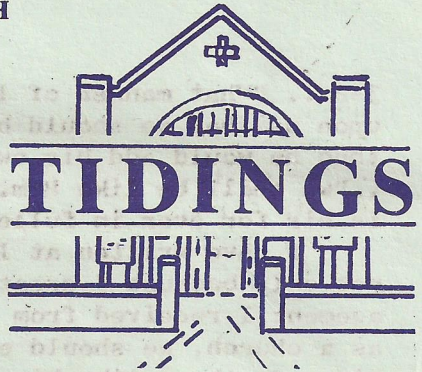


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PASTOR'S NOTES

WILFRED ERNEST BROWN

On 5th September, the church's first Elder, and until his retirement from that office six years ago, Church Secretary for 40 years, Mr. W. E. Brown entered into the nearer presence of the Lord he had loved and served on earth for so long. His passing was in the same quiet confidence in his Maker in which he had lived his life. We extend our loving sympathy to Mrs. Kath. Brown and all members of the family. He is missed by them and by us here in the church.

At the funeral service on 10th September, I sought to sum up his life by referring to the three things most real to him. They were :-

(i) Family His earthly family were ever his delight and concern. He was quick to share news of them with others and faithful in prayer for them all. He was all that a Christian father should be.

(ii) Fellowship His love for the fellowship at Southern Cross E.C was plain for all to see. He knew most by name and was a friend to all. In a wider sense his home was an open door to many of the Lord's servants over the years and he will be remembered with deep affection.

(iii) Future He quoted many texts in his public prayers and one which was often mentioned was 1 John

3-2... "What manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God" and then he would add his own bit - and WONDER OF WONDERS .."we shall be like Him." The reality of that wonder is his for ever in fullest measure.

I have written at length about our late brother not only because I greatly miss the support and encouragement I received from him so constantly, but because as a church, we should ever remember the debt we owe to him and others like him. The best way we can repay it, is by seeking to be more faithful to the Lord who gives us such men and women and more zealous in our own daily service for Him.

Ronald Philpott.

THE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP would like to thank all who in response to an earlier request, have given odd balls of wool. At the present time, two large sacks of knitted vests and blankets are ready to be sent to the Sahara Desert Mission. This knitting is an on-going work so please help keep the ladies supplied with wool.

B.P.

MRS. WELLSTEED thanks all who have sent cards etc. and surrounded her with prayer during her recent illness. She is beginning to feel better and is looking forward to being back at church again.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING was a time of particular blessing and happy fellowship. Nearly 100 people sat down to supper on the Saturday evening and we thank those who prepared and served it. A group of folk from Park Hill E.C sang after the meal and Pastor gave an epilogue. The church was full for both Sunday services. The children and young people took part in the morning and it was good to hear Claire Williams playing the flute (as she did again in the evening) and Jason Andrew playing the organ. The evening service was marked by the joyful congregational singing and enriched by the singing of our 'choir' so ably trained by Mr. Ian Barnard.