BEGINNINGS

A History of the Beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Melbourne, Australia

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Foreword

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The twelve months July, 1885 to June, 1886 saw the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia and New Zealand. From a base in Melbourne the mission of the church expanded rapidly until it compassed all the colonies of Australia, New Zealand, and some of the South Sea Island groups.

Pioneer church workers located on the north side of Melbourne not too long after their arrival, and had many of their initial successes in the area between Richmond and Brunswick. The choice of the site in Alfred Crescent gave a convenient focal point for the rapidlygrowing church.

However the real strength of the North Fitzroy church lay in the skills, dedication and education of its members. They exercised an influence far beyond their numbers which has continued even to this day.

In this booklet Laurie Jones, through patient research, has put together a neat and accurate history of the early days of the church in North Fitzroy. He has charted the origins of the church, how it grew and how it became a centre from which the various enterprises of Seventh-day Adventists expanded. The Signs Publishing Company, the Sanitarium Health Food Company and Avondale college – all major contemporary contributors to the church's outreach – drew on the resources of the North Fitzroy congregation as they established themselves.

My personal association with the church over a period of nearly forty years reveals another significant factor. Its membership has always loved and supported the message that gave it birth. I have preached in the church on occasions and attended it by choice when not assigned to preach. Its warmth and confident faith witness to its strength and continuing contribution. My wife, Elizabeth (Onion), attended school there under the careful teaching of Miss Patterson. She still talks of taking her weekly 2/6 to pay her fees.

The church of the South Pacific Division salutes North Fitzroy church for its leadership and constancy. We are all in the debt of those pioneer Adventists. We also owe a debt of thanks to the author who has given us so much information in so few pages and the church board and members who in 1980 planned for this study, supported it and so helped us understand our roots. We pray that the future of the church as a whole will show, until our Lord returns, the devotion and confidence this volume demonstrates.



North Fitzroy Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1901

Introduction

North Fitzroy Seventh-day Adventist Church, originally known as The Melbourne church, was the first Seventh-day Adventist church organized in the Southern Hemisphere.

It was organized at a meeting in the mission tent on the evening of Sunday, 10th January, 1886, at the conclusion of a Tent Mission conducted at the corner of Brunswick and Scotchmer Streets, North Fitzroy, and met in various halls until the present church was built in Alfred Crescent in 1896.

North Fitzroy church was closely associated with much of the early work of Seventh-day Adventists in Australia, and this booklet aims to record some details of that work and of the pioneers whose bold vision and dedication contributed so much to the advancement of the church's programme in this part of the world.

CHAPTER ONE

The Pioneers

At the annual session of the General Conference held at Battle Creek, Michigan, November 1884, it was decided to send Elder S.N. Haskell to Australia as soon as possible to superintend the establishment of a mission there, and to send Elder J.O. Corliss, William Arnold, and other labourers at the same time to work in the mission.¹

Plans were soon finalized and on 10th May, 1885, the first missionary party sailed from San Francisco on the S.S. 'Australia', arriving at Sydney on the morning of June 6th.²

The group consisted of Elder S.N. Haskell, Elder J.O. Corliss with his wife and two children, Elder M.C. Israel with his wife and two children, Henry Scott, a printer from California and William Arnold, a colporteur from Michigan.

Haskell and Israel remained in Sydney a few days to reconnoitre that city, but the rest of the party immediately transhipped to the S.S. 'Wentworth' and continued to Melbourne arriving there June 9th.³

They stayed initially at the Victoria Coffee Palace next to the Town Hall in Collins Street, and were joined there by Haskell and Israel when they arrived by train from Sydney on June 16th. On June 17 however, they moved into "Sumarlide", a house at 46 (now 64) Highett Street, Richmond, for use as the Mission headquarters and were fully established there by July 4th, when they conducted their first Sabbath School.⁴

Other workers came from U.S.A. to help with the rapidly expanding work, the first reinforcements being Sr. E.J. Burnham who arrived September 1886, to help in The Echo Office, Bro. and Sr. W.L.H. Baker and Bro. and Sr. Byron Belden who arrived April 1887, and Pr. Will Curtis who arrived in Melbourne, 9th May 1887.⁵

In all, approximately one hundred missionaries and missionary wives and children came during the first twelve years to help with the work in Australia and New Zealand.⁶ In the main these were people with wonderful confidence in the work to which God had called them, people with absolute sincerity and complete dedication to God's cause. Many of them were associated at times with North Fitzroy church – we mention but a few:

• Pastor J.O. Corliss (1845-1923). An experienced evangelist, originally trained by Joseph Bates, Corliss was the first evangelist to work in Australia. He edited The Bible Echo and led out in the first missions in Melbourne, Ballarat, Adelaide and Geelong. He returned to California because of poor health in March 1887, but came again to Australia for another term of service from Dec. 1893 to 1896.

- Pastor M.C. Israel (1834-1921). Pastor Israel assisted Corliss at the first missions in Melbourne and subsequently led out in initial work at Ballarat (May 1886), Daylesford (Jan. 1887), Trentham (Mar. 1887), and Kyneton (Jan. 1888). He then did pioneering work in Tasmania (1888), and New Zealand (1889), where he was appointed Conference President in 1890. Pastor Israel finally returned to California in 1896.
- William Arnold (1854-1922). A colporteur who came to Australia with the first mission party. Arnold sold 2168 copies of the book "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" in three years⁷ before going on to England in May 1888. Arnold, who paid his own expenses to come to Australia, was so successful in his canvassing work up to January, 1887, that he deemed it a pleasure to pay from his own earnings, the cost of the Wharfdale Cylinder Press on which The Bible Echo was printed.
- Henry Scott. A printer from California who came with the first mission party and established the printing work of The Echo Publishing Company. He returned to America, January 1892.
- Pastor G.C. Tenney (1847-1921). Pr. Tenney came to Australia, July 1888 as Editor of The Bible Echo (1888-1892), and also served as first President of the Australian Conference (Aug. 1888-1892). He returned to America, October 1892, but later spent another five years working in Australia (1899-1903).
- Pastor A.G. Daniells (1858-1935). Pastor Daniells worked in New Zealand from November 1886, to March 1891, but then transferred to evangelistic work in Sydney. He was appointed President of the Australian Conference, based in Melbourne, in January 1892, and in 1895 became president of the Central Australian Conference. Then from 1897-1901 he was President of the Australasian Union Conference, and from 1901-1922 he was President of the General Conference. Pr. Daniells was one of the original Trustees of the present North Fitzroy church building.
- Dr. M.G. Kellogg (1832-1922). Dr. Kellogg was an older halfbrother of Dr. J.H. Kellogg of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and W.K. Kellogg who built the Kellogg's breakfast foods empire. With J.N. Loughborough and D.T. Bourdeau he established Adventist work in California, and then spent ten years in Australia and the Pacific Islands from 1893-1903. This included a short period of teaching at the St. Kilda Road Bible School, and lecturing in Melbourne and Victorian country centres. Later he directed the erection of the original Sydney Sanitarium.

WHY MELBOURNE?

The question has been asked as to why the pioneer missionaries elected to begin their work in Melbourne rather than in Sydney, which was longer established and was much the same size (approximately 350,000 population).

Two factors which no doubt influenced them were that some three

thousand Americans had settled in Victoria after the gold rush period of the 1850's, and that Victoria's total population was larger and more concentrated near the capital city.

Also it is known that they were impressed with the size of the Melbourne Public Library and the large number of free libraries which had been established in this colony, and they gained the general impression that Victoria was the most enterprising of the colonies at that time. (It was the main centre for the shipping trade and finance.)

Perhaps the greatest factor in their decision however, was their knowledge of the work done by Alexander Dickson⁸ some ten or twelve years earlier, and the possibility of arousing some of his former contacts.

Alexander Dickson was a Melbourne man who had been working as a missionary in Africa. Whilst there he accepted the Sabbath truth as a result of contact with Miss Hannah More who had been in charge of the Mendi Mission. Miss More had met Adventists while on furlough in New England in 1861, and subsequently accepted the Sabbath through correspondence and the reading of publications. When she did so she resigned her position, but before leaving Africa she distributed Sabbath publications to people at other mission stations in the area, including Alexander Dickson.

Through Miss More's influence Dickson also accepted the Sabbath, but he was excommunicated by his missionary organization and returned to Melbourne. There he spent much of his considerable worldly means in trying to call the attention of the people to the truth which he had received, but he finally became discouraged and was last heard of in California where he had given up his Sabbath views. Haskell reports however, that Dickson and others had aroused more interest in the Sabbath than they were aware of - some who owned stores had closed them on the Sabbath and for a number of years pamphlets were published in Melbourne vindicating the seventh-day as the Sabbath.

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CHAPTER TWO

Early Mission Work

When our people first came to Melbourne they spent much of their time visiting people who had been receiving literature sent to them by believers in America and distributing tracts and copies of the Signs of the Times. (Friends in U.S.A. contributed 1,000 Signs each week.¹) Soon however they arranged to conduct public meetings and Pastor Corliss presented the first series of public lectures in the Temperance Hall in Church Street Richmond, commencing Tuesday, July 21.

Sister Corliss' diary² reveals something of the urgency with which her husband approached this work for he presented six meetings in nine days, and although the attendances were not high, those who did come were given much to think about:

July 21 – "The Eastern Question" – Attendance: 40

July 23 – "Daniel 7" – Attendance: less

July 24 - "The 2,300 Days" - Attendance: few

July 26 - "The Atonement" - Attendance: 40

July 28 – "The Judgement" (Speaker: Haskell) – Attendance: few July 29 – "The Three Angels Messages"

Attendance: Mission Group + 3

Because of the "land boom" of the time, hall rentals were exhorbitant, so in September, arrangements were made to purchase a 40 ft. x 65 ft. tent, together with chairs and benches sufficient to seat 220 persons.³

The tent was first pitched on 22nd October, 1885 in McKean Street, North Fitzroy, on the South side of the Edinburgh Gardens, where McKean Street crossed what is now railway reserve.⁴

These meetings got away to a much better start, and although Sister Corliss recorded cautiously in her diary for the opening night (October 25) "not too many present", Pastor Israel reported enthusiastically that nearly two hundred attended, and charter member W.S. Hamilton later wrote that "the tent was packed and people stood outside".⁵

The meetings continued nearly every evening for six weeks with "a good attendance of intelligent hearers", and Pastor Israel reported that the average attendance for the first ten meetings was about one hundred.

Some of the people came regularly from other suburbs – and little wonder, for Pastor Corliss had much to tell them, and he wasted no time in getting on with the task, as the following list of meeting topics for the first three weeks will show. (Sister Corliss' diary notes re attendance are shown in brackets.)

October 25 (Sunday) - "Search the Scriptures" -

(Not too many present)

October 26 – "Daniel 7" – (A small company out tonight)

October 27 - "The Coming of The Lord" - (Good audience)

October 29 - "The Origin of Satan"

October 31 – "Present Truth" – (A good number)

November 1 (Sunday afternoon) – "The Atonement"

November 1 (Sunday evening) - "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary"

November 2 - "Seven Trumpets - The First Angel's Message"

November 3 - "The Second Angel's Message"

November 4 - "The Third Angel's Message"

November 5 - "The Sabbath in the New Testament"

(Improved attendance)

November 6 - "Who Changed the Sabbath"?

November 7 – "Righteousness" – (25 present)

November 8 - "The Two Covenants"

November 9 - "The Destiny of the Wicked"

November 10 - "The State of the Dead"

November 11 – "The Nature of Man" – (Good audience)

November 12 – "The Coming Famine"

November 14 (Sabbath) – "God's Memorial" – (40 attended)

November 15 (afternoon) – "The Two Laws"

November 15 (evening) - "The Mark of the Beast"

These meetings concluded on Sabbath, December 6, and the tent was moved on December 8 to the corner of Brunswick and Scotchmer Streets, North Fitzroy, where a second series of tent meetings was conducted from December 13, 1885 to January 10, 1886.

After that the tent was erected in South Melbourne on January 14, 1886, and on February 21 at South Yarra, but from April, halls were again used for lecture series conducted through the winter months at Prahran, Cheltenham and Ballarat.⁶

During the next year, mission programs were conducted in other towns (Adelaide, September '86 - Geelong, January '87 - Daylesford, January '87 - Trentham, March '87 - Castlemaine, July '87 -Wychitella, October '87).

Then in October 1887 a second tent was purchased and Pastor W. Curtis used it for tent missions in the North Fitzroy area at the corner of Newry and Station Streets Carlton, commencing November 7, 1887, at the corner of Delbridge and McKean Streets, commencing January 15, 1888, and in Hoddle Street Collingwood, commencing March 18, 1888.7

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Former Temperance Hall, 316 Church Street, Richmond, rented for Corliss' first Australian mission, July 1885.



Facade of the 'Bible Echo' on Best Street, now converted into apartments. The three storey frontage has been significantly altered however the south facing brick wall can still be seen. Church services were held here from 1889-1892 in what was known as 'Federal Hall'.

CHAPTER THREE

North Fitzroy Church

Soon after their arrival, Corliss and Israel visited J.H. Stockton, a coachbuilder from Clifton Hill, who was coachbuilder to the Governor of Victoria. Believers of the same name in California had selected his name from a Melbourne directory and had been sending him literature, so he made the "Yankees" welcome. With his son and daughter he commenced attending the Sabbath School at "Sumar-lide" on August 8, 1885,¹ and he also attended some of the mission meetings in the Temperance Hall. With his son Harry and his daughter Minnie, Stockton accepted the Sabbath at that time and he became the first Australian Seventh-day Adventist.²

Another early visitor to the Mission home was a young printer named W.H.B. Miller who called during the Sabbath meeting on August 22 to ask about a tract which he had found, entitled "Which Day Do You Keep and Why?" Miller is generally reported to have found this tract tucked into the wrought iron fence then erected around the Exhibition Gardens,³ but another report has it that he found the tract on a seat in Albert Park.⁴ Wherever it was, the subject attracted Miller's attention and he invited Pastor Corliss to take part in an open meeting of the "Mutual Improvement Society" at the South Melbourne Disciples of Christ Church on the following Thursday evening, August 27, 1885.⁵

The question arranged for discussion that evening was "When, where and how was the Sabbath changed from Saturday to Sunday", and after initial discussion by the members Pastor Corliss was invited to speak. He did so, diplomatically but very convincingly, and in consequence, was invited to conduct a Bible study in the Miller home the following Tuesday. Other studies followed in different homes and many from this group attended the first tent mission in North Fitzroy. A total of seventeen people from this group finally joined the church, including Millers, Romeros, Steeles, Faulkheads and Hamiltons.

Before the first tent mission in McKean Street closed, forty-one persons formed a company covenanted to keep the commandments and to worship together on Sabbaths.⁶ Then at the close of the second tent mission, on Sunday January 10, 1886, a church was organised with a foundation membership of twenty-eight members.⁷ Seven more were added by baptism on January 16 and another ten on January 23. By mid-May 1886, the membership had increased to 95!⁸

The membership of the "Melbourne Church" continued to grow rapidly, although it should be appreciated that many of these members were from other suburbs and some from country districts (e.g. Geelong, Wychitella, Bunyip and Cobden) because in those days



North Fitzroy Seventh-day Adventist Church today, 27 Alfred Crescent, North Fitzroy.



Inside North Fitzroy Seventh-day Adventist Church.

there was no separate "Conference Roll" for isolated members. For example, in 1897 after members had already transferred out to new churches organised at Prahran, Brighton, Williamstown and Hawthorn, it was reported that 65 out of the 211 members still lived too far away to attend regularly.⁹

The first Sabbath School met on July 4, 1885¹⁰ at the Mission Home at "Sumarlide", 46 (now 64) Highett Street, Richmond¹¹ and the church met at a number of different places before the present church was built.

- From February 6, 1886, at the Temperance Hall, Russell Street, City.¹²
- From April 24, 1886, at the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, City.¹³
- From late 1888, at the Albert Hall, Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.¹⁴
- From July 28, 1889, at the Federal Hall in the Bible Echo building in Best Street, North Fitzroy.¹⁵
- From April 1892, at the Albert Hall, Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.¹⁶
- From August 1893, at the Temperance Hall, Rae Street, North Fitzroy.¹⁷
- From March 1896, at the Carlton Hall, Princes Street, Carlton.¹⁸

The period spent in the Federal Hall had been a happy one, but use of public halls was less satisfactory and when they had to leave the Federal Hall because of expansion of the publishing work, the members started to plan for a church building of their own.

Late in 1894, a committee was appointed under the chairmanship of A.G. Daniells, to search out land for a church building and, after looking at a number of sites, negotiations were commenced to buy an allotment in Drummond Street, North Carlton. These negotiations were later discontinued because of some irregularities in the title, and on March 29, 1896, it was decided to purchase the present church site in Alfred Crescent.

At that time the "Edinburgh Gardens" opposite the church was still a swamp, being filled with garbage land fill, but the choice proved very fortunate because the church today faces a beautiful park. Also car parking today is not the problem it would have been if the church had been built in the congested North Carlton area.

Plans for building the church commenced immediately, and in May, Bro. J.G. Shannon came from Avondale to take charge of the work. Others who worked on the project included Mr. J. Cooper, father of Bro. Walter Cooper, who was the bricklayer; Harry Mitchell, later Pastor Harry Mitchell, who was assistant bricklayer; and the Church Clerk, Bro. Giovanetti, a signwriter and glazier, who did the glazing and painting work including painting of the scroll which still remains above the rostrum today with the message "The Lord is in His Holy Temple".

By June 22 the Bible Echo reported that "The foundation is laid and the walls are rising" and the church building was completed by the second week in September.

The cost of the land, including the cost of the transfer was £329.11.7,



The Rivulet Missionary Society, c.1890



1.	Mrs. J.H. Woods
2	Fred Miller
З.	Mrs. Morrison
4.	Ivers Tenney
5.	Minnie Stockton
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7.	Mrs. G.C. Tenney

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- Frank Pallant

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and the cost of the building including furniture, fittings, seating (£61.10.0), insurance and rates etc. was £979.9.10 making the total project cost £1,309.1.5.

The church was dedicated at a special service on September 13, 1896¹⁹ when the dedication address was presented by Pastor E.W. Farnsworth who had recently arrived from America. (His father William Farnsworth, is said to have been the first ever Seventh-day Adventist.) The other members of the platform party on this occasion were Pastors A.G. Daniells, Robert Hare, W.A. Colcord (the editor of the Bible Echo) and C.F. Hawkins, a former minister of the Weslevan Church, who had been baptised by Pastor Daniells a short time previously.

North Fitzroy church was probably the seventh Adventist Church building dedicated in Australia, after Collinsvale, Parramatta, Kellyville, Prospect, Ashfield and Hobart, but of these only Collinsvale and Nth Fitzrov continue in church use today.

In 1920 (approximately) the Conference built a two storey brick tent store at the rear of the church, for storage of the tents used at camp meetings. This was built by Pastor Harry Mitchell who had been the assistant bricklayer when the church was built. This tent house was later altered to be a single storey school shelter shed, and later still was converted for use as the kindergarten and welfare rooms.

Another major change was made in 1935 when the original front doors were removed and the front porch was added. When this was done, the front picket fence was also replaced with the present low brick fence, and the front vard was raised and paved in concrete.

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"Sumarlide" 64 Highet Street, Richmond. First Sabbath School held here, July 1885.



S.N. Haskell



A.G. Daniells



W.C. White



J.H. Woods



Robert Hare

CHAPTER FOUR

The Wider Scene Formation of the Australian Conference

The pioneers didn't long restrict their efforts to work in the Melbourne area. As early as May 1886, Pastor Israel visited Ballarat and conducted Bible studies in homes there for three weeks with attendances from fifteen to twenty-five.¹ Then on June 20, he and Pastor Corliss commenced a series of meetings in the Alfred Hall, which continued until August 8 with an average attendance of about two hundred. Pastor Corliss went on to Adelaide but Pastor Israel continued at Ballarat for some weeks, and on September 12, organised Ballarat church with an initial membership of twenty-one.² In Adelaide Pastor Corliss started a five week mission series in the Norwood Town Hall on September 5, and then conducted a tent mission at Stepney from October 17 to December 2. As a result of these meetings Adelaide church was organised on November 27, 1886, with an initial membership of thirty-four.³

Although small groups were established at several other places after further meetings at Geelong, Daylesford, Trentham, Castlemaine, Wychitella and Kyneton, a fourth church wasn't organised in Australia until June 28, 1888, when a church was organised in Hobart.⁴ This followed a tent meeting series conducted by M.C. Israel and W.L.H. Baker from February 29 to April 21, and subsequent meetings in the Federal Hall in Murray Street.

By this time of course, it was becoming clear that some overall co-ordination of the work was needed, and the Australian Conference and the Australian Tract Society were organised at a general meeting called for this purpose in the Rae Street Temperance hall, North Fitzroy, on August 30, 1888.⁵ This meeting was attended by representatives of each of the above four churches and by Bro. A. Stewart representing the company at Wychitella. At that time the total church membership in Australia was only 266, with approximately 350 Sabbath School members, but the members had a vision of the work to be done. Later at the Brighton Camp meeting in January 1894, the Australian conference was joined with the New Zealand Conference to form the Australasian Union Conference with W.C. White as its first president.⁶

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The Australasian Union Conference Office, 1896.



Former Australasian Union Conference Office and Sanitarium Health Food Agency, Cnr St. Georges Rd and Taplin Street.



Former Temperance Hall, 270 Rae Street, North Fitzroy. Used for early meetings and earliest baptisms. The Australian Conference was organised here on August 30, 1888.

CHAPTER FIVE

The Bible Echo

From the start, a strong emphasis was given to the publishing and literature ministry. William Arnold sold 2,168 copies of "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" in less than three years, and wide distribution of tracts and other literature was assisted by early formation of a Melbourne branch of the "International Tract and Missionary Society".¹

Printing of the "Bible Echo and Signs of the Times" commenced on a regular basis in January 1886 in rented premises at the corner of Rae and Scotchmer Streets, North Fitzroy.²

This property, "Burnham House", became the new Mission Home and headquarters for our work. It was a large two storey shop and dwelling, with a small stable at the rear, and continues today in essentially the same form, except for an added shop verandah and a steel roller door on the stable.

The mission families were able to live on site initially, because the printing press was set up in the stable and the typesetting work was done in the hayloft, but, as well as the shop and one adjoining room, one upstairs room in the main building was used for the mission work. This upstairs room was equipped as a reading room and was supplied with reading material from the International Tract Society.

Some of the new members helped with the work part time on a voluntary basis, but in November 1886, the program was boosted when W.H.B. Miller and John Woods sold their printing business in South Melbourne and joined the regular staff of the Bible Echo.³

At the meeting when the Australian Conference was formed in the Rae Street Temperance Hall, August 30, 1888, the need to expand the publishing work was discussed and over £700 was subscribed to establish the Echo Publishing Company.⁴

Land was bought at 14-16 Best Street, North Fitzroy within a few days, and it was arranged for Bro. J.T.E. Hellier & Co. to build the building under contract.⁵

The new building was three storeys high and 33 ft. x 65 ft. in plan, but the top floor was omitted initially so that the top two floors could be used by the church as the "Federal Hall".⁶

The building was finished and dedicated, together with the "Federal Hall" on July 28, 1889,⁷ although the publishing work had been transferred to the site in January using an existing tin shed on the rear of the property.

The tin shed was retained and used as the press room, with the other publishing work being handled on the ground floor of the main building. By 1892 however, the publishing work had expanded to such an extent that the church had to be asked to find another



"Burnham House", Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy. rented by "Bible Echo" 1886 - 1887.



Burnham House, former Mission Home and Printing Office for Bible Echo & Signs of the Times, Cnr of Scotchmer and Rae Streets, North Fitzroy.

meeting place, and in March-April the top floor was built in and the Federal Hall was taken over for publishing work.⁸

More changes came in 1898, when another three storey building was built over the tin shed to increase the total factory floor space to 12,000 sq. ft.⁹

Another sort of change came in 1903. The main missionary paper "Bible Echo and Signs of the Times" had changed from monthly to fortnightly production in 1889, and then to weekly production in 1894, but on January 26, 1903, its name was changed to "Australasian Signs of the Times" which led later to change of the name of the company to "Signs Publishing Company" when it moved to Warburton.

This name change for the missionary paper was adopted when changes to Postal regulations made it necessary to alter the content of the paper somewhat, to allow it to be registered as a newspaper, and avoid unacceptable increases in postage costs.¹⁰

The final chapter in the Bible Echo story, so far as North Fitzroy is concerned, came in 1906. After fire destroyed the Review and Herald building at Battle Creek at the end of 1902, Ellen White counselled that our publishing houses should stop doing commercial work, and should move out of the cities.

On hearing this, and after confirming that this counsel should also apply in Australia,¹¹ a search was made and finally in July 1905, land was purchased at Warburton from a Mr. George Thompson. This Mr. Thompson was the husband of a former North Fitzroy member, Elvie Blunden, and he sold the area of land now known as "Signs Hill" to the Adventists for £1 per acre.

The story of the transfer to Warburton is another pioneering story on its own. Suffice here to say that the first buildings were erected there by September 1905, and most of the key staff members transferred to the new location in February/March 1906. The first Warburton issue of the "Signs of the Times" was dated April 9.

The commercial business in Melbourne was continued for some months, and when it finally closed down towards the end of the year, a number of the employees took up the Echo's commercial customers and went into business for themselves.

The Echo Publishing Company had been one of the biggest and best known publishing firms in Melbourne, with over eighty employees. They had introduced American techniques, new to Victoria, and the quality of their work was widely recognised – indeed, in 1896, the Company had been appointed publishers to Lord Brassey, the Governor of Victoria. Because of this the employees were generally able to find new employment, and those who went into business for themselves were generally successful. Indeed a number of Melbourne firms, and several in Sydney and Adelaide, have their 'roots' in the original Bible Echo Company in Melbourne. One can't leave the Bible Echo Company without reference to their brass band which was the forerunner of Adventist brass bands throughout Australia.

A.W. Anderson joined the staff of the Bible Echo about October 1899 and soon formed a brass band. Its first public performance was at the Geelong camp with A.W. Anderson as conductor in March 1900,¹² and it often performed for charities at the bandstand across from the church, in the Edinburgh Gardens.



"Bible Echo" Publishing Company building, 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, 1898.



Rear of former "Bible Echo" building, 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, today.

One particular tale is told concerning the time when the band marched with the school children in St. Kilda Road, for the welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York, who came to open the Federal Parliament on May 6, 1901.

Pastor Hare was caught up in the enthusiasm of things and was playing his tuba with great gusto - but he had his head down and marched straight on when the band went round a corner!

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Employees at "Bible Echo" 1904.

The following people have been identified in this photo: Ella Carr, Bro. Wallace, Minnie Stockton, Annie Sommerville, A. Chelburg, Robert Hare, N.D. Faulkhead, Ada Bell, Nell Williams, Lou Rose, Flo Carr, Laura Ballingall, Eva Ballingall, Maude Irwin, Geo. Rose, W.W. Salisbury, Florrie Walton, Kate Bell, Ethel Jones, Harry Bell, Ted Parkinson, Will Irwin, Lou Romero, Will Fisher, W. Bowes, R.L. Bond, Brainerd, Harry Stockton.

CHAPTER SIX

Mrs. E.G. White

Mrs. White came to Australia in 1891 in response to an invitation sent from the second Annual Session of the Australian Conference in January 1890.¹ At that time there were only about 450 Adventists in all Australia!

Her son, W.C. White, Fannie Bolton, Marion Davis, May Walling and Emily Campbell came with her, and they left San Francisco on November 12, 1891, on the S.S. Alameda. They were joined in Honolulu by Pastor and Mrs. G.B. Starr and finally arrived in Sydney on December 8, 1891.²

After a brief stay in Sydney, they came on to Melbourne by train on December 16.

Mrs. White spoke to North Fitzroy church for the first time in the Federal Hall on December 19. Then, the following week, she several times addressed the Third Annual Session of the Australian Conference in Federal Hall, and twice spoke at public meetings in Fitzroy Town Hall on the Sunday evenings of December 27 and January 3.³

When Mrs. White and her party first arrived, Pastor G.C. Tenney, the editor of the Bible Echo, arranged for them to stay in his newly built two storey residence at 82 Best Street, North Fitzroy.⁴ After three weeks however, they were able to rent a house for themselves and moved into a large house in Railway Place East, near Bell Station, Preston, on the outskirts of Melbourne.⁵

Mrs. White lived there till September of that year, and frequently met with the North Fitzroy church, and sometimes spoke to them at their meeting place, which during that period, changed to the Albert Hall at Clifton Hill.⁶

She also wrote a substantial part of the book "Desire of Ages" during this period, and maintained a large flow of correspondence, including testimonies to various workers in U.S.A. Throughout 1892 however, she suffered a great deal with rheumatism and at times was confined to her room for extended periods.

One local project in which she did become involved during this period, was the planning for the Bible School in St. Kilda Road, and she was one of the guest speakers when it opened on August 24.⁷

In September 1892, Mrs. White moved to Adelaide for several months, and returned to Melbourne only briefly for the Annual Session meetings in January 1893 before going on to Sydney and then to New Zealand for an extended stay in that country.

Mrs. White visited Melbourne on a number of occasions after that however, and usually managed to visit with the church at North Fitzroy during her stay.

In 1894 she came to Melbourne for the first ever camp meeting at Brighton,⁸ and in 1895 she spoke to North Fitzroy church on April 13

whilst en route to Tasmania for W.C. White's wedding to May Lacey,9 and again on the return journey on May 25.

Then in late October 1896, she helped Pastor Farnsworth and Pastor Daniells conduct a week-long revival series in the new North Fitzrov church,¹⁰ and in 1898 she spoke to the church at meetings on Sabbath and Sunday afternoon, April 9 and 10, ath the end of the series of meetings which followed the Balaclava camp meeting.¹¹

Mrs. White's final visit to Victoria was a brief visit to attend the Geelong camp meeting in March 1900, and during that visit she spoke to the church for the last time on Sabbath, March 24.12

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Pr. G. C. Tenney's former home, 82 Best Street, North Fitzrov. Ellen White stayed here December, 1891 - January, 1892.

The St. Kilda Road Bible School

In March 1891, the General Conference recommended that the Australian and New Zealand Conferences combine to establish a Bible School to train workers locally, and so avoid the costs involved in sending young people to America for training.

This proposal was the main item of business at the third Annual Session of the Australian conference, attended by the E.G. White shortly after her arrival in December 1891, and was also discussed at length at the New Zealand Conference in April 1892.¹

Even though Australia was in the grip of an economic depression, and there were only about one thousand members in all of Australia and New Zealand, the idea was supported and a combined committee was formed to plan for an immediate start to the program.

Work had to begin in rented buildings, and although some argued for locating in Sydney, Melbourne was finally chosen and commodious buildings were rented at 1 and 2 George's Terrace, St. Kilda Road.²

These buildings were on spacious grounds in St. Kilda Road at the corner of Commercial Road, immediately south of today's Chevron Hotel buildings, and were conveniently located near the City, with a cable tram passing the door. Albert Park and Albert Park Lake were across the road, and other parks were near at hand with the Botanical Gardens only a short walk away.

The principal of the school was L.J. Rousseau, with Pastor G.B. Starr as the Bible teacher and Mrs. Starr as Matron, and all of the boarding students were required to aid in the work of the school, in the same way as was continued later when the school was transferred to Cooranbong.

One aspect that was particularly mentioned in the Prospectus, was that unrestricted association of the sexes was not permitted, and all students were expected to maintain a proper degree of reserve in their association with those of the opposite sex. Gentlemen were not permitted to escort ladies on the street, or to and from public gatherings.

The school opened with twenty-five boarding students and a number of day students on August 24, 1892,³ and continued to September 21, 1894, when it closed and restarted later at Cooranbong in April 1897 as the Avondale School for Christian Workers.⁴

North Fitzroy students who attended the St. Kilda Road school included B.B. Blunden and Mrs. Blunden, Harry Camp and his wife (Harry later started a factory which made "Vita Brits"), George Cleal, Arthur Currow (later a dentist in California), Maud Irwin, Ethel Jones, Llewellyn Jones, Phillip Reekie, Mrs. A. Steele, Harry Stockton, Minnie Stockton, Arthur Wainman and Fred Walpole.

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St. Kilda Road Bible School Students, 1893.

Back Row (standing) Left to Right:

W. Mikaera, Olive Bree (W.H. Pascoe), Harold Bree, Maggie Hare (H. Bree), Charles Paap, Jessie Israel, John Hare, Jennie Mansell, Byron Belden, Mrs. Belden.

Others (sitting in double row) Left to Right:

Lily Oliver, J.H. Cammell, May Lacey (White), Mrs. W.D. Salisbury, - Hare, Annie Higgins, May Israel, Carrie Paap, Fairley Masters, George Teasdale, J M Johanson



St. Kilda Road Bible School Students, 1894.

Back Row Left to Right:

-, Miss ME, Matthews (Mahon), James Hansen, Mable Cleal, Miss Smart (?), Olive Bree (W.H. Pascoe), May Lacey (W.C. White), Miss Lucas, Mrs A. Edwards, Carrie Paap, Arthur Wilson, John Hare, A.W. Semmens, Harold Bree, Wilmot Hare, Will MacKnight, Julie Hare, Jannie Mansell (Halsey), A.W. Carswell, Martha Brown, Julia Malcolm, Harold Cammell.

Third Row (standing) Left to Right:

Mrs. W.D. Salisbury, Will Somerville, Maggie Hare (Bree), George Teasdale, May Israel, Mrs. A.W. Semmens, Annie Higgins, Anna Ingels (Hindson), Rose Goodie (Williamson), John Owen, Charles Paap, Fairley Masters, Lily Oliver (G.S. Fisher), Mrs. Sarah Belden, Arthur Waimmar, Ethel Jones.

Second Row (seated) Left to Right: Jessie Israel, Byron Beldon, Mrs. W.L.H. Baker, W.L.H. Baker, Mrs. L.J. Rousseau, L.J. Rousseau (Principal), A.G. Danielis, Mrs. A.G. Danielis, Captain G. Masters, Mrs. G. Masters, Metcalife Hare.

Front Row (kneeling) Left to Right:

Elsie Michaels (Hyslop), Eva Edwards, Millie Edwards, Llewellyn Jones, George Harmon, W. Mikaera, Fred Walpole.

CHAPTER EIGHT

North Fitzroy Church School

At the invitation of the Central Australian Conference (Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania) a church school was opened in the rooms at the rear of the church on April 23, 1900.¹

The first teacher was Mrs. Morse, an American whose husband was employed on the staff at the Bible Echo, but the school opened with thirty-nine students and student numbers increased, so the next week Prissie Prismall was recruited as an assistant teacher.

In 1901 the Morse family returned to America and Mrs. Faulkhead took over as head teacher, having taught previously in the nearby Alfred Crescent State School. That year there were seventy-nine students and Miss Millie Hubbard was recruited as a third teacher with Mrs. Faulkhead and Miss Prismall.²

Student numbers increased to ninety in 1902, and high enrolments continued for several years, but the school had to close in 1906 when the Echo Publishing Co. transferred to Warburton.

The school re-opened in 1919³ with Lilian McMahon as the teacher, and continued actively for some years under various teachers including Will Gilson, Beatrice Aitken, Tom Stevenson, C.A. Stevens, Miss Hardy, Miss Clery, Miss Patterson and Alice Smith.

In 1929 and 1930, the school even included High School pupils. Ten students attended in 1929 and over twenty in 1930. This was the start of our Melbourne Adventist High School which transferred to the new school building at Hawthorn at the start of 1931.

The school finally closed at the end of 1951 – but the work of its teachers lives on in the lives of the hundreds of students who enjoyed the priveleges of Christian Education at North Fitzroy.

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North Fitzroy Church School, 1901.



1.	Ernest Bullas	19.	Beth Diverall	35.	Norma Brewer	53
2.	Reuben Hare	20.	Gladys Faulkhead (Rudge)	36.	Lavina Simpkin	54
3	Gilbert McLaren	21.	-	37.	Ellie Romero	55
4	Louis Faulkhead	22	Grace Bullas	38	Edie Diverall	20
5.	Fred Bullas	23	Alma Stone	39.	Winnie Ballingall	50
6	Will Chelberg	24	Mabel Johanson	40.	Ada Walpole	55 56 57 58 59
6. 7.	Lilv Bowes	25	Edie Hubbard (Rose)	41.	- McLaren	28
6	Nessie Mertern	20.	(Assistant)	42		
8. 9.	Nessie Mertern	20			 Brainerd 	60
9.		26.	Mary Holland	43.	-	61
10.	Ethel Romero (White)	27.	-	44.	-	62
11.	-	28.	Elsie Brown	45.	-	63
12	Wally Franklin	29.	Mrs. Emma Faulkhead	46.	-	64
13.	-		(Principal)	47.	Roy Stockton	65
14	Bill Diverall	30.	Bert Anderson	48	Stan Bullas	65 66
15	Les Romero	31.	Walter Johanson	49	Edie Hoskens	67
16.	-	32	Edith Hubbard	50.	Greta Johanson (Barham)	68
17.	Evelyn Irwin (Cormack)	33.	Califi Habbara	51.	Ruth Hare (Lane)	8
18	Gladys Bell	34	Director Different (Academic)			
10.	Gladys Bell	34.	Prissie Prismall (Assistant)	52	Bella Diverall	

- Brainerd

- Stockton Lloyd Simpkin Eric Hare
- Dave Diverall
- Ray Romero Fred Hoskens
- Roy A. Anderson
- Ruth Hare (Wilkinson)
- Edgecombe Miller (?) George Irwin



First Year of the (Hawthorn) Church High School, Forms 1 and 2 at North Fitzroy, 1930.



- George Hayden Bill Baskin Walter Hill
- 123456789
- Les Carter Will Taylor
- rter (dec.) Reg C
- Cedric Hobson
- rey Honeycombe
- Olive Russell (Fraser)
 Yvonne Holman (O'Connor)
 Mr. W.J. Gilson
 Lily Cleave
 Flo Laxton (Evans: dec.)
 Eva White
 Karie Brabant (Hill)
 Fay Brown
 Meryl Spicer

- Phyllis Holman (Morrall)
 Thelma Collister
 Ruth Cleave
 Joyce Stade (dec.)
 Win White (Madigan)
 May Moore (Rippon)
 Sylvia Deacon (Taylor)
 Elva Austin
 Dorothy Downs (Halmark

- Sylvia Deacon (Taylor) Elva Austin Dorothy Downs (Halmark)
- Nancy Proud Len Bosch Allan Crynes 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 John Cryr Taulor
- Photo: Courtesy Mrs. W.J. O'Connor (nee Y. Holman), of Warburton.

CHAPTER NINE

The Helping Hand Mission

Over the years North Fitzroy church members, and particularly the Dorcas Welfare Society, have been involved in many activities helping needy people in the local community, but the peak of these efforts undoubtedly came during the depression years of the late 1890's.

In 1894, Christian Help Bands were organised in the church with about 70 members organised to help needy families. Then, early in 1898, the Christian Help Band set up a labour bureau to help people looking for employment (contract W.J.R. Bowes at 14 Best Street – i.e. The Bible Echo), and a Helping Hand Woodyard was opened at the corner of Reid Street and St. George's Road, to provide employment for needy men. Also a small old people's home was opened for a short period.¹

The main project however, was the Helping Hand Mission in Latrobe Street, City, which was undertaken as a joint venture by all of the Melbourne churches (North Fitzroy, Williamstown, Windsor, Hawthorn and Brighton) following a combined meeting called in June 1898 to discuss ways and means of providing more help to destitute people in Melbourne.²

A four storey warehouse on Latrobe Street between Swanston Street and Elizabeth Street, was rented, together with a three storey warehouse behind it across a right-of-way, and the Mission was organised to provide low cost meals and accommodation for homeless men.

The Helping Hand Mission was officially opened by the Minister of Lands on September 12, 1898,³ and enjoyed a measure of financial support from business men in the city, although it seems to have been in financial difficulty throughout its period of operation.

What really kept it going was voluntary labour, because, apart from the paid superintendent, the mission was operated almost entirely by voluntary labour from the various churches. Different churches manned the mission on a roster system, and North Fitzroy was rostered every Tuesday and Friday evening.⁴

Sixty to one hundred men were provided for each night.⁵ Meal tickets were sold at 2/9 per dozen with bed tickets 5/6 per dozen,⁶ while those without means were given wood cutting and furniture repair work sufficient to pay for their stay.

An important feature in the conduct of the mission was that any person not sleeping there the previous night, was required to take a warm bath before retiring. They were then given a clean suit of pyjamas and conducted to a nice clean bed, while the night porter took possession of their clothes for fumigation overnight.

This program was continued for over seven years with G. Hubbard as
Superintendent initially and then J.C. Diverall. It had to be closed in 1907, after the Bible Echo staff moved to Warburton, and at that time was taken over by the Salvation Army.

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Helping Hand Mission, Latrobe Street, Melbourne, 1898 - 1907.

CHAPTER TEN

The Sanitarium Health Food Company

One of the American Adventists who had early accepted Mrs. White's counsel on health reform was a young medical student named John Harvey Kellog, and later, when he became Superintendent of the Adventists' large Sanitarium hospital at Battle Creek, Mich, he experimented in an endeavour to find ways to make a vegetarian diet attractive to his patients.

He developed a product, made from a mixture of grains, which he called "Granola", and it was he who first invented the process of making flaked breakfast cereals from various grains. He patented this process in May 1894,¹ but his main interest was in wheat flakes (which he called Granose) and his only concern was to produce cereals for his patients and former patients.

His brother Will Kellogg later bought out J.H. Kellogg's interest in the process and established the Kellogg breakfast food industry – but that is another story.

Suffice for now to say that several trial shipments of health foods were imported from the Battle Creek Sanitarium by the Bible Echo Company in 1897,² but this move was not very successful because of the high cost of freight and import duty, and because some of the foods were stale on arrival. Because of this, the Union Conference asked W.C. White to contact the Kelloggs while he was in U.S.A. to attend the 1897 General Conference Session, and discuss with them what might be done to manufacture health foods in Australia.³

W.C. White saw the Kelloggs several times, and ended up by arranging to import one of their granose mills and other machinery to Australia. More than that, he also arranged for E.C. Halsey, a baker skilled in the manufacture of health foods at Battle Creek Sanitarium, to come to Australia to lead out in the making of the new products.

The rest of the story is now history. Halsey arrived late in 1897, and a company was soon formed under the initial name "Sanitarium Health Food Agency" with its office at the Conference Office in St. Georges Road, North Fitzroy. The St. Georges Bakery in Clarke Street, Northcote (which still stands today) was leased for twelve months from December 12, and production commenced on January 27, 1898.⁴

P.B. Rudge (later Pastor P.B. Rudge) came from Tasmania to be the business manager,⁵ and production included granola, caramel cereal and nut butter.

The company's operations were transferred to Cooranbong in 1899⁶ however, and production did not resume again in Victoria until a factory was opened at Warburton in 1925, although the company did

open a cafe in Collins Street, just east of Elizabeth Street, in December 1906, and operated it at various city locations for some years.7

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Former site of the Sanitarium Health Food Agency and Bakery, 26 Clarke Street, Northcote where the Sanitarium Health Food Co. began in 1898. The SHF Bakery included both the 2 storey terrace house and a single storey building to the east which has recently been replaced with a 2 storey residence.

Personalities of the Past

Over the years many people have attended North Fitzroy church and contributed to its program, but the limitations of space, memory and recorded history are such that we can mention but a few:

- J.H. Stockton: The first Australian Sabbath-keeper, Stockton became a colporteur and apart from canvassing in Victoria, spent a year pioneering our work in Western Australia and six months in both Brisbane and Sydney. He died prematurely in Sydney in 1896 at age 41.¹
- Elizabeth Romero: The second Australian Adventist, and the first woman. When she had earlier been baptised into the Church of Christ she said: "There is another thing I would very much like to know Why is it we keep Sunday instead of the Sabbath?" It was not surprising therefore that when she heard Pastor Corliss take a Bible study in Mrs. Miller's home in South Melbourne on September 1, 1885, she kept the next Sabbath.²
- W.H.B. Miller: Walter Miller was the young printer who found 'The tract on the fence'. He joined the staff of the Bible Echo in November 1886, and later spent two periods working (and training) at the Pacific Press in Oakland California.

He left the Bible Echo for a time when it moved to Warburton in 1906, and he and George Petherbridge established their own firm "Queen City Printers", but he rejoined the The Signs Publishing Company in Warburton later as manager when George Petherbridge moved to Sydney.

Apart from publishing work, Miller was also author of the Uncle Ben's series of children's books "Uncle Ben's Cobblestones", "Uncle Ben's Meadow Brook", "Uncle Ben's Clover Field" and also "Sweetest Stories Ever Told".

- J.H. Woods: John woods was W.H.B. Miller's partner and joined the Bible Echo with Miller when they sold their own printing business in 1886. Woods later left the Publishing Work when Ellen White counselled him to join the ministry, and he became the first Australian ordained minister.
- W.A. Wainman: Although not the first Sabbath-keeper W.A. Wainman is reported to have been the first Australian baptised, being baptised with J.H. Stockton and his wife, Mrs. Romero and Mrs. Hellier and her daughter and daughter-in-law on January 2, 1886. Bro Wainman had been a plasterer and bricklayer but could not continue in this work without working on Sabbath, so he became the first Australian colporteur.³
- N.D. Faulkhead: A businessman who, after becoming an Adventist, joined the staff of the Echo Publishing Co. as its Treasurer (and also Treasurer of the Conference). Faulkhead held

very senior positions in various lodges in Melbourne, and continued in these until he received a testimony from Mrs. White in December 1892, after which he terminated all his lodge connections – details of this experience are published in the book "The Australian Years" pp.49-56.

• Fred Reekie: A Scotsman who migrated to Melbourne in 1886 and became an Adventist early in 1889. Later that year he became a colporteur and in 1893 he went to Western Australia as our first permanent worker in that state.

He canvassed there for six years and travelled as far afield as Kalgoorlie and Geraldton by pushbike, having to leave his family alone in Perth for months at a time. His work laid the foundation for J.O. Corliss and Robert Hare when they started evangelistic work in Perth in 1896.⁴

• Pastor Robert Hare: Robert Hare was born in Northern Ireland but was a boat builder in New Zealand when S.N. Haskell visited there in 1885. He accepted the Sabbath and soon afterwards went to California to train for the ministry at Healdsburg College (later Pacific Union College).

He was ordained in May 1888, and returned to New Zealand with his Californian bride to assist A.G. Daniells in tent evangelism. Then in 1890 he transferred to Australia where he engaged largely in evangelism until his retirement in 1928. He also edited the Bible Echo at North Fitzroy from **1898** to 1902, and later spent several years as the Bible teacher at Avondale College.

The biography of this much loved former pastor of our church is told in the book "An Irish Boy and God".

• A.W. Anderson: A.W. Anderson was a professional musician, who with his brother Richard, ran a music store in Lygon Street, Carlton. The brothers were first contacted by our church organist William Sommerville, and accepted the Sabbath at the 1894 Brighton camp. Their wives opposed them initially, and their father, who helped in their store, was most concerned when they wouldn't let him open the store on Sabbaths.

A.W. Anderson joined the Echo Publishing Company, and was later Editor of the Signs of the Times, and then served as a minister for some years in departmental work. Three of his four sons also became ministers, including twins Clifford and Ormond, who were born in 1905 while their parents were still members at North Fitzroy.

Roy Allan Anderson, who was one of the original students at North Fitzroy church school was a noted evangelist whose service included a period in London. He then served as a College Bible teacher in California and for a period was secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference and editor of Ministry magazine. He was also author of the well known books "Unfolding Daniels Prophecies" and "Unfolding the Revelation".

Clifford Anderson worked with the S.H.F. and in evangelistic work

in North Queensland and London – and then studied medicine and became a medical missionary in the West Indies. Later, while working at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital he became well known in U.S.A. as "Your Radio Doctor". He was also author of the book "Modern Ways to Health".

Ormond (O.K.) Anderson was a well known evangelist for many years, and also spent a period on mission service in the Middle East. (He also plays a trombone.)

• J.M. Johanson: A Dane, who became an Adventist in 1891 while living in Tasmania. He left his cabinet making business, and with his wife took up canvassing work. Later he took charge of all of the canvassing work, and then became the Sales Manager of the Echo Publishing Company, and finally the General Manager.

He was ordained in 1913 and in 1915 became President of Avondale College. Then in 1917 he took charge of Adventist mission work in Japan, Korea and Manchuria for two years before returning to Australia as manager of the Signs Publishing Company.⁵

• Anna L. Ingels (Hindson): Anna Ingels came to Australia from California in 1893 and worked as Secretary of the Tract Society, and then Secretary of the Union Conference until she married colporteur James Hindson at North Fitzroy church in 1898. Together they then organised the Tract Society in Western Australia and she acted as Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Australian mission.

Then for 34 years she was Editor of the "Australasian Record" and for 18 years edited the "Missionary Leader", while she was also Secretary of the Union Sabbath School Department for 30 years.⁶

• Annie Higgins: Annie Higgins was a Tasmanian who moved to Melbourne with her parents when they became Adventists in 1888.

She attended the St. Kilda Road Bible School and then worked for a time at the Bible Echo before transferring into Departmental work.

She was a Secretary of the Tract Society for nine years, first in Queensland and then in New South Wales, and then spent twenty-six years in Young People's work in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.⁷

• A.E. White: As a young man, Ern White commenced work with the Bible Echo Company in North Fitzroy, and then transferred with them to Warburton in 1906.

He returned to Melbourne in 1910 to set up in business with J.D. Gillespie in the still well known firm of White & Gillespie which serves the printing industry. He was an elder, and much of the time Senior Elder of North Fitzroy church from 1912 until shortly before his death in 1958.

• Llewellyn Jones: An evangelist who grew up at North Fitzroy. He worked thirteen years in New Zealand, New South Wales and Queensland before returning to work thirty years in the Victorian Conference as an evangelist and later in Public Relations work. As church pastor at North Fitzroy, he organised the first special "Back to North Fitzroy" meeting in 1957 and generated an interest in the history of our church. He also encouraged and assisted the author, his nephew, in the writing of this Centenary Booklet.

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A.E. White

L.L. Jones

A. W. Anderson



N.D. Faulkhead



E. Faulkhead



R.A. Anderson

CHAPTER TWELVE

Tit-Bits

- Canvassing at Glen Wills: In September 1897, North Fitzroy colporteur James Cato Diverall reported good sales at the mining settlement of Glen Wills after walking thirty-five miles through the mountains from Mitta Mitta the previous Sunday, "The last six miles through snow, sometimes knee deep".¹
- Contractor Converted: One of the group converted at Corliss' 1885 tent missions is reported to have been a contractor who did government contract work. This man (perhaps it was David Sheppard) at once took a decided stand, and although he had a large number of men in his employ he would not allow any of them to work on the Sabbath. He permitted them to work overtime to make up the day however, if they chose to do so, and on one job when he was badly behind he let them work on Sundays which created no little excitement. He was threatened with prosecution which didn't proceed but his friends arranged a public meeting where he could explain his actions. This meeting was well attended and generated a good deal of interest in our truths.²
- On With the Task: North Fitzroy lay members were early involved assisting with public outreach programs. W. Hamilton was tent master for J.O. Corliss for his first mission program in Adelaide, John Bell Jnr. assisted with the first tent

missions in Daylesford and Trentham, and W.A. Wainman was also tent master on occasions.

Then there was David Sheppard who ran a public mission program on his own at Cheltenham in May 1886 – only four months after his baptism. Bro. Sheppard later lived at Katamatite and was instrumental in founding the Numurkah church.³

- To Church by Wagon: If you find it hard to get to Sabbath School on time think of our earlier members. The Behrens family, for example, travelled each week by wagon from their orchard in Elgar Road, Doncaster, and the Niellsens sometimes even came to church by wagon from their home near Ferntree Gully.
- The Young People's Missionary Society: Young People's meetings were first started at North Fitzroy in March 1902.⁴
- Doctrinal Texts: These were an Australian idea first introduced in 1908 and continued actively until recent years, with Doctrinal Text Exams and Doctrinal Text Certificates issued each quarter by the Conference Youth Department.⁵
- M.V. Reading Courses: These were first introduced in our Young Peoples Societies in 1907.⁵
- Morning Watch Calendars: These were first published in Australia in 1914.⁵

- The First Baptisms: The first baptism, on January 2, 1886, and probably all of the earliest baptisms, were conducted in the Temperance Hall in Rae Street, North Fitzroy.
- Roll Call: At early quarterly meetings of the church it was usual, in addition to celebration of the ordinances, to have members respond to a roll call by personal testimony or by note. For example, on July 5, 1890, when the church membership was 186, 115 members responded by testimony and another 45 reported by letter, etc.
- Church Services in the Gardens: Through February 1919, church services were held in the Edinburgh Gardens opposite the church, because indoor public meetings were banned during the Spanish influenza epidemic.
- The Australian Constitution: In 1897 Adventists, led by A.W. Anderson, were vigorously involved in the compaign which led to inclusion of aspects relative to religious freedom in Australia's Federal Constitution.⁶
- The Rivulet Missionary Society: This society was organised at North Fitzroy about 1890 as a missionary activity for children and young people between the ages of nine and sixteen. The members met together regularly to address missionary papers and write letters.
- The "Banner Class": Sister Wesley (nee Somerville) taught a girls Sabbath School class which was called the "Banner Class" because for approximately four years the class had perfect attendance and perfect daily study.
- The Night N.D. Faulkhead Opened the Church: Originally the church had gas lights, and at night whoever opened the church entered the side door and went through the vestry to light the first light over the rostrum. This usually caused no problems, but one Saturday evening in 1905 or 1906, N.D. Faulkhead got into difficulty when he opened the church for a night meeting. There had been a baptism that afternoon – and as he reached for the light cord there was a loud splash and he fell headlong into the still open font!
- Sabbath School Picnics: In earlier years, annual Sabbath School picnics were quite the thing. They were usually held on Melbourne Cup Day and were organised by such men as A.E. (Ern.) White, George Petherbridge and A.J. Dyason.

The church members travelled by train to most of the earliest picnics, and until the early 1920's open general purpose goods wagons were often used, with people sitting in the wagons on special forms provided by the Railways.

These picnics were held at nearby, (then country) locations such as Preston (1894), Ivanhoe (1902), Heidelberg (1907) and Reservoir (1917). By the 1930's however, chartered furniture vans were being used and picnics ventured further afield, some even venturing as far as Mt. Eliza.



The Preaching Tent at Balaclava Camp, 1897.



Group in front of Family Tent at Brighton Camp, January 1894.

Standing Left to Right: 1. Suzie Gurner, 4. Jessie (?) Israel, 6. Esther Rousseau, 8. Edith Jones (McKenzie), 9. Ethel Jones (Wood).

Others Left to Right in double row: 3. Tina Judge, 4. Mrs. A.G. Daniells, 5. May (?) Israel, 9. Annie Higgins, 10. Mrs. Rousseau, 11. Mrs. G.B. Starr.

• Visits by General Conference Presidents: The first General Conference President to address North Fitzroy church was O.A. Olsen who spoke to the church in the Rae Street Temperance Hall, January 27, 1894, at the time of his visit to Melbourne for the Brighton Camp Meeting.

He was followed in late June 1899 by G.A. Irwin who was the first General Conference President to speak in the present church.

The most recent General Conference President to visit us was N.C. Wilson who took the church service on May 11, 1985, at the time of his visit to Melbourne for Australia's S.D.A. Centenary.

• Henrietta Johnson: In California in 1885, Henrietta Johnson, a new convert to the church, sold her jewellery to help pay the fares of the first missionaries sent to Australasia.

Three years later she sailed there herself as the bride of the newly ordained Pastor Robert Hare – and she saw more of Australia than they all – in forty-seven years she moved home fifty-nine times!⁷

- Overseas Missionaries: North Fitzroy members who later served as overseas missionaries include the following:
 - John Cammell went to South Africa in 1901 to help with the publishing work, but died there in 1903 at age 29.⁸
 - J.H. Camp and C.H. Pretyman went to South Africa in April 1902 to help with the book work.⁹
 - W.W. Fletcher went to Singapore for a short time in 1906 and later served in India from 1916 to 1922.
 - Harold Carr was a pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides in 1912.
 - J.M. Johanson went to Japan and Korea from 1917 to 1919.
 - Evelyn Irwin married Will Cormack and they later spent approximately eight years as missionaries in India from 1922.
 - Reuben Hare served in India from 1923 to 1926 (approximately).
 - Jim Crammond went to India c.1921 to 1924.
 - Celia Ross married J.B. Conley and together they served fifteen years in India, 1924 to 1939.
 - Elsie Ross who had been our Church Treasurer, went to India on mission service in 1936, but died there in 1938 from cerebral meningitis.
 - Hugh Dickins and his wife Royce (a grand daughter of J.H. Stockton) served 26 years as missionaries in Fiji, Samoa and New Guinea from 1944 to 1970.
 - Keith Dickins taught on the Adventist island of Mussau, New Guinea, 1950 to 1953.
 - Nancy White married Eddie Piez and together they served 18 years in New Guinea, 1956 to 1974.
 - Hans and Helen Aeberli served seven years in New Guinea, 1972 to 1979.



At Coburg Camp, 1910



Sabbath School Picnic at Heidelberg in 1907.

The following people have been identified in this photo: Albert Maucum, Will Somerville, Mrs. Will Somerville, Mrs. Petherbridge's mother, Mrs. Petherbridge, Mr. Petherbridge, Ethel Diverall (Turmbull), WHB. Miller, Pr. J.H. Woods, Mrs. J.H. Woods, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Maucum, Dukie Maucum, Elizabeth McKay (Woods), Ernie Cohen, Tom McKay, Elize Prismall, Llewellyn Jones, Annee McKay (Smithgoode), Lorna Maucum, Nellie Grimwood, Walter Cooper, Estelle Maucum (Collmann), May Thornton, Ruth Petherbridge, Mrs. Robinson, Sarah Invin, Evelyn Irwin, Mrs. Fletcher, Rob Robinson, Dave Diverall, Burnham Miller, Bob Cooper, Margaret McKay.

- Lorna McCallum has served for periods in New Guinea and Fiji and is currently serving in Zimbabwe.
- Avondale Students in 1897: Six young people from North Fitzroy were students at Avondale in the first year of Avondale Missionary College: John Bell, Vergie Blunden, Llewellyn Jones, Prissie Prismall, Lily Prismall and Annie Somerville.¹⁰
- The First Church Officers: Appointed at organisation, January 10, 1886, were M.C. Israel, Elder; J.H. Stockton, Deacon; W.H.B. Miller, Clerk; and Jane Frazer, Treasurer.¹¹
- North Fitzroy Missionary Society: Had fifteen committees in 1902 besides a Sunshine Committee and a Lookout Committee. Committees met to study Nursing, Healthful Cookery, Foreign Fields, Physical Culture, Tract Distribution, Church and State Studies, Church Schools, Christian Help Band Work, Anatomy and Physiology, Duties of Church Officers, Healthful Homes, Duties of Sabbath School Officers, Healthful Dressing, Horticulture and Service of Song.¹²

Some Early Churches in Victoria Showing Dates of Organisation

North Fitzroy – January 10, 1886. Ballarat – September 12, 1886.13 Bendigo – March 1, 1890.14 Geelong – August 22, 1891.15 Prahran (later Windsor, then East Prahran) -November 25, 1892.16 Brighton – February (?), 1894.17 Hawthorn (later Auburn) – September (?), 1894.18 Williamstown (later Spotswood) - September 10, 1894.19 Brunswick (later Coburg) – April (?), 1902.20 Yarraville – August 8, 1903.²¹ North Melbourne – early 1904 (closed 1906).22 Devinish (between Benalla and Yarrawonga) - mid 1904.23 Moonee Ponds – June 3, 1905.24 Bunyip (later Longwarry) – October 5, 1905.25 Stawell - August 1905.26 Warburton – February (?), 1906.27 Northcote – late 1906.28

Dates of Dedication of Some Early Australian Church Buildings

Collinsvale, Tasmania – January (?), 1890.29 Parramatta, N.S.W. – December 10, 1892.30 Kelluville, N.S.W. – July (?), 1893.31 Prospect, N.S.W. - 1894.32 Ashfield, N.S.W. - 1895.33 Hobart, Tasmania – June 26, 1896.34 North Fitzroy, Victoria – September 13, 1896.3 Stanmore, N.S.W. - April 24, 1898.35 Newcastle, N.S.W. - September 2, 1899.36 Ballarat, Victoria – June 27, 1900.37 Rockhampton, Queensland - December 7, 1902.38 Launceston, Tasmania – January 1903.39 Windsor, Victoria – April 26, 1903.40 Devonport, Tasmania – July (?), 1903.41 Wallsend, N.S.W. - 1903.42 Eugowra, N.S.W. - 1903.43 Kensington, S.A. – February (?), 1904.44 Freemantle, W.A. – 1906.45

Locations of Victorian Camp Meetings 1894 to 1935

Oct. Nov. Jan. Mar. Dec. Oct. Nov. Nov. Feb.	1894 Brighton 1895 Armadale 1897 Balaclava 1899 Ballarat 1900 Geelong 1900 Bendigo 1901 Brunswick 1903 Royal Park 1904 Ascot Vale 1906 Camberwell 1907 Northcote 1908 East Prahran 1909 Box Hill 1910 Coburg 1911 Fairfield 1912 St. Kilda 1913 Thornbury 1915 Caulfield 1916 Kew 1917 Elsternwick
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	1918 Royal Park 1920 Caulfield 1921 Royal Park 1922 Balwyn 1923 Hampton
-	1924 Alphington
Jan.	1925 East Kew
	1926 Royal Showgrounds
	1927 Royal Showgrounds
Dec.	1927 Ballarat
Jan.	1929 Glenbervie
	1930 Blackburn
	1931 Geelong (included
	Xmas 1930)
Mar.	1932 Glenhuntly
	1933 Hampton
	1934 Hampton (included
	Xmas 1933)
	1935 Preston

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The Church Roll

The following persons have been church members at the Melbourne/ North Fitzroy Church, although many others have attended (and have been members of the Sabbath School).

Note that the roll is incomplete for the years 1886 to 1903 (approximately 150 names are not known). Also names shown as "1896 or earlier" etc., denote persons "transferred out" etc. in that year (year of admission not known).

At Organization 10 Jan 1886 J.H. Stockton Anna Stockton Jane Fraser **Charles Prismall** Mrs. J. Prismall William J. Prismall David Sheppard Elizabeth Romero Walter H.B. Miller Ada Miller Rasmus Nielson Harriet Nielson Katherine Steele W.E. Wainman W.S. Hamilton Mary Hamilton Henry Scott William Arnold S.N. Haskell M.C. Israel Mrs. M.C. Israel Jessie Israel J.O. Corliss Mrs. J.A. Corliss Lulu Corliss John Hellier Elizabeth Hellier Plus one other On 16 Jan 1886 W. McDowell Bell Jessie E. Bell John Bell Mrs Emma Faulkhead C.W. Giovanetti Plus two others On 23 Jan 1886 Robert Bell Elizabeth Bell Agnes Bell Bessie Bell Eli Hellier Herbert Miller Alfred Miller Sarah Sidney Plus two others On 30 Jan 1886 Mary H. Bell Bro Coghill Emma Sheppard Jane Bell 1886 other W.J. Ebdale Bro, Griffin John H. Woods Louis Romero Marion Giovanetti Eliza J. Burnham Fred May Mrs. Fred May Bro. E. Pearce Emma Pearce Emma Hellier

1887 (or 1886) Maria Marsham Byron Belden Sarah Belden WLH Baker Josie L Baker F.W Reekie Bro Carter Sr. Carter Thomas Rowe Sr. Dutton Ada Chandler Sr. Waterman Charles Buhler Ellen Buhler Nathaniel Faulkhead Alexander Sexton Lilian Sexton W.H.J. Wilson Jane Wilson H. Roy 1888 Alexander Ballingall Harriett Ballingall James Smith Margaret Cooper Margaret Philps Thos. W. Philps Sr. M.E. Matthews Esther Somerville William Somerville Sarah Irwin Beniamin Somerville Susan Somerville Janette Agnes Martin Elizabeth White Thomas Walpole Kate Hamilton (Jackson) Isabella Hamilton Caroline Kendall Mary Walpole Sarah Parkinson James Chantler A.E. Robinson Elizabeth Romero Junior Pr. George C. Tenney Sr. Elsie L. Tenney Ginny Bell **1889** Alexander Stewart Mary Stewart Jonathan Mann Christian Riisst Emily Finlayson (nee Tarrant) Ada Bell

Kate Bell

Annie Westley

(nee Somerville)

Ethel Parkinson

Marion Hellier

Grace Holland Charlotte E. Cohen Senior Ellis Theobold Edith L. Shepherd (Anderson) 1890 Isabella Carr Elizabeth Petherbridge (nee Somerville) 1891 Mary A. Ryder Mary A. Pallant Senior Emily McLaren Maud Irwin (Batkin) Daisy Irwin (Law) Bessie Irwin (Jones) Priscilla Prismall Nettie Walpole (Gibson) Clara Ballingall (A.E. White) Laura Ballingall Lena Foster (nee Walpole) Florence Walton (nee Carr) 1892 Maud Tadish (Carrington) Sr. E. Sylvester James Smith Mary Ellen Smith George Rose Martha Rose Adelaide Fisher (nee Rose) Catherine Wallace Jane Caldwell Peter Neillsen Jane Neillsen Pastor A.G. Daniells Mary Markin Elizabeth Carter Thomas Coulston Kate Coulston Mary Roxburg William J.R. Bowes Clara Bowes Geo. B. Starr Nellie Star Selena Shepherd Bro. R. Stoate L.J. Rousseau Emma L. Rousseau Annie Higgins 1892 (or Earlier) Sr. L. Reekie Mary Reekie Ainslie Reekie Phillip Reekie John S. Reekie Bro. C.G. Anderson

Charlotte Claydon Sr. M. Camp Arthur Currow Mr. J. Innes Sr. E. Innes Annie Claydon Bro. F. Masters Chas. Rowe Rebecca Rowe Lillie Claydon (1887?) 1893 Louisa Bohm Rachel Morrish Mary Gully Marion Wallace Agnes Steele Agnes Templeton Elizabeth Forrest John Adams 1893 (or Earlier) Minnie Gurner (Miller) Sr. B. Scott Johann Schache **Pauline Schache** Pandora Schache Maida Schache Joseph Sumpton Sarah Bush Adair Sr. A. Blunden 1894 Mary Chapman Mary Cole Victoria Forde **Rose Braid** George Tarrant Eliza Tarrant Ellen Houlder Nellie Smith Janet Wilson Ann J.J. Huddlestone Annie Harris Emma Cheffers Emily Davis (nee Innes) Emily Royal Ella Carr Arthur G. Daniells Mary Daniells Anna L. Ingells Albert W. Anderson Richard G. Anderson 1894 (or Earlier) Wm. Behrens Alice Behrens Emily C. Campbell Rebecca Hellier T.E. Hellier Sr. A. Muckersy Bro. H. Muckersy Lucy Hellier Annie Woods Florence Prismall W.C. White John Somerville

1895 Wilbur D. Salisbury Isabella Salisbury William McKay Augustus Chapman Annie Cole (Grimwood) Essie Thompson (nee Blunden) Lily Prismall Elizabeth F. Prismall Marion Doddridge W.H.B. Miller Bessie Miller Mary Mathews Kate Camp Bro. A. Merritt Edith Forden Sr. Arthur Mary Ann Bullas May Israel Jessie Israel 1895 (or Earlier) Elsie Michaels Lilian Michaels Francis Tucker Bro. Worsnop Maria Worsnop Bro. B. Harris 1896 Elizbeth King Eva Forden (Smith) Minnie Stockton Mary Massey (Vincent Gursansky) Emily Musgrove Jas. Edward Williams Pastor W. A. Colcord Sr. Colcord Bro. J.G. Shannon Sr. E. Shannon Jeannie Mansell Lizzie Gregg Bro. E.K. Palmer Sr. Eva Palmer 1896 (or Earlier) Lilly Hellier Bro. J.A. McIntosh Elizabeth McLeay Sr. Marion Reekie Agnes M. Anderson Sr. M.G. Kellogg Charles Ellsley (1886?)Reuben Clark Bessie Clark Elizabeth Clark Minnie Hawkins Sarah Greer 1897 Emma Faulkhead Sr. E. Miller Henry Wilson Jane Wilson Ethel Jones (Wood) Sr. A.P.M. Stockton George Miles Jane A. Miles Harry Stockton Elder A.T. Robinson Sr. L.V. Robinson Cecil H. Pretyman Richard L. Bond Rita L. Bond 1897 (or Earlier) Jessie Mansell 1898 Sarah Fleming John Fleming Sr. Giles Isabella J. Goodhind William F. Fisher Fred Ward Mary J. Brown

Fred Davis James Cato Diverall Eliza Hoskins Robert Hare Henrietta Hare Bro. F.G. Brainerd Alfred Hollingsworth Harriett Farrant Bro. T. Farrant Bro. Burgess Mrs. S. A. Webb Bro. E.J. Chandler Amelia Hubbard Bro. Hubbard Sr. Hubbard James Hindson Nathaniel A Davis Mrs. Davis Lydia Williams Sr. A. L. Hindson E. C. Halsev 1898 (or Earlier) Johann M Johanson Mrs. G. H. Blunden Miss. E. M. Graham 1899 William Holder George Petherbridge Mary Young Madge Young (Bottrill) Louisa Young (Parkinson) **Ivers** Tenney George Howse Henry T. Ellis Ellis M. Ellis Albert W. Anderson Agnes M. Anderson G.W. Morse Mrs. L.G. Morse William Vercoe Mrs F.J. Brainerd Sr. C.M. Cushman Minnie Gardiner Horace Howse 1899 (or Earlier) Chas Steele Ada Miller Elizabeth Hunter Bro. Sharples Sr. Sharples 1900 **Charles Steele** Maud Steele Lillie Large (Howse) Alma Blatchford (nee Stone) Florence Gully Reuben Hare Elizabeth Diverall (Elliot) Nessie Murton Grace Bullas Maggie McKay Lizzie McKay (Woods) Isa Goodhind Charlotte Young (Stockton) Florence Young (Bottrill) Ethel Rose Jean Williams Nellie Williams Mary Holland (Wilson) Martha Carr Marina Carr Thomas McKay Sr. McKay Senior Arthur White Ernest White Millie Hubbard George Hubbard Mrs. George Hubbard Sarah Hubbard

David McQueen Selina White 1900 (or Earlier) Sr. W. Cooper John Wallace Bro. A. Chelberg Bro. J.H. Cammel Adeline Annie Jones (1894?)1901 Harold Carr Louis Currow Elizabeth Currow Emily Perkins Delia Lord Chas. P. Michaels Lillian Michaels Elsie Michaels (Hall/Hislop) Emily S. Edwards Maud Hall Priscilla Burstonn Ann Woods Jennie N. Simkin Henry E. Simkin Laura Leah Bro A.T. Jessop Sr. M.E. Jessop Alexis Greig McKenzie Elder W.A. Hennig Sr. N.A. Hennig **1901 (or Earlier)** Eva Hodge 1902 Victoria C. Clifton Louis L. Rose Jane Bedford Edward Parkinson William Adolph Bussau John B. Fletcher Chas. Jackson Ellis Catharine McCole Ellis Milton Hare **Burnard Judge** William Ryder Elida Southon Louise Southon Catherine Edwards Walter Oscar Edwards Clarice Roffey **1902 (or Earlier)** Lizzie Green Mary J. Green John Murton Elvira Murton Annie M. Williams Ada Anderson Hannah Palmer Emily Martin Herbert White 1903 Robert Durham Jane Durham **Charlotte Paul** Allan Geo. Risk George Burgess David Henderson Sr. Henderson Sr. G. Henderson Florence Morrish Dora Robinson Jessie Woods (Watson) Wells Burgess Gladys Faulkhead (E.B. Rudge) Evelyn Irwin (Cormack) Agnes Risk Sarah Jane Milburn Miriam Currow 1903 (or Earlier)

Helen Chelberg Cathleen Salmon John Stephenson John Cramwell 1904 Albert James Maucum Marie Emilie Maucum (nee Bussau) John Murton Elvira B. Murton Nessie Murton John Gibson Alice E. Carruthers William J.R. Bowes Clara Bowes Catharine M. Noye **Catherine Triggs** May Ward Alfred G. Miller Minnie Miller Mary McMillan Ethel McMillan Willie McKay Mrs. Lily Williams 1905 Mrs Nelson (M. Walker) Robert Adamson Nattrass Jemima Nattrass Alfred Fowler Leslie J.L. Romero Alice Eve Romero Elizabeth Logan Annie Jones (Whitehead) 1906 Sr. L.M. Williams Irene Sharp Bro. F.L. Sharp Sr. Etta Sharp Herbert Cohen Jean Williams James C. Diverall Maria J. Diverall Elizabeth Diverall (Elliott) James Smith Bro. B. Judge Pastor J.H. Woods Sr. J.H. Woods 1907 Bro. C. Bertie Norman J. Woods Sr. M.L. Pollard Elizabeth Mathirson Sr. A. Marriott Bro. George Marriott Alice Curruthers Florence Morrish Elizabeth Slater Annie Ethel Slater Sarah Smith Elizabeth McKechnie Emma Westerman Charlotte E. Crammond Harriett Robinson John Robinson James Crammond Elizabeth Jones Annie Higgins 1908 Burnham Miller Edith Diverall (Chaplin) Sr. B. Kendall Sr. Roberts William J.R. Bowes Clara Bowes Isabella Diverall

1908 Nellie Milburn Amelia Morsehead 1909 Helen Fletcher Senior Isabella Fletcher Junior (Robinson) Mary A. Pallant Walter H.B. Miller Sr. M. Rowe Minnie Somerville Mary Dixon Sr. C.L. Bussau Sr. B. Woodward Pastor S.M. Cobb Edward Parkinson Louise Parkinson Eliza Parkinson Nellie Hodson Bro. C.J. Thompson Amy Bohm Anette E. Kendall Bro. C.H. Parker Myrtle Parker Sr. Ramona Parker (Paka) Misi Paka (Parker) 1910 Sr. J.J. Potter Bro. J.J Potter Sr. L. Osborne (Justice) Sr. O. Wood Bro. J. Mann Sr. C.M. Bourne Violet Langdon Gordon Crammond Lena Bohm Kate Vincent Seth Honeyford David Diverall Robert G.L. Cooper Lydia M. Williams Sr. Emma Ballingall Junior Henry Osmond Sr. Henry Osmond Florence McQuinn Albert E. Robinson Gordon Robinson Harold Robinson Robert Robinson Sr. Bagley 1911 Albert Ernest White Clara E. White (nee Ballingal) Vera Tardrew Alfred Jno Dyason Mathilde Annette Dvason Sr. R. Kendall 1912 Dorothy Brown (Howson) Alma Stoneman Ethel Diverall (Turnbull) John Robinson Harriet Robinson **Rose Braid** Selina E. White 1913 Winnie Ballingall (King) Emily Clarke Louisa Bohm Alice Gilson Lillie Gilson Burnham Miller Robert Nattrass Sr. Nattrass Wilhelmina Foster Jessie Stoneham

Rosa Stoneham Mary Jolley Leicester Seddley Matilda Voss 1914 Bro. A.W. Chelberg Ernest W. Reece James Gregory Nellie Gregory Sr. L.M. Williams Jean Williams Mary Shelton Mrs. Haysom Mrs. Furlonger Ethel Rutter Sr. G. Chelberg Victoria Forden Gilbert McLaren Sr. M. Brown Jeanie F. Bourke John Bourke Bro. J. Reece Sr. Reece Sr. A. Steele Bro. A. Griffin Roy Scott Agnes Bullock 1915 Alfred Davies Mary Thorson Florrie M. Ballingall (Diverall) Annie McKau (Smithgood) Florence Cummings Elizabeth Hyde Sr. E. McLaren **Ruth Petherbridge** (Shallard) Lillian Webb Louisa Addicock Linden Miller Hellen Hill Sr. M. McLaren Sr. A. Lane Nellie Holgate Mabel Holgate Benjamin B. Armstrong Sr. M. Dixon Sr. A. Davies Violet Bushell Sr. Birkett Sr. S.J. Watson Lily Wheatland Bro. J.H. Sandeman Sr. C.M. Sandeman Sr. R. Steele Sr. Eliza Kroschell (Reece) Walter Reece Sr. M. Edwards Sr. Lily Christiansen 1916 David Bourke Sr. Hellier Rebecca Ballingall 1917 Pastor W.J. Westerman Sr. E. Westerman James Dixon Vincent F.L. Druber Mary J. Druber Sr. J.R. Eames G.J. James Sr. Annie Hames (Hossack) 1918 Arthur J. Gander May Keyte Mabel Day Clara Russell

Ethel Effemev Amy Brewer Sr. Harrup Ruth Cope Daisy Stokoe Sr. Gamble Emily Coombe Sr. E. Stafford Frank Wilson Eliza McIvor Minnie Jones Minnie C.G. Scott-Gamble Jessie Bartholemew Ethel Bartholemew Agnes Austin Senior Alice Austin George Albert Grimster Beatrice Grimster Bro. Vincent Sr. Vincent Ellen Sampson George Kringle Theo Teasdale Sr. Perkins Walter Cooper 1919 Sr. E. Gudgin Kate Bell Sr. Roberts Senior Sr. Roberts Junior Sr. Robertson Agnes Wyatt Alfred James Dickins Martha Charlotte Dickins (nee Wyatt) Sr. Henderson Elizabeth Ross Celia Ross Edith Mauley (Jarvis) Mary Eddington Vera Ford Sr. Crammond Louisa Jensen Mr. G. Tate Mrs. Tate Mervyn S.G. Matthews Benjamin H. McMahon Lillian McMahon Percy McMahon Myrtle Foxcroft Henry McMahon Mr. Duff Mrs. Duff Elizabeth J. Coltman Violet Holton Rachel Russell Ethel Hunt Una Kringle Elsie Ross Nellie Grimwood Dorothy Isabel Steele Russel L. Parkinson 1920 Louisa Parkinson Ernest Cooper Sr. Cooper Llewellyn Jones Laurie Jones Olive Furlonger J.L. Smith Sr. J.L. Smith Bro Pearson Norman McMahon Delia Lord Sr. Connelly Herbert Scale C.H. Pearson Laurella Pearson Alfred Moncrieff Matilda Moncrieff

Mrs. Buller 1921 Mrs Burgess Norma Burgess (Landgren) Alfred H. White Ethel White Heather Whyatt Alice Hardy David Diverall Florrie M. Diverall Mabel Romero (Stanway) Florence Carlson Bertha Hunt (Savige) A.D. Fowler Jessie A. Hueston Sr. Raps Winnie McMahon 1922 Walter Parker George Parker Alfred Parker Arthur Parker Agnes Parker Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Miss. Florence Jones Nina McMahon (Minns) Margaret Osmond Alec Osmond Jane Carr Emily McLaren Mary Dixon James Dixon Annie Wadsworth Steven Parker Sr. Martha Maria Parker Alice Parker Mrs. Jane Hoare Mrs. Louisa Ellingson 1923 Martha May Parker Ida Mary Smith Maria Louisa Taylor James Gleeson Winnie Bartlett (Hoar) Fairley Masters Sr. Masters Vera Wilson Lydia Williams Jean Williams Mr. T.J. Clarke Mrs. T.J. Clarke Sr. Birkett 1924 Annie Russell Olive White (Shelton) Minnie Moncrieff (White) **Rita Moncrieff** (Slimak) Ruby Keddie (Guy) Janet McLaren Doris Jones Ivy Morsehead (Bolter) Jessie Hueston (Mitchell) Eva Down John Moore Meiriel Rose Eileen Rose Mrs. Henderson Mr. Raps Rosanna Moore John H. Rose 1925 Elizabeth Ross Junior John E. Ross Doris Stoneham Ola Stoneham

1925 Arthur Gibson Norman Scale Norman Stoneham Evelyn Cleary Isobel L. Thornton Frederick Glenister Lesley O.R. Kendall Violet May Kendall Victor Munter 1926 Sr. K.M. Thorpe Mary A. Ryder Sr. Ferris 1927 May F. Richards Margaret Moore Elinor Byrne Mr. Byrne Esther Johnson Aimee Vogt Mrs. Daisy Beecroft Annie Jones Mr. Jones Ettie B. Stevens Brvce Steele Doris Stoneham Ola Stoneham (McFarlane) David Diverall Florrie M. Diverall A. Matthews 1928 Hermas Darko S.E. Aitkin Senior Beatrice Aitkin Miss. Lillian G. McMahon Janet McLaren Albert Rometch Nora Rometch Ethel Rometch James Johnson 1929 George Alexander Ross Mrs. Hannington Senior Addie Hannington (Bullas) Mrs. Annie Edwards Malcolm Robb Sr. H. Bartlett J.A. Moore Ernest A. White Albert White Winifred White (Madigan) Marjorie West (Rodikus) Miss. May Moore Jack Moore Junior William Shelton Miss Ilma Austin Beryl Somerville (Moore) Laura Moncrieff (Kenny) Miss. Mary Bonney Mrs. Elsie Buncle Mrs. Sylvia Bowman Walter H. Wilson Alfred Newcombe Thomas 1930 Mrs Ferris Mrs. F. Carlson Mrs. Jones Mrs. Wykes Eva White Mrs. Murrell Violet Ferris Miss. Elva Austin 1931

Mrs. Paterson Mrs. Paterson Miss. H. Paterson Miss. Sylvia Atkins Mr. C. Sinclair Mrs. C. Sinclair Ernest Bullas Mrs. McNeill Mrs. Barrass Miss. Lorna Barrass Elva King (Cureton) Mrs. Harvey Mrs. Atkins Nellie Holding (Oakley) Miss. Lorna Wadsworth Mr. McCarthy Mr. McAuley Jack Heaton Mrs. Jack Heaton Mrs. Chandler 1932 Sr. Dowell Mrs. H. Dickins Harry Bullas Mrs. Dykes 1933 Naum Parlovitch Eric Clapham 1934 Mrs. Nagel Miss. Elva Austin Miss. Ilma Austin Bert McLaren Mrs. Ryan Mrs. Birkett 1935 Mrs. Watkins Mrs. Cleland Jack Howden Mrs. McKenzie George Cleland Mrs. Kerslake Mr. Berry Mrs. Berry Douglas Berry Jack M.A. Ross Laurie Birkett **Charles** Johnston Neil Foxcroft Miss. Jean Cormack Laurie Diverall **Hugh Dickins** Bert Austin **Beverley Pearson** (Smith) Ila White (Way) Phyllis Atkins (Cleland) Edward Rowe Mrs. S.J. Lee Miss. Vivian Sparkes Mrs. Louisa Hut Mrs. Richards Laura Ferris (Collins) Miss. Pansy Sparkes Mrs. Neilson 1936 Miss. Jean Tockwell Mr. Ingram Mrs. Ingram Mrs. Cooper Mrs. Way Mrs. Waugh Edward Way George Cleland Senior Norman Cleland Miss. Daisy Sparkes Pr. E.H. Gilliard 1937 Miss. Eddington Mrs. Moore Senior Margaret Moore (King)

Mr. L. Hadfield Miss. G. Hadfield Miss. M. Kendall Mrs. A. McDonald Melva Barrass (Kuchel) 1938 Ruth Jones (Smith) Norman Dickins **Keith Dickins** Miss. Lucy Stella Duffin Miss. Ida Pump Miss. Bertha Pump 1940 Mrs. Maher Mrs. C. Haysom Miss Ada Warhurst Miss Hazel McNaught Miss B. Davies 1941 Miss. Davidson Bronte Sinclair Mrs. Everett Mrs. Weedon Ivan Lacey Mr. A.P. Baglee Mrs. Leeming Miss. Mabel Walton 1942 Mrs. Pollard Jess Glew (Diverall) Miss. E.L. Baker Miss. E.S. Anderson Gordon Walter Hill Mrs. Maree E. Hill Miss. E.H. Harding Mrs. A.M. Walch Mrs. R. Allison 1943 Alice Smith (Bobin) Mrs. E. Donald Mrs. Florence Conolly Lily Lang (Neave) Mrs. McCallum Doris McCallum (Cooksley) Beryl McCallum Mr. N. Fisher Mrs. N. Fisher **Phyllis Birkett** 1944 Mrs. Ada Keyte G.E. Donald (Hosking Shick) Miss. L.M. Dickins Lorna O. Jones (Price) Laurie M. Jones Miss. L.E. Turnbull I.M. King (Gough) I.M. Lang (Thomas) I.D. Chandler I.M. Lang (Thoma J.D. Chandler (Bienke) Ron C. Haysom Lionel C. Vickery Winston Fletcher 1945 Mrs. A.L. Wadham Lettie Rose (Gunter) Ernest Beauchamp Hosking Sid E. Smith 1946 Leslie Keyte Barry Wells Mrs. W. Wells John Southern 1947 Janet Cox Miss. L. Norton Mrs. A.S. Stevenson Lorna McCallum May Sutton (Self) Joan Haysom

Miss. Sophia Traynor Mr. Jelowitz Mrs. Jelowitz Sr. Hinde John Moncrieff Donald Moncrieff Athol Lancaster Noel Arden Joyce King (Crosier/Ablett) 1948 Harry Alexander Mrs. H. Alexander Gloria Alexander (Janssen) Val Alexander (Gunter) Mrs. A. Keyte Mr. L. Keyte Mr. R. Hill Mrs. R Hill Mrs. Val Bienke Les Birkett Mrs. Murphy Mrs. Avis Hardy Mr. D. Whisker 1949 Mrs. S.M. Jones L. Turnbull (Symond) Mrs. M. Smith Pamela Smith (Dean) Miss. Valerie Smith Mr. Holt Mrs. Holt Miss. P. Treacy Miss. R. Treacy Len Way Mr. R. Larkin Mrs. R. Larkin 1950 Miss M. Thomas Mrs. E.A. Khan Mrs. M. Robson Miss. M. O'Neil Mrs. Dean Mrs. L. Waters Svlvia Bullas (Sherar) Gwenda Bullas (Alexander) Miss Fay Haysom Miss Iris Fisher Nancy White (Piez) Lois McCallum (Wilson) Laurie McCallum Mrs. L. McCallum Brian Alexander. 1951 Henry Melki Edmont Melki Kaite Melki Mr. J. Matthew Mrs. Matthew Mrs. M. Fowkes Merle McRae Mr. A. Hood Mrs. Hood Graham Stanyer Mrs. Trethewey Mrs. Hillyer 1952 Mr. A. Lyall Mrs. Lyall Miss Fay Johnson Mrs. Clifford Mrs. B Kenny George Kenny Ruth Suemac Jennifer Smith Alan White Bruce Westerman Graham Bullas 1953 Ada Helen Bateman

1953 Mr. P. Bradford Mrs. Bradford Mr. Arthur Sheen Andreason Mrs. Andreason Sr. L.F. Shanks Mr. J.C. Shanks Mrs. J.C. Shanks Marjorie Westerman V. Duffy (Moncrieff) Veryl Mitchell George Edward Jackson Mr. Chiffey Mrs. Chiffey Roy William Dickins Eldelyn Dickins Phyllis McMahon Hal McMahon Anne Weedon (Lomas) Mr. A. Audley Edsel Thomas Moore Marion Elaine Moore **Glen William Shelton Olga** Frohlich Barbara Elsie Gillin 1954 Mrs. G. Connell Miss V. Thorsen Mr. J.A. Birkett Roxford Bowers Joy Bowers Mrs. A. Keytes Mr. A. Hood Mrs. Hood Mr. R.E.C. Ridout Barbara Watts Mrs. Rogers James Winston Kent Heather Kent Miss E. Penrose Ron Shelton Florence Polglase 1955 Jennifer Matthew Malcolm Sheffield Edith Sheffield Ivan Lacey Mrs. I. Lacey Mr. E.M. Bernoth Edward Piez Mr. Ryder Mrs. Ryder Cliff Wigglesworth Myrtle Wigglesworth Richard Arthur Askew 1956 Doralyn Kingston Jean Shelton (Eggleton) Lee McRae (White) Joyce Arden Peter Smith Mrs. Kidd Mrs. J. Gibson Max Sherar Rodney Kingston William Brown Nancy Starkey (Binder) 1957 **Reginald Cameron** Trixie Cameron Ian Cameron Lawrence Cameron Lorraine Knowles (Shelton) Janet Brown (Moncrieff) Maurice Robertson John Kenny Violet Ford Percy Ford

1958

Joyce Mason (Pennifold) Mrs. A. Mason Barbara Lyons (Ackland) William James Ackland **Beverley** Cairns (Jones) Hazel Johnston Charles Johnston Bruce Jones Margaret Stott (Wilson) Graeme Stott Neville Wilson Julianna Rozsasi Valma Woolrich Marietta Kolak Marjorie Smith 1959 Margaret Wattie Sally Kent (Kemp) Prudence Kent (Brinsmead) Pamela Bullas (Stott) Shirley Cleland (Bodly) Phyllis Woolrich (Polglase) Vi StClair Maurice Woolrich Warren Jones Helen Birkett (Scale) John Vernon Polglase Phyllis Cleeland Ernest Woolrich William Bowes Herbert Cohen Diane Smith 1960 June Ivey Doris Alexander Harold Alexander Maree Shelton Ruth Cleland Senr. George Cleland Senr. George Cleland Wilma Heenan (Drowley) Geoffrey Madigan Brian Way **1961** May Sargent Kevin Everington (Bullas) Jennifer Naden Pastor Roy Naden John Van Schoonhoven Esther Van Den Hoven Hank Van Den Hoven Allan Dnowley Alan Davidson Mrs. L. Broughton Arthur Brougthon Beth Miller Mrs. Hayward Mr. W. Purdy Mrs. M. Montgomerie Robert Shalliker Dorothy Shalliker Kenneth Polglase Arnold Halvorsen Percival East Jessie East Beryl Clare Bowes Dorothy Wattie 1962 David Hayward Emma Davidson

Irene Gotts Sylvia Van Schoonhoven Patricia Bennett (Senorio) Bruce Fowkes Irene Moulden Pastor Stan G. Winter Gladys Winter Heather Winter Elizabeth Ann Thompson Roger B. Eggleton Lorraine Joy Birkett John Polglase Kay Polglase (Hill) Harriet E. Kent (Aitken) Bruce Robert Johnston Neil Ainslie Diverall Gary Stoneman Carol Eunice Stoneman Lorraine F. Lyons Doris Phipps 1963 Hugo Frijlink Maxwell Salter Adelaide Salter Vivian Salter Vivian Salter (Eady) Roderick Salter Hilda Yardley (Stroe) Mrs. M. Henderson Daisy Westrup Margaret Ruth Winter (Gill) Colin James Wilson Lynette Cleland (Wilson) Neil Weedon James Gosling May Cliff Mrs. Josnei 1964 **Rita Everington** Frederick Keyzus Eleni Keyzus Pam Fowkes Coralie Robertson (Leins) Peter Slimak Roderick L. Rosignal Rosalie Hayward John Robertson Jillienne Madigan (Winzenreid) 1965 Janice Gosling Alex Eady Pastor A. Riggins Mrs. Riggins Dean Riggins Robyn Riggins (Hryckow) Scott Riggins Johanna Schliker (Frijlink) Casimira Ramos Antonio Ramos **Ruth Miletic** Mavis Bullas Martha Kent Marjorie Munyard Mrs. L.F. Munyard Robyn Johnston (Manners) David East Bruce Way 1966 Evelyn J. Webb Sylvia Sherar Max Sherar Valda Newell

David W. Newell Carol Bullas (McFarlane) lvy Waddell David Waddell Laurel Waddell Helen Waddell (Aeberli) Hans Aeberli Mrs. F. Bartlett Raymond Davidson Joy White (Cameron) 1967 Pastor A. David Judd Melva Judd Jennifer Judd Graeme Judd Arnold Silins Valentina Silins Melita Silins Karina Silins Maltida Asmanis Alfrida Asmanis Julie Smith Valerie Dickins (James) Margaret Winter (Gill) Peter McLintock Miller Fernie (Billie) Miller Daryol J. Scholz Maxine Mildred Scholz **Rita Bazley** Carol Salmon (Sedgeman) Heather Winter Sherilyn J. Dickins (Grav) Raymond Dickins Suzanne M. Gunter (Baker) Brenton Gunter Vivian Polglase (Huston) John C. Webb Michael R. Webb Roger D. Webb Geza Kovacs Allan A. Madigan Archie J. Frisby Mrs. L.J. Frisby Agapito Cano Patrocinio Leandro Diolinda Leandro Varouj Minassian Win Bullas 1968 Brian McFarlane John Clifford Schriever Marilyn Elizabeth Schriever David Pietz Linda Pietz Wilma Watts Mario Oliveira Roger Bellchambers Margaret Bellchambers Laurie M. Jones Hazel F. Jones Lyndal Rose Jones (Jurello) Lee Jones Ben Brown Ken Gill John Crompton Dorothy Crompton Katica Trifunovic Edward Osmalek Janina Osmalek Filipino Trojaizek 1969 Adolph Peterson

1969 Daisy A. Peterson Ian Gordon Muir Marie Ann Muir Alan John Gray Margaret Thelma Gray Cheryl Lyn Radford Gail Ellen Shalliker (Dickins) Janelle Bronwyn Diverall (Webb) Kevin John Lomas Ethel Rawlinson Maxwell Sherar Sylvia Sherar A.V. Raethal Mrs D. Raethal Estelle Morrison George Rayner 1970 Victor George Webster Annie Webster Graeme James Dulcie Marilyn Dooling Heather Beames Pastor Kenneth Wright Cecil T. Edwards Grace O. Edwards John R. Edwards Geoffrey N. Edwards Bruce Robert Johnston Brian McFarlane Carol McFarlane **Glenys** Gould (Diverall) Carol Hamilton Paul Carullo Mary Carullo David Arthur Boyd **Caroline** Page Annie Tallent Mary Grace Levakis Elsie May Ross Fred Rawlinson 1971 Mary Sotiriadis Linda Elaine Ludkin Robyn Hryckow Norman Tagg Norman Tagg Jean Tagg Laurie M. Jones Hazel F. Jones Lyndal Rose Jones (Jurello) Joseph Marton Yelka Marton Irene Psharadska Oliver Gyarfas Karolina Gyarfas Marianne Leigh Lewis (Watts) Pastor E.F. Giblett Mrs. M.D. Giblett Julianna Rozsasi Elva Ferris William Arthur Huxham Elizabeth Osmalek Russell K. Edwards Heather Sharkey 1972 Irene Moulden (Leeson) Lorraine Englebrecht Rosella Niedoba Pastor Emil Niedoba 1973 Dorothy J. Giblett (Pashniak) Malcolm Dale Sherar

Pastor T.L. House Hilda House Desmond McMahon Elizabeth McMahon Lynette Shalliker (Roach) Geoffrey A. White Helena Szlachetko Lillian Knight 1974 Ilona Gyarfas Oliver Gyarfas Jnr. Elizabeth Gyarfas Richard Siemienowicz Margarete Siemienowicz Norma Carvell (Jones) Deborah Edwards (Morgan) Wendy Shelton Stephen Sherar Gary Shelton Wayne Diverall James Kent Jenny White (Robinson) Mrs. N.V. Smith Gwen Pierson Tony Miletic Lilian Marton (Kent) Julie Marton Vicki Woods Rhonda Woods (Burgher) 1975 Lin McMahon Maureen McMahon Kerry McMahon (Judd) Pastor Arthur Needham Mavis Needham Joy Needham Helena Stjepovic Pastor George C. Best Doreen Best Catherine McMahon (Heise) Merryn Shelton Robert Shalliker Jnr. Kevin Roach 1976 Hartley Young Valma Young Nerida Young Ryan Young Tom Ingram Mrs. E. Ingram Fred Bakker Helen Bakker Yvonne Van Venetian (Fisher) Karen Van Venetian Sylvia Van Venetian (Veitch) Christine Van Venetian Wanda Schmidt 1977 Wayne Miller Jenny Miller Evelyn Dobson Julia Dobles Julia McMahon William Howitt 1978 Bevan Jaques Vivian Jaques Georgette Mtanios Ethel Eileen Chandler Brian Kilgour Gladys Kilgour Mafeking Leis Peter Godber

Narell Godber Daniel Pashniak Dorothy Pashniak Rene Evelyn Langley Hazel Hathaway Leanne Gay Shalliker Philip Grant White Rodney John White 1979 Andre Van Rensburg Allan Graham Byrne Vivienne Estelle Byrne Verna James Narelle Akon Margaret Bank (Van Rensburg) Nicholas Van Zyl Petronella Van Zyl James Judd Kerry Judd Lynette Botheras Sue Raffa Anne Unsworth John Pullman Katherine Lousie Newell Judith Pullman Jennifer Garrow James Greive Dianne Greive Peter Perkic-Wesley 1980 Gideon Oli Paul Power Cleo Simonis (Ibrahim) Magdalena Simonis Arthur Simonis Karen Power Alan Mall Margaret Scalia Philip Nathaniel Ahalya Nathaniel June O'Hehir David Roe Zoran Nedeljkovich James Albert Corner Andreas Szekely Kevin Polas Kevin Ritchie Eileen Ritchie Pastor Dino Mastromihalis Pauline Mastromihalis Con Georgos Effie Georgos Jim Kirkilis Anna Kirkilis Nicki Kalesoglou (Samarasinghe) 1981 **Barbara Smith** Jennifer Smith Mirabel La'Brooy George Polas Effie Polas Mohsein Ibrahim Wilma Papworth Margareta Siemienowicz Richard Siemienowicz Agatha Tsitsilis Christine Tsitsilis Angelos Tsitsilis Bill Tsitsilis **Constance Koch** Iris Miller Jan Mumford Josephine Lukacs Inger Dingly Ian Watson Maria Watson Helen Lucas Loma La'Brooy

Edna McMillan **Geoffrey Burgess** Johann Holdysz Hajnalka Holdysz 1982 Bernadette Drieberg William Patterson Rudy Bakker Leith Stanton Nerida Young Robert McCabe Jeanette McCabe Jim Kalesoglou Mark Thrift Hilda O'Shea Suzanne M. Healy Geoffrey R. Masters Marita A. Masters Adel George Beirouty **Rose Beirouty** Emily Rokay Neville Nickels 1983 Noel Robinson Marilyn Sharp Marjon Robken Tuakana Pere Arnold Halvorsen Nina Jobling Anthea Watson Odette Watson Praveen Nathaniel Philip Koch Igor Siemienowicz John McMahon Mark Newell 1984 Jim Teoteo Luisa Teoteo Fanaua Teoteo Sialae Teoteo Anna Bede Abedin Aliu Esther Aliu Janita Stanton 1985 Mrs Aketengaru Pere Paul Otis Rose Otis Lynette Horsfield Cynthia Sorbello Phillip White Sharon Mulholland John Weekes Ruth Weekes Sally Newell

Self Guide Tour to Sites of Historical Interest

(Melway Map references in brackets) (Map available on request)

- 1. The present church 37A Alfred Crescent, North Fitzroy (30 C 12) opened September 13, 1896.
- 2. 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy (30 B 12) Shoe factory originally the Echo Publishing Co. building built 1889 and 1898. Front has been altered but rear is original (view from rear laneway).
- 82 Best Street, North Fitzroy (30 B 11). Two storey residence owned by Pastor G.C. Tenney, Editor of the Bible Echo. Used by Mrs. E.G. White and party for three weeks after they first arrived in Melbourne December 1891.
- 251 St. Georges Road, North Fitzroy (30 B 11) Post Office at corner of Taplin Street. This building was the office of the Australian Tract Society, The Australasian Union Conference and the Health Food Agency from late 1896 to early 1899.
- S.W. corner Scotchmer and Brunswick Streets, North Fitzroy (30 B 11). Site of second tent mission, December 13, 1885 to January 10, 1886.
- 6. "Burnham House" at S.W. corner Scotchmer and Rae Streets, North Fitzroy (30 B 11). Building rented by the Bible Echo, January 1886 to December 1888. Essentially unaltered. Note garage – former stables – where first printing press was set up in stable with typesetting in hayloft above.
- 270 Rae Street, North Fitzroy (30 A 12) Former Temperance Hall used for some early meetings and earliest baptisms. The Australian conference was organised at a meeting here, August 30, 1888, attended by delegates from Melbourne, Ballarat, Adelaide and Hobart.
- 147 St. Georges Road, North Fitzroy (30 B 12). The S.D.A. Greek Church, started by Greek members from North Fitzroy church, May 7, 1983. The Greek S.D.A. Church, which is now closed, was one of the first S.D.A. churches outside Greece.
- 9. Jamieson Street, North Fitzroy (44 B 1). The footbridge here over the railway siding is on the site of the first tent mission which started October 25, 1885. (The railway was built in 1888.)
- 10. 64 (originally 46) Highett Street, Richmond (44 E 8). House rented by Pastor M.C. Israel from June 17, 1885 and used for the first Sabbath School meetings in Melbourne.
- 316 Church Street, Richmond on S.W. corner of Darlington Parade (44 F 10). Former Temperance Hall rented for first mission meetings which started July 21, 1885.
- 12. 29 Rowena Parade, Richmond (44 D 10). (4 "Buxton Terrace"). First house rented by Pastor J.O. Corliss in 1885.

OTHER SITES MORE DISTANT

- 26 (originally 46) Clarke Street, Northcote (30 D 9). Bakery premises where the Health Food Agency (the predecessor of the S.H.F.) started production February 1898. Front of building is original.
- 14. 129 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (44 D 1). Masonic Hall, formerly Albert Hall used for early church services.
- 15. 150 Princes Street, Carlton (43 J 2). Carlton Hall used for church services in 1896.
- Russell Street, City, east side between Bourke Street and Little Bourke Street (2 N 9). Multi storey car park here is site of Temperance Hall used for church services in the first part of 1886.
- 156 Collins Street, City, north side between Russell Street and Swanston Street, (1 M 12). Assembly Hall rented for church services 1886-1888.
- 18. Latrobe Street, City, north side between Swanston Street and Elizabeth Street (1 K 6). The entrance to the "Museum" underground rail station is the site of the "Helping Hand Mission", operated from September 1898 to 1906 in a converted warehouse, to help homeless men.
- 19. S.E. corner Commercial Road and St. Kilda Road (58 A 5). The original "Georges Terrace" building rented for the Australasian Bible School adjoined the south side of the car park of the present Chevron Hotel. This school opened August 24, 1892, and closed September 1894 when it transferred to Avondale.
- S.W. (?) corner Dendy and Roslyn Streets, Brighton (76 G 1). The Brighton Camp – the first in Australia – was conducted on land at this corner, January 8-20, 1894.

Report of the Trustees of the North Fitzroy Church as presented at the Opening of the Church September 13, 1896.

The Trustees would present the following report:

In presenting this report for the consideration of the church we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for opening the way for the purchase of the land and erection of the building in which we are meeting today.

This church was organised on January 10, 1886 with a membership of 37 and since that time 420 members have been enrolled. Of this number many have changed their membership to other churches. Our membership today being 210.

For nearly 11 years this church has been meeting in various halls throughout the city and has devoted its means to the spreading of the message and the raising up of other churches. About the beginning of 1895, owing to the unfavourable state of our meeting place, the members of the Union Conference and the officers of the church took into consideration the erection of a building, and it was proposed to build a large central church. They decided on a block of land in Drummond Street, Carlton, and arrangements were made for purchasing, but owing to some irregularities in the deeds the purchase was not completed. The matter then remained in abeyance until the beginning of this year when the officers again took the matter up with a view of erecting a church to suit local requirements.

A meeting of the church was held on March 29 when the officers presented a recommendation that a block of ground in Alfred Crescent, North Fitzroy be purchased and a building erected. This recommendation of the officers was considered by the church and a vote in favour of it was unanimously carried.

Upon this decision of the church to purchase land and erect a building, the officers have gone forward, with the result that we are meeting here today.

The following seven brethren have been appointed Trustees to carry out the wishes of the church.

A.G. Daniells
A. Ballingall
R. Anderson
F Theobold

W. Miller W.D. Salisbury C.W. Giovanetti

The cost of the land including the cost of transfer was £329.11.7.

The cost of the building including furniture, fittings, seating, insurance, rates etc., is $\pounds 985.17.10$ making a total of $\pounds 1,315.9.5$ less a discount of $\pounds 6.8.0$ to leave a total of $\pounds 1,309.1.5$.

Towards this amount the Union Conference have donated £200, £755 have been borrowed. £16 has been donated from other sources, and the members of the church have paid in £102 which with £31 received from weekly donations makes a total of £133 from the church members.

This leaves us £205 to raise to pay accounts that are already due. When pledges were taken towards the building, £195 was promised. Of this amount £102 has been paid leaving £93 to come from this source.

Analyzing the amount from the church:

£102 paid in pledges.

£31 paid in weekly contributions.

12 members have paid $\pounds75$ or an average of $\pounds6.5.0$.

34 members have paid \pounds 42 or an average of \pounds 1.5.0.

80 members have paid £16 or an average of $\pounds 0.4.0$.

If this £31, the amount of the weekly contributions, is divided among the 126 members who have been paying, it will give an average of tuppence three farthings per week, or if we add the 84 members who have not been paying, it will give an average of one penny three farthings per week.

If each member of the church had paid $\pounds 6.5.0$ our property would be free of debt today.

In concluding this report, the Trustees wish to thank all who have assisted in carrying forward this enterprise and feel that they have only to lay this financial statement before the church, which shows that we have to raise £205 to pay outstanding accounts, to secure their co-operation in raising this amount.

Melbourne Church Building

Land Lawyers Expenses and Sundry Stamps	£318.8.0 11.3.7
-	£329.11.7
Building:	
Architect	£4.0.0
Shannan Fare	39.10.0
Shannan	1.13.6
Bricks	115.16.0
Lime and Cement	30.11.0
Sand	18.18.0
Metal	4.18.0
Cartage	12.11.6
Slates	3.16.9
Brick Work	87.9.0
Stone Work	8.15.9
Plastering	16.2.6
Tuckpointing	6.0.0
Plumbing, Gas Fitting	27.0.0
Carpenters	67.6.5
Glass	17.0.0
Timber	209.16.6
Iron and Spouting	69.3.2
Painting	45.0.0
Fencing	38.9.6
Wire Work	8.18.0
Iron Mongery	10.15.0
Iron Tie Rods	10.0.0
Hand Rail	4.15.6
Asphalt and Ashes	11.15.0
Seats	61.10.0
Furniture, Carpets	20.3.7
Gas Fittings	13.19.0
Water Rates and Fire Service	9.0.0
Fire Insurance	1.0.0
Ventilators	1.4.0
Drain Pipes	18.7
Lawyer Expenses, Fencing	1.1.0
Interest to Davis	?.?.4
Sundries, Postage, Printing	3.7.3
_	£985.17.10
Discount	6.8.0
	\$979.9.10
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Received:	
Mr. Richards	500.0.0
Mr. Davis	200.0.0
Union Conference	197.0.0
Loan from Walpole, Daniells, Anderson, Giovanetti	55.0.0
Sales	3.0.0
Union Bank	5.12.6
Refund Fitzroy Council	5.0
Donations	149.10.1
	£1,110.7.7