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(Above) Oakleigh Group. (Below) Emmaus Group.



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*"If thou . . . stretch out
thine hand toward him
thou shalt be stedfast and
shalt not fear . . . Thine age
shall be clearer than the
noonday . . . Thou shalt
be secure . . . Thou shalt
take thy rest in safety."*

—Job 11.

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They Are Worthy

W. W. Saunders.

Luke tells us that, in the days of Jesus' flesh, there was a certain centurion in Capernaum whose much-loved servant was sick unto death. Jesus came to the town and the Jewish elders came to Jesus requesting him to heal the servant. They besought him instantly, saying, "That he was worthy for whom he should do this, for he loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."

"He was worthy"? Yes! Because of his record of service he was worthy to receive the help which Jesus could give.

Well might that principle apply to those in our Homes for the Aged in every State. Many of them have a splendid, even an unusual, record of service behind them.

She gave her life to Christ for service at home or abroad. He called her to labor in India. There, under our own Foreign Mission Board, she gave her best. Her work still goes on bearing fruit though she laid it down these many years. Came the days when, aged and wearying, she needed care, attention, security. These she found in one of our Homes until her earthly sojourn merged with the eternity beyond.

She heard Christ's call in one of our churches and, responding, dedicated her life to his service. In time he led her to India where, on our station, for some years she knew the joy of accomplishment. Then came the joy of marriage with a missionary from a neighboring Mission, whither she transferred her service. With the passing of the years she and her husband returned home. Illness overtook her, causing a progressive deterioration. Skilled medical and nursing attention were needed. Her husband was led to us, and in our Home the best was lavished on her until the sunset of her earthly day ushered in the dawning of the eternal day. Her Christian pilgrimage began and ended under the loving ministry of Churches of Christ.

He was a quiet man and sincere in his decision and subsequent service for Christ. His witness was unobtrusive yet loyal and effective. He and his wife, also a devoted Christian, served in some of our larger churches. They had the joy of seeing their children follow the Christ they loved, and the greater joy of giving one of them to the full-time ministry of the Word. With the falling of their health both found a place in our Homes and in the constant ministrations of the staff.

Forty-six years ago, at the age of fifteen, she accepted Christ. The years saw no brilliant or outstanding leadership, but they were filled with consecrated service as church member, Bible School worker, choir member,

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"DO THYSELF NO HARM"

That was the cry of Paul to the Philippian gaoler, when the latter, thinking the prisoners had escaped following the earthquake, would have taken his own life. It was the only honorable way he knew out of the disgrace of having lost the prisoners under his charge. But Paul's words not only saved the gaoler, but his household also for the church which was established at Philippi—a church highly commended by Paul and to which he wrote one of his most lovely letters.

We are not imagining that any reader is about to throw himself upon his sword, although we have known readers to do stranger things than that, but it is a call we need to heed today, "Do thyself no harm!"

We may think of the harm men may do themselves by careless living. Think of 200,000 teenagers being treated for alcoholism in government hospitals in France and half a million more waiting for treatment. Something like that could happen in Australia in time. We have our tragedies here as it is.

From how much anguish and sorrow would men have been saved had they heeded these words of Paul! From how much they will be saved if they heed them now! But men still harm themselves. And when they do so, because "no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself," they bring tragedy upon others. Our newspaper headlines make a sad commentary upon our national life in peace time. Brutal attacks and fights in the midst of drunken orgies are all too common. In bitterness, strivings and envyings, men loose the furies of war in which little children and the aged suffer most. The following graphic story was told by Freda N. Bunner in *The Christian Century*:

COURT CASE

*This child was born of lust, not love,
And hated from the hour he was born;
His mother cursed him for her pain,
His father glanced at his red face with scorn—
"The puny brat!"*

*He woke them in the dim and dreary dawn
When, wet and cold, he clamored to be fed.
"Get up and feed the kid, he's squalling."*

*"Shut up, and let me sleep."
"Arr, who can sleep with that brat bawling?"
And so he grew. Hate was his heritage;*

*Slaps and curses his daily lot. -
He learned to hate before he learned to talk.
Sullen and furtive; stealing things at school;
Till, joining with a gang, he found some fun
Beating the cops; and learned to mock
All law: "Ain't we smart? Call that a lock!"
And then—"a bigger job"—with guns.*

*So now he stands a murderer on trial—
A boy of sixteen, born and reared in hate.
Love could have saved him.
Now it is too late.*

That story is not a mere creation of a poet's brain, it is a story known too often by those who attend the courts and visit the gaols. The answer of the delinquent is sometimes found in such parents.

"Do thyself no harm." Polonius expressed a logical truth when he said:

*"... To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."*

If we are true to ourselves we must be true to God and others. If we are true to others we will be true to ourselves and to God. If we are true to God we will be true to ourselves and others. Put it whichever way you will, in its highest and greatest sense, we cannot help but be benefited, if we are loyal to the royal in ourselves. We recall the rhyme,

*"He who helps his neighbor helps three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."*

It was once an oft quoted saying, "most of our sins are sins of omission rather than sins of commission." James wrote, ". . . to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." We therefore have the responsibility placed upon us of doing good, for we should be "doers of the word and not hearers only." Dr. Billy Graham is being charged from some quarters with not preaching a "social" gospel. To the Christian there should be no such qualified gospel. The acceptance of Christ as Saviour should lead us into every good work. If we fail to have part in any such tasks as lie within our reach then we fail as Christians and we do ourselves and others harm by our neglect.

It may not be within our province to enquire into delinquency, unhappy homes or such like, but, it is within our realm to make the church a power in the community that will reach out to the wayward and unhappy ones. It may not be within our individual power to stifle iniquitous customs and practices in our midst but it is within our scope to help and support the Social Service Departments whose fingers are forever on the pulse of national life. We cannot help all the needy in our land, but we can make our contribution to these committees to support the homes for the orphans, the aged, and the hospitals.

Don't let us harm ourselves by any contraction of our feelings for good but rather expand in love and liberality.

From the Vantage Point of his 80 years, WILL H. CLAY, the "grand old man of Social Service," writes concerning

THE TRAGEDY OF OLD AGE

There is no tragedy so common as that associated with dependent old age. It affects the poor and the rich alike. Wealth, at times, has its limitations. Money cannot buy that which is not procurable.

There are thousands of private homes where are found aged people who are not able to secure for themselves the measure of comfort they need. Often there is no room for grandma and/or grandpa. In many cases the attention they need cannot be given, and the home, for various reasons, is unsuitable.

The wealthy suffer because their money will not meet their deepest needs, and the less fortunate suffer because they have not the money to supply theirs. The former are to be pitied as well as the latter. It has been found necessary to establish Homes where means and labor combine. The State has partly met this demand along institutional lines. To many, these institutions are unattractive.

Who Should Meet This Need?

What is more natural than that those who profess love and concern for the aged should seek to meet their need? In times past many aged people were not able, with the smaller income of their day, to provide for old age at present day costs. To measure needs of today with the income of yesterday is to place the needy ones in an unfair position. Those who are in the seventies to the nineties today, have not had the opportunity to prepare as well and as fully for old age as those who are enjoying the better conditions of these days.

The church sets out to provide for the needy who, in most cases, are not to be blamed for their position. It is obvious that assistance must be forthcoming from private or Government sources. If the church were to make the conditions of application for admission to Homes competitive, it is obvious that accommodation would be available only to the highest bidder. This, of course, the church does not and will not do. Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that such as are able to pay may need a home as much as those who cannot meet even costs.

What Have Churches of Christ Done?

We have been most fortunate in being able to secure properties suitable for conversion to Homes for aged.

The acquisition of the Oakleigh property known as the Christian Guest

Home was considered, at the time, to be a big venture of faith and many wondered whether we could successfully meet the obligation involved. What has happened since can be attributed to nothing but the blessing of our God and Father. He has honored our faith and has given us far in excess of what we asked of him.

This has not absolved us from further service, nor is it a final answer



Will H. Clay.

to our petitions. It has been demonstrated in us that "to whom much is given much shall be required."

ANOTHER HOME.

God again challenged our faith. Scarcely were we settled in our first venture when another property, near the Murrumbena station, was brought under our notice. That such a property should come to us was almost too much to be believed. We attended the auction and our bid which, in the light of present day values, may now be considered ridiculous, was accepted. This again was confirmation of our programme and our confidence in our God was strengthened. Again we were faced with a financial obligation which was a challenge to our faith. This is now the Emmaus Rest Home.

YET ANOTHER HOME.

While still feeling the weight of responsibility we had assumed, yet another property was brought under our

notice and we were challenged to consider it. A combination of circumstances made it possible for us to acquire it. The owner was not in immediate need of the money and accepted a low deposit and terms which gave us a period of six years to finalise the purchase. This property is now the Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

GOD HONORS FAITH.

We had scarcely signed the contract for this last purchase when the Government made an offer to churches and benevolent institutions of 75 per cent. of expenditure incurred in converting already-owned and suitable properties to Homes for the aged. It had been our intention to commence a Children's Home but, in a wonderful way, due to this offer by the Government, we were under compulsion to extend our work for the aged. We accepted the offer. We are convinced that our steps were ordered of the Lord that we might assist in alleviating the tragedy of old age.

What of the Future?

The tragedy still exists and it seems that it will long continue. In spite of all the Homes which are in existence, there are still many hundreds seeking accommodation or care. We hope by our future growth to assist, in increasing measure, in meeting this need.

The success of our efforts should make us very humble. We are grateful for all the generous co-operation we have had from individuals and churches. As we have worked and served together in the past, let us together enter into the future.



WORTH-WHILE LIVING

"If I can live
To make some pale face brighter,
Or to give
A second lustre to some tear-dimmed
eye,
Or e'en impart
One throb of comfort to some aching
heart,
Or cheer some way-worn soul in passing
by;
"If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen,
Or defend
The right against a single envious
strain,
My life,
Though bare perhaps of much that
seemeth dear
To us on earth, will not have been in
vain."

Failure to Acknowledge the Social Implications of the Gospel of Christ is challenged by G. M. MATHIESON of S.A., Victorian Committee Vice-President, 1937-38, in this Article on

DARING TO APPLY IT

"Applied Mathematics" is an accepted term amongst us. No diploma or degree course is available, or perhaps desirable, for "Applied Christianity." Yet, if God's purposes are to be fulfilled, the need for a progressively higher standard of efficiency on the part of every Christian is imperative. A theology which fails to effectively link theoretical

Christianity and Life Situations

and to offer a guide to the solution of life's deep problems, is inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Dr. Russell Maltby once remarked: "If all that Christ did is to make us about as decent people, and as easy to live with, and as good neighbors, as any who have had a high school or college education, and keep a decent appearance and pay our taxes—if that is all the Christian religion does, there is nothing particularly distinguished or penetrating about it."

But if moral law, no less than physical law, undergirds our world, it logically follows that everything which conflicts with moral law, be it political, economic, social or personal, is part of a Christian's responsibility in working out his course in "applied Christianity." There are no spheres of thought or action where anyone has the right to erect a sign, "Christian Trespassers keep out." Rather, as the Malvern Manifesto so effectively stated a few years ago: "Because the church is not an association of men gathered together by the act of their own wills, but is a creation of God in Jesus Christ, through which, as his Body, Christ carries on his work for men, it has the duty and right to speak, not only to its members, but to the world concerning the true principles of human life." Possibly the

Greatest Modern Problem

is to find the Christian substitute for war—the application of Christian principles to the causes of friction between nations which, in their last stages, blaze forth into what the world is dreading, diabolical mass extermination of countless millions of people. There are scores of millions who, at this very moment, are suffering inconceivable horrors because of lost homes, lost families, lost careers, lost hopes—the dreadful aftermath of war—and the best Christian solution offered by our nation only scratches the surface.

The staggering increases in

Social Problems and Evils

such as divorce, broken homes, immorality—from adults down to mere school children—the scourge of gambling and drunkenness, the blatant disregard for law and order, the damaging effects of pernicious literature and all the problems associated with child delinquency, but underline the fact that there is a chasm between our Christian principles and the cesspools of iniquity which exist in our modern world.

Any individual or group who attempts to cut the artery in the blood stream of these entrenched evils will need great courage, wisdom, and strong and consistent support. All too often even Christian people have appointed Social Service Committees to act on their behalf in these matters, but when the support of the constituent body was needed the silence was audible.

Evangelism and Social Conditions

It is recognised that only good men and women can build a stable and wholesome community. Hence, every effort at social righteousness ties up with our evangelistic programme. Changed economic conditions are not enough. Changed lives, through the presentation of Christ as Saviour and Lord who imparts strength to live his way, are fundamental. But our present situation demands that our Chris-

tianity must be applied to the social as well as to the personal situation.

We cannot ignore the whole, monstrous, unchristian set-up which dominates the lives of people today. Getting right with God is not easy in a world which is entirely opposed to or completely ignores God. We cannot save our own souls today and be indifferent to the social situation which keeps men and women from their physical, mental and spiritual rights.

To ignore the social implications of Christ's gospel only encourages self-righteousness and contradicts Christ's purpose when he named his followers "the salt of the earth." If we are not saving the world from corruption we are falling down on our job. A sentimental allegiance to Christ, which does not issue in unequivocal loyalty to Christ's standards in every human relationship, brings Christianity into disrepute.

Only a worthy offering on August 21 will be consistent with our appointment of Social Service Committees charged with the responsibility of putting into practice the social implications of our Lord's gospel.

"The purest joy
Most near to heaven and far from
earth's alloy,
Is bidding cloud give way to sun and
shine;
And 'twill be well
If this, on that Day, the angels of
me tell."

Our Homes are Spheres where the Social Implications of the Gospel are Practised.



Emmaus Rest Home, Murrumbena, Vic.

Social Service and Accountancy Experience Qualify W. T. ATKIN,
Victorian Secretary, to present the Relationship between

Accommodating and Accounting

Christianity is Costly

To become a Christian is a costly experience to the individual. It requires a complete surrender of self to respond to the challenge of Christ, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

It is none the less costly to continue in the Christian way of life, for this means a daily giving of self in sacrificial service to help redeem the unredeemed, and to enter into the problems, sorrows, and needs of those who become our concern in our obedience to the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Co-operative Service

The Conferences of our churches have wisely commissioned Committees of men and women to consider ways and means of co-operating in service for others. One co-operative service in which we, the members of Churches of Christ are engaged, is that of conducting Homes for the Aged, there being seven of these throughout the Commonwealth. In Victoria there are two Homes and a Hospital for the Aged. In these three places accommodation is provided for eighty-five elderly people. Since their opening, three hundred and ten have received loving attention in the closing years of their lives. A devoted staff of thirty-four give their time and energy to bring comfort to those who are in their care.



Men at Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., who Experience Christian Love in Action.

Costs — and More Costs

In relation to the Homes, there are two kinds of costs, firstly capital costs, and secondly maintenance costs. In June 1938 when the property to establish the Christian Guest Home was acquired the Committee had only £1,200 in hand. Since then a remarkable development has taken place. Alterations and extensions to this Home, the establishment of Emmaus Rest Home, and the Will H. Clay Nursing Home have required a capital expenditure of £130,000. A debt of only £15,000 remains, but this has to be met.

With the growing demand for accommodation—at least an average of ten applications is received weekly—plans are in hand to provide accommodation for another twenty-five. These will require thousands of pounds. Costly! Yes! but it always involves sacrifice to be a Christian and to allow Christ to serve others through us.

Maintenance costs are a heavy responsibility. Think of the price of meat, vegetables, milk, bread, butter, eggs, etc. Wages have to be paid. The properties must be kept in a good state of repair. Gardens and lawns need attention. As far as possible those who are accommodated are expected to help bear the costs. In some cases relatives assist. In relation to quite a number the church must make up any deficiency.

Personal Costs

As you think on these things will you consider how much it has really cost you to help make possible this service amongst the aged. Honestly now, what real sacrifice have you made? Has it cost you very much in terms of money? The Homes would not be in service unless some had made real sacrifices. If many others would give correspondingly, who can estimate the development which will take place in the next ten years in this and kindred services.

We ask not for ourselves but for those who are aged and infirm, those who are too old and feeble to fend for themselves, those in whom Christ himself is in need, and of whom he said, "I was homeless and ye gave me a welcome . . . in so far as ye rendered such services to one of the humblest of these my brethren, ye rendered them unto myself."

We are in this Christian service of accommodating and accounting together, will you make progress possible by your generous giving on August 21?



In the Road

" 'Tis only a half-truth the poet has sung
Of 'the house by the side of the way';
Our Master had neither a house nor a home,
But he walked with the crowd day by day.

And I think, when I read of the poet's desire,
That a house by the road would be good,
But service is found in its tenderest form
When we walk with the crowd in the road.

"So I say, 'Let me walk with the men
in the road;
Let me seek out the burdens that crush;
Let me speak a kind word of cheer
to the weak
Who are falling behind in the rush.

There are wounds to be healed, there
are breaks we must mend,
There's a cup of cold water to give,
And the man in the road by the side
of his friend
Is the man who has learned how to live."

**FRANK J. FUNSTON, Victorian Committee President 1944-45, Out of
17 Years Experience Declares that Social Service is a**

Practical Expression of Christian Faith

Asked for my "views on Social Service," I then have a fairly narrow word limit imposed on me. The views, acquired from 17 years on the committee, should be comprehensive, even if the expression of them is restricted!

I like the "Phillips" rendering of Ephesians 1: 15, "This faith of yours in the Lord Jesus and the practical way in which you are expressing it towards fellow-Christians." I cannot query how much is the Apostle Paul and how much is J. B. Phillips—nor doubt that it very exactly expresses just what Social Service is doing in the name of the churches. What a tremendous practical expression of faith, very much of it towards fellow-Christians, the multiplicity of Social Service venture represents!

All Possible Problems

of home and family life, of finance and health, of business and employment seem to have been met at some time or other as "case-work." Only the specialised knowledge born of long experience can provide the background needed for diagnosis. The staff's long service provides the sure touch essential to a solution of the problems.

Three Magnificent Homes

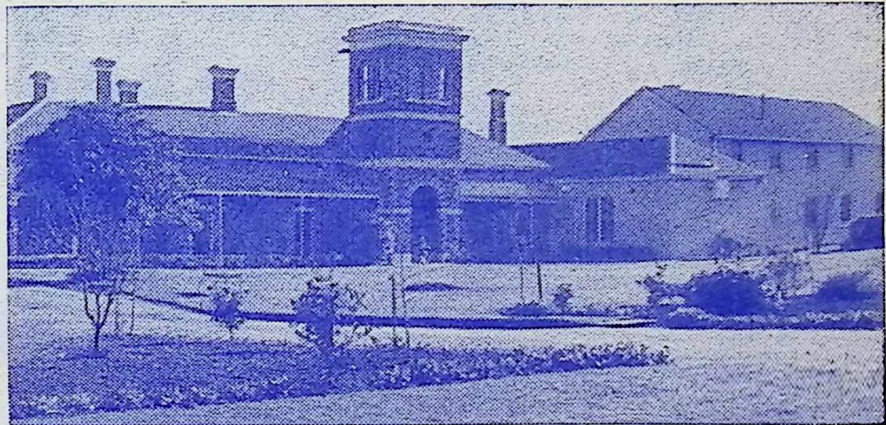
with their policy of continuing expansion and improvement, minister unceasingly to many of whom the years have taken toll. These homes have set a pattern to religious bodies of much greater numerical strength—and the end is not yet!

The Christian Fellowship Association

is a brilliantly conceived mutual help plan, its funds administered with Christian consideration and in the light of precedents soundly established over the years.

Wider Service

But the apostle (and the translator) previously quoted make clear elsewhere that service towards fellow-Christians is only a special case of still wider service: "Let us then do good to all men as opportunity offers, especially to those who belong to the Christian household" (Galatians 6: 10). One phase of this broader work is the expression of Social Service mind on public questions demonstrating the Church as a potent force in community life. Problems of peace and war, of international and racial tensions, of the gambling and liquor evils and all forms of social legislation are continually



Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

Where a Devoted Physical and Spiritual Ministry is Maintained.

examined, with constant clarification and redefinition of what we believe to be the mind of Christ in changing situations. Fortright expression and stimulating leadership have drawn much favorable attention to our churches and must have influenced for good even those far away from "the Christian household."

I don't expect anybody to be particularly interested in my views on social service, but I do hope that comparison with Christian principles will help some to see what an abundantly worth-while and necessary work this Social Service is and how deserving it is of our best support.

They Are Worthy

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member and secretary of the Ladies' Guild. One of her greatest delights was to beautify the chapel with floral decorations, a ministry which she maintained for years. To her Lord she gave her best until ill health called a halt and demanded a service of nursing care,

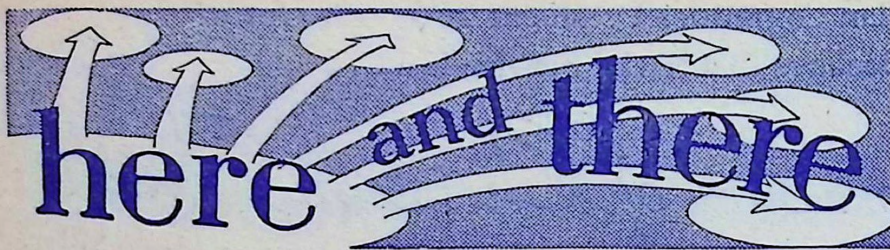
which was gladly and lovingly given in our Homes until her earthly needs were over.

At the early age of 11 years she made decision for Christ and remained faithful until her Home call at the age of 86. Seventy-five years of Christian living, witness and serving! Only eternity will reveal how many lives were influenced and how much good accomplished for Christ during that lifetime. She served in many capacities in the local church and in brotherhood spheres, so that she is remembered with affection by many throughout the world. In the days of her failing strength she found a haven in our Home, where her last end was peace.

These, and others, have spent themselves for Christ and the church. We benefit from their service and have entered into their labors. Surely, in the eventide of life, they merit, not isolation in some Government institution, but the best, love, care and attention of the brotherhood they have loved and served so well. Surely, all will agree, they are worthy for whom we should do this.



Matron Ross (Emmaus), and the two oldest guests.



W. W. Saunders, representing the Federal Social Service Department has supplied the material for this Social Service issue.

R. C. McKenzie, B.A., preacher at North Richmond, Vic., will commence a ministry with the church at Toowoomba, Qld, in February, 1956.

M. Roberts, preacher at Essendon, Vic., recently married. He and Mrs. Roberts were recipients of many lovely gifts, given at an evening arranged in their honor by the church on July 16.

R. M. Wilson, preacher of the church at Invermay, Tas., has been visiting Melbourne and spoke at Lygon-st., and Malvern-Caulfield. He returns to Launceston to take up work as Director of Social Welfare Services under the State Government.

S. Neighbour, B.A., minister of the church at Blackburn, Vic., has accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Prospect, S.A., and is to commence there early in 1956.

Members of the B.S. at Preston, Vic., have made a house to house visitation of the new housing area at South Preston. Many new scholars have been enrolled and church contacts made. It is planned to run a bus from the area to Preston Bible School.

The church at Gilgandra, through its secretary, W. F. Quayle, writes:

"The officers of the church meeting at Gilgandra, N.S.W. would like to thank all fellow Christians throughout the Commonwealth who gave so generously of their possessions to help those brethren here who suffered during the February floods. We feel that you have indeed shown the true brotherhood spirit, and for this we would sincerely say: "Thank you," for the part you have taken in sharing with the Gilgandra brethren in their loss."

Stan Morris has resigned as Bible School secretary at Epping, N.S.W., after a period of 25 years continuous service.

C. G. Taylor, when visiting the Missouri ministers' annual retreat, was, among much hilarity, presented with two American sports shirts. The news of the thefts from the Editor before his departure had reached even there. We expect these shirts will scare off any future intruders. Mr. Taylor is enjoying a rich experience but—homesick.

A large number of members and friends gathered in the B.S. hall at Echuca, Vic., recently to farewell H. Hargreaves. Various speakers paid tribute to his faithful preaching of the Word and the service so willingly rendered to church and town. He had the opportunity to help many people through the Children's Court. On behalf of all present, R. Merlo, sec., made the presentation of a reading lamp and monetary gift and wished Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves much happiness as they retired to live in Bendigo.

"What the church has done for me!"

John Halbert, the 17-year-old Sturt centre-man, has been selected to represent S.A. in the interstate matches in Perth this month, in his first season in league football. Until his recent transfer of membership to our new cause at Clovelly Park, John, among his many church activities, did splendid work as assistant to the church secretary at Park-st., Unley. In reply to expressions of appreciation of what he had done, and for the presentation made, John said: "Instead of the church thanking me for what I have done, I should thank the church for what it has done for me."

Fullarton church (S.A.), has decided to buy land at the corner of Wattle-st. and Glen Ormond-rd. (both main roads), as a site for a new building. There is a large house on the site, as well as an iron building suitable for youth activities, whilst still leaving ample room for building chapel and hall. The present manse, and ultimately the church hall will be sold to finance this venture.

Many members are now planning their holidays and we have been requested by churches in various holiday resorts to remind holiday makers to seek accommodation in districts where they will be able to attend church services. Brethren living in places which are popular holiday resorts delight to have fellowship with visitors, also their assistance in the services. An announcement by Portland church, Vic., in this issue states they will be willing to assist in helping to arrange accommodation. We commend this gesture.

The four daughters with relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry have worked together to raise the fare to send these pioneering missionaries back to India for the Jubilee celebrations of our Mission in September. Unknown to them a group of Indian Christians of the Baramati church had similar thoughts. On July 23 a cable was received reading: "We provide one way passage, come Jubilee, Shivaji." Mr. and Mrs. Coventry will be leaving on the Stratheden, sailing from Melbourne on August 27, at 5 p.m.

The Woolwich Bible College (N.S.W.) has produced its 1955 magazine. It is a creditable and excellent publication being fully and well illustrated. Articles are written by students and by members of the faculty. The cost (3/-) would be money well spent.

B. F. Huntsman (Pres. Vic.-Tas. Conf.) has received a request through the Australian Red Cross Society, appealing for church members to enrol as blood donors. A panel of an additional 6,000 is needed in Melbourne. Donors are needed throughout Australia and this note carries a Federal appeal. A Red Cross Blood Donor Recruiting Officer will personally call on church groups and provide information if desired. Every media of publicity in churches is asked for. Younger people particularly, are urged to give consideration to this need. The secretary in Melbourne is at 122 Flinders-st.

Churches throughout Victoria are reminded that the third Sunday in August is Red Cross Sunday. This is the nearest date to the signing of the Geneva convention which was August 22. Small booklets giving facts concerning Red Cross work are available for preachers through local Red Cross branches.

An important move in ecumenical witness through Asia was made last month when delegates from many churches, meeting at Hong Kong, established the Asia Council of Ecumenical Mission. 22 delegates and observers from Mission Boards in Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaya, Thailand and Indonesia attended.



"If a natural choice between drunkenness and sobriety were possible in our civilisation, I should leave the people free to choose. But when I see an enormous capitalist organisation pushing drinks under the people's noses at every corner, and pocketing the price, whilst leaving me and others to pay colossal damages, then I am prepared to smash that organisation and make it easy for a poor man to be sober, if he wants to, as is his dog."
—George Bernard Shaw.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- June Heath, Carnegie, Vic.
Dianne and Robin Bullock, Lygon-st.,
Carlton, Vic.
Vera Stewart, Lucille Elliget, Maid-
stone, Vic.
Brian and Max Rivett, Portland, Vic.
Keith Mottram, Bet Bet, Vic.
Ian Webster, Dunolly, Vic.
Betty Nicholls, Yvonne Foreman,
Andrea Hoar, Heather Lang,
Preston, Vic.
Mrs. Hayden, Dawn Barnes, Kay,
Bruce and Graham Giles, En-
more, N.S.W.
Noel Smith, Echuca, Vic.
Reg Moses, Epping, N.S.W.
Mrs. McNeil and Nancy, Fay North-
end, Hilda Martin, G. Yukman,
B. Simms, South Perth, W.A.

Membership

- Mr. and Mrs. M. Milne, from Port-
land to Red Cliffs, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, from South
Yarra to Tootgarook, Vic.
A. Wormald, from Kilburn to Sema-
phore, S.A.
Mrs. W. Lang, Elaine Lang, from
West Preston to Preston, Vic.
Mrs. Ardely, from Launceston, Tas.,
to South Perth, W.A.
Miss B. Pascoe, from North Perth to
South Perth, W.A.
Sis. Harris, from Edwardstown to
Blackwood, S.A.
Sis. Ewers, from Pt. Lincoln to
Blackwood, S.A.
Sis. Filton, to Blackwood, S.A.
Sis. D. Quick, to Dawson-st., Ballarat,
Vic.
Dr. M. W. Morris, to Latrobe-terr.,
Geelong, Vic.
Miss L. Bird, to Latrobe-terr.,
Geelong, Vic.
Miss L. Amy, from Balwyn to
Cheltenham, Vic.

Marriage

- Patricia Mackellar to Alan Green,
Epping, N.S.W.
Jean Yeats to Ian Poole, Epping,
N.S.W.

Margaret Wood to Jim Seward,
Epping, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

Miss E. R. Johnson, Lygon-st.,
Carlton, Vic.
Mrs. Faraday, Enmore, N.S.W.

Tasmania

West Hobart. — Meetings are main-
taining interest. At recent gospel ser-
vice, after address by J. Park, a mar-
ried woman made the good confession
and was baptised at morning service
two weeks later. On July 24 Mr. Webb
(supt., Bethany Hostel) was speaker.
He gave an outline of the work and
prospects of the work. Local brethren
occupy the platform morning and even-
ing, assisted by brethren from Collins-
st. Sis. Cooper has been in hospital
but is home again and making good
recovery after an injury to her leg.
K. Woolley had an operation and is
progressing. Attendances at both meet-
ings are good.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson). — Bap-
tismal service was held on July 31,
when six were immersed; 129 present.
Family tea held on 26th was well at-
tended, the tables were beautifully ar-
ranged by ladies. Greetings were
received from absent and past mem-
bers. At close of tea, R. Hillier (Youth
Director) entertained children with
Happy Hour in kinder hall. B. Wesley
spoke to adults on Consolidation re-
calling the commencement of the local
church. R. Ballantine spoke on
Stewardship, and S. Wilson on Evan-
gelism, challenging each one present.
Plans are being made for tent mis-
sion. R. Schmidt (Carnarvon Mission),
home on sick leave, gave greetings.
A literature rack has been made and
erected in main hall. Ladies are pre-
paring food parcel for missionaries in
India. Mrs. Cherry (missionary) ad-
dressed Ladies' Fellowship on 21st. N.
Cooper is in N.S.T. with R.A.A.F.
J.C.E. met for tea on 31st. Miss E.
Roseworn (State J.C.E. supt.) was
guest speaker. Good Neighbors are busy
making cane baskets under guidance of
Mrs. Eaton (Inglewood). Christian sym-
pathy is extended to Mrs. W. Samuel
and family in Home call of her mother,
Mrs. Rattray. Youth Council represent-
ing all youth activities meets bi-
monthly to discuss and plan youth work.
P. Jefferies is on sick list. Pre-gospel
prayer meetings are increasing. Re-
cent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Mar-
shall (Parkdale, Vic.).

New South Wales

Dareton (M. D. Keatch). — Annual
business meeting of church was held
on July 25. There were splendid re-
ports from all auxiliaries. Women's
Fellowship with average attendance of
10 raised over £200 during year. They
paid £123 to Building Fund and
propose to purchase equipment. B.S.
reported 121 scholars. Teachers and
scholars contribute towards a bus to
transport children from a distance,
£122 being raised annually for this
purpose. All reports were equally as
good as the two mentioned. All deacons
were re-elected. B.S. is practising for
Concert. Arrangements are in hand
for church anniversary. Much sickness
has affected attendances during winter
months.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — A num-
ber of B.S. scholars sat for annual
examination on July 10. Mr. Day
showed slides at prayer meeting on
27th, on prayer. Monthly fellowship tea
was held on 31st, at which Miss Bye
was guest speaker. C.E. took part in
gospel service on 3rd. Soloists at gospel
services have been Mrs. Bishop, Mr.
R. Barr (Auburn), Miss H. Tewksbury,
and Mr. Ellis (Penrith). F.M. offering
amounted to £50/2/-. Sickness amongst
members has affected attendances.
Church appreciated addresses of Messrs.
Boswell, H. W. Cust, Fennell, Glazier,
Thomson and A. Surtees. Fellowship
with visitors has been enjoyed.

Enmore (A. Baker). — Work is show-
ing signs of revival and forward moves
are being made. Recently there have
been five baptisms. Prayer meetings
are well attended. Plans are in hand
for Tabernacle Day, members having
agreed to give one day's wages or in-
come to God as a special gift on that
day. Choir continues to give valued
service. All auxiliaries are in healthy
condition. Dr. Bardsley recently gave
an interesting address at Ladies' Fel-
lowship on Life begins at eighty. Y.P.
recently visited City Mission at Wool-
loomooloo, provided programme and
presented Mission with an electric
clock. Mrs. Baker was recent speaker
at W.M.B.

Epping (R. Beadle). — Morning at-
tendances have been well maintained,
80 being present several times. Night
attendances are disappointing although
62 were present when a member of
Young Men's Club was baptised. Mis-
sionary Convention was held in June.
Borneo Evangelical Mission (Mr. Cun-
ingham) conducted afternoon session
and Asquith and Hornsby churches
combined with Epping at night when
E. W. Heard presented the needs and
opportunities of India. On July 17, a
complete exchange was effected be-

tween Epping and Lane Cove. R. Beadle, president, helpers and readers journeyed to Lane Cove and E. W. Roffey and a similar party visited from Lane Cove. Annual teachers' meeting was held on 31st. J. Ferry was elected supt. and K. Wakeley, sec. Phyllis Wood has been appointed agent for *The Australian Christian*. Mrs. Crawford and D. McArthur are making progress after serious operations.

Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.). — Messages from Mr. Woolford (Tempe) and Mr. Shaw (Bexley North) have been appreciated. "Billy Graham" films have attracted considerable interest. Men of church, under direction of Messrs. Turner and Larcombe combined splendidly in painting and renovating kinder hall. Visitors have included Miss Forby (S.A.). C.Y.F. conducted gospel service on July 3, when J. Stanhope, C. Yanitsas, H. Davies, F. Elliott and P. MacSween took part, and music was provided by Misses D. Mitchell and H. Louis. At fellowship gathering, after church on 24th, presentation was made to Miss D. Rodger on the eve of her marriage.

Beverly Hills. — At present there is no regular preacher in charge of the work, the church depending on supply. Girls' Club has been formed under leadership of Mrs. White. Cake fete held recently in aid of Building Extension Fund realised £12. A vase in memory of the late L. Wheat has been placed on communion table. R. Greenhalgh is conducting evening services during August, preceded by an open air meeting at 6 p.m.

South Australia

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — On July 30, monthly B.S. rally was held, taking form of an amateur night. A. J. Rosewarne compered the evening, Y.P. volunteering to provide items on programme. C. C. Patrick showed a series of films and supper concluded a happy evening. W. H. Craddock conducted song service prior to evening meeting on 31st. R. J. Hooper and W. H. Craddock helped with a duet. Officers at recent meeting adopted ideas for a "three year plan." Committees have been formed to take charge of various sections of work planned. A. W. Morris is a man with a vision, the driving force behind this forward move, creating a spirit of enthusiasm in this new venture.

Semaphore (R. H. Sercombe). — Average of communicants for July was 61. On June 28, R. Dixon showed lantern slides concerning Overseas Mission. Annual meeting of Sisters' Guild was held on July 5. Mrs. Candy was speaker and Mesdames Wormald and Stacey soloists. There were over 70 present and afternoon tea ended a most successful gathering. Annual church business meeting was held on 19th. Following were elected: J. Brooker (elder); N. Bray, R. Stacey

and V. W. Taylor (deacons); J. Brooker, sec.; D. Fenn, treas. J. Thoday has resigned as B.S. supt., after many years of valuable service. G. Young has been appointed. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. B. Dowsett has entered Laverton (Vic.) for N.S.T. Fellowship with Mrs. Sercombe (Emerald, Vic.), has been enjoyed.

Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. C. Candy). — Attendances at morning and gospel services are satisfactory despite cold weather. Some sickness is prevailing among older members. On July 17, morning service was broadcast over 5KA. F.M. offering amounted to approx. £280, W.M.B. raising £71 of that amount. Recent "get-together" of past and present members of choir raised £7/17/4 for organ fund. July "home Bible meeting" was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Phillipson. C.E. visited Christian Rest Home on 25th. Recent drive by B.S. has resulted in increased membership in Bible classes. C. Phillipson has been elected sec. of Youth Council. Y.P. are forming tennis club to play social matches in summer.

Albert Park (J. B. Baker). — Special speakers last month included D. Laurie and W. Beiler. Attendances are still being maintained very well, morning services being especially encouraging. Mid-week fellowship meeting for prayer and Bible study was recommenced on July 27. A study of the book of Acts has been commenced. There were 12 present at the meeting. Church has expressed sympathy to Mrs. T. Brenton in recent death of her father.

Blackwood (G. T. Fitzgerald). — Church is enjoying season of progress and inspiration, splendid teaching and powerful preaching. Average morning meeting is 70, and gospel services have greatly increased. July 24, three girls made the good confession and on 31st two more girls and two young men took their stand. Church is wonderfully encouraged. Three have recently been received into fellowship by transfer. M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.) spoke on morning of July 24. Church has planned visitation campaign for end of August. Youth hall is taking shape and, when completed, will be a great asset to B.S. and youth work.

Unley (I. J. Chivell). — Due to wintry weather and sickness, attendances have not been good, and for the first time this century, average number of morning communicants for half-year has been less than 100. However, month finished on a high note, with special evening service for parents and scholars of B.S. Following visitation of about 50 homes, and scholars being entertained at tea in the homes of teachers, church was practically filled, when some pictures of Christ were screened, and the message based on them. Barbara Bray was soloist. Hall was well filled for after-church song fellowship,

when film *The Kindled Flame* was shown and supper served. C.Y.F. two-night concert was outstanding success, the new hall being packed each evening, taking totalling £92. Proceeds will be used for purchasing equipment for hall. Whole programme, which was colorful, varied and musical, was produced by our own Y.P. Other specials have been a "Peanut-Pal" social, offering for hall being £2/18/4; talk on New Hebrides to C.Y.F. by D. G. Hammer; kinder and beginners' party; and annual meeting of Mission Band, with Miss Dorothy Cornelius (on furlough from Japan) as speaker. Overseas Mission offering amounted to £140, not including regular duplex envelopes offering.

Victoria

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — On July 31, speaker at morning service was J. Burns. Church is enjoying fellowship of Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Coventry from Hawthorne, S.A. F. Evans, returned from South Australia, has been appointed B.S. supt.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd). — There was a good attendance at gospel service on June 17 when a young girl was baptised. In place of usual address Mr. Lloyd answered a number of questions. Mrs. B. Ferguson was soloist. Y.W.F. met at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Luke for meeting on July 26. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of C. Gadge. At close of worship service on 31st, a presentation was made to Miss D. Fordham and J. Bruce in honor of their approaching marriage. C.M.S. met at tea and later were addressed by J. Sayers (Marriage Guidance Council). After six matches K.S.P. is the only undefeated team in table tennis competition.

Essendon (M. Roberts). — W. Mason (Nth. Essendon) presided at morning service on July 24. Film, *Big Brother* was screened at evening service on 31st. Church is encouraged to see the young teachers on B.S. teaching staff. Mr. Roberts is conducting monthly training class. Sis. Bone, Robbins, Skinner and F. Strack are again enjoying fellowship with church after recent illnesses. H. Grant is home from hospital.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall). — At well attended meeting on July 24, two Y.P. made the good confession. At combined District Prayer Meeting on 20th, 23 were present and an inspiring time of intercession was held. House party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray added over £4 to hall fund which is reaching the £1,400 mark. All auxiliaries are in good heart and work is progressing favorably.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang). — At annual meeting of W.F., Mrs. Lang was elected pres.; Mesdames Taylor and H. J. Cook, vice-pres.; Mrs. Sprigg, sec.; Mrs. Bennett, treas.; Mrs. Cook, pianiste. Y.W.L. commenced on July

24 under the leadership of Miss Elvie Milne, with attendance of 27. J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat) was morning speaker. Total attendance, 84. All meetings continue to be well attended, with visitors at every service. On July 31 a Favorite Hymns Night was conducted.

Hamilton (R. W. Saunders). — Stall run by W.M.B. for school hall extension realised £34. K. Patterson spoke on Evangelism on July 24 and was guest speaker at Y.P.S.C.E. on 26th. Mrs. Bartlett spoke to Y.W.F. on sponge making. I.C.E. enjoyed talk given by Miss B. Bates. 150 sat down to banquet provided for B.S. for reaching, and exceeding, the target of 120 present at a B.S. meeting. Mr. Grew's piano-accordion band rendered a fine programme. B.S. teachers were greatly stimulated and helped by visit of Miss B. Bates (Youth Department) who addressed a series of meetings terminating on 25th. Billy Graham film, *Things God Cannot Do*, was screened at gospel service on 24th. Coleraine-Casterton brethren held a combined meeting at Coleraine on 17th, the attendance, including nine from Hamilton being 34. R. Saunders was speaker. Working bee was held on 30th to concrete manse backyard. On eve of July 31, R. Saunders gave an address on *Our Protestant Heritage*, making use of a film strip.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney). — On July 10, members of Dutch Evangelical Union joined in gospel service. Hymns of their choosing were sung during the service, and Consecration hymn was sung by Miss Katrina Baker. An hour of social fellowship was enjoyed in school hall after the service. Visitors on 24th were Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawker (Yearinga). At annual meeting of Y.W.F., officers elected for incoming year were: Mrs. N. Robinson, pres.; Mrs. L. Muller, vice-pres.; Mrs. I. Watkins, sec.; Mrs. V. Walker, asst.-sec.; Mrs. S. Steele, treas. At Women's Fellowship on 26th, Mrs. Evans, J.P., spoke concerning her work in connection with Children's Court and Prison Reform. Collection was taken for temperance work in connection with Women's Conference Executive. Mrs. R. Sandells and Mrs. Steele, senr., have been confined to their homes through ill health. Mrs. K. Ward is recovering slowly from her disability.

Dunolly (D. Beanland). — At annual business meeting held recently, all office-bearers were re-elected. Sec. is R. Scott and treas., R. Freemantle. After loss of some members by removal, interest has been maintained by faithful members assisted by preacher. Brethren continue to keep exterior of building in order, while ladies attend to interior. Fellowship was enjoyed with some members from Tarnagulla recently. Three young men baptised on June 26 included one from the Methodist church. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice under leadership of D. Beanland. Ladies' Guild and C.E. continue steadily.

Portland (V. Quayle). — H. Mountjoy (Hamilton) assisted church on July 10 with his projector, showing Billy Graham film *Hour of Decision*. Gospel service on 17th was a special "Aborigine service," when a number of local Aborigines were present and enjoyed with us slides of work among natives at Norseman and Carnarvon Mission. Social in aid of tennis court was held on 22nd. Church is grateful to A. Wylie for his interest and help in bringing his spraying plant to paint interior of school hall, kinder room and kitchen. Ladies have borne cost of material used in kitchen and kinder room. Two boys from B.S. made their decision at gospel service on 24th, and were baptised on 31st. As a means of keeping before members financial position of the local work, it has been decided to issue a quarterly balance sheet, first of which was distributed on July 31.

Preston (J. E. Searle). — Meetings continue to be well attended despite much sickness. Preacher has given series of morning messages on the Beatitudes, which have been much appreciated. Mrs. B. Quaife is improving after her recent illness. On July 24, six were received into membership. F. Manning was preacher at evening service and, at happy hour fellowship, gave an illustrated message on work of Mission to Lepers.

Berwick (R. Chamberlain). — 37 Y.P. from Berwick and 16 from Morwell attended recent camp at Monbulk. Leaders were A. Funston, R. Chamberlain (Berwick), D. Smith (Morwell), I. Mackey (C.O.B.). Programme consisted of games, hikes, studies, singing, and films. Early morning communion service was enjoyed. Two study groups were prepared, catering for ages 10-14, and from 15 and over. Seven B.S. teachers travelled to Melbourne on Monday nights for training at School Religious Education course over 12 weeks. Appreciation goes to C. Cameron for transport. Youth tea was held on July 17, followed by Camp Echoes at evening service. On 24th, J. R. Story (Unevangelized Fields Mission) showed sound color film *Where Headhunters Reigned*. On 31st, J. W. Strickland (B.&F.B.S.) showed sound color film *The Living Word*. C.Y.F. meets fortnightly. Ladies' Fellowship had well attended meeting with visitors present from Dandenong and local churches on occasion of 15th birthday on July 28. Mrs. E. L. Williams was guest speaker.

Blackburn (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — Thank-offering for Temple Day on July 31 amounted to £255 (incomplete). Inspiring messages were given at all three services by J. E. Brooke, W. F. Nankivell and S. Neighbour. Appreciated musical items were rendered by Mrs. Gullidge, R. Smyth, Emmanuel Quartet Party and Miss F. Cowper. B.S. teachers were helped recently by teachers training film and discussion, followed by a tea. Y.P. also held a

tea when Mr. and Mrs. Heard were guests. Mr. Heard spoke at gospel service and also showed films on work in India. P.B.P. tendered Dorothy Bluhm a surprise supper in honor of her 21st birthday. Series of special services planned by preacher are proving very helpful.

Echuca. — H. Hargreaves journeyed from Bendigo to conduct recent Lord's Day services; there was one decision at evening meeting and two young men were later baptised. Work on new manse is expected to commence very soon. Ladies' Auxiliary combined with other churches in afternoon for local hospital. Mrs. C. Watson and son were welcome visitors on July 31.

Gardenvale (H. A. Hunt). — Mid-week prayer meeting is being held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Tippett. Mr. Hatwell has improved and is attending meetings again. Miss Valda Andrews has been taken off sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Streader have left district and moved into their new home.

Noble Park. — First annual business meeting of church was held on July 31, reports showed work is in good heart. B.S. has 84 scholars on roll and 39 on Cradle Roll. Officers elected were J. Smith, sec.; E. Snibson, treas.; F. Barrot, E. Hales, I. McKenzie, R. Pearce, deacons. Christian Women's Fellowship reported 21 members. Building of proposed hall is being discussed and it is hoped to make an early start.

Surrey Hills (H. Earle). — On July 3, church enjoyed fellowship with President of Federal Conference, I. A. Paternoster, who presented a challenging address on the responsibility of the church to witness in this modern world. Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon and family had fellowship with us on 31st, when Mr. Dixon addressed church at communion service. Both gave messages to school and kindergarden in afternoon, when scholars heard of work on Indian Mission Field. W.M.B. had visit from Missionary Committee on 14th. Explorer Club continues to enrol new members and has an average attendance of 65 lads. Newly formed Y.W.F. with Mrs. Lancashire as pres., and Mrs. R. Minahan, sec., plans to meet once a month in members homes. Ladies' Guild has repaired 150 books to be sent to Chaplain Young.

Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Hunting). — Attendances are maintained in spite of inclement weather. On night of July 10, three nurses from Base Hospital were immersed and at close of service, one young married woman made her decision. On 17th, after a youth tea, Y.P. conducted evening service; J. Hammond led, chorus singing was conducted by D. Quillian, scripture read by Yvonne Goldsworthy, duet by Lois Sonsie and Val Regan, solo by E. Steele, address by F. C. Hunting. On 24th, A. Graham was speaker at morning service, and during evening

service there were two baptisms. At night film *Beginning of the Rainbow* was screened. At half-yearly business meeting, reports showed all auxiliaries were progressing well. Offering for Overseas Missions (including contributory scheme) reached well over £200.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin). — Two were welcomed into fellowship after baptism on July 31. Sympathy of church is extended to church sec. in passing away of his sister, Miss E. Johnson. W.M.B., Y.W.F. and auxiliaries are functioning well. Many sick members are improving, but aged Sis. Pettifer suffered a slight stroke. Mrs. Withers (Canberra) was visitor on 31st.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan.—Y.W.F. held successful Chinese Social on July 16, and B.S. presented Children's Amateur Hour on 30th in aid of Centenary Rebuilding Fund. 150 members were present at church tea on 23rd when architect's plans for rebuilding scheme were shown. V. C. Stafford and C. Ward reported on progress made. A. E. White spoke on *The Church in Evangelism, Worship and Fellowship*, and film *What is a Christian*, was screened. V. C. Stafford was preacher at both services on 31st. B.S. is preparing for anniversary in October. Sue Thomas has commenced nursing.

Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Fergusonsson). — Splendid attendances prevailed during July, with average of 124 communicants and 82 at gospel service. On July 31, 144 worshipped in morning, this being highest for considerable time. An elderly woman made her decision at the gospel service. Two have been welcomed into fellowship during the month. First meeting of New Hall Preparation Committee was held on 27th. Purpose of Committee is to seek for, and collect ideas and suggestions from members willing to share, concerning design, furniture, furnishings, etc., pertaining to proposed new structure. On morning of 31st, 18 members received their capital from church treas., with which to go forth and trade during next four months for New Hall Funds. This number has since been added to by six. The setting apart was by word of commendation, reading of Talent Scripture, and prayer. Ladies' Fellowship held social gathering on 30th, in aid of their quota and £5/3/6 was realised. Mrs. Dawson has returned home after some weeks in private hospital, somewhat improved in general health. Jubilee Overseas Offering closed with £80/2/-, including amounts from Good Companions, Ladies Aid, W.M.B., B.S., I.C.E. and Y.P.C.E.

North Williamstown (H. E. R. Steele). —Y.W.F. has visited Singleton Home and Will H. Clay Nursing Home. Girls' basketball team is having successful season. B.S. tea was held on July 31 when R. Lane was speaker. Monthly film service was held in evening. P.B.P. club tendered Hazel Wallis a kitchen

tea prior to her marriage. Attendances at services during winter months have been higher than corresponding period last year. "Chief Companion," Miss R. Roberts, visited Good Companions on 26th. Newport Baptist C.E. recently visited I.C.E. and conducted meeting.

Boronia (C. L. Smith). — Average attendances for July were: morning, 78; evening, 62; B.S., 147. Recent evening services have been conducted by various auxiliaries with special features including an address by Mrs. E. L. Williams and a special choir of officers. Family night on July 17 was well attended. P.B.P. club held its first birthday on 25th. Foreign Mission offering amounted to £78/16/7.

West Preston (A. B. Withers). — Preacher concluded series of addresses on Lord's Prayer on July 31. Y.P. gathered for tea and film *Power of Prayer* was screened in evening. K.S.P. held swim night at City Baths on 29th. Miss Fay Connybere has returned to services after long illness.



A Modern Detective

W. R. Hibburt.

It is reported from overseas that a "balloon detective" is being used to determine the truth or otherwise of a motorist's statement that he is not under the influence of alcohol. The suspected motorist is presented with a balloon and instructed to inflate it. The balloon contains a chemical which colors the balloon if the breath contains alcohol. The absence of alcohol leaves the balloon colorless. Since learning of this procedure I have wished for some such device to expose self-intoxication. Those called upon to arbitrate, when brethren are overtaken with a disagreement, often marvel that two splendid persons can be so estranged and present such contradictory statements. In their own estimate they both present faultless reasons justifying their actions.

Those burdened with the care of congregations are often a little suspicious of self-intoxications when members present their resignation or absent themselves from the Lord's Table because of a grievance. A mind steeped in its own justification is incapable of submitting to reason and of seeing others' point of view. The "balloon detective" would expose any self motive distorting the vision and hindering sweet reasonableness. Self-assertion would give place to self-confession. Tension would be relieved and harmony restored. Doubtless such a device would prevent presumptive sins from having dominion over us. It is obvious however that the human

spirit is not governed by mechanical aids. Nevertheless Jesus demonstrated its God-like dimensions in self-forgetfulness and its ability to love and forgive.



"Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh."—Jesus, Matt. 18: 7.

BIRTHS

GREENWOOD (Chamberlain). — To Ruth and Bill, 22 Main-st., Beverley, S.A., on July 23, a son (premature) — David Eric.

HARRIS (Chappell). — On July 28, at Mooroopna Base Hospital, to Lillian and Frank, a daughter—Julie Stella. Sister for John and Neville.

DEATHS

NORTHEAST. — On August 2, 1955, at After Care, Catherine, beloved wife of Samuel John Northeast, 5 Separation-st., Alphington, loved mother of Jack, Edwin, Ray and Cliff, fond mother-in-law of Eunice, Erica, Alma (dec.) and Jean, loving nana of Kathleen, Ise, Helen, Paula and Joy. "Asleep in Jesus."

SWAIN. — On August 3, at his daughter's residence, 9 Johnson-st., Northcote, Harry, of 181 Gilbert-rd., Preston, beloved husband of the late Rosa, devoted father of Daisy (Mrs. Lofts, dec.), Henry F., Rosa (Mrs. Page), Florence (Mrs. Johnson), Lily (Mrs. Mitchell), Ivy (Mrs. Clark), Emma (dec.), Dr. Alex. B., and Frank L., loving brother-in-law of Lottie (Mrs. West), and Emma (Mrs. Ross). In his 91st year.

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Will you lovingly uphold in prayer, Mrs. Cleland, as she takes the greetings of our Australian women to the World Convention, and as she becomes our first Australian representative on the Executive of our World Christian Women's Fellowship of Churches of Christ?

We want you to be with us in this — in this fellowship with God the Father, and Jesus Christ his Son. We must write and tell you about it, because the more that fellowship extends the greater the joy it brings to us who are already in it.

Mrs. Stephenson, of N.S.W., has been asked to speak at the inaugural meeting, telling "What World Christian Women's Fellowship" might mean to the women of Australia and New Zealand. We commend her to your prayers also.

August 20, 1955! This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his Name together!

Yours sincerely,

N. Larcombe,

President, Women's
Federal Conference of
Churches of Christ in
Australia.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA AUXILIARY.

The meeting was held on July 7. Mrs. D. Hammer led the devotional session, taking as her theme "a full surrender to Christ" — to be fully used of Christ, we must be fully surrendered. The "Consecration Hymn," sung as a solo, was a fitting climax. Mrs. Candy presided over the business meeting, 125 ladies being present. Plans are being formulated for our 50th Jubilee Conference of Women's work. A Jubilee book is being prepared which will contain past history of our work, plus re-

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ports of this year's work, and the programme for Women's Day of Conference. A Hospitality Committee is planning to provide accommodation for country visitors, in our church homes, during Conference, in September.

A donation has been made to the "Flying Doctor Service." The Home Mission Committee reports that one Home Mission church held a special campaign of personal visitation, and as a result 18 decisions for Christ were made at the Sunday evening service, and in addition there were 12 reconsecrations.

The Overseas Missions Committee reported that Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon have visited churches, showing colored slides of our Indian work. News that Miss Vawser is not well was received with regret. The Aborigine Mission Committee reported that Mr. and Mrs. Reeson have had to relinquish the work at Carnarvon for health reasons. We need to pray earnestly for new workers for this field, as staff is short at present.

The Prayer Meeting Committee reported activity; meetings are held in the homes of three ladies, each being over 90 years of age.

Musical "At Home," which was held in the Adelaide Town Hall this year, was the usual success, the hall being filled. This was arranged by the Women's United Church Association, the proceeds this year going to the War Memorial Fund. A report from the National Council of Women indicated that there are now 114 groups affiliated. A reception was held to meet Lady Slim.

It was reported that there is a full staff at the Rest Home. Electric hot water service has now been installed there. The Social Service report revealed that over 4,000 articles of clothing have been handled during the last year. Over £107 was raised by badge sellers for "Kindness Week." The proceeds of this effort will be used by the Social Service Department to bring comfort to families in need.

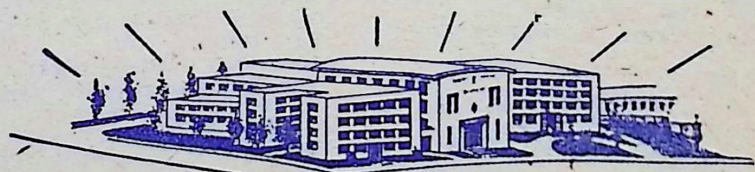
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OBITUARY

Louise Mary Harding.

The church at Forestville is saddened by the tragic death of Mrs. F. Harding on July 18, 1955. At 12 years of age she was baptised by A. C. Rankine, at Norwood church, and ever since sought to witness for her Lord. In 1904 she married, and with her husband took membership at York, S.A. Years later Hawthorne, Croydon, and Forestville churches enjoyed her fellowship as a devoted sister in Christ. In the various churches she held different positions and fulfilled her duties conscientiously. In brotherhood activities she was a shining light. In 1917, the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference honored her by inviting her to be their president, a position which she graced with dignity. She was later a member of the Prayer Meeting Committee for over 20 years, visiting the sick, aged, and "shut-ins," where her smile and cheery words were a benediction. She was delegate to the Overseas Mission and taught in the Chinese Mission at Grote-st. for several years. For fifty years she was a member of the Temperance Union. Her 65 years of Christian witness endeared her to the hearts of a large circle of friends. The loving sympathy of the brotherhood is extended to Mr. Harding, Bert, Clem, Kathleen, Walter, and all members of the Mauger family. Beautiful floral tributes from a large gathering of brethren bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which our sister was held. W. N. Bartlett assisted the writer in the service in the house and also at the graveside. "To be with Christ, which is far better."—W.A.R.

Mrs. M. Chipperfield.

On July 25, Mrs. M. Chipperfield passed to her rest. The church at Coppin-st., Richmond, Vic., was dear to the heart of our sister. It was here that she was baptised as a girl. During the years she served the church in many ways, particularly in the children's work. It was at Coppin-st. that she was married to Stanley Chipperfield, who was called Home two years ago. For some years past, Mrs. Chipperfield had been invalided, but she continued coming to the services, even in a wheel-chair. It was only in the last few months that she was unable to attend. Not only in the church was she known for her good works but also in the community. She did all she could to help those in need. R. Bolduan made references to her influence in the home and community when he spoke at the service in the chapel on July 26. Many friends had gathered. A service at Springvale Crematorium followed. We commend the family, Mrs. Alderson, Stan, Miss E. Chipperfield, Mrs. Killey and Mrs. House to our loving heavenly Father. We thank God for women like our sister who

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One of the strongest personal links
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church was severed by the passing of
our sister at Kaniva on July 14, 1955,
at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Finger's
father gave the land on which the
present chapel was built. Through the
years, she has demonstrated her Chris-
tian faith and loyalty, and her smile
brought gladness to many a heart. It
was a great regret to her when sick-
ness made it impossible for her to
attend the services. Members were able
to visit and take the Lord's Supper to
her. Funeral services were conducted
at Box Hill by B. J. Combridge, as-
sisted by B. J. Richards (Montrose)
and the writer. To her husband,
Frederick, daughters, Elsie (Mrs. E.
Charles), Ada (Mrs. E. Crouch, Kaniva),
and sons Frederick, Oliver and Donald,
and her relatives, we offer our deepest
sympathy. She has entered into "the
riches of his glorious inheritance in
the saints."—E.A.R.

Mrs. Ella A. Ferris.

After a long period of indifferent
health, Mrs. Ferris passed away on
July 1, at the age of 77 years. Those
who knew her well look back on a
long period of Christian service ren-
dered both in Canada and the United
States and with local churches. Our
sister, with her late husband and young
family, spent eight years in service
abroad, from 1902 to 1910, with the
churches in Canada and U.S.A. Mrs.
Ferris often served as organist and
her husband as choirmaster. At one
particular centre they were instru-
mental in founding a new branch of
the Church. Returning to Woodhouse
Grove in 1911, they joined the church
at Doncaster and later transferred their
membership to Box Hill. Her foremost
interest in life was the Church and
its work, and the various other Chris-
tian activities in the social sphere. Be-
sides being a member of the W.C.T.U.,
our sister was a liberal supporter of
independent missions engaged in social
welfare and reform. One could not be
in contact with her long without know-
ing that her life's motto was "For
Christ and his Church." Our feeling
of sympathy goes to those of her
family who still remain to mourn her
loss, and to the many grandchildren.
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