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R. V. AMOS, presenting the 1955 N.S.W. Conference Sermon, asks

Is the Church a Spent Force?

Because the Church has ever had a high conception of her origin, her ministry, and her destiny, she has had many critics (and that need not necessarily be a bad thing) so that every now and again the voices of the prophets of doom can be heard above the noise of the world, telling us that the day of the Church is over—that she is now a spent force!

But is this really the case? Many people — thinking, discerning, able, and needy people — cry out and say "No! The Church is not finished." Halford E. Luccock addressing the great International Convention of Disciples of Christ, which was held in Miami last year, said, "The Church is not washed up. Remember she began with a little group in an upper room, and her ministry is still measured in candlepower."

When we consider the divine Master, the distinctive message, the defined mandate, the desirable motives, and the determined membership of the Church we cannot believe that she is a spent force. That feeling is strengthened when we read, "The Church is his Body, and in the Body lives fully the One who fills the whole, wide universe" (Eph. 1: 23, Phillips).

Notice for a moment or two

A Portrait of the Ideal Church

When our Lord was here on earth he spent a good deal of time healing

men. Sometimes he fed the hungry. Now and again he addressed an interested crowd in the open air. But his great increasing passion during the last two years of his ministry is indicated in his words to Peter — "I will build my Church." The ideal



R. V. Amos.

Church is Christ's Church — the one over which he rules in love.

The ideal Church is Christ's, for he is right at the centre of it. Paul uses three lovely images to describe the Church, and all are found in the Epistle to the Ephesians. Each sets forth clearly the supremacy of Christ. He calls the Church a **Building**, of which Christ is the Cornerstone; again he calls it a **Bride**, Christ himself being the Bridegroom—the Lord; still again he calls it a **Body**, Christ being the Head. These three pictures suggest the permanence, the purpose, and the power of the Church.

When Jesus Christ is right at the centre of the Church he is in his rightful place, and the Church is moving towards her eternal destiny. The ideal Church is that over which the Son of God rules, in love, as Lord. Therefore, observe

A Picture of the New Testament Church

In the Acts of Apostles we have the closest approximation to that ideal Church we have just been considering. As we read through the book and see how the Church began, and grew, we find that it makes an altogether thrilling story.

As we read, we discover that the Church is a divine institution. Jesus said, "I will build my Church." Away back in the Old Testament is a verse which seems to describe aptly the

building of the New Testament Church. It refers to a man who "came and laid the foundations of the House of God which is in Jerusalem; and from that time until now it has been in the building, and it is not yet finished" (Ezra 5: 16). So with the Church — begun in Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost over 1900 years ago, it has been in the building from that time till now, and yet it is not finished.

The Church of the New Testament was, also, a growing organism. It didn't stand still. It got out into the world, and invaded society at all levels of life. It is interesting to notice that the Church in our own day is making new and concerted efforts to break through into certain areas of life which have, perhaps, been neglected a little too much in the past—areas like industry, education, and politics.

The New Testament Church was, as we well know, a believing society. The people who belonged to that Church were men and women of conviction. It was no easy thing to be a Christian then, so a man needed to have strong beliefs. Christians do well to know what they believe, and why they believe it.

One further thing about that Church was the fact that it was a kingdom without frontiers. It rode clean above race, and color, and class, and sex, and bound the most diverse personalities into one great society, over which Christ ruled as Lord. J. A. Hutton in his book, *Weapons of our Warfare*, suggests that this kingdom conquered for three reasons—the force and attractiveness of her faith, the new and haunting quality of her goodness, and the suffering which she bore (imposed by the world), and by which she showed her communion with her Lord. That does not mean that all the members of that Church were perfect people. They were not. They were just as human as we are. Which means that we ought to be able to present the same kind of radiant and victorious Christian faith to the world, as they did. As a matter of fact, about 150 years ago several people, quite independently, did set out to do something about the matter. Let us, then, give our attention to

A Perusal of the Restoration Movement

That was the name by which these people became known. They set out to do two things. (1) To restore, as far as possible, in life and faith, and in practice and policy the Church of the New Testament, and (2) To try to bring all Christian people together as one family.

Why did these folk attempt this task? Because they felt that over the years the Church had departed from her original purity, unity, vitality, and

authority. This led them on a quest for the true Church, which proved to be a long and interesting pilgrimage. It called forth a number of able and scholarly men who were prepared to take the Bible alone as the rule of faith and practice. They came to long for the unity of God's people.

Eventually, they began to see that the answer to their God-given dream was simply a return to the Church of the New Testament. They wanted to reproduce, in the society within which they lived, the same kind of fellowship, the same kind of organisation, the same kind of passion for the souls of men, and the same kind of faith which they found mirrored in the pages of the Holy Word. It was a splendid and noble ideal. Just how far that dream has been realised is another story.

We believe in the sovereignty of God, in the Deity and Saviourhood of Christ, in the value of the Church, and in the inspiration of the Scriptures. We accept and practise the two Biblical "ordinances"—baptism, being the immersion of a penitent believer, upon the confession of faith; and the Lord's Supper, being the weekly observance of the Master's memorial feast, held at his command, and performed to his glory. These things have guided our ministry, and directed our course. Finally, let me offer

A Programme for these Present Times

What now? Well, certain things require our urgent attention, and it is in our own interests to do something about them at once.

World Convention Newsflashes

Sunday, Aug. 14, has been designated as a day of prayer for the Toronto World Convention in all our churches in all lands.

There is ample parking space in Toronto for automobiles at reasonable rates. On the lake front at the foot of Bay Street, near the Union Station and the Royal York Hotel, there is one parking lot owned by the city that will care for 1,200 cars at 35 cents per day. There are parking lots, also, around the hotels and near the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Canada, with a total of 6,500 resident members in 80 congregations, has a goal of 1,500 registrations. This is about 25 per cent. of the resident membership expected at Toronto.

Latest reports are that the Australian delegation for Toronto numbers 65. This delegation, which lives "neath the Southern Cross" will travel further than any other delegation.

There is the need of a spiritual stock-taking on our own part. Let us check up and see where we stand. Is Jesus Christ really the Lord of the Church?—and of our lives?—and of our homes and places of business? We cannot hope to set a clear and consistent witness before men if our own standards are defective.

There is the need on the part of all of us of a clearer understanding of the faith once delivered unto the saints. That should send us back with renewed vigor to the Word of God. As J. A. Hutton used to say: "A Church without conviction is a horror."

There is the need of a new spirit of daring and sacrifice in presenting Jesus Christ to the world as the only answer to the eternal needs of the human soul. If we turn away from the challenge of a dying world at this time, we leave that world to its destruction. The greatest power in the world is not that of the H Bomb, but the power which is invested in the Son of God.

There is the need of a rebirth of the passion which will work without ceasing so that one day the whole family of God might become one. Therein lies the reason for our existence. Be false to that and we have no right to continue. Passive belief is almost as bad as no belief at all.

Now! A Church committed to these things, moving forward with precision, and purpose, and power, will never be a spent force. Jesus Christ is calling us — all of us — every Christian, the whole Church, to lives of deeper consecration, fuller service, and greater love.

The two delegates coming from South Africa to represent our churches there, are Basil Holt and Bernard Barron.

Garfield Todd of Southern Rhodesia will not only come to Toronto as a member of our communion, but he has been invited to come to Canada as a guest of the Canadian Government. He will preach in the National City Christian Church in Washington, on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The Canadian Disciple is a monthly journal of our churches in Canada. The March issue was a special World Convention number with many pictures and articles. The Australian Christian, a weekly paper of our churches, issued a special World Convention number on last February 1.

The fare on the Toronto new subway is 10 cents. The Maple Leaf Gardens can be reached within a few minutes from the Royal York Hotel or the King Edward Hotel.

A. G. ELLIOTT, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., presents news and notes on the 1955

New South Wales Conference

A note of confident Christian optimism characterised the 70th Annual Conference of our churches in N.S.W., held March 29 to April 5. All business sessions and evening rallies were held in the Enmore Tabernacle, while the Conference Sermon session took place at City Temple.

The Conference President, S. H. Laney, manifested a kindly and gracious influence over all the gatherings, and the Conference Choir, under the direction of L. Piper, made a splendid contribution to worship.

Devotional sessions were led by N. C. Reese, R. Beadle, K. Fennell, R. Rugendyke, F. Leivesley and E. McIlhagger. Significant messages upon various aspects of the theme, "Yours in Service," were also presented during the course of Conference by H. Walmsley, W. Hoffman, J. Shaw and A. C. Thurrowgood.

Review and Retrospection

Presentation of reports of the various committees of Conference gave evidence of advances in many directions.

Conference Executive reported that during the year 388 had been added to the churches by faith and baptism. The formidable task of establishing a "Master Roll" of membership throughout the State was commended and the further implementation of plans for the "Conservation of Membership"—originated at the 1954 Conference, was urged. Appreciation was expressed concerning the chaplaincy work of B. E. Cavill and G. J. Crossman (both full-time) and A. W. Morris (part-time).

The Home Mission Committee has rendered faithful service in subsidising churches at Asquith-Hornsby, Beverly Hills, Gilgandra-Dubbo, Loftus Park, Merewether-Cardiff, Tamworth, Padstow, Wentworth Falls-Lawson, Wyoming, and among the New Australians. Preacher-Officers Training Classes in suburban areas have also been valuable, while Missions have been conducted at Wagga, Beverly Hills and Earlwood.

Overseas Missions were furthered by the presence at Conference of Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale, en route to the New Hebrides. The work in India and the New Hebrides was featured, with particular reference to advances in educational work and among the indigenous churches. The urgency, not only of maintaining existing work but also of entering a new field in South-East Asia, was stressed.

Aborigines' Missions reported considerable progress on the native stations at Carnarvon and Norseman,

in Western Australia; and at Mooropna and Fitzroy, in Victoria. A 16 mm. projector has been purchased for use on the stations. A notable feature mentioned in discussion was the comparatively high educational standard reached by many of the children in our Mission schools. N.S.W. churches supplied, during 1954, 16 cases, containing 2,462 garments, as well as stationery, toys, etc.

Youth Work is also moving forward with enthusiasm. The Youth Gospel Van, "Aussie No. 2," worthily blazes the trail. The Youth Centre, at Lake Illawarra, represents a brotherhood asset of some £8,000. The Scripture Examination, 1954, again proved to be an outstanding success, 34 schools entering and 442 scholars participating.

The College Board report was enthusiastically received by Conference. The Board and Faculty of the Bible College were commended for the sustained effort of the years. Representatives of student-churches expressed appreciation of the high quality of the service of the young men. Conference also voiced its appreciation of the work of B. G. Corlett (sec.) and J. Boswell (retiring treas.).

The Social Service report highlighted the opening of the Samuel and Anne McCauley Rest Home for Aged Folks, at Thirroul, and also the magnificent reponse of the Australian churches to the N.S.W. Flood Relief Appeal. The Fund has now exceeded £4,180.

Reports of the excellent work of the Property Trust, Advisory Board, The Christian Messenger, Boys' Home Committee and Chapel Extension Committee were also presented.

Worship and Witness

The Overseas and Aborigines' Missions Rally, on Wednesday, March 30, was an occasion of inspiration and rich blessing. Pictures were shown of the work at Carnarvon and Norseman. Mrs. Beale brought greetings from the New Hebrides, the Conference Choir rendered appropriate anthems, and Mr. F. Beale delivered a challenging message, in which the story of the Native Mission at Fitzroy stirred the hearts of the large gathering.

The Bible College and Home Mission Demonstration, on Saturday evening, April 2, was addressed by W. D. Howard, who made an impassioned plea for the allegiance of God's people to the Book, the Lord, and the Church. Principal A. W. Stephenson, the newly-elected President, reported on the College work; and the Home Mission Ap-

peal, presented by R. Greenhalgh, resulted in £316, in cash and promises.

The Conference Sermon Session was held at City Temple on Sunday afternoon, April 3. R. V. Amos was the preacher, his subject being, *Is the Church a Spent Force?* The service was broadcast over 2CH network by the courtesy of the Council of Churches.

The speaker at the Social Service and Boys' Home Demonstration, on Monday evening, April 4, was B. G. Judd, Director of Hammondville Settlement. Pictures were shown of the Boys' Home and aspects of Social Service, and the Pendle Hill boys gave a P.T. demonstration.

At the Preachers' Session of Conference, a helpful discussion on The Eldership was introduced by L. Dewberry and R. V. Amos.

The final gathering of Conference was the Youth Evangelistic Rally, on Tuesday, April 5, when J. Henderson delivered a significant message, entitled, *The Time of Your Life.*

Facing the Future

A noteworthy feature of Conference was the emphasis placed upon a prayerful attitude of dependence on the leading of God in facing the future.

The Conference Executive looks forward hopefully to Federal Conference in Sydney, October, 1956, and to the inauguration of a Federal Men's Fellowship, as envisaged by Mark Rutherford, operating in every State of the Commonwealth.

The Overseas Mission Committee was charged by Conference with the task of presenting to the Federal Board the urgency of opening a new field in New Guinea as a means of absorbing our increasing band of young missionary volunteers.

The Home Mission Committee is planning a full-scale programme in Evangelistic and Teaching Missions, and a new tent and talkie projector will soon be in operation. Other aims include a more effective development of the New Testament Eldership in the churches and a continuation of District Training Classes.

The Youth Department is pressing on with further improvements in the War Memorial Youth Centre.

The Aborigines' Mission Committee, in conjunction with the Federal Board, is sounding the cry for volunteers. More workers are needed in the field to keep pace with the proposed advances in this vital work.

Resolutions

Among resolutions passed, in addition to that of loyalty to the Throne, we note:

This Conference is of the opinion that liquor reform has not been, and will not be effected by an extension of trading hours, which is an aggravation of the real issue; and that young people in the churches and schools should be given regular temperance education in an effort to establish a Christian conscience in favor of total abolition of the liquor trade.

This Conference commends the work being done by many members in extending Christian fellowship to migrants, and urges all churches of Christ to extend their interest in these New Australians and help to bring them into the worship and fellowship of New Testament churches.

This Conference re-affirms support of the Great Commission of our Lord to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and is convinced that world peace is best served by an aggressive missionary advance.

This Conference expresses appreciation of the spontaneous response to the Flood Relief Fund by brethren throughout the Commonwealth, and thanks the N.S.W. Social Service Department for the prompt and effective distribution of this valued help.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Past President: S. H. Laney.

President: A. W. Stephenson.

Vice-Presidents: G. E. Knight, L. C. Yelds.

Secretary: S. C. Woolley.

Asst.-Sec.: D. Deall.

Treasurer: T. W. Dunne.

Co-opted Sec.: E. F. Morris.

Home Missionary Committee: G. Brown, L. S. Dewberry, Mrs. W. R. Hayward, K. A. Larcombe, N. H. Matthews, M. McArthur, A. R. Norling, H. B. Palmer, R. H. Wakeley, and A. K. Wilson.

Overseas Missionary Committee: R. W. Beadle, C. R. M. Graham, I. A. Paternoster, L. A. Piper, J. Reed, Miss H. V. Roff.

Social Service Committee: C. Baker, B. F. Bradshaw, W. E. Crawford, J. V. Ellerby, H. C. Gowans, C. King, L. Reed, W. C. Roffey, A. C. Thurrowood, and D. Turnbull.

Bible Schools and Young People's Committee: J. H. Christison, D. Crawford, K. R. Pennell, J. W. Fraser, A. J. Frost, R. Greenhalgh, J. Henderson, J. W. Hunter, N. Morris, J. Morris, D. Oldfield, and W. H. Small.

N.S.W. Bible College Board: R. W. Beadle, J. W. Boswell, B. G. Corlett, A. W. Cust, R. Greenhalgh, I. Marshall, N. A. Moore, I. A. Paternoster, C. A. Saxby, and D. J. A. Verco.

Chapel Extension Committee: E. Harris, S. Morris, and R. A. Sounness.

Building Advisory Committee: L. Bills and F. Elsmore.

Aborigines' Mission Committee: Mrs. K. Hunter, G. E. Knight, V. C. Muir, E. Oswald, E. Park, J. G. Shaw, and B. Tabrett.

Advisory Board: R. V. Amos, A. G.

Elliott, R. Greenhalgh, S. H. Laney, I. A. Paternoster, P. E. Thomas, and C. A. Verco.

Boys' Home Committee: S. Bagley, G. Hardimon, W. Hill, F. Kimpton, G. E. Knight, M. Leask, W. Mansell, K. C. Payne, J. F. Tait, and L. Wylie.

Nominations Committee: R. V. Amos, R. Greenhalgh, E. F. Morris, I. A. Paternoster, and S. C. Woolley.

W. A. Women's Record

FIFTY YEARS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

C. H. Hunt.

1905, must have been a year of great evangelistic effort in Western Australia. A number of churches are holding their Jubilee Anniversary services, and the 50th Annual Conference of the W.A. Women's Auxiliary has just closed, on April 6.

The Lake-st. chapel was already comfortably filled when the morning roll was called. Twenty churches were represented by 78 delegates.

The opening devotional service was led by Mrs. G. W. Elliott, who was present at the first Sisters' Conference as Secretary and who has attended every Conference for 50 years. She has been twelve times Secretary, five times President, and has been honored a few years since as a Life-Member. To mark the occasion, Mrs. Elliott was made the recipient of a beautifully finished wireless chair. In her acknowledgment of the gift, Mrs. Elliott made a strong appeal to the younger women to take up the work of the Conference, in which she had found joy and blessing.

Among many others who were given Jubilee gifts to mark the occasion (several over 80 years) was Mrs. Sharp, aged 94, and still enjoying the fellowship of church and Conference.

Mrs. P. Jefferies presented her Obituary report for the 38th time. Ten churches reported 14 departures, including Mrs. E. Cosh, who had for many years been a "singer of Israel."

During the day reports from the various departments were presented and received enthusiastically. The Superintendents responsible were: Hospital, Mrs. Cooper; Woolooloo, Mrs. Collins; Dorcas, Mrs. Moyle; Social Service, Mrs. Wilkerson; Prayer, Mrs. Smillie; Isolated Correspondence, Mrs. G. Ewers; Youth, Mrs. K. Ballantyne; Home Missions, Mrs. P. Armstrong; Overseas, Mrs. Palmer; Aborigines, Mrs. I. Digwood. Christian Guest Home, Mrs. G. E. McIntyre, presented the first annual Report of the Home. Ten residents had been received.

The financial report was presented by Mrs. W. Beck, who was warmly thanked for her 25 years of service. A cheque was handed to the President of the General Conference (Mrs. Gordon Ewers) covering the following donations: Home Missions, £264;

Overseas, 196; Aborigine Missions, £107; Christian Guest Home, £377; Living Link, £24; Canberra Fund, £44 — total, £1,012.

The President (Mrs. J. K. Robinson) announced that during the present year a Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund would be opened for the assistance of the work of the Christian Guest Home, at Joondanna Heights.

Afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. C. H. Hunt. Greetings were received from the Federal Women's Conference, and from Sister State Auxiliaries. A long list of greetings was received to mark the Jubilee Conference. Representatives were welcomed from kindred churches and organisations. Mrs. Jas. Gordon gave welcome greetings to all visitors, including Mrs. A. J. Ingham, Mrs. Troubridge, and her daughter, Lillian, Mrs. A. Morphet, from S.A., and Mrs. L. Tilbee, from N.S.W.

Mesdames R. W. Marshall and A. J. Ingham responded. Messages of song were rendered by Mesdames P. Armstrong, A. E. Black, J. Brown, E. Pridmore, R. Johnson, T. D. Maiden, and Jones.

The Incoming President (Mrs. G. Ewers) in the course of her inaugural address made a strong appeal to the younger women to come forward and take up Auxiliary work. She gave, as her challenge, the words of Paul — "We can do all things through Christ."

The evening session was a grand display of the intense earnestness of the women of the churches, and concluded with the soul-stirring message from R. Raymond, who took as his theme — "Fifty Years of Faith, Love and Hope." He said, "Faith is a principle of action, obedience is the outcome of love, and patience the evidence of hope." These qualities needed a fresh emphasis in these days.

Electors of Officers:

President: Mrs. Gordon Ewers.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames A. E. Black, Cooper, I. Digwood, and W. J. Robartson.

Secretary: Mrs. P. Armstrong.

Asst.-Sec.: Mrs. R. Pritchard.

Treasurer: Mrs. W. Beck.

Pianiste: Mrs. W. J. Robartson.

Asst. Pianiste: Mrs. Vincombe.

"CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

"The Church Must Be"

says Victorian-Tasmanian Conference

In his presidential address, S. Neighbour declared that the Church must be by virtue of the will of God. He went on to say:

"The Church must be the instrument of Jesus Christ. It is a Body, and a body is an instrument which can be manipulated by its head. The Church may become the instrument of something other than its true Head—political, economic, social, racial and national creeds, etc. The moment it becomes allied with such it belies its true identity. Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the only rightful Head of the Church.

"We must come again and again to his Word, and make it ours. We must be concerned with our true business of ministering to the whole wide world. The Church demands all we have of devotion. Christ is the One who can give us all our satisfaction, all our inspiration, all our joy."

"God's Commanding Commitments"

B. F. Huntsman, incoming President, affirmed on Friday morning that "intelligence, urgency, skill and dedication are necessary as we face our tasks in the coming year—a co-operative commitment." He emphasised that the situation demands both Christian co-operation and hopeful achievement, and proceeded to discuss three of God's commanding commitments—stewardship, unity and evangelism.

After indicating the implications of stewardship in the life of the nation, the corporate Church and the individual, Mr. Huntsman said: "Stewardship puts the cause of God at the centre of the universe. We must give ourselves in terms of time, talent and treasure."

Concerning unity, he quoted the saying that "unity is God's ideal, Christ's prayer, and man's need." "We have been quiescent, shy and nervous in our approach to this problem," continued Mr. Huntsman. "Besides being exponents of a spirit we must be advocates of a programme."

"Evangelism is the heart-beat of the Church," he said in conclusion. "Many programmes of evangelism break down for lack of workers. We must challenge and enlist more to serve in this vital way."

"No Short Cuts"

At the Home Mission Rally on Friday night, Principal E. L. Williams centred his challenge on the theme of evangelism.

"Evangelism is not a specialised, separate, periodic activity. It is a dimension of the life of the Church. The ideal is that every activity has the evangelistic motive.

"There are no ready-made answers on how to cope with the great task of evangelism. It is not a matter of one type of man or method. Every way has to be trodden to win men to Christ."

Mr. Williams then discussed, in turn, four essentials to evangelism—conviction, contact, concern and contagion.

On the first point he urged the importance of doctrinal preaching, whereby the Church has its life nourished in the Bible. Concerning contact, he emphasised that it must be contact with both God and man. "We must speak to people where they are—geographically, socially, intellectually. We must speak to them out of a common experience." In such contact, there must be that concern which sees every man as one "for whom Christ died."

Principal Williams framed his message around the great words of John concerning our Lord: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory." Emphasising those last words as he spoke of contagion, he said, "Self must be conquered. Our concern must be for men and for Christ."

"There are no easy solutions," he concluded. "We must demonstrate that evangelism is not a platitude, but a passion."

"The Hands of Hope"

A. E. White addressed the large Town Hall congregation on Easter Sunday afternoon, stressing the predicament of modern man in having lost the real resources for adequate living.

"Although technological and material resources are greater than ever before," said Mr. White, "these have hurt man rather than helped. Indeed, they were the spearhead of two World

War calamities in our time. The latest discoveries of man tend to increase his fears rather than lift his hope. Man is afraid that the thermo-nuclear weapons of today will destroy human values, if not human life itself.

"The reason for man's weakened resources is that he is living on the wrong side of Easter. Man acts as though the glorious news of Christ's resurrection has not been received; certainly he acts as though the meaning of the risen Christ has not been understood. The Christ of the resurrection transformed the fearful scattered disciples into a strong, united force, with all the needed resources for victorious living.

"God never removes from man the things that he fears. Man will have to continue his struggle against war, communism, juvenile crime, broken homes and divided nations. God won't take these things away, but he will take away fear itself, and give us the power to fight against them successfully. That power he gives us in the risen Christ, who rose in victory from his war against sin and death."

Quips and Quotes

● "Hamilton church managed to buy the undertaker's house next door—it's now the manse!"—R. Saunders, during a "lively" report.

● Concerning a new building in the Sunraysia District, D. A. V. Thomas commented, "It's not in a back street, and it's not brown and cream, but pastel colors."

● Another preacher had this comment on the building where he labors: "We bless our forefathers for many things. They have given us a wonderful heritage, but every time I see our building I bless them for something else."

● L. A. Trezise (Youth Director) had this to say concerning some of his "flock": "I know they're not saints. If some of them have haloes, they're probably crooked."

● One speaker referred to "Methodists, who train their preachers and certify them at a certain stage." Some preachers, on Monday mornings, are quite certain they ought to be certified!

Tasmanian Jottings

By a vote of 54 to 4, the Tasmanian Conference on Easter Saturday approved the purchase of a 13-roomed brick home in Lindisfarne, for a Boys' Home. Lindisfarne is an eastern shore suburb, about three miles from G.P.O. Hobart. Costs will approximate £8,000.

In discussion of the wonderful results of the churches' work among our own aborigines at Carnarvon and Norseman, it was decided to oppose comic strips and other caricatures depicting unfairly and derogatorily the Australian native people.

D. P. Holloway, pastor of the Devonport-Ulverstone circuit, was elected Conference President for 1955-56.

All retiring representatives were re-elected to the committees of Vic.-Tas. Conference.

R. Cook, W. Rushton, C. Badcock were elected to the Bethany and Social Service Committee.

The new Conference executive is: C. J. Orr, E. Stevens, J. P. Foot, G. J. Foot, C. Badcock, D. Lee.

30 young people under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor of Nubeena-Highcroft, enjoyed a very successful camp at lovely Tarroona youth camp, five miles from Hobart church. The young people took the Easter Sunday afternoon service of Conference.

Doug. Nicholls of Fitzroy, with W. A. Wigney of Box Hill, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruton, formerly of Devonport, but now of Norseman mission, took part in a grand Aborigines' Mission rally at the Collins-st. church on Easter Saturday night.

The Conference Picnic was held on Easter Monday at Tarroona camp.

Resolutions

Among resolutions passed at Conference were the following:

War: This Conference of churches of Christ reaffirms its belief that war is contrary to the mind, spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ. Believing this, Conference must oppose war as a means of settling international disputes and urges the Federal Government to seek alternative means and unremitting negotiation at all levels for settlement of such disputes and difficulties, this being the democratic and Christian manner toward settlement.

Our Asian Neighbors: This Conference of churches of Christ, believing that sacrificial neighborliness is the logical alternative to the open door to the Asians, urges the Federal Government to use every possible means to further friendly relations with our Asian neighbors. Conference believes that the widest possible interpretation should be given to the Colombo Plan and that a quota system

should operate, as in Canada and U.S.A., to permit Asian immigration to this land, as this would prove that our immigration policy is not directed against certain races, but that, rather, we have a sincere concern for the welfare of all.

Department of Men's Work: This department shall be entrusted with encouraging and assisting branches of the Churches of Christ Men's Society in the churches and shall be controlled by the Central Board of the Churches of Christ Men's Society, consisting of fourteen members, ten of whom shall be appointed at the annual meeting of this department and four co-opted, six to form a quorum. The annual meeting of this department shall be held within one month of the annual meeting of Conference. Each branch of the Church Men's Society shall be entitled to send two representatives to the annual meeting of this department.

Setting up a Church Location Council: A Church Location Council, consisting of the Conference officers and two members nominated by each of the following committees—Home Missions and Evangelism, Young People's, and The Properties Corporation, seven

to form a quorum—be appointed to act with the following functions:

i. To decide areas for brotherhood development;

ii. To select sites suitable for developing work in new areas and to recommend to The Properties Corporation that such sites be secured;

iii. To develop, where necessary, means of financial assistance for work in new areas to establish an equity sufficient to enable the local congregation or circuit to assume financial responsibility;

iv. To advise regarding the grouping of congregations into circuits, and where deemed wise to suggest the uniting of congregations.

Funds for New Work: That in order to provide funds for new work, Conference recommends that an approach be made by the Conference Executive to churches having clear titles and without building debts, to ascertain their willingness to allow their titles to be grouped with the titles of other churches and used for the raising of funds with the provision that any advances so obtained shall not be in excess of forty per cent. of the value of such property.

VICTORIAN-TASMANIAN CONFERENCE

Election of Officers and Committees,

1955-56

President: B. F. Huntsman.

Past President: S. Neighbour, B.A.

President Elect: K. A. Jones.

Secretary: Miss F. Haines.

Treasurer: G. L. Murray.

Associate Secretary: A. R. Lloyd.

Executive Committee of Conference: The above officers of Conference and one representative of and from each committee in control of a Conference Department; also G. J. Foot and J. Holloway (Tasmania).

Home Missions and Evangelism: The officers of Conference, as above, together with the following: B. J. Combridge, R. F. Geyer, A. E. Hurren, K. A. Macnaughtan, Dr. G. H. Oldfield, W. W. Saunders, W. A. Thompson, C. L. Ward, F. A. Youens; also C. J. Orr (Tasmania). (Three members will later be co-opted.)

Advisory Board: B. F. Huntsman, A. E. Hurren, Dr. W. A. Kemp, G. L. Murray, S. Neighbour, B.A., Dr. G. H. Oldfield, H. J. Patterson, M.A., W. W. Saunders, together with E. L. Williams, M.A., (Principal of the College); and Chairman and Secretary of the Home Missionary Committee; also C. R. Edmunds (Tasmania).

Foreign Missionary Committee: R. C. Bolduan, H. R. Coventry, V. L. Gole, Dr. E. R. Killmier, Dr. G. H. Oldfield, J. Turner, B.A., A. B. Withers, also J. W. Heard (Tasmania). (Three

further members will later be co-opted).

Young People's Committee: E. A. Lewis, J. A. Luff, Miss Neville, B. E. Perkins, G. K. Scambler, V. C. Stafford, L. A. Trezise, B.A., L. C. Withers; also J. T. Holloway (Tasmania), (together with a representative from each of the affiliated auxiliaries).

Social Service Committee: W. T. Atkin, W. A. Brown, F. Chipperfield, W. H. Clay, E. J. Collings, F. J. Funston, J. W. Lewis, S. Neighbour, B.A., W. W. Saunders, R. A. Strongman; also B. J. Golder (Tasmania), (Four further members will later be co-opted).

Promotion of Christian Union Committee: H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed., H. Earle, G. A. Grainger, H. Gross, B.A., R. P. Morris, M.C.E., C. L. Smith, V. C. Stafford, C. G. Taylor, B.A., W. A. Thompson, E. L. Williams, M.A.

Literature Committee: A. O. S. Baker, J. E. Brooke, H. F. Gross, B.A., A. R. Haskell, R. McKenzie, B.A., C. L. Smith, W. J. Thomson.

Aborigines' Mission Committee: S. F. Davey, J. McC. McCann, D. R. Nicholls, J. Turner, B.A., W. A. Wigney; also M. R. Wilson (Tasmania). (Two further members will later be co-opted.)

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MISSIONARY NEWS

(Notes supplied by A. Anderson, Sec. F.M. Board.)

Dr. Patil Active in Work

It is pleasing to hear that Dr. Patil has made a good recovery, even though progress at the beginning was very slow. He is now actively engaged in the work and, as of old, often takes full responsibility at Dhond hospital. In a letter just received by the Federal Secretary, the doctor tells some interesting facts about his family and of Dhond hospital:

"Mrs. Patil, myself and our son Vijay, thank you and family for your kind letter of Christmas greetings, and we very sincerely appreciated your gift to us for Christmas. Thank you and the Board for it.

"Time seems to be fleeting fast since then. Yes, when one is engaged in good work, especially in the Lord's service, he finds time too short, and racing fast. We have been fairly busy in the hospital, and are glad Dr. Michael has returned to work again in health and strength after hospital treatment.

"I am glad that the Lord gave me enough strength to carry on the work satisfactorily during his absence, and hope with the same vigor to carry on the work during the fast approaching summer. I have faced the last twenty-four summers and I am confident that the Lord shall strengthen me for his service in this twenty-fifth summer. Our strength is in him, and he is abundantly merciful and gracious unto all who love him, trust him and serve him.

"I am glad to write to you that our boy Vijay is getting on well in the

school. He has just gone into the matric. class and will be appearing for the matric. exam next summer. We are glad we could bring the boy up so far, and we are willing and glad to do the best for him, so that finally he will be a good and useful member of the Church and do some great service in the Lord's cause. We are glad the Lord has given him to us as a great joy, and we shall spare no means to make him grow to be a good and loving child of God.

"The church at Dhond is increasingly growing in number and in the grace of God. We have good attendance at meetings both on Sundays and the special days. It is our prayer that the Church might be able to stand firm in faith and witness unto the Lord in the days of great changes that seem to be coming in the country in the near future.

"We are looking forward to your visit to India in September this year with much eagerness and joy, and it will be really a very happy meeting together once again.

"In closing, I am sorry to write that one of our old workers of the hospital, Sumuntrao Gaik wad, motor driver, died last Wednesday in Poona after an operation on him for perforation of peptic ulcer. His body was brought to Dhond for burial next day.

"I hope your trip to America for the World Convention in August will be very helpful and enjoyable to you, and your trip to India from there will be equally helpful and enjoyable to us too.

"With sincere greetings of kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

S. S. Patil."

Keeping in Touch

Miss Hazel Skuce, now back in Baramati and engaged in the Friendship Centre and in women's work, tells of a former Baramati girl now married and living in Bombay:

"When in Bombay, I was able to visit one of the girls who was a member of the Friendship Centre, and now living in Bombay. I have promised her and her husband that I will stay with them next time I go to Bombay. I am glad that I still have contact with the girls after they are married. I could only spend three-quarters of an hour with them, but the husband came home from the office to meet me. I feel that the harvest is almost

ready for the reaping if only we are faithfully in prayer for them."

Farewell Message

"Our Melbourne goodbyes have been said, but the partings were not so bad this time. It makes all the difference when Frank and I are going out together. We are looking forward to leaving tomorrow night (April 6) and will soon be back in the work. We want to offer our personal thanks to the Board for help given, and informative letters and in all other ways. We go out knowing we have the prayers of the brotherhood, and that God provides."—Frank and Win Beale (Sydney).

Frontiers of Unity

Of Prayer

"The measure of our concern for unity is the degree to which we pray for it. We cannot expect God to give us unity unless we prepare ourselves to receive his gift by costly and purifying prayer. To pray *together* is to be drawn together."

This extract from the Report of the Faith and Order Section of the Evanston Assembly is a reminder of the responsibility that is laid on all Christians to pray for unity, whether or not they see before them the immediate possibility of union with other Churches.

Many churches and Christians observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25. Others will choose the season of Pentecost, or another time of the year. Here are some suggestions for prayer.

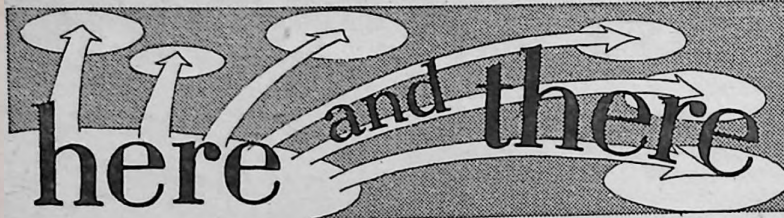
DAILY INTENTIONS FOR INTER-CESSORY PRAYER.

1. For the guidance of God for those who work diligently on problems of uniting those Churches which are now separated.
2. For the impressing of God's will for unity upon all persons who study and teach the Holy Scriptures.
3. For the change of mind of all Christians who allow social, cultural, racial and psychological factors to perpetuate divisions of Churches.
4. For courage and candor to speak the truth in love when divided Christians face their differences.
5. For the granting of mutual understanding to those who are divided in their interpretations of baptism and the Lord's Supper.
6. For a deeper and broader recognition of diverse ministries in Churches now estranged from each other.
7. For the Churches' increasing unity in evangelistic witness before the non-Christian world.
8. That all Christians may be given a real desire for the unity of Christ's Church, and that God may enable them to grow together.

Nominations Committee: F. B. Burt, A. W. Cleland, J. Holloway, A. E. Hurren, G. W. Mitchell, and one representative of and from each Committee in control of a Conference Department.

Co-Ordinating Committee: President, Treasurer and Secretary of Conference, as above, together with one representative of each of the following committees: Home Missions and Evangelism, Foreign Missionary, Young People's, Properties Corporation, Social Service, Aborigines, Christian Union, Literature, and College of the Bible.

Further Vic.-Tas. Conference notes in next issue.



Whilst the editor, Mrs. Taylor and family were attending the Youth Demonstration of the Vic.-Tas. Conference at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wed., April 13, their home at Brighton was forcibly entered, and money, goods and clothes (including items ready for Mr. Taylor's overseas travel) were stolen. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family left by car for Western Australia on Monday, April 18. Mr. Taylor is to fly from Perth on April 26 to connect with the overseas plane. Mrs. Taylor and the girls will stay with the editor's parents at Fremantle, W.A., during his time abroad. A brotherhood farewell was tendered at Brighton on Saturday, April 16.

The church at North Essendon, Vic., commenced a new venture in April when they arranged a bus service to bring East Kellor residents and children to morning meetings. B.S. is held in hall for these children, who number approx. 40, while adults attend communion service. These folk live too far from a church to have any other opportunity of Christian fellowship, worship and teaching. A. E. White, B.A., is the preacher at North Essendon.

Congratulations are extended to Aline Murnane, of Warragul church, Vic., who recently received her B.A. degree at the Melbourne University.

Coral Sea Commemoration Week will be observed May 1-6 this year, and the Australian-American Association would appreciate pulpit reference to the fact on Sunday, May 1. The observance aims at strengthening present ties, and remembering with thankfulness Australian-American co-operation during World War II.

The service from West Preston church, Vic., will be broadcast on Sunday morning, May 8, over 3LO, from 11 a.m. to 12.14 p.m. A. B. Withers will be the preacher.

Splendid services marked the conclusion of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stewart's full-time ministry at Emerald, Vic., on March 27. A large delegation from Thornbury church attended the morning service, a fine gesture from a field where the Stewart's once labored. Mr. Stewart remains with Emerald church on a part-time basis until the end of April, when Bro. Ian Mackey of the C.O.B. takes over the pastoral

duties. Plans are underway for a farewell gathering to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart on April 24 when they leave to take up residence at Boronia.

THE EDITOR'S THANKS

As I leave for overseas, and ultimately the Toronto World Convention, I wish to express thanks to all who assisted in the move to send me as one of the official Australian representatives.

Both the Board of Directors of The Austral Printing and Publishing Co., and the officers of Brighton church have released me, with continuing salary, for the period of my absence. Members of the Brighton congregation (including Mr. and Mrs. Reg Enpiss, who initiated the move with a very fine donation) have been generous in their help in many ways. A. R. Haskell (Austral manager) and his staff have given loyal and practical help.

I have appreciated the measures which have been taken by the Austral directors and my church officers to maintain continuity of my work, and commend Wilkie J. Thomson to the brotherhood in his service as Acting-Editor.

I would value the brotherhood's prayers as I seek to represent you worthily in India, Great Britain, U.S.A. and Canada.

Whilst en route to Albury chapel, a car driven by F. Leivesley, preacher at Albury, and another car collided. Mr. Leivesley's car was diverted into a tree. Errol Leivesley sustained cuts and abrasions when thrown from the car by the impact, Miss V. Winch suffered bruises and Mr. Leivesley received a nasty gash on the forehead and some bruising.

In all States save South Australia, the first Sunday in May (May 1) will be observed as Country Women's Association Day of Prayer, this being the nearest Sunday to the day the C.W.A. was first formed in Australia. The motto of the Association begins with "Honor to God," and while there is no request that special mention should be made on May 1 of the Association, "it is felt that in these times those of the community

who believe in the high ideals of Christianity should voice their belief." Hence, C.W.A. members are encouraged on this day "publicly to show their faith in God, in the church to which they belong."

E. P. Aderman, in the recent N.Z. elections, again retained his seat for New Plymouth in the House of Representatives in the New Zealand Parliament. The confidence he enjoys within his own party is reflected in his appointment as Junior Government Whip. Mr. Aderman has been a member of the House since 1943.

The Charming Sound

(A Hymn for April—No. 548, April 24)

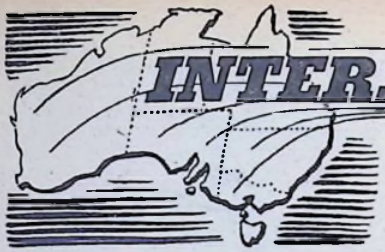
Doddridge's hymn, "Grace! 'tis a charming sound," first appeared in print in 1755, substantially as we have it and with the title, "Salvation by Grace, Ephesians 2: 5." At least three origins have been suggested for it—firstly, of course, that it is based directly on Eph. 2: 5; secondly, that (less directly!) it is based on one of Doddridge's own sermons on that text, many of his hymns having such an origin; and, thirdly, that it was suggested by a hymn which appeared—by a strange coincidence in numbers—in eight verses of eight lines in the eighth appendix to a German hymnal of 1739. The writer was Esther Grunbeck, and one English translation has the opening words: "Grace! grace! O that's a charming sound."

It is not certain that the editors of an Australian Lutheran Hymnbook, in which half the hymns have a German background were more interested in this hymn because of the same possibility here—they do not include it in their list of translations; nevertheless theirs is the only hymnal in which I find more than the four verses we use. The additional ones are finely consistent with the others, and read:

"Grace first inscribed my name
In God's eternal book;
'Twas grace that gave me to the Lamb
Who all my sorrows took.
Grace taught my soul to pray,
And made mine eyes o'erflow;
'Twas grace that kept me to this day
And will not let me go."

The hymn is a beautiful commentary on the Christian doctrine of the grace of God and its place in the redemptive plan—heaven and earth realise its importance; grace worked out the steps in the plan of salvation, led each individual to God, keeps us hour by hour, teaches us Christian duty, and will continue its work until it finds its completion in glory.—F.J.F.

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INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Yvonne Merange, F. Robinson, East Malvern, Vic.
Ray Hannah, Ken Belford, Tamworth, N.S.W.
Rhonda Caulton, Wiley Park, N.S.W.
Mrs. C. Tucker, Ray and Noel Waldron, Roma, Qld.
Yvonne Thomas, Orleana Cooke, Muriel Humphries, Irene Humphries, Christine Jennings, Ann Jennings, Forrestville, S.A.
Mrs. Shearn, Oakleigh, Vic.
Carmel McKenzie, North Essendon, Vic.
W. Sainsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Draper, Mr. Bollen, Fred Sharp, John Ashton, Lorna Mutimer, Gwenda and Barbara Wilkes, Elaine Mitchell, Barbara Taylor, Thornbury, Vic.

Membership

- Mr. and Mrs. L. Flett, to Hamilton, N.S.W.
Mrs. F. Robinson from West Preston, Vic., to East Malvern, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lewis, from Maylands, S.A., to Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris, from Mile End, S.A., to Henley Beach, S.A.
Mrs. Biggs, from Forestville, S.A., to Henley Beach, S.A.
Mrs. Mason, from Stirling East, S.A., to Henley Beach, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lang, from West Preston, Vic., to Tootgarook, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Herdman from Bambra-rd., Caulfield, to Oakleigh, Vic.
Miss Howard, from Swan Hill to Oakleigh, Vic.

Queensland

Roma (H. E. Paddick). — The week of "Happy Hours" for school children from Mar. 21-25 conducted by K. Horne (Youth Director) was well attended. 81 were present on first day, reaching a climax of 134 on Thursday. Two new scholars have so far been added to B.S. as a result. "Every member present" service on Apr. 3 was

well attended. At gospel service a married lady made her decision and was baptised at close of service. Two B.S. boys also made the Good Confession. Young people attending Saturday night Fellowship meetings have decided to organise themselves into a C.Y.F. Kinder staff has commenced monthly preparation classes to meet the growing demands of this department.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson).—Twelve have been added to church recently—four by letter of transfer, eight by faith and baptism, two confessions, two reconsecrations. B.S. attendances were 215-217 over last month. 31 copies of Conference year book were sold prior to State Conference. Church's aim of 100 and over at morning and evening service has been achieved over last few weeks. Junior Girls' Club has been formed into Good Companions. Officers of Ladies Fellowship after annual elections: pres., Mrs. S. Wilson; sec., Mrs. H. Short; treas., Mrs. P. Jefferies. Surprise party to honor retiring pres., Mrs. S. Collins (after five years), was given at home of Mrs. B. Stevenson on Apr. 1. A gift of jewellery was given, special radio call during supper being a delight to all. Footpath constructed on church side of David-st., by local Roads Board is great asset. Youth Council representing all youth activity which was allotted £10 for State work has raised £20/6/9. Tennis club has obtained place in finals of inter-church tournaments. Religious instruction is given in all local schools by preacher. I.C.E. and J.S.C.E. continue to grow. A junior basketball team has been formed.

New South Wales

Albury-Wodonga (F. Leivesley). — An early morning communion service was conducted on Good Friday, with many participating. Visiting party of Y.P. arrived from Carramar during the afternoon and were entertained at a picnic at Hume Weir on Easter Saturday. The film *Shadows of His Glory* was screened in chapel at night. Athol and Aub. Jackel and party from Wangaratta attended and made possible projection of the film. Morning service on Apr. 10 was conducted by G. Marley (pres.), F. Walther and N. Stevenson (readers) and H. Grey (speaker). Fellowship tea was held, and F. Leivesley, although indisposed through accident, conducted evening service. George Marley and Barbara Walker assisted in song.

Hamilton. — Sincere thanks is extended to all who have assisted with

messages over the past nine months and to W. Howard (Merewether) for broadcast talks. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie will commence their ministry on Apr. 23. Manse is being painted by T. Tregloan. Annual business meeting was held in March and those elected were P. Talbot, N. and C. Fraser (elders), Messrs. Brown, McKenzie, Prees, Camps, Tregloan, A. Fraser (deacons), A. Tregloan (B.S. supt.). Supper was served by Mrs. N. Fraser. Fellowship has been renewed with Mr. and Mrs. A. Camps who recently returned from holiday abroad. First meeting of newly formed Youth Council was held on Mar. 26. Sis. N. Fraser continues in leadership of kinder. Appreciation is expressed to car drivers who regularly bring aged Sis. Lisle and Bannister to the services. Mr. and Mrs. N. Fraser recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Regular visits and addresses are enjoyed from visiting missionaries.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — R. Bartholomew conducted and spoke at gospel service on Apr. 3, assisted by Miss Cardwell in song. On 10th, monthly youth gospel service was held at which B.S. rendered an item. Messrs. Ellerby (Social Service) and Fennell (Y.P.D.) were re-elected to those committees of Conference. At annual meeting of Hornsby United Christian Fellowship Mr. Ellerby was elected pres., Miss J. Glazier, sec., and G. Glazier, asst. sec., from our church. Preacher has returned from holidays. Mr. Glazier spoke on 10th.

Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.).—During absence of preacher, engaged in a teaching mission at Earlwood, the church was ably served by Messrs. Greenhalgh, Hart, and Benjamin. On Apr. 3, morning message from Mr. Pieper (Taree) was much appreciated. Mr. Davies was speaker at youth fellowship tea, and in gospel service that followed, several Y.P. took part, including D. Mitchell, J. Weedon, P. MacSween, F. Elliott and H. Davies. Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Hart (Toowoomba, Qld.), and Mr. and Mrs. Leivesley (Albury).

Rockdale. — R. Greenhalgh (Youth Director) conducted film evening and Happy Hour with girls and boys clubs on Mar. 25. There was a large attendance. Speakers on (Apr. 3) were D. Oldfield and H. I. Walmsley (Tamworth). After evening service Mr. Walmsley showed slides of building and opening of chapel at Tamworth. Mr. McMillan and M. Deane (Marrickville) were speakers on 10th. Mrs. Moore (Marrickville) was soloiste at

evening service. Church welcomed back Mrs. Jamieson after period in hospital and Miss J. Sainty home from Melbourne.

Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley).—Mr. Ward-Smith who has been with us for some weeks has taken an active part in church services. Mrs. Ward-Smith has been a welcome visitor also. There were two baptisms on Mar. 27. Preacher is attending Conference. Ladies are busy sewing for fete to be held in May.

South Australia

Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. G. Candy).—On Apr. 3, choir under leadership of W. Watson presented Stainer's Crucifixion. Soloists were D. Lewis and E. Harris. A young lady made her decision. Attendances at morning and evening services have improved. Sisters half yearly Conference was held on Mar. 24. Produce from Harvest Festival was sent to Morialta Children's Home. Building Extension Fund offering was £32. A number of members have recovered from illness. Y.P. camp is being held at Murray Bridge.

Forestville (W. A. Russell).—Church is greatly encouraged by increasing attendances. Messages during the past month of W. Beller, G. Cox, D. K. Beller and Mr. Archbold (S.U.M.) have been appreciated. Six young ladies from the Bible classes have confessed their faith in Christ and were immersed on Apr. 3. Choir rendered special Easter messages. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Killmier and Mrs. Bell in the home call of their son and brother. Endeavour Societies united for graduation service on Mar. 27, when 58 were present. The "A" tennis team has again won the premiership. Basketball teams are being formed for girls and boys. A successful hike to Longwood youth centre was held on Apr. 2, when 50 Y.P. and their friends participated.

Gawler (A. R. Pigdon).—At gospel service on Mar. 3, church was delighted to have Miss D. Cornelios (C.I.M.) present. She showed colored pictures of Japan and spoke of her work there. Family fellowship was held on Apr. 1, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael (Wasley's). Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Chapel (Berr) and Miss Cornelius who spoke about China. Ladies' Dorcas Society has recommenced activities, officers elected were: Mrs. Pigdon (pres.), Mrs. Trest-rail (vice-pres.), Mrs. Brown (sec.), Mrs. Baker (treas.). Mrs. Atyeo and Mrs. Gregory retired from positions of sec. and vice-pres. Both have given very faithful and loyal service. After business a presentation was made to Mrs. Olafsen in honor of her 80th birthday. She is a foundation member.

Henley Beach (J. E. Webb).—Men's fellowship group has recently been formed. B.S. and church have both recently held bright socials. B.S. teachers entertained Pam Cox and John McKinlay at kitchen evening. Women's fellowship held a family night when S. E. Mathews showed pictures of Switzerland.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Ninth B.S. anniversary on Apr. 3 was best yet. W. Bartlett (Croydon) conducted teachers' dedication service at 11.15 a.m. Progress Hall was filled to capacity for afternoon service, when A. McRoberts (Hawthorn) was speaker. Kinder dept. gave splendid item and singing of scholars was delightful. Mr. Norris gave illustrated talk at night. Prizegiving night on 4th was very well attended when kinder item was repeated, xylophone pieces rendered, and play, Ruth, presented by Mrs. Kirby assisted by Mr. Barrett and scholars. Mrs. Kelly did splendid job as conductor with help of Christine Semmens (pianiste) and orchestra. Brian Barrett arranged the programme and compered C.Y.F. on Apr. 1, when 34 Y.P. had enjoyable evening. A. Dinning (relief teacher) and Mrs. A. Dinning (kinder teacher) are welcome additions to B.S. staff.

Victoria

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes).—Church honored Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanders at a farewell social on Mar. 23. Mr. Sanders, who leaves shortly for work with Temperance Alliance of S.A., has given church sterling service as deacon, B.S. teacher, senior club pres., Youth Council member and manual laborer. Mrs. Sanders has been active in Ladies' Auxiliary work. Presentations were made. Opportunity was also taken to recognise 17 years' faithful service given B.S. kinder dept. by Mrs. R. Thornton, who has temporarily had to relinquish work because of ill health. At evening service on Apr. 3, choir rendered Stainer's Crucifixion; soloists being B. Sherry (Melb.) and K. Smith. Offering received assisted local Hospital and Benevolent Home appeals. An enthusiastic group has formed a Y.P.S.C.E.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.).—Choir presented The Crucifixion to large congregation on Mar. 27 with A. Barber and F. Lang soloists. Harvest Festival gifts were taken to Will H. Clay Home after service on 13th. Both tennis teams were runners-up in the finals of their section. Church is preparing for special meetings to follow anniversary on May 1.

Preston (J. E. Searle).—B.S. anniversary services on March 20 and 27 were very successful, singing by scholars under leadership of Don MacDonald being much enjoyed. Special speakers were Dr. Killmier, R. Muller and J. E. Searle. Annual

picnic was held at Hurstbridge on Labor Day. 140 were present at Easter Service on Apr. 3, when film *The Crucifixion* was screened. Choir rendered excerpts from *Olivet to Calvary*. Special appeal for N.S.W. flood victims resulted in £38 being received in addition to £5 received by Women's Fellowship. Members of K.S.P. Club conducted morning service on Apr. 3, address being given by A. Quaife, Deputy Chaplain of Club and church sec. Aged sister Mrs. Johnson is now an inmate of Emmaus Rest Home.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).—At annual business meeting reports indicated increased stability in all departments. Plans submitted to the meeting are well advanced for two weeks' mission in the spring. Officers elected for the year were: A. Beddome, T. Keneley (elders), C. Dahl (sec.), A. Pott (treas.), G. Bavinton, J. Mann, R. Nugent, C. Pelling, S. Ratten. B.S. anniversary services were held in crowded chapel on Mar. 27 and Apr. 3. C. Gadge conducted singing. Speakers were Mrs. Manning, J. Wiltshire, D. Mansell and K. Clinton. L. Burchin gave message at teachers' recognition service.

East Malvern (R. N. Gilmore).—Three additions on Apr. 3, one by transfer and two by faith and baptism. Large attendance of Y.P. at evening meeting (clubs' parade). B.S. attendances are still increasing. At men's dinner on Apr. 4, preacher outlined some proposals for use of increased "man power" in the service of the church. Film *Dedicated Lives* was shown by N. F. White. Ladies of W.F. were thanked for their preparation and serving of the dinner.

Essendon (M. Roberts).—Induction of preacher was conducted by W. W. Saunders at morning service on Mar. 13. On Mar. 17, Camberwell choir entertained at a concert presented by Y.W.F. Proceeds being for B.S. work. D. Ploog (Nth. Ess.) presided on morning of Apr. 3. Y.P. have held after church song services at homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. Casson and Mr. and Mrs. G. Strack. Mrs. D. Ferguson, solo, Margaret Grant and Valerie Pearce (duet) have assisted at evening meetings. Collections for Flood Relief Fund reached £50. Both "A" and "B" grade cricket teams were runners up. B.S. has commenced practise for anniversary.

Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Ferguson).—B.S. anniversary was continued on Apr. 3 when L. Brooker delighted the school and congregation with his illustrated addresses at afternoon and evening services. Offerings of £34 were received for B.S. funds during both Sundays of the anniversary. Singing of scholars under leadership of Max Carr was a feature. Soloists for the day were Barbara and Ellen Grieve, Ailsa Nelson, Pat Gray,

Barry Russenberg and Miss M. Jenner (Qld.). Scripture readers were Max Drayton and Marjorie Morrison. Cricket team was successful in winning "C" grade final in Protestant churches association. L. Cole (Drumcondra) was captain.

Minyip (W. Wakefield). — Assistance of visiting preachers and helpers is appreciated. H. M. Long (Horsham) and M. T. Lawrie (Kaniva) did visitation and conducted services during Feb. and Mar. L. Smith and B. J. Combridge have been recent speakers. Attendances at meetings have improved and much interest aroused in the town as result of the visitation and special services. Members have been greatly encouraged. Women's World Day of Prayer was held in chapel and Mrs. Wakefield was speaker. Stawell brethren are helping during April.

Ormond (F.E. Buckingham.) — New memorial chapel is nearing finish of brickwork. Members are united in effort to furnish and equip new building. Meetings are keeping up to average. Sis. Robin Knee has been taken very ill and we all hope for her rapid recovery. Mr. Clark spoke at 11 a.m. service on Apr. 3. At 7 p.m. service preacher spoke to crowded chapel. All clubs paraded in regalia. P.B.P. club has added another sports trophy to their record, winning the swim sports. K.S.P. finished fifth. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have shifted to Jordanville but are retaining membership with Ormond.

Prahran (P. Retchford). — C.M.S. held monthly meeting on Apr. 1, guest speaker was F. Manning, who told of mission work in Belgian Congo. 102nd anniversary and homecoming was held on 3rd. Speakers were: morning, J. A. Luff; afternoon, K. A. Macnaughtan; evening, P. Retchford. All meetings were very well attended.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.). — There were excellent attendances for pre-Easter services on Apr. 3. Special additional features for the day were open Sunday in B.S. when parents and members attended to see school in action, and monthly after-church fellowship when colored strip films of the Easter story were shown. Church officers attended last consecration meeting of Y.P.C.E. and helpfully conducted service. Badminton club has commenced its activities for the season. An increase campaign, attractively illustrated and entitled *Bring Them In*, has been launched in the school. Several members attended State Conference in Melbourne.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Mr. Manning (Mission to Lepers) was guest speaker at evening service on Apr. 3. Special Easter service held on Good Friday at 7 a.m., was attended by over 60. Y.W.F. appreciated millinery demonstration given by Mrs. H. Whit-

taker, meeting was attended by 29 members. At an after-church fellowship, members honored Mrs. E. Sweetman who resigned as church organist after 27 years faithful service.

Ascot Vale (H. F. Gross, B.A.). — Half yearly business meeting was held on Mar. 17. Resignation of preacher was received with regret. Reports from auxiliaries were well received and showed good results. Appreciation was expressed of work done by leaders. Kinders held Harvest Thanksgiving, then goods were taken to Gladwood, where kinders, under leadership of Mrs. Sterling gave a demonstration of B.S. work. The elderly ladies at the home appreciated the visit and goods. Ladies' Auxiliary held street stall on Apr. 1, and sum of £21 was raised. Graham Thomas and Phil. Williams have returned from N.S.T. Tennis Club were "B" grade premiers, and singles championships were won by Melva Scott and Barrie Hocking.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs). — March attendances were morning 75, evening 52, communicants 70. These figures show an improvement on previous ones. B.S. held picnic at Jubilee Lake, Dalesford, on Mar. 14. Thanks are extended to Messrs. Drake and Living for conducting services during preacher's vacation. Harvest Thanksgiving was held on 27th, and produce was later given to local hospital. Whole of offering on Mar. 6 (£24/13/3) was given to N.S.W. Flood Relief Appeal. Choir tendered kitchen tea to Mr. and Mrs. Ken, who were recently married. Annual business meeting was held on 30th, when those elected were: elders, F. Drake, I. Living, W. Trickey; deacons, A. Kennedy, F. Davies, J. Alderson, C. Barker, F. Robertson; deaconesses, Mesdames Chamberlain, Drake, Nicholls, Simons, Davies; Sec., S. Sunn; treas., A. Kennedy. Mrs. Patterson is in hospital. Representative of Inter-Church Aid spoke and screened film *The Open Road* to local churches on Mar. 27.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.). — Y.W.F. held fair in Hall on Mar. 25, which realised £145 for church property funds. A new group of East Kellor ladies took an active part. Nurse H. Kelly was soloiste at gospel service on 27th. A girl, previously baptised, was received into fellowship. Successful Harvest Thanksgiving services were held and goods were transported to Emmaus Rest Home. 116 attended gospel service on Apr. 3, when address was delivered by Principal E. L. Williams. Sympathy of church is extended to John Harrison in loss of his brother in road accident. John has now returned from service with R.A.N. Interstate and country visitors were welcomed during Easter period. Mr. and Mrs. E. Roffey (N.S.W.) were present and Mr. Roffey (former preacher) addressed church on Easter Sunday morning.

Opening of Warwick Chapel, Qld.

March 26, 1955, became a red-letter day for churches of Christ in Queensland when the newly erected chapel was officially opened and dedicated to the service of God. It was in this city, on Feb. 16, 1883, that the brief but effective ministry of Stephen Cheek was terminated by his death. Though churches planted elsewhere by this eager young pioneer of the Restoration Movement are still alive and active, the cause he established in Warwick ceased to exist, and for many years Warwick was without the Restoration witness.

The present phase of the work began on Sept. 3, 1950, when meetings for the breaking of bread were commenced in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes. With them were associated



Warwick Chapel

Mr. and Mrs. N. Petersen, Mrs. Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hill. Later additions to the fellowship came in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Miss M. Chant and Miss H. Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Hill subsequently moved to Toowoomba, and Miss Chant has since become the wife of the new preacher at Dalby (R. Gibson). Recently Miss R. Harling, of Kingaroy, has joined the fellowship. In Oct., 1950, the Bible school was commenced. At a later stage the meetings and the Bible school were transferred to a public hall and continued there until the present chapel became available for use. In July, 1951, a small but active Ladies' Guild was formed.

Right from the beginning this work had the interest and support of the Southern Queensland Conference which supplied preachers on a fortnightly roster, Boonah church making the major contribution by making A. B. Clark available for the first Sunday of every month.

In Nov., 1953, a tent mission was conducted by V. G. Parker, using the H.M. tent, and four decisions re-

sulted. About this time the Warwick members, though only ten in number, acquired a block of land at a cost of £300. A loan advanced by N. Petersen made this possible. The Southern Queensland Conference then decided to undertake the purchase of materials and the erection of the chapel. Many gifts in kind were received and about £1,000 has been spent on materials. The President of the Southern Queensland Conference (E. Neumann) supervised the building and most of the work of building and painting was done by working bees which he organised. For helpers from Toowoomba each trip involved over 50 miles each way, and for those from Ipswich the distance was a round trip of 160 miles. The result is a well-planned and substantially built chapel of weatherboards, lined with masonite, and complete with two vestries, a concrete baptistery, and furnishings.

In August of last year, about 250 of the Federal Conference delegates travelled from Brisbane to take part in the stump-capping ceremony and to visit the grave of Stephen Cheek. They made an offering of £144.

The official opening took place at 3 p.m. on March 26 in the presence of about 300 people, including visitors from the country and metropolitan churches. E. Neumann presided, and parts in the service were taken by C. R. Burdeu, A. B. Clark, R. Hilford, E. T. Hart and L. Enchelmaier. The building was opened by Mrs. R. Holmes, and the opening address was given by the State Conference President (S. W. Vanham). An offering totalling £172 was received. Exact figures are not available to the writer, but it is understood that an amount of £650 is still owing. A service was held at night with J. Christensen as song leader, and G. Andrews (Alblon) as speaker. V. G. Boettcher led in prayer and A. R. Pieper read the Scripture. Items were given by the Toowoomba choir.

On Sunday, a week of special services was commenced by the State Pastor-Evangelist. Delegations from South Queensland churches are attending each night, in some cases travelling from a distance of 100 miles to attend.

DEATH

MOYSEY. — On Apr. 7, (suddenly) at 38 Vlew-st., Alphington, Campbell Wycliffe, devoted husband of Doris, loved father of Ray, Colin and Geoff, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moysey, loved brother of George (dec.), Annie (Mrs. W. P. Lawson, dec.), Ethel (Mrs. S. Wilson, dec.), Florence (Mrs. E. A. Lawson, Sydney, dec.), Jessie (Mrs. A. J. Saunders).

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BIRTHS

HANDASYDE (Cunningham). — To Betty and Gil, at Ringwood, on Apr. 7, a daughter—Glenda Jean.

KEATCH. — On Apr. 9, a son, to Betty and Maurice—Trevor Maurice. Both well.

WALLIS (Hemsley). — On Apr. 6, at Jessie McPherson Hospital, to Shirley and Keith, a daughter,—Lynda Joy.

WOOD (Harmer). — At Warracknabeal District Hospital on March 22, to Gweneth and Keith, a daughter — Gayle Maree.

CANNON (nee Dowling).—On April 5, at "The Pines," Ringwood, to Olive and Keith, a son—Bruce Geoffrey. Both well.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMERON. — Pastor A. Sacred to the memory of Alex, loved and loving husband of Elma, called home, April 20, 1953.

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee."

GAIRNS. — William. In loving memory of my dear father, called home, April 19, 1954.

"At rest in the Lord."

—Sadly missed by his daughter, Evelyn.

COLLYER. — Louisa. Our loved member, called to higher service, April 23, 1954. "Always remembered by what she has done."

—A tribute from officers and members of the South Yarra church of Christ.

SAUNDERS. — Cherished memories of my dear husband, Frederick, whose life of service ended on April 21, 1954.

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MT. EVELYN 2nd BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

April 24

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3 p.m., Mr. Albiston
7 p.m., A. H. Pratt

GRANVILLE CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL 32nd ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, May 1

2.30 p.m., K. Larcombe
5 p.m., Fellowship tea
7 p.m., A. Surtees

Tuesday, May 3

7.30 p.m., R. Bartholemew
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BLACKBURN

Bible School Anniversary

April 24

3 p.m., Kinder demonstration

May 1

3 p.m., Ron Muller
7 p.m., L. E. Brooker

May 8

3 p.m., Neil Gilmore
6.45 p.m., S. Neighbour

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7 p.m., A. W. Claude Candy

Sunday, May 1

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to Toronto.

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OBITUARY

Miss Muriel Foreman.

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Open Forum

"FIVE FINGERS."

Liberty of opinion has, of course, been fundamental from the start. But a movement can have no direction and no unity within itself unless it has some areas of agreement. Liberty alone is not a unifying principle, and can even be a dangerous element.

Every printed statement re doctrine does not make it a creed. Nor should the fear of such restrain us. The Christian System was regarded in some quarters as a "Campbellite Creed." Errett's *Our Position* was met with the hue and cry of "creed." What is a creed? It is doctrine made a test of faith with a view to church membership. I oppose creeds. For us there is no creed but Christ!

But to indoctrinate our people, to safeguard our pulpits, and to inspire confidence in our young people has been a long-felt need. The World Convention Study Committee (see A.C., Mar. 22, 1955) could be a suggested principle for the basis of an Australian-wide effort. Conference could well endorse each manuscript as a "guide or recommendation," but first let them go through the hands of the great champions for the Restoration Plea and all that it embodies.—Arnold Caldwell, Lismore, N.S.W.

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