

ONE HUNDRED and SEVENTEEN YEARS

OF

WORSHIP, WITNESS, and WORK

for CHRIST

at

GOLDEN SQUARE.

ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 15th. June 1969

10.10 a.m. Bible Class. (Rev. H. W. Harvey)

10.15 a.m. Sunday School.

SERVICES.

11.00 a.m. Rev Pearce Barber, of Wesley Church, Bendigo.

5.00 p.m. Rev. Howard Abbey, of McKenzie St. Church, Bendigo.

Special Items by the Choir at Both

Services.

ANNIVERSARY YOUTH TEA

6.15 p.m. For all Present and Past members of the Youth Club and Bible Class, and their friends. (Please bring a plate!)

GUEST SPEAKER, Mr. Jack Richards, of McKenzie St.

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EARLY DAYS as PICTURED in our BAPTISM REGISTER.

The first entry is that of Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Truill, father a miner of California Hill; the first little

resident of Golden Square to be Baptised was Caroline, (two months later, on July 22nd. 1860,) daughter of William (also a miner,) and Annitia Perry. During his three years of ministry, the Rev. Hart registered 132 Baptisms! Our latest entry (in a new Register, brought into use only last year,) is numbered 2615.

An idea of the area covered by the Golden Square pastorate in those days is given by the following list of babies' addresses, - California Hill, Lockwood, Spring Gully, (one from BALLAARAT.) Eaglehawk, Golden Square, Long Gully, Kangaroo Flat, White Hills, Epsom, Shelbourne, Ravenswood, Axe Creek, Big Hill, Bullock Creek, Sandhurst, Sheepshead Gully, Ironbark, Huntley, Sailor's Gully, and New Chum Gully.

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So we see something of the community life and interests of our Golden Square and neighbourhood pioneers, and sense how important to them was the friendship and life of Christ's Church, the living Church of His people, by whom the Gospel was spelled out in daily life!

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COMING EVENTS.

The postponed meetings of the CHURCH and PARSONAGE TRUSTS will be held on Monday June 30th.

ROSTERS.

See Church Notice Board.