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Sisters: J. MILLER, G. HITCHCOCK, M. BELL, M. TROUP, B. TIERNEY, A. BAKEWELL.
- PENONG.**
The Penong Memorial Hospital
Sisters: L. LOANE and J. ROBERTS.
- COOK.**
The Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital.
Sisters: M. TARR and M. ROSS.
- TARCOOLA**
The Tarcoola Hospital. Sisters: V. HOLLE and M. BARBOUR.
- RAWLINNA, W.A.**
The Nursing Hostel. Sister E. THOMAS.
- WUDINNA.**
The Central Eyre Peninsula District Hospital.
Matron: Sister B. BARBER.
Sisters: M. DEAN, E. SIMMOND, H. WATT.

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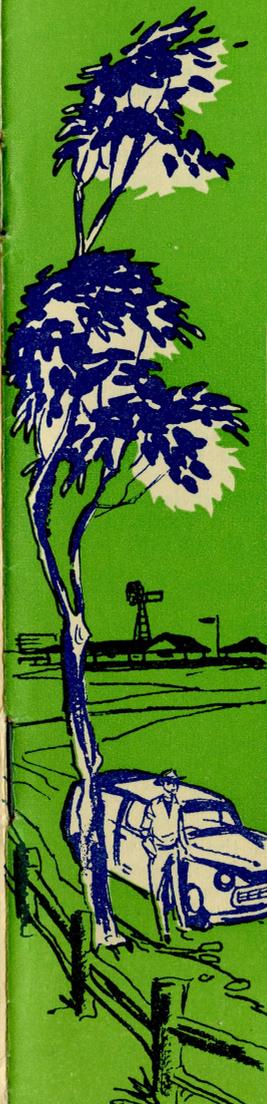
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OLD FOLK'S HOME (Port Lincoln)
Mr. & Mrs. VIZOR.



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Sunday School Children.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I am grateful to many B.C.A. friends for the assurance of their prayers as the duties of Organising Missioner are undertaken. The Council members reached a unanimous decision and in the face of this it was felt a challenge and call of God had been given.

Such a compliment paid and the expressions of loyalty conveyed are deeply appreciated. Please remember my wife and family as they, too, make their sacrifices with the added strain imposed.

The B.C.A. work is assuming a great place in the history of our Church. I pray that God may bless the service given and that the people to whom we minister may be brought into a living reality of the love and power of Jesus Christ.

The Lord bless you and uphold you.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN GREENWOOD,
Organising Missioner.

From the Organising Missioner

I have resisted the temptation to send a separate Appeal for financial help as this issue will reach you at the time we are remembering the glorious assurance of the Easter Message. New life and renewed hopes arise as we worship the Risen Lord. Such a sacrificial offering calls for our complete life if we profess to be Christians.

This means everything must be done to put our service into an effective witness. The Bush Church Aid Society gives a wonderful avenue through which service may be put entirely above self.

Help is needed.

At the same time as my appointment was being discussed came agonising news.

We have a Lockheed 12 aircraft for the medical work in South Australia. This machine has given invaluable assistance with the Church of England Flying Medical Services, and without it the Bush Church Aid Society staff would be greatly hampered.

The time for the annual overhaul is now upon us, and as a preliminary preparation the spare engine was consigned by the coastal steamer "Yandra" to the Adelaide workshop. The aircraft must have its annual overhaul carried out this way to obtain the Certificate of Airworthiness.

Disaster

The "Yandra" ran aground in a heavy fog and the ship was abandoned with our spare engine at the bottom of the hold. Instead of being in Adelaide, it was under the waters of Spencer's Gulf.

A long delay must follow while salvage possibilities are investigated, and that could mean the Lockheed being out of commission for a lengthy period.

What do we say to people many miles from medical services? Sorry, the aeroplane cannot come, it lacks an engine? Quite definitely, no!

What did happen? An exchange engine was ordered, as a final solution to the problem would be a lengthy process.

The Cost?

£1,100 for the engine plus freight and insurance. It is an exchange engine which means it is not our own possession. A price for a new engine was received and I was given the shock of a lifetime, £3,185.

I commend to you this tremendous need to assist the B.C.A. work. Thank you and God bless you. By the way, you may claim income tax rebate for gifts to the Flying Medical Services.

It all means that the cost of the annual overhaul this year will be almost astronomical. Thank you for your liberal response.

Old Folk's Home, Port Lincoln.

News was received that Mr. Vizor, Warden of the Old Folk's Home, had suffered a heart disorder. The medical verdict was not encouraging to a new Organising Missioner.

Another man and wife team must be found to replace Mr. and Mrs. Vizor as they intend relinquishing duties in May on doctor's advice.

Mr. and Mrs. Vizor have done a wonderful piece of work looking after the Old Folk's Home. Their Christian witness and zeal has been a means of building prestige for B.C.A. Above all, they have served their Lord and Master faithfully. Who will follow in their steps? Such a ministry can be exacting but most rewarding.

Pharmacy — Ceduna.

Is there a Pharmacist wanting to do a piece of Christian Missionary work? I would appreciate an offer for such service from one who will be prepared to serve with the B.C.A. Flying Medical Services.

Missioners.

At least three men in Priests' Orders are required for mission districts. If the Christian Church is to fill a vital part in national development more ordained men have to be found.

Amongst the Youth Groups in the Church are young men who could give invaluable service. In the words of a former Organising Missioner we need men with "Grace, gumption and grit." By the power of the Holy Spirit you can do much for the Kingdom of God.

I will be very pleased to discuss this with men willing to become B.C.A. candidates. It is not impossible for you to serve and there are ways and means of helping suitable young men.

Rev. C. W. Rich — Deputationist.

The foregoing leads me to make special mention of a particular need.

After two years of stirring work performed in the Murchison Mission, W.A., Mr. and Mrs. Rich must return to more settled places. Mrs. Rich needs specialist care and attention which cannot be procured at Mount Magnet.

The news came as a shock and yet at a time when a man was urgently needed at Headquarters.

Mr. Rich has accepted the appointment of Deputationist for B.C.A. with particular responsibility for N.S.W.

I commend him to B.C.A. friends for their help in giving openings at all meetings and services to further the Society's Cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich have given devoted service which has proved most helpful in the building of Church life and fellowship throughout the Murchison area.

Who will answer this challenge? Their sacrificial service has shown what can be done. Is there another ordained man big enough to respond? God will bless you and your labours.

St. John's Church, Minnipa, S.A.

I have given you details of our immediate needs and now here is something to encourage you.

On Tuesday, 17th February, 1959, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed, Bishop of Adelaide, and the Venerable Archdeacon E. Codd were present for the Dedication and Licensing of St. John's Church, Minnipa.

It is the first Church of England place of worship erected in the Minnipa Mission covering about 40,000 square miles. The building is unique and quite distinctive in design with special emphasis placed upon spaciousness and coolness for the hot climate in the mallee scrub.

Being so far from supplies of building materials, the cost rose to nearly £7,000. Kind friends in England co-operated with B.C.A. to give a little over £1,000. The Commonwealth and Continental Church Society, London, has fostered a lively interest in the Church at Minnipa. Through the English Society about £700 of the money was received at Minnipa.

The local people through collections and Women's Guilds' efforts raised another £2,000. That still left £4,000 to pay the builder and this is being met through a loan from the Bishop's Home Mission Society in the Diocese of Adelaide.

A small community would have a long road to tread if it were not for the devoted and loyal help of local Church people. A voluntary collecting scheme with crops sown and wool cheques allocated are the hopes of releasing the Mission from its debt.

It was indeed a happy day when I represented the Society for the dedication. Tribute is paid for the fellowship and co-operation existing between the Diocese of Adelaide and B.C.A., which enabled the Church at Minnipa to become a material fact.

For many years the Society has provided clergymen and finance to maintain the ministry in the Minnipa Mission. The B.C.A. men have been the Rev. W. A. McLeod, Rev. Dr. L. L. Morris, Rev. J. R. Greenwood, Rev. H. G. Fuhrmeister and now the Rev. A. Williams.

Marching Orders.

Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us "Go and make disciples of all men."

He knows where you can serve best, and people in more remote places look to those who will give their talent and ability to extend the Kingdom of God in outback places.

I plead in the name of our brethren scattered throughout our vast interior, for you to come over and help.

Please let your Easter Offering to God and for the work of B.C.A. be the most liberal we have yet known.

May God move you to pray, to give and to serve.



Cook, Nullarbor Plain, before rain.

Nullarbor News

Sister M. Tarr

Like most hospital staffs we hoped to have a reasonably quiet Christmas and have the little extra time for preparing all the special things of Christmas.

The Sunday before Christmas dawned and not long afterwards a knock was heard at our door. A patient had come to stay—she was disappointed at the thought of being in hospital for Christmas Day. However, circumstances were beyond her control and we promised she would have some of that lovely looking pudding which was hanging out on the verandah ready and waiting for its final cooking.

Breakfast was over and we were well on our way to a good start for the day. Hearing voices outside the hospital I looked out of the window and saw another patient had joined us. Well, two would be company for each other.

Sunday is usually a full day for us with Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. and service at 7.30 p.m., plus the ordinary routine. We are glad to rest at the end of the day, but Sunday night proved that rest for this Sunday was just a lovely thought which didn't materialise.

During the early hours of the morning a little baby boy decided he would come into this world. He must have started the ball rolling, for again at 9 a.m. we had another baby, this time a little girl.

Monday always brings a fair wash and this one was not any exception.

Each Monday night at 7.30 the youngsters of the town, aged from nine years, come to a fellowship which we call Bible Class. We feel it is a privilege to be able to teach these children about our Lord Jesus Christ but on days like this particular Monday the privilege is dimmed by tiredness.

Tuesday was a much easier day and we started once again our preparation for Christmas Day. Bed on Tuesday night was much appreciated but at 2 a.m. a phone call came from 60 miles down the line. A patient was in need of medical help, could someone come? At a little after 3 a.m. I left in the medical car which is run on the line and used for emergencies. Arriving in good time I found the patient could be brought back immediately, so quickly put her in the car and made a 70-mile-an-hour run home. At 8.30 a.m. Wednesday morning our babies had increased to three. Well, surely now we were set for Christmas Day.

Decorations were up, a Christmas tree in the lounge room looked most interesting with its parcels tied in place and resting under it. The pudding had been taken from its hook on the verandah and was waiting for its final boil on the 25th.

Christmas Day came and we hurried to complete our work before the 9 a.m. service to be held at the hospital. How encouraging it was to see a large number of Cook residents come to that service. As we sang Carols and Christmas Hymns we felt how privileged we were to be linked in worship of our Lord and Saviour.

The parcels on our tree had not been touched though, and after bidding the congregation good-morning and a Happy Christmas, we proceeded to rectify this matter, of course, over a cup of tea.

Santa Claus hadn't missed our patients either, for there seemed to be something for each of them.

Our once tidy lounge room was at this stage looking like a lumber room. Paper and string and presents, nuts and lollies and balloons seemed to be everywhere and Sister Ross suddenly had the idea she must prepare the dinner. It was such a good excuse that there wasn't much protest.

Once again law and order was evident and a delicious smell was wafting from the kitchen. The smell was not half as good as the actual tasting, and if a lovely dinner helps to make Christmas we had an excellent Christmas.

However, even on Christmas Day, the washing up has to be done, but hurrying through this we decided when we had finished we would have a well-earned rest.

But behold we had just carried out our decision for resting and footsteps were coming. "Sister, there's a lady down the line 120 miles away in need of help. Could you come and speak to her?" I went to the telephone and found there was a chance that before long another baby Australian would be with us. The only thing to do was again to go in the car to another woman needing assistance. She was due to come to Cook by train the following day but unfortunately could not wait for that means of transport. We made a very hurried run, going about 60-70 miles an hour. However, reaching a siding 30 miles from the camp we

learned that the lady had her baby and all was well. We arrived to find that this was so and I praise God for His undertaking in such cases. The trip home was not quite so fast and we had to wait to cross the Express. Finally we reached Cook at midnight. Never have I seen such a welcome sight as Cook's lights in the distance.

So much for our quiet Christmas, but through all our busy periods we give our Heavenly Father praise for being able to do all things. We thank Him for His abundant care with patients who could have experienced complications which may have meant their life. In all things we know that His grace is sufficient for our every need.



Cook, Nullarbor Plain, after rain.

Expansion

It has long been the desire of B.C.A. to have a Dentist associated with the medical services. That dream is now more likely to become a material fact.

Mr. Jauncey left early in March to commence a dental practice at Ceduna. His entry into the work means another step forward in the development of the Church of England Flying Medical Services.

How shall we house him?

For a while he will have temporary quarters for both surgery and dwelling. That is not good enough. The Christian Church must

provide the best witness possible with due regard to funds available. It is not lavish, flamboyant buildings which are needed but efficient and attractive places which will proclaim wise and careful planning and spending.

The very best talent is required for service and the witness of good use of materials will do much to commend the Christian Faith. This leads to our plan for expansion.

Operation—Ceduna Building.

Plans and specifications are completed and tenders are being sought for the erection of a block of buildings at Ceduna.

This property will comprise a modern Pharmacy, Dental Surgery, Doctor's Surgery and an office. It will also provide living accommodation for the Dentist.

The commencement of a Dental Practice means a building must be provided. It must include the Chemist's Shop as the place now occupied at Ceduna is only a rented shop. The owners will not sell as they need the property for their own purposes.

What can we do?

We can act by faith and to this end finance is being arranged. Delay means disaster and so a building loan is being arranged, but it will have to be repaid.

Such development requires more service from trained personnel.

Has anyone ever thought of being a book-keeper for the glory of God? Well, there is the challenge. The office will be included in the new Ceduna building.

Action needed.

Your prayers will be a tremendous help but let them lead you to service. "Come unto Me," says our Lord Jesus Christ, and then "Go and make disciples of all men."

Some respond and "Come"—fewer act and "Go". How about a few more to go?

Organising Missioner

Wings Over the Outback

(NOTE.—The retirement of the Rev. L. Daniels from parochial work brings to memory the pioneering task he undertook in 1928. B.C.A. friends extend to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels the assurance of prayerful support. As a tribute to the daring work undertaken the following article has been extracted from "These Ten Years" (S. J. Kirkby) and "These Twenty Years" (T. E. Jones).)

The year 1928 was marked by one of the greatest and most interesting ventures ever undertaken by the Society, namely, that of the utilisation of an aeroplane for the Church's work. The Rev. Leonard Daniels, of Wilcannia (N.S.W.), was the first to draw attention to an aviation ministry as a practical proposition.

He had served as a pilot in the Great War (1914-18), and thus had valuable experience behind him. Moreover, five years of work (dating from January, 1923) in a land of no railways and of far distances west of the Darling River had impressed upon him (as upon others) the necessity of some mode of travel quicker than a motor car.

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BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY



St. Oswald's Church, Meekatharra, W.A.
(Murchison Mission)

Topics for

Prayer and Praise

YOUR DAILY REMEMBRANCE

1. The Rev. J. and Mrs. Stockdale and the Wilcannia Mission, N.S.W.
The Rev. R. and Mrs. Brooks and the Menindee Mission, N.S.W.
2. The Rev. W. and Mrs. Warburton and the Tarraleah Mission, Tasmania.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Calder, Miss Chew, and the boys of the Broken Hill Hostel, N.S.W.
4. The Rev. T. and Mrs. Morgan, the Rev. B. Viney and the Beech Forest Mission, Victoria. The Croajingalong Mission, Victoria.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Vizer and the Old Folk's Home, Port Lincoln, S.A.
6. The Rev. G. and Mrs. Fuhrmeister and the Quorn Mission, S.A.
7. The Rev. J. Winter and the Orroroo Mission, S.A.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Hummerston, Miss D. Duver and the girls at Port Lincoln Hostel, S.A.
9. Miss R. Campbell, Miss B. Hyett and all their helpers and scholars in the M.B.S.S.
10. The Rev. B. and Mrs. Buckland and the Franklin Harbour Mission, S.A.
11. Mr. Bill Bedford and the patients he carries by air.
The Staff and patients in the Wudinna Hospital, S.A.
12. The Rev. A. and Mrs. Williams and the Minnipa Mission, S.A.
13. The Rev. J. and Mrs. Smith and the parish of Streaky Bay, S.A.
14. Miss Schuler and the work at the Ceduna Pharmacy, S.A.
15. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Parkinson and the girls at Bowral Hostel, N.S.W.
16. Miss Farr and the girls at Mungindi Hostel, N.S.W.
17. Mr. G. and Mrs. Cameron and the staff at the Radio Base, Ceduna, S.A.
18. Mr. A. and Mrs. Chadwick and the Flying Medical Services, S.A.
19. The Matron and Staff at Ceduna Hospital, S.A.
20. Dr. M. Mueller and all medical services and patients.
21. The Staff and hospital services at Cook and Tarcoola, S.A.
22. The Rawlinna Nursing Home and Sister-in-Charge, W.A.
23. Sister I. Gwynne and the work of the Dispensary at Cann River, Victoria.
24. The Murchison Mission, W.A.
25. The Rev. D. and Mrs. Douglass and the Port Hedland Mission, W.A.
26. The Staff and hospital services at Penong, S.A.
27. The Rev. T. V. and Mrs. Jones and the Ceduna Mission, S.A.
28. The Rev. A. and Mrs. Hardwick and the Rappville Mission, N.S.W.
29. All students in training for outback ministries.
The Rev. E. Beavan, the Victorian Committee and office staff.
30. Bishop T. E. Jones (Overseas on deputation work), the Rev. J. R. Greenwood, the office staff at Headquarters and the Council of the Society.



Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Fuhrmeister and their four boys, Quorn, S.A.

Thanksgiving:—

- For the continued growth of the work of the Society.
- For the increase in support through prayer and giving.
- For the devotion and service of those who work in the many activities of B.C.A.
- For the work of Auxiliaries.
- For opportunities of service in new and old fields.

PRAY FOR B.C.A.

SERVE IN B.C.A.

GIVE TO B.C.A.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

For the Society.

O Lord God of our nation, Who hast commanded men to subdue and replenish the earth: Look in Thy love upon all who in distant parts of our land are striving against many difficulties, and are deprived the access of the means of grace. Strengthen and guide the Bush Church Aid Society and all members of the staff. Cheer and comfort them in discouragement and loneliness, bless their ministrations to the good of those they serve, and grant that the message of redeeming love may thus be rooted and grounded in our national life, to the glory of Thy Great Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Nurses and Doctors.

O God, Who didst choose a beloved physician to set forth the life of Him Who went about doing good, grant that Thy strong tenderness and compassion may be manifest in the work of country doctors and bush nurses. Make them at all times alert to be faithful, as those whom Thou hast burdened and inspired with the honour of their calling. In lonely emergencies strength them with confidence that, having done all they can, they may with good conscience leave the issue to Thy power working within Thy law. Make them resourceful and of sound judgment, and hearten their labours with the energy of compassion and the firmness of duty that conquers weariness. Through Him Whose power is called forth by suffering, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Church Life in Country Districts.

O Lord, Who art present when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, bless, we beseech Thee, the little far-scattered groups of brethren who in our wide land meet together to worship Thee. Give them a perpetual freshness of spirit, and the power to inspire in each other holiness, helpfulness, and understanding of Thy help. Refresh with the joy of enthusiasm those who endure weary journeys to Thy trusting place. Grant that these little companies of Thy servants may be united in the spirit of Christian charity, awaiting in love the time when there shall be one fold and one Shepherd. Grant that the common life of all communities may be purified by this spirit of charity from all meanness, falsehood, malice and idle gossip, and grant that they who share a common lot may draw strength from each other's virtues, and in their weakness help one another, through our one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise.

For the Blessings vouchsafed to the Society, for all kindly givers, for the joy of service.

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LISTEN TO THE BUSH PADRE:

2GB Every Saturday	11.15 a.m.
2NX Every Sunday	4.45 p.m.
2CH Alternate Sundays	8.30 p.m.
2KA 1st and 3rd Fridays each month	4.30 p.m.
2LT 2nd and 4th Monday each month	1.45 p.m.

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An Experiment and a Venture.

The aeroplane seemed to be the best solution and in 1927 the B.C.A. Council gave approval to Mr. Daniels' plan for the purchase in England of a "de Havilland Moth". He succeeded in eliciting the enthusiastic support of the constituents of the Colonial (now Commonwealth) and Continental Church Society, and of other friends in England. After many difficulties and delays the machine was ready for the great work early in 1928.

No ordinary venture was it for the Society. The practicability of a light, one-man outfit for mission work outback had never been tested. Two years before, the Australian Inland Mission (Presbyterian) with fine daring had secured a plane for the transport of a Flying Doctor in the Northern Territory. Their machine was a large service type, necessitating the employment of a professional pilot-mechanic.

The B.C.A. tried out a new possibility. Its aeroplane was a mere "baby" (weighing 874 lb.) and its missionary must needs be his own pilot and mechanic.

Nor was this an ordinary venture for Mr. Daniels, skilful aviator though he was. Flying conditions were not known, and even though the country was open, landing grounds were unplotted. Most important of all, the exigencies of Church-work necessitated solitary travel.

Such a vast district made great demands upon the Missioner; the roads were bad, journeys long and the great distances made services few and far between.

But the venture was made and the fact that five years elapsed without accident or intermission spoke highly of the padre-pilot's ability and was a token of the providence of God.

Editor's Note: Aeroplanes are now a feature of the medical services of the Society and in this field much progress has been made.

In 1938 a little Fox Moth inaugurated the Flying Medical Services with the base at Ceduna, S.A. Later came the Dragon and the Proctor, and now the Lockheed 12 supplies the modern means of speedy transport.

At the time of writing the Lockheed—named "S. J. Kirkby" as a token of appreciation for the services of our first Organising Missioner—bears the strain of the flying. Mr. Bill Bedford's Auster is brought into operation to help in time of need.

What of the future?

The Dragon has been sold; the Proctor is now offered for sale. Where is the spare aircraft? That is the very real problem and lack of finance for it is one stumbling block.

Perhaps one day we may have a "T. E. Jones" aircraft to augment the Church of England Flying Medical Services.

Franklin Harbour Mission

Rev. B. Buckland

We have been here almost nine months now, and I think it is about time I wrote to tell you something of the Franklin Harbour Mission, and our impressions of this part of the country.

The Centre of the Mission, which is about 100 miles square, is at Cleve. This is a modern town of quite appreciable size, especially for Eyre Peninsula. Many modern conveniences are available, and the shops offer a wide range of goods. Cleve is not a seaport, and is reached either by road (there is a regular bus service between Whyalla and Port Lincoln) or by aeroplane (from Adelaide, three days each week).

We are the first to live in the new Rectory, built next to the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Cleve, as until now the Missioner lived at Cowell, which is no longer the busy seaport of former days. Cleve is more central to the other settlements of the Mission, for Yadnarie, the closest, is only six miles away, and Buckleboo, the furthest point, 67 miles.

Four services are held each Sunday, and I travel between 100 and 200 miles on this day, depending on the places visited. Cleve has a service every Sunday, Cowell (27 miles away) and Kimba (44 miles) have three services a month, and Yadnarie (6 miles), Rudall (14), Arno Bay (17), Mangalo (18), and Buckleboo (67), one per month. The Mission has recently bought a Volkswagen Saloon, and this car has done just over 10,000 miles in the four months I have been using it. The main roads are wide, and of dirt. They are becoming dusty and corrugated now the dry weather is here, but they are good roads, although of course there are some in the area that I would prefer not to travel. We have just had two inches of summer rain overnight which has turned some dust bowls into swamps.

There are about 250 Anglican families within the Mission, of whom approximately 100 attend services when they are held in their vicinity. There are three stone Churches—St. John the Baptist, Kimba; St. Hugh's, Cowell, which has just celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and St. Michael and All Angels', Cleve. Other services are held in public halls, or in one case, in the lounge room of a private home. We have three Ladies' Guilds, one in each of the main towns, Cowell, Cleve and Kimba, and a Youth Group has been commenced at Cleve.

My wife and I thought the winter rather mild, but the summer is a different matter. Already, in one freak burst of heat, the temperature went up to 105°. We have been able to establish a garden with the help of water which is piped from near Port Lincoln. Fruit and vegetables are dear and not always fresh in the shops, so a garden is virtually essential. The hospitality of all people, town and country dwellers, Church members and others, is truly wonderful to experience.

I find meals and beds are offered readily, as I go about, and gifts of produce are often brought to the Rectory, or given to me when visiting. This latter is quite a game, for many people live

some distance from their postal address, few farms are marked either with the owner's name or the name of the property, and although one is told: "You can't miss it", this is not always the case. One notable exception is a farm at Kielpa which was so difficult to locate that the farmer himself, returning home one night, could not find the entrance. Now there are many signs and nameplates to guide all comers to his gate.

You may wonder what is the occupation of the people. Most are farmers growing wheat, barley and oats, and running up to 1,000 head of sheep as well. There are only two stations (large holdings running sheep or cattle but not farming) within the Mission.

What of the future? We still have a large debt on the Rectory, Cowell Church needs to be completed, and Parish Halls are needed. This is the financial future. Spiritually there is much to be done to increase services, and youth groups, and Sunday schools. There is a need for more equipment for the conduct of these latter two groups. For services in the smaller places we need a battery record player to provide music, and there is also a need for a slide and strip film projector.

Over all, we like it very much here. The work does seem to be progressing; slowly, yes, but still progressing. We are both in good health, and we can almost see Russell Victor growing. Here, there are many problems, but also many joys; disappointment, but also reward. Nothing really spectacular, perhaps, but an interesting task amazingly well worth doing.

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Three men in Priests' Orders
Pharmacist—for Flying Medical Services
Married Couple—Old Folk's Home

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Welcome, with a very warm assurance of interest in their work and prayers for their service to Sister A. Bakewell, who has joined the staff at Ceduna Hospital and Sister E. Simmond who is at Wudinna Hospital.

Their entry into the work will be welcome relief to the rest of the family.

The previous welcome does not mean that the hospital needs are completely satisfied. Christian nurses are needed—surely there must be some who will come over and help us!

Dr. K. Thompson has left the Medical Staff to enter a new life as a married woman. Thank you, Doctor, for your service and you are assured that many will remember you and your husband in their prayers.

Another B.C.A. marriage was that of Sister M. Horsburgh. Sister has carried out a faithful ministry for the Kingdom of God. She has many friends along the Transcontinental Railway Line who will remember her Christian service.

B.C.A. family continues to grow with the arrival of Helen Buckland, Peter Hardwick and Meredith Warburton. May they add great joy to the homes of the Rev. B. and Mrs. Buckland (Cleve, S.A.), the Rev. A. and Mrs. Hardwick (Rappville, N.S.W.) and the Rev. W. and Mrs. Warburton (Tasmania).

Thank you to "Adelaide Friend" for a donation of £5 received through Church Office, Adelaide, as a result of an appeal heard through 5KA.

Congratulations are offered to Miss Maureen Maguire and Mr. Lionel Sawkins, both now in England. Maureen is a niece of Sister F. Dowling and both she and her fiancée were members of the B.C.A. Young People's Association.

Dr. M. Mueller was able, in December, 1958, to have a short break from her arduous work in the B.C.A. Flying Medical Services. Supporters are asked to remember her and the great strain imposed with the extensive medical practice to administer.

It is hoped to have help for Doctor but full relief will not be available for some months. Pray for Doctor and her need for strength and grace with her task.

Are you a single woman or one with no immediate responsibilities? Can you cook, clean a house, wash, iron and mend clothes or sew on buttons and darn socks? Have you a love for children and a desire to serve Jesus Christ for His sake and the sake of outback youngsters? Then you are just the one to help in a B.C.A. Hostel. Please drop a note to the office or ring for an appointment—you might be the person needed.

Broken Hill Boys' Hostel needs a folding Table-Tennis Table. Can any reader help?

Bush Padre broadcast sessions bring a lot of interest—2LT is the latest addition. Tell your friends out Lithgow way to listen on the second and fourth Monday each month at 1.45 p.m.

The Rev. R. Brooks transfers in March from Ceduna to Menindee (Diocese of Riverina) in the west of N.S.W. A new Rectory is being erected and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are assured of a warm welcome from the people in the West.

The Rev. J. Stockdale has borne the strain of both Wilcannia and Menindee Missions for over five years.

The Rev. D. Douglass and Mrs. Douglass have returned to Port Hedland after a break in the South. Their devoted work is worthy of the highest commendation—they need your prayers for a most difficult piece of work.

Mrs. Parkinson has joined the Bowral family. Her help will be greatly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Three new Bishops have appeared since our last issue. To the newly-appointed Bishops of Rockhampton, Bathurst and Gippsland are extended the good wishes of B.C.A. friends.

Miss E. Cheers, well-known for so many years as a B.C.A. Matron at Mungindi and Bowral, has been ill. It is pleasing to know that she has recovered from her illness.

Congratulations to B.C.A. Students who were successful in their examinations.

But a word to young men—more students are needed.

Twenty-one years of service. That is the record of our Flying Medical Service. Special mention will be made in the June issue of the "Real Australian".

B.C.A. friends will be pleased to know that Mr. B. Viney was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Ballarat in December, 1958.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Beavan, Victorian Secretary of B.C.A.

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