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A FUTURE AND A HOPE



In the long ago Jeremiah wrote from Jerusalem to the captives of Babylon that God held out to them a future and a hope (Jer. 29: 11). It is just such a message that our Missions bring to our aboriginal people. They are in captivity to social ostracism, economic injustice, moral decrepitude and spiritual blindness. But God has heard their cry, and through our Missions calls them from the despair of the past to the hope of the future. Our picture of Phyllis McKenzie, of Norseman Mission, expresses the spirit of this progress.

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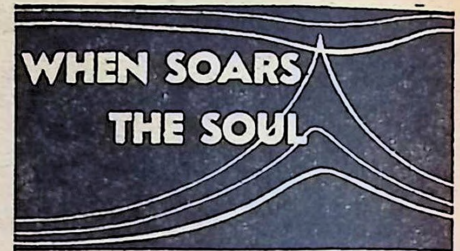
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*When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.*



Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, in fulfilment of the requirement of the Law of the Lord . . . Now there was a man in Jerusalem named Symeon, an upright, devout man, who was living in expectation of the comforting of Israel, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit . . . There was also a prophetess there, named Hannah, who . . . came up just at that time and gave thanks to God, and spoke about the child to all who were living in expectation of the liberation of Jerusalem.—Luke 2: 22, 25, 36, 38 (Goodspeed).

Live expectantly! Some people do not do it because they are asleep and satisfied, or because they have practised caution and conservatism and timidity, until the thought of anything new happening to them is disconcerting. . . . But in the real mood of expectancy, most of life's minor troubles pass into complete eclipse. Thomas Hearne, in his journey to the mouth of the Coppermine River, wrote that a few days after they had started on their expedition, a party of Indians stole most of their supplies. His comment on the apparent misfortune was: "The weight of our baggage being so much lightened, our next day's journey was more swift and pleasant." Hearne was en route to something very interesting and important, and the loss of a few sides of bacon and a couple of bags of flour meant nothing more than an easing of the load . . . Living expectantly, eager for new conceptions of life, alert to new tidings of life, awake to new hopes and dreams and aims of life, the minor annoyances and losses and disappointments cannot have their way with us.—Lloyd Douglas.

On tip-toes of expectancy we stand,
Waiting the leading of thy gracious
hand;

Kindle our courage, our cramped vision
dare,

Till we adventure more, thy way to
share!

Words direct from the Missions themselves

Missionaries Outline Needs

We asked our missionaries to outline some salient needs in telegram form, and received the following replies. They indicate the need for material, equipment, reinforcements for staff and the spiritual support of the brotherhood.

"Kindergarten growing—work progressing—much equipment needed." *Elvie Ugle (Norseman)*.

"Enjoying work in kindergarten—children adorable—room for equipment improvements." *Betty Christie (Norseman)*.

"Games room in new Girls' Home at Norseman now used as bedroom. Extensions needed in New Year as numbers increase. Can you help?" *Edna Lincoln (Norseman)*.

"Rapidly expanding agricultural work at Norseman calls for more fencing, buildings, tractor and other equipment. Can you finance this year?" *R. and A. Moore (Norseman)*.

"Beds now occupy every room in new Girls' Home. Essential to extend buildings and procure more plant if girls now seeking admission are to be registered. Please ask brotherhood to advise which course to take." *E. and A. Griffiths (Norseman)*.

"Urgent. Native people heading for lost eternity. Will you help save them by offering yourself for his service? This is the greatest offering you could give." *W. A. Webb (Norseman)*.

"Urgent need at Norseman for material, tradesmen and many willing male workers to construct much needed kitchen block. Also much water piping needed for expanding garden and poultry farm." *E. and G. Hudson (Norseman)*.

"Humbly, gratefully, through the Holy Spirit, praise God with us for his work at Norseman and pray that to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, those professing conversion here may be fully established in the faith to a life that acknowledges his Lordship in all. We believe that to accomplish this we must find some way of bridging the 'gap' between school leaving age and their setting up in adult life." *Noel Reese (Norseman)*.

"Please pray for the girls who work in the kitchen and dining room at Carnarvon that, despite the constant demand it has on them, together with the monotony and many menial duties, they may do it all 'as unto the Lord.' Pray that they may also realise their labors are not in vain in him, and in so realising may each one grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." *Ray Schmitt (Carnarvon)*.

"Division of boys into senior and junior sections at Carnarvon gives opportunity for long-awaited

renovation and alteration of boys' old living quarters to make them more home-like and attractive. Materials and plenty of paint needed." *B. and R. Clapp (Carnarvon)*.

"Cannot turn away destitute and neglected children, but Carnarvon kindergarten already overcrowded and short-staffed. Urge brotherhood to supply workers and financial support so that these children can be saved." *H. Martin (Carnarvon)*.

"Please ask brotherhood to pray that the Holy Spirit will grip the lives of the older girls. Generous offering needed so that adequate facilities always available to meet needs of girls." *F. Schurmann (Carnarvon)*.

"Praise God for brighter prospects in boys' work with coming of Mr. and Mrs. Clapp to share the task. Appeal to our Australian churches for liberal offering so that all buildings may be completed and fully equipped." *R. and C. Jones (Carnarvon)*.

"Rejoicing over forthcoming improvements and extensions to junior girls' living quarters, and appeal to all to give liberally to remove all financial embarrassment. Pray for real spiritual response by girls." *B. Williams (Carnarvon)*.

"Great need for efficient cook in Carnarvon kindergarten. Also needed adequate dispensary and sick room for whole Mission. We have faith the Lord's people will answer the need." *D. Butler (Carnarvon)*.

"This is the Lord's work and we are on the verge of great things. Pray that the work be not hindered, and give so that opportunities for advancement may be taken immediately." *D. and D. Hammer (Carnarvon)*.

"Glad to have served the Lord at Carnarvon for past six months. Appeal to the Lord's people for generous offerings, that all who offer for service may be engaged without delay." *C. Burt (Carnarvon)*.

*Words like these must not
go unheeded!*

Make a Generous Response on

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

J. K. ROBINSON, Sec., Federal Aborigines Board, writes on "an apt description of our Aborigines Mission work" . . .

"BATTLING ON!"

An acquaintance of mine has been facing many difficulties over a long period. In response to my enquiry as to how he was getting on, he replied, "Oh, still battling on." Being familiar with his circumstances I knew it was an apt reply, both factual and courageous. My heart went out to the great army of "battlers" in the world and especially to those servants of God who wage a battle for someone else. Jesus called it "taking up the cross," by which he meant taking upon our shoulders burdens we need not carry, accepting responsibilities we do not need to undertake, paining our hearts with sorrows not our own, concerning ourselves with life's deep issues, when for ourselves they have long ago been resolved; all for the ultimate good of others who have no claim upon us.

"*Battling On!*" It is an apt description of our Aborigines Mission work. Our missionaries are valiant battlers — the toil is heavy, the difficulties great, the demands on body, mind and spirit are insistent, and there are not enough to bear the brunt of the battle. They need stout hearts and triumphant faith. The battle ebbs and flows, and only strength from the Lord who sent them forth can give the victory. Let all God's people become prayer partners in the battle, constantly bearing up our missionaries for the strength they need.

"*Battling on!*" That great battler, the Apostle Paul, described our struggle in the well-known words of Eph. 6: 12, "Our fight is not against any physical enemy: It is against organisations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil" (Phillips).

Our Mission work gives abundant illustration of this truth; for instance:

(a) There has been much sickness among the missionaries in 1955. Satan has been ever ready to use this to try to discourage the staff, and to cause disaffection among the children when control was relaxed because missionaries were ill.

(b) The children of our Missions have a wide and dark background of evil behind them. Their unregenerate instincts are often a great trial to the missionaries, and at times they caused serious crises.

(c) Racial bitterness is by no means dead, and native people, including numbers of our Mission children, very often resist the appeal for spiritual regeneration and moral reform because it comes from white people.

(d) Again and again we have seen a spiritual advance or other achievement challenged by Satan raising up a new obstacle. However, we are not defeated. How could we be when the work is the Lord's? The only defeat is loss of faith. "This is the victory, even our faith." Stand with the battlers and turn back the enemy by steadfast prayer.

"*Battling on!*" Although the real warfare is spiritual our missionaries must have material aids in their struggle. They need proper equipment to do their work, and a due measure of personal material comfort to remove hardship. No soldier can fight his best with inadequate weapons. The Lord's people can make the fight so much easier by providing an adequate fighting fund to supply the buildings and equipment needed, and to ensure the employment of staff reinforcements. Let it be realised that to place a married couple without children in the field and pay their salary for the first year involves an expenditure of well over £1,000, apart altogether from the cost of any new living quarters that might be required.

Join the battle; pray, work and give for the day of victory. Make Sunday, Feb. 12, 1956 a strategic day in our missionary warfare.

A TRAVELLER'S TRIBUTE

A competitor in the 1954 Redex Round Australia Reliability Trial, J. E. Pedley, wrote an account of his experiences for the *Tasmanian Motor News*. In the November, 1954, issue of that journal the following paragraph appeared as part of an article from Mr. Pedley:

"About five miles out of Norseman there was a Mission station on the right-hand side, and I can honestly say it's the only time on the whole trip that I saw aboriginal children at all healthy and happy. A clergyman was in charge of about 20 or 30 aboriginal children and they looked really happy — smiling faces and so on — whereas the children at the stations and in the north had looked thoroughly miserable specimens."

Our Superintendent, A. Griffiths, was amused at the reference to him as a clergyman, and the writer greatly underestimated the number of children at the Mission, though possibly he saw only part of them. However, his opinions, based on his observations, are encouraging evidence that our Mission work is worthwhile. A similar impression would have been gained had the traveller seen Carnarvon Mission.

A vigorous work is revealed in this story of

PROGRESS IN VICTORIA

FITZROY.

Under the guidance of Doug Nicholls the work at Fitzroy has made considerable advance during 1955. Attendances at evening gospel services have risen sharply. On the occasion of special services, such as the "Sportsmen's Service," the Gore-st. chapel has been too small to cope with the number of people desiring to attend.

Improvements have been made to the limited conveniences available in the kitchen. A sink and briar heater have been installed. This move came completely from the initiative of the native people themselves, who made special offerings on the first Sunday of each month to meet the expense.

The Victorian C.M.S. has made the completion of the purchase of the chapel their target fund for this year. They were also instrumental in supplying the plumber and laborers to instal the kitchen facilities.

Doug Nicholls looks forward to the day the chapel can be a complete spiritual and social centre for his people. He also has plans to establish a hostel to care for young aboriginal women coming from country centres to work in the city.

MOOROOPNA.

The newly formed native church in this fruit-growing centre of Victoria, 112 miles from Melbourne, is working to purchase a block of land and to erect its own church building. Again it is the people themselves who have taken the initiative. They found the block of land, centrally situated in Mooroopna, and have purchased it through the Properties Corporation for £270. Already they have paid off £100, and in the last few months have put aside a further £50 towards repayment.

Doug Nicholls visits these people once a month, conducting their services and holding open-air meetings on the river flats where there are 70 to 100 aboriginal men, women and children living in appalling conditions. The native church is setting the example of a higher spiritual and material standard of living, presenting a witness to the power of Christ to change lives.

PORTLAND—LAKE CONDIAH.

Thanks to the vital concern of the Portland church and their minister, V. Quayle, a new field of Christian service to aborigines has opened in the Western District.

Doug Nicholls was called in to assist to arouse public interest in the plight of his people in the surrounding district, through public meetings in Portland. Members of the church have sought to

help these people personally, and have commenced a monthly service at the old native reserve at Lake Condah. The new concern shown by the Portland church has lifted the hope of these people, who so often exist in hopeless despair, certain that nothing can improve their lot. They can be helped to help themselves. They can be introduced to the power of Christ, who can completely transform them.

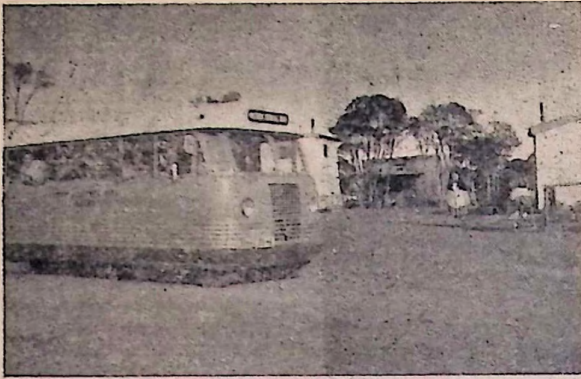
This is our task. This is the task of our brotherhood. We are committed at present for £8 per week to this work in Victoria, but much more will be needed as it expands—indeed it is our responsibility to make it expand.

CARNARVON'S FIRST WEDDING

The wedding of Peggy Kimberley, one of the senior Mission girls, to Mitchell Dooler, a good-type native man, but not from the Mission, took place at Carnarvon Mission on May 29, 1955, with S. H. Reeson officiating. A large gathering, including the whole Mission staff and company, prominent citizens of Carnarvon and native people attended. The wedding breakfast, bountifully supplied by missionaries and friends of the Mission, was partaken of in buffet style. The missionaries put a lot of work into the whole



arrangement, but much joy was present in this Christian marriage. A Mission girl, Valerie Darby, and an ex-Mission boy, Snowy Kennedy, were bridesmaid and best man. In responding to a speech of good wishes, the bridegroom, with happiness all over his face, drew himself to his full height of about 6 feet 3 inches, looked about the company and said, "Thanks, all you fellas, for coming to my wedding." Peggy was the first of the Mission family to be married at the Mission itself.



NORSEMAN SCHOOL BUS

All children of school age at Norseman Mission attend Norseman State Primary and High Schools. The Federal Board is a contractor to the W.A. Education Department for a school bus service, but carries only the Mission children. The Board purchased the bus in December, 1954, for £1,650, in first-class order. A Bank overdraft had to be arranged for, and a special bus account was opened into which £70 per month is paid from general funds, to redeem the overdraft at the due date. The Education Department pays £4/2/- per school day for the running of the bus. The Mission children are very proud of their bus, painted gold and green, the best one in the district. Brian Byrne, a Christian teacher at the Norseman School, lives at the Mission and drives the bus to and from school every day. He also enters into the life of the Mission outside school hours.

The Mission children have benefited considerably by attending the State School in the normal way, along with white children. They are clothed and supplied with books and other school requisites by the Mission in such a way as to feel equal to white children, and they equip themselves equally well. Sonny Graham, a senior Mission boy, was chosen in open election by his school mates, as senior boy prefect at the High School.



WILLIAM DIMER - NORSEMAN

William was admitted to Norseman Mission in July, 1955, close to death through malnutrition. He is being cared for by Mrs. Griffiths and still requires much attention. Mrs. Griffiths also undertook the care of Alex McKenzie, aged ten months in November. The kindergarten enrolment in Norseman was 15 in November, but will probably be greater when this reaches our readers.

Miss E. Ugle, a young Christian native woman, is a member of the staff at Norseman, and has done a splendid and self-sacrificing work in caring for the kindergarten under Mrs. Griffiths' direction. In November, 1955, Miss Betty Christie, of W.A., arrived to assist the kindergarten, pending the arrival of Miss O. Laird, a trained nurse and graduate of the Federal College of the Bible, to take charge.



Extensions to the kindergarten building were carried out by a builder in Norseman, at a cost of £1,200.

At Carnarvon too, there is a large kindergarten with 24 children in its care. Some of these, like William Dimer, have come to the Mission in their early months of life, one only seven days old. They are mostly in very poor shape physically when they come to the Mission. One recent addition at Carnarvon, a baby boy, weighed only 13½ lbs. at eleven months of age.

YOUNG HOPEFULS AT NORSEMAN

The Mission means new hope for them, and we have high hopes regarding them. They are happy in the Mission and developing well. It may be presumed that their own hopes are only those of any boys of their age, because boys don't live much outside the present. To these boys, the present is pretty good. The Mission is seeking to safeguard their future and fill it with confident hope. They are, left to right: Raymond Maher, (9), Robert Donaldson, (7), Vincent Graham, (8).

ENERGY ABOUNDING

This piece of playground equipment at Carnarvon is very popular with the boys. They climb, slide, hang, turn somersaults, and generally enjoy themselves on it. Swings are in another part of the ground. The girls' and kindergarten playgrounds also have suitable play equipment which is greatly used and enjoyed. It is of the tubular steel variety, and was purchased from accumulated special gifts made for the children's enjoyment. Total cost of six pieces of equipment was £150.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones have had 35 boys under their care for a long time, and have battled heroically with the task. We praise God that Mr. and Mrs. B. Clapp are now on the field with them.

GIRLS' HOME—NORSEMAN

Commenced in March, 1954, by a small building drive team, completed by the labors of Mr. McPherson of Hamilton, Vic., and the Mission staff, and opened on April 23, 1955. It consists of attractive and comfortable Mission quarters, three bedrooms for girls, clothes room, sewing room, bathroom and laundry. Each room is painted in a different pastel shade and the exterior in cream and green. It is probably the best building of any Mission in Western Australia.



January 10, 1956



CARNARVON WOOD SUPPLY

The securing of loads of wood like the one in the picture (3 tons) involves a journey of 40 to 50 miles each way. It lasts about three weeks, probably a little longer in summer. One or two of the male missionaries and some of the older boys make the trip, leaving home about 7 a.m., returning about 4 p.m. The wood is then sawn up on a circular saw driven by a Lister diesel engine. The necessity for a good truck such as this Bedford is easily seen.



TEST MATCH—CARNARVON

It's a test all right, particularly if account is taken of the "doublegees" which cover the ground—those wretched little plant seeds with three sharp prongs, ever ready to penetrate the unshod foot. On the home-made pitch, the batting is all done at the one end and there are plenty of incidents such as spectacular catches, brilliant fielding and slashing strokes from the bat. It's not all luck, either. Thanks are expressed to all those who have donated cricket materials. There may one day emerge from the Mission a cricketer who will climb to the top ranks.

A. J. GRIFFITHS, Norseman supt., asks

"WHO IS TO BLAME?"

"Do not blame them," said an old full-blood native, "They might want to do the right thing, but you cannot understand all that it means." I didn't at that time; all I could understand was that here were two young native people who had been taught about the Lord Jesus Christ (more than that, they had once accepted him as Saviour and Lord), now living together in somewhat sordid conditions—the young woman, barely 18, doing her best to care for a bonny baby about 14 months old; a baby who bears his mother's name because they are not legally married.

Yes, they knew it was not the Christian way to live; they knew their responsibility to the community, and when we talked with them about it all, they replied, "We have decided not to live the Mission Way!" In response to our further word, "Never mind the Mission Way, but do you still believe in Jesus, or is he just a tribal myth? Is the Bible the Word of God, or just a book?", the reply, barely audible and almost desperate, was, "We must go our own way." But we follow on, "You know you are living in sin, you know you are being most unfair to the little life you call your son, and to the second life that will very shortly, D.V., be given to you." It is obvious that the conversation has ended, two young heads are bowed and silent. As we walk away those words of the old full-blood ring in our ears, "Do not blame them . . . You cannot understand."

Little by little we have learned to understand something of the meaning of it all, and to see how the Devil works even in this 20th Century.

This girl at the age of three or four years was given to a man of 38; now at 17, she is, according to tribal custom, the property and wife of a man over 50 (and, believe me, many of these men at over 50 are old, old and filthy both in mind and body. We have never seriously attempted in our Mission work to tackle the problems of the adult natives. Our work is primarily with the children.) Now, according to tribal law, this girl cannot marry another; she can live with and bear children of another, but the moment she marries, then the old man who can claim her is entitled to take his vengeance by beating, wounding—yes, even killing—and he will be supported by his friends and relations; we have every reason to believe that despite excellent police co-operation, such killings still occur.

Who is to blame? Could it be that we who claim to be a mission-minded people, have neglected the work that lies at our very doorstep?

We have sent so few workers, and of the few there have been a great many who could not carry on because of long hours of hard physical and mental strain, the discouraging thoughts of how much could and should be done if only workers and money were available, the longing for fellowship. Of course, we must also admit that there were those whose heart was willing, but they were quite unsuited to the task.

Men and women who will listen to the call of God are needed to cook and scrub, and care for gardens, for poultry and sheep, to milk cows; all these things, but in conjunction with these things to be able by their lives to preach and witness for the Lord. Money is needed if we are to rescue our own colored brethren from the depths of shame, despair and evil, for which we have to accept the blame. Nothing but the acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Redeemer can lift these people to their rightful place in the community.

Who will be to blame if that message is not given?

AFTER TEN YEARS!

D. G. Hammer, Supt., Carnarvon Mission

Ten years ago there was no Mission at Carnarvon. There was a small house, not complete, in the Carnarvon township, a light truck obtained from Army surplus; and a very great need throughout the district. Ten years ago we were meeting the native people, trying to decide how best we could help them, seeking a piece of land, and even then being inundated with pleas for help for neglected children and motherless babes.

Today the Mission is a source of amazement to those who visit it. Although I had followed it closely through the intervening years, I was amazed with the progress made. In material things it has some splendid buildings, which have been especially designed for the type of work undertaken. It has electric light, water, telephone, good transport vehicles, and much more plant and equipment, all of which gives evidence of hard work and consecrated giving, both from the Mission staff and interested people in our brotherhood. There is still much finishing to be done, but the fact that they are there to be finished is a marvel in itself.

In next week's issue, Mr. Hammer will review the spiritual progress of the Carnarvon Mission.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Federal President, commends

AN ENCOURAGING WORK

It is most gratifying to note that at long last the peoples of the Commonwealth have awakened to something of their responsibility to the original inhabitants of this great land.

The old lie, believed by so many early settlers in Australia and taught in school books and published abroad, that the Australian aborigine represented the lowest type of human being and was totally incapable of development, has been exploded, and we are coming to realise that, given an equal chance with white children, they are equally capable of mental, physical and spiritual development.

Although late in awaking to our obligation as Churches of Christ, we have made commendable progress, and are rapidly developing a work that will compare favorably with that of older Missions. We pay our tribute to the Federal Board and to the staff of workers, both voluntary and those engaged in the work, for the self-sacrificing spirit, and the initiative shown, in pursuing a programme that has brought about these desirable results.

The more one comes to know what has been accomplished both at Norseman and Carnarvon, the more one praises God for his goodness in blessing the work as he has done. For we must

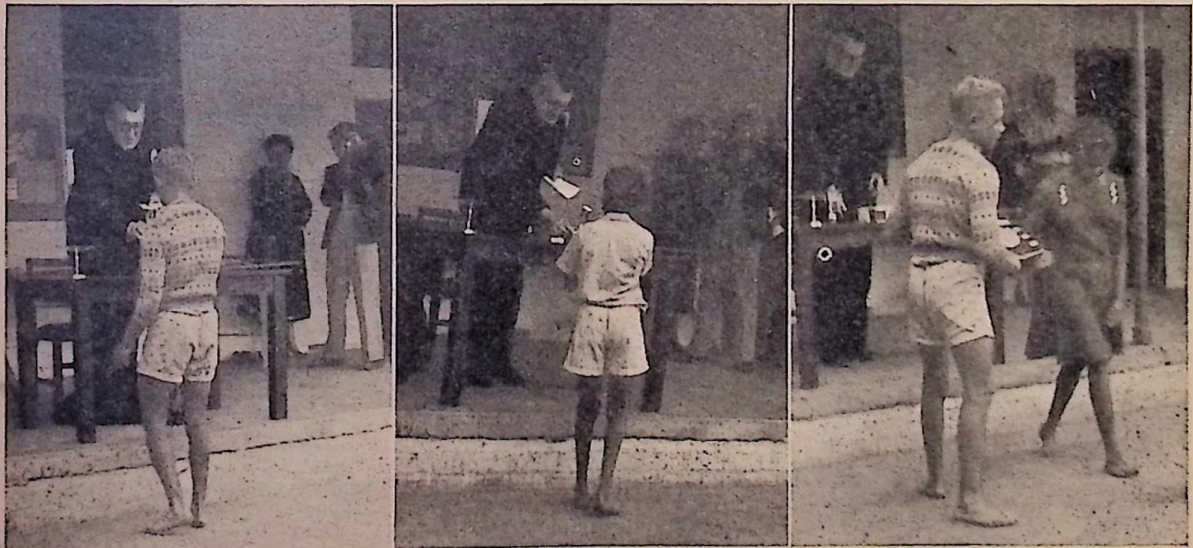
never forget that the work was commenced after much prayer, and prayer has been continually ascending on its behalf.

No one could possibly see the pictures that have been shown from time to time, or read the story of what has been done, without rejoicing that they are fellow-partners in the task of transforming lives and bringing hope where there was no hope, and opportunities where previously there were none. We are not unmindful of the difficulties that have had to be faced, and still exist, but again, our God is able to do far more than we are often prepared to allow him to do.

One of the outstanding problems today in relation to our aboriginal brethren, is that created by those people who persist in retaining the color bar. The Christian Church needs reminding very forcibly that "from one forefather he has created every race of men to live over the face of the whole earth" (Acts 17: 26, J. B. Phillips). Christ brings all who believe in him into one great family wherein there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, but all are brethren.

Our prayer is that the offering this year will be so large that those who are trusted with the handling of it will be encouraged to make larger plans for still further expansion.

SPORTING SUCCESS AT CARNARVON



Once again the Mission School won the shield at the Inter. School Sports at Carnarvon. Our picture shows (1) Dennis Roberts receiving cup for Senior Boy Champion; (2) Allen Graham, the cup for Junior Boy Champion; (3) Dennis Roberts and Stella Tiddums the School Championship shield.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

New South Wales

Wagga Wagga. — T. A. Fitzgerald (Fairfield, Vic.) was speaker at morning service on Dec. 4. R. Greenhalgh (N.S.W. Youth Director and H.M. sec.) spoke at all meetings on Dec. 11. C.Y.F. held their Christmas party on 10th, when large numbers of members and friends gathered at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Powell. R. Greenhalgh was guest speaker, and one young man responded to invitation. Open-air witness has been resumed each Sunday evening after church, with co-operation of Baptist brethren. Block of land has been purchased for future use at new housing settlement, Mt. Austin Estate. Interior of church building has recently been painted. Presentations were handed to Denley Holmes, Kevin Taylor and Ivan Glover at farewell party on Dec. 3. Chris Goode and John Herring were welcome visitors on Dec. 11. Sympathy of church is extended to Sis. J. Powell in the loss of her mother.

Bexley North (J. G. Shaw). — Happy Christmas party for children was held under direction of Miss D. Yelds, J. Shaw and staff. Annual junior physical culture display was held on Dec. 10, which aroused general interest, the children showing talent. Congratulations are extended to leaders. Women's Fellowship enjoyed privilege of conducting devotional session and acting in Christmas play at City Temple recently. Church enjoyed fellowship with Chaplain and Mrs. B. Cavill on Dec. 11.

Victoria

Springvale (G. A. Grainger). — On Dec. 9, "Auntie Rita," and "Uncle Charlie" gathered with the Good Companions from surrounding districts at Springvale, when "Uncle Charlie" was given suitable gifts for children in hospital. Kinders held Christmas tree on 10th, and children brought along toys for other children in Korea. Baptismal service was conducted on 11th, when a lad from Explorers' club was immersed. After-church fellowship was enjoyed, J.C.E. taking part, and a suitable presentation was made on behalf of church to Mr. and Mrs. J. Holmes and family, who are leaving district. Y.P. enjoyed hike at Kallista on 13th.

Collingwood (H. J. Cook). — On Nov. 12, successful amateur hour was held. Prizes went to Les Kennett, Shirley and Wendy Cleeland and Max Darby. Many enjoyed fellowship round tea table at church anniversary. Speakers were K. A. Macnaughtan and B. F. Huntsman. Young ladies are commencing a Young Women's Fellowship. Farewell presentation was made to Mr. Christensen and Miss Hinde at the close of service on Nov. 26, prior to their marriage. Three Y.P. have made their decision. Mr. Cook commenced his ministry on Dec. 4, when he and his family were extended the right hand of Christian fellowship. Kinder Christmas tree was held on 10th and B.S. enjoyed evening on 15th.

Pascoe Vale. — Seventh church anniversary was held on Dec. 4. W. R. Hibburt spoke at morning service and B. F. Huntsman at evening service, after which he showed slides of brotherhood work. Included in Temple Day gifts was £125 from Women's Fellowship. Annual business meeting was held on 7th. Election of officers: J. Weatherhead, sec.; H. Barnden, treas., A. Donaldson, H. Hammon, L. Lander, C. Robertson. Ladies held garden party in church grounds on Nov. 30, and raised £15 towards funds. K. Jones (C.O.B.) spoke on Dec. 11.

Shepparton (D. A. V. Thomas). — On Dec. 4, Y.P. from Balwyn conducted services. F. Evans spoke at tea, and I. Smith at evening service. Final Mission Band meeting showed offerings to work for year amounted to £30. Explorer Club concluded their year. Parents and friends shared in final meeting. Mrs. North is out of hospital.

Maidstone (E. Randall). — Sister Glenn, formerly of Black Rock, but now of Bankstown, Sydney, was visitor on two Sundays. Mr. and Mrs. Berthelsen and family from Dandenong attended gospel service on Dec. 4, when several Young Explorers sang to a good congregation, including many of their parents. Three B.S. boys were baptised recently. Church was saddened to learn that Brian Pope met with fatal accident. Sis. W. Clencie has returned home from hospital after a major operation.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks). — On Dec. 6, Town Hall supper room was filled to capacity, when members of the three circuit churches gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. Banks, who

commence their ministry at Drumcondra early in 1956. After a programme of items and community singing, tribute was paid by several speakers to the fine work Mr. and Mrs. Banks had done for their Lord in the district. The president of the district conference, Mr. Cockroft, then presented Mr. and Mrs. Banks with a pair of arm-chairs. Annual Christmas tree and fair was held on Dec. 8, when there was an excellent attendance. On 12th, 50 Y.P. from Swan Hill and Ultima clubs gathered together at farm of C. Edgar at Nowie for their break-up social, when a fine evening was enjoyed by all.



Copy and photographs for this special issue came from J. K. Robinson, Sec., Federal Aborigines Mission Board. The issue was finalised for the press on Dec. 20. Church news received later than that date will appear in our next issue.

The Anglican (9/12/55) carries a most interesting report under the arresting headline: "A bishop visits 350 people in a street 450 miles long." The Bishop of Kalgoorlie, accompanied by his wife, paid house-to-house calls in a ten-day trip on the Trans-Australian Railway line in November. For this unique type of pastoral visitation, the bishop used a rail coach provided by the Commonwealth Railway authorities. The coach can be attached to convenient trains and shunted on to a loop line by the larger settlements for as long a period as necessary. It is equally well fitted for medical, spiritual and general welfare ministrations, consisting of a compartment large enough to serve as a chapel for a dozen communicants, a small surgery which makes an excellent vestry, a wash place with shower recess, a small dining or sitting room, a kitchen with primus and refrigerator, and two well-fitted sleeping compartments. More than a hundred families, together with groups of single men, live along this straight line crossing the Nullarbor Plain. The bishop visited everyone in the main settlements, and has sent complete lists of Roman Catholics and Lutherans to their respective pastors.

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Women's President's Message

Mrs. A. LARCOMBE, the Federal President, sends this message to the women of Australia.

Faith is a very important part of our Christian life, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." In one of Peter Marshall's sermons, entitled *The Problem of Falling Rocks*, he mentions four ways in which our faith may be exercised.

Faith in the Purposes of God — the Promises of God — the Presence of God — the Power of God.

He tells of travelling by car along the highways that run through the mountains, and seeing so often the notice that reads, "Beware of Falling Rocks." He describes the feeling of the motorist as he constantly thinks of "falling rocks" and suggests that if the notice read "Beware of Fallen Rocks" we would know what to do, but as it says "falling rocks" the hazard remains with us during the whole journey. Our rate of speed has nothing to do with it, the way we handle the car, nor the condition of and tyres; the hazard is always there, and we can do nothing about it. This state of affairs he likens to those troubles in life which no caution can avoid, things over which we have no control. What is the Christian's attitude towards them? Right through our lives the important thing will always be, not the problem that confronts us, but the way we face up to it. This is God's world. He made it and he upholds it. "The only happy way to deal with life is the way of faith."

The simple little oyster shows amazing common sense in the way he deals with unavoidable trouble, and wonderfully demonstrates what the Christian attitude should be. When a tiny grain of sand comes into his shell, causing extreme pain, he doesn't upset himself further by fussing and fretting and arguing as to whether there is a God of love, or why this should happen to him, but he sets to work immediately to make the best of things. Slowly and carefully he builds upon that grain of sand, layer after layer of a milky substance, which covers all the sharp corners, gradually taking away the pain and eventually producing a pearl, "a thing of wondrous beauty wrapped around trouble."

May God help us all in this coming year to "accept life with humility and patience," and have faith in God always.

Syllabus of Programmes FOR 1956

In Gen. 2: 8, we read, "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed." As we read further on, we find in verse 15, "And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

So let us come into God's garden, and, as we tend it, let him speak to us through the plants that he has created.

A noted scientist says of Palestine, "There is not another spot on earth where so much of nature is focussed as in this little corner. You have Alpine cold and torrid heat. Here are all the animals, birds, insects, plants, shells and rocks of all zones."

There are 114 trees and plants mentioned in the Scriptures. For our

meditations, we have chosen eleven, some very familiar and others not so well known.

Christ talked of grass, and wind,
and rain,
And fig-trees and fair weather,
And made it his delight to bring
Heaven and earth together.

He spoke of lilies, vines and corn,
The sparrow and the raven,
And words so natural, yet so wise,
Were on men's hearts engraven:
And yeast, and bread, and flax,
and cloth,
And eggs, and fish, and candles;
See! how the whole familiar world
He most divinely handles.

—T. T. Lynch.

The theme for 1956 will be
"GOD'S GARDEN SPEAKS TO US
OF:"

- FEBRUARY — Myrtle — Loyalty.
MARCH — Almond — Watchfulness.
APRIL — Caper-berry —
Victory Through Calvary.
MAY — Flax — Usefulness.
JUNE — Mustard — Faith.
JULY — Palm-tree — Hospitality.
AUGUST — Soap — Cleanliness.
SEPTEMBER — Lily — Cheerfulness.
OCTOBER — Spikenard — Love.
NOVEMBER — Sycamine —
Sovereignty.
DECEMBER — Frankincense —
Worship.

New Chapel, Ringwood, Vic.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m., Mrs. G. Dufty, one of the early pioneers of the Ringwood church (whose chapel was built in one day 34 years ago), turned the key in the door of the new building, which was officially opened by B. F. Huntsman, Conference President.

W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D., minister of the church, presided over the dedicatory service in the new chapel, which was filled to capacity. The service was relayed by Claude Gadge to an overflow meeting in the old building. The address delivered by E. L. Williams, M.A., Principal of the Federal College of the Bible, challenged the large gathering to be "Builders All" for the Kingdom. Samuel Jose (Canterbury Baptist) sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings."

Greetings and congratulatory messages were presented by the Mayor of Ringwood, and by representatives of Ministers' Fraternal, Vic.-Tas. Conference, Home Missionary Department

and Properties Corporation. J. W. Rankin responded on behalf of the church.

At 7 p.m., the building was again filled to capacity. J. E. Brooke preached an inspirational message, the soloists for the evening being Mrs. C. G. Taylor. The cream-brick building is of modern design, with a seating capacity of approx. 175. The interior is particularly attractive and the addition of shrubs and garden will attract attention to the chapel by all who pass by. A master building plan exists, and provision has been made to enable the old and new buildings to be joined at a later date as the work expands. This will also provide for a larger building for special occasions at a minimum of cost.

The church is in splendid heart, under able leadership, and is now in a strong position to continue the rapid growth of the last few years in this fast developing area.—A. W. Cleland.

Principal and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson

COMPLETE AMERICAN TOUR

by

Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary
World Convention of Churches of
Christ.

On Dec. 1, Principal and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson of Woolwich, N.S.W., Australia, completed their tour of Canada and the United States. This tour began at Vancouver, Canada, last Aug. 1, when they landed from off the S.S. Oronsay. Since that time these Australian friends have travelled many miles, visited nine Bible Colleges and spoken in 56 churches. Principal Stephenson spoke 28 times to students and teachers and gave two radio messages. It would be difficult to determine the number of people they have spoken to in all the places visited, but the number goes up to five figures at least.

Their tour was worked out and sponsored by the World Convention. It was a circuitous tour which took them to 35 cities, at least. They travelled mostly by train.

After the Toronto World Convention, where Principal Stephenson participated on the programme, they began a schedule that took them as far west as Kansas City, Missouri, and as far south as Ft. Worth, Texas; Wilson, North Carolina, and Milligan College, Tennessee. In spite of their many speaking engagements and their many miles of travel, both of them have kept well. They have been in no less than 70 different homes while in Canada and the United States.

In our churches, Principal Stephenson has preached many sermons, and in our Bible Colleges he has given a number of lectures to the students. In every place the various groups were glad to have them come and sorry to see them leave. The many letters received by the World Convention office in New York from the places visited by Principal and Mrs. Stephenson, indicate a deep appreciation of their presence, fellowship and messages. Mrs. Stephenson spoke often to the Christian Women's Fellowship groups, bringing the greetings from the women of the Churches of Christ in Australia.

While on this continent, these friends have been able to visit some of the missionary headquarters, brotherhood institutions and agencies. They have been able to renew the friendships of other years and to make many new friends.

Principal and Mrs. Stephenson spend four weeks in Great Britain.

While in London, they visit their son, John, with whom they spend Christmas. Leslie Colver, the Secretary of the British Churches of Christ, has arranged a splendid schedule among the British churches in the various centres.

My last word to these friends of the years, as they left New York, was this, "Goodbye for now; see you in Edinburgh in 1960 at the Sixth World Convention."

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FAMOUS FIGHTER FOR SYDNEY

Dibelius Coming for Festival of Faith

The Bishop of Berlin, 75-years-old Dr. F. K. Otto Dibelius, President of the 35 millions-strong Evangelical Church in Germany, is to come to Sydney for the Executive meetings of the World Council of Churches in February. Bishop Dibelius has spent the greater part of his life fighting. He was a leader in the fight against Hitler, and for long years proclaimed: "The Church has to obey God rather than men—in the name of Jesus Christ." Adding, "For this conviction we went to prison and to concentration camps."

OPPOSES RED REGIME

Today Dibelius is fighting still. He oversees one of the most difficult dioceses in the world—as both East and West Berlin come under his leadership. The Communists recently debarred him from entering churches in the Eastern Sector because of his unremitting hostility to initiation ceremonies in the Red Youth Movement. He told the World Council of Churches at Evanston last year: "The Church in the totalitarian state experiences a daily battle . . . there is much quiet martyrdom. Those people who have the strength for this quiet martyrdom are those who preserve the independence of the Church. If the Church lives thus, then it is a witness to the fact that there is still another world. The totalitarian state is really totalitarian only when the Church, as a Church, no longer exists within its orbit."

TO SPEAK IN SYDNEY

Last year Dibelius was elected as one of the six Presidents of the World Council of Churches. He will be among the leading speakers at meetings to be held in Sydney in February, and he will take part in the spectacular Festival of Faith on Sydney Showground on Saturday

night, Feb. 4, when a national welcome will be given World Council leaders.

TOWN HALL BOOKED TO CAPACITY

The General Secretary of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, Dr. Malcolm Mackay, said today that the public would be able to hear Bishop Dibelius and other distinguished visitors at a series of public meetings in Sydney, and other capital cities. In Sydney, season tickets were available which would admit the public to all meetings. As the Town Hall was nearly booked to capacity, other halls were being booked, but speakers would appear personally before each audience.

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Phillips' Memorial, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

General and mechanical contracts totalling \$823,717.08 have been awarded to four Nashville firms for construction of the new headquarters building for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society at 1101 Nineteenth-ave., South, in Nashville's University Centre area, James E. McKinney, D.C.H.S. executive director, announced on Nov. 14.

Construction on the building, to be erected as a Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912) with funds provided by the Phillips family of western Pennsylvania, started by Nov. 21 and will require 12 to 15 months to complete.

Claude E. Spencer, curator, says, "Much planning and study has gone into the designing of the Memorial building to ensure not only a beautiful and permanent Society home, but one in which the functions of the Society can be efficiently performed. The brotherhood will always be indebted to B. D. Phillips and other members of the Phillips family for their generosity in providing this lasting Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips, a distinguished Disciple layman and author. This is another 'first' for the Disciples of Christ — a permanent repository for our historical materials and a centre for graduate research study, which will be unequalled in any other Protestant communion."

The three-storey Memorial building, constructed of Indiana limestone, will include a six-tier stack unit, providing space for more than 150,000 volumes. Other features of the building include: an auditorium-lecture room with connecting kitchen, a museum, casual and private study rooms, conference rooms, processing and cataloguing rooms, photo-duplication lab., and offices and work space for the Society staff.

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1. Plan an Excursion to Ancient Times House for a week-night or Sunday afternoon for an illustrated talk and conducted tour. See the amazing array of material and hear the fascinating story which makes the Bible live.

2. Church Services. Services may be arranged for either mornings and/or evenings. Sometimes a brief after-church lecture, followed by a time of question and discussion is profitable.

3. Men's Societies. Staff members have visited numerous Men's Societies. Frequently an "open meeting" is arranged on such occasions, when ladies are invited.

4. Special Illustrated Lectures. Individual churches or united churches of districts may arrange in their local area for illustrated popular lectures. These can be held on Sunday afternoons or on week-nights. On such occasions all church organisations are invited to unite, such as members of congregations, Bible school teachers, Bible classes, senior scholars, parents, Men's Societies, Women's Movements, C.E., and other youth groups.

These are some of the ways we may be able to be of service. Please contact us so that we may confer.

The attention of readers is directed to the advertisement in this issue. This year, the Annual Autumn Lectures, entitled *Israel's Neighbors*, will be of vital interest to all, and of great value to Bible students and teachers. For information and appointments, please contact our headquarters office by ringing MF 3477, or writing us, The Australian Institute of Archaeology, 174 Collins-st., Melb.

It is reported that two thousand Korean young men and women are in seminaries and Bible institutes, preparing for full-time Christian service. Many of these young men were converted while in prisoner-of-war camps. A Christian broadcasting station in Seoul, known as "The Radio Voice of the Church in Korea," has a range covering every part of the country, including the Communist-occupied North, and maintains a strong evangelistic witness. It is hoped shortly to increase its radius, so that its messages may reach Manchuria and other parts of the Far East.

Open Forum

"ANY OTHER GOSPEL?"

I wish to endorse the opinions expressed by Ivan K. Hull in "Open Forum" (A.C., 15/11/55).

In Mr. Hull's second paragraph he states, "Very often the people who hold these views work outside the churches." Now I realise that he did say, "Very often." However, I am one of those who do work outside the churches, and yet cannot possibly accept the "faith alone approach."

I am secretary of an interdenominational Mission to boys, working in the St. George district in Sydney. Frequently I have to take the devotional side of these meetings, but in doing so, I make it clear to the boys, not to accept what I say or what their own ministers say, but to do what God says.

I am a believer in everything that Alexander Campbell expounded. I hold no other belief in salvation than that already explained to us in Acts 2: 38.

But the thing which has amazed me about our great cause, is the fact that by holding the "faith alone approach," those that hold it have destroyed — I repeat, have destroyed — our New Testament Church aim. If we are to hold this belief as a means to church unity — not union — then we must stick solidly with what Scripture tells us, and not go off on a tangent.

Therefore, I cannot support any man within the Churches of Christ who holds to the views that faith alone is sufficient.—Alex H. Rehardt, sec. Missionary Boys' Army, Sydney.

THE REASON WHY?

For what reason or purpose do Christians become members of societies when they are compelled to take terrible oaths (even not knowing what they are), yet Jesus taught, "Swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is his throne, nor by the earth, for it is his footstool." Even in our courts of law, Christians need only make an affirmation. Are they not disobeying Christ's commandment, "Thou shalt not swear"?

For what reason, or purpose, do Christians become members of societies where prayers are made to God omitting the name of Jesus Christ; for if Jews who disown Christ as the true Messiah, or other religious bodies, object to his name, other names are substituted. Yet the New Testament teaches, "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." If we substitute other names to approach God, then

that cuts a dead line right through our Foreign Mission work, so it becomes a complete waste.

For what purpose do Christians become members of societies when they need to take an oath that they will give preference to members of that society, yet the New Testament teaches, "First to the household of faith." It means, then, we must disown Christ's teaching, or be false to our oath, which would be a lie—and "All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire."

Why do Christians become members of societies when at their functions they have intoxicating liquor, when we all are aware of the tragedy liquor means, the thing which blights homes, breaks hearts, digs graves and sends to hell the souls of men whom Jesus came to save.

What reason shall we give when we stand at the judgment-seat of Christ? Why not then, while God lends us life, lay hold of his way of escape? "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate; and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord God Almighty."—F. J. Daniel, Launceston, Tas.

OBITUARY

Lucy Coward.

The church at East Ipswich, Qld., was saddened by the passing of Mrs. R. Coward. Her Home call takes from our midst one who has long served the Master; and her faithfulness and good works over the years will be well remembered by all who knew her. Mrs. Coward was baptised by Joseph Collins at Wigan, Lancashire, England, in 1896. With her husband, she came to Australia in 1906, and settled in Charters Towers, Qld. After twelve years, which were active years in the church, they moved to Ayr and were there for eight years. During that time, the church met in their house. From Ayr they moved to Ipswich, where they have been in active membership for the last 29 years. Mrs. Coward was much loved by all with whom she came into contact. Many people found friendliness and hospitality in her home and in her quiet way she was the means of helping and encouraging many. Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. Coward and the family, which is closely knit in the bond of unity, which shows the influence of their Christian mother—of whom they have most happy memories—Mrs. Cummings (Ann-st.), Mrs. Chatfield (Ayr), Mrs. Neilson (Mackay), Cliff and Cyril (Ipswich).—R.H.

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Youth Hall, Morwell

The declaring open of the Youth
Hall at Morwell, Vic., by B. J. Com-
bridge, before a large gathering on
Sunday, Nov. 27, following a Pleasant
Sunday Afternoon on the occasion of
the church's 15th anniversary, brought
to a climax the achievement of almost
14 months' of hard labor by members
and friends. A brief setting out of
the progress of this amazing effort
will reveal that God has worked in
yet another wonderful way.

Almost 2½ years ago a need was
felt for some further addition to carry
out youth activities adequately. For
12 months nothing was done, owing to
the fact that the church was heavily
committed financially. However, at a
special meeting of the officers 16
months ago, it was decided a move
should be made, although where the
money was to come from no one knew.

But sacrifice, service and faith
proved to be the answer, and pro-
duced a building 46 ft. x 30 ft., made
of concrete blocks, all moulded on the
job, with galvanised roof and caneite
ceiling. The walls have been sand-
rendered, and the interior tastefully
decorated with modern coloring. A
gift of fluorescent lighting and three
stage lights adds greatly to the beauty
of the interior.

Individual gifts of money, material,
time and labor, coupled with dona-
tions of scantling by four local timber
millers, have produced this much
needed unit.

There is still further work to be
done in the way of outside rendering,
and provision has been made for the
erection of a kitchen and store room.
Altogether the building cost approxi-
mately £530. This amount covered
new materials, such as flooring, roof-
ing, cement and metals, and ceiling.
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News of British Churches

At the time of writing these notes the British churches are still waiting to hear the result of J. C. Christie's appeal against a sentence of eight months' imprisonment, passed by an Indian court. News of deepening opposition in Sarguja has just come to hand. Keith Skillicorn and a number of Indian Christians have been charged with inciting a crowd to violence and with interfering in a land dispute which is sub-judice. The heavy costs of the Christie appeal are likely to be increased by these new cases.

Ministers from England, Scotland and Wales spent five days at Barnes Close, a conference centre near Birmingham, in their annual retreat. It was led this year by the President of Conference, who gave an address on *The Church in the World*. There were lectures and discussions on Evangelism, Unity, and The Minister as Preacher, Pastor and Planner.

Churches of Christ in Furness have held their third united rally with Baptist churches in the area. Principal K. Dykes, of Manchester College, spoke on the problems of church leadership.

The church at Burslem, with a Bible school of 200 meeting in inadequate premises, has approved plans for a school hall costing £5,000.

An elder at one of the London churches, A. Forrest, has become the President of the local Free Church Council. Mrs. Coker, of the same church, is President of the women's section. The Moderator of the F.C.F.C. gave an address at the induction service.

The death is announced of Miss Annia Leavesley, of Leicester, daughter of the late James Leavesley, through whose work Churches of Christ were established in Leicester and district. Miss Leavesley took a leading part in women's work, and was prominent in Free Church Council and Temperance work.—G. J. Hammond.

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