is nearer 2,500. Who knows? Perhaps it may never be known.

The Christians and CORAGS in particular were active in riot relief, and I was able to share in the supply of baby food sent by Dr. Dungan. Most of the injured and killed were Muslim, so it should be understood that most of the Christian's ministrations went to the Muslims. There was strict impartiality, and for fear of provoking the Hindus against the Christians, Dr. Matthews asked the Hindu Mission to help CORAGS in relief to the Muslims.

However, the Hindu extremists refuse to accept the fact that we have been impartial, and they now threaten to kill the Ranchi Christians too. Some provocative Muslims recently threw the head of a cow into a Hindu temple, and that near the time of the Hindu festival of Dashera.

We are now moving through the last consignment of 752 bags (60 tons), and today I drive through with 80 bags. Many thanks. The crisis is over in that the maize crop (CORAGS loaned 10 tons hybrid seed) is good and the rice crop (what there is from the limited supply of seed we had) will be good in the early varieties, though it is anticipated that unless more rain comes soon there will be losses in the later crop of rice.

Though we are now no longer in the emergency relief work, a real need will continue in our area, due to (a) lack of rice seed that was needed in July; and (b) lack of Rabi seed (winter crop), but a wonderful thing has happened! We have tested the Aust. wheat for germination, and the results are good, so

now we plan to issue, as seed, your wheat to those with suitable fields. At the same time we can give them U.S. wheat (treated and from different climate — doesn't germinate) for food through work projects.

The quantity we'll give for seed will not be a large amount, but will be enough to fill the gap. This Aust. consignment could be the salvation of the rabi crop in our part of the district. The people are thrilled. As soon as the rice crop is harvested the wheat will be sown, so there is a bright future, especially for those who will plant the seed below the earthen dams, over 150 of which we have constructed. They are holding a lot of water, and 21,000 fish that we bought from Govt. fisheries.

CORAGS is to continue its programme — food for work projects, and in mid-November I go to Calcutta to work out details. We have received from CORAGS a tractor-trailer and plough for this on-going programme. I don't think that further supplies of food are now necessary, but what you have sent has been of tremendous blessing.

It is no exaggeration to say that at least 32,000 lives have been saved through our own immediate programme. What may be necessary are more funds to help cover what may be a debit balance. I still have transport bills to be submitted, and there is a lot of local cartage to be done by coolies.

(In response to this request, the Overseas Mission Board has forwarded \$400.00 to Mr. Skillicorn).

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sionaries are working, and in the Bihar State, where Mr. Skillicorn serves. As we have been advised that there is no need to send further supplies, the balance of the money will be used to assist needy people in India.

On behalf of those who have received assistance, we say "Thank you" to all who have contributed to the Wheat for India appeal. The gift food supplies we have forwarded have been deeply appreciated, as indicated in Mr. Skillicorn's article.

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—R. L. Stevenson.



No one can be caught in places he never goes to.



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—A. Helps.



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