

January 9, 1965

Two Top Men



C. J. Robinson
SAYING GRACE

E. P. C. Hollard
**REPORT ON
EVANGELISM**

THE AUSTRALIAN

CHRISTIAN

NATIONAL WEEKLY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Registered in Australia for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

IT WAS CRICKET

Just before Christmas Queensland played a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria in Melbourne.

Now, cricket is a good Christian game. Its very name became synonymous with Christian virtues such as honesty, selflessness, courage, loyalty, and glory even in defeat. In fact, if anybody did something nasty he would be cut down with the razor-edged phrase, "It's not cricket!"

Then something went wrong with cricket. Its image today is slow, boring, indecisive, and deadly dull. If today we say that something is not cricket, we could mean that it is bright and exciting, the very opposite of the way modern cricket is played.

Well, the West Indians proved in Australia that there is nothing wrong with the game, and for a little while cricket again became king. But soon it suffered a relapse. Teams were more interested in winning than in playing. Batsmen were more interested in shipping time-tables to England and Jamaica than in the scoreboard and their team. No one even bothered to think of the spectators.

When Queensland played Victoria, cricket became exciting again. Queensland won, but Victoria in losing gained more friends in the way she lost than in a dozen victories where only cricket itself suffered defeat.

Since Christianity and cricket have been often related — C. T. Studd, great missionary in many continents, graduated into the mission fields from the England Test team; David Shepard, Test opening batsman, is now playing so well for Christ in the Church of England — perhaps a parallel between Christianity and cricket might be permitted.

Christianity has known some glorious days. Some were days of defeat, but the witness in defeat became the inspiration for many victories. We recall the enthusiasms of the first years of the church, the wholeheartedness of the Reformation, the followers of Wesley and Whitfield, the glorious opposition to the devil given by the armies of General Booth, the singing revivalists of Wales, the restoration movement eagerly assaulting the walls of church division, and we may well ask how it has happened that Christianity is regarded as slow, boring, indecisive, and deadly dull, with very little concern for the spectators.

There is nothing wrong with Christianity. The thing is, we have not been playing the game.

INTEMPERATE

Immediately Mr. P. D. Phillips, Q.C., had completed hearing evidence in Victoria's Royal Commission into the liquor traffic pressure was exerted upon the President and General Secretary of the Victorian Temperance Alliance to submit their resignations. This they did, and the Alliance was called together in the middle of the Christmas rush to consider them. The motion to accept the resignations was passed by the narrowest of margins.

It is certain that many friends of the Alliance and of the Temperance cause will deeply regret the loss of John Westerman and E. S. Sanders.

Although other issues were mentioned, there is no doubt that the main question was the attitude of these two men to 6 o'clock closing. After carefully examining all of the available evidence, they were convinced that the hours of closing were largely irrelevant. The evils associated with alcohol would be the same whether the hotels closed at six or ten.

The Royal Commissioner made it abundantly clear that he would receive evidence from any source to the effect that later closing increased the adverse effects of alcohol. Although there were strong statements on this question, many of those who made them were unwilling to present evidence in the one place where it could do any good.

It seems probable that later closing will be introduced, and it would have been just as probable if Westerman and Sanders had been strong for six. If and when later closing does come, all of the sociological, moral and spiritual consequences of drink will be there to be combatted. Our strength will be greatly diminished with the removal of these two men.

The V.T.A.'s action was a most intemperate disregard of their responsibilities to the total community, and a wanton loss of two men of capacity and integrity. The V.T.A. will come to regret the decision as much as many of us regret it now.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

119-125 Hawke St.,
West Melbourne, C.3.
Phone 30-1848.

Vol. 68

No. 1

Editor: A. E. White, B.A.

Associate-Editors:

- W.A. — J. K. Robinson,
11 Aldmondbury Rd., Mt. Lawley.
S.A. — E. P. C. Hollard, J.P.,
189 Gawler Pl., Adelaide.
Tas. — R. J. Roxhall,
3 Whelan Cresc., West Hobart.
Vic. — W. W. Saunders,
217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.
A.C.T. — G. R. Stirling, B.A.,
88 Limestone Ave., Canberra.
N.S.W. — C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed.,
53 The Point Rd., Woolwich.
Qld. — H. Sargent,
67 Bower St., Annerley.

★

Published for

The Federal Conference of
Churches of Christ

by

The Australian Christian Ltd.

L. J. Butler, Chairman.

E. F. Morris, Secretary.

W. W. McDowell, Treasurer.

★

COVER

By courtesy of
The Herald & Weekly Times Ltd.

(See item on page 15)

★

In the Christian
NEXT WEEK

ABORIGINES'
NUMBER

SAYING GRACE

BY C. J. ROBINSON



We were discussing the giving of thanks before or after meals. One of the group at the meal table had been called upon to offer thanks, simply because, being a visitor, she gave the rest of us a respite from the formal "Your turn to say grace."

The visitor obliged with the usual: For what we are about to receive, the Lord make us truly thankful.

The discussion arose out of the use of the words "make us", and someone suggested that it might be more appropriate to say "we are truly thankful."

There is probably nothing to choose between the two expressions if the words "make us" are not read as an imperative, but as a plea for the recognition of God's bountiful provision for human needs. What is of greater concern, however, is the sheer formality of saying grace.

Edgar Guest, the American writer of homely verse, has given us these lines on Grace At Table:

Day in and out through weal and woe,
high gain or common place
At every meal our heads we bowed
throughout this simple grace.
"Be present at our table, Lord!" From
all that has occurred
And all the joy that we have known
—I'm sure he must have heard.

We wonder, sometimes, whether the formal grace is heard any more than the prayers with which Parliament is opened.

At a ministerial gathering recently, one member began to eat before thanks had been given, and the grace that was offered, went like this: For what we are about to receive, and for what some have already eaten, good Lord we thank Thee. Was the omission of the grace on the part of the one, any more sacrilegious than the grace offered?

As a chaplain in the Forces, one was often called upon to give thanks for a meal in the Officers' Messroom. Efforts at varying the offering of thanks were

met with the charge that the padre was too versatile with his graces. It was suggested that the most appropriate grace might be: For this Mess, good Lord, we offer thanks.

The question arises as to whether the giving of thanks is offered out of real gratitude, or out of reluctance to omit it.

Why do we say grace? The word "grace" has several meanings all of which are related to the notion of favour.

The English word is derived from the French "grace" via the Latin "gratia" from the Greek "charis" which has four principle meanings. It stands for a pleasing quality, gracefulness; for goodwill; for a gift; and for gratitude.

In theology, grace is the favour of God freely given to men of faith. In the New Testament it is God's favour bestowed because of his nature, and not earned by merit or claimed as a right.

In English, the first use of the word, as a recognition of the favour of God in the provision of food, seems to have been in 1225 A.D. Here is part of the phrase in which it occurs: "owen graces biore mete and efter, and mid a misere." By interpretation, your guess is as good as mine, but the plural "graces" was used exclusively up to the 16th century.

William Tyndale used the expression grace in his translation of Matt. 26: 30: "When they had said grace, they went out."

Apparently there has always been the danger of formality in the giving of thanks at meal tables; for Dryden, in 1680, wrote in his Prologue to Caesar Borgia: "But mark their feasts. The Pope says grace, but 'tis the Devil gives thanks."

This custom of saying grace is not exclusively Christian, but surely, to the Christian, it should be something more than a mere formality, whether used before or after meals, especially in view of the Master's example in John 6: 11.

The omission of the grace, because of the danger of formality, will only

make us insensitive to the manifold Grace of God.

E. Stanley Jones tells of a girl who told him: "We never have prayers or grace in our house, and nothing has happened yet." What did she expect to happen? A thunderbolt? Stanley Jones replied: "No, dear, nothing has happened yet. Nothing — except deterioration." But that's enough! Ingratitude means slow rot.

We need to be reminded of our obligations to the many who make our world run smoothly — mothers, fathers, bus drivers, lift operators, and the many who make our daily food possible. We need also to be thankful for the privilege of living in a land of plenty, and of being able to contribute to the welfare of the community. We are spare enough, God knows, in the use of the magic words, "thank you!" How hurt we are when our efforts for others go unrecognised, even to a little expression of gratitude! Then, surely, our gratitude to God should not be a perfunctory thing performed out of habit rather than out of the spirit of true appreciation of the goodness of God. But how shall we express our thanks without becoming formal?

I am well aware, painfully so, of the attitude of many church members to the use of written prayers, but the fact remains that these same people have no hesitation in using a fixed form of grace at meals. For my part, I cannot see any reason why written graces cannot be used with the utmost sincerity of purpose.

(continued on page 4)

NEWS AND REPORTS IN THIS ISSUE

W.A.	- - - - -	11
S.A.	- - - - -	6, 7
TAS.	- - - - -	10, 11
VIC.	- - - - -	8, 10, 15
N.S.W.	- - - - -	11, 15
QLD.	- - - - -	10, 11
MISSIONS	- - - - -	9
GENERAL	- - - - -	4, 5, 14, 17, 19

Cecil J. Robinson is minister of the church in Margaret St., Launceston, Tas.

1965

The Australian Christian.

SAYING GRACE

(continued from page 3)

My concern that our thanksgiving to God for his daily providence should be sincere; plus the discussion on the giving of thanks, was all unknown to the editor of the Australian Christian, when he requested from me an article on this subject. It was also suggested that I might provide a few examples, through these pages, of thanksgivings that may be used at the meal table.

Here are a few personal samples of simple graces:—

TABLE GRACES

We thank Thee, our Father in Heaven, for the gifts of home and shelter; for food for our bodies, and for all the services rendered to us in this way, and about which we seldom think. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, we render to Thee our thanks for mercies renewed each day. May our remembrance of Thy great goodness and Thy bountiful care remain in our hearts throughout this day. Amen.

Almighty God, who fillest the hungry with good things, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing, we return now, our thanks for this food, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, Thy goodness to Thy children knows no time or season, and we acknowledge Thy constant care. Keep us aware of the needs of others, that they too, may have cause to thank Thee for our concern for them. For Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, accept the praise of thankful hearts for blessings great or small. Renew us in body with this food; and in

spirit by our thankfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Books of Table Graces are readily available. Here are a couple of samples of prayers for little children. They come from "Table Graces For All Ages" by Gertrude duBois (Abingdon Press).

Bless us Jesus in our home;
Bless all those across the sea.
Please send needed food and drink
Every day for them and me. Amen

All the little children praise Thee
For Thy care and tender love,
For our food and for our houses,
For the sun that shines above. Amen.

For daily bread, for all things good,
For life and health, for this our food;
For each gift Thy grace imparts,
We thank Thee, Lord, with humble hearts. Amen.

—Clifford Wesley Collins
(The Upper Room.)

From the verse of Edgar Guest, I conclude with this Grace at Evening:

For all the beauties of the day,
The innocence of childhood's play,
For health and strength and laughter sweet,

Dear Lord, our thanks we now repeat.

For this our daily gift of food
We offer now our gratitude,
For all the blessings we have known
Our debt of gratefulness we own.

Here at the table now we pray,
Keep us together down the way;
May this, our family circle, be
Held fast by love and unity.

Grant, when the shades of night shall fall,

Sweet be the dreams of one and all;
And when another day shall break
Unto Thy service may we wake.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SPAIN?

(Madrid). Is the situation of Protestant Christians in Spain improving? It had generally been thought so, but recent developments cast grave doubts on the earlier optimism.

A draft bill concerning religious liberty was presented by Fernando Mario Castiella, Minister for Foreign Affairs. Even though it was criticised by some of the Spanish hierarchy, notably Mgr. Philadainy Zapiain, Bishop of Las Palmas (Canary Islands) indications were that many of the hierarchy were in favor of it.

These indications of favor, particularly of Cardinal Bueno, president of the Spanish Commission at the Vatican Council, are very significant. But recent developments in the actual treatment of Protestants by State officials give cause for concern.

Two pastors have been fined 5,000 pesetas (about \$80) each for having distributed some copies of a Protestant translation of the Gospels in the streets of Cartagena (Murcia). They are: the Rev. Luis Hombre, of the Baptist Church, and the Rev. Joaquin Guerola, of the Plymouth Brethren. While the provincial authorities interpreted their act as a form of proselytism, the two pastors have appealed to the Minister of Home Affairs, stating that since the literature was a portion of the New Testament it could not be termed sectarian.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has itself been clamping down on Protestants by suspending permits for new churches and refusing authorisation to transfer from old buildings to new ones.

Another difficulty placed in the way of Protestants has been the denial, in Madrid and Barcelona, of their right to contract civil marriages. Applications for marriage licenses have been held up for ten or twelve months.

Worried by this situation, Spanish Protestants declared Dec. 13 a Day of Prayer for Religious Liberty. Special intercessions will be offered that nothing will prevent the State from promulgating the law on religious liberty.

—E.P.S.

"BELOW ME THE MOUNTAINS"

By Harold Morton.

"Below Me the Mountains" is one of the most thrilling and exciting tales of Australian missionary endeavour to come out of New Guinea.

It is the story of the inauguration of an air programme in a new part of New Guinea, of the difficulties encountered, of the reasons which made it so important to succeed, and of the eventual outcome.

It is also the story of the vibrant faith motivating the pilots who fly across the mountains and jungles of New Guinea to help forward the work of missions — a faith which pulsates on every page.

Price: 8/9

From all Christian Booksellers.

JORDAN BOOKS LTD.

24 Chick-st., South Punchbowl, N.S.W.

OURSELVES AND ROME . . .

Many Christians have been concerned because non-Roman churchmen have associated with Roman Catholics in co-operative enterprises, such as the Ecumenical Mission in Melbourne and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Observers have been sent to the Second Vatican Council, and in other ways there has been fraternisation with Roman Catholics.

On the one hand, in our judgment, we ought not to treat the changed attitude of many Roman Catholics towards Protestants, Anglicans and the Orthodox as insincere, or as having an ulterior motive. On the other hand, it is a poor commentary on the estimation of our leaders that we should assume that in any encounter with Roman Catholics, Protestants are going to sell out.

There can be no question of seeking to unite with the Roman Catholic Church so long as that Church holds to those beliefs and practices which we have consistently regarded as erroneous. Let it be said that this is the view of member churches of the W.C.C. This posi-

tion has been expounded repeatedly by Dr. Visser't Hooft, the W.C.C.'s General Secretary. "Union between Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church, so long as that church remains as she is, is not even a remote possibility."

We recognise that there is no official change of doctrine in the Roman Catholic Church, but we welcome every indication of a desire for reform within that church, and the greater opportunities for friendship and co-operation between Roman Catholics and Protestants which now exists in many places, and we need to stress our responsibility to witness to our faith with love and conviction in all our dealings with Roman Catholics.

No matter what the area of rift, the ministry of reconciliation calls for ventures in faith, friendship and understanding. Christians are committed to build bridges across all barriers. New Testament Christianity demands that we combine truth and love.

—Issued in behalf of the Federal Department for the Promotion of Christian Union.

The Australian Christian.

LISTENING POST . . .

FOR PREACHERS

I now clearly see that every sentence should suggest Christ, and every sermon, even though His name had not been mentioned, nor His words quoted, should leave the hearer at the feet of Christ.

—John Watson.

TEACH THE TRUTH

"Education is the weapon of progress, one of the weapons of human evolution, but it has been turned into a personal, national, political lever. Humanity should realise that, within reasonable limits, it must be denationalised. . . . A child's virgin mind is an ideal soil for the development of any idea, right or wrong. . . .

Up till now, only the dictators, no matter what titles they choose, have availed themselves of this elementary observation, and of the power of lies. **If truth alone were taught in the schools, throughout the world, there could be no totalitarian states.** Only through the schools can we undo the harm the schools have done."

—Lecomte du Nouy, in "Human Destiny."

THE SCANDAL

The dream of Jesus was the fellowship and unity of His followers. He said that the time would come when there would be one flock and one Shepherd. He prayed for their oneness in order that the world might believe that He was sent of God.

His chief apostle condemned division when the whole church at Corinth was divided, one saying, "I am of Paul"; another saying, "I am of Apollos"; another, "I am of Cephas"; and another, "I am of Christ." The apostle does not single out those who took the name of Christ as being one whit better than the rest, but condemns them all as being unspiritual and carnal, "as babes in Christ," walking after the manner of men.

It is so today to a far more alarming extent than it was in the Corinthian church nineteen hundred years ago. Division is now world-wide and established, each division loyally guarding its traditions of overmuch infallibility irrespective as to whether it has taken the name of Paul or Apollos or Cephas or Christ.

The scandal of the times is the schism of the church, in which we are all involved.

—Peter Ainslie.

MEN READING

In the Australian Churches of Christ — and the British — the (Scripture) lessons have always been read by laymen who come up from the congregation to perform this duty — a duty most expressive of the fact that the religious liberty of the laymen, their release from priestly domination, lies precisely in the Scriptures which are in their hands and to which they have access. Their competency to read Scripture is a symbol of the intimacy of their relationship to God through the word which mediates between them.

The use of laymen in the Australian and British Churches of Christ probably derives from the Anglican usage wherein a Prince Philip or a Winston Churchill or the village grocer may have been asked, when present at a service, to "read the lesson." In the two former instances the press will probably report the matter, which may leave the impression that this is a duty reserved for the lordly, whereas any literate believer of good repute is eligible for this task.

What better way to demonstrate that Christian worship is the work of the laos or people of God? . . . It would require good preparation in order to be done acceptably, but it would also help the congregation to discover its own spiritual quality . . . And why should not women also be included among the readers?

—W. B. Blakemore, in "The Challenge of Christian Unity" (Bethany Press).

WHITE MAN'S PRIVILEGE

(Standerton, South Africa). An editorial in a recent edition of the "Christian Recorder" calls for removal of that legislation which has made a bad name for South Africa. In commenting on the government programme for "self-development" the editorial says: "Whether it be labelled 'segregation' in America or 'self-development' in South Africa — it remains an act of the White man attempting to retain the position of power and benefit, to the exclusion of the Black man. Whatever nice sounding name we give we have things as they always have been, because thus they have suited the White man's advantage and position."

Labelling the issue a moral one, the editorial goes on to say that it cannot be resolved by police action, but only by legislative repeal of current laws. In this way "South Africa can take a place among the nations of the world that are seeking to solve a domestic problem of world proportions."

—E.P.S.

CHURCHES AID YUGOSLAV FLOOD SURVIVORS

(Geneva). — Churches in Germany through their Bread for the World campaign and Dutch Protestant churches contributed \$10,000 to aid the survivors of floods which ravaged a part of Zagreb and other areas in northwestern Yugoslavia in late October. An estimated 10,000 dwellings were destroyed and some 40,000 persons were evacuated. The funds were channelled through the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service of the World Council of Churches. The Dutch funds were gathered in an appeal issued through a church-sponsored radio programme known as "Wild Geese."

Church World Service, aid agency of the U.S.A. churches, forwarded 5,000 blankets by military air transport.

—E.P.S.

CONGREGATIONAL DECLINE

The Congregational Union of England and Wales reports a decline of more than 2,000 members in its churches. The more serious feature of the decline is that the number of children attending church or Sunday School has gone from 162,000 to 155,000.

—E.P.S.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

(Inc.) Est. 1935.

In all States and Great Britain.

Agents in All Churches.

All for Each and Each for All.
(4,000 Members).

Membership open to Christians anywhere, regardless of position or age.

Contributions from 3d. upwards per week. Information from Secretary of

Social Service Department,
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.I.
32-2447.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACCOMMODATION AT GIRLS' HOSTEL BOOKED OUT FOR 1965

(Adelaide, S.A.). The Hostel is fully booked for 1965 and bookings are now being received for 1966 and 1967. Churches are requested to make it widely known amongst members that it is necessary that application be made as early as possible if girls want accommodation in the next two or three years. It is easier to withdraw than to enrol when the Hostel is full.

Accommodation is required for 1965 for some who were not able to enrol at the Hostel. There are boys also who require private homes. If any homes can assist us, they may contact the Social Service Department immediately.

The Department would still like to secure a second Hostel to help meet the growing need. Any information regarding such a home will be welcome.

BLUE PRINT YEAR

(Cheltenham, S.A.). The church "Blue Print" programme for 1964 included B.S. homes visitation, special teaching and preaching, friendship visitation. Great emphasis was also given to raising money for the new chapel. The required deposit was reached with activities such as Temple Day, Talent Scheme, various functions arranged by the ladies, and Chrysanthemums grown by the men. The new chapel has been commenced.

FOUNDATIONS LAID

(Col. Light Gardens, S.A.). The foundations for the new worship and education centre have been laid. There were 100 present and an offering of £186 was received. . . I. W. Nixon, the minister, and Mrs. Nixon, were farewelled on Dec. 20. . . The G.L.B. held a membership training night with other senior young people. . . A consolidation ministry with E. P. C. Hollard will begin on Jan. 31.

S.A.'s NEW MINISTRIES

The movements of ministers during the month of January will be as follows:—

H. G. Norris, from Koongarra Park to Blackwood. F. B. Burt, from Blackwood to Semaphore. R. Clymer, from Beulah Road to Koongarra Park. K. J. Parry, from Pt. Pirie to Beulah Road. E. S. Thomas, from Woolwich College to Pt. Pirie. H. Cave, from Murray Bridge to Loxton. K. E. Pitt, from Glen Iris College to Murray Bridge.

CHURCH HYMN BOOKS for 5/- HAVE THEM REPAIRED LIKE NEW AGAIN

35 - 4703 — PHONE OR WRITE — 35 - 4703

W. A. LATIMER & SON, Rear 646 BELL-ST., PASCOE VALE SOUTH, VIC. WE REPAIR ALL BOOKS.

Christmas Camp, Longwood, 1964

In spite of the fact that 120 young people will be going from South Australia to Sydney for the National Youth Convention, over 90 young people and their leaders will be going to Longwood for the Department's Christmas Camp. The principal study will be based on Alan Cant's book, "What's the Answer." Other studies will include five sessions with Dr. Desmond Crowley covering "The Negro Revolt" — "The Goldwater Story" — "Australia and Indonesia" — "Australia and Vietnam" and "Whither U.S.A.?" A panel will discuss the "Im-

CONSOLIDATION MINISTRY

(Adelaide). The S.A. Home Mission Department announces that as from Jan. 31 the Organiser, E. P. C. Hollard, will be with the church at Col. Light Gardens in a "consolidation ministry." During the erection of the new buildings he will lead the church, and upon their completion Mr. George Mathieson, Jr., will move in full-time. The church will be assisted by the Department in subsidy.

For six years the church has been served part-time by Mr. I. W. Nixon. He has held the church together well, and contributed greatly to the present opportunity. The Nixons were farewelled at Christmas time ere they set off for their vacation.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PINES

Over 450 young people came together at the Longwood Camp (S.A.) for the final A.C.Y.F. Rally of the year. Doug. Forbes had spent hours installing colored lighting. The C.Y.F. Committee had planned for weeks the programme and on the grassy slopes surrounded by the pines the young people shared in a delightful and informal Christmas programme. The compere was the Director (K. D. Horne) and W. Philp (baritone), The Melodaires (Col. Light Garden folk singers), Ray Neuling (vibraphone), I. J. Chivell (speaker), a singalong of Christmas carols, and a splendid Christmas Epilogue by the C.Y.F. Committee made the programme. Chops a la Bar-b-q, burger rolls and Mr. Whippy's ice cream van provided the ingredients for the informal supper.

BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED

(Adelaide). Two Adelaide churches have called tenders for further building operations. The church at Cheltenham on the Port Line has worshipped in a small wood and iron building for some years. Under the ministry of Lance Austin (in circuit with Queenstown) the church has made considerable progress. Now the need for extensions is evident. A price of just over £9,000 has been

accepted, and the new work will commence early in the new year. The other buildings will be at Edwardstown where a large school meets in limited equipment. The school has built up to almost 400. In both cases Mutual Fund help will be provided.

accepted, and the new work will commence early in the new year.

The other buildings will be at Edwardstown where a large school meets in limited equipment. The school has built up to almost 400.

In both cases Mutual Fund help will be provided.

REDCLIFF CAMP, 1965

As this is written only three vacancies for city people remain for the Redcliff Camp on Eyre's Peninsula, Feb. 27. Young people on E.P. planning to go are asked to contact the Department of Christian Education (S.A.) with their applications as soon as possible. The Camp will be led by K. D. Horne, C. H. J. Wright, D. Holloway and B. Storay. The study will be centred on the two Asian Christian Youth Assembly Study Books, "Christ the Life." Other sessions will focus on the subject of "Effective Christian Communication." Sand, sea and sunshine are the other added ingredients that make this School for young Christians so successful.



ALL GIFTS AND REPAIRS — ADELAIDE :: Phone 23 - 5462 —

• MUSIC

No family can afford to be without MUSIC, it is a luxury and an economy; an alleviation of sorrow, and a spring of enjoyment. A protection against vice, and an incitement to virtue. When rightly used, its effects — physical, intellectual and moral, are only good.

Do not neglect to see the LISZT PIANO, THE KINSMAN and YAMAHA ELECTRONIC ORGANS before you make your choice from

CHENEY'S

808 South-rd., Clovelly Park, S.A. Phone 76 - 2880.

LEAGUE OF 2000

(Adelaide). The S.A. Home Mission Department announces that the first call on the League of 2000 for 1965 will go to the church at Cheltenham. As indicated, this church has been growing, and present facilities are inadequate.

At the end of 1965 the church plans to go into a full-time ministry and arrangements will be made later. It is quite likely that the Home Mission Department will be involved in subsidy.

This is a promising work and deserves the support of all present members of the League.

With the closing of the Whyalla call the League of 2000 will have raised over £22,000 for new churches during the last 12 years. All of this has been a gift to the churches involved, and nearly all at the level of £1 per person per call.

WORK FORCE

(Adelaide). The commencement of activities in 1965 Brotherhood programmes will see a continuance of the ministry of the four men who have been leading Conference Departments. Their record is interesting.

The Union Secretary, I. J. Chivell, has completed four years of full time service. He gave 5½ years part time.

The Youth Director, K. D. Horne, has completed six years.

Social Service Director, A. R. Jones, rounds out 13 years of full-time service, with two years part-time before that.

The Home Mission Organiser, E. P. C. Hollard has also completed 13 years of service.

BROADCAST PLANS

The church at Edwardstown has been granted the broadcast of its morning service for 1965. Station 5DN takes the service each Sunday and it is then played at 9 o'clock that evening. The appointment for Edwardstown will be every sixth week.

M. D. Hamilton is the minister of the church and the choirmaster is Trevor Meade. Interested friends are asked to be listening and a word of report would be most useful to the minister.

TENNIS TEAM LEAVES

(Adelaide). The bi-annual interstate tennis matches between South Australia and Victoria will be held over the holiday period. For some years these fellowship enterprises have given much pleasure to young people. This year the matches will be played in Melbourne. The S.A. team is under the leadership of Mr. Tom Bartlett, of Croydon church. Prior to leaving for Melbourne the team was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, who have given years of service to the Association.

OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

PORT LINCOLN. An enjoyable kindergarten Christmas Tree and Social was appreciated by many parents. D. Pittman, of the C.S.S.M., addressed the Bible School scholars. . . The bi-monthly Youth Tea was well attended and a young man made his decision.



THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO

A CHRISTMAS PARTY



Some months ago I wrote an article in this column under the heading "The Christian Goes to a Sheltered Workshop." It was gratifying to receive some appreciative comments. More gratifying, however, was a recent invitation to attend the Christmas Party of the Retarded Teenagers.

The gaily decorated hall was little different from the set-up for any other Christmas Party and the atmosphere was just the same. It was the absence of any apparent difference that was surprising because of the 100 or so people present, about 70 were retarded teenagers.

The young folk promenaded together to the piano music and laughed loudly at their unfortunate friends who were caught in the "forbidden area" when the music stopped and they had to drop out. They did the "Hokey-Pokey" and no one bothered when some put their "left hand in" instead of their "right hand in." A few couldn't accomplish the "turn-around" or other aspects of the game, but all did what they could and no one worried.

Father Christmas arrived as everyone sang Jingle-Bells and all rejoiced at receiving an ice cream, a small present and a hand shake from him.

A touching scene was the presentation by the lads from the sheltered workshop of presents, made by themselves, to some of the staff and committee members.

The spokesman may have had some difficulty in framing his words, but he left no doubt as to his sincerity and affection for those who work in their interests. A get-together around the piano to sing, quite capably, well-known Christmas carols was a fitting prelude to a sit-down supper. Parents and friends enjoyed a quiet "cuppa" and chat in the kitchen. I was introduced to one man who has adopted two of the retarded children who were present. In the company of such people one can only feel humble and proud that they, as parents and friends, have refused to "hide" their children away from the community. They have fought for schools and workshops and with patient love and understanding they are endeavoring to ensure that the children receive the best training and every opportunity to enjoy the social fellowship taken for granted by all of us who have been blessed with a full measure of mental and physical health.

My visit to the Christmas Party was not depressing — far from it. On the contrary, I was uplifted by the obvious demonstration of so much patient love towards these less fortunate children of God. If he has given them any

compensating gift for their affliction surely it is that of simple trust.

I was greatly impressed with the excellent behaviour of the teenagers, who readily responded to the requests of those in charge.

Such parties provide an opportunity for service for our talented church teenagers. I was informed that the retarded youngsters really enjoy visiting artists — and they can get "in the groove" with all the modern teenage music and really love it. I know some youngsters with a "band" who have promised to take their instruments along to a party for retarded teenagers in the New Year. Perhaps this could be a challenge to teenage groups in other churches throughout Australia to offer their talents occasionally to the Retarded Children's Committee in the local area. —R.J.B.

SPECTACULAR DRAMATIC MUSICAL

THE TONY FONTANE STORY

80 MINUTE FILM GLORIOUS COLOUR BOOK NOW! RENTAL ONLY £15



WRITE TODAY FOR FREE 1964-65 MOTION FILM CATALOG 192 PACKED PAGES

GOSPEL FILM MINISTRY LTD. MELB.: 211 Latrobe St. 321232 SYDNEY: 181 Clarence St. 294005 BRISBANE: 262 Queen St. 29062 Also Adelaide, Perth, Launceston.



VICTORIA

DIFFERENT ANNIVERSARY

(Kaniva, Vic.). To mark the end of the year, the Sunday School conducted the evening service on Dec. 6. Activity songs were presented by the Kindergarten, a dramatisation of "Naaman the Leper" by the Primaries, singing by the middle school and a play with a message, "A Pair of Gloves," by the Teens groups. A graduation, prizegiving and dedication service with guest speaker, A. E. White, was held on Dec. 13.

The "Explorer Club" (one of the biggest in the State) combined with the Girls' Clubs to hold a successful concert and presentation of awards. Plans for a community youth club are under consideration by the local churches.

CHURCH FAMILY PARTY

(Ashburton, Vic.). A church family Christmas party was held for the first time, incorporating all Sunday School and auxiliary parties. Many Sunday School parents attended, and after a few items from the children, and Father Christmas for the little ones, a barbecue was enjoyed by all. £110 was raised by the church at an election day stall during the recent elections, when the church was used as a polling booth. This money will go towards the Church Building Fund.

BARBECUE BREAK-UP

(Croydon, Vic.). The C.M.S. held a barbecue break-up in Mr. Lacey's barn. At a tea in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grenness, the C.M.S. elected its new office-bearers. F. J. Funston was speaker at a gospel service, with Val Woff as soloist. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Parker in the loss of his sister. 14 C.Y.F. members attended the Christmas break-up camp on the Yarra River.

Bethany Children's Home, LINDISFARNE, TASMANIA

(formerly Bethany Boys' Home).

A social service project of Churches of Christ in Tasmania (in conjunction with the Vic.-Tas. Social Service Dept.).

A home for 12 children is provided. YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP by—

(1) Registering as a "FRIEND OF BETHANY," by writing to the Secretary. WANTED: 300-400 "Friends of Bethany" who will give an average of £5 per annum each.

(2) Subscribing to the £3,000 for 1964 BUILDING DEVELOPMENT and CAR FUND.

(Taxation concessions are available on gifts of £1 and over).

Home address: 18 Lowelly-rd., Lindisfarne, Tas.

Secretary: M. Davis, 39 Kaoota-rd., Lindisfarne, Tas.

REDEDICATIONS

(Pahran, Vic.). Recently four young people rededicated their lives to Christ. . . . C.E. held their break-up social and the B.S. held a fancy dress social. The church held a Christmas evening and film night.

BAPTISM OF FAMILY

(Preston, Vic.). A family of four who made their decisions at the Billy Graham Crusade, were baptized recently, together with two Bible Class girls. Young people took part in the gospel service.

DR. BLAKEMORE AT CHELTENHAM

(Vic.). There were large attendances when "every-member-present" services were held, Dr. Blakemore, of the U.S.A., preaching at the evening service. . . . Conference President, G. Brown, preached the following Sunday. A choir from the Bible School sang items at evening service, after which prizes were presented to scholars. . . . The combined C.W.F. quarterly meeting featured a Christmas programme presented to 70 ladies.

PLAN FOR PROGRESS

(Ararat, Vic.). 1965 will see many changes. The new hall and kitchen will be opened in April. Emphasis will be on brotherhood support and witness; fellowship; evangelism; property improvement; Explorer leaders' training; extension of the "House Church" study groups; Sunday School visitation project; "Woman to Woman" evangelism; Planned Giving in February, with A. Avery and K. Harvey, Field Officers. . . . The C.Y.F. held a weekend camp at Lake Fyans; 18 young people attended.

TEMPLE DAY £893!

(Essendon, Vic.). Gifts totalled £893 on Temple Day, when R. V. Amos was guest speaker, and Jeff Cheal gave an afternoon organ recital. . . . A combined auxiliaries' break-up was held, with various clubs giving items. . . . A B.S. teacher rededicated her life following a recent address by the minister, V. Quayle.

OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

MALVERN. Bible School held Prize-Giving and Graduation Day on Dec. 13. . . . Soloists have been Mrs. C. Leembruggen and Laurie Barlow. Explorers and Christian Men's Fellowship combined for concert. **PYRAMID HILL.** C.W.F. held successful Street Stall. Church members and visitors from Boort church saw the film "Heritage to Destiny." Morning services well attended, but evening services attendance has lowered. **BAYSWATER.** Break-up parties terminated a good year's work. Good Companions were entertained at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Handasyde. Kinder children, led by Mrs. K. Clinton and helpers, entertained mothers with singing, puppet show and afternoon tea. Each child, including cradle roll children, received a gift.

VICTORIA - TASMANIA HOME MISSIONS INDUCTION SERVICE

for new Field Officer
KEVIN J. HARVEY
SWANSTON STREET — 8 p.m.
3rd FEBRUARY

Support this Brotherhood Venture!

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

Editorial, 1915 opens in gloom. A cloud of commercial depression hangs darkly over our land, owing to drought and war. The drought could not be avoided and if we learn . . . the need of conserving our water in times of plenty . . . it will not prove an unmixed evil.

The war is not of God, but arises from the unholy ambitions of a few men led by gross materialism and anti-Christian philosophy.

Liquor Vote in N.Z. For Local No-Licence 224,648; Against 246,340. For National Prohibition 241,222; Against 246,998. Figures did not include Expeditionary Forces.

Here and There. Subiaco, W.A.: Meetings have suffered from the heat (or is it the cold within?). Tumby Bay, S.A.: On Dec. 27 we held our Christmas services. The largest number on record (except for anniversary) met around the Lord's Table. Lilyville, N.S.W.: At the watchnight service, the attendance was good, the message being, "The Push From Behind."

SELLING YOUR HOME?

J. A. CARTER, R.E.S.I.,

Proprietor: Robert F. Geyer, F.R.E.I., F.C.I.V.,
SWORN VALUATOR. Sales Privately or by Auction.

Details of Your Property will Receive Immediate Expert Attention.

164 TOORAK-RD., SOUTH YARRA

Opposite Station.

24 - 1296

The Australian Christian.

January 9

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

LOOKING BACK

BY ROSALIE ROFE



At my farewell meeting in Sydney before leaving for New Guinea the final hymn of the meeting was "The Call of God Resounding." As I prepared to leave New Guinea and come on through the words of the final verse of that hymn came back to me:

Oh rouse ye men of action,
Gird on the sword of right,
The foes is strong, but stronger
Are ye in heaven's might.
With joy we hear the challenge
And answer to Thy call
Oh God of heaven, Thy Kingdom
Shall triumph over all.

As I thought on these words again I remembered the joy with which I and others farewelled the same evening went forward to the Field.

For me the joy of serving has deepened over the past 2½ years, and I've

found that great blessing comes from hearing and taking up in His strength the challenges that come to us.

I've learnt as never before that the foe we are up against is indeed strong, but that we are stronger in our Lord's strength and so have the victory.

Perhaps the greatest joy has been to see the triumph of His Kingdom over that of the evil one, as several folk have found Christ as Saviour and others are seeking to know more of Him.

It has been a privilege to serve our Master in New Guinea, and as I look back at the past 2½ years and look also to the future, I thank God for the faithfulness of so many folks at home in their ministries of prayer and also of giving. May each one of us hear His challenge to us and joyfully answer His call, knowing that His Kingdom will indeed triumph over all.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE



For almost 60 years the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Victoria, has been engaged in training men and women for the service of God.

Hundreds of workers are serving in the mission fields and in the homeland.

Your prayerful and practical support is solicited.

E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A., Principal.

K. A. JONES, Secretary,
Elm-rd., Glen Iris, Vic.

Les Lawlor Says . . .

I stand behind every Lawlor Pest Control job personally — all types of buildings — anywhere. Everything unconditionally guaranteed! Weeds — birds on roofs — Argentine and all other ants — "White Ants" — Borers — Carpet Pests — Lawn Pests — in fact any pest that grows, walks or flies.

LAWLORS . . . THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE

STH. AUST.: 6-10 Henley-st., Torrensville. 57-9636.
141-143 Commercial-st., Mt. Gambier. 2-1861.
VICTORIA: 22 Johnstone-st., Malvern. 64-3102.
After Hours: 50-3284, 28-4296.
Shepparton — Phone, Mooroopna 30.



QUESTING IS ON HOLIDAYS

OBITUARY

Frank Butler.

With the passing of Frank Butler, at the age of 83 years, the church at Hartwell, Victoria, lost one of its most faithful and beloved members. He was baptized at North Fitzroy as a young man and is still remembered by some he taught in Bible school there. In 1913 he and Mrs. Butler settled in Red Hill where they became closely associated with the church in that district. He served as church secretary for a number of years. Upon retirement they transferred to Hartwell, where he served as an elder.

Mr. Butler was truly one of God's saints. His life was characterised by a gracious spirit, alertness of mind, sincerity, integrity, an understanding of the Scriptures, and a keen personal interest in others. He will long be remembered for the manner in which he presided at the Lord's Table.

Large and representative gatherings at funeral services conducted at the Hartwell church and Springvale Crematorium by H. J. Patterson and the writer paid tribute to the high esteem in which Mr. Butler was held. To his wife, son Len and family, and all other relatives we extend Christian sympathy.

—G. A. Whiting.

John William Burgin.

This pioneer of the Mallee country died on Nov. 29 at the age of 90, after spending most of his life on the land. In his youth he was active in the Baptist church. Retiring in Oakleigh some few years ago, he and his wife linked up with the Oakleigh Church of Christ, where he faithfully served until his death. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and was held in high regard by his many friends. A large gathering attended the service at Oakleigh church and Springvale Crematorium. To his aged wife beside whom he walked for 63 years, and to his four daughters, we tender our loving sympathy. — E. J. Miles.

PAUL'S AUTO ELECTRICAL

Amatures Rewound. Repair and Change-Over Units. Carburetors. Fuel Pumps. Flasher Units. Installed and Repaired.

Distributor of Masse Batteries.

Tune up with Paul.

PAUL MULLER, 198 Through-rd.,
Burwood, Vlo.

Priv.: 89-3294. Bus.: 83-5559.



SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

A Church Report

Annual meeting time is a hard time! Auxiliary secretaries and treasurers need to be hounded, last minute sorting of reports, and then at the meeting a long and tiresome reading of them. And who can be anything else but bored and frustrated. So some new ideas are long overdue, and some churches are grappling manfully with the Annual Report problem.

Hawthorn, in Adelaide, has sent me its report, and it's a thrilling document, as reports go! Done out in well-stencilled sheets, pinned together neatly, a cover which makes it look like a booklet of importance. Inside it makes great reading. The church roll strength is set out with additions and losses, and the church knows at once what is its strength. Then follows a list of the Elders and Deacons, plus the number of times they attended meetings for the year. And every report is numbered and factual. At the end is a Directory of the church and a treasurer's statement understandable to the uninitiated, with last year's figures set against the current year. Altogether a nice piece of work. In fact, an inspiration to church secretaries who want to do a better job. And if they would like a copy of this report, it only takes a letter to this writer and one will be forthcoming!

Behind this commercial for a church report lies the fact that it came at a time when I was reading a book about "The Church and Public Relations" and a handbook full of hints on how to put the church before the public mind. And after reading how to talk with an editor, what to leave out in a church notice for the press, how to use the telephone, what ought to be said in church letters, and why advertising is an integral part of life, I thought to myself that church reports ought to get a "face lift," too. And if our church reports are an "image" builder, then the church will soon fall apart! There's an intensity about the people who advertise the

soap, a dedication upon the faces of the announcers who introduce the show, for this is life to them. Ah, but in the church report anything will do; so, loosely held together, without a cover, smudged and badly roneoed, it finds its way into the hands of the church member, alongside the lovely colours and tints of the paint adverts and the correct dignity of the financial firms. And who can fail to feel that this doesn't rate much at all. The fact that it is a report on the spiritual verities expressing themselves in the life of the body of Christ, that here is accomplishment at home and overseas, that here is the story of souls won or lost to Christ, that here is a minister or church secretary pouring out a challenge, this is overlooked. For sure, this thrilling story of another chapter in the Acts of the Holy Spirit is worthy of better things.

Now this public relations business spreads a little. How we delight in the advent of the weekly church bulletin, neatly printed on those coloured folders. A memento for visitors, an introductory card for callers on absentees, a tasteful way to cut announcements out of worship services, these folders have a ministry.

And a word about broadcast services. Here is the church reporting again. So, a service worked out to the last word, one voice instead of several conducting the service, spirited singing by people moving from the back seats, well-chosen and delivered anthems and solos, a sermon which is pointed and directed, are all means of making the image of the church attractive and meaningful.

And when we consider Jesus saying "ye shall be witnesses unto Me" we feel sure that witnessing involves giving out what has affected us. And we give it out with all the best techniques possible. So, a good church report and a good life have a place in public relations.

IMPORTANT

Although this issue of the "Christian" bears the date of Jan. 9, it was printed before Christmas because of holiday printing and despatch difficulties. This fact accounts for the delay in printing current news items.

MINISTER INJURED

(Melb.). Mr. R. J. Duckett, the minister of Lygon Street church, was critically injured in a plane crash near Dromana on Dec. 19. Mr. Duckett and others were in a shark-spotting plane which crashed into the sea. At the time of going to press, Mr. Duckett's condition was still described as dangerous.

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

(Hobart). The "Apprentice of the Year" award, worth £225, was won by Arthur P. F. Knight, 194 Goulburn-st., Hobart, apprentice fitter and turner employed by Stanley-Titan Pty. Ltd., Moonah, a student at the Hobart Technical College. Arthur is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Knight, of Collins-st., Hobart, and is leader of the C.E. Society there.

WORLD CONVENTION

Puerto Rico, Aug. 9-15, 1965

We have received 20 registrations of those who intend going to Puerto Rico for Convention. There are a number of other people who hope to attend, but are still trying to work out some details which must be finalised before a definite decision is made. The Convention is only 8 months away. We urge those who are contemplating attending to come to a decision as soon as possible. Those who know they cannot attend, but who would like to receive the Convention hand-book and copies of addresses given, etc., are urged to register as non-attenders, for the cost of £1/12/6.

Our New Zealand Churches have a group of 30 who are travelling together. They will fly from Auckland to Los Angeles, and then travel by Greyhound bus to Miami, stopping at the cities en route and being accommodated in the homes of our Church members. They will fly from Miami to San Juan for Convention, and back, and then by bus to New York, on to Canada and the West Coast, and fly from San Francisco to Auckland. The total cost is estimated to be about £500 and will cover the period from mid-July to the end of September. If any from Australia were interested in a similar arrangement, Dr. Kirkpatrick would be happy to undertake the necessary arrangements. Enquiries should be addressed to Mr. I. J. Chivell, 189 Gawler Place, Adelaide, the Aust. Secretary.

Recommend to Your Friends!

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

Posted Weekly to Your Home.

38/- a year.

10/- a quarter.

The Australian Christian.

January 9

MINISTER MARRIES DAUGHTER

(Wembley, W.A.). H. R. Fitch married his daughter, Ruth, to G. Byrne. The new elders' board is B. Brown, W. Hoffman, C. Hogben, D. Manning, G. Moignard, I. Nicholas, L. Park, A. D. Pyne, R. Richards, A. Smith, A. Smyth, R. Stempel. . . . The Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Christmas Tree was enjoyed by about 40 mothers and their children. . . . Congratulations were extended to the students who were successful in their recent examinations. . . . Miss Carol Masarei has returned from a 12 months' working holiday in England. . . . One of the church's living links, Miss M. Britza, a missionary from Borneo, spoke to the church on her return home on furlough. . . . Two scholars from B.S. were received into membership.

SOUTH TO WAGGA

(N.S.W.). 30 young "Hurstvillans" recently visited Wagga for a weekend of fellowship and inspiration. They were guests in the homes of Wagga church members and took part in the break-up function of C.Y.F. Local C.Y.F. hired a bus and gave them a sight-seeing tour of Wagga (some went for a swim in the Murrumbidgee River). A large crowd attended the Sat. night rally and there were good attendances at the Sunday services. B. Armstrong, Direc. of Christian Education in N.S.W., was guest speaker, and had with him "Sergeant Leon." On Sunday afternoon, David Button was presented by the Mayor, representing the Queen, with the highest award in the Boys' Brigade — The Queen's Badge — which he earned as a member of the 1st Wagga Company. . . . The excellent film, "City of the Bees" was screened.

MINISTER FOR CITY CHURCH

(Perth, W.A.). T. Morrison, at present at Merredin, W.A., has accepted a call to the City Church for a ministry of five years. His coming is eagerly awaited after a long period without a full-time minister. We pay tribute to the valuable interim ministry of R. Vincent, who has contributed much to the church with his messages and guidance in future planning. . . . The church had Dr. Blake-more as guest of honor at a tea following the brotherhood tea recently. His father served Lake Street church as minister in the early days when Dr. Blakemore was a young boy. . . . Christmas was climaxed this year by a "Festival of Lessons and Carols in Contemporary Style." The anthem by John Gardner, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" had leading baritone Bruce Martin as soloist. . . . The C.W.F. entertained the mothers of the Sunday School scholars at their break-up luncheon. . . . E. L. Berry, a deacon, and also pres. of the Y.M.C.A., recently suffered a coronary occlusion.

MAORI EVANGELIST

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). Bob Kingi, Maori evangelist, and Ray Roberts, were speakers at a recent gospel meeting. Many natives were present, including some from Norseman Mission, five of whom brought a message in song. . . . The Senior, Primary and Kinder. sections of the Sunday School each held their Christmas parties and prizegiving. Each child brought along gifts to be distributed to needy families in the district. . . . The film, "In His Steps," was screened. . . . Our minister, G. B. Carlsake, and family, visited Leonora and Laverton, holding Christmas services at both places.

YOUTH ASK QUESTIONS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). "Youth Ask Questions" was featured recently. Prior to the service young people handed in questions and a panel of five answered them. . . . The Bible School enjoyed its Christmas Tree. A guest night was conducted by the minister, R. Hilford, assisted in song by Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Isen. . . . R. Bartholomew conducted the monthly after-church fellowship. . . . Finishing touches have been made to the enlarged hall, with the floor being sanded and oiled and new curtains made by the C.W.F.

TELOPEA STEWARDSHIP

(N.S.W.). The stewardship campaign conducted by H.M. Director, Kevin Crawford, has resulted in increased awareness of our total responsibility in God's service. . . . We are grateful that J. Henderson will be able to continue his present interim ministry until end of 1965. . . . Several activities for elderly citizens were held prior to Christmas to contact and interest them in the fellowship of the church.

FAMILY GATHERING

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). 250 persons attended the break-up party on Dec. 12. It was held in our Church Hall and the Brotherhood Centre, and involved the young in years and the young in heart. Traditional Santa was noisily welcomed by the young fry. The adults had a "bring a gift and get one," so that all present received a gift. A variety programme was followed by a generous basket supper. . . . The gospel service on Dec. 13 featured special choral items by the choir. Visitors at the morning service included Miss B. Smithers, from Port Moresby, New Guinea, and K. Beadle, from Christchurch, N.Z. . . . On the suggestion of P. C. Williams, the C.Y.F. is conducting a "Christmas Mail Service" — proceeds to Christmas Cheer parcels for missionaries in New Guinea, and organised by the Intermediate C.E.

SCHOOL AT INVERMAY

(Tas.). At the B.S. anniversary, Lloyd Cooke, of Hobart, was guest speaker. The school has appointed the following officers for 1965: gen. supt., G. C. Hays; sec., C. R. Peart; kinder supt., Mrs. W. E. Smith; Cradle Roll supt., Mrs. A. Porter.

BROTHERHOOD MEN VISIT

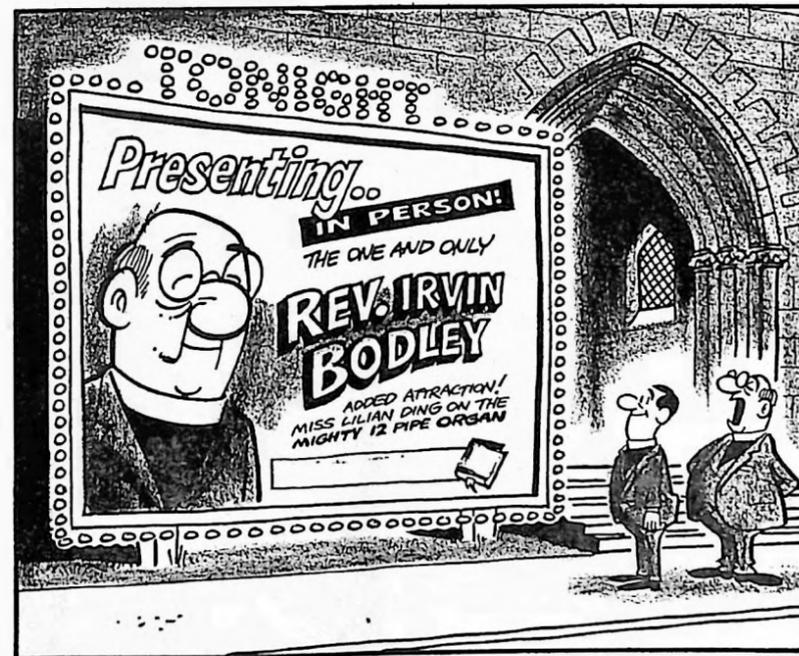
(Ma Ma Creek, Q.). The visits of Mr. and Mrs. A. Surtees and Mr. and Mrs. P. Woolford were much appreciated. Mr. Surtees represented Home Missions and Mr. Woolford is youth director. Their messages were stimulating. . . . Among the end of year functions a motor trip and hike was made to Egypt with a swim at the Crystal Spa. . . . On Harvest Festival day Mrs. Winter officially opened the new kitchen. The produce was donated to Mylo House. The film, "Christmas in Hong Kong" was one of the S.S. features. £15 was given by the S.S. for the boys' dormitory at Nasawa, New Hebrides. . . . Plans and specifications are to hand for the new chapel and tenders will soon be called.

ABORIGINES AT PARTY

(Inverell, N.S.W.). A large number of Aboriginal folk attended the annual Christmas Party. The ladies of the combined church fellowships did the catering. All Aboriginal children received gifts at the Christmas Tree. . . . A C.W.F. stall raised £50. . . . The combined women's Christmas Party was held in the Church of Christ. 120 were present. Maxwell Hall brought the Christmas message.

MINISTER ON LOAN

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The minister, D. G. Nelson, will conduct a mission at Telopea, N.S.W., in March, 1965, and will also lead a convention at Chinchilla. . . . C.Y.F. Break-up was in the form of a "Ranch Night." . . . The C.W.F., in conjunction with local Blue Nursing Service, visited the homes of elderly folk to sing carols. . . . Jim and Ann Deutchmann have returned from Kingaroy.



"VERY COMPELLING, SMITHKINS, BUT I FEEL THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO COMPETE WITH SUNDAY MOVIES!!"

(By Courtesy of The Leader Publishing Co., Northcote, Vic.).

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

- Three Churches Tried It!

BY E. P. C. HOLLARD

Two years ago at a Home Mission Secretaries' Conference, three churches in South Australia were asked to undertake a programme of visitation and friendly evangelism. Edwardstown church looked after "friendship evangelism," Brighton Gardens handled "visitation evangelism" without any special services, whilst Brooklyn Park used "visitation evangelism" with a visiting preacher.

We report on all three and commend the efforts to the churches.

BRIGHTON GARDENS.

Home forces were employed by C. H. J. Wright, who trained his visitors. During the week prior to the actual visitation two prayer meetings were held, at 7 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. For three nights visitors gathered at the church for dinner. Then 28 people, two by two, went to make 96 calls. Homes of school children, parents of young people were the target. Both friendship and committal were sought. The results are interesting. The church will receive at least 16 members. Some of these are first decisions and transfers by people who have been resident in the district. On Decision Sunday at least 30 of those visited were at worship. The school reached 329 and 170 were at the Table.

Those who did the calling found an inner satisfaction in sharing their faith and witnessing. They are sure that all doors are still open, and they simply must enter those doors again.

BROOKLYN PARK.

J. W. Lewis and his team launched their campaign with a church dinner, to which the speaker addressed himself. An evangelism committee began to function, prospect lists formed and then the minister trained 23 visitors. They went out and called on 98 people. There was a response of attendance from 51 of those visited. The "climax" (whatever is a climax in such work!) came in two ways: five decisions were recorded before the week of preaching, and I. J. Chivell was called in for a week of meetings.

Here a different approach was evident. The speaker stressed throughout the "Mission to the Family" and nights were set aside for men, women and young people. Questions were submitted by the people and frank answers given. In this effort advertising was used unsparingly through handbills, personal letters, canvas signs and invitation cards. During the preaching week no decisions were recorded.

Once again the visitors determined that something had happened within themselves and they were willing to continue serving.

EDWARDSTOWN.

This was a different approach. Through some period the church has been using "Guest Services," in which members invite guests to the evening service. This has always resulted in splendid attendances and much goodwill for the church.

Not a great deal of personal preparation of members was involved here, for the desire was to see if members would take this seriously, and to discover if guests would bother to come out during the week. Special prayer sessions were convened and enthusiasm built up. One week of special preaching on the theme, "What do we really know about the church?" was planned, with the writer doing the preaching.

Sunday services were crowded, visitors or guests attended, and then during the week these attendances slipped away alarmingly. However, by the end of the week it became apparent that a further week should have been planned, if not preaching, then at least special visitation. One young person responded to the invitation. But, the emphasis here was to inform the friends and neighbours (plus church members!) what the church was all about. In the strict "evangelistic" sense as we have known it, there was a changed atmosphere.

REACTION.

The three campaigns all bring some reactions which might be noted—

1. The day of preaching missions as we knew them many years ago, is strictly limited unless a spectacular effort is attempted, built around a "personality" who knows how to use the techniques of the modern approach to the mind and emotions.

2. Church members as such are strictly uninterested in missions unless there is something within the preaching which appeals to them. Now this may be some special subject or possibly the preacher. Life is too busy to plan for consistent nights out to listen to some preacher. (Of course, there is always the loyal group who will support the effort irrespective of the preacher. This becomes evident in the present concern regarding Sunday night services.)

3. Is it wrong to state that the average churchman simply has little real concern for the salvation of other people? Is it true that great basic themes like, "While we were yet in our sins Christ died for the ungodly," or "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me," and so on are not really meaningful to the church.

4. It becomes apparent that the methods used by these three churches place

stress upon the ministry of the church as members go out seeking people for Christ. For too long the ministry of the minister in evangelism has been over-emphasised. An evangelistic people is also essential.

5. Not every member can undertake this specialised training and thus should not be cajoled into doing so. There is a core within the church which can and will do this work. Therefore, they should be continually used as the commando force of the local church. Even so, a stimulated membership will undertake other functions to make a visitation campaign successful. Prayer-groups, friendly calls, extended hospitality involving tea and church, are all possible to a large group.

6. If we are going to use special preaching in a "week of meetings," then why not extend that week of meetings to say, seven Sundays without any through the week preaching? This might have the benefit of giving the "special preacher" an opportunity to work with the resident minister through the week. If Sunday services can be built up for "specials" then a guest preacher for the seven Sundays might well be worthwhile.

7. In spite of disappointments and criticisms, this "home force" effort has much to commend it. It emphasises the ministry of the church; it enables the minister to have a force of people within who can evangelise at any given moment; it can create a continual air of expectancy through-the-year instead of the isolated once-a-mission expectancy; it can cut down on heavy expense accounts for advertising which is not always worth the money used; it shows the un-churched parents of children in the Bible School that the area of concern from the church includes them as well as their children.

8. The old quip, "You'll ask me to golf, but you won't ask me to church," is worth a lot of thought. Obviously members of churches will talk about anything under the sun except their faith. Many are unaware of the delights to be found in sharing something we should be sure about.

9. Let us determine what we mean by "friendship evangelism." Do not misuse a word here, for "friendship" involves us. The idea which might now be suggested is that members might invite another family to be their guests for the Sunday. If the church service could be held at 4.30 p.m. all could attend and then go home to tea and spend the evening to great profit. If it is a 7 p.m.

(continued on page 13)

Word Studies In The New Testament . . .

No. 10. ERR, ERROR ::: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The English verb "err" means "to wander; to wander from the right way; to go astray; to miss the mark; to mistake; to sin." From the Latin *errare*, to stray.

In the Authorised Version "err" is a translation of

(1) *apoplanao* in 1 Tim. 6: 10. In the only other New Testament reference it is translated "seduce" (Mark 13: 22). The verb is found in the Septuagint. In Mark 13: 22 the verb is active and means "lead astray." In 1 Tim. 6: 10, it is passive in form, but has an active meaning, "go astray." The Revised Standard Version and the New English Bible support the meaning, "They have wandered from the faith." The verb is from *apo*, from; *planao*, lead astray. See (3).

(2) *astokheo* in 1 Tim. 6: 21; 2 Tim. 2: 18. The word appears in one other passage (1 Tim. 1: 6), where it is rendered "swerve." *Stokhos* was used of a target or mark. The negatives the root, so that the meaning of *astokheo* is "miss the mark," "fail."

(3) *planao* in Matt. 22: 29; Mark 12: 24-27; Heb. 3: 10; Jas. 1: 16; 5: 19. This word is used a number of times with various meanings: "be out of the way"; "deceive"; "go astray"; "seduce"; "wander." In the active the word means "lead astray," "mislead." In the passive it may be used in the sense "be led astray," but it also has the active sense

"go astray," "wander." Compare the English word "planet," which was once thought to be a wandering star.

The noun form is a translation of

(1) *agnoema* in Heb. 9: 7. This word is used here only in the New Testament, and means "an offence committed through ignorance." The verb *agnoo* means "not to know." The English "agnostic" is used of "one who holds that nothing is known, or likely to be known, of the existence of God." The New English Bible renders Heb. 9: 7, "sins of ignorance." See Leviticus 16 for the Old Testament background.

(2) *plane* in Matt. 27: 64; Rom. 1: 27; Jas. 5: 20; 2 Pet. 2: 18; 3: 17; 1 John 4: 6; Jude 11. This word is rendered "deceit" in 1 Thess. 2: 3; "deceive" in Eph. 4: 14; "delusion" in 2 Thess. 2: 11. It is the noun form of the verb *planao*.

Associated words are *planetes*, "wanderer" (Jude 13) and *planos* "leading astray," "deceitful" (Matt. 27: 63; 2 Cor. 6: 8; 1 Tim. 4: 1; 2 John 7). In Matt. 27: 63, *planos* has the article, which justifies the rendering "deceiver." The Revised Standard Version and the New English Bible render it "impostor." In 2 John 7, antichrist is called *ho planos*. The New English Bible translated "arch-deceiver."

Report on Evangelism . . .

(continued from page 12)

service, then tea first and church afterwards. And when the return invitation is extended then the church family has an open door through which to go with friendship. This is easy, for it does not involve the church family in too much discussion, it is only a matter of "showing hospitality" (good Scripture!), and letting the Spirit of God take over as and how he will.

10. In all of the churches mentioned there was an evident delight in the souls of those who visited. They had done something for Christ, they had broken through social barriers which seemed insurmountable, they had gone in the name of the church in a way which

made the church their personal responsibility. The good of this can never be assessed.

All of this surely suggests that evangelism never dies, but the methods by which it is done continually change. This is no compromise with society, nor is it an aping of business technique. It is simply making use of whatever is at hand to propagate the Gospel of Christ and fulfil the function of the church to "make disciples." Special preaching? Yes, for sure. Special church witness? Of course. Ordinary living? Yes, having the end in view as we take our place in the life of the church and community? Is there any other reason for being Christian?

CONSULT the LAND PEOPLE of MOUNT GAMBIER FOR ALL LAND TRANSACTIONS



D. M. FIMMELL & Co. Limited

LICENSED LAND, ESTATE AND BUSINESS AGENTS, AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS, INSURANCE AGENTS, etc.

REAL ESTATE HOUSE, 13 PENOLA-RD., MOUNT GAMBIER, (S.A.).

PHONE 2-1393, ALL HOURS.

ANYWHERE in SOUTH-EAST of S.A. and WESTERN DISTRICTS of VIC.

PIANO, PLAYER and ORGAN TUNING, SALES and SERVICE

A. H. FOX Pty. Ltd.

Church Organs a Specialty.

493 Mt. Alexander-rd., Moonee Ponds, Vic. 37-4035.

Service throughout Victoria.

+ T.V. HIRE +

HIRE A T.V. SET FOR ONE WEEK,

or as long as you like.

Rental includes Installation, Aerial, Maintenance and Licence.

Repairs to All Makes of Television Receivers.

50-8434 (4 lines)

Snellgrove's Electric-Land (S.B. RADIO)

205 GLENFERRIE-RD., MALVERN, Vic. (near Tramway Depot).

Churches of Christ BIBLE COLLEGE in New South Wales

Established in 1942 to train men and women for the Master's service at home and abroad.

Regular support in prayer and gifts is sought.

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal, 57 The Point-rd., Woolwich, N.S.W.

G. H. Sloman, Secretary, 24 Knox-st., Belmore, N.S.W.

E. F. Morris, Treasurer, 31 Collins-rd., St. Ives, N.S.W.

PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Glenice Thomas, Mr. Ted Tridgell, Mrs. Finlay, Randal Hurstfield, Ararat, Vic.
 Helen Wheaton, Joylene Wheaton, Kaniva, Vic.
 Martin Parker, Prahran, Vic.
 John Strempe, Peter Karhu, Wembley, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. K. Curtiss, Kevin Curtiss, Janice Curtiss, James Crichton, Lynette Turner, Preston, Vic.
 Sandra Graham, Malvern, Vic.
 Stanley Bailey, Michael Morrison, Invermay, Tas.
 Miss J. Viall, Ashburton, Vic.
 Steven Yates, Cheltenham, Vic.
 Glenice Genat, John Morrison, Doncaster, Vic.
 Philip Lanyon, Edwardstown, S.A.
 Christine Holder, Helen Dodgson, Robert Nixon, Arthur Dodgson, Margaret Lewis, Patricia Wiltshire, Gregory Nixon, Col. Light Gardens, S.A.
 Karl Turtman, Len Size, Bentleigh, Vic.
 Robert Nelson, Semaphore, S.A.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. D. Symes and Family, Swan Hill, to Ararat, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Coleman, Geelong, to Ararat, Vic.
 Mrs. Wilson, Richmond Methodist, to Prahran, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry, Cheltenham, Vic., to Bayswater, Vic.
 Mrs. R. Campbell, Wentworth Falls, N.S.W., to Hornsby, N.S.W.

MARRIAGES

Marie Brooks to Geoff Harrison, Kaniva, Vic.
 Miss Ruth Fitch to Mr. G. Byrne, Wembley, W.A.
 Leonie Sager to Murray Sinfield, West Ulverstone, Tas.
 Dawn Eames to Robert Parker, Col. Light Gardens, S.A.

DEATHS

Mrs. J. McG. Abercrombie, Camberwell, Vic.
 Harold L. Williams, Kaniva, Vic.
 Mrs. R. Robinson, Mitcham, Vic.
 Mrs. Barnden, from Mitcham, Vic.

MARRIAGE

HOOK - SMITH. — Ailsa, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hook, Gympie, Queensland, was married to Colin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Gladstone, Queensland, and of College of the Bible, Glen Iris, at Gymple Church of Christ, on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1964.

ENGAGEMENTS

COAD-QUALMANN. — The engagement is announced of Colleen Rose, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Coad, of Tumbay Bay, to Bevan Charles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Qualmann, of Port Victoria Y.P.

HARVEY - JACOBSON. — Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harvey, "Moss Vale," Chudleigh, Tas., announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Glenys Rae, to Kevin Lesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jacobson, Kellevie, Tas.

SILVER WEDDING

HALL - READ. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Clarrie Hall announce with pleasure their parent's 25th wedding anniversary celebrated at Castlemaine Church of Christ, Dec. 23, 1939, by Mr. A. Baker. Present address: 4 Allison-st., Moorabbin.

DEATH

BURDEN. — On Dec. 16th, suddenly, Kenneth William, dearly loved second son of Frank and Win, of 164 Whitehorse-rd., Ringwood, loving brother of Ian and David, brother-in-law of Norma, uncle of Jennifer. Aged 23 years.

IN MEMORIAM

BUCKINGHAM. — Treasured memories of my loved eldest son, died Jan. 11, 1933 (result of accident), aged 22 years; also my beloved husband, called Home (suddenly) Oct. 29, 1957. "We shall meet with our loved ones again."
 —Inserted by Florence Buckingham, 40 Emma-st., Caulfield, Vic.

DATE. — In loving memory of Bernice, daughter of Mrs. F. Lee, sister of Gordon, sister-in-law of Mary, aunt of Lynette, Glenys and Kerryn. — "Ever remembered."

GOLDSWORTHY. — Treasured memories of Christian parents — Reginald, Jan. 12, 1941; Amelia, Jan. 27, 1954. "Till we meet again."
 —Inserted by sons and daughters.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

CHRISTIAN TELEVISION ASSOCIATION OF S.A. PRODUCER (New Position). To work under general direction of Producer-Director in production of programmes for commercial television. Some drama background and general TV experience, with camera and editing ability desirable. Applications close on Feb. 2, 1965, with the Secretary, Box 518E, G.P.O., Adelaide.

Holidaying in the ROSEBUD/DROMANA district this year? You are invited to share in the worship of the

RED HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Communion 11.15. Gospel Service 7.00.
 Minister: M. D. Keatch.
 Phone: Red Hill 92433.

The Australian Christian.

NOTICE

Holidaying on the PENINSULA? Welcome to TOOTGAROOK CHURCH (Vic.). Directions: Nepean Highway through Rosebud 1st on left past road sign — TOOTGAROOK. Change of starting time — 11 o'clock.

DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING RINGS

Hand made from Selected Gems and Materials by H. J. LEM, who will personally assist you to select WATCHES, CLOCKS and GIFTS at

MALVERN DIAMOND JEWEL CENTRE,

1251 High-st., Malvern, Vic.
 Phone 20 - 5656.

When replying to Advertisers say that you saw it in "THE CHRISTIAN"

DR. KING WARNS BRITAIN OF GROWING RACE PROBLEM

(London). — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., warned here that Britain faces a rapidly growing problem of race relations, and suggested three steps to overcome it based upon lessons learnt in the United States.

First, he declared, "insofar as housing is restricted, the ghettos of a minority are allowed to develop, and you are permitting festering sores of bitterness and deprivation to pollute your national health and create for yourselves a serious situation in the years to come.

"Second, equal opportunity for education, training and employment must be available without regard to class or colour. . . .

"Third, the principle of immigration laws based on colour is totally out of keeping with the laws of God and the trends of the 20th century. . . ."

Dr. King, who was in London en route to Oslo where he will be awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, made the comments in a press conference following an evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

In his sermon — the first ever delivered by a non-Anglican at an evensong service at St. Paul's — Dr. King, a Baptist, told the overflow congregation that "the doctrine of black supremacy is as great a danger as the doctrine of white supremacy.

"All over the world as we struggle for justice and freedom, we must never use second-class methods to gain it. We must not seek to rise from a position of disadvantage to one of advantage, substituting injustice of one type for that of another . . . substituting our oppression for another kind of oppression."

His plea for moderation was interpreted by some observers as directed at the activities of Malcolm X, the U.S. Negro extremist leader, also in London at the time.

—E.P.S.

TWO TOP MEN . . .

(Melb.). The photo on the cover and the following news item appeared in "The Herald" for Dec. 15, 1964:—

"It was one of the grandest openings in Melbourne rail history.

"The Premier, Mr. Bolte, drove a highly-polished blue train for 10 yards to officially open the first platform and new track at the partly remodelled Princes Bridge station.

"When Mr. Bolte took over the controls the train lurched a little, then broke a paper streamer stretched across the track.

"Top railways driver, Mr. Paul Payne, piloted the train on its run into town—from Jolimont station.

"Nothing was left to chance. A team of experts worked out a split second schedule to avoid disrupting normal

suburban services and guests were issued with a list of instructions to make the journey more comfortable.

"The epic first journey to the new station took only three minutes, the speeches 28 minutes."

Mr. Payne, described as "Top railways driver," is part-time minister at the Black Rock church. He is the son of the late W. B. Payne, also a railwayman, well known for his work with the Coomergunga Aborigines' mission. Paul Payne was associated with the Cheltenham church and had a previous part-time ministry at Noble Park.

In addition to being an effective speaker, Mr. Payne is an organist and singer. He is married and has a family of four. During his war service he was a prisoner of war at Changi Prison Camp.

pets blast" and the "roll is called" there we will be,

You in your small corner

And I in mine,

discussing, debating and disputing whether or no we'll be called Rev. or Pastor, Father or Bro.; commenting, contending and contesting the use of thee, thou, you and your.

How prone we are to devote time and energy to the trivialities of our faith. There was once a man who came to Dr. Johnson, convinced that he'd committed a deadly sin. He'd taken a sheet of paper and a piece of string from the factory in which he worked. On and on he went, about this "deadly sin" until the good Doctor burst out impatiently, "Man, stop bothering about paper and string when we are all living together in a world that is bursting with sin and sorrow."

—Alan Matheson, Vic.

GOOD COMPANIONS GIRLS

A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS

"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes, it brings bright cheer!" So the old jingle says. But it brings cheer when thoughtful people make it so. For many years now, the Good Companions Girls' Movement has made a special drive at Christmas to provide the Hospital Chaplain, "Uncle Charlie" Young, with a full stack of toys for hospital visiting. This fine tradition was again upheld by the girls. Miss Rita Roberts, the leader of the Movement, visited no fewer than twenty regional centres to receive the gifts of toys. She met about 1,600 girls and 220 leaders in this way. Highlights of the visitations were the visits to Belmont, Warragul and Morwell. The gifts given to Chaplain Young numbered to thousands.

At the Wattle Park meeting, opportunity was taken to say "farewell" and "thank you" to Mrs. Betty Ryall, who soon leaves for the Indian Mission field with her family. Recognition was also made to Mrs. Stanton Wilson, who leaves for England soon. Other leaders who were recognised were Mrs. Beddome of Bentleigh — 12 years leadership, and Miss Elsie Marsh of Fawkner — 5 years.

—R. V. Longthorp.

OPEN FORUM.

WORDS 300 OR 3,500

To the Editor,

With reference to the complaint of your correspondent, Miss L. Flood ("A.C." 22/12/64) about the limit on words upon contribution to Open Forum, this committee publishes a pamphlet each month. Sometimes they are provocative. It is interested in receiving manuscripts for consideration for publication and can use articles of 1,500, 3,500 and 5,000 words length.

We would be happy to consider documented articles on "Titles for Ministers" and other subjects. The growing support for the committee — pamphlet club membership has increased by 200 during 1964 — indicates the need we fulfil for longer statements than your columns can allow.

—E. W. Heard, Chairman
 Federal Literature Committee.

HOW IMPORTANT

To the Editor,

"When the roll is called up yonder We'll all be there."

Except for the ethereal yonder, the writer doesn't tell us just where we'll be. It would appear, however, after the recent correspondence, when the "trum-

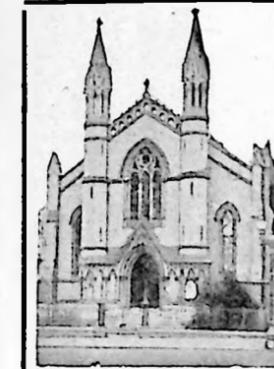
FAREWELL TO PREACHER

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). Student preacher, D. Nutt has been farewelled. He has been called to Wiley Park. . . . Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Joan Donnelly have moved to Gosford after many years of faithful service. . . . Sale of work raised £170 for Manse Fund. . . . B.S. Appointments: K. Small, Acting Supt.; S. Sulfaro, Kinder. Supt. . . . G. Martin is seriously ill following a car accident. . . . the minister is P. E. Thomas.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). The Youth for Christ team were here for an evening service after which 80 young people met for church cafe. . . . The C.W.F. presented the Christmas programme for the Burwood C.W.F. The final meeting for the ladies was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward. . . . Other end of the year functions were a concert by the G.L.B.; the ladies' Physical Culture Display; and parties for the B.S. and Boys' Brigade.

1965



Swanston Street Church

(Right in heart of Melbourne; opp. Public Library)

Minister: Dr. LLOYD JONES, B.A., M.Th., Ph.D.

11 a.m.—WORSHIP - COMMUNION - BIBLE EXPOSITION.

7 p.m.—WORSHIP - EVANGELISM.

VISITORS CORDIALLY WELCOME.

WITNESS WITH US AT THE CITY CHURCH.

The Australian Christian.

When an Habitual Criminal Changes

By A. R. JONES, A.U.A.,
Chaplain of Yatala Prison.

"I am an alcoholic and 12 months ago I was an atheist, but I prayed and found God real." Jack is an habitual criminal. He has a long record. He persisted in crime and at last received the "key." He will serve his sentence, but will not be released until the authorities are satisfied that he has been healed of his criminal tendencies. This is assured, for Jack has made a spiritual discovery that has changed his life. He is ready now for release, but the authorities have yet to be convinced that the change is real and permanent. There is spiritual depth about Jack that you rarely see in many Church people. He seems to be on very familiar terms with God. Recently he remarked, "This 'bloke' God works in different ways with different people." He did not mean to be irreverent. He just spoke about God in his everyday language and he would pray in the same terms. There is often a deep sincerity in words we may feel are too familiar. Jack is deeply sincere. He often speaks of God's guidance and power. He is amazed at the way God's plan works. He tells of the opportunities to speak to others about his faith.

A Churches of Christ lad working beside him was so impressed by his simple faith that he asked for the same experience. He had failed to find this in his Church life, but here in prison he saw it so real. He knew what he had missed and asked to find it.

Jack attends the A.A. meetings in the prison and tries to share his experience there, but others do not understand his spiritual insight and the truth he seeks to explain to them. He has been reading and studying the Christian way now for 12 months. He appreciates good books and has gained much knowledge through his study.

Whilst in prison he has been befriended by a Christian family who regularly visits him, and he says he has seen Christ in these good people. Their friendship has meant so much to him. They have helped him to understand the meaning of Christian love.

An habitual criminal finds it so difficult to adjust to new ways of thinking and living and to accept new values, that one realises the power of God's spirit in the lives of these men when one changes. Jack is another miracle of God's grace and power, and while he remains in prison will be a power for good in influencing the lives of other men.

W. J. AIRD Pty. Ltd.
G. F. Hadley Capp, F.V.O.A.

OPTICIAN

82 ELIZABETH-ST., MELBOURNE
and at 49 Church-st., MID. BRIGHTON.
For Appointment Phone City 63-8837;
Brighton 92-4267.

WHERE TO GO AND STAY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"MARGATE"

The Place to Stay in Adelaide for Christian Fellowship in delightful surroundings, en route to Glenelg.

Within walking distance of city.
Twin and family rooms, B. & B.
Mod. Tariff. Menu Breakfast.

For further particulars and bookings:
write or phone Mrs. R. F. NORMAN,

34 Trevelyan-st., Wayville, S.A.
(71-6096 or 71-1510)

If wanting a CARAVAN HOLIDAY IN ADELAIDE, apply to James E. Webb, 8 Glengowan-ave., Lockleys, S.A. Phone 57-6858 (Adelaide).

VICTORIA

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS, Vic. — all elec., with mod. conveniences. Accom. 8. Near shops and bus-stop. Apply "Green Pastures," 63 Broughton-rd., Surrey Hills, E.10, Vic. 89-3578.

LORNE, Vic. — flat, self-cont., accom. 4; all conv., good view, mild climate. N. & V. Floate, George-st., Lorne, Vic. Phone 140.

RYE, Vic. — Self-contained Holiday Flats, all convs., on beach, accom. 6 & 8. No Christmas vacancies. Wes. Jenkins - 36-2197 (Melb.).

SORENTO, Vic. — Holiday home, mod. convs., not vacant Christmas or January. Phone 53-6685 (Melb.) after 6 p.m.

AT BRIGHT. — "Mar-vin" Guest House. Comfortable accommodation available. Also self-contained 3-bedroomed flat, accommodate 6. Ring Bright 197. V. Peers, Proprietor.

Department of Social Service

(The Church in Action).

Churches of Christ Centre,
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1.

A church without hands or feet is just as helpless as an individual without them.

SOCIAL SERVICE is the hands and feet of the church, functioning according to the measure of support it receives.

Three Homes, sheltering over 130 Sick and Aged.

Let us share together our prosperity and adversity.

Remember the Homes in your will.

Information from the Secretary,
32-2447.

The Australian Christian.

QUALITY S.C. HOLIDAY FLATS
"LUFRA" ROSEBUD
Opp. Beech in Garden Setting. Complete Privacy. All Elec. with every Mod. Con. Int. B'room and Toilet. All Nursery Needs. Laundry. Wood Fires. T.V. available.
OFF-PEAK TARIFF FROM 8 GNS.
Mr. and Mrs. Ian Roediger, Tel. 6 8497.

HOME COMFORTS AND REST at

"ILKLEY HEIGHTS GUEST HOUSE"

FERNY CREEK, Vic.

Breakfast Trays, Afternoon Teas and Supper. Excellent Table.

Tariff: £13/13/-.

For bookings Phone Ferny Creek 270.

R. and R. Politowski.

WARRNAMBOOL

Mr. and Mrs. FRED BRADLEY,

Bed and Breakfast.

"Home away from Home." T.V.

Phone 3938, or 12 Wildwood-crescent,
Warrnambool, Vic.

MT. RIDDELL LODGE

MT. RIDDELL-RD., HEALESVILLE, Vic.

Restful Holiday within Walking Distance of Beauty Spots. Spacious shady lawns. Television - Hot Water Service.

Afternoon Tea and Supper.

Free Pony Rides, Swings, Slide and Swimming Pool for Children.

Adult Tariff: Throughout year, £8/8/-;
Christmas, £11/10/-.

JAMES BEVERIDGE. Phone 246

Staying in MILDURA?

STAY AT

"AVALON" GUEST HOUSE
(89-91 Madden-ave.)

Excellent Bed and Breakfast

Accommodation.

Props.: K. P. & E. M. Pitt Phone 30-187

PRIVATE GUEST HOUSE

For Elderly Ladies.

Kind attention. Good meals.

Mrs. A'VARD, 33 Elliott-ave., Carnegie,
Vic. (56-4605).

"MOTHER OF GOD"?

BY CORA CONNELL

This is a title which, as applied to Mary, has always seemed to me to contain a suggestion of blasphemy. Nowhere in Scripture is the title applied or is there any claim made on her behalf to it. That she was divinely used and honored above all women has never been questioned, but elevation to a position which should attract adoration, mediation on our behalf and an "almost equality" with the Almighty himself seems to be right out of character with the pure, peasant maid who appears to have been chosen chiefly for her humility.

It would seem, on the surface, that since Jesus proclaimed his oneness with his Father, God — that he was God, in fact — that it is logical to conclude therefore that whoever was physical mother to Jesus was also, in fact, Mother of God. However, this is only partially true, because at this point we run up against the mystery which is the Trinity. Christ did not ever claim that all of the God-head (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) was contained in Himself! Although He spoke quite plainly when he said, "I and the Father are One", and, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father", he still found it necessary to inform his parents that he had to be about his Father's business: he still found it necessary to draw aside to commune with his Father: it was a voice outside himself which declared at his baptism, "This is my beloved Son," and again at his transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, hear him": and it was to a power out-

side himself that he cried in anguish from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Understanding of the wonder and omnipotence that is the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — is just beyond the compass of our puny, human intellect, despite the modern accumulation of scientific achievement we have managed to amass! And to claim that one of us could retain her humanity and yet achieve a quality to be matched with the "Fatherhood" of God as "Motherhood" of God, would appear to upset the claim of Christ that the spirit-world or "heaven" from which he came was peopled by sex-less beings (Matt. 22: 29, 30).

No, human comprehension has to stop short at the wonder of divine contrivance that, moved by love, caused the God-head to stoop to reproduce, through human channels, a part of himself, that would bring about not a "Mother of God", through whom humanity might have access to himself, but a "Son of Man" who, through daily living and the physical anguish of human execution, burial and resurrection, would achieve for mankind what he was incapable of doing for himself.

Surely the purpose of Bethlehem was not to create a divine mother, for Mary's humanity appears to have remained untouched and according to Scripture, she bore other sons and daughters. The wonder that is motherhood and that, even in this day, is still a divine miracle, was a part of the original creative work of the Almighty.

Mary, "Mother of God"? Only in the sense that she was the mother of his choice to produce and nurture His "Son of Man."

Mrs. Connell is a member of Albion church, Qld., and is the wife of Cyril Connell, Registrar of the University of Queensland.

"I DON'T BELIEVE IT!"

PEOPLE ARE SAYING THIS AFTER READING MY ADVERTISEMENT, BUT IT IS A FACT: A 3-BEDROOM BRICK VENEER HOME AND LAND STILL COSTS ONLY £3,995.

ROY PRINCE OFFERS THIS GENUINE PROPOSITION AT POPULAR CROYDON, VICTORIA.

A LOW DEPOSIT WILL PURCHASE FOR YOU

a new 3-bedroom brick veneer home, including lounge with picture windows and attractive log fireplace, sparkling kitchen with island bar, laminated cupboards and 3-plate stove, gleaming bathroom with a separate shower recess, modern bath and pedestal basin, hot water service, internal flush toilet, sanded floors, hosts of power points, gently rising land, very securely fenced.

REMEMBER, £3,995 -- INCL. LAND!

MAX BROWN PTY. LTD., R.E.S.I.,
MAIN-ST., CROYDON - 72-30281

Rep.: **MR. ROY PRINCE** After Hours: 72-32839

"MIXED MARRIAGE"

(Stuttgart). — The difficulties involved in a marriage between a Roman Catholic and a Protestant are "child's play" compared with the complications that arise in a marriage between a Protestant and a member of a fundamentalist sect, Dr. Kurt Hutten, director of the Evangelical Centre for the study of "Weitanschauung", said here.

He said he was receiving an increasing number of letters from Protestants who have contracted such marriages, or whose children had joined sects and that these letters expressed "deep sorrow due to misunderstandings and to the destruction of all familiar ties."

—E.P.S.

CEYLON AND BUDDHISM

(Colombo).—A proposal that Buddhism be made the state religion in Ceylon was approved by the government's Cabinet here.

In view of this action, it is expected that legislation will be introduced in Parliament to amend the country's constitution.

A section in the present constitution states that no "privilege or advantage" shall be conferred "on persons of any community or religion which is not conferred on persons of other communities or religions."

Buddhists form about 85 per cent of Ceylon's population. —E.P.S.

NEGRO CHURCH PRESIDENT

(Atlanta). — The Georgia Council of Churches, representing nine major denominations in the state, has elected a Negro as its president, the first member of his race to be chosen for the position.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Interdenominational Theological Centre here, was the unanimous choice of delegates at their annual meeting. A Methodist leader and first vice-president for the past year, he has been a member of the Council's executive board since it was founded. —E.P.S.

FENNELL'S

Catering and Hire Service

Picnic and Party Hampers Made Up

E. J. Fennell, J.P.,

89 KEILOR-RD., ESSENDON NORTH VIC. 379-6416.

KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Churches of Christ in QUEENSLAND TRAINING ACTIVITIES commence 1965.

Principal: Dr. James H. Jauncey.

All communications to the Principal or Secretary (M. H. A. Pieper), at 84 McLennan-st., Lutwyche, Qld.

YOUR SUPPORT IN PRAYER AND GIFTS APPRECIATED.

OPEN FORUM

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL.

To the Editor,

With reference to "A.C." Dec. 8, p. 7, "The Christmas Bowl," I was particularly impressed with the facts presented which must make us all think at this time of the year, when so much is wasted.

But I believe that some facts were overlooked by you.

I have before me the Project List for the 1963 Christmas Bowl of Remembrance Appeal which totalled £200,000. I noticed that of that amount about £3,000 was spent on church buildings; £5,400 was spent on various other buildings; £3,300 on the training of Denominational Theological Students; £6,500 on church schools and institutions; £3,000 on W.C.C. conferences; £2,400 on items such as Radio and TV broadcasting by the Belgium churches, a "Services Bureau" in Melbourne, legal protection for the churches in Italy, etc. £15,000 were used in administration costs at Geneva; and about £20,000 in full-time workers throughout the world, including Orthodox Priests in Australia!

The article asks, "Who cares?" Well, I do, and I know a lot of other Christians do. But we also care about how the money is used. We can't conscientiously give to a body that makes "hand outs" to all sorts of things.

Besides this fact of misuse of the moneys received, it is misrepresentation. All the literature that I have seen in connection with this appeal has the picture of the little hungry boy that we are all so familiar with. It is quite a shock to find that only a portion of the money received ever is used for his benefit.

I shall look with interest to see if what I have written above will be printed in the "Australian Christian," and I know that others will be looking also.

—Maxwell A. G. Hall, Inverell, N.S.W.

REPLY

The above letter was referred for comment to the Rev. Harvey L. Perkins, Acting-Sec., Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. Mr. Perkins replied as follows:—

Inter-Church Aid never gives "hand-outs." Projects overseas supported by the Australian programme have to be approved by the National Council of Churches in the country and be listed for support by the World Council of Churches. Two of the criteria are that an adequate measure of self-support be available and that the project itself increase the potential for self-support.

Inter-Church Aid also works within defined areas of responsibility. Mr. Hall's problem is that he has thought it was limited to relief of the refugee and the hungry. It never has been so limited, and our promotion deliberately establishes the breadth of the programme. The "Christians Share" poster shows five photographs — two are of refugees, one is of a youth training group, one of a worshipping congregation, and one of an African driving a

tractor. These photographs represent the three main elements of Inter-Church Aid — refugee service, the sharing of resources between churches for their worship and witness and freedom from hunger. Mr. Hinton's article on page 19 of the Nov. 24 issue of "The Australian Christian" also represents how the A.C.C. offers the Inter-Church Aid programme to the churches.

To comment on the particular projects mentioned by Mr. Hall: To help in the erection of church buildings, schools and hostels is vital work for the mission of the church, especially where it is in an emigre refugee area, a growing African city to which the youth are flocking from the tribal villages for work, or a country where the church is struggling to keep open a few schools against tremendous Government pressure to take them or close them. In building operations, the major proportion of finance is loan funds, and I.C.A. grants are of the "deposit" proportion.

Once it is accepted that Inter-Church Aid means what it says — the sharing of resources with each other by the churches — Mr. Hall will not be concerned that we are supporting theological training programmes in pioneering situations, legal protection and TV and radio work for Protestant churches in restrictive Catholic environments, and the placement of doctors, nurses, teachers and social workers in strategic service with churches around the world.

I want to assure your readers that Mr. Hall is mistaken that £18,000 was spent on W.C.C. Conferences and administration at Geneva. £3,000 for Conferences refers to the meeting of Asian and African Christians to tackle their problems and tasks together. The East Asia Christian Conference is supported from Australia by all the mission boards of our churches, as well as by Inter-Church Aid.

The £15,000 referred to as Geneva administration is a contribution to a World Council of Churches Service Budget which covers refugee service offices all around the world, scholarship, health and Christian literature programmes, work camp projects, and placement of lay workers. Geneva administration is a very small item in it. And let us not forget that, although we contribute only £15,000 to that Budget, we receive £66,000 back every year out of it for the resettlement of refugees' operation in Australia.

Yours sincerely,
HARVEY L. PERKINS.

ECHOES OF FEDERAL CONFERENCE

To the Editor,

Happy echoes of Federal Conference keep on resounding! We feel that we must express appreciation to those who have written so wonderfully of our hospitality in providing hot and weary Conference tourists with a delightful afternoon tea. For us it was just an expression of our love for the brethren who came so far from all our sister States. Our greatest reward for our labour was meeting these wonderful brethren in Christ. Ma Ma Creek will never forget this highlight of Federal Conference. When you come to Queensland for the next Federal Conference you will see a modern brick veneer chapel at Ma Ma Creek.

—Isabel Cole, Mt. Whitestone, Q.

The Australian Christian.

RED FACES AND PLACES

To the Editor,

On page 3 of the "Christian" for Dec. 22 there is the comment, "Australia and New Zealand are not counted as part of the East Asian area of concern." Is this what you meant to say?

—H. F. Gross, Vic.

[No. The copy said "now counted as part of the East Asian area of concern." Somebody slipped!]

DESIGN — DECIMAL COINAGE.

The Rt. Hon. The Prime Minister of Australia,
Sir Robert Menzies, C.H., P.C.,
Parliament House,
Canberra.

My Dear Prime Minister,

Concerning our earlier correspondence, I am directed by my Council to inform you of its great disappointment in your Secretary's advice that it was not found possible to accede to the request of my organisation to retain in the design of our new decimal currency coins the Queen's styles "By the Grace of God" and "Defender of the Faith" and in English.

The purpose of the Council in making its request known to you, and indeed in writing again, was and is to emphasise the importance in our view of constantly witnessing to the faith of our forefathers and to the Christian profession of this nation.

We agree that the subject matter of the designs and the artistry are well conceived, but we greatly deplore the action while artistically featuring the creature, the time-honored practice of paying homage to the Creator is, with deliberation, deleted.

Sir, it is fervently believed that this young nation, and especially our political representatives, would do well to heed the great lessons of history, as were so aptly stated by the late Sir Stafford Cripps:

"If man neglects the things of the Spirit and puts aside the full armour of God, He will seal the doom of future generations."

We therefore respectfully request that these styles be reinstated in a revised design of coins, whatever the cost. Moreover, we would be delighted to see the Queen's styles appearing (in English) on the new notes of the decimal currency.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) Leslie N. Hill,
Secretary, Inter-Church
Council of Men's Societies of Victoria.

BLESSING

To the Editor.

What a thrill to read the article — "Blessing at our church this year" (A/C. 22/12/64). I have long believed that no real need exists for a change either for our New Testament emphasis on mutual ministry or our usual form of congregational worship. Rather, the need is for a deepening of our spiritual life and understanding of our call in Christ. Let every minister, elder, and all church officers and auxiliary leaders read this article, take it to heart, and then endeavour to emulate it.

—E. Buckmaster, Gardiner, Vic.

FACES AND PLACES

PROFILE No. 32

Mrs. Edna Clark

OF CANBERRA

You have all, no doubt, heard of "The Back-room Boys." Well, I want you to meet a "Back-room Girl." Perhaps a "girl" is hardly the way to describe a silver-haired grandmother of nine lively children, all of whom you may find playing in her yard. Mrs. Edna Clark, if no longer a girl, is certainly a back-room worker, and the back room — the church kitchen!

Mrs. Clark, having sought a satisfactory faith for years, came to a service soon after the Canberra church opened, was baptised, and has been coming ever since. Her radiant face, her patience, her outgoing nature and her practical Christianity, show that she has found what she sought. She didn't seek but she did find a job as well, for she has been Catering Convener, a job she has lately had to resign on doctor's orders. I quote, "I can't do as much now, dear, as when I was 40." In these past nine years there hasn't been a Sunday School picnic, an anniversary dinner, a C.W.F. meeting, a

Christmas family luncheon or a church reception for visiting V.I.P.'s, when Mrs. Clark hasn't been organising, supervising and generally running the "Martha" side of things. From setting up tables before, to taking home soggy tea-towels to wash after a "do," Mrs. Clark has been in everything up to her elbows. Please don't think that she is like "Ten-Ton Tessie" when I say that it will take several people to fill the part Mrs. Clark has played. I can only speak of her work in this one sphere. I know she has also done as much work teaching in the Sunday School, and an equal amount of work giving Religious Instruction in the day schools. You would wonder how she finds time for anything else, but she does — bringing flowers from her garden, camelias and lilies-of-the-valley, and selling them to raise money for the women's projects. Though she is quite unique, as each and everyone of us is, you will agree that we need more Christian women cast in her mould.

—Written by Mary Goldberg.

M.L.F. CONDEMNED

(Haywards Heath, England). — Prague Christian Peace Conference leaders have denounced plans for the NATO multilateral nuclear force (M.L.F.) and called upon all nations involved to withdraw from the plan.

A message addressed by Conference leaders to churches around the world said the proposal "awakens the deepest anxiety" and increases the danger of the extension of nuclear weapons. They said it would not contribute to military security, but, on the contrary, would intensify political tensions.

In another action the Committee Working Party (executive body) supported Conference President, Dr. Josef L. Hromadka's position protesting nuclear testing by the People's Republic of China. At the time of the test Dr. Hromadka told a press conference that the Conference had repeatedly called for an end to all nuclear testing and condemned the Chinese explosion as a further threat to peace.

—E.P.S.

WOMEN MINISTERS

(Oslo). — After long debate, the Clergy Association of the Lutheran Church of Norway agreed to admit the country's first woman Lutheran pastor into membership. However, it stressed that the action did not commit the Association on the controversial question of the ordination of women.

The new member will be Mrs. Ingrid Bjerkas, who was ordained in 1961.

—E.P.S.

ATROCITIES RECALLED

(Etchmiadzin, U.S.S.R.). — His Holiness Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of the Armenian Apostolic Church, has declared 1965 a year of mourning for his church and for the Armenian people, and of prayer for world peace.

A decree issued by the Patriarch recalled that on April 25, 1915, a massacre was started in which two million Armenians were killed.

"The entire history of the Armenian nation is a living monument to our dead, who suffered martyrdom for the sake of Christ," the decree said. "As Supreme Head of the Armenian Church, we exhort you on this 50th Anniversary to make 1965 a year of prayer for the peace of the whole world, for brotherhood between the nations . . . and for the inward peace of all mankind."

—E.P.S.

OBITUARY

Miss V. Ruddle.

The Auburn District, N.S.W., Church of Christ was saddened at the sudden passing of their beloved sister. Miss Ruddle came to Auburn church in 1920. Her whole life was a constant inspiration to all who knew her. She has left a gap in the Auburn church which will not be easy to replace. Her attitude could be summed up in a verse from one of her favourite Psalms — "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

—H. T. L. Davies.

Mrs. Helene Christensen

The late Mrs. Helene Christensen was born in 1875. While still a girl she moved to Queensland and at the age of 16 she was baptised at Rosevale by Philip Pond.

She married Mr. Marius Christensen and they settled at Rosevale. The following years were hard and difficult on the farm, but because of their Christian character and her great love for the Lord they won through.

Mrs. Christensen had eight children, and she taught all of them the love of the Lord and the doctrines of the Church.

In 1963 she gave a generous gift to the Church to pay for extensions to the chapel, and this was to be in memory of her late husband.

But during this year, 1964, Mrs. Christensen suffered much ill-health, yet she never complained. Her cheerful and Christ-like nature was a blessing to all who visited her.

—S. C. Rogers.

BRITISH CHURCH LEADERS SEE FOREIGN SECRETARY

(London). — British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, has received a delegation from the British Council of Churches to discuss British policy towards South Africa.

At its last meeting in October the Council requested the British Government as "a matter of urgency to consider what measures are required to ensure that Britain and her citizens no longer act in such a way as to encourage apartheid."

—E.P.S.



DIRECTORS
B.S. Bryson, J.P., A.R.E.I.
D.K. Boiler, A.R.E.I.
G.D. Browning, A.A.S.A.



JACKMAN & TRELOAR Pty. Ltd.

ASSOCIATED WITH PRITCHARD & MORROW PTY. LTD.
35 Grenfell St. ADELAIDE, STH. AUS.
(Phone 84404 (5 Lines))

LICENSED LAND AGENTS, BROKERS,
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS.

Reliable, Personal, and Specialised
Service in ALL REAL ESTATE.....

INTERSTATE ENQUIRIES INVITED



E. P. HUGHES TRANSPORT LTD.

for
STORAGE, LOCAL, COUNTRY
and
INTERSTATE REMOVALS.

Church Members' Moves a Specialty.

Head Office: 78 Unley-rd., North Unley, S.A.

(Established 1912)

Phone: 71 - 0402, 71 - 2270 ::: After Hours: 79 - 5643.

HIRE A BUS

WIRELESS EQUIPPED.

Keep Your Crowd Together

Sporting Fixtures - Picnics - Parties -
Outings - Churches - Lodges - Schools -
Clubs.

See us for your Sunday School Picnic.

GREEN BUS LINES

20 - 3751

326 TOORONGA-RD., GLEN IRIS,
VIC.

LYLE WILLIAMS

:: FLORIST ::

37 Toorak-rd., South Yarra, Vic.
26 - 4880; after hours, 27 - 1771.

FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE PATCH (Vic.)

SERVICES: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9.30 a.m.

A Friendly Welcome Assured.

Minister: A. E. Hurren.

FEDERAL DIRECTORY

31st FEDERAL CONFERENCE, 1966 — MELBOURNE, VIC.

Federal Conference: President, S. Russell Baker,
37 Gareth-ave., Beaumaris, S.10, Vic.
Secretary, E. W. Roffey, 1098 Heidelberg-rd., Ivanhoe, N.21, Vic.
Treasurer, R. A. Strongman, 6 Dent-st., Glen Iris, S.E.6, Vic.

OVERSEAS MISSION BOARD INC.: Send donations to—
D. G. Ferguson, Treas., Vic.-Tas., 23 Buckley-st., Essendon, W.5, Vic.
C. A. Saxby, 38 Earl-st., Roseville, N.S.W.
T. G. Banks, 46 Oceanic Drive, Floreat Park, W.A.
D. A. Lewis, B.Sc., 9 Clisby-st., Nth. Walkerville, S.A.
R. Malcolm, Malborn-rd., 8 Mile Plains, Qld.
Fed. Sec.: R. S. McLean, 53 Tarragon-st., Mile End, Sth. Aust.

ABORIGINES MISSION BOARD: Forward donations to—
N.S.W. — G. E. Knight, 19 Albert-st., Petersham.
Qld. — C. R. Burdeu, 32 Salt-st., Windsor.
Sth. Aust. — W. R. C. Bell, 454 South-rd., Glandore.
Tas. — Mrs. S. J. Bruton, Middle-rd., Devonport, Tas.
Vic. — W. A. Wigney, 748 Station-st., Box Hill, E.11.
Fed. Sec.: J. K. Robinson, 11 Aldmondbury-rd., Mt. Lawley, W.A.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE (The Federal Training Centre for all brotherhood
work), Elm-rd., Glen Iris, Melb., S.E.6.
Principal E. L. Williams, M.A. Secretary, Keith Jones.

FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—
Graham House, 76 Graham-rd., Highett, S.21, Victoria.
Director, V. C. Stafford. Chairman, F. T. Morgan. Treasurer, J. N. Ayers.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND: Secretary, A. T. Laney, 11 Beresford-pde.,
Kingsgrove, N.S.W.; Hon. Treasurer, H. E. Bell, 13 Rounce-ave., Forest-
ville, N.S.W.

FEDERAL LITERATURE DEPARTMENT — Churches of Christ Centre, 217
Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1. Chairman, E. W. Heard; Secretary, G. W.
Barnett; Treasurer, R. V. Amos.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT for the PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNION—
Chairman, E. L. Williams, College of the Bible, Elm-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6.
Secretary, H. F. Gross, 76 Graham-rd., Highett, S.21, Vic.; Treasurer,
K. P. Balson, 6 Fairhills-pde., Glen Waverley, Vic.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY—
President, C. R. Burdeu, 32 Salt-st., Windsor, Qld.
Sec.-Treas., K. J. Clinton, 413 Mountain Highway, Bayswater, Vic.

THE LAST WORD

There is a time to be born.

—Ecclesiastes 3: 2.

To a Child Newborn.

Oh, child of love, so newly come,
With wondering eyes and groping hands,
I hold you close this moment, now,
And look afar to years beyond.

My child, I cannot make for you
A world in which no evil lies;
I cannot hold you safe from pain,
Nor yet to suffering close your eyes.

Still, I can share redeeming love
And grace sufficient for your days,
And to our Father guide your steps,
That you may place your hand in his.

—Elizabeth Smiley Bremer
in "The Christian."

It is true with most of us that we
pray only when we are in difficulty.
When things are running smoothly, we
think we don't need God.

—G. S. Wilson in "The Link."

Our glory is not in never falling but
in rising every time we fall.

—Confucius.

A Philadelphia church has a marble
plaque over the entrance, bearing the
words, "Gate of Heaven." Recently the
church signboard beneath it had the
notice, "Closed for the holidays."

So live that even the undertaker will
be sorry when you die.

—Mark Twain.

Prayer.

Young Tommy was invited to lunch
at the minister's house. Tommy was a
frank, plain-spoken eight-year-old. When
everyone was seated at the table, the
minister's wife said, "Tommy, we always
pray before we eat." A little surprised,
Tommy spoke up, "We don't at our
house. We don't have to. My mother
is a good cook."