

Fifty Years On

A history of Ceps in Melbourne — 1939 - 1988.
A companion volume to "The Surge of Youth".



"ROCKETING TOWARDS 2000"

To Commemorate the
75th Anniversary
of
Ceps — The Anglican Boys' Society
1913 — 1988

1942

A suggestion was received from C.E.B.S. in Gippsland to form a Provincial Council. All Dioceses to be asked to attend a Conference.

On 16th October a Missionary Rally was held in St. Paul's, Cathedral.

Mr. R. R. Way was appointed full-time Organising Secretary. He was previously Boys Work Director of the Y.M.C.A. for twenty years and latterly Assistant Secretary.

November 18th was the date of the Annual Rally attended this year by the Governor, Sir Winston Dugan. The Archbishop gave the Address at the Service in the Cathedral after which the Cross-bearer led in procession through the north door along Swanston Street to the Chapter House. His Excellency spoke at the Rally and presented pennants, cups and shields.

A Leader Training weekend was held at St. Martin's and St. John's Home at Canterbury and this was followed some three weeks later by a Leaders' Dedication Service.

The Christmas Cheer appeal was jointly organised by Messrs. J. R. Senior and R. R. Way.

During the year the Chairman of Sydney Diocese, the Revd. N. Fox, led a tour of Sydney members to Melbourne and country areas.

Following a request from the Revd. R. G. Nichols, the Founder, Lysterfield Farm for Boys was taken over by the Society with forty boys in residence. Mr. J. V. Grinlingson, Treasurer of the Farm, was requested to remain in this position and to accept ex-officio appointment to the Executive Committee. The C.E.B.S. was registered with the Hospital and Charities Board of Victoria as the Controlling Body and the Revd. P. W. Robinson, Messrs. W. F. Rowe, C. E. Bayly and R. R. Way appointed as Trustees.

1943

Although the years of war meant a severe test of the vitality and strength of the Society there is evidence that the Society not only carried on but was in fact involved in one of the most vigorous and progressive periods in C.E.B.S. history.

The Revd. G. A. Pearson resigned to take up his Missionary work in Africa and was given a farewell evening. Mr. L. J. McIntyre was appointed Convenor and Organiser for Sunday Services to be held at the Lysterfield Farm.

Following a successful Swimming Carnival, Mr. H. W. Gee was appointed Director of two winter competitions with Mr. P. Shaw as Organiser of Table Tennis and Mr. G. J. Pengilly Organiser of Basketball competitions.

Two camps were held at Mr. Evelyn at Easter time. Mr. K Gordon was in charge of the Juniors and Mr. R. R. Way was leader of the Senior Camp.

On 22nd March the Bishop of New Guinea was the Guest Speaker at a Town Hall Rally and C.E.B.S. was asked to provide twenty boys to act as stewards.

A Provincial Conference was arranged for 12th April. Although all Dioceses were invited only representatives from Melbourne and Gippsland attended. A successful meeting was held and the Revd. P. W. Robinson was elected as Provincial Chairman with the Revd. R. W. G. Phillips as Secretary and Treasurer.

Due to prevailing circumstances the Corporate Communion was this year held on Saturday morning 1st May with the Dean as Celebrant and the Revd. C. Woodhouse giving the Address. No official breakfast this year.

On 9th May Boys' Sunday was celebrated with the usual special services and a broadcast on Radio 3XY during which the Archbishop gave a brief message. Two days later on the 11th May, a Leaders' Dinner was held at the Victoria Coffee Palace at which the Guest Speaker was Mr. Justice Book.

An interesting decision was the appointment of the Revd. Hugh Andrew and the Revd. Ray Nicholls as Joint Commissioners of C.E.B.S. in New Guinea.

On 27th June Mr. K. H. Gordon led a deputation to the Geelong area and the following month Mr. R. R. Way took a group to Kyneton. Both visits served to strengthen the chain of C.E.B.S. interest and fellowship.

At the Annual Meeting the Revd. P. W. Robinson was re-elected as Chairman and Canon C. H. Murray replaced the Revd. R. D. Peatt as Vice President. Mr. J. Wills was appointed Hon. Treasurer and Mr. W. A. Glover as Chief Commissioner.

It was noted that the work at Lysterfield placed the Society in a unique position, establishing a social service through which the privileged boys of the Church helped their brothers to find a useful and worthy niche in life. To ensure full publicity be given to this work throughout the Branches.

Mr. J. R. Senior was appointed as Farm Commissioner.

During August our very efficient office assistant Miss B. Bowen-Jones resigned after seven years and Miss Hazel Pittard was appointed.

We were fortunate to have the co-operation of Camberwell Grammar School who provided facilities to conduct the Cross Country run on 11th September.

The Society was requested to participate in a special Youth Week which commenced on 18th September with a procession to a Rally at the Melbourne Town Hall. C.E.B.S. was asked to nominate a boy to act as a Youth Speaker and Peter Sutcliffe was given this privilege.

As the Organising Secretary, Mr. R. R. Way, was called to special service in the United Kingdom he was granted leave of absence until the end of the year and Mr. K. H. Gordon was appointed Acting Hon. General Secretary. Other appointments at this time included that of Mr. J. R. Senior as Farm Commissioner and Mr. S. J. Clough as Welfare Officer of the Lysterfield Farm. Mr. Clough had considerable experience with the Y.M.C.A. in India and Australia.

On 6th October a Leaders' Dedication Service was held at which the Rt. Revd. D. Baker commissioned twenty eight leaders including the newly appointed Farm Welfare Officer. One month later on 6th November the Athletic Sports were held, on this occasion at the Melbourne High School.

The Annual Service and Rally on 26th November was attended by the Lord Mayor, Cr. T. S. Nettlefold who joined the Archbishop and members in procession to the Chapter House and presented the trophies. Members were asked to bring a gift for the Lysterfield Farm party.

Mr. R. Sutton organised the Christmas Cheer donations and distribution to the Boys Homes.

The Revd. M. W. Britten returned from the Services and resumed duties as National Secretary. Mr. J. E. Paynter was appointed to the office staff for the Christmas/New Year period.

Missionary activity was very active this year. Three C.E.B.S. leaders left for service overseas Revds. H. Andrews and R. Nicholls to New Guinea and the Revd. G. Pearson to Tanganyika. The Missionary Organiser the Revd. A. J. Bamford and Mr. C. C. Smith visited many branches giving Lantern Talks and reported an increase in financial support including some from Adelaide and other Diocese in the Province.

1944

This year Summer Camps were again possible when the Revd. R. D. Lloyd and Mr. W. A. Glover were Commandants of camps for senior and junior boys at St. Mark's Holiday Home, Mt. Evelyn.

In January a new C.E.B.S. Handbook was published by the Diocese of Sydney to supplement or replace the current system of the Order of Christ the King.

In March, Mr. A. E. Walker who had managed the Lysterfield Farm for some years resigned and Mr. S. J. Clough was appointed Acting Principal.

In response to Australia wide advertisements for Principal, Mr. W. A. Glover, B.Sc., B.Ed. was appointed with Mr. Clough as Vice Principal and Mr. J. V. Grinlington as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Glover found that with his new responsibility he could not continue as Chief Commissioner, in which capacity he had served for seven years, and the Revd. R. D. Lloyd was appointed. Mr. W. F. Rowe replaced Mr. R. R. Way as a Trustee of the Farm.

Mr. Harry Gee took over the editorship of the Monthly Bulletin from Mr. W. A. Glover.

A camp for senior boys was held at Mt. Evelyn under the leadership of Mr. K. H. Gordon. At Evensong on Easter Day boys from the Lysterfield Farm attended a fully choral service at the camp which was followed by supper and a sing-song.

This year it was again possible to have a Breakfast to follow the Annual Corporate Communion Service on Anzac Day. The Celebrant was the Dean of Melbourne and the Chairman gave the Address. At Breakfast at the Manchester Cafe, 200 boys heard Staff Chaplain Franklin Cooper, R.A.A.F. tell of the wonderful work being done by the R.A.A.F.

Boys' Sunday on the 14th May, provided opportunity for gatherings of Branches to enjoy fellowship at Teas and Services and listen to an inspiring broadcast service over 3DB with messages from the Chairman and the newly appointed Principal of Lysterfield, Mr. W. A. Glover. The Archbishop also gave a five minute message over 3AR, when the Farm was listed as "The Week's Good Cause".

This day was followed on the 16th May by an inspiring Leaders' Dinner at the Victoria Palace Banquet Hall where the extended accommodation was fully booked. In the presence of our President, the Archbishop, and Bishops of the Province, members were treated to an intellectual feast and challenging message from the Rt. Revd. W. H. Johnson, Bishop of Ballarat.

The Executive agreed that the official flag of St. George may be used at Admission Services at which a member of the Executive Committee is present.

On June 3rd a disastrous fire occurred at Lysterfield farm which destroyed the main barn and considerable equipment. An appeal to Branches for \$1000 within a month for restoration resulted in \$2848 being donated. These funds and other gifts were presented at a Rally at the Farm on July 21st.

At the Annual Meeting on 30th August, the Revd. P. W. Robinson was re-elected Chairman with Mr. K. H. Gordon, Acting Hon. General Secretary and Mr. J. Wills, Hon. Treasurer. The Revd. C. W. T. Rogers replaced Canon C. H. Murray as a Vice President, whilst Mr. E. E. Pawsey was appointed Farm Commissioner and Mr. R. E. Parsons joined the Executive Committee. The Revd. R. W. Lloyd was re-appointed Chief Commissioner and the Revd. C. Woodhouse as Lone Commissioner.

1944

It was proposed at this time that a Memorial Shield be instituted in memory of Noel Armstrong and be awarded to the best branch for the year.

A Provincial Conference was held in September with the Revd. P. W. Robinson in the chair and the Revd. R. W. G. Phillips as Secretary.

The Society suffered a great loss when three days prior to his wedding Mr. Harry W. Gee died. Harry was a energetic and popular leader of St. Mary's, Caulfield and held the office of Honorary General Secretary of C.E.B.S. for three years.

Some good news came the following month when our Chairman since 1935, the Revd. P. W. Robinson was elected a Canon of St. Paul's, Cathedral. The Society marked the occasion with a complimentary dinner to "Robbie".

On 7th October the annual Athletic Sports were again held at Melbourne Grammar School and on 17th October a Leaders' Dedication service at St. Paul's, Cathedral.

Goodwill visits to stimulate local interest were made to Wangaratta Diocese by Mr. S. J. Clough, Asst. Secretary and to Leongatha by the Hon. Treasurer Mr. J. Wills.

November 10th was a big night as it marked the first Annual Rally and Service to be held in the Melbourne Town Hall. Over 1700 members filled the main hall with some 850 parents and friends in the balcony. Mr. R. E. V. Church played the great pipe organ and the service was led by 120 robed C.E.B.S. choristers on stage. A disappointment was that the Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Keyes was delayed on his flight from Sydney and was too late to speak at the Rally as arranged. The Archbishop gave an address at the Service and presented the trophies assisted by Dr. A. G. Scholes of the National Fitness Council. The Archbishop also dedicated a flag of St. George presented to the Society by the Revd. T. A. Gair on behalf of Gair Bros.

Christmas Cheer was organised by Mr. H. Greenwood and this year included boys at Lysterfield and St. Paul's, Newhaven.

An endowment fund was established in memory of Mr. H. W. Gee.

Unitas was revived in the form of a monthly paper with the Revd. C. Woodhouse as Editor.

The Society decided on the following objects for the Lysterfield Farm -

- To provide a Christian home for boys.
- To train such boys under our care in Christian citizenship and to help them find their vocation in life.
- To give a scientific training in mixed farming to those whose vocation will be on the land.

1945

A setback occurred this time with the transfer of a very able and active member of the Executive Committee, the Revd. R. D. Lloyd to a new appointment in South Australia. The position of Chief Commissioner which he had held for some years was taken over by Mr. G. M. Browne.

The Archbishop was Celebrant at the Corporate Communion on Anzac Day and Chaplain A. S. M. McPherson of the A.I.F. was Guest Speaker at the Breakfast which followed in the Chapter House. Catering for the 200 who attended the breakfast was arranged by ladies from St. Alban's, Armadale.

On 13th May, Boys Sunday was held in conjunction with a Thanksgiving Service for victory in Europe. Broadcasts were arranged over Radio Station 3DB from 5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. which included a message from the Archbishop, and on 3AR when a five minute message regarding the C.E.B.S. Boys Farm was given by Canon P. W. Robinson, Chairman. This was followed on 16th May by the Leaders' Dinner at the Victoria Banquet Hall where we were joined by the Archbishop. The large gathering of leaders heard a message from Col. D. J. Thomas, Commanding Officer of Heidelberg Military Hospital. Students from Trinity and Ridley Colleges were special guests.

A Vacation camp for 10-16 year old members was held during the May school holidays. As our Chairman was ill the camp was conducted by the Revd. C. Woodhouse assisted by Mr. G. M. Browne as Adjutant.

Over 100 leaders attended the Leader Training camp over the King's Birthday weekend under the leadership of Mr. K. H. Gordon.

Later in the month Mr. Gordon accompanied by Mr. G. M. Browne took a party on a goodwill visit to Geelong district. Interest was being generated in the various Districts and Malvern district branches joined in a weekend camp at Frankston under the guidance of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. M. Browne.

On 28th July the annual Cross Country Run was held at Clifton Hill through the courtesy of the Collingwood Harriers who made their Clubrooms available and supplied several officials. A new departure was the junior event over two miles for members under 14 years of age.

After taking over the Lysterfield Farm for Boys in 1942, plans were being made for development when we were plagued with two disastrous fires. As recovery was being effected the Society was informed that the Government required the farm for a catchment area for water supply. A decision was made in July to purchase a lovely property of 523 acres called St. Hubert's and situated at Yering. Arrangements were made for a Hallowing of the property in May 1946 by the Archbishop. With the loss of Lysterfield, the Hon. Treasurer of the Farm Mr. J. V. Grinlington resigned and Mr. B. A. Holden was appointed.

All of the Executive Office-bearers were re-elected at the Annual Meeting. However a new appointment was Mr. R. E. Parsons as Farm Commissioner who brought to this position great expertise and was to continue in this office for many years.

Mr A. R. Andrews presented the Executive Committee with an outline of plans for a uniform and a system of badges for members. He was requested to further extend these plans and establish a suitable and correct uniform for C.E.B.S. and to be the official representative in Melbourne for such matters.

The September school vacation camp was held at Frankston with Mr. G. M. Browne as Commandant.

The Society participated in a special Youth Week organised by the National Fitness Council of Victoria making a fine showing with precision marching and field events.

On 8th September the 4th National Conference was held with Canon P. H. Dicker, Wangaratta, in the chair. It was noted that National membership had reached 4500. The National Secretary now at Geelong Grammar School advised he had endeavoured to record some history. It was agreed that each Diocese be asked to write a history before it became too late to recall information. The National Constitution was revised. Mr. K. H. Gordon was introduced as the only member to graduate through the ranks from Junior member to General Secretary.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held at Melbourne Grammar School Oval and a full days programme was participated in by 56 teams. The organiser was Mr. G. J. Pengilly.

A Provincial Conference was held at St. Mark's, Camberwell on 23rd October with Mr. K. H. Gordon presiding in place of the Provincial Chairman, Canon P. W. Robinson, who was ill.

For the second time the Annual Service and Rally was held in the Melbourne Town Hall. This was a historic occasion as a packed hall welcomed the Governor-General H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester who was accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Winston Dugan. a feature of the welcome was a significant and attractive pageant on the stage depicting Empire and Victory. After a message from the Governor-General one of the boys, Andrew Branagan thanked His Royal Highness while George Hayes of Wangaratta thanked Sir Winston Dugan for his interest in the affairs of the Society during his term as Governor of the State. Our guests enjoyed a period of entertainment including camp stunts and songs in which they participated before departing amidst rousing cheers.

The Frankston Camp was made available to the Melbourne University Evangelical Union to conduct a camp.

In addition to providing one shilling to all boys in Church of England Homes, Christmas Cheer this year enabled a bumper party at Lysterfield. This was the last to be held there as on 4th December the Farm was officially transferred from Lysterfield to Yering.

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Advice was received from the Revd. R. A. Nicholls that a Branch had been established at Makawa in New Guinea.

St. Mark's, Camberwell Opportunity Shop following in their war-effort now planned to work for the Farm, Camp and other C.E.B.S. activities.

1946

Over seven hundred boys and eighty leaders attended the summer camps. The Senior camp with Canon P. W. Robinson as Commandant was visited by the Premier, Mr. John Cain, and later by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr. F. R. Connelly. The first Junior camp was led by Mr. L. J. McIntyre and the Country and Interstate Camp by the Revd. G. T. Sambell, Chaplain, A.I.F.

The second Junior camp under the leadership of Mr. J. Wills was visited by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Winston Dugan. It was at this camp that Mr. J. W. Patterson, recently returned from active service, was given his first leadership role at camp - that of assistant quartermaster.

The Principal's Lodge at Lysterfield was purchased for transfer to Frankston for future accommodation purposes.

Early in February Mr. H. J. Neil was appointed as full-time Assistant Secretary which position he held until June.

Mr. John Sotheran was given permission to arrange a camp at Frankston on behalf of Brighton Grammar School for the benefit of boys from St. John's Home, Canterbury.

At the Leaders' Dedication Service in St. Paul's, Cathedral on 4th March the Address and Commissioning of Leaders was carried out by Archdeacon J. A. Schofield.

Messrs. F. Appleby and J. Donnelly found it necessary to resign from the Executive Committee and Revs. G. T. Sambell and R. W. Dann were co-opted.

The Easter Camps were conducted at Mt. Evelyn for Juniors under Mr. G. M. Browne and at Frankston for Seniors led by Mr. K. H. Gordon.

A Childrens Week Exhibition took place from 26th to 30th March and C.E.B.S. provided a gymnastic display and members in uniform to act as Ushers.

Office space in the Cathedral was not proving sufficient for our needs and the Chairman negotiated the use of 201 Flinders Lane for the Society.

One of our very active leaders Mr. G. M. Browne was made a Deacon.

The Revd. G. T. Sambell, Chaplain A.I.F., gave the Address at the Anzac Day Corporate Communion entitled "The Hall of heroes" and this service was followed by a Breakfast at which the Guest Speaker was Lieut-General S. G. Savige.

Mr. L. J. McIntyre was appointed Commandant of the May vacation camp at Frankston.

The second weekend in May was a busy one as on Saturday the new Farm at Yering was Hallowed by His Grace, the Archbishop and next day was Boys' Sunday. Radio Station 3DB arranged the broadcast of a short service relayed over country stations which included tributes by three former C.E.B.S. to the helpfulness of C.E.B.S. to them during their service in the armed forces.

In June Mr. K. Curnow replaced Mr. H. J. Neil as Assistant to the Secretary

The usual training camp for Leaders was held over the King's Birthday weekend under care of Mr. K. H. Gordon. The Associate President the Rt. Revd. J. D. McKie gave an inspiring address entitled "Christian Principles in Leadership".

On 25th June a Leaders' Dinner was held at the Victoria Palace attended by our President and one hundred and seventy leaders. The Guest Speaker was Dr. A. E. Coates former Chief Medical Officer of the Prisoner-of-War Camp at Nakompatan, Thailand.

At the Annual Meeting it was noted that fifty-two members had been listed as killed in action. Canon P. W. Robinson was re-elected Chairman, Mr. K. H. Gordon as Hon. General Secretary, Mr. G. J. Pengilly Assistant Hon. General Secretary and Mr. J. Wills appointed as Hon. Treasurer.

The Constitution was amended to include the Director of Youth ex-officio on the Executive Committee. A Camp Improvement Appeal to be made to Branches to raise \$1000. A "Name the Town" Competition to be conducted. The appeal to wind up at the Annual Rally. A master plan for development of Yering was adopted. The C.E.B.S. took part in a Procession of Witness organised as part of Anglican Youth Week.

It was decided to appoint an Employment Liaison Officer, Mr. R. E. Parsons, to work in co-operation with the Church of England Vocational Guidance Bureau.

On 3rd August the Cross Country Run was again conducted from Collingwood Harriers Clubrooms. This year seventy juniors tackled the two mile course.

The campers at the September vacation camp were given a special outing by the Commandant the Revd. G. M. Browne. This was a trip to Melbourne and a special visit on board the S.S. Canberra followed by a tea at the Mission to Seamen.

1947

An Honour Board was donated to the Society by Mrs Armstrong in memory of her son Noel Armstrong who had been killed in action. The Names of the Branches designated the Premier Branch of the Year to be suitably endorsed on the Board.

On 10th March the Revd. G. M. Browne was ordained Priest and H. J. Neil and L. J. McIntyre were made Deacons. To stimulate the work in the Branches a Special Conference was arranged to be held in the Chapter House on 11th March preceded by a Tea.

Bishop Baker conducted a Quiet Day for Leaders at Holy Trinity, Doncaster on 29th March.

The Chaplet of Prayers which had been in use for some years was to be revised by the Chairman and reprinted. The Executive agreed to a request from the Frankston High School to use the camp oval once a week for sporting activity.

The Senior Easter Camp was held at Frankston with Mr. K. H. Gordon as Commandant assisted by the Revd. R. W. Dann, Anglican Director of Youth as Chaplain. The Revd. E. T. Cooper was commandant and Chaplain of the Junior Camp held at Mt. Evelyn.

A transport strike caused a severe disruption to our Corporate Communion and Breakfast on Anzac Day. The Speaker at the Service was Dean Roscoe Wilson.

A Shield carved by a lame parishioner called James was brought from Tanganyika by the Revd. G. A. Pearson. This was called the "James Shield" for presentation each year to the Most Missionary Minded Branch. At this time advice was received from A.B.M. that C.E.B.S. contributions held by them will be used to support the Revd. Ray Nicholls at Mukawa and the Revd. Hugh Andrew at Wanigela in New Guinea.

Boys' Sunday was held on 4th May and Radio 3DB broadcast a short half hour service from 5 p.m.

Mr. R. Arblaster was appointed as Circulation Manager of Unitas and Mr. J. Patterson to the Trading Committee.

Mr. A. R. Feely was Commandant of a Camp at Frankston during the May school vacation. Shortly after he replaced the Revd. G. M. Browne as Camp Warden.

Plans were issued outlining the working of the new property known as Burton Hall at Tatura. This was a farm of some 300 acres donated to the Society by Mr. A. G. Maskill in response to the Public Farm Appeal.

On 8th July a large gathering of 170 leaders attended a Dinner at which the Guest Speaker was Brigadier R. W. Tovell, M.L.A. His Excellency the Governor attended and a presentation was made to him in appreciation of his interest in attending the Frankston camps.

1947

At the Annual Meeting Canon P. W. Robinson. Messrs. K. H. Gordon and J. Wills were re-elected as Chairman, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. Considerable activity in both the Farm and Camp areas resulted in Mr. J. Kemp, being appointed to assist Mr. R. E. Parsons the Farm Commissioner and Mr. N. Holah to assist Mr. A. R. Feely the Camp Commissioner. Mr. A. R. Andrews and Mr. E. E. Pawsey remained as Chief and Headquarters Commissioners respectively. The Chairman, Canon P. W. Robinson, had recovered in health sufficiently to allow him to once again take charge of the vacation camp at Frankston.

In the Missionary area there was also considerable interest as Dr. Wellesley Hannah came home on furlough from Tanganyika and five Federation rallies were held in conjunction with his "Welcome Home". Advice was also recently received that a Medical Superintendent, Dr. Blanche Biggs, had been appointed to St. Margaret's Hospital, Erora Bay in New Guinea.

At the Leaders' Dedication service on 9th September we were pleased to have the Bishop of Wangaratta to speak and commission the leaders. To acknowledge the valuable assistance provided to the Society by Leaders wives and friends a special Ladies Night was held at the Victoria Palace Banquet Hall the week after this service.

A crowded Melbourne Town Hall of members, parents and distinguished guests on 14th November heard an inspiring message given by the Rt. Revd. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of British Columbia. It was considered a great spiritual and social function. The Rally included an excellent gymnasium display by members from St. Andrew's, Brighton under the guidance of Mr. John Sotheran. Mr. Colin Long gave a talk on the 1947 Davis Cup Tour and was then joined by Mr. Len Toyne, Captain and Coach of the Sandringham Football Club to present trophies. Portion of the proceedings was recorded by 3DB to be played the following Sunday with a commentary by the Hon. General Secretary for the benefit of country members.

Three days later a Dinner was held at the Wentworth Cafe to mark the opening of the 5th National Conference. An important decision was the revision of the Constitution to provide for only three elected positions - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Canon P. W. Robinson, the Revd. M. W. Britten and Mr. R. R. Baldwin were elected to these positions. It was agreed to adopt a C.E.B.S. Members Handbook and a new Leaders Handbook, the latter being a revision of the previous Melbourne publication. Canon F. B. C. Birch was elected a Life Vice President. The question of incorporation by Royal Charter to be investigated.

The Revd. H. J. Neil was appointed on a full-time basis to act as Organiser of the summer camps.

A group of senior members organised by Mr. R. Sayce of Holy Trinity, Balaclava carried out a valuable service at the request of the Cathedral Chapter by controlling the amplifier system at Sunday Services in the Cathedral during the past year.

It was announced that arrangements were being made to bring seventy five boys from the United Kingdom who had been affected by the war to train alongside Australian boys in farming. Also that a building programme was to be supported by the Commonwealth and State Governments.

During the year there had been an increased interest in weekend camps being organised both at Branch and Federation level.

A tour was also arranged to Sydney with the Revd. G. M. Browne as Organiser and Leader.

1948

Five camps were held during the Summer school vacation. Interstate visitors, which included a party of thirty five from Tasmania in the care of the Revd. Lance Benjafield, were billeted at St. Mark's, Fitzroy following the Country and Interstate Camp and provided with a tour of various city attractions.

A public appeal was officially launched at the Melbourne Town Hall presided over by the Lord Mayor to raise funds for development of the St. Hubert's Farm property. Members of the Society ran a message by relay from the Farm at Yering to the Lord Mayor to arrive at the official opening. Rubber bricks were sold as a feature of the appeal.

Mr. K. Curnow resigned as Assistant Secretary to enter Ridley College.

It was noted that a Branch had been established at Geelong Grammar School.

Two camps were held at Easter time - Senior members at Mt. Evelyn with Mr. J. Wills as Commandant and Juniors at Frankston under Mr. A. Andrews assisted by Mr. J. Patterson as Adjutant.

The Revd. N. G. Molloy resigned from the Executive Committee due to an extended trip overseas and Mr. J. W. Patterson was appointed to the vacancy.

The Indoor Chapel at Frankston was named the "Chapel of St. George" and the first wedding was held at the Camp.

As Anzac Day occurred on Sunday the corporate communion service and breakfast was not held. However a half hour broadcast was arranged over Station 3UZ with messages given by Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes, M.L.A., Captain Alan Stretton and Mr. W. J. Greening (leader of St. Augustine's, Moreland).

A Quiet Day for leaders was held on 1st May at Holy Trinity, Doncaster led by the vicar the Revd. T. W. Thomas.

The Camp Commissioner, Mr. A. R. Feely took charge of a vacation camp at Frankston during May.

1949

In March, Canon P. W. Robinson became ill and Mr. K. Gordon was appointed Acting Chairman with Mr. G. J. Pengilly as Acting Hon. General Secretary. The premises adjoining the office became available and were leased for use as a Shop.

As the Mt. Evelyn camp was not available, only a senior camp was possible at Frankston over the Easter holiday. The position of caretaker at Frankston was dispensed with and a Mr. and Mrs Woodhouse were granted occupancy of the camp cottage free of rent for certain duties.

At the Corporate Communion on Anzac Day the Archbishop acted as Celebrant and preached whilst the guest speaker at breakfast in the Chapter House was Brigadier Ian Campbell, D.S.O. Proceedings at the breakfast were broadcast over station 3UZ.

Mr. A. R. Andrews found it necessary to resign from the Executive and the Revd. N. G. Molloy was appointed.

During the May vacation the Revd. G. M. Browne led a group on a tour of Sydney.

Problems were arising at the Farm. With the resignation of the Farm Principal and insufficient boys coming forward for farm training it was decided to transfer the farm training scheme to the Tatura property and sell St. Hubert's, Yering. Arrangements were made for placement of the boys of school age currently at the Farm. A proposal for a Hostel in the metropolitan area was rejected by the Archbishop. Mr. A. L. Browne was appointed Acting Principal at Yering until the transfer was completed.

Due to the continued ill health of the Chairman it was decided to appoint a Vice-Chairman and Mr. K. H. Gordon accepted the position. Shortly after another important appointment was Mr. J. Wills as full-time General Secretary. Mr. J. W. Patterson replaced him as Hon. Treasurer. At an interview on Radio 3AW Mr. Wills proved such a good talker that the Radio Roundsman asked how he could join C.E.B.S.

At the Leader Training Camp we were fortunate to have such speakers as the Bishop of Geelong, the Revd. R. W. Dann, Director of Youth and Religious Education and the Revd. D. Taylor, Director G.B.R.E.

C.E.B.S. proved good talkers again when a Debating team comprising R. Hughan, J. Thacker and P. Sutcliffe were successful in a National Fitness competition.

Considerable attention was being given at this time regarding the needs of the senior age group and development of more effective programmes for both 13-15 group and 16-18 group.

The Annual Service and Rally was cancelled due to the prevailing poliomyelitis epidemic.

The Society in Melbourne suffered a considerable loss when Mr. K. H. Gordon was transferred in his employment to Tasmania.

1949

A request from the Melbourne Harbour Trust Employees for permission to provide a Christmas Party for the boys at St. Hubert's, Yering was readily accepted.

Late in 1949 and early 1950 the polio epidemic severely curtailed activities. Many were cancelled on the advice of the Department of Health with a resultant effect on our general work and the finances of the Society. This did not prevent a successful appeal to Branches for the support of brothers in Maitland, N.S.W. who had suffered loss in extensive floods.

1950

Despite the polio epidemic the Summer camping programme at Frankston continued with great success with Seniors under the care of the Revd. G. T. Sambell and two Junior camps led by the Revd. G. M. Browne and Mr. A. R. Feely. Arrangements made for a doctor to attend each camp daily. Prior to the Country and Interstate Camp under the Revd. L. J. McIntyre a five day tour was organised for the interstate visitors by Dr. R. Andrews. The Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks and Lady Brooks visited the Second Junior Camp where he was joined by Archbishop Booth and the Frankston Shire President. Geoff Longley, Oakleigh welcomed our President and Ken Knight welcomed His Excellency, The Governor after which afternoon tea was provided. Another feature this year was the broadcast of a 9.30 a.m. service from the Camp to all States by the A.B.C.

Early in the year the Revd. G. M. Browne found it necessary to resign from the Executive after many years although his interest in the Society was not to wane and continues. Three new persons were co-opted to the Executive for the first time were to make important contributions - the Revd. H. J. Neil and Messrs. B. A. Clark and B. Davis.

The Swimming Sports normally the first sporting event of the year was abandoned due to the polio epidemic.

Easter Camps however continued at Frankston for juniors under leadership of A. R. Andrews and at Yering for seniors under J. Wills.

On 1st April a Quiet Day for leaders was conducted at St. John's Home Chapel by the Revd. Donald Redding, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton.

At the April Executive meeting a five year development plan for Frankston Camp was adopted and it was also suggested that Branches be asked to make an effort to raise funds to stabilise finances and provide means for expansion.

The Corporate Communion on Anzac Day was presided over by the Archbishop and followed by a breakfast at which the speaker was the Revd. Donald Blake, All Saints', East St. Kilda.

1951

The Farm Training Scheme was proceeding well and it was agreed to erect a new dairy and appoint an overseer to take charge when Mr. J. Adams was absent. It was also decided to add a second story to Burton Hall to provide extra accommodation for the agreed maximum number of ten boys in training.

The Leaders' Dedication Service on 20th September was preceded this year by a Fellowship Tea and informal conference.

Unfortunately Mr. R. E. Parsons found it necessary to resign from the Executive but agreed to continue on the Farm Committee.

Over the weekend 14th/15th October the Camp Guild, great supporters over many years, spent many busy hours preparing the Camp for the coming holiday season.

The Annual Rally was held in the Melbourne Town on 9th November and reverted to the usual practice of commencing with a Thanksgiving Service.

1952

The Senior camp this year was conducted in conjunction with the C.E.Y.M.S. at Tyler House, Ocean Grove under the leadership of Mr. E. E. Pawsey. The other camps were held at Frankston commencing with a group of Intermediates under Mr. R. R. Hughan followed by First Junior, the Revd. J. D. Sansom; Second Junior, Mr. B. A. Clark; and Country and Interstate, the Revd. L. J. McIntyre. A weekend camp was also held over the Australia Day Weekend for Leaders and Senior members with the Chairman, the Revd. N. G. Molloy at the helm.

To foster community spirit and co-operation the Frankston Pre-School Kindergarten was permitted to use the main hall at the Camp.

Having a strong basketball competition the Society considered it appropriate to affiliate with the Victorian Junior Basketball Association.

Mr. G. O. Pye was appointed to the Executive Committee.

Two successful sporting competitions started off the year in March with the tennis tournament and Swimming.

To stimulate interest in the Missionary projects a Rally was held in the Chapter House at which Bishop Stanway was guest speaker.

The new Warburton site for the first time was selected as the venue for this year's Easter camp.

On 5th April a Quiet Day was arranged at St. John's Home, Canterbury in conjunction with the Department of Youth and Religious Education.

1953

Two flags were presented to the Society - one, an Australian flag, by Mr. S. J. Clough for the use of the Overseas Tour Contingent and the other a St. George Flag, by Mr. R. L. Gair for official use.

A small group of Cechs desirous of visiting the United Kingdom at the time of the Coronation was given official blessing and set off from Melbourne as "The Coronation Tour" led by the Revd. Norman Fox, Sydney Diocesan Chairman.

The Farm Committee received a boost when Mr. W. Gayfer of Department of Agriculture accepted appointment.

A Hobbies Exhibition was held during Anglican Youth Week.

Boys Sunday was conducted on 12th July.

The feature of the year was the twenty-first birthday of the Frankston Camp and a special camp was held with Mr. J. W. Patterson being given the honour of acting as Commandant. Those attending the camp were either invited or selected as it was necessary to restrict numbers.

A dance was arranged prior to the camp. Also a special dinner at the camp to which local civic dignitaries were invited as well as those who had much to do with the establishment and maintenance of the camp.

The celebrations were brought to a climax at a Field Day at which the Memorial Gates and Quiet Room were dedicated in memory of the late Canon P. W. Robinson.

1954

The year commenced with the usual camping programme with Mr. P. Kissick as Organiser. During the Country and Interstate a gift of brass candlesticks for the Camp Chapel from the Revd. J. F. Gibbons was dedicated. Also at Frankston was held the seventh National Conference at which the Revd. M. W. Britten was elected Chairman and the Revd. L. J. McIntyre and Mr. G. Clucas, Secretary and Treasurer.

To stimulate interest and provide information a Leaders' Meeting was held to start the year and followed by a Missionary Rally. In March Mr. Bruce Davis resigned as Treasurer and Mr. E. N. Simondson, Financial Director took over control of the finances until a further appointment could be made.

The Swimming sports ran into some troubles when both V.A.S.A. officials and other helpers failed to turn up and the caretaker of the Baths was not very responsive.

On the Farm front, in June, Mr. B. A. Holden found it necessary to resign as Honorary Treasurer of the Farm after serving in that capacity for ten years. However his experience was not lost as he continued as a member of the Committee. Fortunately Mr. Roy Caspar was willing to accept this important position. A new small farm property at Romsey was purchased as an adjunct to Tatura where renovations were almost complete.

A Quiet Day was conducted at St. John's Home, Canterbury by the Revd. G. Coad who with Mr. W. J. Collins was appointed to the Executive Committee the following month.

The Frankston Camp again proved useful to the Community when the Melbourne University Choral Society held a week camp.

At the Leaders' Dinner in July the guest speaker was Mr. V. K. Brown, Director of the General Board of Religious Education.

During September a vacation camp was held at Frankston with Mr. J. Patterson as Commandant and the Camp Guild were taken on a visit to the farm at Tatura. On 3rd October the Chief Commissioner, B. Banks and a party travelled to Wangaratta to represent Melbourne at their Rally.

A leaders' Dedication service was held in the Cathedral on 14th October with the Dean as speaker and this was followed by a conference and supper in the Chapter House.

A new innovation at the Annual Athletic Sports at Melbourne Grammar School was the provision of a sandwich bar by the Camp Guild.

This year the Annual Service was held in the Cathedral with the Revd. J. Falkingham as speaker. The Governor of Victoria attended the service and read the Lesson. Following the service those attending moved to the Melbourne Town Hall for the Annual Rally programme.

During the year the rebuilding at Tatura was completed providing more adequate accommodation for the boys and the S.E.C. agreed to provide electricity supply to the new buildings.

The Camp Guild, a group of parents and interested friends, continued their extremely praiseworthy activity of assisting work parties in maintenance of the Frankston Camp and this year in the development of the Warburton camp site. The Guild completed the fencing of the Chapel of the Boy Jesus at Frankston.