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B. F. HUNTSMAN, retiring Vic.-Tas. Conference President, calls to

LIVING UNLIMITED

The apostle Peter's statement concerning Jesus Christ, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," has three aspects.

1. A Personal Dedication

Jesus Christ organised a small community of, primarily, twelve men, to assist him in his ministry.

For these men there was a commencing point. Peter's decisive hour was when he positively and finally declared Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God. In this, Peter found peace, joy, and a complete personal dedication. It involved acceptance by his mind that Jesus was the revelation of God, by his soul of God's spirit of love, and by his hands and feet as being willing to run the errands of God.

The work of Jesus tarries for men and women to say "Thou art the Christ, thou art the Lord of my life."

2. A Faithful Witness

Peter was the first leader of the Palestinian Christian community—a community who did not limit themselves in the work of their Master. We, too, are endeavoring to do the very same things. What has been my impression? There is only time for one aspect of our work.

Our programme of co-operative missions is extensive. We give large sums (of course, they could be larger!) to Home Missions, Federal Missions,

Aborigine Missions, Overseas Missions—but are we entirely satisfied with our own local programme of evangelism? Ministers and students are faithful in the proclamation of the gospel, and many appreciate the value of a planned programme for the whole church. The work of the students would, I think, be more effective if more closely linked with a stronger church and an experienced minister. I have observed that, where this has taken place, there has been a more effective ministry.

But, however good the minister, and however good the programme, without willingness on the part of the membership—men, women, and young people—to engage themselves in the witness, the extension of the gospel will have little effect. In the witness of the Church of the future, women will have a greater part. I believe our witness is less effective than it need be, because we are not providing as many opportunities as possible for the women of our churches to accept the responsibilities of leadership.

Men, women, and young people are needed, who are willing to train and equip themselves for this part-time witness. In the majority of churches, I have observed and been told of shortages of teachers in the Bible school; classes of 15 or 20 children are common. Christians have been slow to grasp opportunities of leading the various societies in our church

work, and to engage themselves in the visitation programmes of the church. Proposals are being suggested at this conference for a year of evangelism. Let us approach them in the spirit of co-operative anticipation, and with that dedication of heart and purpose which will lead to living unlimited in favor of a faithful gospel witness.

3. A Lasting Love

Peter, from this point, was faithful. His became truly a lasting love. For centuries, men have measured our world in terms of length, breadth and depth. Now there is a fourth dimension—time, and our three concepts are understood now in the light of this fourth dimension.

Three-dimensional stewardship has a fourth dimension, too. Christ insisted on this fourth dimension when he said, "Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself." Love is this fourth dimension, and, according to the quality of our love for Christ and our fellow man, so will be the concept of what amount of time, talents, and treasure we will invest in the Kingdom of God.

Living unlimited is a promise from Christ. A church becomes a living church when the sons and daughters of Christ live in an unlimited way, but this is only born out of a response to this fourth dimension of Christian stewardship—love.

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CONFERENCE NOTES

● A fine Tasmanian delegation was one of the happy features of Conference. J. Harrison (Margaret-st., Launceston) informed Conference that eleven had come from Margaret-st. church, two from Invermay, and one from Hobart. The Tasmanian District Conference, being held at the same time, precluded others from coming. E. L. Williams, M.A., at the Executive's request, represented Victoria at the Tasmanian District Conference.

● At the Preachers' Session on the Thursday afternoon, J. E. Brooke, as retiring president of the Ministers' Fraternal, introduced A. R. Lloyd as the new president, J. H. Cain as vice-president (following fine service as sec.), and J. A. Luff as secretary. C. G. Taylor, B.A., presented a comprehensive survey of evangelism.

● Those attending the Preachers' and Secretaries' Tea were stimulated by a frank discussion by S. M. Gilmour of Operation Enterprise, in which he visualised a complete re-organisation of local church functions as essential. He emphasised the need for effective public relations and a more realistic response in our giving. "Churches need to be more business-like," he affirmed. "The local church work is still in the horse and buggy stage."

● At the Opening Session of General Conference on the Thursday evening, B. F. Huntsman (President) welcomed A. Anderson (S.A.) and A. J. Fisher (formerly of W.A.), in addition to the Tasmanian delegation. A. Anderson, in responding, brought personal greetings from the N.S.W. Conference and the Canberra church. The Associate Secretary, A. R. Lloyd, read greetings from the State Conferences of Qld., N.S.W. and W.A.; the Tasmanian District Conference, and the Tasmanian churches of West Hobart, Invermay and Devonport; also from the Federal Conference, the Federal College of the Bible, the immediate Past President, S. Neighbour, A. J. Wardle (Naracoorte) and W. Wakefield (absent through illness). Later, during Conference, sympathetic messages were conveyed to W. Wakefield, and to Reg. Enniss, who had taken ill on the Thursday, and had to enter hospital for treatment over Easter.

● The four Devotional Sessions of Conference were helpfully led by J. Turner, B.A. Others who assisted in the devotional atmosphere of meetings were the Camberwell choir (conductor, E. A. Peters), Miss Jean Milne, Mrs. C. Dow, Mrs. C. Ferris, the Conference Choir (conductor, Valentine Woff), aboriginal artists,

Mrs. Willing, Will McDiarmid, and Miss M. E. Pittman (Lygon-st. organiste) and Allan Dempster (Independent Church organist).

● Presentations of books were made to both the retiring President and to A. R. Lloyd, who was not standing for re-election after having served as Conference Secretary or Associate Secretary for the past ten years. Both expressed appreciation of the opportunities of service.

● An example of the time cheerfully given to brotherhood work by so many was L. A. Trezise's statement that the retiring youth treasurer, E. A. Lewis, had found it necessary to devote four to five hours a week to youth finance. Phil Williams has succeeded E. A. Lewis.

● Friday afternoon's programme gave the opportunity for reports from four brethren outside the Melbourne area—C. L. Lang (Red

Cliffs), R. M. Wilson (Tasmania), R. V. Holmes (Bendigo), and C. E. Watson (Echuca). In the evening H.M. demonstration, D. H. Smith (Morwell) and T. V. Weir (Preston East) gave 8-minute messages in support of F. N. Lee's main address on *We Are Part of the Answer*.

● Conference was especially glad to hear from Miss Kennedy and C. G. V. Thomas during the presentation of the F.M. Committee's report on Good Friday afternoon.

● The constitution was amended in matters relating to Young People's Department and the Nominations Committee.

● W. W. Saunders moved the comprehensive vote of thanks. There was unanimous appreciation of the genial, brotherly leadership of the President, B. F. Huntsman; the unfailing behind-the-scenes organisation of the Secretary, Miss F. Haines, and her staff; the loyalty of Miss M. E. Pittman at the organ; and the fine work of the ushers—in addition to the many others who helped.

Incoming Vic.-Tas. Conference President,

K. A. JONES, bids us face

THE RECURRING CRISIS



The story in Acts 16: 1-10 of the seeming frustration which faced Paul's company when they were "forbidden of the Holy Spirit to preach the word

in Asia" and Bithynia, until there came to Paul the vision of the man of Macedonia, is full of meaning for us today. It is important to note that Paul not only saw, but acted upon, his vision. It was a pivotal point in the history of the world. For Paul and the Church it was a crisis hour.

There have been such recurring crises in the history of the Church; we are in one now. It is a great thing to be alive today, but it is also a frightening thing. Against a tragic world background we see our visions, we have our understanding of the purposes of God. What are we doing for the Kingdom of God in this world, which seems to be bleeding from its very heart?

Mission must follow vision! We must bring down into the daily life of the people the mission we have discovered. We have the financial resources in this brotherhood which can reach out to practical achievement. If we were really in earnest about our mission, we could have £50,000 in a few weeks in these two States.

We have the vision and the resources—but have we the sense of mission?

Victorian-Tasmanian Conference affirms as its theme—

THE LIVING CHURCH

The ninety-first Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania (Tasmania first affiliated in 1952) commenced its sessions in the Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday evening, March 29. The Women's 70th Annual Conference (of which a report will appear later) was held on the preceding day. Following the address of President B. F. Huntsman on **Living Unlimited**, sections of the Executive Committee's report were presented by A. R. Lloyd. There was remembrance of those called Home during the year, notably former Conference Presidents in G. L. Murray (Conference Treasurer at the time of his death) and D. A. Cockroft. Clement E. Mott was presented as Mr. Murray's successor as Treasurer.

It was noted from the Executive Report, that total membership in Victoria-Tasmania has shown a nett increase of 349, with total membership standing at 13,152 on 31/12/55. There were 368 additions from Bible schools, whose scholar membership in the two States now stands at 13,624 (rise of 447) and the number of teachers at 2,071 (rise of 39). H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed. noted that we had still not quite reached our target of £400 towards the proposed Puckapunyal Chapel, and spoke of the value it would be, not only to National Service trainees, but also to the 300 to 400 local families. He also commended the work of the Melbourne University Chaplaincy.

Other items from the report were discussed at various times during Conference. R. S. Ryall, Audio-Visual Aid Panel chairman, spoke of plans for stimulating talent among members, and indicated the growing use of films, etc. Howard Earle, in discussing Federal Conference matters, noted that Vic.-Tas. churches were now only about £90 short of finalising their commitment for Canberra, and spoke encouragingly of Federal evangelism developments in the Far North of Queensland. R. E. Morris, Austn. Vice-Pres. for the World Convention, urged members to plan now for Edinburgh, 1960, so that we might reach a goal of 365 delegates. The report of the Church Location Council was enthusiastically presented by B. J. Combridge, and many spoke in appreciation of recent developments at Fawcner, where, following a generous gift of land by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mellody, a flourishing Bible school work had been begun in a tent, crowded out on the first day. Nearby churches, led by J. Turner (More-

land), are helping in the project, as are various committees of Conference—a fine co-operative enterprise. The Co-ordinating Committee presented a consolidated budget, in which the main item was budgeted income of £35,302 from the total membership of some 13,000. The Preachers' Salaries and Allowances Sub-Committee's recommendation of a new formula, which would mean a salary, for the fourth and subsequent years after training, of £17/10/-, plus a free manse, was adopted, as were other recommendations re workers' compensation, annual leave, long service

tion was drawn to plans for erecting a chapel for the aboriginal church at Mooroopna, Vic., and the establishing of a hostel in Melbourne, to care for aboriginal women coming from country areas to work in the city, and also to meet other urgent needs.

The Young People's Committee report was presented by G. K. Scambler (retiring chairman) and L. A. Trezise (director). Special attention was drawn to the good work of the C.E. societies, camps (and W. Fielder's work at Monbulk), Miss Bates' fine year as Field Worker, and the help Good Companions are to Hospital Chaplain, C. Young. Religious instruction in schools was also commended.

In presenting the Foreign Missionary report, chairman R. Bolduan emphasised Dr. McGavran's conclusion that "we stand at the beginning of a new era." The Federal Secretary, A. Anderson spoke of plans for a new doctor to go out to India next year; Miss Kennedy called for more, and yet more, missionaries for the Islands; C. G. V. Thomas spoke of the work he had loved, particularly among the boys; and H. R. Coventry mentioned the thrill of visiting India for the Mission's Jubilee celebrations.

K. A. Jones and Dr. W. A. Kemp introduced the report of the Federal College of the Bible and underlined the urgent need for church leaders throughout Australia to encourage suitable young men and women to think seriously in terms of full-time Christian service. The College has entered its Jubilee Year. Dr. Kemp mentioned the World Communion Sunday broadcast, which had been led by Principal E. L. Williams, with the College students supplying the congregational singing, and Mrs. C. G. Taylor the solo.

The Advisory Board report, introduced by H. J. Patterson and Dr. Kemp, looked forward to increasing co-operation with ministers and churches.

The Church Men's Society presented its first report as an affiliated member of Conference, through T. Frazer and F. R. Gillespie. The C.M.S. now comprises 35 societies, with a total membership of approx. 662. Big things are hoped for in the organisation of the Department of Men's Work.

Forward-looking work, in the commencement of the Pamphlet Club and the publication and endorsement of a number of booklets, marked the report of the Literature Committee.



Miss F. Haines, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec.

leave and car allowance. Also adopted was the Executive Committee's recommendation that, "to meet the objections raised by some," a section in a 1955 recommendation concerning voluntary grouping of congregations should be deleted. On this matter, it was also decided to "ask the incoming Executive to call a special brotherhood meeting, in which ample opportunity shall be given for discussion on the subject of congregationalism in the New Testament." It was agreed that The Australian Christian editor and the Federal Literature Committee (through Provocative Pamphlets) should be requested to publish differing views prior to the meeting, which was to be called, if possible, at least six months prior to the 1957 Conference.

The Aborigines Mission Committee had an excellent report to present, and J. Turner (chairman) and W. Wigney (treasurer) were enthusiastic about quickened interest following deputation work in the churches, notably in Tasmania. Special atten-

Resolutions

The Pamphlet Club now has 850 members, and has distributed more than 10,000 pieces of literature, in addition to 12,000 special reprints. The report was presented by C. L. Smith and A. R. Haskell.

Women's Conference report, as moved by Mrs. A. R. Lloyd and seconded by Mrs. E. L. Williams, was enthusiastically received by General Conference. Evidence of their good work was the presentation on Friday night of a cheque for £1,292/12/11. The Conference Treasurer, C. Mott, received it on behalf of Home Missions (£646/6/6), Overseas Missions (£517/1/2), and the Federal College (£129/5/3). This was a new record in the women's giving.

W. H. Clay moved the Social Service Committee report, after the President had made appreciative mention of the honor conferred on him, in the award of the M.B.E. "I feel it is an honor for the brotherhood," was Mr. Clay's response. Members spoke in appreciation of many aspects of the report. R. V. Amos (to whom the President extended a welcome) especially thanked Victorian churches for the swift, generous aid given through the Flood Relief Appeal. T. Fergusson spoke of chaplaincy on a migrant boat, and A. E. Hurren, who will travel to Britain to return on a migrant vessel, was commended to the work, and also asked to convey Conference's greetings to the British churches.

In discussion on the report of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism (presented by K. A. Jones and B. J. Combridge) members spoke of the brotherhood-wide service rendered by the Department. H.M. preachers were commended for the work they are doing, and special mention was made of the fine service of E. W. Taylor in the Nubeena-Highcroft-Kellevie circuit in Tasmania. B. J. Combridge paid tribute to the three years' service of the retiring chairman, K. A. Jones. Emphasis was placed on the coming year of evangelism.

In R. Enniss' regrettable absence through illness, F. Lee presented the report of the Properties Corporation, making special mention of the retirement of J. McG. Abercrombie as a trustee, in which position he has served since 1941. There was an urgent call for larger membership of the Five Hundred League, of whom there are only about 100 members regularly paying one pound towards churches opening their first building.

The report of the Committee for Promotion of Christian Union, as presented by R. P. Morris and V. C. Stafford, drew comment on Pentecost Sunday (poster, as provisionally drafted by R. P. Morris while overseas last year, to be used around the world in drawing attention to Christian Union on that day), finance,

the Christian Unity Camp planned for April 13 to 15, and the generous action of Principal E. L. Williams, who had donated the sum of £700 (total of lecture fees received in U.S.A. in 1954) to form the nucleus of an ecumenical travel fund—the interest on the capital sum going to provide for travel expenses for authorised representatives of Australian Churches of Christ when travelling abroad to ecumenical conferences.

Evening Rallies are a notable feature of Conference. A summary of the President's Address on the Thursday evening appears in this issue. On the Friday night Home Mission Demonstration, F. N. Lee, in affirming that We Are Part of the Answer, said: "Evangelism is the major task of every member of the Church. Conversion should lead on to enlistment and commitment. We are the conductors through which the God-given force must pass. We need an Australia-wide programme of evangelism. Let's challenge our Australian brotherhood to tithe to make a national department of evangelism possible. National planning should stimulate the States to undertake new projects. We need in force everywhere the four-point programme of: (1) Friendship cultivation; (2) Evangelistic visitation; (3) Reactivation of members; (4) Shepherding and building into the church those won to Christ."

Federal Overseas Missions secretary, Albert Anderson, and former missionary to India, C. G. V. Thomas, were the main speakers at the Overseas Missions Rally on the Saturday night, when the mission task was presented with all the urgency our times demand.

The Independent Church was well-filled for the Conference Sermon Session on the Sunday afternoon. J. E. Brooke (Balwyn) gave a strong call to The Living Church's Conquering Power, in which he showed how the Early Church met its situation, and how we must do likewise. This sermon will be published in our pages within a few weeks.

Other evening rallies included the Aborigines Mission Session on the Monday night, when Dr. Charles Duguid was speaker; the Youth Demonstration in the Melbourne Town Hall on the Tuesday night, when A. E. White's play, *What Shall I do with my Life?*, was presented; the Social Service Session, on the Wednesday night, with an address from Dr. A. H. Wood; and the C.E. Rally on the Thursday night, when H. M. Long (Horsham) addressed an evangelistic meeting.

A feature of Conference week was the Conference Picnic, held on Easter Monday, in delightful weather. Fine work was done by Picnic Marshal, Ron Brooker, and his assistants.

Gambling. Conference views with shame the increasing popularity of all forms of gambling, particularly Tattersall's lottery, and regrets that this immoral practice is still being promoted by the Government. We strongly protest against the Government's proposal to further increase gambling facilities, and therefore the practice of gambling, by the introduction of legalised off-the-course betting, and by making raffles easier. We believe that this uneconomic, unproductive, anti-social practice is opposed to the best interests of our people and State and call upon the Government to restrict, rather than extend it.

Our Asian Neighbors. This Conference desires that there be an increasing friendship and understanding between our Asian neighbors and ourselves. Believing that the Colombo Plan contributes to this end, we commend the Federal Government for participating in the Plan. We urge the Government to consider the desirability of introducing a quota system to permit the entry of a limited number of Asians into Australia, believing that such a system would indicate that our Immigration Laws are determined by economic factors rather than racial discrimination.

Liquor Reform. Conference expresses its appreciation of the action of the Government towards liquor reform in granting a referendum on the proposed extension of hours of trading, and in withdrawing the Sunday bona-fide traveller concession and restoring local option to the dry areas and urges the restoration of this right to all areas, and further urges the withdrawing of the bona-fide traveller concession on Good Friday and Anzac Day.

Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquor. Conference believes that because of its harmful economic, social and moral effects, repair of which more than offsets the revenue received from it, the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor should be restricted, rather than extended, and urges the Government to legislate to that end.

Alcohol and the Road Toll. Conference believes that still more should be done to lessen the road toll caused by alcohol. The Government is urged to give effect to the recommendations of its Traffic Fact Finding Committee published in the Press of 7/2/56, particularly those for "compulsory blood tests in all accidents involving personal injury," and "intensification of prosecution in cases of suspected drunken driving." Conference further urges that the licences of drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor should be cancelled for life, or until satisfactory evidence of

temperate habits is produced to warrant their restoration.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights. While realising the difficulty of giving effect to the thirty articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Conference urges the Federal Government, as a subscribing Nation, to aim at their fulfilment in internal and external relationships. Particularly we call on the Government to implement the articles dealing with the four freedoms—freedom from want and fear, and freedom of worship and speech—by helping to feed the world's hungry, lessening international tensions and strife and

by demonstrating, and everywhere insisting upon, liberty in the realms of worship and speech.

Low Standard Literature. This Conference, whilst appreciating the action already taken by the Government to curtail the distribution of comics and other literature of low moral standards which glamorise war, killing, bashing, drug addiction and sex, expresses concern at the continued prevalence of such literature and urges the Government to legislate for the complete prohibition of matter which is a menace to morality and true citizenship amongst our youth.

Election of Officers and Committees

1956-57

President: K. A. Jones (Gardiner).
Past-President: B. F. Huntsman (Camberwell).

President-Elect: V. L. Gole (Hampton).

Secretary: Miss F. Haines (Lygon-st.).

Treasurer: C. E. Mott (Surrey Hills).

Associate Secretary: W. W. Saunders (Essendon North).

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

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

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

Foreign Missionary Committee: R. C. Bolduan, H. R. Coventry, V. L. Gole, T. Harman, Dr. E. R. Killmier, W. Oldfield, A. B. Withers, also J. W. Heard (Tasmania). (Three further members will later be co-opted.)

Young People's Committee: R. V. Longthorp, J. A. Luff, Miss E. Mitchell, F. T. Morgan, B. E. Perkins, V. C. Stafford, L. A. Trezise, B.A., P. Williams; also J. T. Holloway (Tasmania), (together with a representative from each of the affiliated auxiliaries).

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

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

Literature Committee: J. E. Brooke, K. J. Clinton, B.A., R. N. Gilmore, A. R. Haskell, J. A. Luff, C. L. Smith, W. J. Thomson.

Aborigines' Mission Committee: S. F. Davey, D. R. Nicholls, J. Turner, B.A., T. V. Weir, W. A. Wigney; also M. R. Wilson (Tasmania). (Two further members will later be co-opted.)

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

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

Church Location Council: The officers of Conference, together with two representatives from each of the following committees: Home Missions and Evangelism, the Properties Corporation, and the Young People's Committee.

Quips and Quotes

● "We must convince men that they don't need to take off their heads with their hats, and put them under the seats, when they go to church."—J. E. Brooke, during Conference Sermon.

● "Every successful church I visited in the States had a continuous programme of evangelism."—F. N. Lee, during H.M. address.

● "I want to say just one other word."—Most over-worked phrase during business sessions.

● "It seems as though all Christian churches in Australia will be thinking in terms of Christian unity on Pentecost Sunday, May 20—a real step forward from the emphasis we have been making for years."—R. P. Morris, during Christian Union discussion.

● "Even if there is a bishop on a committee on which I represent the brotherhood, I'm not a bit nervous about having my say."—Will H. Clay, M.B.E. Knowing our W.H.C., we should imagine it's the bishop who trembles!

● "It's not an unwilling God, but an unwilling people, that stops the coming of revival."—J. A. Wilkie.

● "An overdraft is like an umbrella which they give you when it's fine, and take away when it's wet."—F. N. Lee.

● "We've got a new hut for Monbulk—it's on the ground now, just waiting to be put up and paid for!"—L. A. Trezise, Youth Leader, in optimistic mood.

● Following on a suggestion that F. N. Lee jumps fast if prodded from behind, A. R. Lloyd commented, "I've never yet seen anybody quick enough to prod Bro. Lee from behind!"

● "We must retain our best men in the local church. That is front-line work, and we must have the best there."—S. M. Gilmour, at opening tea.

● V. C. Stafford quoted this definition of a committee, without endorsing it: "A group of the unfit, chosen by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary."

● After noting that Churches of Christ were only about 1% of the population, W. H. Clay, M.B.E., said, "I was in double forte mood; now I'm in planissimo!" Impossible, surely, for that exuberant soul!

● "Everything we do is evangelism. Here are the four objectives of our 1956-57 programmes: (1) Revival of the spirit of Pentecost; (2) Mission in every church; (3) 1,000 decisions for Christ—involving an increase of 10% by initial decision; (4) Continuous programme of evangelism."—B. J. Combridge, H.M. sec.

H. G. NORRIS, Kilburn, S.A., concludes his searching study of . . .

The Grace of Christian Giving

Model and Measure

The third Scriptural principle in 2 Cor. 8: 9 gives us the model and measure of Christian giving.—“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

The grace of Christian giving is based not on certain Old Testament passages, or on the Mosaic legislation, but on the supreme self-giving of God himself and of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those who accept this revelation of his self-giving—“God so loved . . . that he gave . . .”—are asked to show their gratitude by self-giving to him. He gave 100 per cent. He gave himself. No giving on our part can be called too much in the light of his love.

Both the model and measure of Christian giving are there displayed; but Paul lays emphasis upon certain aspects of this principle in these chapters. Glance at some.

1. Christian giving is based on a willing mind.—8: 12 teaches that in our giving there must be first “a willing mind,” and in 9: 5 the Apostle writes that our giving must not be an exaction but a willing gift. Notice in chapter 8: 3-4, how those Christians gave willingly. They begged the preacher to receive their gifts, “praying us with much entreaty to receive the gift.” Let our giving be that of a willing mind—not an exaction, through some function arranged to raise finance.

2. Christian giving demands purpose and plan.—9: 7. “Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Let there be thoughtful planning ahead in the matter of giving to church work. Make up your mind beforehand, and then carry out your plan with cheerful, reverent faithfulness. A thoughtful use of duplex envelopes will help considerably in this regard.

3. Christian giving brings rich rewards. — In 9: 8-10 the Apostle reminds us that when we give to God, God increases all spiritual graces in the giver. Generous giving also increases the power to give. It enlarges our souls. It increases our love. It deepens our joy. Deeper spiritual life and increased capacity to give are the rich rewards of Christian giving.

4. What should a Christian give? — What measure of his income should

a member give? 9: 6 bids us “give generously.”

“The point is this, he who sows sparingly will reap also sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” In 8: 3 we are informed that those New Testament Church members gave each one “according to their means—and beyond their means.” Their giving was generous and voluntary.

How Much Should Christians Give?

It was laid down in the Old Testament that the Jew had to give his tithe—a tenth of his total income to God. God had redeemed the Jew from Egypt. He has redeemed us from sin—given us eternal life. Can a Christian give less than a Jew? In approaching Christian giving we may well consider starting with the tenth, so long as we don't stop there on a legalistic attitude to how much we should give.

You will notice that in the New Testament there is no commandment as to what proportion of income Christians are to give to God. We are not under the law, but under the new rule of love. The New Testament does not command the offering of tithes, but teaches the principle of free-will offerings cheerfully, generously given, according to our means, as our response to the wonderful love of God shown in Jesus Christ. Christians are not under the law of tithes, precisely as we are not under obligation to observe Jewish feasts. To enforce tithing on Christians is to misunderstand the relation between the Old and the New Testaments.

God has now given man his all. He expects our relationship with him to be one of love and gratitude. Moved by such a love each Christian must determine for himself what his response will be in terms of money. Our giving will be varied according to two things. (1) How much I love him. (2) How many are dependent upon me. The man with no family depending upon him should surely give a greater proportion than the man whose income must be spread over several souls in his home.

If we realised the greatness of God's gift to us in Christ—the redemption provided at the Cross; the blessings of daily sustenance—there would be no need for church rules on giving. Inadequate giving, wrong methods of raising church funds, are positive evidence that our recognition of God's love is feeble—or in other words;

that our spiritual life is at a low ebb. We must avoid a legalistic approach to our giving. The person earning £100, who gives his tithe, still has £90 for himself. The person earning £10, after giving his tithe, has only £9. Surely the Lord looks not so much at what we give, but rather at what we keep back for ourselves after we have given. We remember Jesus' words in Luke 14: 33, “Who-soever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”

Some Practical Suggestions

If we earnestly seek to restore churches of the New Testament pattern, we need carefully to re-think the matter of Christian giving. We have borrowed methods of raising finance from the world. Once we depart from the pattern of New Testament giving we will have all sorts of undesirable elements. Too often we have met with the attitude among our people, who seek to justify unscriptural systems of raising finance, “It's for a good cause.” This attitude that “the end justifies the means,” is the very teaching with which Rome justifies the martyrdom of Protestants. We need to abandon all unscriptural methods of raising church funds; to make the offering a reverent act of worship in our services; to give careful teaching on the New Testament method of giving.

The method prescribed by Paul to the churches of Corinth and Galatia is the cheapest, easiest, justest and most effective of all known ways of raising finance. “On the first day of every week, let everyone lay by him in store, as God has prospered him.”

The financial schemes, being promoted today, are a call to our preachers and leaders to understand “the grace of Christian giving”—not to start more schemes, but to agonise in prayer for the infusion of new spiritual life in our churches. A new vision of the love of God as shown at the Cross; a new assurance of forgiveness of sins in our hearts; a new gratitude for all the things with which God has blessed us—these, and these alone, will result in generous Christian giving. Not schemes, but understanding God's love—this is our need throughout our churches.

When, out of the springs of real love, faith and gratitude, as an expression of inner spiritual life, we set aside regularly, systematically,

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Report of Queensland Conference

An experimental change from the Easter weekend gave Queensland Churches of Christ one of their most effective Annual Conferences in years.

The Conference ran from the Friday to the Wednesday preceding Easter. Outstanding feature was the series of rallies for which the Ann-st. chapel was filled on all but one night.

In these a splendid lead was given by the guest speakers: R. V. Amos (Blackburn, Vic.), who had taken a series of studies at the ministers' Caloundra retreat, which preceded the Conference, was speaker at the Youth Rally (Friday), Conference Sermon session (Sunday), Home Missions rally (Monday), and Women's Conference (Wednesday). His outstanding contribution was an address to the Ministers' Session on Monday on divine healing. "Divine healing is something we can neglect only to our loss," he said. "A ministry is not complete until we have a larger knowledge of this question."

Bruce Munro (India) and Doug. Nicholls (Fitzroy Aboriginal Mission, Vic.) both spoke at the crowded Overseas and Aborigines Missions rally on the Tuesday night. F. N. Lee, Commonwealth director of men's work, addressed a men's tea on Wednesday night, and in a later address urged a plan of action to recapture some of the ground lost by Churches of Christ, which have a declining membership, although Australia's population has almost doubled.

The Conference was marked by the retirement of S. W. Vanham, after three years' presidency. C. R. Burdeu, for two years Conference Secretary, did not re-nominate. The work of both brethren was highly commended by Conference.

New Conference officers are: President, G. McKelvie, Ann-st. secretary; Vice-Pres., K. D. Horne, Youth Director and minister of Sunnybank church; Sec., N. Watson, formerly of Rockhampton; Treas., G. V. Haigh, Kedron; and Assoc. Sec., Mrs. E. W. Potter, Ann-st.

Among Conference resolutions were: To appoint a standing committee to consider the establishment of a Bible college in Queensland.

generously, cheerfully, all that we can for the church, we discover that God abundantly blesses us. And as we abound and increase in the grace of Christian giving, following in his example who set the model and measure of Christian giving when he gave himself on the Cross, we will find no lack of money for building chapels and for all church work.

To authorise Executive to form a local preachers' association.

Executive to report to next Conference on the practicability of forming a long service leave scheme for ministers.

Next Half-Yearly Conference to be held at Chinchilla, at a time to be fixed.

Next Annual Conference to be at Ann-st. Delegates favored adhering broadly to the new pattern for Conference.

The opening of the extensions to the Aged Christians' Home, in Brisbane, was a memorable feature of the Conference. The property, bought for £6,500 in 1950, had been extended and furnished at a cost of £30,000. State Government subsidy totalled £16,000, Federal Government grant £6,000, and brotherhood gifts £11,900. Included in the extensions are an infirmary and an assembly room.

The building was crowded for the opening by the State Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. Moore). He commended the Home Committee for its work and for the high standard of accommodation and facilities. A thank-offering totalled £350 in cash and promises.

During the Social Service session, Mr. Burdeu was appointed to the dual position of temperance organiser to act within the Queensland Churches of Christ, and church social service worker. The appointment will be subsidised by the Queensland Temperance League.

Speakers paid tributes to the work of V. T. Parker as hospital chaplain. The Christian Fellowship Association reported £2,473 assets. Assistance totalling £1,463 had been given through 12 interest-free loans.

Motions were carried opposing legalised off-the-course betting, expressing concern at the widespread tendency towards complete secularisation of the Lord's Day, urging restoration of local option polls, deploring the use of liquor at office parties, and asking the Governments to ban the sale of liquor on airliners.

In its report, Conference Executive mentioned efforts being made to assemble historic records of the work in Queensland. G. J. Andrews was thanked for his work as editor of *The Christian Echo*, the State church paper. It was mentioned that the total membership had remained unchanged.

In discussion on the Commonwealth Campaign report, the State director (F. Langford), said he was disappointed at results, and appealed to Boards of officers, as spearheads

of the movement, to make more positive efforts.

The newly-formed Building Advisory Committee reported that it had prepared several plans, and done considerable advisory work.

W. E. Reeve, chairman of the Preacher Placement and Advisory Committee, said Queensland now had its highest total of ministers, but needed four more. The Committee had had the busiest year he could remember.

The Home Mission report reflected the broadening work being done by the Committee and the pastorevangelist (Mr. Vanham). The appointments of D. H. Paddon to Mackay, and K. R. Fennell to Townsville-Chartiers Towers were big events in the year. The assistance of the Federal committee, and of the Thornbury church, Vic., was acknowledged gratefully.

Presenting the Overseas Missions report, the secretary (H. W. Hermann) said he viewed with concern the drop of £200 in offerings last year compared with 1953.

The Board of Trustees reported an expanding work. The chairman (H. J. Payne) said that 30 of the 42 churches in the State had been helped by the Board at some time. It was announced that the Board was pursuing a plan to enlist 100 members, who would each lend £100 to the Church Extension Fund.

A year of record activity was reported by the Youth Department. The director had made contact with nearly every church through camps, rallies, missions, Happy Hours, and teacher training.

Many improvements had been made at the Caloundra Youth Centre. The year's camps there were filled. The 451 campers exceeded the previous year's total by more than 100. Twenty had to be turned away from the junior camp. There were 25 decisions for Christ, besides rededications.

"Many have gone back to their churches to serve as never before," said the report. "Several young men are planning to enter our colleges, in training for the ministry."

The camp at Magnetic Island (off Townsville) was proving a great benefit to the northern churches. Camps there brought eight decisions. Two young people were baptised in the sea. Mr. Horne predicted that this camp would become a tourist resort for southern churchmembers.

Mr. Horne said that an increasingly significant work was being done by the Federal Board of Christian Education.



Willkie J. Thomson, minister of the church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., who was acting-editor during C. G. Taylor's absence overseas last year, is in St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, following a road accident on Easter Saturday. Mr. Thomson had left the Saturday afternoon meeting of the Vic.-Tas. Conference in order to visit a hospital patient, but on the way his car was hit by a truck. The car was extensively damaged, and Mr. Thomson sustained a fractured pelvis, two broken ribs and head abrasions. Latest news is that he is now much more comfortable, though he will be confined to bed for some time. His friends throughout the brotherhood will join in prayer for a speedy recovery.

Conference reports have been given right of way with this issue, so that a number of regular features have been suspended. They will re-appear next week. The annual Youth Number is scheduled for April 24.

During the Good Friday evening session of the New Zealand Churches of Christ Conference at Christchurch, H. F. Gross, who was in the midst of leading his first camp as Director of Religious Education, was formally set apart to that work. Mr. Gross has called his Department to a whole day of planning and discussion about Departmental aims and policies on Sat., April 21, at Tyndale House, Christchurch.

Offering for the Preachers' Provident Fund, which was received at the Conference Sermon session of the Vic.-Tas. Conference on Sunday, April 1, was £133/13/4.

Newest Bible school in Victoria—that meeting in a tent at Fawkner—is urgently appealing for forms to meet the seating shortage. Any churches that can help are asked to contact F. N. Lee, 430 St. George's-rd., Thornbury; phone JJ3153. A lad from this school read Psalm 23 during the youth programme of the Vic.-Tas. Conference.

In connection with its Church and Home Campaign, the Warrnambool church, Vic., recently conducted a recognition service, to remember members who had passed away during the last year, and to honor the oldest members of the Warrnambool and Port Fairy congregations. Those remembered in a memorial service

were J. J. Peel, H. W. Houston, Miss Stella Sanders, Mrs. A. Long, G. H. Best, J. Richter and Mrs. S. V. Peterd. For the recognition service, the honored guests were on the platform, and suitable reference was made to their years of service to the church in the past. E. Houston spoke on behalf of the church and the Board of Officers, and N. Clowes on behalf of the younger members. Mrs. H. Houston and C. G. Clowes responded. Presentations of memento cards and flowers were made to the guests. The oldest guest was Mrs. E. Sumner, of Port Fairy, who was 80, and she also had the longest membership of 61 years with Churches of Christ. Honored guests were Sisters Clark, Shannon, Jenkins, Houston, Stratford, Pritchard, Ferguson, Davies, Hill, Sumner and Clowes; and C. G. Clowes. Apologies were received from Sisters McConnell and Richter and Messrs. Kelly and Logan. The gathering, which concluded with social fellowship and supper, was presided over by the minister of the church, K. W. Barton.

Alan Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, of the manse at Mildura, Vic., was recently admitted to hospital with polio. Many friends will join in prayer that progress already made will lead to complete recovery.

Reg. Enniss, former World Convention President, who was in hospital for observation and treatment during Easter, returned home on Wed., April 4.

F. A. Youens, Gardiner, Vic., received a warm welcome on the Perth Railway Station, when he arrived in W.A. on Friday, March 30, to conduct a six-weeks' tent mission for the church at South Perth. The tent is in a prominent position on the Canning Highway, and was first used for a 7 a.m. prayer meeting on Sat., March 31. In his welcoming remarks at the communion service on Sunday, April 1, Mr. Ballantine (church sec.) said that he recalled with joy his baptism by Mr. Youens at Armadale in 1925. On the opening night, the tent was packed with 283 people. John Brown (Uncle John, of Radio Sunday School) led the singing, assisted by Ron Raymond and W. Samuel at the pianos. At the close of Mr. Youens' message, two young ladies made their decision. A telegram received at this office on Friday, 6/4/56 reads: "Youens mission, four

nights. Three confessions; two rededications. Invite brotherhood prayers." —Stanton Wilson.

The chapel at Maidstone, Vic., was filled to capacity (including representatives from the western suburban churches) on the night of April 24, when Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randall were farewelled at the conclusion of the gospel service, prior to their departure for Springvale. They had completed over six years of faithful service, and suitable gifts were presented. Mr. Pietzsch has volunteered to act as interim speaker until a regular pastor has been appointed. The young people of the church have paid a visit to General Motors to inspect their works while in operation. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Allen were visitors from Launceston on Easter Sunday.

The church at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., was encouraged on its monthly Youth Sunday on March 25 when, following a gospel address by Ira Paternoster, five boys and ten girls made their decision. Prior to the service, Mr. Paternoster had visited the well attended youth tea, and shown a film of work in Our India. The Bible school has an enrolment of 204. Only shortage of accommodation prevents this being increased. G. H. Benjamin will minister at Beverly Hills, after the conclusion of his present ministry at Earlwood, N.S.W., at the end of May.

Youths' Own is a new feature of the Victorian and Tasmanian Youth Department's activities to meet the needs of young people. These programmes, commencing in April, will be held on the last Saturday evening of every month in Kurrajong House. It will allow youth from all parts of the city to meet and enjoy a varied programme designed to stimulate and entertain. Admission will be strictly by tickets, which may be purchased from the Youth Department office.

The morning service at Wangaratta church, Vic., will be broadcast over 3NE on Sunday, April 22, from 11 a.m. The minister, R. J. Anderson, will shortly terminate a successful term of service there, and commence a ministry with the church at Wollongong, N.S.W., on July 29.

Interesting features of the Youth Demonstration of the Vic.-Tas. Conference included a play, *What Shall I Do With My Life?*, written by A. E. White, B.A., and produced by Ian Mackey; a fine pageant on Christian education, presented by Field Worker, Miss Bonnie Bates; new hymns; and pleasing solos from Miss L. Dudley.

Delegates to Women's Conference are notified that the monthly meetings formerly held at Swanston-st. at 1 p.m., have now been transferred to Lygon-st. and will commence at 11 a.m. The next meeting will be on May 4.

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Topic for May

"The Grace of the Lord Jesus."

Mrs. G. R. Stirling, Canberra.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."—2 Thess. 3: 18.

This is Paul's characteristic way of farewell greeting. Just a farewell! We say "Goodbye," which is a corruption of "God be with you." Greetings have certainly become corrupted! We have learned to say many things from sheer habit, and have failed to remember their meaning and origin.

1. To Paul, these farewell greetings (and all his letters end the same way), were benedictions; much more than mere greetings. They were full of meaning. 2 Corinthians ends with our oft-quoted benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."

Paul's letters were written with a very definite purpose in view, and so his words were well chosen to help and direct particular people to whom he wrote. But his benedictions were all the same. He prayed that God's love and grace would surround his people.

When we open our lives to the grace of Christ, and daily live as Christ did, in complete unselfishness and love for others, we become gracious. His quality of life is evidenced in us. Our attitude to others changes; we become loving, kind, polite, and thoughtful. This, added up, totals grace. The more we grow like Jesus, the more gracious we become.

Peter closes one of his letters with a prayer that "ye may grow in grace." We do not attain all of a sudden—it is a growth. We firstly accept this grace of Jesus, apply it to our lives, and live it out daily as though the world depended on us.

Other people will accept the grace of Jesus they see working in us, far more readily than what we say. As they see us growing in graciousness, they will be more convinced that it is just what they need.

2. "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you."

Grace is such an interesting word. According to the dictionary, it has

many meanings. Among others are these few meanings — "excellence, beauty, the unmerited favor and love of God toward man in Christ, divine sanctifying, regenerating and preserving influence, virtue, honor, favor, courtesy." A very comprehensive list, is it not?

All these qualities are to be found in Christ and very many more. When we receive this grace of Christ, it comes into our lives and creates a new grace, which permeates our lives and flows from us to others. It is important, then, that this grace of Christ in us is not only allowed to grow, but is passed on by us to others, in all its purity and completeness.

Unless it is passed on to others, it dies within us. It thrives, grows and develops by sharing. The more it is passed on, the more grace there is to pass on, and the purer the quality, both in us and for others.

Then, too, it is infectious. People quickly succumb to love and grace. The greater the number of people touched by this grace the more it penetrates through the world. It isn't hard to see what would happen if more and more people practised this way of living.

A friend of ours is a very gracious man. He finds it impossible not to pass on to the many people, whose lives he touches daily, the graciousness of his life. He is not conscious of the quality of his Christian living, but it is there, and is blessing many, many people. Lives are softening under his grace. To be in his company is to be conscious of the grace of Christ.

3. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. This benediction is relevant today and for us. How much we need the grace of Jesus! To keep a still tongue when we know we are correct, and have been contradicted; to show the spirit of forgiveness when others have been rude and unjust; to be loving at all times, under all circumstances; to give ourselves in service to others—this makes us gracious, and helps others to accept this grace as it is in Jesus.

What effect does this gracious spirit have on others? When we have tried it, we have found out, haven't we? Haven't you seen bitter people melt under the loving touch? Haven't you seen the clenched teeth and drawn lips relax, when a gracious spirit of forgiveness, or courtesy, has been demonstrated?

In one of my Bible school classes, I had a girl who was blind. At first, she was bitter when we talked about showing love to those who were not our friends. There were other girls and boys in that class. They used to come to my place and have little evenings together. Sometimes we played games, sometimes we sang. This lass played the piano for us. Always these other young people treated her as though she had her sight and was one of them. They were very good, without being obviously so. I saw her melt. Gradually Sunday after Sunday, she joined in more discussion; she took her turn to read the Bible from her Braille Bible. Her ideas changed, and she joined the church—all because those young people showed her the gracious spirit of Christ.

If only all people everywhere would show this spirit of grace, we would very quickly have a world of peace—not merely an absence of war—but real, lasting peace.

If the world is to have this spirit, it must begin in us. We can be its beginning.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen."



S.-W. District Conference, VIC.

The South-Western District Conference, Vic., which embraces the churches of Geelong, Ballarat, Colac, and Meredith, met at Latrobe-terr., Geelong, on Sat., March 3. Proceedings opened with a short devotional session, led by J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat), following which a delegate from each church presented a report on the year's activities. These were in the main, encouraging, whilst some were of great interest.

Conference agreed to continue to support the Meredith folk by monthly visits as in the past. It was also agreed that the next Conference be held at Peel-st., Ballarat, on March 2, 1957, with the following brethren in office for the ensuing year: pres., A. Graham; vice-pres., R. McLeod; sec.-treas., W. Whitehead.

The Conference speaker in the afternoon was R. A. Banks (Drumcondra), his subject being, **The Purposes and Advantages of Attending Conference.** The evening meeting took the form of a liquor referendum rally, and, after a song service, a film entitled, **Drunk Driving**, was screened. This was followed by W. W. Saunders, who capably spoke on behalf of the Stick to Six campaign.—W. J. Whitehead.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Iris Birt, Joy McLeod, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Barbara Brame and Valda Ford, Brighton, Vic.
Lin Baxter, Woorinen, Vic.
John Robson, John Coxhead, North Williamstown, Vic.
Mrs. A. Boettcher, Misses Maddeline and Audrey Boettcher, Mackay, Qld.
P. V. Brown, Launceston, Tas.
Joy Gillson, Norma Hunt, Rhonda Straub, Bill Costain, Mildura, Vic.
Mrs. T. Barnes, Peter Combridge, Trevor Cole, Drumcondra, Vic.
Mrs. R. Catchpool, South Melbourne, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Urquhart, Miss Betty Iveson, South Perth, W.A.
Brian Ellis and Bill Viant, Edwardstown, S.A.
Marjorie Smith, Preston, Vic.
Lindsay Baxter, Swan Hill, Vic.

Membership

- C. Robertson, from Belmore, N.S.W., to Sunshine, Vic.
Mrs. P. V. Brown, from Sandhill to Launceston, Tas.
Mr., Mrs., and Miss J. Duffin, from Bentleigh, Vic., to Launceston, Tas.

Marriage

- Miss Sweetman to L. Freebairn, Victor Harbour, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. A. E. Cameron, Mildura, Vic.

Tasmania

Devonport (D. P. Holloway).—Attendances on Mar. 25 were 58 and 44. Mrs. Bruton and Mr. Stevens sang duet at evening meeting. All Conference meetings were well attended. K. Clinton, guest speaker at Conference, gave gospel address on Fri-

day night. H. Street was speaker at morning service on April 1; 90 were present. In afternoon, B.S. presented Easter service from scholars' work manuals. About 133 were present at this service. K. Clinton was guest speaker at evening service. Church enjoyed fellowship at all Conference meetings with delegates and visitors from almost all churches in the State.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.).—March averages were: morning, 98; evening, 99; communion, 123. There was one confession of faith at evening service on Mar. 4. Five members were received into fellowship on 25th. Noreen Scott has been appointed asst. supt. and pianiste to J.C.E. Men's Society re-elected Mr. Wright as pres. Members of C.M.S. are renovating kinder room, under supervision of G. Cartledge. Eighteen members enjoyed fishing trip to Sandy Beach on Mar. 12. Mrs. Wright is new pres. of Women's Fellowship, with Mrs. Allen as sec. Y.W.F. is busy raising money for Norseman Mission. Church annual business meeting was held on 14th. M. J. Edwards was re-elected deacon and E. P. Byard and C. H. J. Wright elders. April is planned as Membership Month, with Visitation Evangelism campaign. Recent visitors have included Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Tirrell, Mr. and Mrs. Morfew (Vic.) and Mrs. Beresford (Adelaide).

Queensland

Mackay (D. H. Paddon).—Attendances have been increasing at both services, despite wet weather. Three adults made their decisions and were baptised during month. Girls' basketball team has begun practice in chapel grounds, in readiness for competition play. Eleven Y.P. registered for Easter Camp at Magnetic Island. Minister has obtained car, in which he has been able to provide transport for B.S. scholars and members. Time for commencement of B.S. in morning has been advanced to 9.30, to enable more time to transport scholars home before service at 11 a.m. C.Y.F. attendances are being maintained. Profitable discussions followed Bible study at midweek prayer meetings. Monthly cottage prayer meeting was held in home of Mrs. Shaw. Ladies' Fellowship is planning for progress. Ladies are all taking part in leadership of meetings.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson).—Church business meeting revealed nine months' progress. 45 additions

were recorded, 29 by baptism. Roll has been revised and stands at 196. Stewardship resulted in greatly increased giving—£1,500 local, Building Fund £200, brotherhood £316, for 9-month period. Many material improvements have been accomplished, including garage at manse, new front fence, brick annexe at hall, and, with B.S. co-operation, a second piano. Six sisters and three brethren have served on Conference Committees during year, and Mrs. F. E. Cooper is incoming President of Women's Conference. Ladies' Fellowship, by a talent scheme, raised £103, to cover cost of annexe. Elders elected for ensuing two years are: Messrs. Samuel, Morrow, Nightingale and Wesley; deacons, Messrs. Pallot, Stevenson, and Heiduk. A source of much regret is resignation (due to health reasons) of K. Ballantine from eldership. As church sec. for past 12 months, Mr. Ballantine earned high esteem of all for his faithfulness and capability. Preacher's report envisaged aggressive programme of future work, with possible expansion to new effort at Manning Park; he also stressed objective of some Y.P. entering Glen Iris.

New South Wales

Hornsby.—B.S. picnic was held on Mar. 24 at Clifton Gardens. Monthly fellowship tea was enjoyed on 25th, when B. Nowitzke was guest speaker. At 9 a.m. on Good Friday, communion service was held, conducted by Mr. Ellerby. At recent Conference, Mrs. R. Bartholomew was elected to Women's Conference Boys' Home's Committee and Mr. Ellerby on General Conference Social Service Committee. Recent speakers have been Messrs. Boswell, Eagling, Ellerby and Kerr.

Lismore (A. C. Caldicott).—Recent Guide and Brownie parade at church drew large congregation. One man decided for Christ. Outlying Bangalow church is now about 30 strong in membership. Five teams are to be entered in soccer competitions this coming season. All women's work is flourishing.

Earlwood (G. H. Benjamin).—Church is thankful for messages during March from G. H. Sloman, A. B. Clark, J. E. Dean, P. E. Thomas, and G. H. Benjamin. A happy time of fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors who previously were B.S. scholars; Mr. and Mrs. Weldner, Mrs. Rule, Mrs. Wilkinson, and Kelvin Perry (Tas.). Building Fund boxes brought in during March

will help reduce debt on church hall by £22.

South Australia

Edwardstown (H. Cave).—Attendances have been good and interest keen. At close of harvest thanksgiving services, two young men and a school-girl confessed their faith in Christ. Church plans to erect new chapel, and target of £250 is set for Temple Day offering in August. Practice for B.S. anniversary has commenced under the leadership of J. Eley. Boys' Brigade has doubled its membership. Mrs. S. E. Riches addressed Ladies' Sunshine Circle on the work of Aborigines Missions; Lady Messent gave illustrated travel talk to Young Women's Fellowship; Harold Norris outlined methods of visitation evangelism to C.M.S. Mr. Cave addressed combined Good Friday service at Baptist church. A pre-wedding social was tendered to Vern. Berry and Miss Maureen Wood, and to Bill Fairclough and Miss Thelma Abraham, each couple being presented with an electric clock. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Miss Meredith Hall and a girl friend from Ormond, while employed in Adelaide.

Victor Harbour (S. L. Patching).—Church anniversary services were observed on Mar. 11, with I. J. Chivell as guest speaker. There were good congregations at each of the three services for day, and special offering for Temple Day amounted to £108. Church Building committee is arranging for erection of two additional rooms to manse, in preparation for coming of a younger preacher, with a family. Mr. and Mrs. Patching, who have completed almost three years' successful ministry, will retire later from full-time service in church work. Five members of B.S. recently made the good confession and were baptised. Girls' Basketball team will represent church in district competitions this year. Following successful commencement programme, Ladies' Guild is entering vigorously into another year's service.

Victoria

Peel-st., Ballarat.—Two Y.P. have decided for Christ. Many non-members are attending gospel services, which are averaging 70-80. Monthly morning services of prayer and meditation are very helpful. Prayer meeting still maintains average, and good spiritual atmosphere prevails throughout the work generally. B.S. and youth work is well maintained. B.S. picnic at Geelong on Labor Day was happy occasion. Officers' visitation work has shown results in increased attendances.

Clayton (J. L. Reid).—Slides of Mt. Margaret Mission were shown by S. Miller at Wednesday night prayer meeting. B.S. picnic was held at

Mornington on Mar. 17. R. Edgar spoke at gospel service on 18th. Men of church assisted in recent referendum. Church combined with other Protestant churches in Methodist Hall for Good Friday service. Special invitations were sent to B.S. parents for Easter Sunday gospel service, after which cup of tea was served, to enable contact to be made with parents. J.C.E. held picnic at Botanical Gardens on Easter Tuesday.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).—C.E. held barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, North Shore. Seven members attended Training Camp at Halls' Gap. Squash was held at Mr. and Mrs. Mountjoy's home on Mar. 24. A team of five medical students conducted services on 25th; speakers were R. Killmer and T. Banks, with soloists, Miss B. Prentice. A married woman and two youths were baptised. Illustrated travelogue, *This is Britain*, was shown during week by Lillian Porter, for Ladies' Aid Pentecost Fund. A married couple made their decision on Apr. 1. R. Simmons rendered a solo and Messrs. Kerrison (St. Yarra) and R. Grazules sang a duet.

Hampton (K. J. Clinton, B.A.)—B.S. picnic was held at Mt. Evelyn. On Mar. 17 and 18 successful camp was held at Cowes with Black Rock Y.P. An I.C.E. has recently been formed and 16 Y.P. have been enrolled. Building was filled on 25th, when film, *Abraham's Faith*, was screened; at close of service a young man made his decision. There have been three other decisions during month. During absence of preacher in Tasmania, G. A. Grainger and M. D. Keatch were speakers. Miss D. Stokle has resigned as leader of Good Companions, and Miss B. McDowell has taken her place.

Horsham (H. M. Long).—Annual business meeting of church revealed slight decline over past twelve months, due partly to removals by transfer and death, but principally to drastic revision of roll. However, reports from all auxiliaries show much profitable activity and an overall uplift in spiritual tone. Change in constitution was made in respect to eldership; two will be chosen for three-year term, by preferential ballot, instead of past practice of appointment by Board and for life. Addition was made to constitution in respect to office of deaconess. Five will be elected annually, by preferential ballot, to have representation on Board, instead of past procedure of choosing twelve from floor of annual meeting. There were six nominations for four vacancies on deacons' Board, but only three polled necessary 60 per cent., E. Patterson, P. Finlayson and E. Butler. A unique honor was conferred upon veteran officer, Geo. Miller, in that he was created a life-elder in recognition of his long

years of meritorious service. New Kilner electronic organ was played publicly for the first time at annual meeting.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs).—Average attendances for March were: morning, 72; evening, 52; with 68 communicants. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Mar. 11. Foodstuffs received were given to local hospital, or forwarded to Melbourne for distribution among Homes. During evening service, choir rendered two anthems. B.S. held picnic at Lake Searmonth on Labor Day, when a large number of scholars and parents attended. On Mar. 17 a bus-load travelled to Dunolly to attend District Conference. Special pre-Easter services were held on 25th; the morning service was in the form of choral communion, when choir rendered special anthems. Special service of meditation was held in evening, when choir presented an Easter meditation, *The Story of the Cross*. Men's Society held monthly meeting and tea on 25th, when A. Kennedy was guest speaker. Annual meeting of church was held on 28th, and following elders were elected: F. Drake, I. Living and W. Trickey; deacons: F. Davies, F. Robertson, A. Kennedy, J. Alderson, C. Barker, S. Lunn; deaconesses: Mesdames F. Drake, S. Nicholls, Simons, Chamberlain and F. Davies; treas., A. Kennedy; act.-sec., S. Lunn. While preacher was at Conference, services were taken by Messrs. Filbey and Living.

Mildura (J. C. Cunningham).—Excellent attendances have marked services lately. There have been four decisions. Messages in song by several members at gospel services are appreciated. B.S. is holding Redex Trial increase campaign, which is proving very successful. Many visitors have been welcomed at services. Our thanks go to our Heavenly Father for the measure of progress attained by minister's son, Alan, who was admitted to hospital with polio, with the prayer that he will soon be fully restored. Church sustained loss through death of Mrs. A. E. Cameron and B. Smith. Sympathy is extended to all bereaved. Mrs. Davies, sen., has returned from Melbourne.

North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon).—Screening of *God's Wonders on the Farm and The Raising of Lazarus* at a pre-Easter service on Mar. 25 attracted a large congregation. R. Marks (Springvale) was projectionist. B.S. tea preceded evening service. Portable organ has been secured for use of after-church fellowship in homes of members. Minister was speaker at combined service in S.A. Hall on Good Friday. Mrs. Bannon has recovered from illness and G. Dyson from accident. Visitors on Easter Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. McDonald (S.A.) and Mrs. Marks (Portland), a former

member. Church rejoiced in decision of a young man and a lad, and rededication by an elderly lady at evening service.

Pyramid Hill.—On Mar. 18 F. Archibold (Sudan United Mission) spoke at services and showed films of work of the S.U.M. R. V. Holmes (Bendigo) was speaker on 25th.

Red Hill (J. Sutton).—Twenty-seven Y.P. attended Fellowship on Mar. 10. Prayer meetings are increasing in attendance. Commencement of erection of a manse has begun. W.M.B. conducted stall at Red Hill show and netted £35 for Manse Fund. Church was packed for morning service on Apr. 1, and evening meeting was largely attended. Many visitors were welcomed. A number of members are on sick list. Mrs. Sutton, who has been ill, was able to attend services on 1st. Sixteen decisions have been registered during short period of present ministry.

South Melbourne (G. Hearn).—Minister held "question night" on Mar. 11, when several queries from members were answered. Over 100 children and adults attended B.S. picnic at Mt. Evelyn on Labor Day. A Missionary at Walker's Garage was screened at gospel service on 18th. Members helped at local polling booths on 24th. Family fellowship service was held on 25th. Visiting artiste, Dulcie Gray, and local talent in A. Loveday, N. Bury and R. Robb, provided entertaining after-church musical hour. Church was pleased to see young woman make her decision on April 1. Y.P. attended Easter Camp at Monbulk. Average attendances for March were: morning, 29; evening, 62.

Sunshine (F. B. Alcorn).—K.S.P. won athletic carnival at Mentone, and competed in swimming sports at City Baths. Elder, P. Wright, ably represented church on local 6 o'clock campaign committee. J.C.E. visited local community hospital on morning of Mar. 25. A member has been welcomed in by transfer. Church regrets that Mrs. Wilmot is ill. Combined Easter Service was held in Methodist Church on Good Friday.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.).—Members participated in South-Western District Conference, held at Hamilton. Guest speaker was E. L. Williams, who also addressed morning congregation on Mar. 4. Church and Home Campaign is going well, and creating much interest. Campaign youth service was conducted on evening of 11th; Y.P. took part, and V. Quayle (Portland) gave address. Chapel was almost full for Recognition Night on 22nd, when a memorial service was included in meeting and the oldest members, present as honored guests, were especially recognised. First part of

church campaign closed on 25th with Dedication Day. There were outstanding services and stimulating messages brought by guest speaker, J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat). G. Dalton and E. Houston occupied pulpit on Easter Sunday in absence of preacher at Conference. Evangelistic drive of campaign has now commenced.

Woorinen (A. Avery).—Services have been very well attended, speakers having been A. Avery, S. Harrop and former minister C. P. Hughes. Church has enjoyed fellowship with visitors from S.A., Melbourne, Dandenong and Springvale. A Bible Fellowship scholar made his decision on Mar. 25.

Tootgarook (A. Cant, B.Ed.).—Annual meeting was held on Mar. 25, and following officers elected: elders, Messrs. Lang and Cant; deacons, Messrs. Watt, Cochaud, Thiessen, Wilson, Baker, Pearce, Pitcher; deaconesses, Mrs. Magilton and Mrs. Cochaud. Work is in good heart, and promises year of expansion and consolidation. Easter period resulted in large meetings, 240 a.m. and 95 p.m. Youth club presented a recorded play during evening service. Fifty day-nide-covered chairs and six nesting tables have been purchased jointly by B.S. and church for £124. B.S. picnic was held on Mar. 12 at Red Hill.

Preston (J. E. Searle).—Since last report there have been two decisions. Members of K.S.P. took morning service on Mar. 4, when 21 Kappas were present. B.S. picnic at Hurstbridge on Labor Day was most successful. At B.S. anniversary on Mar. 18, afternoon speaker was Mr. Pace (Baptist) and in evening, C. Cole. On morning of 25th, preacher conducted consecration service for teachers and officers of school. Choir rendered impressive anthem, with soloists G. Pinches and Mrs. Betty Quaffe. Church has farewelled H. Lofts, holidaying in England. On April 1, fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fisher, former preacher of church. Y.P., under leadership of Don MacDonald, held most successful camp at Yea

Middle Park (F. Sumpton).—During March, C. Fletcher (Reservoir) conducted services, and his ministry was much appreciated. F. Sumpton commenced an interim ministry on April 1. H. Annetts was welcomed back after illness, and Mrs. Annear has been laid aside for sometime through illness. Visitors on 1st included W. Campbell (Qld.) and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (Ballarat).

Echuca (C. E. Watson).—Services were well attended over Easter. An inspiring convention was held in the town over holidays, most meetings being held in chapel. G. Smith

(Boort) spoke at Easter Sunday evening service; girls' choir and a trio rendered appropriate music. Gift of £250 will enable church to purchase land in new housing area for proposed B.S. Some members are still sick. Mrs. Rosendale was welcomed home after absence of almost six months in N.Z. Mrs. Parry led kinder work in her absence. C.E. took part in competitions against other district societies.

Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).—On Good Friday, preacher spoke at combined service, broadcast over 3NE. Over Easter, several families camped up at our youth camp site at Chesnut, and commenced erecting a hut we have purchased for that work. Not much work could be done, as heavy rain caused floods. Easter Sunday services were well attended, in spite of many members being on holidays. Over 30 gathered at combined Explorers' and Good Companions' games evening, run by R. Patrick on 4th. Prayer meetings are continuing to increase in attendance. A Methodist lady, who enquired about baptism, has been immersed after her confession of faith.

North Fitzroy (H. R. Coventry).—A young lady made the good confession on Mar. 11. Church anniversary was celebrated on 25th. Morning service was conducted by past members, J. Baker presiding and T. Baker and W. Aitken reading. Conf. Pres., B. F. Huntsman, was speaker. P.S.A. was held, and music was supplied by Chapel Choristers. L. A. Trezise spoke on his experiences at World Convention and in U.S.A. Fellowship tea was held at 5 p.m., and gospel service was conducted by C. Cole. K. Hall was soloist. Church was happy to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. L. Trotter from their trip abroad. Mrs. F. Anderson and Sis. Cousins have left for holiday in Qld. S. Trotter is seriously ill in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Swan Hill (A. A. Avery).—During preacher's absence at State Conference, well attended services were conducted by I. Crowe and G. A. Mott. Annual business meeting was held on Mar. 27, and the following were elected: elders, J. Leach, A. Anderson, A. Jeffrey; deacons, B. McFarlane, A. Staley, I. Crowe, A. Dunstone, R. Rogers, G. Owers, S. Scott and E. Rogers; sec., B. McFarlane; treas., A. Anderson; B.S. supt., J. Leach. 102 were present at gospel service on Mar. 25, at which a young man made good confession.

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DEATH

LAWRANCE. — On March 6, 1956, at Lenswood, Benjamin John of 6 Donegal-st., Norwood, in his 79th year; late husband of Violet Maud, loving father of Frank, Ivy (Mrs. L. Stafford), Greta (Mrs. C. G. Norton), and Sydney, much loved grandpa of 10 grandchildren.

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PAGE. — In loving memory of Verosa, dear daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Page, 87 Hotham-st., Preston, who died on April 4, 1942, also our dear son Raymond, who died on Nov. 15, 1943; loved sister and brother of Charles.

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Accordingly, on Saturday, March 3, a meeting was held to inaugurate a Church of Christ, meeting in the chapel formerly known as the Un-



denominational Church. B. F. Huntsman, Vic.-Tas. Pres. of Churches of Christ, attended this inaugural meeting, bringing with him the student-preacher now serving the church. At this meeting eleven members signed a declaration as foundation members that they intended to form a Church of Christ, and hold services in The Patch.

The following morning, March 4, the first Sunday morning worship service of the Church of Christ was then held in The Patch. The old notice board of the Undenominational Church has been replaced by a new board announcing, "Church of Christ, The Patch, Bible school 10.45 and worship meeting 11 a.m. each Sunday."

At the first worship meeting there was an attendance of 24, and a very beautiful service was held, A. B. Chappell presiding, and Mr. Thoday preaching. As The Patch is a popular tourist and holiday resort, those holidaying and driving through the district are urged to attend the morning service, where they will receive a hearty welcome. This new church starts out with the assets of a building in good order and free of debt, and a well-established Bible school. Transport by U.S. bus service is also most convenient for those wishing to attend the service from the surrounding district.—Mrs. V. C. Chappell.

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—H. B. Robbins.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. E. J. Smith were called Home, near the turn of the year, within a few weeks of each other. For both, the call was very sudden, and thus was brought to a close, a long, happy and useful association with the church at Cheltenham, Vic. Mrs. Smith (nee Ellen Brough) made her decision under the preaching of the late T. B. Fischer. Mr. Smith came into Churches of Christ at Melrose, S.A. He entered the College of the Bible in A. R. Main's first year as Principal, and completed the course there. Following their marriage in 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent some years in S.A. and W.A., but returned to Cheltenham in 1926. From that time on, they lived for the church here. They were among the most regular at every service; they entered fully into many departments of our work; they were always ready to serve in any capacity. It was only after their passing that it was realised how much they had been doing so quietly and unobtrusively. They are gratefully remembered for their service, and for their quiet Christian faith. Together they had passed through deep sorrow—their three children died in infancy—and the strong assurance of Christian faith never deserted them, for

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The W.A. Women's Auxiliary meet-
ing was held at Lake-st. on Tues.,
March 6. There were 78 present.
Cottesloe had charge of devotions,
which were led by Mrs. Christie. Mrs.
George Smith gave a very inspiring
and challenging talk, urging all sis-
ters to bring fully surrendered hearts
to the new year of service for the
Master.

The President, Mrs. G. Ewers, wel-
comed Mrs. D. R. Stirling back to
Western Australia, also Mrs. McDiarmid
from Kalgoorlie, and Mrs. Palmer,
former overseas Superintendent, back
from a trip abroad. All brought greet-
ings to the meeting. Auxiliary mem-
bers approved of a recommendation
from Executive that Mrs. Digwood
form a committee, representative of
all fellowships, to help the needs of
the Christian Guest Home. Mrs. J.
Gordon reported that a very successful
luncheon was held for Miss Gwen
Batterham, who was on her way
back to India. Appreciation was ex-
pressed to Mrs. L. Park for under-
taking the care for several weeks of
a babe from Carnarvon Mission. This
attractive little one was present with
Mrs. Park, and quite captivated the
sisters.—Clarice Digwood.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Meetings now commence at 1.45
p.m. Mrs. Kruger presided, and wel-
comed all, particularly Mrs. Neigh-
bour, new to this State. There were
111 present. After preliminary business,
the meeting was handed over to Mrs.
Fax as Home Mission Supt. Mrs.
Lawton sang a solo. There were three
members of the H.M. staff present,
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