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WORLD CONVENTION NEWS

SECRETARY'S MOVEMENTS.

The General Secretary of the World Convention, Dr. Jesse M. Bader, of New York, expects to visit Great Britain, Hungary and Germany this summer. He will leave New York for London on July 19, on Pan-American Airways. While in Great Britain he will preach three times in Leicester on July 22. On Tuesday, July 24, he will address a luncheon in the House of Commons in London. On July 25, he will spend the day in conference with the President of the Sixth World Convention, Charles Green, at Stockport. Then on July 27 and 28, Charles Green, Leslie Colver and Dr. Bader will confer with the leaders of Churches of Christ in Scotland, with reference to plans for the holding of the next World Convention in Edinburgh in 1960.

From July 29-Aug. 5, the General Secretary will attend a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, to be held in Budapest, Hungary. He will attend as a fraternal delegate from the World Convention.

From Aug. 8-12, our General Secretary of the World Convention will attend a meeting of the Kirchentag, at Frankfurt, Germany. He has been invited to be present as a fraternal delegate.

SAVINGS PLAN INAUGURATED.

The Board of Church Extension, with headquarters in Indianapolis, In-

diana, has very kindly offered to set up a Savings Plan within its organisation, whereby those who expect to attend the 1960 World Convention in Edinburgh, may start to save a certain amount per month, beginning July 1 of this year. The Board agrees to pay 3 per cent. on all savings. It is predicted that many in the United States and Canada will take advantage of this Savings Plan. A committee of three from the World Convention, composed of Ralph Snyder, Treasurer; H. B. Holloway, Transportation Secretary; and Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary, has worked closely with the Board of Church Extension in formulating this Savings Plan.

STUDY COMMITTEE.

The next meeting of the Central Study Committee will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sept. 21. The chairman of this Committee is Dean O. L. Shelton, of the School of Religion of Butler University. At present there are 34 Study Committees, organised in 19 countries. These committees are working on six new study subjects, which will be considered at Edinburgh in 1960. The six subjects considered in the six Study Breakfasts at Toronto have been printed in pamphlet form.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Leslie Colver, Secretary of the British Churches of Christ, and President of the 1956 Manchester Annual Conference, has been appointed frater-

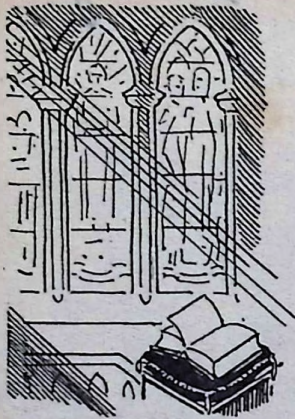
nal delegate by the Central Council, to the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 28-Oct. 4. He will receive a hearty welcome on this, his second visit to the United States and Canada.

The fraternal delegate from the United States and Canada, to the Federal Conference in Australia this year is Ira Paternoster, of Indianapolis, Indiana. He is on the staff of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Dale Fiers will attend the Annual Conference of the British Churches of Christ in Manchester, Aug. 5-10. They will attend as fraternal delegates of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

RETURNING TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Four ardent friends of the World Convention are to leave the United States on July 16. They are Dr. and Mrs. William Robinson, and Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Watters. These friends have resided in Indianapolis, Indiana, for several years, while Dr. Robinson and Dr. Watters have been serving on the faculty of the School of Religion, of Butler University. These four will sail from Montreal on July 17, on the S.S. Empress of Scotland. An appreciation banquet will be held in their honor by the School of Religion on June 7. These two families have been a rich blessing to so many while they have been in the United States. —Jesse M. Bader.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, May 27

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 16.

Summary.

This is the song of a man who has great faith, who finds his happiness in the presence of God. He knows that he is not the only one to have enjoyed the good favor of God, for others have had the same experience. In contrast to this, however, he sees the wretched plight of those who turn for help to other gods (whose rites are abhorrent and whose worship multiplies sorrow for their suppliants). Then, once again, he returns to his main theme, and tells us how richly God has supplied his needs. He closes with a precious hint concerning immortality.

Explanatory Notes.

"Michtam" (Title). — "Personal and private prayer" (Scroggie). "Sometimes understood to mean 'epigrammatic' in style, sometimes 'golden' in quality, but probably a musical title" (Davison).

"that hasten after another god" (v. 4). — The R.V. translates this as "that exchange the Lord for another god." cf. Jer. 2: 11.

"the lines" (v. 6). — Portions of land were measured by line, and distributed by lot. To the Psalmist, having God with him is better than the possession of the choicest piece of land.

"my reins" (v. 7). — The 'reins' are the organs of emotion, and in the quiet hours of the night conscience often speaks.

"thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" (v. 10). — R.V., "to Sheol" (the abode of the dead). The meaning is, "Thou wilt not suffer me to die." "God will not surrender him to the unseen world, which is like some monster gaping for its prey" (Kirkpatrick).

Suggested Theme.

"SHALL WE EXCHANGE GODS?"

Introduction. — The Psalmist was living at a time when many people

had turned away from God to worship idols. Modern society still has many idol-worshippers, and some are rejecting the true God in favor of the idols of power, popularity, pleasure, plenty, and position. The Psalmist is so concerned that he sets out the reasons why men ought not to exchange gods. We have,

I. A GREAT GOD. — who is (a) good in his dealings with his people, and (b) generous in what he provides (vv. 1-4). God is seen in contrast with the "nameless" idols, towards which some, in their lack of wisdom and sense, are turning. We have, also,

II. A GOODLY HERITAGE. — We find in God that we have supreme satisfaction (v. 5), plentiful provision (v. 6), and gracious guidance (v. 7). Again, we have,

III. A GRAND FAITH. — God is near to us. We are at "his right hand," which is the place of protection, trust, honor, and dignity (v. 8). Our faith, however, is not only for the present, it is for eternity as well (vv. 10-11).

Conclusion. — In the light of our priceless possessions we would be very foolish people indeed to exchange gods!

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 22-36.

Summary.

Here is the greater part of Peter's sermon. The actual address falls into three parts naturally. There is an introduction (vv. 14-21, which we studied last week), a main discourse (vv. 22-35), and a conclusion (v. 36). In the introduction, Peter explains that the disciples are not intoxicated, but Spirit-filled. In the sermon proper the preacher pointedly presents three facts. (1) The Messiahship of Jesus is proved by his miracles (v. 22). (2) The Messiahship of Jesus is attested by his death and resurrection (thus fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies concerning him) (vv. 23-32). (3) The coming of the Holy Spirit is explained as a result of his ascension, and his position at the right hand of the Father (vv. 33-35). In the conclusion, the argument is summarised with the statement that the crucified Jesus is Lord and Christ — that is, the Messiah (v. 36). This verse best summarises the main idea of the whole sermon.

Explanatory Notes.

"ye men of Israel" (v. 22). — "The speaker begins a new stage in his appeal, that connecting the fulfilment of prophecy, just established, with the ministry and resurrection of Jesus as the Messiah. To this end he addresses his hearers in a formula

dignified and rich in the associations of the great past" (Bartlett).

"a man approved of God" (v. 22). — Here we have the process hinted by which Jesus came to be believed on as Messiah. See also v. 23.

"lawless men" (v. 23). — The Romans, the actual agents in the Passion.

"thy Holy One" (v. 27). — Or "the Dutiful One." The term used expresses loving loyalty or piety, and suggests the intimacy of the tie which exists between God and the worshipper.

"by the right hand" (v. 33). — That is, by God's power. See v. 31. "Thus was Jesus installed in possession of his Messianic prerogatives, won on the battlefield of earth. This idea occurs in several forms, in Heb. 2: 9f, 5: 7-10; Rom. 1: 3f; Eph. 4: 18; Phil. 2: 7-11; John 12: 32" (Bartlett).

Suggested Theme.

"GOD'S INSTRUMENTS IN WORLD CONQUEST."

Introduction. — Let us remember that in Acts we see "the Christian drama of world conquest." Now we come to see which agents have been selected by God for this great enterprise. To begin with there is

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT. — This we learn from the introduction to Peter's great sermon. The battle is not left to man's devices alone, for he is to be empowered by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is a Person, giving power, and providing protection. Then there is

II. THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. — In this remarkable address by Peter, in which the gospel was pertinently proclaimed with power, we have a grand example of preaching. He began by dealing with a matter of immediate interest, taking advantage of excited curiosity. His words fell upon alert minds. His sermon was Biblical, having its basis in certain Old Testament prophecies and histories. What he said had the ring of authority, based on the knowledge that he was God's messenger. His words were logical, penetrating, and convincing. He preached in the power of God. When the gospel message is proclaimed in that way it gets results. Finally,

III. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. — For the Holy Spirit takes the gospel message, and presents it through the Christian Church (as a whole, or by individual members) to the world.

Conclusion. — World conquest has begun, and God is still using the same methods to achieve his aim. It seems to me that the one weak link in the chain could be that which concerns us. We must, with God's help, see to it that we never fail.

"Reinforcements NOW Appearing"?

It is significant that this issue should contain both an urgent call for more volunteers for service with our Aborigines Missions, and an *Open Forum* letter highlighting the problems faced by churches and Advisory Boards in the present acute shortage of full-time preachers. We are in desperate need of workers, prepared to pledge their lives in full-time service. Both the Federal College of the Bible and the N.S.W. Bible College have resources ready to cater for more students than are now offering themselves for training. At the other end of life, men are retiring from active pastorates, though some are giving magnificent service in short interim ministries. Ill health and other problems are causing premature abandonment of full-time work. In some strategic centres there are long gaps between ministries, despite all the efforts of local officers and Advisory Boards. The plain fact is that we are starved for qualified Christian leadership.

What can be done about it? Obviously, we are not encouraging enough of the right type of men and women to enter College. Expert advice is available these days to schools and universities on matters of vocational guidance. Naturally gifted students do not lack encouragement from their secular advisers, practical help through scholarships or bursaries, and alluring openings in a number of fields. We have had our fair quota of such students in our church homes. To how many of these have ministers or parents ever mentioned the claims of the Christian ministry? Is our failure to do that disquieting evidence that *we want something better than that for our own children?* When we see, in a young man or woman, dawning gifts of heart and mind which could be wonderfully used of God in full-time service, we betray the Church of the future if we do not share that vision, and present the challenge.

Show them the gaps which must be filled. Be frank with them about the things that have caused some of those gaps. No man should enter this work with blinkered eyes. Let him have no illusions about comparative financial insecurity. If that does not daunt him, nor the woman prepared to share his life, let them at least consider the words of one perplexed minister's wife: "A man and wife may gladly accept for themselves a way of life that involves relative poverty; the difficulties arise when one tries to combine this with parenthood." The Church must do more to help its ministers face this problem. Yet one

42-year-old British Baptist minister, father of three children, who recently ventured to take a part-time job in a clothing store to supplement his meagre stipend, was ordered to resign and given three months' notice to quit the manse! If there are no other facts involved in the case, it certainly reflects a curious mentality.

But something very much like that mentality is seen in those who justify poor salaries for ministers and other Christian workers on the grounds that "it's good for them to practise some of the sacrifice they're always talking about." Happily, there is a different spirit at work in our Australian Churches of Christ today, with the attempt to raise minimum stipends. But it should be frankly said that many churches who feel that the minimum standards are beyond them could still do much better, if they got down to *honest Christian stewardship*.

When I was in America, one woman said to me after a service, "All our people in Australia tithe, don't they? I said so in a paper I gave to our women's group the other day." I hated disillusioning the lady. *But if we did!* Think what could happen, not only to ministers' salaries, but also (more urgently) to missions and the whole work of the Church!

But inadequate salaries are low in the list of reasons why men sometimes give up the ministry. John H. Latham, discussing some reasons in *The Christian World*, says, "Many ministers wouldn't mind the smallness of the salary. It's the small minds and lean souls they are up against." He proceeds to discuss the frustration which shows itself in physical breakdown and general restlessness, and "the worthlessness of having to do so many things which are a waste of time." The ministry is a hard enough task at any time; it is the tragedy of some church members that they make it harder than it need be.

But there are others who make the way glow with friendship. Tell your would-be candidate of those, as well as of the difficult folk and the hardships. Tell him, too, that there is no joy so satisfying, no life so creative and worthwhile, despite all defeats and disappointments, as that which is centred in the ministry of the Word. Encourage him, until for him, too, the vision glows and the call comes. For we need him urgently, and hundreds more like him in the next few years. Begin in *your church, your home!* Let it be "reinforcements *now* appearing!"

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

A New Friendship Centre — Lasurna

THOUSANDS ATTENDED.

Feb. 2, 1956, could be described as a red-letter day in the history of the little village of Lasurna. Never before was there such a great crowd (about 2,000) of people gathered together for any public function at Lasurna. The common hall and the open yard in front were just packed with men, women, boys and girls. It looked as though it was a festival day. Surely, there must be some reason for such a thing to happen. What was it?

On that day we opened a new Friendship Centre at Lasurna. This accounts for such a huge gathering of men, women and children. What a thing to say in the face of such dubious circumstances that are in the air today, but, friends, can you imagine why such Christian activities are welcomed so warmly and enthusiastically in this new and free India?

IT HAS COME ABOUT THUS:

For the last two years some people from Lasurna have been visiting our Friendship Centre at Indapur for books and literature but, beyond taking away books, they could not take the full advantage of the Centre, as the distance between the two places is about 20 miles. Several times leading people from Lasurna requested us to open such a centre in their village. When Mr. Anderson, Secretary of the Federal Board, was visiting "Our India," these people approached him and put before him their sincere request for a Friendship Centre. They promised to provide a room and help in any other way possible. Thus there was enough evidence to prove within our own hearts, that the time to open this new work was ripe and urgent. The other members on our Committee of Management felt the same, and decided to open this new Centre as soon as possible, but, what a difference there is between saying a "word" and "doing" it. Between the two lay many anxious moments. And even now we are far from being free from them.

A JOYFUL EXPERIENCE.

Going back over the experience of that day we can say that it was a

grand time. Dr. S. S. Patil presided over the function. Mr. Heard helped with his generator and outfit, and gave an encouraging vision in his little speech. Mr. Bairagi brought the 1st degree Girls' Club to put on a Christian drama, and helped in various other ways. We from Indapur brought a party of people. The leading people of the village of Lasurna contributed to the programme, with words of appreciation for what was being done for them. The children

of the village school also gave some items, and above all, the people from Lasurna, Belwadi and surrounding places came in such large numbers that Dr. Patil remarked, "I never dreamt that so many people lived in such a small village." What a wonderful and encouraging experience that was.

The programme finished well after midnight, and the villagers went home for rest, while the folk from Baramati returned to their distant town. The quietness of the morning filled the air. We also went our way. But that "haunting dog," that horrible question, followed our track: "Is it a venture of faith? or just a leap in the dark?"

Friends and brethren, what would you have us say to this? With your prayerful support we can make this a venture of faith!—H. Waghmodi (Indapur-Lasurna).



MINISTERS CONFER ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

At the invitation of the Youth Department, preachers in the Western State met recently at the new Kalamunda camp site in a three-day conference.

Items for discussion included: What are the basic needs of modern youth? Are present activities meeting these needs? Basic principles in youth work, Total programme of Christian education in the local church, and Problems of leadership.

Major concerns and agreements arising from this Conference were:

1. Need for Youth Council in every local church, to act not merely as a "date fixing" and "reporting" group. It should deal with purposes, follow up with evaluation.

2. Recognition of the influence of church, adults and home on the programme of Christian education. The church, as a "faith-community," is largely responsible for determining the spiritual climate in which youth work grows or remains static. There is need for adult Christian education. Unless adults, who direct policy and programme, are growing in knowledge of the Christian faith and its relevance to life, the life of the church will remain static.

3. It was recognised that the home was a field for evangelism. The church lacked a realistic approach to this area of life.

4. Youth Department and churches

were partners in the Christian education programme.

SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS.

Miss B. Bates, full-time field worker for Victorian Young People's Department, assisted by Misses E. Mitchell and M. Peterson, conducted a training class for kinder and primary workers at Parkdale, Vic., on four successive evenings. Sixteen teachers attended, and 42 scholars took part in observation classes. The tutorial concluded on a high spiritual note on the Sunday morning, with a dedication service, in which teachers, church officers and congregation made their public pledge of commitment to the tasks of Christian teaching. A young lady, assisting in the kindergarten, made the good confession at the evening service. Keen interest was shown in the course, and the staff faces its work with greater enthusiasm.

"YOUTH'S OWN."

The Victorian Department launched a series of Saturday evening fellowship centres in April. About 150 young people gathered in Kurrajong House, Melbourne, for a varied programme of films, vocal and novelty items. Educational quiz session—How should a Christian choose a vocation?—provided interesting fare for the thoughtful. These central Christian Youth Fellowship evenings are to be held monthly. Admission is by

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THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

J. K. ROBINSON, Federal Secretary, Aborigines Mission Board, writes on . . .

THE EVER-PRESENT NEED

It must constantly be emphasised that our Missions at Carnarvon and Norseman, W.A., are institutions for the care and training of aboriginal children, and that their maintenance and proper functioning requires far more mission staff than may appear to be necessary on a first quick consideration. One church member expressed surprise that we were calling for more missionaries for Carnarvon when we already had twelve there. It is true that if the work were only a preaching and pastoral ministry to native people, living in their own homes or villages, twelve missionaries on one station might seem to be enough, but when we pause to reflect that those twelve people have 100 children under their care day and night, seven days a week, it is easily seen that we need far more staff than we have.

Suppose you think of a family of, say, the two parents and four children. Think of the maintenance of the home, provision of the weekly supplies of food, adequately and economically clothing the family, getting the children off to school each day, training them in hygiene and social etiquette, organising their recreation, guiding them spiritually, nursing them when they are sick, washing, ironing, mending and so on. In short, count up all that is involved in a family where two parents care for four children. Multiply the four children by 25 to bring up 100. We have twelve missionaries at Carnarvon, so that while the children in our illustration are multiplied by 25, the parents are multiplied by only 6. At Norseman we have 70 children, with only 11 full-time missionaries. The same arithmetic can apply.

When we realise that in some cases one person has to battle with the task of handling over 20 children, that the Superintendents on each Mission have to spend hours each

tickets obtainable from the Victorian youth office.

AUSSIE OVERSEAS.

Paul Gerrand of the church at Hartwell, Vic., is in London. He secured a scholarship with Rolls Royce for practical engineering, and will be in England for two years. With Miss Lucy Griffiths, Paul represented our churches on the Australian Christian Youth Council of the World Council of Churches.—Compiled by V. C. Stafford, Director, Federal Board of Christian Education.

day on such things as buildings, maintenance of equipment, keeping up the water supply (thus having to endure the frustration of neglecting the real functions of a Superintendent), we can see how much we need more staff.

Missionaries need time off each week just as we all do. At present it is not possible for our missionaries at Carnarvon and Norseman to have this time off, and if one missionary becomes ill, extra burdens fall on the others.

We need missionaries of deep consecration to God, stable temperament, in reasonably good health, who will be prepared to do any tasks that might arise in a children's home, and at the same time to love the children with a father or mother love, for the sake of Christ. Think what it would mean to Mr. Griffiths, at Norseman, and Mr. Hammer, at Carnarvon, if each had a sound, knowledgeable, reliable man who could take complete charge of the mechanical and repair work, from little jobs to big ones, thus leaving them free for the spiritual guidance and counselling of both children and staff, for the business administration, and for ministering to the increasing number of adult natives that are calling at the Mission.

May strong, able-bodied people of deep consecration, sound spiritual commonsense, and an aptitude for practical work offer themselves for service. Let the Lord's people throughout Australia pray that workers will come forward, and let them back up their prayers by liberal gifts, so that all workers that offer may be accepted and adequately maintained.

Carnarvon Water Supply

It would be more appropriate to speak of the absence of the water supply. The water in the Gascoyne River is so low that the Mission is in an almost desperate situation. It seems unlikely that the river will run again this year, and steps will have to be taken, probably at some considerable financial cost, to find new water. We once again ask for the prayers of all Christian people that the missionaries and the Board will be guided to the right steps to take to ensure an adequate water supply. It must be understood that there is nothing whatever the matter with the pumping plant, but simply that the water is just not there. At present it is able to supply only enough for domestic needs.

General News

The employment of a team of four men for six weeks at Carnarvon has made possible the completion of the renovations and extensions to the junior girls' home, and also the completion of the senior girls' home. This has involved an extra expenditure of over £500.

At Norseman, eight children attended a youth camp at Kalgoorlie and greatly benefited therefrom. The installation of the septic system at Norseman is almost complete, but a similar amenity at Carnarvon will have to wait until an adequate water supply is assured. Mr. Griffiths, of Norseman Mission, was invited to speak to the Norseman Rotary Club at Easter on *The Significance of Easter*. A new motor truck will have to be provided for Norseman very shortly, and any brethren or sisters who feel disposed to make specific gifts for this purpose will earn the gratitude of the Board.

The senior school children at Carnarvon, who are attending Carnarvon State School, are greatly benefiting from the experience.

Continue in prayer for the missionaries, the children, and the Board which controls the Mission. Pray, too, for the work in Victoria, at Mooroonna and Fitzroy.



The advance of £627/10/- made to our British churches' Foreign Missionary Committee some months ago, came from the Campbell Edwards Trust, the loan being urgently needed to help our British Mission in Bihar Province, India, meet the legal costs involved in the charges brought against two of the missionaries, Jack Christie and Keith Skillicorn. The Campbell Edwards Trust made £100 of the advance a gift, and, through these pages, joined in inviting Australian readers to share in making the whole loan a gift. T. R. Morris now announces that the whole amount has been subscribed as a gift from Australia. As reported earlier, Mr. Christie, in the third year of his case, has been acquitted of all charges. One charge against Mr. Skillicorn was dropped, but he and six Indian Christians remain charged with "apprehension of breach of peace." Despite earlier fears reported in this column, no other charge has been made against him. These brethren still need, and value, our prayers.

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

April Auxiliary Meeting, April 5.—Grote-st. ladies were in charge of devotions, with Miss Leedham in the chair; Mrs. DeLaine sang a solo and Mrs. Burgess gave devotional message on, *Wait on the Lord*. There were 123 present. Mrs. Kruger presided over the business session. £30 was passed for the purchase of easy chairs for the Carnarvon Mission. Appeal came from "Meals-on-wheels" and Morialta Children's Home for badge-sellers for street day collections.

Miss Allen gave Obituary report, and Miss Mann led in prayer. It was reported from the Home Mission committee that the Northern Conference women are aiming to raise £150 in the ensuing year for H.M. work. Last year these ladies raised £120 towards furnishing dormitory at Norseman Mission. The new town of Elizabeth is a challenge to our brotherhood. Both the Northern and Southern Conferences have accepted the challenge, and have raised over £500 to assist the work there. At the present time the local school is being used for meetings. The League of 1,000 appeal for Kilburn church raised over £800 towards their new building. The Overseas Committee reported having met Miss G. Batterham in Adelaide on her way through to India, and entertained her. A combined meeting of the women of the Wampoonny-Mundalla district was arranged, when Mrs. Trowbridge was there, and she told of the work being done by our missionaries.

The Aborigine Committee reported having met Miss O. Laird and entertained her on her way to Norseman Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Clothier were to be farewelled prior to their departure for W.A. to work among the aborigines.

The Social Service Department in their report, rejoice with Victoria and give thanks to God for the result of the liquor poll held recently. The Morialta Children's Home needs boys' clothing; also a built-in wardrobe in girls' dormitory. Wool is available if any will knit for the children.

Books have been taken to Children's Hospital, Crippled Children's Home, Sunset Lodge; and jam given to Morialta Homes.—L. F. Hollard.

VICTORIA and TASMANIA.

The Council meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship was held on April 6, with the President, Mrs. E. H. Randall, in the chair. Mrs. Willkie Thomson led the devotions.

Several reports were spoken to by superintendents or committee representatives. The Hospital Visitation committee requires visitors for the Eye and Ear, and Children's Hospitals. The Temperance committee is appealing for £60 to purchase the film, *The Friendly Enemy*.

Recommendations which were adopted were as follows:

"That instead of having apologies from individuals at Council meetings, a roll call of churches be taken and the secretary to send a brief summary of business, etc. to groups not represented at meetings."

"That we endorse a suggestion from Mr. Jones, of the College of the Bible, that part of the proceeds of the Garden Party be used to purchase a washing machine for the housekeepers and the Hostel."

"That the £100 donated by the late Mrs. C. Brough, which is invested in the Properties Corporation, be re-invested for a further 12 months."

"That Mesdames Randall, Turner and L. Williams form a sub-committee to prepare a detailed report on the progress of plans for the Missionary Home."

"That we investigate the possibilities of forming a women's group to be connected with our C.W.F. at both Queensberry-st. and Gore-st. Missions, and at Mooroopna."

"That Mesdames Randall, Lloyd, Jones, Hodges, Thomson, Ward, Withers and L. Williams, with proxies Mesdames Cleland and Wickham, be our representatives on the Women's Inter-church Council; Mesdames Hall and Hodges for the Women's World Day of Prayer; Miss A. Craigie for the B.&F.B.S.; Mesdames Cleland, Lloyd, Wickham, Randall and Williams for the Young Women's Fellowship Executive. Pianstes, Mesdames Carter and Gullidge. Ushers, Mesdames Dorgan and Strack. Representative on the Literature Committee, Mrs. H. Morris."

The recommendation from Conference "that we explore the possibility of the Y.W.F. becoming a committee, if alternate day and night

Councils were held," was held over, and the following three-point resolution was carried:

1. As the Constitution is to be revised, we extend our delegations to include one representative from the churches where there is a Y.W.F. or Evening Fellowship.
2. To accommodate the increase, we would move to Lygon-st. and hold meetings at 11 a.m. This would allow mothers to be home in time for their children returning from school.
3. To overcome the extra expense of travel, we do away with Council offerings and have an affiliation fee. The World C.W.F. affiliation fee would be added to this.—B. L. Williams.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Conference was held at City Temple on Apr. 6. The newly-elected President, Mrs. R. H. Wakeley, was in the chair.

Mrs. Snow (Burwood) led the devotions, basing her thoughts on Matt. 25: 1-13. Mrs. Snow said, "Just as these virgins needed oil in their lamps to make them burn, so we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives as a light to help us win others to the Lord Jesus Christ." Mrs. E. Leach was soloiste.

The President gave a special welcome to Mrs. Bruce Munro, missionary on furlough from India, who later brought an inspiring message. Mrs. Carter (Wentworth Falls) was also present as a visitor.

There were 86 present, representing 26 churches.

Mrs. Munro based her thoughts on Paul's vision in Acts 16: 9-10, directing our thoughts also to: 1. The vision of the need of the people of India; 2. The vision of our missionaries as they work and witness in India; 3. The vision of God himself, and our responsibility to him in winning others to his love.

At the close of her message, Mrs. Munro was presented with a lovely woollen rug, by Mrs. Webb, senr. (Belmore), who made the rug, and who, over a number of years, has made over 200 such rugs for our mission fields.—B. Wylie, Recording Sec.

WORLD CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the World Convention's Executive Committee will be held Feb. 21 and 22, 1957, in Indianapolis, Indiana. This meeting will be attended by the President of the Convention, Charles Green, of Stockport, England. On this committee are 33 persons, representing 15 countries.

South Australian Newsletter

NEW BUILDINGS.

Buildings still occupy the concern of the churches in South Australia. The church at **Koongarra Park**, where Ray Ewers has just commenced the first full-time ministry, is almost ready to open its new manse.

The churches at **Flinders Park** and **Enfield Heights** plan to open their new chapels in June, whilst at **Loxton** the church has the all clear to commence building their chapel. One of the newer churches in the suburbs, **Warradale Park**, although still meeting in a home, is now ready to commence the erection of a utility hall as the first part of their plans. **Ascot Park**, also a new church, is ready to build their first unit, a chapel. **Brooklyn Park**, looking to a full-time ministry, is also manse-conscious.

On the West Coast, at **Ungarra**, a delightful new hall has been opened, free of debt. **Colonel Light Gardens**, a suburban church, announces the opening date of a new hall. **Naracoorte** has also erected a fine new hall. **Fullarton** is pressing to the completion of their new hall.

It would appear that youth work is undergoing something of a boom in many churches, and room becomes a pressing problem. Thus churches are being faced with the possibility of building debts to meet the situation. If this spells progress, and is a sign of a change in the community, then these debts are a fine investment. Where newer work is being opened, the major concern seems to be whether to build a chapel or a youth hall. The reaction of the different groups is interesting. One thing which does impress is that, in every case where a new chapel is envisaged, there is a distinct call for the open baptistery.

MINISTRY MOVEMENTS.

Several changes are pending among the ministers. **Glenelg** church is waiting the coming of **C. G. Curtis** from **Bordertown**, in January, and in the meantime, **Theo Edwards** is conducting an interim ministry. He served the church at **Glenelg** 20 years ago.

Victor Harbour announces that **F. B. Burt**, of **Doncaster, Vic.**, is to commence with them in October, upon the retirement of **S. L. Patching**.

Two churches are seeking full-time ministries. At **Brooklyn Park**, **A. E. Brown** has served on a part-time basis for 10 years, and church is now ready for full-time service. **Albert Park**, which began two years ago with 20 members, has built a new chapel, more than trebled its membership, and in six months built a Bible school of over 200. The writer will

undertake an interim ministry, part-time, until a minister is appointed.

H. G. Norris completes his ministry at **Kilburn**, and, through ill health, retires from active ministry. A successor is being sought. His work through three years has been wonderfully blest.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Council for Christian Education, sponsored by the Youth Departments of the various Churches, is conducting a Teacher-Leader training course, with lecturers from these Churches. The response has been little short of amazing, as crowded gatherings of teachers and youth leaders meet weekly for instruction. An opening session on **The Bible** is conducted in the **City Methodist** church, after which the groups from **Beginners** through to **Senior Departments** and **Youth Clubs** break up under specialists. So great has been the attendance that two church halls in the **City** have been used. There is a thrill in knowing that teachers are taking their task seriously.

NEW EDITOR.

The State paper, **The Fellowship News**, has been under the editorship of **N. S. Moore, B.A.**, for several years. Mr. Moore has proved a loyal and efficient editor, and now, as a **High School** teacher, finds he must relinquish the work. His successor is **A. A. McRoberts, B.A.**, the minister with the church at **Hawthorn**.

PERSONALITIES.

In the recent State election, **Gabe Bywaters**, secretary of the church at **Murray Bridge**, was elected to the **State House**. In this move a fine Christian gentleman was honored, and all will wish him well in his new opportunity.

The **Murray Bridge** church recently lost **Charles Grundy**, who was called **Home** suddenly. He was one of the stalwarts of the work there, and also an officer of the **Southern Conference** for many years.

Many friends will regret to know of the illness of **Charles Johnston**, of the **Unley** church. His interest in youth work through the years has made him a friend of many. Recently returned from the **Toronto Convention**, he was laid aside suddenly. Mr. Johnston has been treasurer of the **General Executive** for many years. As permanent secretary to the **Attorney-General**, he occupies a position of some responsibility in the **State**.

Chairman of the **Church Extension Department**, **W. L. Brune**, is soon to leave on a world tour, taking in many

countries. Mr. Brune hopes to make contact with brotherhood leaders in other places. As a busy city architect he plans to give some time to informing himself, and the brotherhood, on matters relating to church buildings.

BASKETBALL.

Winter months in **Adelaide** see our young people in full swing on the basketball courts. Among the girls of the churches, 64 teams are in action each week in a strong association, whilst 29 teams of boys and young men are similarly engaged. This makes the strongest church association in the city of **Adelaide**. Fortunately, the two groups are under full church control, and the young people concerned are all attenders at Bible schools or church services. The sponsors of this are to be commended, for it has been a weakness that church teams have little association with the church.—**E. P. C. Hollard**.



Ministers in School

The **Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools** is giving a fine lead in seeking to raise the standards of religious instruction in **State** schools. It has appointed a full-time lecturer in **Christian Education** to the theological students of all **Christian** communions, the course including lectures, demonstration lessons and practice teaching. Besides this, they have arranged a down-to-earth effort to help the busy minister.

With the enthusiastic co-operation of staff-members of the **Melbourne Teachers' College**, they have arranged a special course, **Wed., June 20**, to **Wed., Aug. 8**, lectures and demonstrations being every **Wednesday** afternoon, 2 to 4 p.m. Lectures will be given at the **Melbourne Teachers' College, Grattan-st., Carlton**, and will be in educational methods, types of teaching procedure, story-telling (with demonstration), lesson planning, infants' work, secondary school work, problem children, discipline and class management, use of the blackboard, use of project books, use of visual aids, and practical work on the blackboard and in making simple teaching aids. In addition there will be two afternoons of demonstration lessons in schools.

The course, which is free, is limited to fifty ministers, and those wishing to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity, are advised to write immediately to the Council for **Christian Education in State Schools**, 31 **Queen-st., Melbourne**.



From South Perth, W.A., where the Youens-Brown tent mission concluded on May 13, came this telegram, telling the story up to May 10: "Fifty decisions, of which 27 are primary confessions, 19 rededications and four restorations. The church is grateful for a praying brotherhood."—Stanton Wilson.

W. B. Payne, 50 Darling-st., Echuca, Vic., is anxious to hear from any reader who could help him obtain copies of two books by Billy Sunday—*Love Stories of the Bible* and *Revival Sermons*. If you can help, please write to Mr. Payne.

Chaplain L. G. Crisp is being kept very busy at Kure, Japan. There are some active preaching centres associated with his work, and he has also been assisting by deputising for an American chaplain in a weekly service. Several soldiers have recently asked for baptism. There are many demands for Social Service work. There are still about 800 Australians and 2,000 U.K. troops in Japan. Mr. Crisp expects to leave Kure in July, and come home by ship, via Hong Kong, to be reunited with his family in Wacol, Qld.

On Feb. 5 last, A. P. Wilson, of Phenix City, Alabama, U.S.A., retired from the full-time ministry, on the fifty-second anniversary of his entering the ministry in Adelaide, S.A. He has held pastorates in both Australia and the United States. His retirement follows medical advice, though he will remain available for supply preaching.

Responding to the invitation to come "home" to Moreland, Vic., on May 6, some 222 people attended the morning and 206 the evening services. Former members shared the duties with present members, making the day truly one of fellowship for all. Messages from A. B. Withers and E. L. Williams presented a challenge to the faith of all. Approximately 150 shared in the afternoon hour of song and music, and remained for the public tea, to share reminiscences of the Moreland of former days. In recognition of the scriptural principle of the eldership, the constitution of the church was amended at the recent annual meeting. Last year's officers, re-elected for another term of service, were: treasurer, L. Withers; secretary, A. Jenkins; asst.-sec., J. Pearce; deacons, E.

Clarke, H. Dickson, B. Shea. Church regrets the passing of an isolated member, Mrs. Phillips, who passed to higher service whilst living in N.S.W.

The vigorous Southern Baptists of U.S.A. will soon be the first religious body in that country to present religious color television programmes. The films will be about New Testament parables, but will be cast in modern settings. About 56 stations have already requested the 30-minute films for telecast when they become available.

Attendances since the Bond-Marlow tent mission at Collie, W.A., have been very high. April averages were: communion, 111; gospel service, 93. On April 29, 140 broke bread, and 110 were present at night, when a married couple confessed their Lord—making six decisions in April. Youth activities are intensive, with 30 or more witnessing in the open-air on Friday nights. A Christian Youth Centre has been formed, catering for more than 40 teenage youth. The Conference Choral Society visited the church for a sacred concert on Apr. 28, and was enthusiastically received by a crowded audience. Some choir members travelled more than 250 miles for the concert. The church has experienced a great uplift.

Saturday, April 28, was a red-letter day in the history of the church at Wembley, W.A., where the new manse was officially opened. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bond have been in residence for some weeks, but the official opening and dedication was postponed till after Mr. and Mrs. Bond's return from the Collie mission. Gordon Ewers, as past President of Conference, expressed congratulations and good wishes. Reference was made to members' working bees, with special mention of the contribution of L. Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Bond responded, each mentioning the value that the home will be in furthering the Lord's work. The home was then open for inspection, and drew many commendatory remarks.

A "Back to God" campaign, in the form of a tent mission, is now being conducted at Wingham, N.S.W., by a party of N.S.W. Bible College students. Bruce Roberts is missionary, Doug. Willis song-leader, and Barry Nowitzke soloist. M. H. A. Pieper is the local preacher. The mission

commenced on May 6, and concludes on the 20th. Prayer support for the closing days would be appreciated.

Fourty-fourth church anniversary services at Murray Bridge, S.A., drew crowded services. J. E. Shipway (Hindmarsh) gave appreciated messages. Duets and quartets were rendered by the Northern Districts' Male Quartet (from Nailsworth and Prospect churches), with Mrs. F. Bristow as accompaniste. Members of Girls' Life Brigade and Cadets, and Boys' Brigade and Life Boys paraded in uniform at evening service. P. Whitmore presided at both services. A large crowd attended the anniversary tea in the youth hall, a birthday cake for the occasion being made and given by Sister Pearce. Luncheon and supper were also provided for those who had travelled long distances. In an effort to reduce the debt on the hall, members and auxiliaries made a united effort, and, as a result, Sunday's offerings, as well as individual gifts, included varying amounts from the C.E. societies, Dramatic Club, Men's Fellowship, Girls' and Boys' Brigades, and a total of £300 from the Ladies' Guild, bringing the total offering for the Hall Fund to the vicinity of £450, in addition to the normal weekly offerings.

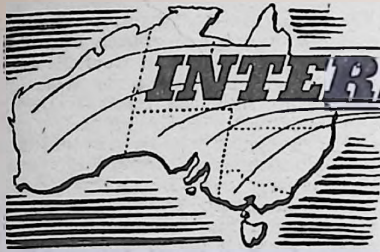
New Chapel

Mount Clear church (via Ballarat), is among the oldest churches—dating back to 1863, and the building to 1865; and its worn-out condition caused the Ballarat churches to decide to erect a new chapel in front of the old structure.

This was accomplished by working parties on two Saturdays, with additional evenings later on. About 40 men and youth, under the expert guidance of the Feary family, erected the building on a new design, and with kitchen and porch. The local ladies catered in fine country style. Towards the cost of materials, the city churches contributed about £410, and the Mount Clear members raised £240, with more to follow.

On Sunday, Apr. 15, the new chapel was declared open by H. G. Feary, Mrs. Williams (a senior member) turning the key. There was an attendance that crowded the building, with many standing outside, and in the old chapel. J. A. Wilkie was chairman, F. C. Hunting offered the dedicatory prayer, and R. Duckett (Ararat) was the speaker. He carried on a gospel mission that evening, and succeeding evenings until Sunday, 22nd, with crowded attendances and signs of deepening interest. H. G. Feary was song-leader and Geoff Feary gave acceptable service as soloist. F. C. Hunting and C. Jaokel were active in the preparatory work.

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INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. Armstrong, East Ipswich, Qld.
Trevor Jenner, Boonah, Qld.
Joan Pascoe, Ann Taylor, Margaret Mitchell, Ross Augustine, Chelsea, Vic.
Mrs. T. Sice, Mrs. M. Cumming, Misses V. Pillsbury and H. Mather, D. Cleaver, N. Dargan, H. Gullidge, D. Andrews, H. McLennan, R. Mather, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Gay Botterill, Margaret Brett, John Crawford, Cheltenham, Vic.
Keith Wookey, Reservoir, Vic.
Faye Green, Les. Crutchfield, West Preston, Vic.
Joan Dunscombe, Janice Self, North Williamstown, Vic.
J. Lloyd, V. Jones, H. Walker, R. Gulvin, D. Smith, Mrs. V. Jones, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. L. Fry, J. Parker, S. Smith, V. Holst, L. Ellis, L. MacNish, N. MacNish, Collie, W.A.
Misses Pat Ingerson, Nancy Forrest, Pat Sullivan, Edwardstown, S.A.
N. Polites, Oakleigh, Vic.
Mrs. Barry, Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic.
D. McLachlan, Portland, Vic.
Mrs. Woodhall, Mrs. Macey, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Brotheridge, Kevin Gardam, Devonport, Tas.

Membership

Margaret Stillborn, from Harcourt to Bendigo, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Prince, from Box Hill to Jordanville, Vic.
P. Cole, to Brighton, Vic.
Mrs. W. Curran, Mrs. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. G. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bakes, G. E. Bullock, to Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lake, from England, to Cheltenham, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Lake, from England, to Cheltenham, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, from Malvern to Cheltenham, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnston, from Ararat to Blackburn, Vic.

S. Melville, from Ivanhoe Baptist to West Preston, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre and family, from Bexley North, N.S.W., to East Ipswich, Qld.
L. E. Snow, from St. Arnaud to Maidstone, Vic.
Jim Snow, from East Preston to Maidstone, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fisher, from Perth, W.A., to East Preston, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Raisbeck, from Cheltenham to East Preston, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. V. Lanyon, from Grote-st., Adelaide to Edwardstown, S.A.
Mrs. Langstreth, from Grote-st., Adelaide to Edwardstown, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Bartlett, from Tootgarook to East Preston, Vic.

Marriage

Lorna Nelson to Jan Tytko, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Gwen Young to Lawrie Smith, Ungarra, S.A.
Joan Marshall to David Collings, Cheltenham, Vic.
Val Simmons to Ray Bolduan, Cheltenham, Vic.
Jan. Mercer to Graham Raisbeck, Cheltenham, Vic.
Joy Gould to Frank Raisbeck, Cheltenham, Vic.
Irenee Banninger, Bendigo, Vic., to Reg Rosendale, Echuca, Vic.
Noel Jacobs to Raymond Clencie, Maidstone, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. Armstrong, South Melbourne, Vic.
D. Gilmore, Kyneton, Vic.

Tasmania

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — In April there were seventeen decisions, and return of some members missed for some time. Averages were: morning, 110; evening, 128; communion, 136. On 22nd, 163 broke bread (all-time record). Women's Fellowship made gifts of jam, pickles, articles of clothing and donations of money for Bethany Garden Fete. Ladies catered tea for visitors on Home Visitation Campaign. Young women are active raising money for Norseman Mission. Y.W.F. is responsible for church floral decorations

during May. For Membership Month, B.S. pursued four-fold project — increased attendances, attendance of all scholars who are church members every Sunday morning, increase in giving for missions, and special parents' service on May 7. Youth Club celebrated third birthday on Apr. 13, with new members attending. G. J. Foot has been re-appointed church treas. and B.S. supt. Following evening service on Apr. 15, fellowship hour was held in school hall, when presentation was made to Lorna Nelson in view of her approaching marriage. W. Burn is in hospital, and Mrs. Harrison is convalescing.

Devonport (D. P. Holloway).—Mission, conducted by F. C. Hunting, has been inspiring. Attendances were well maintained, with average of 69 Sundays, 51 week nights; 103 being present at final meeting on May 6. There were five decisions and 11 re-consecrations. Early morning prayer meetings at 6.30 a.m., with average attendance of 17, were feature of mission. Daily prayer services are continuing indefinitely. Church gives thanks to God for rich blessing throughout short mission period.

Western Australia

Kalgoorlie (F. H. Griffiths).—Annual business meeting showed fall in active membership, due largely to revision. Deacons elected were: J. Dean, L. Denn, W. West, W. Tonkin, C. Wright, E. Tinetti. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and several other members attended State Conference. J. K. Robinson, Aborigines Missions sec., preached at recent gospel meeting. Hospitality has been accorded missionaries travelling to and from Norseman. Three young natives have made re-consecrations. Prayers have been answered for Mrs. Roy Nash, of Mt. Margaret Mission, who has almost recovered from a dangerously ill condition. Church has been saddened by passing of E. C. Hinrichsen, who had conducted two wonderful missions here.

Queensland

Boonah (R. Combridge). — Harvest festival was held on Apr. 22. On 24th, stalls were conducted in basement, where goods were sold. This was preceded by concert in chapel. Proceeds amounting to approx. £40. On 27th, Y.P. were visited by K. Horne (Youth Director). They had tea together, and later saw slides of Christmas Camp at Caloundra. On 29th, a B.S. scholar made his decision.

East Ipswich (R. Hilford). — On Apr. 15, C.M.S. heard address by L. Stanley, The Story of Singapore.

About 20 attended. C.Y.F., under leadership of Miss S. Martin, arranged concert on 27th in aid of Leichardt Piano Fund. Receipts totalled £30. Last month it was decided to arrange extra meetings for prayer on a fortnightly basis. Church rejoiced on 22nd, when a lady made the good confession. A family were received into fellowship by transfer on 29th. Visitors during April included: Mr. and Mrs. Pearce (Murray Bridge, S.A.), Keith Ludgater (home from Emu Creek), Mrs. Hilford, snr. (W.A.), Mrs. Rosenberg and family (Gatton), and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, snr. (Silverdale). Mrs. R. Hilford has been discharged from hospital in Brisbane and is now home at manse following her operation. She is still confined to bed, but is progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Dack has been back at church after hospitalisation.

Mackay (D. H. Paddon). — A married man and a young lady made their decisions and were baptised during April. Attendances at both services are increasing. Church enjoyed fellowship and messages of Bruce Munro, when he addressed two evening meetings during his recent visit. Girls' basketball team had victory in second match of season. Successful social was held by C.Y.F. in open air at rear of chapel. Offering received was for special project of C.Y.F. Ladies' Fellowship held successful social evening during visit of Mr. Munro. Good attendances, with new members, are seen at C.Y.F. meetings. Philipians is being studied at midweek meetings. There have been additions to B.S. C.Y.F. has been clearing land belonging to B. Nielson, for use as basketball ground.

Toowoomba (R. C. McKenzie, B.A. and G. Gibson). — Harlaxton Sunshiners and Sunbeams, under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. H. Scholl, continue to have good meetings, attendance being between 50 and 60. Sunshiners recently conducted meeting at Brodribb Home for aged people. Thirty-three teachers attended Teachers' Conference on Apr. 16, with S. Deuble (supt.) and R. McKenzie as lecturers. Guest speaker at C.M.S. on Apr. 23 was Major Geddes (Salvation Army) who has just returned from Korea and Japan. Sixteen attended special class on 30th, which preacher conducted for those interested in Art of Sermon Construction and Presentation. Boys' Brigade took part in Anzac Day march. Bus, which has been used for transporting Harlaxton B.S. scholars for some time, is also being used for transporting Margaret-st. scholars.

Kedron (F. Langford). — Services have been well attended. Mr. Andrews (B.&F.B.S.) was speaker at morning service on May 6. At evening service, film, *The Second Chance*, was screened. Visitors have been at

recent services. B.S. picnic was held at Marchant's Park, and fine programme was enjoyed. J.C.E. had new record attendance of 32, and is doing excellent service amongst elderly members. Y.W.F. had Mr. Vickery speak at their last meeting, when Albion Y.W.F. were guests. Band of Hope gave enjoyable programme to Junior Fellowship on May 1. On Apr. 21, Mrs. R. Hinrichsen gave concert for Building Fund, and £33/10/- was raised. Plans are well advanced for mission with E. McIlhagger.

Stafford (F. Langford). — Property has been greatly improved by erection of fence on side and front of building; working bees for some weeks have finalised completion of building. Anniversary services were conducted in Kedron War Memorial Hall on Apr. 29, and good attendances were recorded. Mrs. Trudgian (Brisbane City Mission) was guest speaker in afternoon, and Mr. Spall (C.S.S.M.) in evening. Band of Hope has been formed. Explorers' Club and Girls' Life Brigade make good progress. B.S. has maintained good average of 130 scholars.

South Australia

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — C. Schwab gave message at morning service on May 6. Mrs. Schwab and family were present. Tribute was paid to late E. C. Hinrichsen, whose tent mission effort at Kilburn was so successful. A. J. Ingham preached at night. Mrs. and Miss Ingham and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher (Mayfield, N.S.W.) were visitors. Attendance of 282 at B.S., including five new scholars, was a record. H. G. Norris is still at Repatriation Hospital, Springbank, and church prays for his recovery.

Long Plains-Owen-Avon circuit (M. D. Williams). — Large attendances marked occasion of Long Plains B.S. anniversary on Apr. 15 and 16, when A. McRoberts (Hawthorn) gave excellent addresses. Y.P. presented fine plays at meeting on 16th, following annual tea. Picnic was held at Nuri-ootpa on 21st. A. Jones (Social Service sec.) paid visit to circuit on Apr. 8, screening challenging film session at Owen on 7th. Owen B.S. held combined picnic with other churches from district, at Pt. Parham, on Easter Monday. Women's Conf. Pres., Mrs. Kruger, spoke at Owen Guild birthday meeting on May 2 — many visitors being present. F. Manning, representing Mission to Lepers, gave interesting film lecture at Owen on May 1. Y.P. was well represented at annual Adelaide Plains District C.E. Union Rally at Balaklava Methodist Church on Apr. 20. Circuit Men's Fellowship held interesting quarterly meeting on 11th, in form of conducted tour of Balaklava Butter Factory, by manager, Mr. Gibson (Balaklava church), along with men of that church.

Ungarra (A. B. Titter). — Annual business meetings of church and C.E. have been held. Youth Council work is under way in the circuit. Work on new youth hall has been completed and building officially opened. This proved a happy time of fun and fellowship, with Mrs. Lawrie sen., turning the key, and G. Whiting (Conf. Pres., and Youth Director) speaking at afternoon meeting and compering concert given at night. C.E. held successful campfire meeting on property of R. Telfer, and Mr. Titter was speaker. Attendances at church services, B.S. and C.E. have been very good lately. Church was well represented at Good Friday meetings in Pt. Lincoln, where messages were given by A. Stevens (Whyalla).

Edwardstown (H. Cave). — Attendances at evening services are encouraging. There was packed building for Boys' Brigade enrolment service. At this meeting, three senior girls from B.S. were baptised. Messrs. R. Wright, W. B. Matthews and W. Carnaby have addressed morning services. Y.W.F. held Coca Cola film evening for Building Fund, and raised £15. F. Manning has shown films of work of Mission to Lepers; H.M. ladies visited Y.W.F. to show pictures of H.M. work. Overseas Missions ladies addressed Ladies' Sunshine Circle. Working bees have renovated paintwork on building. Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Scadden (Palmerston North, N.Z.) has been enjoyed.

Victoria

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.). — In absence of preacher at Conference, G. Dalton and E. Houston were speakers at services on Apr. 1. Church and Home campaign entered its evangelical phase on 8th; R. W. Saunders (Hamilton) launched this with a telling message to a good attendance at evening service. B.S. had special part in campaign, when they occupied platform and delightfully rendered choral items at the service on 22nd. A large attendance enjoyed illustrated address on Ships by Mr. Barton, and the service culminated in a confession by one lady. W.M.B. held afternoon on 24th, when Mrs. Hunkin, wife of Methodist minister, gave address to a large gathering. Talk by Mr. Dalton, on Ireland, he having come from Belfast some years back, enthralled Men's Society at their meeting on 19th. N. McDowell and J. Albert are doing N.S.T. at Puckapunyal. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Tinker and Pat (Belmont) in death of Mrs. Tinker. Prior to their removal, the family were most active in the work here.

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes). — Broadcast service on May 6 was well received. Explorers took part in evening Meet the Boys service. Fine group marched in Empire Youth Parade. Good Companions are now under

leadership of Misses Jean Banninger and Yvonne Thornton. Senior Club has again entered badminton pennant comp. Ladies' Auxiliary attended birthday celebrations of Harcourt ladies. Budgetary committee has reported findings to church.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — Annual B.S. meeting on Apr. 22 was followed by a teachers' tea. Y.W.F. held garden party in home of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. McDowell on Apr. 28. Kinder and primary demonstration, with prize-giving, on 29th, was largely attended. Mrs. Clencie was speaker. H. Steele was speaker at both meetings on 29th, in preacher's absence at Ballarat.

Chelsea (R. Bust). — May 6 was B.S. anniversary, and scholars, under baton of T. Cuddy, sang well to a large audience, afternoon and evening. C. Smith (Boronia) was guest speaker, and one scholar made good confession.

Collingwood (H. Cook). — C.E. visited archaeological exhibition in Collingwood Technical Hall. On Apr. 9, ladies' meeting was thrilled by still slides shown by H. Ashley (Tecoma Baptist). Matron-Envall (Presbyterian Sisterhood) addressed ladies on May 9. Many enjoyed fellowship together at fancy dress social, held in hall on Apr. 13. Helpful address was given by Y.P. representative (A. L. Finger) on 22nd. R. Dixon (India) gave splendid address on 29th.

Croydon (W. J. Edwards). — B.S. anniversary, held recently, was marked by record attendances, 201 being present on first Sunday afternoon. Five young people made good confession at final meeting. Prize-giving night, on Apr. 20, was well attended; items by scholars and McLean Trio were greatly appreciated. W.M.B. enjoyed visit from Mrs. Cleland, who showed slides of her recent trip overseas.

Dandenong (L. G. Read). — On Apr. 24, T. Hudson (Norseman) was speaker at prayer meeting. Y.P. fellowship, on 28th, was held at home of Sis. Paton. On May 1, church held meeting at which it was decided to endorse architect's plans of new chapel. Temple Day was held on 6th, and £1,070 was promised to church Building Fund. At evening service a film was shown. After the service, fellowship hour was held. Y.W.F. held stall at Dandenong market and raised £29. Mothers' evening was held by Young Explorers and Good Companions, on 8th.

Jordanville (B. McIntosh). — Film, *Invitation to a Wedding*, was screened at evening service on May 6. A young married couple, and five Y.P., made their decision. Two people have been received in by transfer. Average attendance for Apr. was 98.

Middle Park (F. Sumpton). — On Apr. 20, at church business meeting, Messrs. Annetts, Hartvigsen, Harrison, Rowan, Rhodes and O'Connor, were elected deacons, and Mesdames Faukes, Harrison and Chapple were elected deaconesses. On 22nd, at close of morning service, a lad made good confession. Mr. Streader was soloist at evening service. At morning service, on 29th, fellowship was renewed with Mr. and Mrs. Benson and family (Wangaratta), and Miss Sainty (Sydney). At close of gospel service, a young lady made good confession. Mrs. Annear is still unable to attend the services through illness.

North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon). — C.W.F. conducted cake stall in chapel grounds, with nett result of £30 for day. Prayer meetings have been commenced in homes of members. Youth service, led by J. Robson, was held on evening of May 6. Y.P. choir assisted, and several gave testimonies. Three Y.P. were baptised, and two young ladies made their decision. P.B.P. and C.W.F. held combined Mothers' night on 8th. Mrs. A. Cleland (Ringwood) gave illustrated lecture on her world tour. Mrs. R. Kemp (past member) was among visitors at the evening.

Reservoir (R. E. Burns). — A. B. Withers gave interesting talk to Saturday night fellowship on Apr. 14, whilst on night of 15th, I.C.E. took evening meeting. A stirring testimony was given by K. Reid. Bill Peeler helped with items on his electric organ and piano accordion. C.W.F. had successful 21st birthday meeting, at which Mrs. Cleland gave a travel talk, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Aldersea. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cliff and family in loss of her mother. Church was glad to see Mrs. Welsford at worship, after operation on her eyes, and to hear that Mr. Notman and Roy Smalley are improving. School hall is being painted by men of church. At close of film service on Sunday evening, an appeal was made, and one young married man made his decision.

West Preston (A. B. Withers). — On Apr. 29, at morning service, a young man was welcomed in to fellowship. K.S.P. initiated five new members on 27th. At evening service on 29th, three girls were baptised and a girl and a boy made their decision. On 30th, two Y.P.S.C.E. members gave talks at their meeting on the cause and cure of war.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Attendances at all services have improved. P. Retchford was guest speaker at worship service on Apr. 15, and R. Oldfield, representing Y.P. Dept. spoke on morning of 29th. Three representatives attended Christian Unity camp at Monbulk. School of Evangelism has been conducted over past

two weeks, under leadership of L. A. Trezise, H. J. Patterson, and A. R. Lloyd. Change to morning B.S. is proving success, with new scholars each week. Six confessions of faith have been received over last three weeks. Y.W.F. held enjoyable musical evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillespie on May 10. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Briggs in passing of her mother, and to Mrs. Wakefield, in passing of her husband.

NOTICE

Would all church secretaries please notify the North Balwyn church, if and when any of their members move into the North Balwyn district; so that they can be contacted without delay. Sec. address: T. O. Turriff, 22 Panoramic-rd., North Balwyn, E.9, Vic.

BIRTHS

CANNON (Dowling). — On May 3, 1956, at "Eildon" Private Hospital, Ringwood, to Olive and Keith, a daughter—Karen Francis. Sister for Bruce.

HOLMES (Johnsen). — To Shirley and Ron, at Bendigo, on May 6, 1956, a son—Stephen John.

PADDON (Tabrett). — On April 5, 1956, to Dorothy and Don Paddon, The Manse, Mackay, Qld., a son—Paul Christopher. Brother for Ruth.

VAN STEENSEL (Mackley). — On April 27, 1956, at Margaret Coles, to Freda and Jan, a son—Peter John. Both well.

IN MEMORIAM

PRATT. — In fond memory of my devoted and dearly loved husband, Arthur Herbert, May 18, 1955; also precious son Kenneth Arthur, aged 20 years, June 12, 1933. Father and son united; both called suddenly to higher service, and are now with Christ Jesus.

—Always remembered by a loving wife and mother, Mt. Evelyn.

GOLDEN WEDDING

EATON (Higgs). — Ernest and Jessie Eaton have much pleasure in announcing the 50th anniversary of their wedding celebrated at the Church of Christ, Lake-st., Perth, W.A., by the late H. J. Banks and the late D. A. Ewers, on May 21, 1906. Present address: 77 Alfred-st., Prahran, Vic.

SILVER WEDDING

DAFF—LAWSON. — Mr. and Mrs. C. G. S. Daff announce with gratitude the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Surrey Hills Church of Christ, on May 16, 1931, by B. J. Combridge. Present address, 99 War-rigal-rd., Surrey Hills, Vic.

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THE PROBLEM OF AMBITIOUS BOYS

The tendency these days is to urge boys to accept the many opportunities for higher education, apprenticeship, or Technical School training. This very often presents an urgent problem concerning accommodation to a boy coming to the city from the country.

Parents frequently approach Melbourne Y.M.C.A. and are very worried about the difficulty of accommodation for a son. The Y.M.C.A. Hostel at Princes Bridge caters for a large number of young men residents of the 18-25 age group, but the problem is for the younger boy.

A frequent enquiry is "Do you know of a private home for my son who is coming to Melbourne to study? He has never been away from home before." It is here that the Y.M.C.A. invites the co-operation of Melbourne readers of *The Australian Christian*. If you are in a position to help us meet this problem, we will be very happy to record your name on our register.

This is a fine avenue of Christian service to youth. It could have far-reaching effects in helping a boy to a worthwhile career, and to encourage him whilst here to affiliate with his Church.—A. W. Anderson, Asst. General Sec., Y.M.C.A. MB4153.

"MIRACLE OF WEMBLEY"

Your issue of Jan. 24 is just to hand. I read with interest the letter of Vernon Lovett, re Norman Amann's article on the above. Mr. Amann writes of the "teaching on baptism, which to us appears so abundantly clear." The point to bear in mind is that the Harringay, Kelvin Hall, and Wembley crusades were organised by what one might term a "mixed bag" of Churches, including Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Church of Scotland, Brethren and many others, who together constitute the Evangelical Alliance or the Tell Scotland movements, and to some of these the teaching on baptism is not so abundantly clear. At the counsellor preparation classes which I attended, the question of baptism was raised, and it was made clear to us all that controversial matters such as baptism would be kept out of the preaching in order to preserve the unity. When it came to counselling, one of the first things the counsellor would do was to find out the religious background of the enquirer (note—not necessarily a convert at this stage). If the enquirer was attending a church which practised believer's immersion, then one was free to go into the question of baptism,

but if, on the other hand, the enquirer came from, say, a Methodist background, then he could only be led so far along the way, and the responsibility for completing the steps was placed upon the minister of the church to which the enquirer was directed. It was essential not to cause confusion in the mind of a person with whom one might have little further contact.

Another point which, I think, we would all do well to bear in mind is that baptism and the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper are not the only matters for which Churches of Christ contend. They contend for the unity of all God's people, for the restoration of the New Testament Church, and that involves the whole teaching of Christ and his apostles. How many Churches of Christ, or any other churches for that matter, would stand the test of John's first epistle? Where is there a church where all the brethren love one another in the way John sets out?—E. R. B. Riley, Hornsby, London.

"THE SERVICE OF ADVISORY BOARDS."

An article on "The Service of Advisory Boards" (A.C., 27/3/56), shows that the Advisory Boards realise, and regret, that (through no fault of their own, I agree) their assistance to churches in securing a minister is not as successful as it could be if they were entrusted with more information from ministers and churches.

I suggest that Advisory Boards would be serving ministers and churches alike, if they kept a record of the dates on which current ministries are due to terminate. This information is not secret, as a minister is usually engaged for a definite term. It would obviously be of great help to churches seeking a minister, if the Advisory Board could indicate which ministers' engagements were due to terminate during the ensuing six months. And a minister whose engagement is due to terminate soon would obviously be glad to know that other churches are aware of the fact.—G. A. Ewers, Lake-st., Perth, W.A.

TRIBUTE TO E. C. HINRICHSEN.

In sharing the deep regret experienced by so many throughout our churches, in the passing from our midst of Evangelist E. C. Hinrichsen, I would like to add a personal tribute to him.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have known Mr. Hinrichsen as a great Christian, a great missionary, and a great friend for 35

years, beginning at Geeveston mission, in 1921, my first field (with Dover); then in missions at Shepparton, Parkdale and Geelong churches. Succeeding L. Brooker as song-leader (1928), it was added joy to assist Mr. Hinrichsen at Maylands, Mile End and Prospect (S.A.); then at Broken Hill (N.S.W.), and at Rockhampton (Qld.), witnessing some 668 decisions for Christ in these tent missions.

To be in close contact with him day after day and month after month, on and off the platform, was to gauge his character, ability and power as an evangelist. My early conviction about our brother was that he was chosen of God to lead our churches in this special type of evangelism—a conviction amply confirmed by the consistent success granted to him by the Lord, over 35 years.

In conclusion, I would say that E. C. Hinrichsen was a humble, consecrated man of God, devoted to the task assigned him by the Lord, who manifested at all times his faith and dependence upon the Holy Spirit's power working in and through him, and sought this by much prayer, privately and publicly.

He sought to declare the whole counsel of God, as revealed in the gospel, earnestly and fearlessly preaching the truth in love, entreating hearers to surrender to Christ.

The many thousands who mourn our brother's departure to be with Christ, will also thank God for this messenger who brought to them the saving word of the gospel.—D. D. Stewart, Boronia, Vic.

"THE LIVING CHURCH'S CONQUERING POWER."

What a pleasure it was to read J. E. Brooke's challenge (A.C., 1/5/56), and, through the printed word, to hear again his great Conference sermon. But will it stir us from our complacency, from our individual personal religion, from our "holier than thou" attitude?

The main thing brought to me is the linking of evangelism with the Church's attitude to the religious, political and intellectual worlds. All too often, particularly at this moment in our Restoration Movement, these things are considered as things apart. Those good folk and churches, who take to themselves the title of "Evangelical," strive, both with preaching and with careful ignoring of community and world events, to separate Christ from everyday living, and it is a refreshing thing to find the word evangelism put in its proper perspective.

Mr. Brooke's statement that "the Church must work untiringly to sensitise the public conscience to Christian principles, and must inspire more of its gifted sons and daughters to

find their Christian vocation in social and political activity" will doubtless be greeted by some as "modernistic," or, as one brother put it recently to me, "Christ came to save souls, not to put members in Parliament." But to many of us these attempts to divide life into secular and spiritual compartments are a crime upon the Christ who came to fill all life, and are the most likely way to alienate the Church from those outside her life.

The words of Alan Walker come to mind: "In Christ's planning, the Church is meant to mediate the Kingdom of God to earth, to be his instrument for fashioning the Kingdom of God. By its teaching and preaching, it carries to men the Kingdom of God, which is first of all found within the human heart, where Christ reigns. Then it spreads outward, becoming a Kingdom of right relationships."—M. S. Collyer, Springvale, Vic.

REVIEW

"NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE"
—Provocative Pamphlet No. 13, by S. F. Davey. Available through Federal Literature Committee.

"Christian women should be granted the opportunity of filling any office or position within the life of the Church for which they may be mentally and spiritually equipped."

This could be described as the "finding" of Mr. Davey's study.

In this pamphlet, particular emphasis is placed on "the priesthood of all believers" and "neither male nor female . . . all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3: 28). But will these texts bear the strain which the writer places upon them? For instance, does it necessarily follow that in order "to fulfil the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, women must also be permitted to answer a call to the ministry of preaching, presiding, reading the Scriptures, baptising candidates, administering Church business, etc., within the total life of the Church"?

The writer examines "Paul's Restrictions," 1 Cor. 14: 33b-35. Why not refer to vv. 36-38 also, and 2 Tim. 2: 11-12? This is a stimulating section, but unfortunately incomplete, possibly through lack of space.

Here is a provocative point, and well taken, too! "Today we do not question the right of women Christians on the mission fields to perform the ministries of preaching, teaching, healing and administration. (Does this suggest we consider there is a different status for the dark-skinned Christian male, that he should be permitted to endure the 'inferior' ministry of women, which our white communities will not tolerate?)"

For Mr. Davey this is no mere

academic subject. He feels that today it is pressingly pertinent. Here is his challenge: "Churches of Christ in Australia, who so firmly believe and practise the priesthood of all believers amongst men, must lead the way in applying this principle to women, that we might all rightfully share in our service to Christ, according to the talents he has given us."

This pamphlet calls for initiative—who will take it? The Women's Conference? Or the Y.W.F., after camp study?—Jas. A. Luff.



The Annual Conference of the Victorian Local Option Alliance, will be held in the Independent Church, Collins-st., on Tuesday, May 22, when a report of the recent victorious Hours' Referendum will be considered and the annual report and balance sheet submitted. There will be addresses by leading speakers. The two sessions commence at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Churches and Temperance Societies are asked to see that they are represented at this important Conference.

One hundred and fifty representatives from 17 countries were in Bangkok, Feb. 21—March 7, to discuss their mutual problems and concerns in the training of ministers for the Christian Church. The three main topics of the conference were: (1) The environment of the Church in S.E. Asia, ideological, cultural and religious, and its bearing on theological training; (2) The kind of ministry needed in S.E. Asia; (3) The training required for producing such a ministry for S.E. Asia. "I hope and pray," said one of the Thai

speakers, "that this conference, the symbol of our unity in Christ, will guide us in ways and means of adapting ourselves to the new age."

ENGAGEMENT

BARNETT—OTS. — The engagement is announced of Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Barnett, 1049 Burke-rd., Hawthorn East, to Edward, only son of Mrs. D. Ots, and the late Mr. E. Ots, of Dulwich, Adelaide.

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OBITUARY

Annie Phillips.

After a pilgrimage of eighty-nine years, Mrs. Phillips passed quietly and peacefully into the presence of her Saviour. She was well known in our Melbourne churches, and was the mother of Mrs. Arthur Baker, of Enmore Tabernacle, N.S.W. As a young girl she gave her heart to Jesus, being baptised at Lygon-st. sixty-four years ago, and in membership there until her marriage with Frederick Phillips. While at Lygon-st., she was associated with Frank McClean in the Chinese Mission work in Melbourne, and was also a great worker at Newmarket and Moreland. Whilst at Newmarket, she taught in the Bible School, several of her scholars (including A. Anderson, F.M. sec.), later reaching high and honored positions in the brotherhood. In later years she entered the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh, and the Will H. Clay Nursing Home. Last year she came to Sydney to join her daughter. Her health gradually declined, and in a convalescent home, without pain and in full possession of her unchanging faith in Christ, she passed into his glorious presence. Her favorite expression and one upon which she rested her confidence was, "I am in the Heavenly Father's hands." Her loved ones leave her there, in sure and certain hope of reunion in the days to come. Services at the funeral parlors, and at the Northern Suburbs' Crematorium were conducted very beautifully by P. E. Thomas.—A.B.

Alice Maud Rogers.

On April 1, at her own home, Mrs. Alice Maud Rogers peacefully passed away. She was baptised, with her husband and family, in 1927, during a mission conducted by J. E. Webb and Reg. Lampshire. As a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, she became loyal to the church she loved, and until the last four years, when ill health kept her at home, she was always present at the Lord's house, and rendered service in every possible way. Her loving nature endeared her to the hearts of all who knew her. After a brief service, her mortal remains were laid to rest privately, at the Centennial Park Cemetery. Her husband, Merna (Mrs. D. Fisher), Mavis (Mrs. J. Davis), Marjory (Mrs. W. Curnick), and Jim, affectionately remember her as wife and mother. "To be with Christ, which is far better."—W.A.R.

Joseph Leslie Stimson.

The passing of Joseph Leslie Stimson on April 29, at the age of 71, removes yet another of the strong men of our New South Wales brotherhood. Baptised as a lad at the City Temple, he grew into a man with a deep devotion to Christ and his

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Church. He was in every way a brotherhood man, his splendid mind and deep consecration finding expression on many of the Conference Committees and church activities. As President of the Conference, Chairman of Woolwich College Board, Member of the Property Trust, Preachers' Provident Fund, and, not least, officer for many years of Mosman church, our brother found his chief delight. For several years prior to his death, Mr. Stimson was called upon to pass through deep waters of suffering. Losing first one leg, and then the other, most men would have lost hope. Instead, the faith and hope and Christian witness during these years were, if anything, greater than for the rest of his life. Mrs. Stimson predeceased our brother by just a few months. The funeral was conducted by Ira A. Paternoster, as a close friend for many years. He was assisted by Don Tonkin, minister of Mosman church, who had been most faithful in his ministry to Mr. Stimson. To the two sons and daughter, and other relatives, deepest sympathy and confident assurance is expressed. In Christ there is no death.—I.A.P.

Mrs. Christina Nash.

On Wed., April 4, Mrs. Christina Nash, a much honored member of the Wingham church, N.S.W., was called into the presence of her Lord. She had reached the grand age of 93 years. A devout Christian woman, and one who honored God in all her ways, she had been a member of the church for approximately 68 years, first coming into the fellowship at Taree about the year 1878. For 34 years she suffered with total blindness, and over the past few years had been confined, first to a wheel chair, and then to her bed. These afflictions did not disturb her trust in God and her witness for him. Those who knew her best were ready to testify that she bore all of her life's burdens in a way that honored Christ, and the church which she served with true devotion and steadfast faith.—M.H.A.P.

Stephen John Archer.

The church at Mackay, Qld., was shocked recently by the sudden passing, after an operation, of Stephen Archer, 4½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Archer, members of the church. Little Stephen was a prominent and a much loved personality, especially in the kindergarten and Bible school. A well attended funeral service was held in the chapel, and at the graveside. Stephen was a grandson of Mrs. Carr who is now serving with the Aborigine Mission at Norseman, W.A.

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