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## Opening of Glen Waverley Chapel, Vic.

Weeks of intense activity by the brethren, at Glen Waverley, Vic., culminated in the opening and dedication of their new all-purpose hall, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 1955.

Unfortunately, the building was not completed for this milestone in the young church's history, principally due to the exceptionally bad weather experienced on Sept. 3, affecting the support from sister churches. However, the members at Glen Waverley are deeply conscious of the blessings that have been poured out upon them to bring everything up to its present stage.

The opening ceremony commenced at 3 p.m., when D. D. Stewart as president

(taking the place of J. W. Lewis, indisposed) introduced T. R. Morris, chairman of Campbell Edwards Trust. The turning of the key was performed by Sis. F. Dunk, pioneer of the Restoration Movement in Glen Waverley.

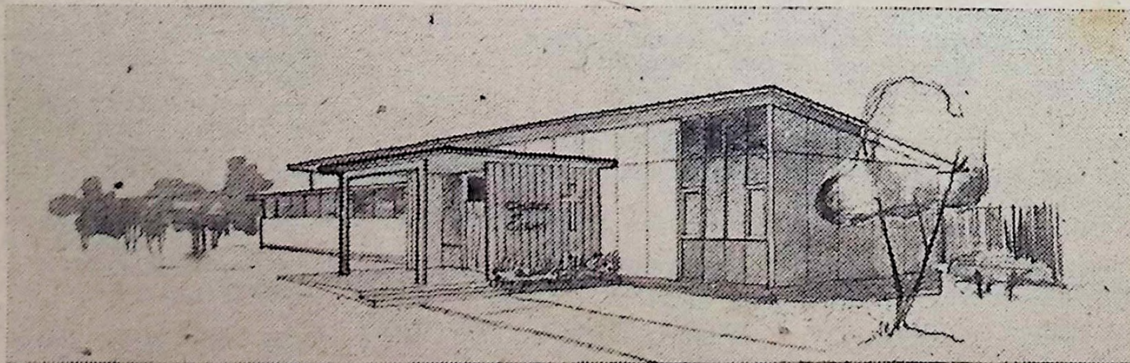
Approximately 150 to 160 were present for the dedication in the chapel. A message of good-will was brought from the Vic.-Tas. H.M. Committee by B. J. Combridge. M. L. Symes, as representative of Glen Waverley, summarised the happiness that was being experienced by the brethren in now having a church home; he also led in the dedication of the building. F. Haycraft, as builder, told of his trials;

nevertheless, it was apparent that he had the feeling of achievement — another chapel erected to the glory of God.

K. A. Jones as Conf. Vice-Pres., brought a message of encouragement and advice, urging the church to let the doors swing ever open.

Following a basket tea, R. P. Morris delighted everybody with his excellent color slides and a description of his recent trip through America, England and the Continent.

To all those brethren who assisted in the work leading up to this memorable occasion, Glen Waverley says, "Thank you."



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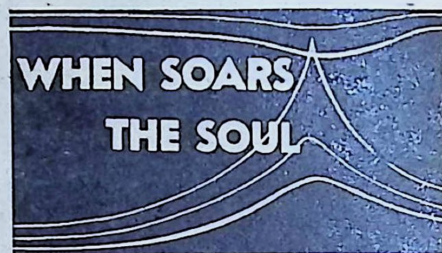
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When soars the soul earth's  
clamoring voices cease,  
Stilled in the wonder of God's  
power and peace.



Through their faith, these men conquered kingdoms, ruled in justice and proved the truth of God's promises . . . Many lost everything, and yet were spurned and ill-treated by a world that was too evil to see their worth . . . All these won a glowing testimony to their faith . . . Surrounded, then, as we are, by these serried ranks of witnesses, let us strip off everything that hinders us, as well as the sin which dogs our feet, and let us run the race that we have to run with patience, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Source and the Goal of our faith.—Heb. 11: 33, 37b, 39a; 12: 1, 2a (Phillips).

The martyrs were not so called because they were tortured and slain; that would only make them victims, and we must not mistake martyrs for victims. There are many more victims in the world than there are martyrs. Martureo, the root word from which martyr and martyrdom come, means "witness;" i.e., they were joyous and triumphant witnesses to their faith. But someone objects, "You can't be a martyr today." That you can; my whole point being that, whilst there are victims everywhere, what we want is the martyr spirit. Of course, we shall be laughed at if we try the "martyr" trick, like Martha, hinting even more than saying, "You don't know what I have to put up with." That is to be a victim, not a martyr. So, in our work, instead of "passing the buck," as we say, let us try to do more than is expected. Yes, face it! Let's be fools, but fools for Christ's sake. Then when folk about us say, "He's a queer cuss, always doing what others won't, and then some; never makes a fuss, and always seems, so happy. Wonder where he gets it from," there's our chance to speak—"Why, from Christ, of course." Any one can be a victim, but it takes the Christ-spirit to make a martyr.—Dr. Trevor Davies.

O fill me with thy fulness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

—F. R. Havergal.

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"One of the most successful," is the verdict on the . . . .

# 81st Sth. Australian General Conference

The 81st S.A. Conference, held in Adelaide, Sept. 14-21, proved one of the most successful of the long series. Attendances at all meetings, both the inspirational gatherings and the business sessions, reached high-water mark, and the spirit of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the series. The Conference began with the "President's Evening." M. A. K. Crosby, M.S., presided over a big gathering in the Grote-st. chapel, and gave his presidential address on the theme, "Greater than the Master," taking as his text the words of Jesus, John 14: 12. He claimed that the power given to believers, conscious of their ministry, enabled the church to accomplish greater things in its impact on the world than were possible to the Master in the days of his flesh.

W. W. Saunders, of Melbourne, spoke at the Social Service rally on the following evening to a well-filled house on "The Christian and Social Problems," an address which was well-received.

## Business Brevities

A larger number of delegates than usual attended the business sessions. Infant churches at Warradale and Ascot-Park were received into the Union. The statistical returns showed a nett increase of 59 members. The report of the Executive Committee stated that there were now 41 full-time and six part-time preachers employed in the State, and there are several churches without a preacher. The Canberra Church Appeal has almost reached its objective. Much interest was aroused by the report that two of our highly-esteemed deceased brethren, Raymond J. Finlayson and Oliff V. Mann, had very generously remembered the brotherhood in their wills and substantial sums would become available from the estates for the work of various departments. An insurance fund has been established on the lines followed in other States, the purpose being the setting up of a centre for brotherhood work. Steps are to be taken to list the names of brethren capable of conducting church services, so that churches, particularly those forming circuits, requiring occasional assistance, shall not have to seek help outside.

A notice of motion aiming at the amalgamation of the Social Service and Christian Rest Home Departments was not carried, although the matter is to receive attention from a select committee in order that an amicable settlement of the question may be found at next Conference.

The reports of the various departmental committees were on the whole inspiring. Several buildings are pro-

jected in the metropolitan area. A Mutual Fund has been created by the Building Extension Committee, to which loans at Savings Bank interest may be made to finance new buildings. Blocks of land have been purchased in rapidly expanding suburban areas and near-by towns for future use for chapels and manse.

The recently-formed Christian Men's Society is slowly arousing general interest. Visitation evangelism has caught the imagination of the brethren. A well-attended session at the tea-table indicated the interest in the movement. The chairman of the C.M.S. (E. V. Lawton) and secretary (L. Fitzgerald) led a valuable discussion.



G. A. Whiting,  
Incoming S.A. President.

During the year a special committee has considered the question of adequate salaries for preachers and related matters, and an excellent report was presented by L. B. Bowes and S. R. Beck. All the recommendations were adopted and will be passed on to the churches to implement as far as possible. It was recognised that in some cases it will be necessary for smaller churches to form circuits to enable the proposed salaries to be paid. The following table is suggested: On beginning of ministry, £15/10/- a week; after the completion of three years' work, £17/10/-; after six years' ministry, £18/10/-. The provision of manse for preachers, running expenses of car, superannuation and insurance against accident and specified diseases, were also considered and included in the recommendations.

## Inspirational Messages

At intervals during the business sessions, devotional exercises were conducted by preachers stationed in the country, or by new men to the State. Helpful talks were given by M. D. Williams (Owen, Long Plains and Avon), J. McCormick (Loxton and Moorook), N. Gavros (Nailsworth), B. H. Crowden (Bordertown circuit), and A. E. Stevens (Whyalla). The Conference extended a warm welcome to E.

W. and Mrs. Heard, and the addresses of Mr. Heard were listened to with rapt attention as he spoke of the work in India and the responsibilities now being placed on the church there.

The Conference Sermon, delivered in the Town Hall, drew, as usual, a large congregation. I. J. Chivell (Unley) gave the message on the subject, "It Began at Pentecost." He reminded his hearers that the gospel of Jesus Christ was first proclaimed at Pentecost. The message of the Cross given by Peter that eventful day would answer all the problems teasing the human mind and taxing its resources. Those called by Christ constituted the Church, which was the fellowship of forgiven sinners. Those who owned Christ as Lord brought a new quality into human living. Their absorbing passion was to become as pure as their Lord and to love their fellow-men as he did.

The Youth Demonstration and Home Mission Rally in the Town Hall attracted big audiences. At the former meeting the virile director (G. A. Whiting) and chairman (F. K. Glover) presented a varied programme which closed with a solemn act of re-dedication of youth to the service of Christ, led by a youth group from the Unley church. At the H.M. meeting, Lloyd E. Jones (Mile End), impressed the audience with a fine address on "Magnificent Obsession." Prior to this closing meeting of Conference the big tea brought together five hundred people. The President and Mrs. Crosby entertained fifty guests at the main table. Spring flower decorations made a delightful display.

David G. Hammer (Norwood), announced during Conference that he and Mrs. Hammer had decided to accept a call to the Carnarvon Aborigines Mission to take charge of the work. This decision left the presidency of the Conference to be filled, and G. A. Whiting was elected. Other officers appointed were Albert A. Glastonbury, president-elect; I. J. Chivell, acting secretary; A. R. Redman, assistant secretary; and C. L. Johnston, treasurer.



Negotiations for the final transfer of a block of land at Mooroopna, Vic., to the new owners, the Mooroopna Native Church, are almost complete, the Churches of Christ Properties Corporation having the matter in hand. The church has paid £100 down (all the money it possessed) and proposes to pay off the balance of the £275 before proceeding with the erection of a chapel.

With Luke 23: 35 as his text, T. A. FITZGERALD,  
minister, Fairfield, Vic., takes us . . . .

# "In the Sight of the Cross"

Someone speaking of the Pilgrim's Progress has said: "that Bunyan seems a long time in coming to the Cross." This is due no doubt to Bunyan's hyper-Calvinistic outlook, but I am sure that you will all agree with me that when he does come to the matter of the Cross, his statement is simply sublime.

Christian is making his way with great difficulty upon the highway between the walls of salvation. His enormous burden impedes his running, but over hills and valleys he struggles forward until at last he comes to a place "somewhat ascending." Upon that place stands a Cross and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulchre. Bunyan describes it this way:

"Just as Christian came up with the Cross his burden loosed from off his shoulders and fell from off his back and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in and he saw it no more.

"Then was Christian glad and light-some, and said with a merry heart, 'He hath given me rest by his sorrow and life by his death.' Then he stood still awhile to look and wonder, for it was very surprising to him that the sight of the Cross should thus ease him of his burden."

Christian is not alone in this wonder; others, too, have wondered, among them John Bowring who has written:

"Two wonders I confess,  
The wonder of his glorious love  
And my own worthlessness."

## "Love so Amazing"

The Cross never finds its rightful place in a man's heart until it takes his breath away. It becomes life's supreme and most bewildering astonishment. "Love so amazing." At his mother's knee a man may have heard again and again the sweet sad story of the Crucifixion. Hundreds of times its pathos may have been impressed upon him by earnest teachers and eloquent preachers. The first songs that he learned to sing may have fastened this message of the Cross upon his heart and mind. By iteration and reiteration, by constant representation in song and picture and speech, the story of the Cross may have become the most familiar story a man has

ever heard. It matters nothing. A day will come—the greatest day in the soul's long pilgrimage—in which the Cross will take to itself all the characteristics of an incredible sensation. The Cross will become very surprising to him. There is a vast difference between hearing an historical recital of the Cross, and suddenly recognising Christ as our own personal Saviour—the Saviour who bled and died for us upon the tree.

Bunyan says that the Pilgrim "stood awhile to look and wonder," and well he might—and we.

Mrs. L. T. Meade has devoted one of her books Hepsy Gipsy to showing how Dr. Isaac Watts' hymn, "When I survey the wondrous Cross," met the aching need and irradiated the young life of her principal character. One day Hepsy heard a sweet voice singing:

"When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.  
"Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

"What's 'Love so amazing'?" Hepsy asked the singer. And then for the first time Hepsy heard the story of the "Wondrous Cross." Poor Hepsy's empty heart drank it all in. She was thirsty for it. It was just what she wanted. It filled the "aching void."

Later on when she was suffering great pain she said, "What's the pain? It's nothing when the heart's full—full of love, so amazing, so divine."

For nearly 2,000 years it has been "the sight of the Cross" that has moved men to repentance, and lifted the burdens of sin from off their shoulders. At the Cross men have found "rest by his sorrow," "life by his death."

It is Archbishop Temple who puts it in unforgettable words, "In Christ's agony we see what sin costs, and in

his bearing before his enemies we see how God regards us as we inflict the blow."

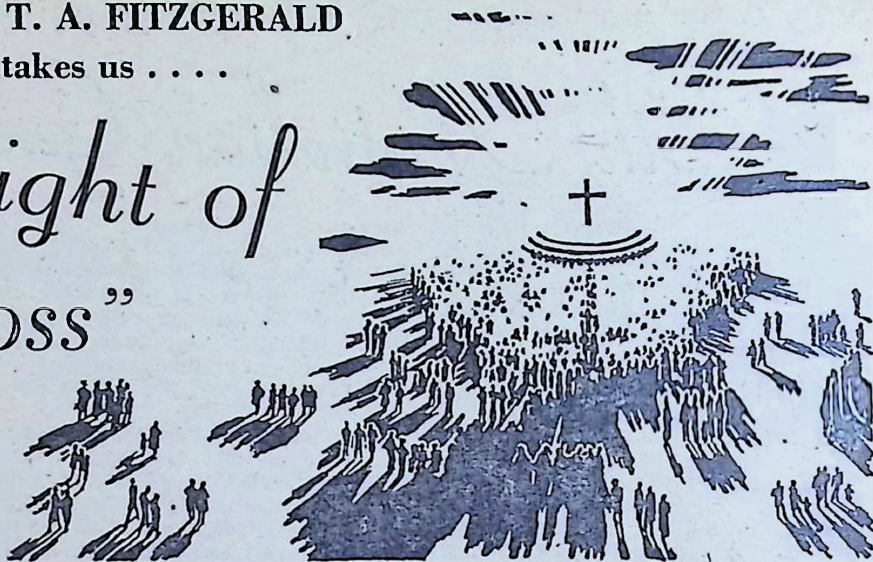
"How is it," men have asked in all ages since Calvary, that "the sight of the Cross should relieve us of our burdens?" Truly here is one of the supreme paradoxes of the gospel, that the death of Christ on the Cross, the world's blackest sin, should remain the saving secret of forgiveness. The Greeks in their wisdom called it foolishness, the Jews in their legalism stumbled at the sight of the Cross. But "to men who are being saved it is the power of God unto salvation."

In his Easter Day, Robert Browning has said:

"Love is the best? 'Tis somewhat late!  
And all thou dost enumerate  
Of power and beauty in the world,  
The mightiness of love was curled  
Inextricably roundabout.  
Love lay within it and without,  
To clasp thee,—but in vain! Thy  
soul  
Still shrunk from him who made the  
whole,  
Still set deliberate aside  
His love!—Now take love! Well be-  
tide  
Thy tardy conscience! Haste to take  
The show of love for the name's sake,  
Remembering every moment who  
Beside creating thee unto  
These ends and these for thee was  
said  
To undergo death in thy stead.  
In flesh like thine, so ran the tale.  
What doubt in thee could countervail  
Belief in it? Upon the ground  
That in the story had been found  
Too much love? How could God love  
so?  
He, who in all his works below,  
Adapted to the needs of man,  
Made love the basis of the plan."

## Two Magnitudes

After the great experience of Kilmany, Thomas Chalmers, on every Sunday, had something fresh to say about



the love of Christ, about the Cross of Christ and about the way of salvation. Every Sunday he urged his people with tears to repent, believe and enter into life everlasting. Every Sunday he set before them the beauty of the Christian life, and by all the arts of eloquent persuasion endeavored to lead his people into it. "He would bend over the pulpit," writes one who heard him both before and after the change, "he would bend over the pulpit and press us to take the gift as if he held it that moment in his hand and would not be satisfied till everyone of us had got possession of it."

Dr. Chalmers in his early ministry gave himself much to scientific studies, and he published a pamphlet in which he severely reproved such of his fellow-ministers as did not do the same. Years later, when he himself had discarded the studies he had led others to pursue, he was charged with inconsistency in the General Assembly, and his pamphlet was cast up to him. "Alas, sirs!" he replied, admitting the authorship, "so I thought in my ignorance and pride. I have now no reserve in declaring that the sentiment was wrong;

and, in giving utterance to it, I penned what was outrageously wrong. Strangely blinded that I was! What, sir, is the object of mathematical science?—magnitude, and the proportions of magnitude. But then, sir, I had forgotten two magnitudes. I thought not of the littleness of time; I recklessly thought not of the greatness of eternity."

Walter M. Horton tells of a nurse in one of the great hospitals. A young woman was brought in, stabbed in a drunken brawl. The case being diagnosed as beyond hope, the nurse was asked simply to sit with the girl until the end came. As she sat looking at the patient and thinking what a pity it was that such a face should have been marred by such hard lines, the girl opened her eyes. "I want you to tell me something and tell me straight," she said. "Do you think God cares about people like me? Do you think he could forgive anyone as bad as me?"

And the nurse says that she didn't dare to answer at first, not until she had reached out to God for help, and reached out toward the poor girl until she felt one with her. Then she said, knowing it was true, "I'm telling you

straight, God cares about you and forgives you." The girl gave a little sigh and slipped back into unconsciousness, the lines of her face changing as death approached. Something tremendous happened between God and that girl in that moment, it happened through the nurse and it all happened because of something that took place on a "green hill far away." Christ made peace through the blood of his Cross.

Arnold Bennett in his trilogy, *Clayhanger*, *Hilda Lessways* and *These Twain*, speaks of Hilda overcome by the singing of the "Wondrous Cross." To conceal her emotion she turned her face. "What's the matter," said Edwin, Hilda was disgusted at his tactlessness in embarrassing her, but for the sake of saying something, she asked him who wrote the hymn. In spite of his bookishness, he did not know, and she despised him for his ignorance. "Dr. Watts wrote it," she flashed, "and it would be worth anything on earth to be able to sing those words—and mean them."

When we sing this hymn, may we really mean all that we sing as we stand in "sight of the Cross."

# THE MINISTRIES OF OUR WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Programme for November

### Theme: "Stewardship"

#### The Widow's Mite

Mrs. E. T. Lade, Qld.

#### HYMN.

No. 595. "Go, labor on, spend and be spent."

#### PRAYER.

"Our Father, we thank thee for all that thou hast done for us; for home and loved ones; for night and day; for flowers, friends, and sunshine; but above all for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen."

#### RESPONSIVE READING.

Psalms 23.

#### HYMN.

No. 40. "Now thank we all our God."

#### MEDITATION. — Mark 12: 41-44.

"The greatest example we have of stewardship is the life of Christ himself. He, the only begotten Son of God, born of a humble earthly mother, lived a life of devotion to the will of his Father. To his followers and all mankind he gave freely of his time and his very self, so much so, that it was often necessary for him to withdraw

from the multitude and his disciples, to commune with God our Father, seeking both spiritual and physical strength for the tasks which lay ahead.

"He gave his life on the cross for the salvation of the world. During his ministry on earth he was the friend of the lowliest, as well as of the highest in the land. We know only the first years of his life, and again the last few years; the intervening years—when he worked with Joseph in the carpenter's shop—are not revealed to us, but we are sure that in this time he was being prepared for his highest mission as the Messiah. No real home was his at this time. "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

"He was a welcome visitor at the home of his friends, and there he obtained rest and refreshment. No happening escaped his notice. Little did the widow know, as she paid her mite into the treasury, that Christ would notice her action, and commend her gift to his disciples. Hers was the simple action of giving as she was prospered, even the last coin, not knowing where the next money for her own use would come from. Doubtless there was great joy in her heart that she could make her offering.

"It is not the amount we give that matters, it is what we have left. Christ's comment on the widow's gift was that in giving all she had, she had given more than those who contribute out of their plenty. We feel here that her future wants would be well looked after.

"There is the story of the other widow who was so hard pressed to pay her debts, and had only a small amount of oil. Was not her faith rewarded when she did as she was bidden, and put out every vessel that she could find, all of which were afterwards filled with oil each day, till she was able to satisfy all her creditors?"

"Our stewardship relates not only to material gifts, but to our talents as well. Use them to the fullest advantage at all times. Just a helping hand to a neighbor in distress, a kind word and a smile to a stranger, a gift of flowers to the sick, a cheery visit to the aged, in fact, doing any service—large or small—as opportunity presents itself, cheerfully and lovingly. Life will seem so much richer and fuller. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

SOLO. "Consecration Hymn" (Jude).

SEASON OF PRAYER.

MINUTES.

CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS.

MISSIONARY LETTER.

HYMN.

No. 320. "Saviour again to thy dear name we raise."

BENEDICTION.

# MISSIONARY NEWS

## A Saved Soul

H. Skuce, Baramati.

For many years Gitabai, the wife of one of the church members at Baramati, has been the cause for much prayer among the women here, and many of the older missionaries have spent hours in prayer for her. Although her husband was a Christian, she remained a Hindu.

Last November, Shewanti, her second daughter, was taken to Dhond with rheumatic fever. After a few months in Dhond hospital, she came back to Baramati, and has been confined to her bed since. I feel that it is the witness of this girl during her period of sickness that has been one of the means that the Lord has used in softening the heart of Gitabai, and led to her acceptance of Christ as her Saviour.

During June, two evangelistic workers from Bombay came to Baramati to hold special meetings. Gitabai attended many of the meetings where the gospel message was given very plainly. One Monday, with one of the Biblewomen, I called at this home to see Shewanti. While in conversation with Gitabai, she told us that the Lord had spoken to her during the gospel message on the Sunday evening and that she wanted to give her heart to Christ. It was with joy that we heard the woman's confession of faith.

There was much rejoicing here, but how much more rejoicing there was in heaven that morning over this soul coming to the Saviour. Many have had a small part in the bringing of this soul to him. Some have been given the task of sowing, while to others has been given the task of reaping the harvest, and behind all the work are those who have been faithful in prayer. Each one of us is a link in the chain that brings a soul to Christ, and each is important to the other. May we, with the Psalmist, "evening, morning and at noon pray unto the Lord," and he shall hear our voice and bless the prayers of his children.

## Visiting Pentecost Villages

J. Smith, Pentecost.

Recently we were able to spend over a week visiting our villages in the northern area of this island. The itinerary had been planned for some time but circumstances kept causing delays. Finally, all was ready and we prepared to leave. Then, about half-

an-hour before the time, a sudden "blow" came up from the south-west. After two or three hours, it appeared to ease considerably, so we loaded the launch and set off. After travelling for about half-an-hour, we found the wind coming back stronger than ever, but it was too late to turn back then, so we simply kept going.

We reached the village of Bwatnappe without incident, and leaving Haggai with the launch, we moved up to our village of Leckal to get people to help carry the load of gear, medical goods, and other items. As we arrived late on Thursday afternoon, we stayed at Leckal and prepared to give medical treatment there on Friday. Word soon went out to the various villages and on Friday a goodly crowd came to have "pin." In all, we treated 67 that day.

On Saturday, we moved on to the village of Wijumwell, where the people had built quite a nice little house for

us, complete with table, chairs and beds. Fortunately, the weather had been very dry, so we could walk about with comparative ease, not slipping and sliding in mud as is the usual procedure.

Sunday, we went on a further three or four miles to the village of Lemonleggi, where a combined service of all villages in the northern area was held. Here we visited a man whose legs had been paralysed for over a month. The previous week he had rolled into the fire, sustaining severe burns to the lower part of his body and to both legs. We returned to Wijumwell that evening and arranged for the injured man to be taken to our hospital next day.

At Wijumwell on Monday, at a combined women's meeting, groups attended from the various villages. We visited Nocombutchica on Tuesday, and remained at the house Wednesday, trying to catch up on delayed correspondence. Medical work again took up most of Thursday, when we gave 84 injections.

We were up before daylight on Friday, preparing to leave for home. During the night, there had been a heavy shower of rain, and this made the paths very slippery, so care was necessary in the steep descent to the beach. The launch was soon loaded, and two hours after leaving Bwatnappe, we were home again.



## THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

Not far from home a notice often drew my attention when I passed. It read simply: "A Home for Penguins." When the building was finished, however, it was not birds that moved in but books. Penguin books (and their cousins, Pelicans and Puffins) have immensely enriched the libraries of those with limited means. A review of a Penguin Special in an Ecumenical Press Service issue reads:

Dedicated to the members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, a volume in the well known Penguin Series (price 2/-) has just appeared under the title, *The Kingship of Christ*. The author is the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Chairman of the World Council's Central Committee.

"The purpose of this book," writes the bishop in the preface, "is to give an account of a remarkable movement towards Christian unity which has grown rapidly during the past forty years; and, in particular, to tell the story of how the World Council of Churches (on which all the principal Christian communions except the Roman Catholic are represented) came

into being, and of its far-reaching work today."

The different chapters deal with the formation of the Council, its development since its first Assembly at Amsterdam in 1948, and its work in connection with international affairs, the race questions, the refugee problem, evangelisation and wider Church relations. The book closes with four appendices: a glossary, indicating some distinctive features in the Member Churches of the World Council; diagrams giving certain religious statistics in a broad way; a bibliography, followed by the addresses of the offices of the World Council of Churches. Of "Christ, the Hope of the World," the Bishop of Chichester concludes:

"On the basis of the Bible, the Christian hope for the world can be seen to have two aspects. On the one hand, it calls men to acknowledge the ever present rule of God, which means that men and the world have a definite purpose, that there are principles and standards for human society, rooted in God's everlasting will, for which men can work . . .

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The Editor continues his overseas travel story, "All Roads—Toronto" . . . .

# Along the Lakes Frontier

## Australians in Chicago

All that I had heard and read of the crime and grime of Chicago had scarcely prepared me for much that was beautiful in the great city. I arrived at the railway terminal heavy-eyed and weary after an all-night "sit-up" journey from Mason City, Iowa. Frankly, bed would have been the most welcome sight to me then, but my host for the day, with that relentless passion of the American to show his guest the best things in the quickest time, soon hustled me around the city. Then he drove me to the Disciples Divinity House, in the grounds of the University of Chicago, and we lunched with Dean W. Barnett Blakemore. Dean Blakemore later saw me comfortably settled in one of the Divinity House rooms, where I was to stay for a few days. His own early experiences in Australia, where his father had several ministries, have given him a special link with Aus-

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"On the other hand, there is nothing Utopian about the Christian Hope . . . God's Kingdom embraces the entire universe, and it involves, in the language of the New Testament, a new creation, a new world. It is always to this that the Christian faith points, and the Church confidently and surely preaches the ultimate realisation of God's Kingdom in all its fulness, because of its belief in the person and the work of Christ . . ."

These two aspects of the Christian Hope apply to the condition of the world today: God's acts in history are not confined to the past. The Christian Hope is a hope of our earthly calling. But the Christian Hope points also to a future at the end of history and to the fulness of what we already possess in God.

"We do not know what are the limits of human achievement, of our own personal history, or of the history of the race," Dr. Bell concludes. "We do not know what possibilities are in store for us or what time is before us. We do know, however, that there is a limit, for we must all die. If we do not know Christ, death is the only limit we know. But with Christ, death is transcended. He who died for us, and is alive for us, confronts us with a totally new reality, a new limit, a new boundary to our existence. With him and in him the world has begun."—E.P.S. Geneva.

—Contributed by C. L. Smith for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

tralian visitors, and I greatly appreciated my conversations with him, as well as the delightful hospitality of an evening with his family. We drove along Lake Michigan—and what a beautiful drive it was; so beautiful that it was hard to credit that sky-scrapers jostled each other only a few hundred yards away. We visited Evanston, and saw the buildings which had housed the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches only a year before.

I also spent a happy day with Joy and Percy Thickins and family, at Whiting, Indiana. Though in a different State, Whiting is only a few miles from Chicago, and the Thickins family drove to the Divinity House and soon had me down at their home, enjoying dinner with them. Mr. and Mrs. Thickins left Australia soon after the 1952 World Convention at Melbourne, and certainly miss their Australian friends and relations. But they are very happy in the work at Whiting, where good progress is being made. In the afternoon we drove to a youth camp site at Cedar Lake, a really delightful spot, where a children's camp was in session. It was typical of some of the magnificent youth properties I saw in my travels.

## City of Cars

From Chicago I took train for Detroit, on a morning so oppressive that it was a relief to get into the air-conditioned comfort of the rail coach. But Detroit seemed even hotter, and to add to my discomfort, I missed connecting with the man who was to meet me. A loud-speaker boomed out a call for "Dr. Taylor," but I took no notice; then came the call again, this time for "Dr. C. G. Taylor, of Australia," and I realised that, with typical American generosity, I had been promoted on the spot! I hastened to the station-master's office and met my new host, Hartford Inlow, assistant minister of the lovely Central Woodward Christian Church, where I was to preach on the following Sunday.

During my stay in Detroit I was given the use of one of the church offices, and extended gracious hospitality in many ways. This is one of the key centres of the motor industry, and I was glad of the chance to visit the Ford Rotunda, a building in which the Ford Company provides some impressive topical displays for visitors. It is ideally equipped, and set in lovely parkland. Through the grounds runs a road, so designed that various sections represent the famous roadways of the world, such as the Applan Way, etc.

Visitors are taken for a drive over this road—in the latest model Fords, of course!

After working in the church office on Saturday morning I was taken home to lunch by Mr. Houghton, business manager of the church. The Houghtons are English folk, and were proud to brew me a pot of tea in real British style! Mr. Houghton retired from business a few years ago, and, by an arrangement which has benefited both the church and himself, entered on what is supposed to be a part-time assignment as the church's business manager. But devotion like this does not stop short at part-time hours. I had a happy afternoon with them, visiting various beauty spots.

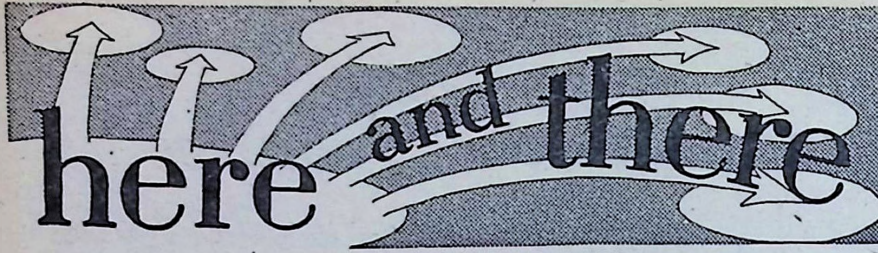
I found the sanctuary of the Central Woodward Christian Church among the most worshipful in which I have preached. Dr. Edgar De Witt Jones exercised a long ministry here, and is still in membership as minister-emeritus. Dr. Percy Gresham, now President of Bethany College, followed him, and Dr. Warren Grafton is the present minister, so they have a great pulpit tradition. It was a privilege to stand where these men have stood. The sermon in their order of service came before the communion—which helped me to cool off a little before greeting the folk at the door, for, despite the fact that the meeting (held at 10 a.m.) was advertised as a "cool-of-the-morning" summer service, the weather was anything but cool!

In that heat, it was interesting to discover that my host for the rest of the day was a refrigeration expert. He and his wife did their best to cool me off with a drive in their gleaming Cadillac. As we drew up to their home, he pressed a button on the dashboard, and his garage door swung upward, ready to receive the car. I had tormenting thoughts of all the stock gates I had opened and shut in our drive across Australia!

On Monday afternoon I was in the train again, this time winding around the south-western shores of Lake Erie towards Cleveland. Laurence Maines, secretary of the Disciples' Union in that city, was waiting to welcome me, and, after a meal and chat in the station restaurant, he took me out to his home where I was made very comfortable for the next few days.



"Those who would make their lives count, should be counted among those upon whom the church may count."



L. A. Trezise, Vic.-Tas. Youth Director, returned to Melbourne on Sept. 27. Mr. Trezise followed his experiences in U.S.A. and at the World Convention by flying home via Britain and the Continent. He reports a most helpful and interesting experience.

Morning service on Oct. 16 will be broadcast from Grote-st., Adelaide, over 5KA. Claude Candy is enjoying a fruitful ministry with this city church.

W. R. Hibburt presided over the recent Federal College of the Bible Reunion of former and present students. Informal talks on each decade of the College's history roused both interest and merriment. Supper brought a happy evening to a close.

The Churches of Christ Choral Society (Vic.) has made a distribution of £60 divided equally between Home Missions and Evangelism, Social Service and Youth Departments, making a total distribution of £150 to these departments over the past two years. The Society thanks church members for their support of the various concerts held, thus enabling additional financial support to be given to our brotherhood departments. During 1955 concerts were given in Clayton and Maidstone chapels in support of their building appeals, and £25 was passed over to the churches concerned. The next concert will be held in St. Kilda Town Hall on Nov. 29, when *The Messiah* will be presented.

Temple Day at Glenelg, S.A. marked the receiving of £1,329 towards the new manse, now nearing completion. The manse contains seven rooms, and has a garage attached. It is hoped that this valuable property will be opened free of debt later this month. A thanksgiving social evening was held on Sept. 28. W. Bruce Burn is the present minister. R. Bristow, who, with his wife, was recently received by transfer, has been appointed church secretary. Messrs. Baker, McRoberts and Sercombe were guest speakers at the B.S. anniversary on Oct. 2.

Mrs. M. McIntosh, of the church at Wangaratta, Vic., was recently the recipient of gifts from the church and Bible school in appreciation of twenty years' service as kinder supt., and twenty-eight as a teacher.

Three confessions followed the farewell address of C. Watson at Brunswick, Vic. on Sept. 25. R. Vautier will

succeed him in the ministry of the church. In the Young Endeavorers' club, Misses Wood and Paul are giving fine service, following the resignation of Miss Fisher.

Carnegie church, Vic., is planning a visitation and evangelistic campaign later in the year. Reports from a number of churches indicate an encouraging renewed interest in visitation evangelism.

Woorinen church, Vic., enjoyed Temple Day celebrations Sept. 23-25, with R. Edgar (Mission to Lepers) as guest speaker. A thankoffering of £80 was received after the Temple Day tea on 23rd, and a fellowship and film night was held on 24th, with about 20 visitors from Swan Hill church present. Mr. Edgar conducted services at Woorinen and Ultima on Sept. 25, when G. Chislett was morning speaker at Swan Hill, where breaking-of-bread attendances continue to average 65 to 70. Swan Hill Berean Fellowship members visited newly-formed Ultima Youth Club on 30th.

At this time of the year there is an influx of advertisements announcing Anniversaries, Homecomings, etc., and as is our usual practice during these busy months, all such announcements will be found grouped under Coming Events. Space does not permit display advertisements for individual churches during the peak period of anniversaries, etc. Missions and the like will, however, be given special consideration if space permits.



## Sharing Our Witness

The Launceston branch of the W.C.C. has arranged a series of "ecumenical services." The purpose of these gatherings is to enable members of the various churches to gain a better understanding of the ways of worship, beliefs, and practices of all churches. Each service is conducted on a week night by the minister of the church in which the service is held, in the manner customary to that church. The gathering then adjourns to the church hall for a question time when questions are invited on the worship, beliefs and practices of that church.

Recently an "ecumenical service" was held in the Margaret-st., church of Christ. The minister, C. H. J. Wright,

assisted by the choir, conducted a service of worship, and gave three short talks on "The Origins of Churches of Christ," "The Sacraments — Baptism and the Lord's Supper," and "No Creed but Christ."

Members of the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches were present at the service and remained for the question hour. Archdeacon Sutton, president of the Launceston Council, presided over the question hour, and C. H. J. Wright answered the many questions which were asked. Sincere interest and frankness characterised the questions and answers. Supper concluded the evening.



## News of British Churches

Two churches are engaged in building projects. One of the London churches (Deptford) is to move to a new housing area some eight miles away. Plans for a £5,000 building have been approved by the authorities. The site for the new church was paid for by the churches of the London Association. It cost £300.

The church at Derby is building a new Bible School costing £4,000. A stone-laying ceremony was held at the close of September and the B.S. held a service in the partially erected walls.

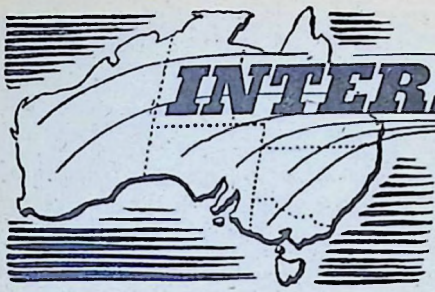
The Training Committee has reluctantly been compelled to abandon the project of a new college, for which a Silver Jubilee Fund of £25,000 was raised. Approximately half this sum will be used to alter the structure of the present college and to re-furnish it. The balance will be added to the existing endowments.

Two churches have recently been on the air. Evening service was broadcast from Shawlands, Glasgow, and the morning service came from Evington-rd., Leicester.

Three Disciple ministers are now serving with churches in England and Scotland, by arrangement with the United Christian Missionary Society and the Home Missions Committee. J. H. Keppel is at Falkirk; J. Wick is with the church at Coplaw-st., Glasgow; and Roland K. Huff is at Burnage, Manchester.

Bethesda, Manchester, has held centenary celebrations. A brochure gives the history of the church during 100 years, with reference to the notable people who have been associated with it. The speakers at the centenary meetings were: T. C. Cheesbrough, who has just begun his ministry with the church; W. E. Harrop, a former member; James Gray, and the President of Conference, S. Mason.

Dr. W. Robinson has intimated his intention to resign from Butler University as from September, 1956.—G. J. Hammond.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

- Mrs. I. Cameron, Red Cliffs, Vic.  
Mrs. S. Phillips, Miss M. Lisk, Murray Bridge, S.A.  
Keith Taylor, Jill Vines, Gloria Gully, Northcote, Vic.  
Mrs. Wilkins, Kilburn, S.A.  
Miriam Mason, Maidstone, Vic.  
Mengah Too, Marrickville, N.S.W.  
Geoffrey Wilson, Barbara Archibald, Margaret Archibald, Yvonne Crickmar, Maxwell Englehardt, Cowandilla, S.A.  
Mrs. Lambert, Patricia Porter, Marian Krake, Joy McQuirk, Dareton, N.S.W.  
Sis. T. Cole, Arden, Walker, Fishburn, P. Cox, Dandenong, Vic.  
Mrs. J. Chapman, Gympie, Qld.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Stonehouse and son (Robert), Miss D. Cooper, Carnegie, Vic.  
Harold Henderson, Mt. Clear, Ballarat, Vic.

## Membership

- Mrs. Cayless, from Balwyn to Hartwell, Vic.  
Mrs. Tyler, from South Melbourne to Hartwell, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Bristow, to Glenelg, S.A.  
Mrs. Archibald, to Carnegie, Vic.

## Marriage

- Eunice Andrews to Alan Hourigan, Kyneton, Vic.  
Joyce Schefferle (Meredith) to Keith Strong (She-oaks), Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. Catarach, Warracknabeal, Vic.  
J. Ritchie, Ormond, Vic.  
Mrs. Meek, Cowandilla, S.A.  
Mrs. Illingworth, Parkdale, Vic.  
Mrs. J. Parry, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## Tasmania

**Highcroft-Nubeena-Kellevie Circuit** (E. W. Taylor). — **Highcroft.**—Ladies' Mission Band is doing excellent work in sending parcels to mission areas. During Aug., parcels were prepared for India, aborigines missions, New Hebrides and Fitzroy-mission, Vic. **Bethany Boys' Hostel Appeal** was well supported by Highcroft and Nubeena churches. **Nubeena.**—Film evening in Nubeena Hall marked beginning of new series of C.Y.F. nights. A number of shorts and two feature films **Birthday Party** and **In His Name** were shown. There was a good attendance. W.M.B. has been making up a parcel for aborigine missions. **Kellevie.**—Preacher visits this church each month and some good meetings are held. Cottage meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kingston. Southern District Convention is to be held here in November.

## Western Australia

**Maylands** (L. Cooke). — Church welcomed back Mrs. Humphrys on her return from S.A. B.S. anniversary practices are proceeding. Youth Council is continuing to be very active in co-ordinating youth work both within church and between neighboring churches, through membership of a committee formed of representatives from Eastern Suburban churches. Plans are in hand for building of new chapel, for which new site has been obtained.

**South Perth** (S. H. Wilson). — Four made good confession on Sept. 11. Keen interest is being maintained. On 18th, at close of gospel meeting, **Faith of our Families** was screened. Mr. Funston (Melb.) addressed morning meeting. On 25th, 109 were present at both services; 120 communed for day. There was one confession and one reconsecration at gospel meeting. Pre-gospel prayer meetings have increased considerably. Large number remained for happy sing song after gospel meeting on 25th; Y.P. served tea. Ladies' Fellowship held "at home" on 28th, speaker being Mrs. Young (missionary). A number of church hymnals have been re-covered. I.C.E. combined with Good Companions on 27th, to entertain fathers. An extra piano has been loaned to help with B.S. anniversary. **Ploughshares** and **Pruning Hooks** will be dramatised by the entire B.S. for anniversary. District Community Hall has been hired for occasion. Youth Council has forwarded £15 to support John Moses, adopted Indian boy, for one year. J.C.E. continues to be very much alive. Good Neighbors held "bring and buy" on 20th; raising £17/7-. New matting for hall has been purchased. J. Bridge and Mrs. Nightingale are ill.

## Queensland

**East Ipswich** (R. Hilford). — Interest continues to be maintained, although during Aug. meetings were smaller owing to sicknesses. Average attendances were: morning 97, evening 51. On Aug. 23, E. L. Williams (Principal, College of the Bible) gave interesting talk of trip abroad. K. Horne (Youth Director) held teaching mission from Sept. 4-11. Meetings were well attended, some members attending each night. Although no visible results, much may yet be accomplished. Mrs. R. Coward, E. Neumann, Suzanne Neumann and Mrs. S. Risson have all returned home after periods in hospital. Talent scheme is progressing and really good work being done for purpose of special thanksgiving offering in Nov. Men's Fellowship meetings continue, and are well attended. On Sept. 18, J. Wiltshire gave a very fine talk. Mr. and Mrs. Hilford have returned home after holidays. Mr. Hilford is now in camp at Greenbank, with military services for several weeks.

**Gympie-Monkland** (R. Roberts). — Visit and illustrated lecture of E. L. Williams on Sept. 1 were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Allison (Oriental Missionary Society) showed pictures of missionary work in Korea on 2nd. J.C.E. has increased membership as result of "Gold and Mauve" competition. They also conducted a talent drive, which, added to proceeds of concert and jumble stall held on afternoon of Sept. 3, raised over £8 towards parcel for Miss Ruth Cane, missionary in Ethiopia. Three girls from I.C.E. attended Youth Camp at Magnetic Island in Aug. A married lady was baptised during evening service on 11th, and B.S. girl confessed Christ. Plans for new church buildings are in hands of architect. Old house on the site is being dismantled by brethren on Saturday afternoons. Women's Fellowship posted four parcels to H. Finger (New Hebrides).

## New South Wales

**Beverly Hills.** — Explorers' Club has been formed under leadership of Messrs. Armstrong, and G. Morris. Fete, organised by members of church, in aid of Building Extension Fund, resulted in raising of £240. Boys' and Girls' Clubs co-operated splendidly in effort.

**Hurstville** (D. Wakeley). — Members of Official Board conferred with youth of church on Sept. 18, with object of forming junior board of helpers. Y.P. entered enthusiastically into suggestions of how they could be used in service. Annual Cradle Roll afternoon was held on 24th, when mothers of babies added to cradle roll during past year were presented with a small

gift. B.S. organised film evening and barbecue as part of their effort for Building Extension Fund. All auxiliaries are working for fete, in view of ensuring an early start on extension to kinder hall. There is evidence of answered prayer in recovery of many who have been ill.

**Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).**—G. Sloman was speaker at morning service on Sept. 25. B.S. anniversary commenced in afternoon with kinder session and prize giving. It was continued at 7 p.m. with B.S. contributing in gospel service. K. Larcombe was guest speaker at both services. Successful concert on 26th brought anniversary to close. Inter school received prizes at close of evening. Unfortunately, during early hours of the day, the father of our supt. and sec., passed away. To George and Miss Joan Glazier we express our Christian sympathy, also to Mrs. Glazier, senr., and junr. On 28th, baptismal service was conducted, when recent convert of our sister church at Asquith obeyed his Lord.

**Mosman (D. W. Tonkin).**—On Aug. 31, half-yearly meeting of church was held, when reports from various auxiliaries were received. On Sept. 4, L. Donaldson exhorted church. Visitors were Mrs. Pallott (Subiaco) and Miss Nelson (Carnarvon). Y.P. conducted gospel service. Solos were rendered by Misses Nicolette Hughes and Patricia Dale. On 7th, Bruce Landridge (Sudan Mission) told of work there, and showed films. J. Blankley (North Balgowlah) addressed morning service on 18th. Ladies' Aid annual fair was held on 24th, when nearly £80 was collected. Mid-week fellowship has commenced study of Revelation.

**Broken Hill (N. Kingston).**—Fellowship was again enjoyed with Mr. Dixon, who presided at morning service on Sept. 18. At close of address, Mr. Kingston presented Mr. Dixon with a fountain pen and pencil set in recognition of his faithful service to the church until preacher's arrival. Several members are on holidays, and this has affected attendances. B.S. teachers are planning improvements in work and are looking forward to visit of Youth Director. At close of recent gospel service, about forty members and friends enjoyed fellowship hour at which Mr. Rough (sec.), made a presentation to Mr. Cremer (elder) on occasion of his birthday. Mr. Cremer has been connected with the local church for the past fifty years, and has held offices of choir conductor, conductor of anniversaries, officer, secretary and elder. Several other members supported Mr. Rough's remarks regarding the high esteem in which Mr. Cremer is held, and also the good work of Mrs. Cremer in the guild. Although he is at present in ill health, Mr. Cremer is present on Sunday mornings wherever possible. Presentation was a rocker armchair, Randleigh tray and cheque.

## South Australia

**Berri-Winkle (J. Manallack).**—Manallack family visited Boronia, Vic., where Mr. Manallack conducted mission. Five members represented church at recent State Conference. In B.S. Efficiency Campaign, Winkle school, with 627 marks, came first in State, and Berri school gained third position, with 597 marks. Services have commenced at Barmera, where all folk are enthusiastic. During preacher's absence, services at Berri have been conducted by L. Chapple, B. Leane, B. Solley, C. Williams, J. Rundle and A. Chapple. J. Rundle also spoke at Loxton on Sept. 4, and D. Hunt at Moorook on 11th.

**Kilburn (H. G. Norris).**—A married woman confessed Christ at close of baptismal service on Sept. 25. Both morning and evening services were well attended. Continued interest of non-members is encouraging. Mr. and Mrs. Nankivell (Tumby Bay) were welcome visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fopp and family are leaving district and will be greatly missed by church and B.S. C.E. societies continue to expand with Juniors, Intermediates and Y.P., all meeting on Sunday afternoons. Work by Ladies' Guild is also healthy.

**Narracoorte (D. R. Stirling).**—Special meetings continued during Aug. and E. Hollard preached on the last Sunday, also first Sunday in Sept. Special meeting was held on the Wednesday evening, taking form of "Question and Answer" programme. Supper was served and happy time of fellowship spent. Over thirty members journeyed to Kybybolite on Sept. 1, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Davie, and passed happy evening. Viv. Hoskin conducted community singing, items were rendered, competitions presented and supper served. On Sept. 2, Men's Fellowship journeyed to Bordertown for combined programme with Men's Fellowship there, and E. Hollard gave address. After gospel service on 4th, members gathered to bid farewell to Mr. Hollard. D. R. Stirling arrived on Sept. 11 to conduct month's interim ministry, and has now accepted an invitation to remain with church till end of year. Plans are in hand for enlarging hall and adding new kitchen.

**Prospect.**—B.S. anniversary was held on Aug. 21 and 28, with good attendances at all services. Singing was conducted by supt., A. Roberts. Concert by scholars on 24th, was enjoyed by a large audience. Several Conference visitors were present on 18th, and W. W. Saunders (Vic.) addressed morning service. In evening, speaker was B. Crowden (Mundalla).

**Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).**—Various members attended sessions of State Conference. Preacher was granted leave for Conference. During his absence, W. Harper (elder) and I. Roberts assisted in services. Boys' Brigade, Junior Life Boys, and Junior and Senior Divisions of Girls' Life

Brigade are now functioning. Men's Fellowship has resumed meetings. B.S. anniversary services were successfully conducted under baton of Mr. Whitmore, with Mrs. G. Bywaters (pianiste), I. Roberts (organ), and B. Leigh and L. Burr (violin). G. Whiting (Youth Director) was speaker at all three services. The Friendly Visitor, a weekly duplicated news-sheet, has made its first appearance, and should prove of great help. Hawthorn church has invited us to share with them in a holiday picnic outing in grounds of Aldgate Valley church on Labor Day holiday. Sisters' Guild is busy planning for annual birthday afternoon.

**Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. C. Candy).**—Twelve people have recently stepped out for first decision and reconsecration. Three young ladies have been baptised and others received into fellowship. Very well attended services on Sept. 17, included some visitors from interstate and country. Monthly Question Time has created added interest. Mrs. Candy has just concluded successful year as President of Women's Conference. B.S. has added 16 new scholars to roll, and under the leadership of W. Bradley is in very good condition. Adult Bible Class under care of Mr. Candy is growing. Parents of scholars are attending, and studying The Restoration Movement of the 19th Century (Davis).

**Cowandilla (T. T. Robinson).**—B.S. held anniversary on Aug. 21 and 28. Singing went well under guidance of R. Leane. Kinders' and beginners' items were enjoyed by all. School tea on 23rd was well attended, also prize-giving. Sound film was shown. Farewell was given by church on 24th to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. Grigg, Glenise, Howard and Lawrence Oliver, who have gone to Parilla. They will be missed in work of church. Mr. Grigg was church sec. Various presentations were made. Kinder Mothers' Club had speaker from Marriage Guidance Bureau on 31st. Mr. Grimwade gave talk afterwards, showing a good display of suitable books. Y.P.C.E. conducted meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hemer on 30th. Annual business meeting of B.S. was held on Sept. 4. Following have been elected to office: supt., C. Bower; kinder, Mrs. C. Griffiths; beginners, Miss B. Pitcher; sec., L. Sander.

## Victoria

**Hamilton (R. W. Saunders).**—Five men are canvassing church for contributors to Hall Extension Fund. W.M.B. has issued birthday bags. Best arranged floral saucer competition was won by Mrs. Leith. Y.W.F. enjoyed Mrs. Leishman's talk and demonstration on hairdressing. Films were shown by C.M.S., who are practising for a minstrel show. D. Hudswell has been appointed staff secretary in kinder. Two girls were baptised and received into membership. Church was delighted

to hear Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard (India) on Sept. 7. Y.P.S.C.E. showed film *Land Without Music* on 20th. Mr. Saunders ably conducted broadcast service on 18th, and Casterton-Coleraine worship service at Coleraine, 19 being present.

**Hurstbridge.** — Youth Club held barbecue on property of Mr. MacIntosh on Sept. 24. North Suburban Churches of Christ Youth Clubs attended. Over 100 enjoyed the evening and sing song conducted by H. Hince assisted by R. Killmier (piano accordion). C.E. Quartet Party with L. Barlow (speaker) conducted evening service on 18th.

**Portland** (V. Quayle). — Following success of recent meetings with D. Nicholls and party, and aborigines from Lake Condah, church has decided to hold monthly services for aborigines at Lake Condah. On Sept. 11, evening meeting was a picture, song, and story night. Preacher was assisted by musical items and projected slides. Combined after-church fellowship was held in chapel afterwards. K. Cook was song leader. H. Mountjoy assisted with his movie film, *Why Go to Church*, on Sept. 18. Ladies' Guild held birthday tea in Oddfellows' Hall on 22nd, and a stall realised £130. Tableau *The Old Rugged Cross* was acted by ladies.

**Red Cliffs** (C. L. Lang). — Meetings continue to be well attended. B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 25. R. Burr (Mildura Salvation Army) was afternoon speaker, and Mr. Lang gave color picture talk on *The adventures of Catkin and Codlin* at night. Singing was best ever. All services were packed, and over 70 on platform. Three carloads of ladies went to Merbein to W.F. Rally on 21st.

**Gardenvale** (H. A. Hunt). — Meetings during past month have been average. On Sept. 13, Ladies' Fellowship held Hoover demonstration night. They have donated to church a stainless steel sink, cabinet and sink heater. Preparations are in hand for sale of work.

**Balwyn** (J. E. Brooke). — B.S. anniversary services were continued on Sept. 25, with church packed to capacity for both services. Speakers were R. Dean and J. E. Brooke. Thanks were given to D. Warmbrunn for his splendid leadership of choir, and to Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. St. Aubyn for their musical contributions. D. Hoffman is progressing well after eye operation. Fellowship was enjoyed with Miss D. Maling (former B.S. teacher) who journeyed from Port Pirie for services. Magnificent display of arts and crafts by scholars and teachers was shown in school hall at close of anniversary services. F. Evans and I. Soulsby are congratulated for their handling of services.

**Bendigo** (R. V. Holmes). — Church was delighted with visit of Mr. and

Mrs. R. Dixon and family on Sept. 25. Good attendances marked all meetings, when missionary interest was stimulated. Special programme included Spring Gully B.S. anniversary, fellowship tea and after-church slide-screening of Indian mission work. B.S. has commenced membership and efficiency increase campaign under title of "Olympic Rally."

**Hartwell** (H. J. Patterson, M.A.). — On Aug. 28, film was shown at close of evening service, when F. Manning gave address and spoke of work among lepers. On Sept. 11, in absence of preacher, representative of B.&F.B.S. addressed morning congregation, and Ray Patterson preached at night. Attendances have maintained high average, and on Sept. 25, 156 broke bread. Three were received into fellowship. Y.W.F. at recent meeting entertained group from Balwyn church. Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy (missionaries on furlough from Japan) and Mr. and Mrs. Mansell (Mildura).

**Kyneton** (D. Oakes). — Youth societies joined in social with Baptist youth. Ladies' Aid, with assistance of B.S. and "Happy Hour," collected large box of clothing, books, etc. for aborigines missions. Social and presentation was given Miss E. Andrews on Sept. 17, prior to her marriage. D. Gilmore is home after several weeks spent in a Melbourne hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. D. Thomas and family, formerly of Drummond North, in passing of husband and father. Good visitation in town and district has been carried out by preacher.

**Maidstone** (E. H. Randall). — Large congregation on Sept. 25, saw film *The Neighbor Next Door*, at conclusion of which one young girl made the good confession. Cottage prayer meetings are keeping up and meeting regularly. On 11th, Western Suburban District change of presiding brethren took place. Baptismal service was held in evening. B.S. is practising for anniversary. Combined district prayer meeting was held at Footscray on 21st, when 27 members of district churches held intercession and fellowship.

**Northcote** (W. Gale). — Annual balance sheet was presented to church after morning service on Sept. 11. G. Carpenter and J. Timmins senr., were added to Official Board. B.S. anniversary was held on 18th and 25th. Speakers were D. Beasy, P. Foster, F. Morgan and W. Gale. Cradle roll cards were presented on afternoon of 18th and kinder prizes on 25th. Three B.S. scholars made their decision at final service. J. McDonald (Rosanna Baptist) conducted choir, which sang excellently on every occasion.

**Warracknabeal** (W. Wakefield). — B. J. Combridge was speaker at morning service on Sept. 18. Several members attended Conference at Hall's Gap.

Mrs. Catarach has passed away after long illness. She has been valued church worker and will be much missed, especially in Ladies' Aid, being a foundation member. Ladies held annual afternoon when church was packed and sum of £25 was received.

**West Preston** (A. B. Withers). — On Sept. 24, Y.P. journeyed to Hurstbridge and enjoyed barbecue with Hurstbridge, Thornbury and East Preston Y.P. Y.P.S.C.E. listened to sermons by Joy Jenkins and Peggy Watson on 26th. Church members supported many meetings of East Preston mission.

**Peel-st., Ballarat.** — On Sept. 4, A. Graham commenced series of morning addresses on *The Church of the New Testament*. Father's Day service was held in evening. Fathers and sons took part in service, and men's choir under leadership of R. McLeod assisted. Youth service was held on evening of 11th. Youth clubs were on parade, Miss Rosalie Brich was soloist. Family service was held on 18th, with families taking part in service. 86th anniversary was held on 25th, guest speaker at all services being W. W. Saunders. P.S.A. was well attended. Youth tea was held, after which Mr. Saunders gave a short talk. In evening, chapel was filled to capacity. Men's choir sang at both services; Mr. McLeod was soloist. An electric heater was presented to church by Miss Rosalie Hall on behalf of C.E. Visitation was carried out by officers during Sept., with good results.

**Dandenong** (L. G. Read). — On Sept. 13, W.M.B. visited Emmaus Rest Home. At evening service on 18th, F. Manning (Mission to Lepers) showed film of missionary work. Two were baptised, and two made good confession. Church annual business meeting was held on 22nd. H. Williams was elected as elder emeritus in recognition and appreciation of many years of service to church.

**Dawson-st., Ballarat** (F. C. Hunting). — On morning of Sept. 4, Mr. Knight was speaker. On 11th, Mr. Salter (Local Option Alliance) was speaker. During Mr. Hunting's absence at East Preston, evening services were conducted by Training Class teams No. 1 and 2. In mornings, church was addressed by J. A. Wilkie and G. Read. On 17th, a reunion of those who attended the "Ashram" was held. Film *Light of the World* was shown on evening of 25th. Mrs. Regan is home from hospital. Mrs. Pearson is still in hospital, having undergone an operation.

**Parkdale** (C. Dunse). — On recommendation of officers, members decided to hold mission in near future. During the last month, five adults have been received into membership, four by faith and baptism, and one by restoration. Concert arranged by Men's Fellowship, including item from each auxiliary, passed off successfully. Y.W.L. cele-

brated 30th anniversary on Oct. 2, past and present members taking part in services. B.S. Ladies' Auxiliary is working hard in preparation for fete.

**Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).**—During week ending Sept. 9, Children's Mission was held by John Buckley and Ritchie Gunstan. Attendances averaged around 80, and many professed their desire to accept Christ. John Buckley also spoke at both services of anniversary on 11th. One B.S. scholar accepted Christ. On 18th Mr. Anderson continued anniversary services, with kinder holding their demonstration in afternoon. Senior school sang special hymns at all services. Concert on 21st was enjoyed by all, many parents attending. We have had visits from representatives of Churches of Christ Mission in India, and also from representatives of C.I.M. Worship service on 25th was broadcast over 3NE, when Mr. Anderson dealt most emphatically with worship through communion service. Reports from Mrs. G. O. Jackel, now in U.S.A., indicate that she is enjoying her overseas trip. Plans for Christmas Youth Camp, held by North-east Conference, are already underway.

**Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd).**—Film, *What is a Christian?* was shown at gospel service on Sept. 18. New free lending library will be in use shortly, with A. R. Mudge librarian. Delegation visited new Glen Waverley church mission on 28th. Lad from B.S. made his decision at close of gospel service on 25th, B.S. reports splendid attendance of 142 on Sept. 11.

**Springvale (G. A. Grainger).** — B.S. prize-giving afternoon and fourteenth anniversary of church were celebrated on Sept. 25, bringing to conclusion three weeks of B.S. anniversary services. On 11th, normal anniversary services were held, with children singing special hymns composed by G. Thomson, who conducted singing. Excellent children's talks were given by D. Mansell and R. W. Lane. On 18th, afternoon programme was devoted to demonstration by kinder dept. under leadership of Mrs. S. Peterson, while in the evening, cantata *Building the Church* was presented by inter scholars. C.E. Male Quartet led evening meeting on 25th, Mr. Grainger having addressed morning meeting. Cricket club held successful barbecue recently and looks forward to good season. Several visitors and newcomers to district have been welcomed. A lead is being taken in opposition to liquor licence in district and preliminary meeting held in chapel was addressed by Robertson McCue.

**East Kew (D. W. Mansell).** — Two more have made decisions, and these were baptised on Sept. 11, when 103 attended gospel service. B.S. anniversary services were held on 18th and 25th. Speakers were: J. Wiltshire, W. Wigney, Mr. Bell, T. Turriff, R.

Brooker and D. W. Mansell. Concert was held on 27th, with building crowded to capacity. Tennis club has won final of district B grade competition. S. M. Gilmour spoke at Men's Society on

19th. Following officers have been elected for two years: elders, G. York; C. Waters; deacons, M. Farmer, F. H. Elliott, J. Pope, A. Snibson, A. Smith, A. Prince, A. Waters and R. Trompf.

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The eleven nights of the mission had an attendance of 1,019—an average of 93 each night. The highest attendance was 154 and the lowest 61. Mr. White preached powerfully and earnestly the New Testament plan of salvation and Mr. Warn, with loyal support of the church gospel singers, gave many beautiful messages in song. Misses M. Barrett and Val Jones were the faithful instrumentalists.

Confession of faith was made by nine, two of whom will go to the Baptists, while the other seven have been received into the church. One man who decided was 87 years old. There were some reconsecrations.

The church members gave loyal support in prayer and attendance. Numbers of strangers attended. The missionaries were thanked and given suitable presentations. The effort will be long remembered as a highlight in the history of the church. It closed with the doxology and a prayer of thanksgiving.

A men's tea and a Y.P. fellowship tea addressed by Mr. Warn, were very pleasant features of the mission.

—N. T. Marshall.

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697: "When my life work is ended, and I cross the swelling tide," after which they thanked him and he invited them to come to the gospel meetings he was conducting in the church building. He was having good meetings at Dover and Geevestone. The timber trade was booming in the Huon valley and there were many bushmen and mill workers in the district.

Early next Monday morning, across the river, could be heard the sound of singing, coming from the mill men as they made their way in boats downstream to the mill where they worked. They had been to Geevestone to hear the gospel preached and join in the singing of new songs and choruses led by Mr. Way, who was holding revival meetings with good results. Beautiful indeed the singing sounded to those who gathered on the river banks in that early morning hour.

Mr. Way later visited the Tasman Peninsula, holding meetings at Nubeena, Highcroft and also Kellevie, Copping, Sorrell and various other places.

His life work is now ended, but he lives in the memory of us, who knew him as one who was a 'friend of man,' a beloved brother, the sweet singer, the gentle poet, who freely received and freely gave.



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### DEATHS

**BLACK.** — On Sept. 25, at his residence, 18 White-st., Glen Iris, George Thomas, beloved husband of Beatrice, loving father of Edna (Mrs. Christensen) and Les., fond father-in-law of Alf and Margaret, grandfather of Les, Ian, Heather and Harvey. Age 71 years.

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Mr. W. R. Huggan and family, 27 Tanner-grove, Northcote, wish to thank all Christian friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent loss of a loving wife and mother. As many addresses are unknown, will all accept this as their personal thanks.

## Coming Events

**NORTH FITZROY** invites past members and friends back to the Bible School Anniversary on Oct. 9 and 16. Reunion Tea at 5 p.m., Oct. 9.

**BALWYN CHURCH, Whitehorse-rd. HOME COMING DAY SERVICES.** — Oct. 9. Speakers: 11 a.m., Principal E. L. Williams; 7 p.m., J. E. Brooke. Fellowship tea, 5 p.m. Hospitality for lunch if desired. Former members and friends cordially invited.

**FOOTSCRAY BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY.** — Oct. 9: 3 p.m., Kinder Demonstration and distribution of Cradle Roll Cards; 7 p.m., R. Brooker. Oct. 16: 3 p.m., D. Beasy; 7 p.m., A. E. Hurren. Oct. 19: 7.45 p.m., Scholars Demonstration. All welcome.

**NORTH RICHMOND, Coppin-st. 65th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.** Sunday, Oct. 16. 11 a.m., Communion Service. Speaker: R. McKenzie, B.A. 3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Speaker: R. P. Morris; Soloiste: Miss J. Martin; Elocutionist: J. Edwards; Pianist: Rex Barber. 5 p.m., Fellowship tea. 7 p.m., Gospel service. Preacher: J. E. Brooke. Special singing by choir. All past members and friends welcome.

**WATTLE PARK BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY.** Oct. 9. To be held in R.S.L. Hall, Toorak-rd., near Burwood Tram Terminus. Speakers: 3 p.m., F. Tudor; 7 p.m., R. Clark. All welcome.

**OAKLEIGH BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY.** Oct. 16. Speakers: 3 p.m., A. R. Haskell; 7 p.m., J. W. Lewis. Oct. 23. 3 p.m., R. N. Gilmore; 7 p.m., J. W. Lewis. Services will be held in Oakleigh Town Hall, Drummond-st. Special singing by scholars. Conductor: A. Briggs.

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**SURREY HILLS BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY.** Oct. 9 and 16. Speakers: Oct. 9, 3 p.m., R. Hillier; 7 p.m., H. Earle. Oct. 16, 3 p.m., J. E. Brooke. Songleader, S. Chipperfield. Bible school concert, 8 p.m., Oct. 18, in school hall at The Avenue, Surrey Hills. All welcome.

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Stephen Byard.

Stephen Byard, whose parents were pioneers of the district, was born in 1884 at Mayberry, Tas. A very earnest, logical and much appreciated speaker, for many years he travelled long distances to proclaim the gospel of Christ, either on foot or horseback. His wife, who pre-deceased him two years ago, was Miss Grace Knowles of Lorinna, and their home was one of kindly hospitality. Of recent years, he was unable to attend worship owing to ill health, but none regretted this more than he, and when friends called to see him he was always delighted to talk of the riches of God's grace. Our brother was laid to rest in the Mole Creek Cemetery on Aug. 13, the services in the chapel and at the graveside being conducted by C. H. J. Wright of Margaret-st., Launceston. To his son, Roy (Devonport), and brothers and sisters of Devonport and Launceston, loving sympathy is extended.—R.B.

Mrs. Henrietta Rogers.

On Aug. 4, Mrs. Henrietta Rogers, of Brim, Vic., was called to higher service. She had suffered ill health for several years. Mrs. Rogers had lived in the Warracknabeal district all her life except for three years she lived at Portland. Our sister was a convert from the Hinrichsen-Pratt mission in 1923. She and her husband were active in the work of the church at Brim. On every occasion, when possible, our sister was present at the church services. Her son, R. J. Rogers, is secretary of the church at Brim. May she rest

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**D. A. Cockroft.**

Early Saturday morning, Sept. 3, D.  
A. Cockroft, of the Woorinen church,  
Vic., entered into his eternal rest. His  
Home call was a great loss to the  
church, as it was to his family, and  
district. He was born at Waterford, Qld.,  
and became a member of the church  
at Boonah, at the age of 17. He later  
entered the College of the Bible, and  
became student preacher at Taradale  
for some time. In the year 1915, Mr.  
Cockroft began a full-time ministry



with the churches of the Swan Hill dis-  
trict, and in 1916 was married to Miss  
Stella Wallace, of Taradale. His next  
ministry was with the church at  
Kaitangata, N.Z., after which he re-  
turned to Woorinen, and Ultima circuit,  
in 1918. He later bought land at  
Woorinen, and, although not in the full-  
time ministry, still continued to assist  
in the work in the district. For several  
years from 1929, Mr. Cockroft returned  
to the ministry with the church at  
Swan Hill. He served the brotherhood  
as a member of the Victorian H.M.  
committee, and was honored in 1950  
by being elected State Conference  
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ber of the Swan Hill district executive,  
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