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LEARNING FOR LIVING

Once upon a time we thought that Christian education was for children only and we concentrated upon the years four to fourteen. We realised, of course, that most of our children disappeared from the life of the Church during the 'teen years, but their places were taken by others and we went on with our children's educational programme with oversight by a "youth" department.

Once upon a time we thought that anybody could teach. So long as the teacher loved the Lord and loved the Lord's children, all would be well. God would work in mysterious ways to perform his teaching wonders. Most of our teaching consisted of talking.

Once upon a time we thought that any old junk was good enough for the church schoolroom. When the chapel acquired new seats, the old ones went to the school. When the church piano was no longer worth further expense, there was always use for it in the schoolroom.

Once upon a time we thought that lessons material could be prepared in the spare time hours of overworked men who had very little spare time. There were critics, of course, but one of the wonders of our educational history is that our lessons materials were so good.

We have come a long way since once upon a time. We know now that we are in God's school for the whole of life. When we stop learning we stop growing. Indeed, when we stop learning we stop living.

We know, too, that love is not enough. Undisciplined and ill-informed love tends to become sentimental and shallow. There are principles of teaching and learning to be known. There are techniques and skills to be mastered. And there is need to test our teaching ministry not only by what is given out by the teachers but what is received by those taught.

We have learned that teaching rooms, furniture, teaching equipment, audio and visual aids, light, air, and controlled heating, have a far greater importance than once we realised.

Our lessons material, too, has changed. Still with a sound Biblical foundation, it keeps abreast of modern teaching methods and scholarship. It follows a curriculum designed to equip our young people for Christian discipleship and it is moving more and more into the essential field of adult education.

None of this detracts from the teaching relationship which is at the heart of every learning experience. Teaching was once described as Mark Hopkins sitting on one end of a log with his pupil on the other end. Now our classes are much larger and the environment very different, but an effective learning situation still depends upon a close bond between teacher and scholar. This bond is closest in the classroom of the Bible school.

In all matters concerning Christian education we need the help and guidance of those who are trained and equipped to give it. In our Federal Board of Christian Education, working in cooperation with State departments, we have consecrated and competent guides in this all-important field.

The articles on "The Christian Man" in this issue are for general reading. They will also prove to be excellent discussion material for officers' boards and school staffs.

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In the Christian NEXT WEEK

CHRISTIAN HOME BUILDING
By E. W. Roffey.

20th CENTURY CHURCH
By R. Clymer.

THE CHRISTIAN MAN

"Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."—Eph. 4: 13 (R.S.V.).

Christian education is one of the instruments in the hands of God to achieve his purposes in the world. Its scope can by no means be restricted to the development of individual Christians. Yet persons are its primary concern. Five writers here combine to sketch some of the features of the Christian person who lives in the Spirit of God in every relationship.

EACH MAN IS HIMSELF by W. W. McDowell

(A public accountant in Brisbane, W. W. McDowell is also engaged in a part-time ministry with the Sunnybank church).

It is not possible to alter this. Young people wearing Beatle-wigs, with matching clothes, and mimicking the Beatles in other ways, achieve a certain outer uniformity, but stripped of the camouflage, each youth is different, a distinctive self.

FOR EACH PERSON.

Education is concerned with the development of this distinctive self. The successful student is not he who can parrot off answers to questions, but he who has the temerity to question the answers.

Christian education is concerned with the development of the distinctive self towards maturity in Christ. Whilst it is true that the gospel changes men, the essential self remains indestructible, to be developed and supplemented by God in its environment of temperament, ability, family situation and employment.

Some regard the Christian message as irrelevant in our complex age. Wherever did they get this idea? Presumably from observation of people allegedly Christian! We do not create a virtuoso by seating a man at a piano, nor a soldier by putting a uniform on him. Nor can a man be made a mature Christian by receiving him into the church and calling him one.

The writer of Hebrews complains of those not grown up, dull of hearing, needing re-instruction in first principles, milk and not solid food. "But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good and evil." To be relevant, Christian faith must demonstrate sincere thought, disciplined study, desire for God to use the distinctive self as we grow into maturity in Christ.

This is the purpose of Christian education—to help us grow up into Christ.

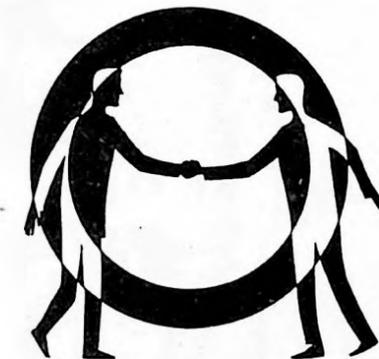
A CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE.

The local church develops the programme. But local resources are limited; we are grateful for the larger programme provided by State and Federal Departments of Christian Education. Intelligent planning of lesson materials and study booklets of the Federal Department could not be successfully undertaken locally.

From the privileged position of middle-age, it is good to see our youth community progressing from seeming irresponsibility to deepening Christian maturity. Especially, to see their sincerity, their joyous acceptance of Christ—helped immeasurably by State organised camps, rallies, study groups, teacher training, leadership courses.

With recent emphasis on Christian education for adults, new roads are being built for mature Christian thought which must be important in our brotherhood.

We look to our Federal and State Departments of Christian Education with gratitude for past assistance and hopes for future expansion. Each man is himself, and Christian education is intent on making that self the best possible asset for Christ.



THE CHRISTIAN MAN A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

by K. G. Dawson

(K. G. Dawson is Superintendent of Cowandilla, S.A. Bible School).

The Church is essentially, and in the intention and purpose of God, the Body of Christ carrying on the ministering work Jesus began. In every age she has been a community—a redeemed and redeeming community of individuals, each individual committed in greater or lesser degree to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

THE CHURCH RELEVANT.

In this day and age our Lord calls his Church to live and work in a highly involved and organised society. The work of the Kingdom must, of necessity, be

organised in order to be the most effective in terms of the economy of time and effort and it is perhaps through this very institutionalism that her light shines most clearly before men.

However, this brings with it an inherent danger that in the maze and "busy-ness" of organising, planning, leading and controlling, we can be so caught up that our "church work" may become an end in itself. It may even become a disguised form of self-indulgence, or it may come to rank with the work, highly commendable as it may be, that we perform on the school committee, or with the group organising that community service.

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN.

For the mature Christian man, a member of the Body of Christ, it is Jesus himself who is being expressed as that man touches a child, comforts the desolate, feeds the hungry or performs one of the seemingly more mundane tasks of the church. For Christ has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet, and ours must be the voice that tells the "good news" of the redeeming love of God.

There would be very few of us who would claim to be fully mature Christians. Like Mary of old, we need to find time to leave the kitchen of worldly care and work and sit for a time, at the feet of the Master.

Here is accentuated the need for Bible study and tuition in things of the faith. Churches of Christ have always recognised this need to heed the voice of the Scriptures and for faithful and scholarly exposition. We have, in fact, recognised and accepted the need for Christian education.

The Federal and State Departments of Christian Education are evidence of this. Their work is designed to assist the local church in this work of Christian teaching literally from the cradle to the grave. Here, too, is an exercise in the mutual ministry. The Department itself is an expression of the desire and intention of each constituent church of the brotherhood to pool its resources of prayer, men, scholarship and money. We must provide a steady stream of study and resource material to the end that each Christian may be guided and directed, and presented mature in Christ, a fully responsible member of his Body, the Church.

Support the Work of Your State Department of Christian Education.
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A FRIEND OF CHRIST

by T. T. Robinson

(T. T. Robinson is minister to the church at West Preston, Vic.).

The highest honor this earth affords is for a person to be known as Christ's friend. This friendship with Christ is a growing friendship, strengthened by a daily communion with him.

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST.

The outstanding mark of the friend of Christ is obedience. As well as friend, Christ is Lord. Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." This obedience may prove costly; it is always for the courageous and unselfish. It is the indispensable essence of the divine friendship.

A FRIEND, NOT A SLAVE.

When Jesus talked of this friendship he said, "I call you not servants (slaves)." The slave cares not for his master's feelings, but only to escape a punishment or perhaps receive a reward. The slave does not know what his master is about.

THE FRUIT OF THE FRIENDSHIP.

What difference in his living does the friend of Christ discover, and spend his days in discovering?

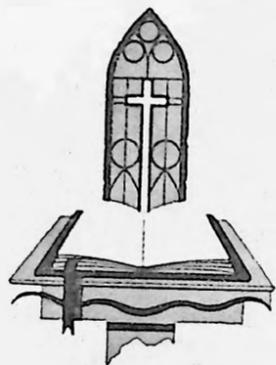
A personal joy is his. The joy of so great a salvation, the joy of Christ's companionship along the pilgrim way, and the joy of the Christian inheritance as an inheritance "incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven."

The friend of Christ lives a fruitful life, rich in blessings. He exerts an influence of love over all those with whom he lives, works and plays. This quiet influence possesses miraculous power to draw others to Christ and to heal their wounded souls. Justin of Nablus, an early Christian, was a serious-minded youth seeking the meaning of life. An old man told him of the prophets who proclaimed the truth of God to men, until Christ came, who is the Truth. The result Justin tells in his own words, "As for me, a fire was straightway kindled in my soul, and there held me fast — love for prophets and for those men who are the friends of Christ." Justin himself became a friend of Christ, and a brave preacher of his unsearchable riches.

To sum up, the friend of Christ is obedient to Christ, for his obedience is the response of his love to a greater love.

THE FRIENDS HELP EACH OTHER TO GROW.

The Church is concerned to see a steady stream of people entering into the joy of friendship with Christ. The Church is concerned to see a growth in joy. Our State and Federal Departments of Christian Education are striving to assist in this work of the greatest Friend of all. The wise use of all that is printed in lesson materials, study booklets, helps for leaders, and devotional aids, plays a large part in guiding people into this high friendship and in keeping them growing in all the wonders of that friendship.



"A PROFITABLE SERVANT"

by George Smith

(George Smith is minister to the church at Subiaco, W.A., and Director of our Christian Welfare Centre, Perth).

Maturity means "a state of completeness or readiness for use." God's mature and profitable servant may be thought of in terms of this definition. The advancing disciple is "EXHIBIT A" for Christ and the Church.

He is characterised by many things:

1. He is a person of sound **ATTITUDES**. These attitudes cover the whole gamut of relationships, to God, man, himself and things. He learns, for example, that each individual is a person of worth in himself, and is therefore to be respected and valued as such. He discovers that in the teaching and example of Jesus,

no person fell below the level of his concern.

2. He is a person who has developed the **ABILITY** to relate his "attitudes" to changing times and needs. For example, he realises that the individual is not an isolated person; he is enmeshed in a web of relationships which surround his life in concentric circles of ever-widening radius — his family, his neighborhood, his race, his people, his nation, all humanity.

3. He is a person who seeks **ACCURACY** in knowing the world in which he lives. He knows that if he is to go into "all the world" then he must be concerned about the total life of the world into which he is entering. There are many things which act as "counter-evangelism," making his task as a Christian witness increasingly difficult.

4. He is a person who will **APPLY** the "mind of Christ" in all situations. He sees life in the light of God's Word. The measuring rod in constructing his own life, home and community after the heavenly pattern is the life and spirit of Jesus Christ. He may feel frustrated in his desire to see changed men, methods and movements, but he will continue to generate light and power into dark areas through his own consecrated living.

5. He is a person who is **ACTIVE** in putting his faith and love to the test in the crucible of experience. He realises that his Christianity does not end in hearing, discussion or study. His instruction must be applied.

It is not difficult to see where **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** on Federal, State and local levels has a major task in preparing God's profitable servant. The heart and mind of child and adult must be guided into relating God's Word to God's world. Religion must be made relevant. At every level of growth (body, mind and spirit), assistance is given. State Departments foster teacher training, club leadership, adult education, in a round-the-year programme.

The teacher stands in the place of the apostle Paul, who met Onesimus (at one time unprofitable), and through instruction was able to return him to his former master, Philemon, no longer a liability but a profitable servant of both man and God. An "Exhibit A" for Christ and the Church!



THE OBJECTIVE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"To help persons to be aware of God's self-disclosure and seeking love in Jesus Christ and to respond in faith and love — to the end that they may know who they are and what their human situation means, grow as sons of God rooted in the Christian community, live in the Spirit of God in every relationship, fulfil their common discipleship in the world, and abide in the Christian hope."

"Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ."—Col. 1: 28 (R.S.V.).



A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD!

by J. Eric Gough

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In recent years an increasing emphasis has been laid on education. This can be seen not only in the schools, where more and more young people are continuing their studies to a higher level, but in commerce, industry, and even in the church. Educational programmes are being given high priority.

WHY EDUCATION?

Perhaps one may be excused for asking about the aims and purposes of all this educational activity. The answer could be disappointing. Too often the end being served is a matter of profit, pride or prestige. Rather than seeking to make man a better man, it seeks to make man a better "manager"; the salesman able to manage a better sales quota; a student able to manage a better examination mark; or a church member able to manage better the outward observance of his faith. But let me hasten to add that

whilst this may be true of some of our educational efforts within the church, it falls far short of what is being attempted and accomplished by our best endeavors at Christian education.

WHY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

Salvation is the gift of God and is continually laid hold of by man through faith. He enters the Christian fellowship as a "babe in Christ" and then grows toward the full maturity of a "man in Christ." It is to help him attain this full maturity in Christ that the programme of Christian education is directed. One mark of this maturity to which the earnest Christian aspires is that he becomes indeed — a light in a dark world!

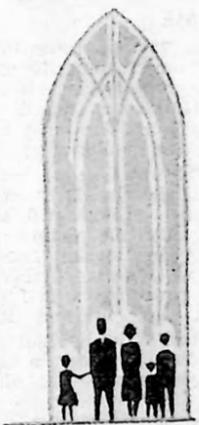
There are many darkneses that abound in our world today! The darkness of ignorance and inhumanity, of suffering and savagery are to be seen in the scourge of war, the bitterness of race discrimination and the evils of crime and delinquency. The tragedy of our age may well be that our real selves have been hidden beneath a veneer of civilisation. Beneath this veneer man struggles against his baser nature, hating himself for his inadequacy and longing for the support of those who would give him courage and help him to be his best self. Such a man needs Christ! And he finds him so often in the Christian who is reaching towards the goal of true spiritual maturity.

CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Do not be deceived by this word spiritual. It does not refer to the man who is so busy cultivating his own spirituality that he lives remote from the cares and concerns of the work-a-day world. On the contrary, Christian maturity is reflected in one who understands the deep and sometimes bitter realities of life. One who is sensitive to the needs of those around him and

strong enough to minister to them. One who has built into the very fabric of his life, values both exalted and eternal. One who is able to show his oneness with his fellow man and yet is able to demonstrate within his own life a new dimension of living. The life of such a one reveals a harmony between ideal and action, precept and practice, that proves more compelling and persuasive than the most eloquent sermon. And when men question him he is able to point beyond himself to the Christ he serves and make plain for them the way of salvation. Such a man is, indeed — a light in a dark world!

To attain this is not easy. A man must know himself. He must also know and understand other men. He must understand the problems of sin and evil that have beset man since the beginning of time. He must understand the deep resources of God that have been made so freely available to all mankind. He must know Christ. It is to this end that our best adventures in Christian education are dedicated — that we should be lights in a dark world!

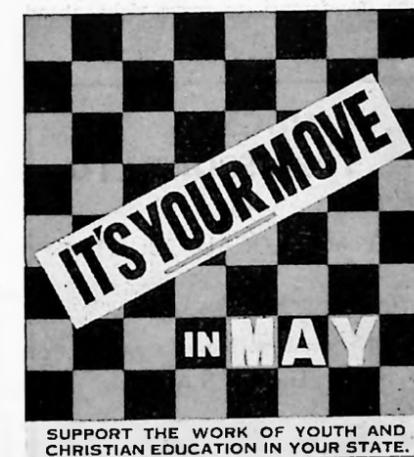


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S.A. DIARY APRIL

14, 21 and 28—Tuesday Night Youth Leadership Courses at Grote St., conducted by Dept. of Christian Education.

25—Concert with Maryborough Ladies' Choir in West Torrens Auditorium.

26—Teen and 20 Mission in Adelaide Town Hall.

MAY

7—Women's Mid-Year Conf., Grote-st., 12.45 p.m.

TORRENSVILLE MEMBERS LOSE HOME

(Adelaide). The Le Raye family, loyal members of our Torrensvillians church, suffered severe losses when their home at Tea Tree Gully was gutted by fire on the night of April 8, whilst the parents and their five children were at the prayer meeting.

The Social Service Dept. was able to replace their clothing and bed covers, but when they move into their new home, which the Housing Trust will provide, we will need kitchen utensils, frigs., floor coverings and furniture for the kitchen, bedrooms and sitting room.

Mr. Le Raye said he had one luxury and that was his radiogram and records. He loved good music, but all this was lost in the fire.

Any help with the above goods, or finance to purchase them, will be gratefully received by the Social Service Dept.

The Housing Trust very quickly came to their aid with temporary accommodation at Gepps Cross Hostel, whilst they find a home nearer the city.

S.A. TERTIARY STUDENTS' DINNER

The S.A. Department of Christian Education sponsors a dinner each year at the Adelaide University for tertiary students of the brotherhood. This year almost 50 gathered in the Portus Room and listened to the Rev. Frank Borland (University Warden) speak on "Opportunities for Service Overseas." Dr. John Lawton screened slides of a recent visit to New Zealand, in which he was a member of a party of mountain climbers. C. H. J. Wright, B.A., of Brighton Gardens, who is Chaplain for Churches of Christ at the University, chaired the gathering. The meeting is part of the Department's programme to bring together students at the University and Teachers' Colleges and, apart from the excellent fellowship provided, attempt to involve our young people in the Christian witness being made in the University by S.C.M. and E.U. The ladies of Women's Conference Christian Education Committee provided the excellent meal. (K.D.H.)

Conference Women Meet in April

At the monthly meeting of Women's Conference, S.A., held at Grote Street on April 2, the attendance was 182, including 148 delegates and two interstate visitors — Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Robinson from Victoria. Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby was nominated as Vice-President of S.A. National Council of Women, and delegates elected to this organisation were Mesdames E. Parker and P. Whitmore, proxy delegates Mesdames A. Jones and J. Searle. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. McAllister and her helpers for the Churches of Christ exhibits in the Floral Festival at the recent Adelaide Festival of Arts. The flowers were beautifully arranged and compared most favorably with other exhibits.

Ladies are advised that nylon stockings for Korea can be left with A. R. Jones at the Brotherhood Centre, 189 Gawler Place. This appeal closes at the end of April. Help is still needed with the mending at the Royal Adelaide Wards at Northfield (not Northfield Mental Hospital as previously announced). Groups able to help are asked to contact Mrs. Greenlees, phone 45-3206.

This meeting was the occasion of the annual Home Missions Rally, and Mrs. Bull, leader of the Department expressed a welcome to the ladies from Victor Harbour, accompanied by their

minister, Graham Lord, who were responsible for the programme. Victor Harbour is one of our nearer country centres, being 50 miles from Adelaide, and the church there is subsidised by the Home Missions Department. Mrs. Francis read the Scriptures, and Mrs. Gruhl very capably led devotions, which were entitled "Time for Three." Emphasising the importance of time she referred to Ecclesiastes 3, and in a very lucid way showed that we should make time for God, for others and for self (our spiritual selves). Messages in song were brought by Mrs. G. Lord and Mrs. Lovell. Mrs. Kruger (member of Home Missions Department) led in prayer for Home Missions. Mr. Lord told us of the work at Victor Harbour, and mentioned some of the difficulties encountered by Home Mission churches and their ministers. The offering amounted to £21/17/3.

The mid-year Conference is to be held on May 7 at Grote Street. It will commence at 12.45 p.m., concluding at 3 p.m. There will be a discussion of topics which have been submitted and Dr. Beryl Bowering is the guest speaker.

President's thought for the month: "We tire of those pleasures which we take, but not of those which we give."

—M. Wright, Asst.-Sec.

FINANCE INVESTIGATION

(Adelaide). At the last State Conference in S.A. a sub-committee was set up to give consideration to the overall financial position of the brotherhood — to investigate Departmental finances; to give thought to the business ventures of the church, as Book Room, Rest Homes, Mutual Fund, etc. — and be of service if possible to churches.

The Committee is a formidable one in the world of accountancy, as it is headed up by the head of the Dept. of Accountancy at the Institute of Technology, Lyall Braddock, S. R. Beck (a company sec.), D. J. Young (a company accountant), I. J. Chivell (union sec.) and G. D. Rose (minister of Kilburn church).

Already exhaustive work has been done, and at a meeting with all Depart-

ment and Committee secretaries and treasurers, a number of matters were discussed.

Recommendations already to hand include: (1) That a uniform method of publication be adopted for annual receipts and payments statement and balance sheets from all Conference bodies. (2) That a consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments covering all Departments be published in the Year Book.

Considerable work is yet planned and it is hoped that the Committee will present to Conference recommendations which will clarify finances for all, and enable Conference to move right ahead in implementation.



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FIRST S.A. SPORTS DAY

The Adelaide Boys' High School oval was the gathering point for the First Annual Sports Day for Bible Schools sponsored by the Department of Christian Education. All who participated declared it to be a first-class programme and felt that this will become a "must" in the Department's programme each year. Pennants in the Junior Div. were awarded to Beulah Road (1st); Edwardstown and Hampstead Gardens (equal 2nd); Hawthorn and Cowandilla (equal 3rd). The Senior Div. was won by Beulah Road and Edwardstown (equal 1st), and Maylands (2nd) and Croydon (3rd). A committee of Bible School superintendents, under the leadership of Murray Thomas, took responsibility for the running of the programme. (K.D.H.)

FIFTEEN DECISIONS

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). There is great rejoicing in the church as 15 young people have made their decisions for discipleship. There have also been two reconsecrations. W. J. Philp is the minister.

OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

GROTE-ST. Increased attendances morning and evening. The ministry of the choir is greatly appreciated. . . . The first C.Y.F. concert was a great success. The C.Y.F. is growing, with Alan Lockhead as a leader. **STIRLING EAST - ALDGATE VALLEY.** There was a successful S.S. social on April 4. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. K. Norris in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ebbs. . . . Stirling is pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Pickup and Mary back in the district. **MURRAY BRIDGE.** Easter Sunday service required seats in aisle to cope with crowds; 142 broke bread. . . . The S.S. picnic at Palmer Oval provided excellent church fellowship, with many parents and friends present. . . . Mrs. Morphet has reached the age of 90. . . . C.W.E.F. appreciated the visit of Brian Richards, who told of his work with the Bible and Missionary Society in Nepal.

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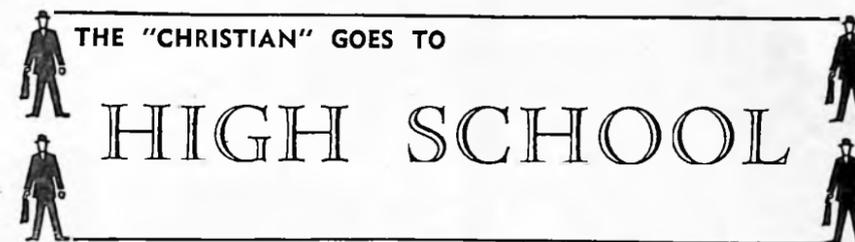
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The reason for the visit was a special one. Fifth year students from four of Canberra's High Schools had gathered for a conference on the theme, "Living to Some Purpose." A similar conference was held with the same guest speakers in the afternoon for the fifth year students of five other high schools on the south side of Canberra. A total of over 500 fifth year students attended the two conferences.

The conference was organised by the Student Christian Movement and the Young Catholic Students Movement, in co-operation with the heads of the schools. Both state high schools and church schools participated.

There were three sessions. At the first the students were addressed by the two guest speakers, Dr. Allen Loy of the United Theological Faculty of the Sydney University, a Methodist, and Father Michael Scott, Rector of Newman College of the University of Melbourne, a Roman Catholic.

Dr. Loy started with the human problem and moved on to the solution in Christ. The problem of life as Dr. Loy saw it was to establish communication across barriers of race, color, class, religion and prejudice. These barriers are kept intact by fear, the desire to manipulate others for our own purposes, and the masks we put on for others by refusing to be our real selves. The only place where we can be our real selves unmasked and the only place where we can be free from fear and selfishness, is in the light of the cross of Christ. Here, stripped of barriers against people, we can listen to others from the heart. When we really listen to others, we will hear the voice of God.

Father Scott started with the assumption of faith in God and moved from there to discuss the questions, "Why did God make the world?" and "Why did God make me?" He said that God was creator because He loves and must have objects of love. The created being finds his purpose by knowing, loving and serving God. Father Scott stressed that we find God and His purpose in the Bible. He expressed the hope that every student had a Bible and read it, especially the New Testament.

The second session saw the students in discussion groups, each of ten members, discussing such questions as, "Are our concepts of God childish?", "Can we do without religion?", "Is a Christian necessarily a better member of the community than an atheist?" The groups were also asked to formulate questions to fire at the speakers in the third session. Some of these were, "Why does God destroy?", "Are we the only planet that needs saving?", and questions about Christianity and other religions and Christianity and science.

We were able to meet some fifth year students afterwards and sample their reactions. They were expressed to us as follows: 1. The whole thing was a good idea. 2. Next time an atheist should be amongst the speakers, and perhaps a Buddhist and a Hindu. 3. The speakers were a bit over the heads of some students. 4. The speakers should not have assumed the existence of God, but should have dealt with this basic question first. 5. The discussion sessions were most popular. 6. In answering questions speakers skirted round them without getting to the point.

—G. R. Stirling.

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TAKE-OVER . . . ?

BY DR. DESMOND W. CROWLEY

For the past few weeks one of the main items of public interest in New Zealand has been the contest by competing overseas groups to "take-over" one of the country's leading newspapers — "The Dominion," Wellington's morning paper. There has been widespread alarm at the prospect of this New Zealand institution being brought under the control of overseas interests.

Frequently in Australia, too, we hear concern being expressed at investment in this country by individuals or firms of other nations. Should we, as Christians, share this alarm?

Sometimes it is voiced in terms of resentment that profits made in our country are taken away from our shores. But the economist will explain that the benefits brought to this country in wages and payments to other industries far outweigh the amounts taken out. Capital is today's key to productivity: the more capital a country can attract to itself, from whatever the source, the higher will be the living standards of its people. From the viewpoint of economic benefit, we should welcome warmly all the investment we can obtain. (I was interested to discover the staff of "The Dominion" favored a "take-over": they thought it would bring them better conditions of employment).

Even when the economic advantages are conceded, many still have misgivings from fear of the results of the control of an industry passing into overseas hands. Is there real grounds for such fears? The Christian, surely, believing in the brotherhood of men, would welcome links of mutual interest extending across national frontiers. All that links men together is surely working to promote the Kingdom.

But the fears remain — fears that the remoteness of the owners from their employees, and from others whose interests are concerned in the business enterprise, may result in harmful, callous decisions. Fears that men may be dis-

missed, and dependent firms dealt crushing blows, by ruthless retrenchment in face of economic adversity. And, if there is substance in such fears, the Christian has to ask himself the difficult question, long familiar to him: how far should we go in trying to follow Christian lines of action in a world that is un-Christian?

In this particular case, should we favor the development of economic links across national frontiers when men's human sympathies may not be profound enough to reach across the oceans? Though Christians speak vaguely of the brotherhood of all men, should citizens be more concerned for the welfare of their own nation, and themselves, than for the well-being of the unseen man across the sea?

I won't give my answer to these questions just now. Instead, I want to mention another aspect, at least equally important to the Christian, that seems to be generally overlooked.

The main criticism we can make of international investment is that capital still goes, not where it can do most good, but where it can earn most profit. While the under-developed peoples are desperately in need of development, we of the advanced countries are using our capital to "take-over" each other's newspapers, or gain a footing in each other's car production industries.

Social injustice has become international.

Written from Christchurch by Dr. Crowley who is on his way to U.S.A. for research through the Carnegie Foundation.

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Still Later: All Americans were ordered to leave Mexico within 24 hours.

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IN THE "CHRISTIAN"

N.S.W. Conference, 1914. Thos. Bagley was President. Among the principal speakers were H. G. Harward, I. A. Paternoster, F. Collins, Reg. Ennis and J. E. Thomas. New President was Alan Price.

N.S.W. Statistics for 1914. 41 churches with membership of 4,259. (In 1914 there are 68 churches with a membership of 6,980). 38 Bible schools had an enrolment of 3,104 scholars, with 324 teachers, an increase of 388 scholars and 50 teachers. W. Gale was B.S. organiser.

Mentioned at Conference, N.S.W. An agent of the "Australian Christian" drew attention to the Post Office people's delay in delivering the paper in and around Sydney, considerable inconvenience having been caused by this . . . The churches were urged to advertise more in Sydney's newspapers . . . State evangelist, H. G. Harward, reported having given 300 addresses in buildings and 38 in the open air, with 78 additions as the result. He was disappointed with the result . . . Chas. Rush said that Haggai in connection with the rebuilding of the Temple was the first Church Extension Secretary. . . . E. J. Saxby, of Taree, suggested that a session be arranged for the exclusive use of brethren who rose to points of order, and that they be debarred from rising to points of order in any other meeting.

Holding My Hand!

BY MRS. EDGAR LAWTON

"Don't hold my hand; I can cross over all by myself!" Surely many of us can remember — with a tug at the heart — that moment when our child first pulled his trusting little hand from ours, and proudly asserted, "I can cross over all by myself."

And how often we, like children, pull away from our Heavenly Father, as if to say, "Don't hold my hand!" — then wonder why onrushing dangers and difficulties overwhelm us.

I blush to remember with what smug confidence I used to speak on the subject, "Building a Christian Home," thinking I had all the "blue-prints." But today I speak with less smugness and less confidence. Is it my imagination that

ties and problems alone; we try to "cross over all by ourselves," then wonder why we fail so miserably. How small is our faith, and how often we pray, never really expecting our prayers to be answered!

This truth was brought home to me very personally during our recent visit to New Guinea, seeing there the transformation in the life of our own "littlest rebel," one who often questioned and rebelled, and never wanted to follow the orthodox lines we laid down. And yet, how wonderfully our Heavenly Father over-ruled and transforms. These are the young, adventurous, questing spirits he chooses for his own, setting them aside for the furthering of his Kingdom on those far-flung frontiers. "How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Our prayers were answered in a way we hardly dared to hope!

So, growing older, I realise more and more that only implicit faith in the One who can "keep us from falling" gives us that serene confidence of the apostle Paul, who knew that "neither death, nor life . . . nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Think back again to our picture of "crossing the road." As one grows older, what a comfort it is to have a strong, reliable arm to lean upon when trying to cross our terrifyingly busy thoroughfares! So, in these dangerous years, I lean more and more on the strong, loving arm of my Heavenly Father, knowing that, in his own good time, he will lead me safely, and with supreme confidence, to the other side.

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It is much more important to ask what the preacher is trying to do with the illustrations.

An illustration should be an illumination. It is designed to throw light on the truth that is being presented in the sermon. A good story doesn't prove anything, it merely helps us to see the truth. And the truth is more important than the story.

Some ministers have reached world-wide popularity by the simple practice of gathering together a mass of interesting and entertaining (and often irrelevant) illustrations. But there are critics who declare that preachers generally use too many illustrations. Daniel Jenkins said, "Modern preaching has undoubtedly suffered from an excessive and inappropriate use of illustration." ("The Protestant Ministry").

Illustrations should serve the sermon and not supplant it. When a good story or illustration is discovered there is a temptation to force it into a sermon, whether it fits or not. The more interesting the illustration, the more damage it can do if it doesn't belong. For this reason, books of sermons can be dangerous. Some ministers have even been known to start with their books of illustrations when in search of a sermon. James S. Stewart in "Heralds of God" declared that "omnibus volumes of sermon illustrations are the last refuge of a bankrupt intelligence." This is going too far. Books of illustrations can be useful if used intelligently.

Illustrations are used intelligently when they strengthen the sermon's purpose rather than divert attention from it, and when they support an argument and not replace it. Sometimes an illustration can be used wisely to relax an audience to make it more responsive to the gospel truth being presented. This is just a little bit like sugar-coating a pill and has its own dangers. A drama critic once said of Bernard Shaw: "It was very clever of Shaw to sugar-coat his pill, but it was even cleverer of the public to lick off the sugar and leave the pill alone."

If this is an unfortunate illustration it surely shows how careful we must be, but we desire our congregations to get more than the sugar of our sermons.



SPOTLIGHT ON A.C.T. . . .

Confrontation

Canberra young people have engaged in an adventure of fellowship in camping. They invited the young people of the Austral Church of Christ to share with them in a camp at Macquarie Fields, near Sydney. A total of 70 were at the camp, including four from Epping, two from Burwood and one from Bexley North.

The camp was for two days over the weekend of March 8. Some four inches of rain fell during the period. The flooded George's River was unsuitable for swimming, but male campers donned bathers and swam after a soccer ball on the playing field. To replace a planned inter-church sports programme, campers went by car convoy to Sydney, and included a trip by ferry to Manly and back. The high seas across the heads added to the excitement.

Campers in nine groups studied basic doctrine — the purpose of life, the problem of sin, and the fact of the Saviour. Questions were provided to bring the issues to earth in dis-

cussion. A dawn service on the Sunday, which was to have been held in the open air against a background of the rising sun, was held in the lovely camp chapel, with the lights on, and rain on the roof. Allan Leane, looking towards Easter, spoke of the Cross.

The whole camp adourned to the Austral Church of Christ for the morning service on the Sunday. For some Canberra campers, this was their first opportunity of worshipping in another Church of Christ.

"And what more shall I say? For time would fail me" to tell of the concert with star performers from Woolwich College, the Canberra convoy's two punctures in heavy rain, the Canberra driver who overshot the rendezvous points, the "Chevvy" rides with twenty up on one old bomb, fellowship between the church groups, some solid thinking, some effective worship, and the hope that it may happen again.

—G. R. Stirling.

MALE SINGERS WERE TOPS

(As reported in local paper.)

(St. Arnaud, Vic.). Many lovers of good choral work were the losers on a recent Sunday evening, when they failed to attend the Church of Christ to hear the double quartette of male voices in an after-church choral service.

The singers were members of two Churches of Christ in Ballarat, and after attending and conducting the service, gave an interesting programme, as well as leading in community hymn singing, after church. Their singing was perfect in diction and harmony.

The party was led by Mr. Max Murray, and for musical accompaniment included the only lass of the party, Miss Lorraine Skewes, on the piano accordion. Others in the party were Peter and Paul Burnham, John Freibal, Max Birch, David Jones, Hans Bonjer, Robert Street and Keith Davies.

SENIOR CITIZEN GUESTS

(Canberra, A.C.T.). Forty Senior Citizens from the Goodwin Homes were taken on a car tour of Canberra and later entertained to tea by the men of the church on April 5. Many stayed for the evening service . . . John Way, minister at Kaniva, Vic., was preacher on April 12 . . . Rev. Peter Matthews, of the Christian Frontier Movement, addressed young people at the Coffee Bar after service on April 12 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stirling were invited to give a series of talks and films on Human Reproduction for the National Memorial Methodist Youth Centre. The lectures were very well attended.

MRS. NEWHAM C.W.F. PRESIDENT

(Melb.). Mrs. N. Newham is the newly appointed President of the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F., and she will preside at the C.W.F. Council meeting to be held at the Brotherhood Centre on Friday, May 1, at 11 a.m. Mrs. Ivy Dickson, Pres.-elect, will lead the devotions, and the speaker will be Glen S. Brown, President of General Conference. (E. M. Rankine, Sec.).

STARTLING CHANGE IN ATTITUDE

SHOCK FOR CHURCHES AT LIQUOR ENQUIRY

(Melb.). At the Victorian Royal Commission dealing with aspects of the liquor problem, the Rev. John Westerman startled the enquiry, and the churches, when he announced that he is now neutral concerning hotel closing hours.

Mr. Westerman has been acting for the Social Questions Secretariat which represents seven churches, including Churches of Christ. He began at the enquiry with the firm conviction that an extension of liquor trading hours would increase liquor consumption and also have consequently adverse social effects such as alcoholism, crime, road accidents, divorce, etc.

However, when he and others carefully examined the evidence available to the enquiry it was found that there is no clear evidence that consumption is in-

creased or that sociological problems are adversely related to liquor trading hours.

The decision of Mr. Westerman was conveyed by him to the churches he represents in the Secretariat, and he has been given full support by the social questions committees of the Anglican church, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches. The Salvation Army wished to be dissociated from Mr. Westerman's statement. Our own church Social Service Dept. is still considering the important issues involved.

Mr. Westerman will make a full statement of the reasons on which he based his change of attitude and these will be printed in the "Christian" when available. In the light of this change it seems almost certain that the way has been opened for some alteration in the hours of trading for hotels and other suppliers of liquor.

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CHURCH NEEDS TWO MORE HALLS!

(Blackwood, S.A.). The Sunday School enrolment has passed the 300 mark and accommodation is so acute that the school is using the R.S.L. Hall and the Methodist Sunday School Hall for additional class rooms . . . F. B. Burt concludes a four-year ministry in January, 1965, during which time 63 members have been added by faith and baptism and by transfer. . . . The church is supporting Dr. David Coulter as its Living Link, and was delighted to have fellowship with Dr. Coulter during his hurried visit to Adelaide . . . Planning for a new utility chapel is in the discussion stage . . . C. M. Verco, after more than 50 years of loyal service to the church as interim-minister, S.S. supt., church sec, and elder, has been made elder emeritus in recognition of his service . . . D. J. Fitzgerald and E. R. Ratcliff have been appointed to the eldership.

LORD'S SUPPER DRAMATIZED

(Whyalla, S.A.). On March 26 there was a most impressive and moving re-enactment of the Lord's Supper. It was conducted by our own minister, D. M. Hughes, assisted by the Baptist minister, J. Wallace. The Baptist church members shared in the service . . . The young people had a tea and later took part in the evening service on March 22. They gave a choir item . . . The youth also organised a successful social for the Bible School, at which £6/15/- was raised towards supporting a student in the New Hebrides for twelve months.

PYRAMID'S CARNIVAL CRUSADE

(Pyramid Hill, Vic.). The young people of the Central Northern Dist. Conf. met here on April 11. More than 100 were present from Woorinen, Swan Hill, Echuca, Boort, Bendigo, Spring Gully, Kyneton. The programme was typically youth: Dairyman's Delight (Cricket); Artists' Adventure (Drawing); Gossip Gurgles (Free Chatter); Tomorrow's Orators Today. The speaker was Keith Pitt, of Kyneton, and items were given by Miss M. O'Bree and a men's quartette from Swan Hill . . . Also at Pyramid Hill, Mrs. D. Farrar was baptized on April 5.

TRANSFER OF PASTORS

W. J. C. Maxted and S. E. Matthews have exchanged pastorates. Mr. Maxted has been serving at Torrensville and has moved to Henley Beach. Mr. Matthews who has been ministering at Henley Beach is now at Torrensville.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN BEGINS

(Drumcondra, Vic.). The Geelong district youth campaign began on April 5, with our members helping as counsellors, ushers, and in the choir, etc. There were three decisions. On April 12 there were four baptisms and two further decisions . . . The L.E.F. enjoyed fellowship with Coburg ladies who visited Drumcondra for their 13th birthday . . . Six of our ladies attended the Hall's Gap camp . . . The tennis courts have been completed and a club has been formed.

S. NEIGHBOUR TO CONTINUE

(Dulwich, S.A.). The minister, Stan. Neighbour, has accepted an invitation by the church to continue his ministry here for a further three years from January, 1965 . . . A combined Good Friday service in our chapel was shared by Methodist and Congregational members and was overcrowded.

TWENTY-THREE DECISIONS

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Already this year there have been 23 decisions for discipleship, including 8 in the past month. There were 5 baptisms on April 12, and others will be baptized later. There is a wonderful spiritual tone in the church and offerings are increasing . . . The C.Y.F. held a progressive supper evening, having to walk five miles to visit three homes . . . Five men of the church attended the Men's Camp at Caloundra . . . Mr. Fairful, of the M.A.F., spoke at meetings on April 5.

OTHER VICTORIAN NEWS

YARRAWONGA. Fifteen scholars have been added to the Bible School. Mr. Oke is preparing three Bible Class young people for baptism. Two married ladies who made decisions for discipleship are also awaiting baptism . . . Reg. Wright, of the U.F.M., conducted a week's teaching mission.

NORTH ESSENDON-MILLEARA. The Milleara church has celebrated its third anniversary . . . The Y.A.F. conducted a communion service at Mt. Macedon in preparation for Easter . . . Milleara congregation combined with the Methodist-Presbyterian church for Good Friday. **CAMBERWELL.** In an attempt to give friendship and help to Asian students a fellowship evening was held to link them with the church youth group . . . Frank Beale spoke to the church on March 15 . . . Miss Jean Milne was soloiste on Easter Sunday morning.

WATTLE PARK. C.Y.F. Easter camp was held at Yarra Junction, with G. Kennedy and D. Denehy as leaders. Men's tea and discussion on April 5 attracted 20 men. Midweek meetings have commenced in members' homes.

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS ROUND-UP

C.O.B.O.B.

(Melb.). That means College of the Bible Old Boys, and they met at Lygon Street for their annual meeting during the Vic.-Tas. Conference. It was the best attendance on record — 82 were present. Dr. Theo. Fisher (U.S.A.), Frank Beale (New Guinea), and Keith Skillicorn (India), represented overseas old boys. Randall T. Pittman is the new president, and A. B. Clark is vice-president.

HAWTHORN'S TRUST DEED

(Vic.-Tas. Conf.). An amendment was made to a motion from the Hawthorn (Vic.) church seeking the return of the title deeds to its property. The amendment asked that representatives of the Properties Corporation meet with the Hawthorn church to explain the principles governing the Corporation in respect to such property. It was hoped that such a meeting would result in the Hawthorn church being pleased to continue to use the Corporation as the brotherhood's trustee.

DEDICATION FOR SERVICE

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). Two young people dedicated their lives for special service at an evening service recently . . . The C.W.F. stall at the Boys' Home netted £24, and the young people organised a "Fashion Parade" which brought in £20 for the Manse Fund.

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CIRCULATION CORNER

LAST WEEK: 5,111

THIS WEEK: 5,126

TARGET FOR JUNE: 5,680

THE HOSPITAL BEYOND THE REEF

BY R. S. A. McLEAN

Beyond the reef at Ndui Ndui, on Aoba Island in the New Hebrides, work has commenced on the erection of a new hospital. Churches in three countries, New Zealand, Australia and the New Hebrides are co-operating to make this venture possible.

Three members of the hospital staff, Dr. and Mrs. Coulter, and Sister H. Middlemiss, come from New Zealand. In May, Mr. Ron Laing from the church at Wanganui, New Zealand, will go forward to complete the tuberculosis ward and commence work on the out-patients' block and main wards. Mr. Laing offered to give three months' voluntary service, but when approached by the Overseas Board, agreed to stay for a year. A radiographer from New Zealand has offered to go to the islands at the end of this year to set up the X-Ray equipment and give the staff instruction in its use.

Sister Pauline Jones is the only Australian member of the Ndui Ndui Hospital Staff, but all workers are supported financially from Australia. Mr. S. Winch, from Wodonga, Victoria, commenced work on the new tuberculosis ward before leaving the islands on medical advice in December, 1963. During his stay in the islands, Mr. Winch prepared plans for the erection of the main hospital buildings. These plans were submitted to architects and experts in hospital planning for consideration. Mr. L. Brune, of South Australia, the Hospital Planning Board in Melbourne, Dr. G. H. Oldfield, Dr. E. R. Killmier and Dr. N. J. Griffiths gave valuable advice and a report on their findings was prepared.

During Easter, Dr. Coulter came to Adelaide to discuss the report with the

Overseas Board, and confer with Mr. E. C. L. Ots, who offered to finalise plans. Mr. Ots was an architect prior to entering the College of the Bible to train for the ministry.

The hospital is designed for speedy erection and it is hoped that the out-patients' block and X-Ray will be ready for use when Dr. Coulter returns next October.

The church in the New Hebrides is supplying finance and personnel. Eight members of the hospital staff are New Hebrideans, and our island brethren will supply workmen to assist the missionary builder. They will also provide the labor force required to carry building materials from the beaches to the hospital site. The church in the New Hebrides has already given £4,500, which is a splendid contribution.

An electrician will be required within a few months to instal the lighting plant and X-Ray, and wire the out-patients' block. A plumber is also needed. The Overseas Board would welcome enquiries from capable tradesmen willing to go for a brief period, either at their own expense, or by some mutual arrangement with the Federal Overseas Board, 53 Tarragon-st., Mile End, South Aust.

A 45-bed hospital by Australian standards would cost approx. £1,000 a bed, but our hospital at Ndui Ndui will cost much less than this. Nevertheless we must allow at least £275 a bed.

Because churches in three countries are willing to co-operate in providing personnel and finance, a hospital which will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus Christ is being erected beyond the reef at Ndui Ndui.

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New materials appeared in 1951. These were later revised and several new pub-

lications added. In 1962, new curriculum materials were published. These are now used in all States and New Zealand by 399 schools.

The Board is engaged in further research with a view to a revised curricu-

lum and new materials to be published in 1968-70.

Something of the curriculum development and circulation of Austral Graded Lessons over fifteen years is shown in the following table.

APRIL-JUNE, 1950	Sales	APRIL-JUNE, 1957	Sales	APRIL-JUNE, 1963	Sales
My Story Leaflets - - - -	3,275	Beginner Leaflets - - - -	6,800	Read Me a Story - - - -	6,100
Elementary Teacher		Elementary Teacher		Activity Sheets - - - -	6,460
Kinder and Primary - - -	1,675	Kinder and Primary - - -	2,725	Kinder Teacher - - - -	1,500
Junior-Inter Teacher - - -	2,600	Primary Workbook - - - -	7,800	Primary Teacher - - - -	1,500
Junior Handwork Book - - -	6,600	Junior Primer Teacher - - -	600	Primary Workbook - - - -	8,100
Inter Handwork Book - - -	4,250	Junior Primer Project - - -	3,200	Junior Primer Teacher - - -	700
C.Y.F.: C. of C. Edition - - -	2,200	Junior Teacher - - - -	1,525	Junior Primer W'book - - -	4,400
Baptist Edition - - - -	1,110	Junior Project Book - - - -	10,850	Junior Teacher - - - -	1,200
		Inter Teacher - - - -	1,150	Junior Pupil - - - -	7,950
		Inter Project Book - - - -	7,400	Inter Teacher - - - -	1,000
		C.Y.F.: C. of C. Edition - - -	2,825	Inter Pupil - - - -	6,900
		Baptist Edition - - - -	1,650	Teens Teacher - - - -	628
				Teens Pupil - - - -	4,050
				Youth: C. of C. Teacher - - -	275
				Pupil - - - -	1,900
				Baptist Teacher - - - -	1,150
				Pupil - - - -	5,500
7 publications - - - - -	21,700	11 publications - - - - -	46,525	17 publications - - - - -	59,310
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VICTORIA

DIARY

APRIL

25—Western District Conference, Warrnambool.
25—Bible School, Anzac Day Conference.

MAY

May is Explorer Service Month.

- 1—C.W.F. Council Meeting, Brotherhood Centre, 11 a.m.
- 2—C.E. Annual Meeting.
- 3—Dept. of Christian Education Annual Offering.

TWO NEW RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Leaders of youth and adult groups will be pleased to get their hands on the new audio-visual, "Battle for a Small Planet." It describes and discusses with remarkable clarity, the meaning of God's visiting the earth in Jesus Christ. Whilst easy to follow, the film is very true to the Scriptures. It offers an excellent appreciation of the Christian understanding of sin and redemption, man's predicament and God's grace; temptation and commitment.

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The Department of Christian Education would be glad to make it available to groups for a small hire charge.

Another piece of good news for Youth Fellowship leaders everywhere is the publication, by the Christian Youth Fellowship's Study Agency, of the "Youth Fellowship Resource Manual." For an initial outlay of 15/- you receive a quarto sized hardboard folder with six divisional headings. During the first year you receive three sets of notes which can be preserved for practical use in the folder. The notes are kept under appropriate headings, these headings will tell you exactly the kind of help which the manual gives, e.g. "Outreach" (witness and evangelism), "Programme Resources" (games, recreation, social help, etc.), "Worship", "Real Situations", "Teen-age Counselling" and "Group Growth."

The Department would encourage all who work with Youth to enquire further and purchase this piece of resource. "It's too good to miss!"

—R. V. Longthorp, Director-Elect.

DR. THEO. FISHER AT MT. EVELYN

(Mt. Evelyn, Vic.). There was a reunion of the Fisher family at this church on April 12. Dr. Fisher was home from the U.S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher had come from their post at the Carnarvon Mission. Dr. Fisher gave the sermon . . . Following the mission, the church services are of high standard. A young man was baptized on April 12 by the minister, J. Dow.

PROGRESS AT SHEPPARTON

March proved to be a good month. The number of communicants was six above the average and the weekly offering was £4 higher . . . This is gratifying, particularly in view of the fact that more members are now attending the Mooropna church, and several attend Nurmurkah every fortnight . . . The B.S. picnic, usually held in November, was held this year in April and proved to be successful . . . One of our largest evening congregations was present for a baptismal service on April 12. A young lady was baptized. A married woman confessed Christ at this same service . . . The church was represented at the District Conference at Wagga, N.S.W., and D. B. McIntosh and N. Doyle were our delegates to the Vic-Tas. Conference.

SEATING TROUBLES

(Tootgarook, Vic.). The building was filled for Good Friday morning service, and on Easter Sunday both buildings were filled to capacity, and make-shift seating was required. When the Kindergarten hall is finished it is hoped that we shall be better able to cater for the welcome holiday crowds . . . The youth club held a successful camp at Flinders . . . The annual meeting was the largest for years and all officers were re-elected . . . The girls' club has been re-formed under Mrs. Tillie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barber and Doug. Lang have been involved in accidents.

RECORD RESPONSE TO B.S. TRAINING COURSE

(Dandenong, Vic.). About 335 people are attending the Sunday School Teacher Training Course being held each night in the Dandenong Methodist church hall. All of the Sunday Schools in the district apparently realise the need to improve the standard of teaching. Our own B.S. teachers and Y.P.S.C.E. are making this course their current programme . . . "A Night in New Guinea" was held on April 9, with Mrs. Win. Beale as guest speaker; Miss Jean Milne was soloiste, and Miss Anita Skewes presented elocutionary items. The men of the church presented a provocative play entitled "The Disappearing Church." The evening was organised by the C.W.F. (Evening Group) . . . The church has offered congratulations to Mr. Badenhop on the occasion of his 90th birthday. A New English Bible was presented to him. He is an elder emeritus.

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LONG RANGE MISSION PLANS

(Malvern, Vic.). The evangelism committee here is making long-range plans for a mission to be held in March, 1965. An immediate visitation campaign is being arranged as part of mission preparation . . . The Explorer Club is under the leadership of R. Pfeifer. He proposes to form three groups: Midgets (6, 7, 8), Junior and Senior . . . The average attendance for March was, a.m. 73, and p.m. 51 . . . A young lady confessed Christ and was baptized on April 5.

PIONEER MEMBERS MOVE

(Springvale, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Bealand, pioneer members here, have moved from the district to live at Tecoma . . . The C.M.S. had a very successful fishing outing . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale attended a C.Y.F. meeting.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Wilhelmina Brown.

Mrs. Brown, aged 73 years, died after a sudden heart attack. She had been a faithful member of Churches of Christ since, as a girl in her teens, she came to Christ in the church at Glasgow, Scotland (Coplow St.). She married in 1917 and migrated to Australia about 1924. She had been a faithful member at a number of churches including Hampton (25 years), Ringwood (3 years), and Frankston (8 years). The last 14 months of her life were burdened with grief as she lost her husband and a daughter-in-law. It was only two days before her passing that she was with the church in worship. She is survived by two sons, Andrew, secretary of our Oakleigh church, and Jim, of Beaumaris. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Many will keep treasured memories of this friend in their hearts as one who was faithful even unto death. —R. H. Patterson.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Brehaut, Oakleigh, Vic.
 Miss Pam Clayton, Springvale, Vic.
 Mr. Les. Vockenson, Mrs. Grace Tucker, Kingsford, N.S.W.
 Mrs. R. Pitt, sen, Devonport, Tas.

BIRTHS

SMART (Manallack). — To Wendy and Alex, on March 7, a daughter — Joanne Mary.
 SANSOME (Holt). — Joy and Ron are pleased to share the news of the birth of a daughter — Sharyn Michelle — at Adelaide, on April 4. Both well.
 BEAZLEY (Reed). — Beverley and Ian, of East Bentleigh church, Vic., gratefully announce the arrival of Brendan John on April 11.
 EDE (Potts). — To Julie and Tom, at Epworth Hospital, Vic. on April 11, a daughter — Angela Lorraine. Both well.

BEAVIS. — To Elaine and David, at Subiaco, W.A., on April 6, a son — Christopher John. Brother for Cameron and Wesley.

NELSON (nee James). — To Bette and Des., on March 30, at Maryborough, Qld., a son — Haydn Desmond. Brother for Stephen.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Davenport, Jeanette Davenport, Maryborough to Drumcondra, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clutterbuck, Rodney, Neil and Alison, Mitcham to Wattle Park, Vic.
 Mrs. Noble, Murray Bridge to Oakleigh, Vic.
 Ian Cook, West Preston, Vic. to Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
 Mr. and Mrs. Midwinter, and Judy, Naracoorte, S.A. to Springvale, Vic.
 Mrs. and Mr. Ken Brown, Irene, Heather and June Brown, Graham Brown, Warracknabeal to St. Arnaud, Vic.
 Frank Speare, Norma Speare, from Gospel Hall (Brethren), to Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.
 Mrs. Collins and Marlene, Horsham; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wehlems, Bentleigh to Shepparton, Vic.
 Reg. Wilson, Milang, S.A. to Footscray, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Keefe, Gilgandra, N.S.W.

MARRIAGES

Margaret Hague to Ron Elliott; Margaret Bolitho to Ron Grant, Harcourt, Vic.
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 Joan Walker to Roderick McKenzie, Oakleigh, Vic.
 Christine Mumford to Alan Rae, Malvern, Vic.
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ENGAGEMENT

WALTERS - HUGHES. — Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walters, 27 Murray-st., Prahran, announce with pleasure, the engagement of their only daughter, Lorraine Faye, to Allan Julian, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes, 235 Kooyong-rd., Elsternwick, Vic.

PEARL WEDDING

COOK (Prescott). — The family of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cook have pleasure in announcing the 30th anniversary of their parents' wedding, celebrated April 23, 1934, at Shepparton, Vic., by Russell Baker. Present address, "Vinesta," 241 Pumps-rd., Red Cliffs, Vic.

CHATSWOOD'S DIAMOND JUBILEE, SUNDAY, MAY 3.

11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.—C. G. Taylor, B.A.
 3 p.m.—Musical Afternoon - Reminiscences.
 5 p.m.—Jubilee Tea.

All past members warmly invited to share in these celebrations of 50 years of witness by the Chatswood Church of Christ.

Past members unable to attend are invited to send greetings to the church secretary, P. V. Jackson, 3 Grosvenor-rd., Lindfield, N.S.W.

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RICHMOND (Vic.) CHURCH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, April 26 and May 3. 26th: 3 p.m., L. Barker; 7 p.m., J. Dow. May 3: 3 p.m., Phil. Andrews; 7 p.m., D. J. Andrews. A warm welcome extended to all.

STRATHMORE (Vic.) CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, Lochcres, Strathmore, will celebrate their ANNIVERSARY on Sunday, April 26, at 3 and 7 p.m., and again on Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m., with a Film and Prizegiving Night. April 26, 3 p.m., Keith Skillicorn, missionary on furlough from India; 7 p.m., T. Lane, former minister at Strathmore.

BOX HILL (Vic.) 53rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, May 3, 1964. 11 a.m., Speaker, J. McCormick; 3.30 p.m., P.S.A. Musical items, 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea. 7 p.m., Speaker, L. Dewberry.

IN MEMORIAM

MCKENZIE. — Treasured memories of our dear daughter and sister, Joan Elizabeth, who passed away April 18, 1958. Dearly loved by her dad, mother, brother Leslie and Sister Glenis, Drumcondra, Vic.

EDWARDS (McAlpin). — Treasured memories of our dear mother (Margaret) who passed away April 23, 1960, also our dear father (Hubert), Aug. 27, 1959. "Loved and remembered every day." —Shirley, Ned and family.

COMING EVENTS

INVITATION TO HEAR

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3 p.m.—P.S.A. programme by Churches of Christ Choral Society.

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7 p.m.—Gospel Service.

Preacher, E. J. Miles.

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SOME NEW BOOKS

"Take My Hands." The amazing story of Dr. Mary Verghese, 31/6.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

HORNSBY MEMBERS SERVE STATE

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). At the recent conference the following were appointed to serve on Conference committees: Mrs. Bartholomew (Ashwood House), Mrs. Dalling (C.W.F. Social Service Com.), R. F. Bartholomew (Boys' Home), I. Bentley (Dept. of Christian Education), and Mr. Ellerby has been co-opted to serve on the Social Service Com. . . . R. Hilford the minister, conducted a well-attended Good Friday service, with Mr. Harris, of Asquith, as soloist . . . A. C. Thurrowgood, of Toowoomba, was a recent visiting speaker.

NEW STATE PRESIDENT

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). R. M. Wilson, B.A., Dip.P.A., the minister here, has been inducted as State President of Christian Endeavour. Mr. Wilson is also leading weekly brotherhood prayer meetings at City Temple . . . The young people enjoyed the Easter Camp at Lake Illawarra, where a girl made her decision for discipleship . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Bronte.

WORK CAMP PLANNED FOR INDONESIA

(Inverell, N.S.W.). A team of men intend to go to Indonesia in June for a "working holiday." One of the men is from our church at Inverell. Background material was gained by the C.W.F. at their April meeting, when the guest speaker gave an illustrated talk on his visit to Indonesia last year.

EASTER BAPTISMS

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). Two young women were baptized into Christ on Easter Sunday and were welcomed into fellowship the next Sunday . . . Miss Robyn Lattimer has been appointed sec. to the B.S. in place of Mrs. Goodall . . . The C.M.F. paid a visit to the local aerodrome on April 6.

North-Eastern Riverina District Conf.

The annual Conference was held at Wagga, April 4. Delegates from Shepparton (200 miles), Wangaratta (130), Yarrowonga (140), Albury (85) and Wagga met in the new Wagga chapel.

A. E. Stevens, of Wangaratta, conducted the morning devotions, after which conference business was discussed. Reports from churches were of interest; Albury and Wagga reporting expansion of buildings and all showed spiritual growth. A pleasing feature of reports was the high average attendance at the communion service, 87% for the combined churches. The Committee will meet in June to draw plans for a "Family Day" conference, probably in the Albury district next year.

The president, W. Caspenson, welcomed E. T. Hart, N.S.W. Conference President, and speaker for the day. Mr. Hart

K. CRAWFORD ON TOUR

(Inverell, N.S.W.). K. Crawford visited the church in the interests of the Home Missions Dept. and we learned much of the work and the progress of this Department. Mr. Crawford also showed slides of H.M. work at the evening service . . . There was a large gathering at the Town Hall on Good Friday for combined service, which was preceded by a torchlight procession of witness led by the Salvation Army Band.

DR. STANHOPE IN CAMP

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). A very successful camp was held at Garthowen, Balladonia, for our young people. Thirty campers had a wonderful time with Dr. and Mrs. John Stanhope, "Making New Guinea Come Alive." Everyone voted the time was too short and want another camp as soon as possible . . . Services are steadily increasing in numbers and interest . . . Mr. Bob Story, from Unevangelized Fields Missions, showed films on April 19 . . . Jack Morris is new church elder.

OTHER CHURCH NEWS

BURWOOD, N.S.W. At annual business meeting of the church reports from all departments of the work reflected a very fine achievement throughout the year. The following were elected to office: elders, S. H. Laney, R. B. Millar, P. H. Morton, H. B. Palmer, W. D. Smith, A. K. Wilson; deacons, W. Berlin, P. Chipperfield, M. Gray, W. Stow . . . C.W.F. picnic, at Cabarita, on April 9, proved to be a happy day, despite adverse weather . . . Youth Fellowship tea, April 5, proved effective. A large gathering at the Youth service witnessed the baptism of Garry Beaumont and Miss Jennifer Beaumont . . . At close of service two young people committed their lives to Christ . . . Dr. A. G. Elliott is the minister.

MAYFIELD. Presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett on their 50th wedding anniversary . . . Youth tea was held on April 5, and youth took part in service . . . Annual meeting was held on April 8. R. C. Aird is elder and sec.; J. McCosker is treas. An officer dedication service was held on 12th.

brought greetings and introduced the "Onward and Upward" campaign.

Lunch was a time of happy fellowship together in the hall. R. L. Oke of Yarrowonga conducted the afternoon devotion. At the close of business, Mr. Hart addressed the conference on "Giving Christ Pre-eminence." After his address three businessmen testified, "what God has done for me in business" and three women testified, "what God has done for me in the home." Using the women as a panel, Mr. Hart conducted a quiz session, such questions as "At what age should teenagers be allowed to go together seriously?" and "Should a Leaving Certificate candidate forego S.S. class for study?"

Ladies of the Wagga church provided supper.

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BEHIND PRISON WALLS

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His interest was aroused through the change in another life, and he felt there could be something in religion for him. He came for instruction and after a few weeks was ready to commit his life to Christ. "If I had found this 15 years ago," he said, "I would not be here now. What amazes me is how I have missed this all my life." Ron has had many sentences, but he said, "This was the best, because of the new life I have found."

Ron was held in high regard by other criminals, especially the young ones. His record impressed them. He was a "tough guy" too, and looked his part as a "bad type." Consequently, when he embraced religion and spoke to the others on religious topics, there were many who were prepared to listen. He exercised a powerful influence over many lives and helped them to see their need of a religious faith.

Ron became a very keen reader of good devotional books and learnt much in the remaining days in prison. His constant prayer was, "Lord, help me to know You," and he was continually seeking after truth. One day he called God "the Final Intelligence," because "he helps me to know God and helps me to pray."

He often spoke of his fear and concern about his moral strength. It was so easy to live the changed life in prison under protection, but would he be able to stand up to temptation "outside." "I have never lived this kind of life before," he said. And then there were his old companions, they would be sure to plague him again, and try to use him in the disposal of their stolen goods. Yes, it would be hard for him, but Ron was growing in strength, and by the end of his term he had found a new confidence.

On the day of release, Ron was met at the gate and placed on the bus for his home in Sydney. As he shook hands with the Chaplain, he expressed very sincere thanks for all that was done for him and he said all he wanted was the opportunity to assist others.

It is now two years since Ron was released and the conviction that changed him continues to sustain him.

INTER - CHURCH DISCUSSION ON BAPTISM

BY D. BRUCE McINTOSH

He was an Anglican, the Chaplain of Trinity College, and his attentive audience, with the exception of the two Churches of Christ ministers, were all paedo-Baptist-Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists.

Most were clergymen, but some were notable laymen, such as one or two leading Melbourne architects. What he had to say was said in the Theological Hall of Trinity College, University of Melbourne, and was the first contribution to a year's dialogue on "Christian Initiation," undertaken by the Studia Liturgica Group, formed to review material in the International, Ecumenical quarterly, Studia Liturgica.

The speaker, Dr. Barry Marshall, was not defending infant baptism or the Anglican Prayer Book service for baptisms. On the contrary, he was questioning the whole practice of infant baptism. He was telling these learned gentlemen that they could no longer ignore the overwhelming number of losses between baptism and confirmation. They must, he said, take seriously the findings of Biblical Theology on Christian Initiation, especially those which have thrown light on the early Church's practices.

He also said that nothing approximating the present practices can be found in the early church up to the eighth century. He made references to many books on Christian Initiation (none by Churches of Christ writers!), and pointed out that there was a real theological ferment going on in this area of Christian thinking.

He was well aware of the practices of churches who baptize only believers, but sounded a warning note when he said that Christian Initiation was more than the act of dipping people in water, and said that much more emphasis must be put on the operation of the Holy Spirit in Christian Initiation (we got the message!).

Dr. Marshall had to leave the group at discussion time to give a lecture on Church History. During his absence our learned friends engaged in an interesting conversation. No one, except the Churches of Christ men, was ready to

say Dr. Marshall had been right in his searching analysis. Some rushed to the defence of infant baptism (usual arguments), and one notable gentleman wanted to know what Church Fathers agreed with Dr. Barry. Apparently he has not read Tertullian. The writer can remember the same gentleman telling one of his charges at a Youth Conference that believer's baptism was not in the New Testament!

We put in a word for the Churches of Christ and were immediately asked the usual questions: "How old must a child be to be baptised?" There seemed to be little grasp of our conviction that baptism follows a personal response to the Gospel. They also asked, "Is baptism essential to salvation?" I find this a puzzling question, coming from those who have always taught that a child in baptism becomes "a member of the Church and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God."

I had to leave just as Dr. Marshall was returning. I had to be home for a meeting at eight, and 112 miles away, and just made it!

I gained the impression that a group which had intended to study liturgical reform and renewal, had engaged in a theological battle, for which its members had not prepared themselves, and such preparation is essential in such a group as this.

I was glad that I was able to travel the distance to this meeting, and that my friend, also coming from the country, was there as well; for if we had not been there, Churches of Christ would not have been represented on their own stamping ground — unthinkable!

The group intends to make Christian Initiation its point of study for the year. Membership is by invitation only. The writer is the only Churches of Christ member in the group, but he hopes that some of our learned gentlemen living in Melbourne will think of attending the next Studia Liturgica Group meeting at Trinity College, 1 p.m., June 4, and he would be happy to nominate such interested persons for membership. There is a subscription of course! Ten shillings a year.

Where Sermons Are Censored

(Rumania). The Rumanian authorities' efforts to win a measure of independence within the Soviet bloc are directed almost entirely to the economic field. There has been no appreciable slackening of their repressive machinery, least of all against religion.

This was confirmed in the January issue of "La Nation Roumaine," journal of the Joint Council of the Rumanian National Peasant, National Liberal and Independent Social Democratic parties in exile, published in Paris. It noted that foreign tourists and delegations — many of whom doubtless visited the few ancient monasteries kept open for their benefit — were reporting reassuringly about religious freedom in Rumania.

But this rosy picture was not borne out by recent reports, the journal went on. Fifteen years after the suppression of the Uniate — Eastern rite — Catholic Church by a forced "union" with the Orthodox, many of its following were still in prison. Of its six bishops, only two were alive — and still in prison.

The only Latin rite Catholic bishop was under house arrest, and had not been allowed to attend the Vatican Ecumenical Council. The other five all died in prison.

In exchange for formal support of regime policies, the Orthodox Church was officially tolerated, the paper went on. Its churches were open for worship, the clergy were given State stipends, and the older and more famous of its buildings were kept in order. But State surveillance and pressure were unceasing. Party members were forbidden to practise any religion, while non-members found that religious observance meant their path to promotion or higher education was blocked. Children, from "Pioneer" age (7-14) onwards, were subjected to incessant Marxist indoctrination. Their attendance at a wide range of secular activities carefully arranged to clash with religious holidays was compulsory. The clergy were not allowed to give children religious teaching and all sermons were censored. (R.D.).

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TASMANIA

TASMANIAN EASTER CAMP REPORT

Almost 50 young people travelled to Carlton, Southern Tasmania, on Thursday night, March 26, to attend the Easter Camp and be bitten by mosquitoes. Uncles Ed. Morrison and Chris. Peart once again capably led another Easter Camp.

"The Fruits of the Spirit," as recorded in Galatians 5: 22 and 23, was chosen as a study topic. Various fruits were introduced each day by means of a "Gospelgraph." These were taken alternately by Uncles Ed. and Chris. The application of these fruits to our daily lives helped to make many campers reconsider their relationship to God and to each other. The gospel message was brought to the campers by Uncle Ed. on the subject of "Faith." One of our

teenage girls responded to the call of Christ.

Many delightful hours of fun and fellowship were spent together with young people from many different parts of the State getting to know each other.

A book has been written called "Never a Dull Moment." This, I feel sums up our Easter Camp at Carlton. Much spiritual food was given and I feel that the closing atmosphere of the camp augurs well for our next venture amongst the youth of the State, namely, Teenage Weekend, which will be held at Launceston during the weekend of July 25. We trust that you will remember us in your prayers as we plan and prepare for this.

(M. J. Sinfield).

C.W.F. ON THE AIR

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.) As they are affiliated with the National Council of Women, the Afternoon C.W.F. featured in a radio interview between the secretary and "Margot" of Station 7EX. The Inter-Church Aid appeal for used nylon stockings was well publicised at this interview. . . . The C.M.S. is planning a camp for the June long weekend.

dent, gave the address. There were items by Mrs. Marshall, of Shenton Park, and the New Life Gospel Team.

The church is jubilant as it accepts new opportunities for service.

OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT IN WEST

(North Perth, W.A.). The elders of the church held a special meeting to consider the plan for Outreach and Development. K. Patterson, the State Home Mission organiser, was present to outline the plans. . . . Members of the Men's Society held their monthly meeting at the home of J. K. Robinson, our minister. . . . On Easter Sunday a family communion service was held, with some of our young girls taking part. In the evening we combined with the Methodists. Their minister presided and Mr. Robinson gave the address. The attendance was disappointing.

OPEN FORUM

CHRISTIAN MEN AND "CHRISTIAN" NEWS.

To the Editor,

I am sorry that Albert Gabb misunderstood my article on "Men at Work" ("A.C." 17/3/64). Obviously I did not make myself clear enough. I was certainly not intending to decry the magnificent service of the Joe Browns who keep our church wheels running smoothly and efficiently. I thank God for them and pray continually that their tribe may increase. If Albert Gabb could arrange a transfer to Canberra we would guarantee him a further 25 years of happy service as a Joe Brown.

However, this does not alter the fact that faithful service to the church organisation is no substitute for carrying out the Master's commission to get other men for him. And it is possible to be so heavily tied up with organisation that we do not have time to reach across to other men for Christ.

Also, permit me to congratulate C. R. Boake, who has read all church reports in every copy of the "Christian." If all subscribers were like him it would not matter how reports were printed. I think that, regrettably, he is one of a very small minority. I made my plea for "dressed up" reports to encourage the reading of them by the vast majority of "unbrotherly" sinners like myself. I appreciate that large numbers of churches whose reports I failed to read in the past, gave generously to Canberra development. I sincerely trust that the the future developmental work of Federal Home Missions will not suffer because of the admitted shortcomings of your unworthy servant,

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DID YOU NOTICE?

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- The number of additions in many States? (pps. 7, 11, 14).
- The new game they've invented? Aquatic Soccer! (p. 10).
- That fire destroyed a church family home? (p. 6).
- The growth in circulation of our lesson material? (p. 12).
- The true prison story series? (p. 16).
- The smart money is looking to N.Z.? (p. 8).
- The Magarey touch in Faith for Living? (p. 9).
- The objective of Christian Education? (p. 4).
- That Victoria is headed for later hotel closing? (p. 10).
- Who is going to Indonesia and why? (p. 15).
- Where an electrician and a plumber are needed? (p. 12).

FACES AND PLACES

Profile No. 10

Meet Frank Glover



'Tis a rare man who can occupy the front seats yet remain in the back row. For the years of his life Frank Glover of Maylands church in S.A., has accomplished this with real humility. He has been in the front row serving and giving for 50 years, yet few have been aware of him, known of his abilities. And all because he has the grace to be humble.

Mr. Glover came to Christ at Moon-ta well over 50 years ago, when G. P. Cuttriss conducted a mission. He moved to the old Norwood church, and then to Maylands where he has spent 38 years. Moon-ta and Norwood were a prologue to what was to follow in service. For 19 years he was a Bible School teacher and Superintendent of the great school at Maylands, has served for 20 years on the Diaconate. But Maylands alone could not contain him, so when the brotherhood asked for his service he willingly gave it. Thus began an association of 27 years on the Gen-

eral Executive; 20 years on the Department of Christian Education and 10 of these as Chairman; 14 years on the Federal Overseas Board; and member of the Rest Home Board since its inception. A formidable record on any count!

Many good men choose good wives! So Frank chose a Mauger to be his partner (and those of S.A. honor this name greatly), and together they have spent their years for Christ. Their two daughters, Judith and Rona, and their husbands, Barry Wills and Ray Johnson, are well into the same "Business", the Lord's.

In business life he has been an executive in merchandising and held in the highest esteem. Principles and codes have always been beyond price with this man.

A natural question is, "Why has he never been President of the Conference?" The answer has been stated above, that occupying a seat in the front row Frank was simply too humble to take the chief seat. Time and again the brethren asked him, but it was always "no" for the honest reason that he had assessed his own potential and he alone had set the judgment. But let it be said, no man among us has been worthier of the honor than this man who never accepted it!

Maybe Pope summed him up in a verse:

"I was not born for Courts, or great affairs;
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—E. P. C. Hollard.

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LET'S HAVE A PARTY!

A MUSICAL "FACE-LIFT"

"Getting with it" musically is an important clue in the backing of games in the 20th Century Social. No longer is there any attraction in a restrained piano playing hymns, poorly "jazzed-up", in support of games. There is a need for some imagination in musical groups, and the Christian youth of the churches needs encouragement toward forming these groups. Piano, tea-chest bass (made of ex-tea box, broom-stick and rope for strumming) guitars and good singers are the requirements for such essential groups.

BUILDING ON THE "FACE-LIFT"

With a rhythm backing as suggested in paragraph one you'll need rhythmic games.

1. Find a partner, chaps, and proceed around in a circle holding hands. If the music stops when you are enclosed in a previously chalked square your partner drops out. Now the boys proceed in opposite direction to their partners in a circle. Each time the music stops all girls and boys, except one "unfortunate" will find a partner. This "unfortunate" will find the original girl who dropped out first, and begin to circle the hall in a "follow the leader" line, the girl leading in time to the music. Each time a girl or a boy will be added to the "follow the leader" line, until at the end of the game everyone is "following" her in time to the music. Then when the music eventually stops, joyful confusion is caused by the return of each to his original partner.

2. Have a rhythmic soft drink sipping competition. Ask for six volunteers. Give each a soft drink and straw. Each must sip in time with, and change pace with, the varying speeds of the music. Each time the music stops . . . sipping stops, even if some liquid is halfway up the straw.

Put some "sound" into your social, and if possible, let's call it, not a "social" but "Sugar Shack" or "Blue Bijou", etc., decorating the hall accordingly, and deriving your 5 minute devotional from such a theme. So much for these suggestions . . . "Let's Have a Party!"

—Ron Holt, Boondall-Zillmere Circuit, Qld.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW CHURCH HALL IN THE WEST

(Rivervale, W.A.). With many brotherhood representatives, folk from local churches, and Rivervale residents present, the new church hall was opened on April 12. A kindergarten scholar, Stephanie Zinco, handed the key on an open Bible, to D. R. Stirling, who performed the opening ceremony.

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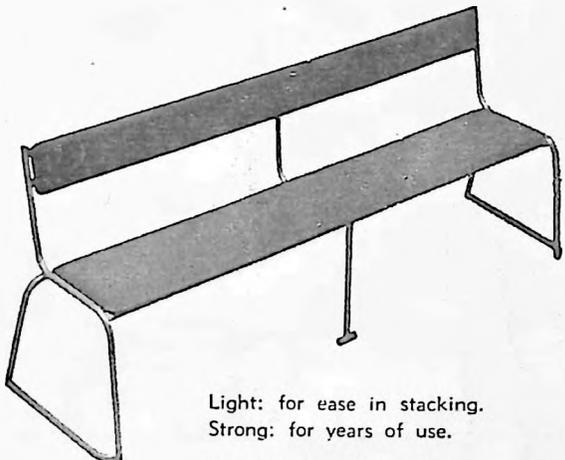
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I scourge no one,
I am scourged.
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My lands are coveted.
I mock no peoples,
My peoples are mocked."
— And, brother, what shall you say?
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