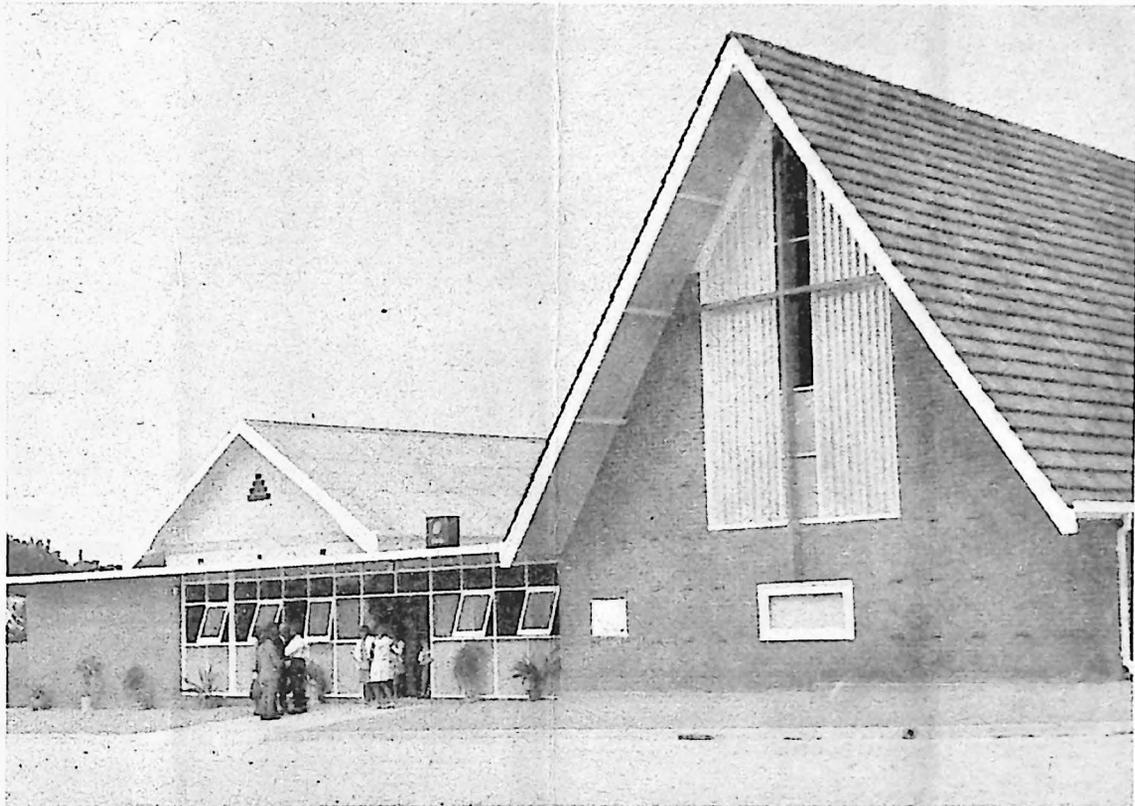


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FRIENDLY CONFRONTATION

The Indonesian Christians now visiting Australia and New Zealand provide an interesting opportunity for us to meet our northern neighbours.

About nine per cent. of Indonesians are Christian, but they exercise an influence out of all proportion to their numbers. The Second Deputy Prime Minister is a Christian, and there are others in the cabinet and in high positions in the Army and Navy. On the embassy staff at Canberra there are four Christian families.

There is complete religious freedom in Indonesia. This was not only written into the constitution but was practised. There were 35 different churches with 6,698 congregations and 1,398 ministers. The army has about 80 Protestant chaplains and about the same number of R.C. chaplains, but is asking for 300 from each group.

The leader of the party in Melbourne and its spokesman at a press conference was Mr. T. B. Simatupang. He is one of the chairmen of the National Council of Churches in Indonesia. But it was with some surprise that we learned that he had been Chief of the Armed Forces in Indonesia from 1949-1954 with the rank of General. Now, as a plain "Mr.", he is leading a different kind of force. He is intelligent, witty, and fluent with our language. Now and again he has to struggle to find the right word, but the word he finds is usually very good. Whatever caused him to change his occupation, it was certainly not old age or failing mental powers.

Naturally, some of the pressmen wanted to talk about the Indonesian and Malaysian troubles. Mr. Simatupang said that he was prepared to talk about them, but doubted if it would be helpful. After all, their reason for visiting Australia was for quite a different purpose. They wanted to make contact with Australian Christians and to strengthen the links which should bind together all who belong to Christ.

Also, they wanted to return the goodwill visit made by forty Australians of all walks of life who had visited Indonesia last year. Those visitors had made a splendid impression, had been given wide publicity, and had even been received by the President.

The Indonesians were not given quite the same welcome and publicity here. Although there was a genuine feeling of warmth by most churchmen who met them, there was still a feeling that somehow these men and women represented a hostile element. The Mayor of Perth refused to preside at a civic reception because of Indonesia's threat to world peace, and because Australian soldiers were defending the border of Borneo and in danger of death from Indonesian weapons. The Mayor might also have noted that relatives of the visitors could also be on the border and likewise could be in danger of death from Australian weapons.

Mr. Simatupang made it clear that as Christians, the Indonesian delegates were far from being anti-Soekarno or anti-nationalist. The national Council of Churches there had made a statement in support of their country's call for true freedom and genuine co-operation with their neighbours. The delegates seemed to agree with the national viewpoint that Malaysia was influenced by and subservient to the kind of colonialism from which Indonesia was free.

The delegation included ministers, doctors, educationists, economists, businessmen, social workers, and others. The churches represented included the Roman Catholic and the Salvation Army. There were women, also. One was Mrs. Marjono, a leader of the Indonesian Christian Women's Association. The Association is interested in church, social and educational matters and have established kindergartens and aged people's homes. Mrs. Marjono has three children, aged 13, 11 and 10, and her husband, a Lieutenant-Colonel, is absent from home as an attache in London.

Against the background of international tension it was good to meet these friendly Christians and to be reminded through them that there is one world and one people.

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Building At Bordertown —

With a normal seating capacity of 250, the new church building erected by the Bordertown church was packed for the opening services on March 7. The architect was L. Brune.

A great day for Bordertown church began when L. E. Verco, one of the elders, spoke briefly before officially opening the building. Mr. Verco then led a congregation of some 400 people into the building. An act of dedication was led by the minister, D. R. Oakes, and the usual Sunday morning communion service followed.

Over 500 people attended the afternoon meeting, and after extra seats had been brought in, the congregation spilled over into the foyer and vestries.

The inscription on a plaque unveiled by E. H. Tilley, chairman of the Building Committee, reads: "This building was erected by the members and friends of the Bordertown Church of Christ as a tribute of thanks to God for his goodness to the citizens of this district, with a

prayer that it will help to witness that Christ is the Saviour and Friend of all mankind. 7/3/65."

History of Project

Chairman of the P.S.A., D. R. Oakes, added his tribute to the co-operative effort which had made possible the building of the church.

The history of the cause at Bordertown was outlined by Mr. Tilley, who said that the first church was opened on March 5, 1905, just 60 years ago. On December, 1951, the minister at that time, W. A. Russell, opened a hall which the rapidly growing congregation occupied. Early in 1964 it was decided to go on with the erection of a new chapel, and the old building was demolished in January.

The church was fortunate in having a number of skilled tradesmen among its members, and others who were handy with tools, and from the outset the venture was remarkable for the ready co-

operation shown by very many people. The foundations were poured at a monster working bee in March, and the whole of that job was completed in eight hours. Nearly 40,000 bricks, tiles for the roof, and other building materials were carted at no cost to the church.

Christian Influence in the Community

Voicing the congratulations of the people of the district on the erection of such a fine building, Cr. G. R. McLellan (chairman of the Tatiara District Council) said it was a credit to those who built it, and the co-operation shown was worthy of the district.

Faithful Witness

The greetings of Conference and the brotherhood was expressed by R. E. Pittman, Conference President in S.A. He then congratulated the Bordertown congregation on the steady witness for Jesus Christ which had been maintained over the past 60 years, culminating in the erection of such a magnificent church.

Thaw in Cold War

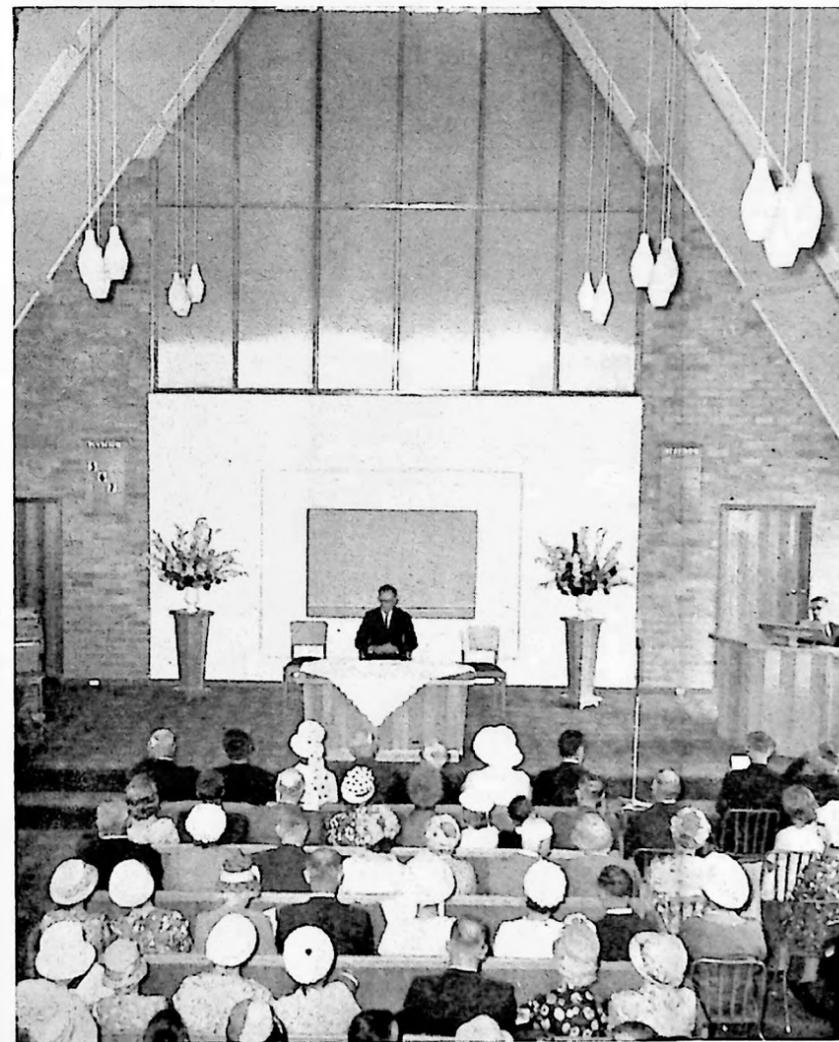
The good wishes of members of other denominations were expressed by the Rev. D. Cornelius, Anglican rector, who said he had cause to thank God for the co-operation and Christian fellowship which was being shown between different denominations. He said there had been a "thaw in the cold war of religions" in recent years, and with a number of churches moving towards unity, it could well be that another generation could see such a building as this as the focal point of a united Christian witness.

"Depends On Us"

In a short but powerful address, Allan Avery, who is conducting special meetings through March, emphasised that the success or failure of such a venture depended on how the building was used. His address was centred around the threefold theme of pulpit, communion table, and baptistry. Musical items for the day were provided by Barry Wills, a young people's group and a men's group.

Evangelistic Programme

A number of visitors have already been going out to homes to invite "contacts" to special guest services held in November, December and February. Special training for some of the visitors is being undertaken, and they will approach selected contacts for commitment. Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey will conduct training classes and also special meetings.



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TESTED BY FIRE

(THE "BLUE BIRD" STORY)

By Mrs. W. J. E. LEWIS, N.S.W.

MEDITATION.

Our present circumstances are to be looked upon as advantages which the Great Disposer has afforded us, and not, as we are apt to think, impediments which he has thrown in our way. (Heron).

Hymn 549, "How firm a foundation."

BIBLE READING.

1 Cor. 3: 11-15.

DEVOTIONAL — Saved as by Fire.

(The story of "Blue Bird's" conversion from "Power and Its Secret" - Wilbur Chapman).

Mrs. Whittemore turned away from her social position to work among "fallen girls." Her home, "Door of Hope," was open to the wanderer.

One night, at midnight, as she went on an expedition through the slums of New York, she held in her hand a beautiful pink rose. "I will give this rose to the vilest girl I meet in my wanderings," she said to one of her friends.

She made her way to Mulberry Street — a place which was a veritable hell — a place where men and women go when all hope is fled from them and they are ready to throw themselves into perdition. In one of the cellars, surrounded by some of New York's worst characters, was the girl whom Mrs. Whittemore, in her mind, had been seeking. Her hair was torn out as if she had been in a recent brawl (as she found out afterwards she had); her face bore the marks of sin; her clothing hung in rags from her poor thin shoulders; her feet were pressing their way through her old shoes, her eyes were as blue as the sky, and for that reason she was called "Blue Bird" by her companions.

Mrs. Whittemore said that, as she stood looking at her, the vilest profanity she had ever heard was falling from her lips. She pushed her way through the crowd of men and placed in the girl's hand the pink rose, saying as she did so, "My dear, if ever in your life you want a friend, come to 'The Door of Hope,' and I will be a mother to you."

The girl at once replied, "I'm too sinful to be saved or helped." But Mrs. Whittemore left her that night with the prayer that she might come.

Several days later, just as she was going into "The Door of Hope" she found "Blue Bird," looking more miserable than before. The first thought was one of discouragement, and the second, almost a determination to put her out into the street, for it did seem impossible, even with God, to help her.

Then she said, "I looked down at her misery and thought, 'There is a soul for whom Christ died, and if she had been the only lost one in the world, he would have suffered and died for her.' I stooped, and, taking the sin-stained face in both my hands, I kissed her, first upon one cheek and then upon the other, and that broke her heart — she fell sobbing before me.

They put her to bed, nursed her back to a semblance of strength, and then she went forth herself, a missionary, down into the Mulberry dives, out into Sing Sing prison, everywhere where she felt she might win a soul for Christ, she went day and night.

After a few months of active service God called her to himself, but she had been instrumental in leading one hundred girls like herself to the knowledge of the Saviour.

PRAYER.

Blessed God, if thou canst take a poor fallen girl, snatching her as it were from the very fire, and so fill her with thy Spirit, transforming her into a soul-winner, thou canst fill us and use us. Do this, dear Lord, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 493, "Oh for a Faith."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISSIONARY PRAYER.

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ADDRESS.

Hymn 464, "Have Thine Own Way."

BENEDICTION.

N.S.W. WOMEN MEET

Mrs. A. Elliott, Superintendent of the Prayer Committee, supported by Committee members, led the March meeting of the N.S.W. C.W.F., held at City Temple. As this meeting coincided with the annual World Day of Prayer Service, the specially prepared programmes for this service were used. Prayer needs for different aspects of brotherhood work were also introduced. A helpful solo was sung by Mrs. R. Ewers.

Attendances were affected by suburban World Day of Prayer meetings, but 73 ladies, representing 26 Fellowships, responded to the Roll Call. It was a special joy to welcome visitors from Lismore, Taree and Broken Hill. Mrs. R. Sack, from Broken Hill, brought a greeting to the meeting.

Our President, Mrs. O. Bloore, reported on her visit to the Taree C.W.F. and brought back a greeting from the sisters.

Members of the Executive were very happy to welcome our Federal President, Mrs. Strack (Vic.) to their February meeting. A very helpful time of discussion was spent with her. — G. M. Mackenzie, Vice-President.

WESTERN WOMEN

(W.A.) Devotions for March Women's Auxiliary meeting were prepared and led by Mrs. Turner, of Inglewood.

Mrs. Wyss welcomed all present. Mrs. Hemmings, from Tasmania, brought greetings.

Prayer for those who had been bereaved was offered by Mrs. R. Richards.

Roll call was answered by 100, representing 23 Fellowships.

Financial statements, read by Mrs. Beck, showed a balance in hand of £883/2/6.

Reports.

Social Service: Mrs. Lake told of needs of this committee and asked for prayer for G. Smith, Social Service Director, as he returns as chaplain on a migrant ship. Mrs. Collins brought items of news regarding migrant work.

Aborigines: Mrs. Pallot brought several items of news and asked for prayer for Val. and Allan Bonney, Sonny Graham in their work at Norseman; Mr. and Mrs. Fisher in the overall supervision at Carnarvon and the plans and preparation for new Christian Centre at Carnarvon.

Mrs. J. K. Robinson had visited Norseman and Esperance, and told of her experiences; prayer asked for Mr. and Mrs. Roberts as they pioneer the work at Fairhaven, and Miss Maurine Elsegood, as she shares in this work.

Wooroloo and Gairdner Hospital: Mrs. Verge asked that we continue to pray for visitors and work at these places.

Overseas: Mrs. Gordon advised that, on medical advice, Miss Helen Maiden is to remain in W.A. for the next six months.

General Conference President, E. C. Smith, joined the meeting and brought a very helpful and interesting talk on highlights of his year and expressed the appreciation of the brotherhood for the work of the women in all phases.

—P. Reid, Secretary.

KENMORE OPENS

First Convocation of Kenmore Christian College.



Dr. and Mrs. James H. Jauncey.

The first convocation of Kenmore Christian College was held in the Ann-st. chapel on Tuesday, March 2.

There was an air of great excitement in this historical moment as the chapel filled to overflowing and a spirit-charged atmosphere pervaded the whole of the service.

The secretary of the College Board, M. H. A. Pieper, presided over the service and welcomed the widely representative gathering. Special visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John White, of the El Paso Church, Texas, U.S.A., who had arranged their world tour programme to enable them to be in Brisbane at that time.

Inspiring messages in song were brought by the Annerly choir and Miss Kay Dean (Toowoomba). Prof. A. F. Wilson, a member of the College Board, read the Scriptures from 2 Timothy 3.

The students who have enrolled for 1965 were presented during the service. They are: Miss E. Arnsward (U.S.A.), Miss J. Patterson (U.S.A.), W. Chapman (U.S.A.), P. Jauncey (U.S.A.), D. Armstrong (W.A.), E. K. Scott (W.A.), R. B. Cutchie (Vic.), E. M. Watson (N.S.W.), L. Berthelsen (Qld.), A. F. Griffith (Qld.), B. A. Hinrich-

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gift with the promise of more to come, was appropriately acknowledged by Dr. Jauncey, who then addressed the gathering.

In the evening, prior to the convocation, the Ann-st. Board of Officers entertained Dr. and Mrs. Jauncey, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larsen, members of the College Board and their wives, and the students to a thoughtfully and tastefully prepared tea. L. G. Read welcomed the gathering, and R. Feeney, chairman of the Ann-st. Board, spoke on behalf of the Board. Lars Larsen, the oldest preacher in Queensland, spoke to the students out of the wealth of his experience in the ministry. E. M. Watson, student president, responded on behalf of the students and also thanked the ladies of the Ann-st. church for the tea.

At the conclusion of the tea, each student was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Larsen.

Training has now commenced at Kenmore. At the present time Dr. Jauncey is the only full-time teacher and, as such, has the overall responsibility for all subject areas. However, several are very kindly giving the students the benefits of special knowledge in an honorary capacity. These include L. G. Read (Church History), Prof. A. F. Wilson (Archaeology), J. Nolan (Greek). In addition some of the students with high secular qualifications are helping others with Matriculation preparation.

—M. H. A. Pieper, Secretary
of Kenmore Christian College.

SUNDAY ASPIRIN

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ARCHITECT'S PLAN APPROVED

(Naracoorte, S.A.). Architect's sketch plan of proposed new church buildings was approved at a special business meeting . . . A day of fun and fellowship was spent at Pinks Beach, followed by a fish tea cooked at the picnic spot. Isolated members from Mt. Benson joined the picnic . . . South East Women's Conference held a picnic at the swimming lake, when Mrs. J. C. Cunningham and Mrs. Bell were guests from Adelaide . . . South East District Conference on March 6 featured Overseas Missions guests, Miss E. Vawser and Miss R. Rofe. Displayed in the hall were aspects featuring work in the fields, India, New Guinea and New Hebrides . . . Good wishes were extended to Marion and Bill Hextall as they leave for Adelaide after several years of work among the young people here.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

(Torrensville, S.A.). S. Matthews starts his second year of ministry at Torrensville, and it is with keen interest the church here looks to the future . . . Already the church is joining in a set daily devotional prayer . . . The church has been saddened at the death of our late secretary, Mr. Drew Curtis, by accident.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The minister, R. H. Sercombe, has returned home from hospital and is making good progress. Speakers have been Rex Hollard and Ivan Nixon. Much appreciated was a quartette made up of Peter and Judy Fitzgerald, Kevin Boyce and Libby Hockley, of Koongarra Park and Edwardstown.

WEDDING GIFT

(S.A.). The church at Nailsworth has a policy whereby newly married couples and those who join the church by faith and baptism, are given one year's subscription to "The Australian Christian" by the church. The members are responsible for their own subscription after this, which is fair enough. This idea is recommended for other churches to consider.

ENFIELD HEIGHTS ACTIVITIES

(S.A.). Harvest Thanksgiving services, March 7, were well attended. Most of the goods will be sent to India and the New Hebrides. One young man was baptized at the evening service . . . Tenders are being called for building extensions. Church is planning for a midweek Adult Christian Education programme to commence in April . . . Home Mission Com. of Women's Conference took the service at C.Y.F. meeting on Feb. 26. The C.Y.F. visited the Morris Hospital and the programme provided was well appreciated . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rowan and Mr. and Mrs. Clark and family were farewelled at the conclusion of evening service, March 21, prior to their leaving the district . . .

BOND - BOWDEN TENT MISSION

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). After 18 months of prayer and preparation, March 13 was spent as half-night of prayer praying for conversions. On March 14, song leader, Bill Bowden, preached in morning. At night tent was filled with 230 to hear opening message by J. K. Bond (W.A.) on "Why Do Christians Believe the Bible?" At both services there were ten who came forward for rededication

Late Telegram: "Mission Tent filled nightly. Twenty-six commitments first week."

TERTIARY STUDENTS' DINNER

Invitations are out now for the Tertiary Students' Dinner in the Portus Room of the Adelaide University on April 2, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Jonathan Barker, a delegate to the recent Youth Conference in Manila. All young people in Teachers' Colleges and the University are invited to attend. It could well be that some young people are not listed on the Department's records for this year, if this is so please contact the Department of Christian Education office and the matter will be attended to.

WRIGHT AT PERIMETER CLUB

Guest speaker at D.C.E. (S.A.) Perimeter Club Dinner this month was C. H. J. Wright, of Brighton Gardens, who represented the State Council at the recent Australian Council of Churches Conference at Gilbulla. The speaker high-

lighted interesting and important implications of the Conference and stimulated a splendid question time. As a result of the meeting it was agreed that at the next Perimeter Club a representative panel should discuss "the issues facing Churches of Christ in view of the present movements towards unity in the Australian Church." Young people who would like an invitation to attend should contact the D.C.E.

MINISTERS' WORKSHOP

Thirty-three South Australian ministers were the guests of the D.C.E. at a luncheon and "Workshop on the Bible School." The occasion was planned as an introduction to the three-year campaign of increase and efficiency being launched in the State this year as part of the Commonwealth Campaign. K. D. Horne introduced the session and ministers shared in a splendid discussion and question time.

1965 REDCLIFF CAMP

Forty-two campers from Adelaide joined the "west coasters" for the 1965 Redcliff Camp. It was a capacity camp in every sense of the word. A heat wave in South Australia made it ideal for the eight day camp by the sea. The S.A. Director led the camp and was assisted by C. H. J. Wright, A. Storay and D. Holloway. Highlights of the camp were the usual fishing, swimming, ski-ing, studies and good fellowship in the informal "away from it all" atmosphere of Redcliff. This year's studies, however, were rated an all time best by the campers. The two Asian Christian Youth Assembly books, "Christ the Life", were the basis of the six study sessions. Local church camps could well use either of these two books

for weekend camp studies. Campers led the "Morning Worship" and "Evening Prayer" sessions, and the communion service on the sea shore. After a day's touring of the southern beaches as far as Cape Wiles, the campers were entertained in Port Lincoln by the local C.Y.F. The study session for that day was shared with the Lincoln young people. Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Lawrie, Mrs. Gordon and Gwenda, with the help of R. Lawrie, were caterers par excellence. From the moment we pitched our tents until the closing session on the rocks on the last night, this camp was everything that has made this annual camp one of S.A.'s most popular.

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HARVEST FOR ABORIGINES

(Grote-st., S.A.). There was an excellent display of goods on March 14 for Harvest Festival Sunday. Later the food was distributed to the United Aborigines Home and the Morialta Children's Home. . . . The morning service was broadcast over 5KA on March 21. W. Watson conducted the choir and Mrs. Margaret Anson was soloiste. At night two young ladies were baptized . . . B.S. attendances are encouraging, the Kindergarten numbers being the highest for years. Church attendances have been as high as 200, with 178 communicants.

C.W.F. CATERS

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The C.W.F. catered for the wedding reception of Miss Jennifer Cooper and Peter Logan. The response from the women was very good. This is part of their project work. The convener was Mrs. Outlaw, helped by a very capable band. Mr. Sercombe is making good progress after operation.

PORT LINCOLN, S.A. The minister attended Mylor camp of combined C. of C. and Baptist Conference, "Looking Toward Unity". . . Primary dept. supt., Mrs. M. White, is in Adelaide Hospital for surgery . . . A Bible School scholar made her decision on March 21.

BLACK ROCK, Vic. After baptism, married woman received into membership. Annual business meeting expressed appreciation of part-time ministry by P. Payne, youth leadership by R. Brown, and to past treasurer, K. Jenkins. Deacons appointed were G. Bryce, sec., D. Allison, B.S. supt., G. Legge, treas., R. Brown, C. Godden and J. Preston.

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PROGRAMME FOR MISSION

(Boronia, Vic.). The church has just climaxed a special outreach programme to fulfil her mission for today. For six months committees developed a total church concern for "remote" members and interested parents of church young people. Concerned members invited the prospects to various activities, and some women of the church invited selected ladies for morning coffee as part of a friendship programme. There was also a series of fellowship meetings in four homes. A church camp attended by fifty preceded the final week, which included consideration by the ladies of family relationships on Tuesday, "Chivalry Today" discussed by men and boys

MISSIONARY CAMP

(Halls Gap, Vic.). Twenty-one ladies from Melbourne joined with sixty country women for a weekend of study and fellowship. Mrs. A. W. C. Candy led the camp, and Mr. Candy again presented the studies which he had prepared for the similar missionary camp at Monbulk. Visitors were Mrs. P. Davis, Matron of Margaret Coles Hospital, and Mrs. F. C. Hunting, who showed slides and told of her recent New Guinea visit. Mrs. Candy conducted the communion service and Mrs. Amos led the song sessions. Mrs. Foletta, from Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, was pianist, and Mrs. Lloyd was producer of Saturday evening programme.

Y.P.F. 21ST.

(Toowoomba, Qld.). The Y.P.F. celebrated its 21st anniversary, with Ron V. Holt, of Boondall-Zillmere, as guest speaker. A field day was spent at Mr. and Mrs. L. Metcalf's home at Grantham, with tennis and swimming, and a barbecue to finish . . . Record attendance at the annual meeting elected new deacons: Messrs. Christensen (sec.), Dunn, Hill, Large, Lowe, H., Lowe, D., Mortensen (treas.), Muller, Noble, Savill, Scholl assist. sec.-treas.) . . . Over 30 Good Companions attend at Harlaxton with Misses Dell Winter and Joy McGarva as leaders . . . At a fellowship tea for 80, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lowe, on holiday from Townsville, showed slides of work there . . . The President, Dr. Ross Green, of Dalby, chaired the seventh annual meeting of the Mylo Home for the Aged. N. E. S. Grenfell was again elected chairman; H. J. Finger, vice-chairman; Mrs. Fay Deuble, sec.; R.

of 14 and over on Wednesday, senior girls had tea together on Thursday and then joined the ladies for a worship-service. On Friday, the junior and intermediate depts. of the B.S. conducted an open night for parents. One teacher gave a demonstration lesson. There was a time for discussion, then films were screened. Saturday saw 70 senior Y.P. hold a variety night — a challenge to accept Christ being a feature.

The church anniversary closed the week with 170 present in the morning to hear G. S. Brown, Conf. Pres., give the sermon. The evening service was designed for decision and five responded.

Those desiring further particulars are invited to write to J. Manallack, minister.

Smart, treas.; E. Greenwood, registrar. Committee members are Mrs. Skerman, Mrs. Bade, Messrs. Christensen, Large and Scholl. Slides of the Federal Conference northern tour were shown before supper . . . Recently the President and members of the Conference enjoyed fellowship with Toowoomba ladies when they came from Brisbane for the day.

CONVERSION

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). Christopher Vella, a Roman Catholic from Malta, has been baptized here. Chris. was a weightlifter and gymnasium instructor for Catholic Action. Before his baptism he gave an impressive testimony . . . Ted Hands, of the Borneo Inland Mission, showed slides of his work and gave the gospel message . . . There were two more decisions.

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If One Gets Out of the Right Side of the Bed.

Most readers will recall the chastening words of their mother when disobedient and unco-operative: "You must have got out of the wrong side of the bed this morning." This wrong side of the bed theory carries the implication that sleep should have refreshed the body, repaired one's spirit and clothed one with a mantle of sweet reasonableness. There is a disclosure of personality in the nature of one's volition in getting out of bed and in greeting the morn with good cheer. Happy is the man and woman who cultivates the habit of capturing the magic of the morn.

"What is this early morning magic that transforms the most familiar scene and the workaday tasks into something rich and satisfying?" This was the inquiry of a female contributor to a popular magazine. "I suspect," she said in answer to her question, "that the mystique of early morning is underlain by something primitive; the sense of renewal, the profound impulse of gratitude to Whoever or Whatever has provided another day of life." The loveliness that is associated with dawn and early morning is surely one of the Creator's ways of showing his love for his creatures.

A zest to experience characterises youth. To experience a dawn often prompted the request during my youth-directing ministries to arrange a camp programme to include a hillside dawn service. Youth has an aptness to sense reality in the unusual. The Creator's screening of his power and love of the beautiful in the context of the rising sun is a never-to-be-forgotten experience for youth. We are part of the dawn. Each day is a new chance given us by the Heavenly

Father. Each new day must be prized as a golden gift. Let the dawn prompt a psalm of praise. Throw up the blind! Expose the soul and let the morn make its own imprint! The kingdom of dawn surely accounts for Jeremiah's phrasing of Lamentations 3: 22, 23 (R.S.V.), "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." The exhilaration of the dawn sets the mind for the day.

A knight of old prayed: "My Lord, I am ready on the threshold of this new day to go forth armed with thy power, seeking adventures on the high road, to right the wrong, to overcome evil, to suffer wounds and endure pain if need be, but in all things to serve thee bravely, faithfully, joyfully, that at the end of the day's labour, kneeling for thy blessing, thou mayest find no blot upon my shield."

As the morn prefaces the day, so Thomas Dekker, in "The Life of a Happy Man," sees the pattern of the morning contributing to Life's happiness. "This is how," he writes, "I deserve to spend wisely my days. To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clean mind; to hold ever before me, even in doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done."

— W. R. H.
— Occasional Scribe.

BRISBANE CONFERENCE LIVES ON

A cheque of £1,146 paid into the Federal Conference Executive by the Brisbane Arrangements Committee represents careful planning and faithful stewardship in all the financial obligations associated with Federal Conference, 1964.

The Executive is anxious to acknowledge the valued and sacrificial service of our Queensland brethren. It therefore sent a sum of £300 to assist in the purchase of the Queensland Brotherhood Centre.

Two Federal Committees have also benefited by £100 each. The Hymn Book Committee has this amount invested towards the day of its need, and "The Australian Christian" has received such an amount to use either for promotion, or to offset losses during its period of establishment.

The Executive further felt that it should make contributions of £100 each towards the travel of two representatives brethren to the Seventh World Convention of Churches of Christ at Puerto Rico in August. One is our Federal President, S. Russell Baker is being assisted by the British and Foreign Bible Society to attend Convention, and now we are able to share also their generous provision. The other is I. J. Chivell. "The Australian Christian" has already publicised the need for us to send Mr. Chivell to Puerto Rico because we hope that Adelaide might be the venue in 1970 for the World Convention. Both of these brethren will be speaking at Puerto Rico.

Preachers' Provident Fund also received £127 from a special Conference offering.

Brisbane Conference lives on in the continuing work of the brotherhood by these and further allocations that may even yet be made.

E. W. Roffey, Federal Secretary.



SPOTLIGHT ON W.A. . . .

Adult Summer School

The W.A. Adult Education Board's Summer School, under the leadership of some of Australia's thinkers and scientists, last year discussed Christianity's chances of survival in the modern world. This year, at the request of people who attended last year, the School examined the world's other great religions and the questions which emerge from such an examination, such as "Do all roads lead to God?" and "Are all religions committed to some form of co-existence if they are to survive the inroads of indifference and materialism?"

The theme of the lectures was "The Many Calls to Prayer." The leader of the School was Dr. J. Jordens, head of the newly-formed department of Indian Studies at the Melbourne University. Dr. Jordens was born in Roman Catholic Belgium, and studied Indian letters at the Louvain University. While there he wrote an analysis of the Bhavagad-Gita, the great source literature of Hinduism. Later he studied for four years in India before taking up his present post in Melbourne.

The other lecturers were D. Lancashire, senior lecturer in Melbourne University's department of Oriental studies; S. Abeyagunawardena, an international journalist and expert on Buddhism in India and Ceylon; Rabbi G. W. Ruben, chief minister with Perth's liberal synagogue, the Temple David; and Dr. A. Kazi, of the Melbourne University's department of Semitic studies.

The School dealt with other subjects besides religion, and the overall enrolments were 491. The theme lectures on Comparative Religion were open to the public, and interest was so great that a daily average of 600 people attended on a pay-at-the-door basis.

An encouraging feature in the choice of the theme, which many said would never have been attempted 50 years ago, is the testimony it bears to the fact that interest in religion is by no means dead. It refuses to be buried in a premature grave. During the course of the School, students paid

visits to the Temple David of Judaism and the Mohammedan Mosque, where shoes had to be removed before entering.

A disquieting element was the equating of Christianity with other world faiths as only one expression among others of man's own strivings after God and truth instead of regarding it as God's own unique revelation of himself through Jesus Christ.

It was affirmed that all faiths have to re-examine their teachings to learn how to cope with the impact of modern Science, the new knowledge of the universe and the effects of secularism. There was a strong call for a new spirit of tolerance towards other religions in order to help all men reach their common spiritual goal — truth. One speaker said that to Australians living in a society which still carries deep divisions of fundamental belief the secular view is almost as important as the religious one in seeking for a satisfying view of the world.

Great minds, and those in more humble stratas of intelligence and learning, devoted themselves to a survey of man's restless search after God, but what a satisfying thing it would have been had it been possible to have a clear word of direction — something old, and wise, and simple — from the Word of God that Jesus Christ is the end of the search, and that the great thing in Christianity is God seeking for man, not the other way about.

The Director of the Adult Education Board, Hew. Roberts, said that the Summer School represented the University's adult education wing at its best, because the course on Comparative Religion was part of the search for universal truth. The Summer School had also shown the high degree of goodwill between W.A. religious groups.

We cannot but commend the Adult Education Board for providing this opportunity for the various religious groups of Perth with an opportunity for comparison and confrontation, and also an adventure in fellowship.

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



How would you answer a man who says, "If I do wrong, I'm the one who should suffer. Nobody else enters into it."

It sounds noble when a man says that he will stand on his own feet and pay his own way, even if he does wrong. But he can't isolate himself from the rest of humanity. Some of his debt can't be paid by him.

Almost always, the wrong that is done will hurt others. Even travelling on a tram or bus without paying hurts the community, as we would soon find out if all did it. If a man tells a lie, cheats, steals, assaults, kills, commits adultery — there will be people who will suffer directly from his wrong-doing. There will be many more, however, who will suffer indirectly. One man who was drunk drove a car which killed a young mother. The driver was filled with remorse, and actually sought punishment. He wanted to pay for his crime. But punishment for him did not pay for his deed, the consequences of which meant an empty home and empty hearts.

If the one who does wrong has a family, that family will suffer for the wrong deed, and not only in shame, if it is a shameful deed. The family will suffer simply because the wrong-doer is a member of a family who cares. If such a person suffered for his own wrong-doing they would share that suffering, even if no one else knew about it. It is no good telling them not to, they won't be able to help it.

If you manage to think up a wrong that doesn't hurt others, it will still hurt God. We are all in a family relationship with God, and our wrongs cannot fail to hurt him. It may be possible to ignore this relationship, but there is still one more thing to be said. When a man does wrong he hurts others because he himself is less fitted to do good. For example, and on a very simple level, a young man decides that he would rather play than study. He wastes his learning years. When he is spoken to about it he acknowledges that he is wrong. He says, "Oh, I know I am doing wrong, but I'm only hurting myself, and I'm prepared to pay for it." He is not only hurting himself, he is hurting others because he is less fitted to serve others, help others, and take his proper place in building a decent world. He cannot pay for his wrong. All that he can do is add to the debt of mankind.

More than restitution or punishment is required in order to cancel a wrong. Forgiveness is also necessary. The man who asks this week's question will be required, as we all are, to seek in penitence the pardon God is ready to give.



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With their four children — Christine (11), Michael (9), Mark (8) and Nicholas (4) — this couple will visit Australia and New Zealand during April and May.

The Federal Conference Executive and State Executives join in bidding them welcome, introducing them to our church life and providing opportunities by which we might be able to receive their ministry and learn something of the Church in Thailand.

Their itinerary is as follows:— April 10-16, Western Australia; April 17-21, South Australia; April 22-May 6, Victoria; May 7-10, Tasmania; May 11-19, New South Wales; May 20-24, Australian Capital Territory.

—E. W. Roffey, Federal Secretary.

R. C. BOLDUAN TO CONCLUDE MINISTRY

(Cheltenham, Vic.). After serving on our Indian mission field, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan returned to Australia, and Mr. Bolduan conducted a successful ministry at Gardiner, Vic., before being called to Cheltenham in 1951. During his fourteen year ministry there the church membership has increased from 200 to 242, and the Sunday School has grown from 124 to 380 scholars. Half of the present membership have joined the church through faith and obedience while Mr. Bolduan has served as minister. A most impressive building programme was undertaken and this was climaxed by the Centenary of the church in 1957. Later, land was purchased and the Ray Barnett Christian Education Centre was erected and opened in May, 1962. Mr. Bolduan also served the brotherhood as Conference President, 1960-61.

The ministry of Mr. Bolduan will conclude at Cheltenham at the end of June. He will then commence service with the church at Kaniva. A. E. White will act as interim minister at Cheltenham until G. K. Moyes, now at Ararat, Vic., commences a ministry in January, 1966. Dean Olafsen will continue as assistant minister until the end of 1965.

ENFIELD HEIGHTS

The minister, R. K. Sansome, has notified the church that this year will terminate his ministry at Enfield Heights.

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National Diary

MARCH

27 V. Good Companions' Junior Field Day.

APRIL

- 3 V. C.Y.F. Central 217.
- 3 V. Explorers' Swim Night.
- 3-11 N.S.W. General Conference.
- 4-12 V. Centenary Conference.
- 8-16 W.A. General Conference.
- 15-19 V. Easter Camps — Monbulk and Banksia.
- 15-19 V. C.E. Easter "Action" Camp.
- 21 V. Explorer Assistant Leaders' Course (4 weeks).
- 25 V. North-Western District Conference — Ararat.
- 30 V. Good Companions' Worship Service (Senior).

MAY

- 1 V. C.Y.F. Central 217.
- 1-31 V. Explorer Service Project.
- 2 V. Department of Christian Education Offering.
- 8 V. Explorer Hike and Barbecue.

VICTORIAN MINISTERS' WIVES

On Women's Conference Day, at the St. Kilda Town Hall, on Wednesday, April 7, a Ministers' Wives' Luncheon will be held at 12.30 p.m. All ministers' wives, wives of missionaries and C.O.B. students are invited to attend.

MISSION COMMENCED

(Teloopa, N.S.W.). The church is engaged in evangelism with Des. Nelson (Maryborough, Qld.) as missionary, and song leader, Bruce Armstrong. The film, "Seven Days in the Week," was screened at the welcome to Mr. Nelson on March 13, emphasising the need for Christian witness to be carried over into our daily tasks. . . . Mrs. Douglas making good recovery following stroke last month.

FORTY-ONE YEARS

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). At the forty-first annual meeting of the church, elders elected were N. Fraser, V. Cockerill and J. Moran; deacons, A. Tregloan, S. Roberts and P. Looney; C.W.F. pres., Mrs. Howard; B.S. supt., W. D. Howard; Kinder supt., Mrs. Roberts. . . . After 30 years of active eldership, P. Talbot has retired from the Board of Officers. As a mark of appreciation for his long and faithful service, Mr. Talbot was appointed elder emeritus. . . . Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Alex. Fraser, who died very suddenly.

CROWDED SERVICES

(Wollongong, N.S.W.). Average attendances have been higher in recent months than ever before in the church's history. The average breaking bread for February was 187. Most departments of the church are enjoying record attendances, with the Bible School having created new records and the monthly Evening Women's Fellowship averaging 35 to 40. The Boys' and Girls' Brigades each average 25 weekly and are both regularly gaining recruits. . . . The church is sharing, with Warrarong and the Home Missions Committee, the purchase of land at Dapto for new development. . . . The new youth hall is nearing completion and the opening date has been set for May 15.

INDONESIANS ENTERTAINED

(Canberra, A.C.T.). On March 12, a party of 26 Christian Indonesians came to Canberra. The church gave the dinner for the official reception which was held in our church hall. The work was done by the ladies' committee and much of the food was supplied by the women of the church. Miss Enni Supit, of the Indonesian delegation, visited the Coffee Bar after the evening service on March 14 and spoke to the young people. . . . At the Canberra Day march, the G.L.B. won 2nd prize and the Boys' Brigade 3rd prize for best marching. . . . Young people conducted a successful table tennis tournament and at their Young People's Dinner Club they discussed personal evangelism.

HELP FOR AGED

(North Perth, W.A.). Members of the C.W.F. held a concert and garden party at Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's home; 84 attended. Proceeds of £11/2/6 will go towards providing a Ward for the Aged Folks Guest Home. . . . Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on March 7. Misses Glenys and Elaine Henderson were responsible for arranging the display of gifts. . . . Mr. Booth, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, addressed the church on March 14. . . . The Intermediate Endeavourers held a beach outing and barbecue. . . . The Men's Society are not meeting regularly, but will be holding special functions. . . . The Bible School picnic was held at Manner Hill on Labor Day.

FINE ACHIEVEMENT

(Hobart, Tas.). Peter Boxhall is another of the many Hobart boys to do well in examinations. In matriculating he won a Commonwealth Scholarship, a University Entrance Scholarship and gained a Scholarship from the Electrolytic Zinc Co., which earns him £1,900, spread over four years at the University. Peter also won the Broken Hill Pty. Ltd. prize of a medal and £50 for gaining the highest aggregate marks in Maths. in Maths., Physics and Chemistry. He is still being considered for other awards. He is now at the University of Tasmania.

£30 WEEKLY OUTREACH

(Perth, W.A.). The seventy-fifth annual business meeting of the church decided to give from general funds an amount of £113 to bring the promised contribution to the Outreach and Development Fund up to £30 per week. The C.W.F. raised £291 for all purposes during the year. . . . The following were elected as deacons: J. S. Bridge, A. M. Bell, W. A. Calladine, G. A. Ewers, B. McNess, A. B. Povey and C. F. Povey. J. S. Bridge was appointed sec.; A. B. Povey, treas., and J. J. Collingwood, chairman of Board. . . . The C.Y.F. have elected Donald Cook as pres., and Kaye Muir as sec., and a busy year of varied activities is planned. . . . Peter Grant has left for Carnarvon Native Mission, where he will take charge of painting during his long service leave. . . . A successful Sunday School picnic was held at Mosman's Bay on March 13.

NEW COUNCIL APPOINTED

(Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.). The church Board of Deacons and Elders has appointed a "Youth and Education Council" for the oversight, co-ordination and planning of youth activities within the church. Members are R. Boxhall, chairman; L. Cooke, minister; J. Heard, B.S. supt.; J. Greatbatch, deacon; M. Hall and K. Denison (State Chris. Educ. rep. and Explorer leader). On March 14, anniversary service celebrated church's 93rd year. The president was Josiah Park, church historian. He incorporated in the service a short Leadership Recognition Service, in which the incoming officers were dedicated to the work.

GROWING COMMUNITY

(Morawa, W.A.). The population of Morawa is expected to double in the next 12 months due to the Western Mining commencing operations on the Iron-ore hills. Pray that contacts that are made will be effective and the church challenged. The preacher will be assisting with the work at Wubbin-Dalwallinu. . . . The Y.P. of Morawa combined with Cottesloe Y.P. for a camp on R. Carslake's farm. The theme was "Loyalty to the Master," leaders being A. Anderson and G. Powell. Camp cook was Bert Blundell, of Cottesloe. All campers joined for the both services with Morawa church.

MALAYAN RED CROSS

(Wembley, W.A.). Miss Eleanor Mogridge is home again after serving with the Red Cross in Malaya for 2 years. . . . Misses J. Yeates and M. McGregor have left for a holiday in America. . . . Misses Maxine Prosser and Dorothy Wishart are now triple certificated nurses. . . . Miss Dorothy Wishart has left for India to work as matron of a boys' school which caters for missionaries' sons. . . . The Ladies' Fellowships, which were formerly Day and Evening groups, have now combined. The ladies conducted a birthday party for several elderly members. . . . About 30 young people shared in a camp at Waterman's Bay during the long weekend. . . . Speakers have been A. Walkington, G. McNish, I. Nicholas, R. Paget. . . . One young man responded to the Gospel invitation.

MANSE APPRECIATED

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). The Church annual business meeting recently gave an encouraging report of the work in all departments. Mr. and Mrs. Hart especially expressed their appreciation of the new manse and its close proximity to the Church. . . . On March 7, we shared with Russ Atwell and Bill Heath, from Adelaide, who were on their way to the New Hebrides to give several months' service. . . . The Church anniversary was celebrated on March 20-21, Mrs. H. Willis being the guest of honor. F. Ewers was guest speaker. . . . The youth club is currently supporting the Rockdale "Swingalong", which is proving very popular. Also the after-church coffee hour held at the manse every Sunday night is attracting many.

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World Convention

Record Air Movement from North America.



The World Convention of Churches of Christ has completed arrangements for the largest movement of persons from North America to Puerto Rico in the history of the airlines serving Puerto Rico.

To transport all persons planning to attend the Seventh Assembly of the World Convention this August 9-15 in San Juan, the airlines have set aside more than 6,000 seats for the three days prior to the opening of the Assembly, and the three days following it. All available jet planes of the airlines involved will be in use. The World Convention will be the largest Convention of any kind ever held in Puerto Rico.

Recently adopted reduced fares will make the trip to Puerto Rico a considerable travel bargain. Round-trip excursion jet fare from New York to San Juan and back is now \$104.00, and from Miami to San Juan and back is \$92.50. Flying time to San Juan is approximately three hours from New York and two hours from Miami.

Many persons plan to save further on travel costs by driving with friends from their homes to either New York or Miami. Arrangements have been made for cars to be left in guarded parking lots during the time of the Assembly at reduced rates.—From Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, Acting General Secretary.

MOVEMENTS

ROSS BEADLE FAREWELLED

(Beverly Hills, N.S.W.). The church farewelled Ross Beadle on March 8, as he left Australia for Nelson, N.Z. Representatives of the N.S.W. brotherhood, Woolwich Bible College and Ministers' Fraternal expressed appreciation of Mr. Beadle's services in many spheres. The church secretary made a presentation on behalf of the members. Student preacher, J. Bacik, was welcomed on March 13, when he commenced a part-time ministry. . . . Church saddened by the death of Mrs. Gray, a member here for 35 years. . . . Young people of the church have arranged a "call" group for prayer and Bible study. Ladies' evening Fellowship continues to increase membership.

MURRAY BRIDGE INDUCTION

(S.A.). I. J. Chivell, the Conference Secretary, gave sage advice to the church and minister, when he shared in the induction service for Keith Pitt. Meetings were well attended and the after-church fellowship to meet Mr. and Mrs. Pitt less formally, was held in the hall at night. The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Wilmshurst in the death of her husband. . . . The church is grateful to K. Thoday, A. Cremin and Mr. Bywaters for preaching assistance.



VICTORIA

CHAPEL EXTENSION

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). Work on extending and renovating chapel has commenced, with splendid response to call for voluntary labour. Temporary setback was suffered in loss of contracting builder, W. Elwers, in Eltham bush fire . . . Junior and Senior cricket teams reached finals in local competition, Seniors winning way into final . . . Church enjoyed fellowship with B. Snoxall, minister at Warracknabeal, and wife, during Mr. Snoxall's visit to Melbourne for medical and hospital treatment . . . Mrs. C. Birt recovering in hospital following severe injury sustained in a fall . . . C.W.F. held Friendly Hour in home of Mrs. Johnstone, and also special work night for hospitals . . . S. Bannon and family, now living in district following appointment as Chaplain at Essendon Technical School, have attended recent services.

YOUTH MEET

(Maryborough, Vic.) At the annual business meeting officers elected were: sec., E. Branton; treas., A. Kennedy; elder, A. Kennedy; deacons, G. Robinson, R. Mathews, H. Walters, R. Bursill, S. Lunn, K. Walters, R. Walker; deaconesses, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Bursill, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Byrant. . . The Youth Fellowship held a combined social on March 13. Young people

came from Ararat, Bendigo and Harcourt. The devotional session held in the church was an inspiration to all . . . The Sunday School picnic was held at Hepburn Springs on March 14 . . . After Harvest Festival services on 15th, the goods were donated to the College of the Bible . . . Mission Band held a successful film night to help their funds.

READY FOR CRUSADE

(Norlane, Vic.). Plans are now finalised in readiness for Crusade, to start March 21, with Dr. Lloyd Jones as evangelist, and Max Murray, from Ballarat, as musical director . . . Evening services averaged 75 over the last four weeks. Speaker at last gospel service was Gary Coleman, of Ambassadors for Christ . . . Harvest Festival goods distributed to needy families in the community.

MISSIONS VISITORS

(Hampton, Vic.). The church entertained Sister Jean Delaney, of New Hebrides Mission and members of the Overseas Mission Committee at tea, followed by a missionary rally, when neighbouring churches met with us . . . The Henshilwood family have sailed for England and America. Prior to their sailing a social evening was held. The opportunity was taken to farewell Mr. and Mrs. D. Stokie, who have moved from this district, and to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. Yarde, who were recently married . . . The Junior cricket team has reached the final . . . Bible School raised £54 for Dhond Hospital . . . K. Greatbatch was added to deacons at recent business meeting . . . Interest is growing in "College for Christians," which is conducted on Wednesday evenings.

"LAYING LOW THE GHOSTS"

By A. F. Gason, Chairman of Ararat Officers' Board.

I do not believe in ghosts, and so the dark closet and the deserted house hold no fear for me. Yet I am well aware that many people are living lives haunted by bad memories, fears, past sins, debts.

I have been a member of church Officers' Boards which have been in constant fear of inadequate resources, haunted by the debts passed on by a previous generation, by prejudice of the town's people, or by a mistrust of another's motives. Under these conditions it has been impossible for men and women to grow and enjoy abundant living. How much more impossible has it been for them to reach out and win into the Kingdom, good people living purposeless lives.

Planned Giving has been to most of us a time of exorcism — a time when fears, doubts, mistrust and indecision have been eradicated. To many the words, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," are no longer an indictment. Many of us now can say, "This cheerful giver loves the Lord." Through our Planned Giving, Ararat can take its tongue out of its cheek when it says that we share in brotherhood work. Now there is no need for any to be haunted. Let love abound — for love knows no fear!

BAYSWATER. The Christian Endeavourers had a big day, with guest speaker, at an afternoon meeting, followed by high tea. They took part in the evening service, where there was a tape-recording of "The Pilgrim's Progress." . . . The minister, H. S. Prime, is counsellor for the Crusade Inter-Church School Fellowship at the High School.

SPECIAL CENTENARY SESSION

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WOMEN'S 79th ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
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Evening, Drama: "The Living Book."
4. MONDAY, APRIL 12, 7.15 p.m.
Lygon Street Hall.
MINISTERS' and SECRETARIES' TEA,
Speaker: D. H. Smith, H.M. Sec.
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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Dori

BY F. C. HUNTING



Pioneering. Pioneering. Pioneering. Look where you will in our New Guinea mission and you murmur to yourself, "This, too, has been pioneered."

Is Dori standing at the threshold of a further exciting venture into pioneering? He could be. Let me tell you his story as I know it, and what he may be pioneering. Dori would now be about sixteen years of age. That means he started school at Tung when he was eleven, because he is now in standard four. So by our standards Dori started school late in life.

School for Dori would be new and exciting, for with learning came the beginning of a whole new world of which Dori's village forefathers knew nothing. School was in a strange and difficult language; so different from his village "talk place," for it was all in English by Government decree. And it was about so many things the simple life of the village never knew existed. So under the patient and expert teaching of first Rex Chamberlain, and then Aileen Draney, Dori passed through standards 1, 2 and 3 and is now in 4.

Of course, like all the children of the village, Dori watched and watched, with never faltering fascination, all that the missionaries did. At first, its complexity and variety made it bewildering. He found it very hard to "take in" and "sort out" in his mind what he was seeing, and some things remained unexplained enigmas for a long time. He saw many things, simple things, things so much a part of our way of life here in Australia that we take them for granted and naturally "grow into them" without being aware of doing so. Why the missionaries did some strange things was quite beyond Dori, and he didn't even try to reason why, even if he fully saw what was being done.

Dori had his battles too. Real battles with himself. For as you may imagine, Dori was a very big boy among much younger children. There were pressures on Dori to leave school and go out and meet and work with the men of the vil-

lage. And, may be, there was an unconscious pressure rising from the village attitude to women — that women are "something nothing," when Rex moved to Pir and Aileen became Dori's teacher.

Perhaps an unconscious attempt to leave school without "shame" or the displeasure of the missionaries, was registered when Dori asked Frank Beale could he become the motor boy who drove the Landrover. Frank was wise in his reply. "Yes, you can, if you stay at school and reach standard four."

So Dori remained at school, learning, slowly but surely, and with learning understanding was dawning and growing. Dori still watched the missionaries — especially the carpenters. Something was being born in Dori's mind that comes to many an Australian lad — he would like to use his hands as John Bolton and Graeme Sonsie did.

Hammers and saws, and squares and planes, and rules and levels are far removed from Dori's primitive village life, and the mastering of the skills to use them, even to read a carpenter's rule, will not come "naturally" to him as they would to an Australian boy, but they will come. As Graeme Sonsie's apprentice, Dori will learn skills his fathers never knew existed.

Is Dori pioneering the next thrilling advance in our pioneer work in our New Guinea? Is he opening up the way for a New Guinea version of Secondary or Technical education, from which will come other carpenters, mechanics to work on motors, new methods of agriculture, teachers, pastors?

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FOURTH BIRTHDAY

(East Keilor, Vic.). The Milleara Road church observed its fourth birthday with E. W. Roffey, Federal Conf. Sec., and minister at Ivanhoe, as guest speaker. 75 were present. In the evening, the Ambassadors Quartette were featured and the associate minister, W. G. Gaunson, gave the sermon . . . The Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism has indicated its readiness to support a full-time ministry to commence in 1966 . . . The B.S. shows steady increase. Average attendance is 100 scholars . . . A Sunday Evening Monthly Fellowship meeting designed for prayer and fellowship has been commenced and the monthly guest services will continue.

FINANCE CAMPAIGN

(Ashburton, Vic.). The church has been engaged in a Planned Finance Campaign . . . The church ladies catered a dinner, with each host and hostess being responsible for preparing food and bringing crockery, cutlery, etc. for their table. An audio-visual was shown on life, work and present inadequacies of Ashburton church, and plans for new chapel were outlined. A duplicated booklet was given to everyone showing the relevance of the church in the world situation, and also in the local community. This led to a discussion on the need for the local church. People were then invited to fill in a form stating whether they were interested in supporting the church. A visit to those interested was made by host and hostesses. Promises of £58 a week have been received; our offering before campaign being £32 . . . The C.Y.F. "Crescent" coffee club has now resumed and 75 teenagers have been attending this informal club . . . The format of the evening service has been changed, the sermon has been duplicated and read by the minister after which buzz groups are formed and questions which are written at the end of the sermon are discussed.

SEVEN YEARS

(Kangaroo Flat, Vic.). A presentation was made to J. K. Martin in recognition of his ministry of seven years. A social evening was held to welcome Barry Baker, student minister for 1965. Visitors were present from The Patch, Bendigo and Spring Gully churches . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer for the district was held in our chapel; 45 ladies attended. The speaker was Mrs. G. J. Andrews . . . The church debt now stands at £1,510.

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VIC.-TAS. CENTENARY CONFERENCE

APRIL 4-12, 1965

INSPIRATIONAL SESSIONS

1. DEVOTIONAL PRELUDE,
Lygon Street,
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2.45 p.m.
Presidential Address: Glen S. Brown.
"The Church and the World."
Items by Choral Society.
2. FAMILY and YOUTH NIGHT,
Methodist Ladies' College,
Fitzwilliam-st., Kew,
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 8 p.m.
First appearance of our Our Own Youth Choir, "The Campbell Singers."
"This Pilgrim People" — Historical Pageant especially written for Centenary occasion by R. V. Longthorp.
Artists: Mrs. Jean Dow, Robert Gray, Ian Wolstencroft, Ken. Briggs.
3. CENTENARY CONFERENCE SERMON,
Melbourne, Town Hall,
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2.30 p.m.
Organ Recital. Choral Society Items.
Induction of New President.
Preacher: Dr. K. R. Bowes.
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BUSINESS SESSIONS

1. MONDAY, APRIL 5, 7.15 p.m.
Lygon Street.
Conference Executive Report. Recommendation re Unified Promotion. Motions re "Ministers' Salaries" and "Ministers' Allowances."
2. THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 7.15 p.m.
Reports: C.W.F. and Overseas Mission. Focus: Aborigines and Social Service. C.M.S. Motion re "Name." Social Service Motion re "6 o'clock Closing of Hotel Bars."
3. FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 7.15 p.m.
Reports: C.M.S., College and Christian Education. Focus: Literature. Social Service Motion re "War."
4. MONDAY, APRIL 12, 7.15 p.m.
Reports: Advisory and Home Missions. Focus: Properties and Christian Union. Declaration of Poll. Unfinished Business.

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PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

C. Logan, Miss R. Cockerill, Mrs. J. Matulich, Mrs. F. Keen, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
 Billie Creek, Rockdale, N.S.W.
 Kevin Moore, Rosina Hill, Karen Stocks, Russel Upsal, Mr. and Mrs. K. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. L. Only, Wollongong, N.S.W.
 Bruce Burns, Fred Dorsch, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
 Lois Gibson, Naracoorte, S.A.
 Mrs. Hobbs, Miss Glenys Clark, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.
 Dorothy Henshilwood, Perth, W.A.
 Anne Buck, Hawthorn, S.A.
 Miss Betty Arnswald, Albion, Qld.
 Olwyn Flett, Canberra, A.C.T.
 Mrs. G. Legge, Black Rock, Vic.
 George Tamme, Bayswater, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Sarah Gray, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.
 Hayden Sly (infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sly), Naracoorte, S.A.
 Drew Curtis, Torrensville, S.A.
 A. Wilmshurst, Murray Bridge, S.A.
 Mrs. L. Holmes, Nth. Essendon, Vic.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

W. Wissman (secretary, Gympie-Monkland church), 14 Hilton-rd., Gympie, Qld.
 C. T. Garrett (sec., church at Belrose-Nth. Balgowlah), 24 Forest Glen-crescent, Belrose, N.S.W.
 C. T. Garrett (sec., N.S.W. Churches of Christ Aborigines' Committee), 24 Forest Glen-crescent, Belrose, N.S.W.
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ENGAGEMENT

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 Ray Ennis, Kalgoorlie, to Perth, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Carr, Latrobe-terr., Geelong; Mrs. A. Barren, Hartwell; to Balwyn, Vic.
 Dallas Steigenberger, Bendigo, Vic., to Albion, Qld.
 Merle McLeod, Yarraville, to Bayswater, Vic.
 R. Clinton, Hurstbridge, to Ivanhoe, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Robyn Vale to Bill Pearson, Wollongong, N.S.W.
 Beverley Armstrong to Kevin Rosolen, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.
 Irene Wardle to Blythe Mann. Ronda Nosworthy to Walter Barrett, Naracoorte, S.A.
 Maxine Prosser to Gary Croot, Jan. Brown to John Christie, Wembley, W.A.

DEATHS

BARNETT. — At hospital on March 7, Hilary William, late 114 Caldwell-pde., Yagoona, Sydney, dearly loved husband of Dulcie, loved father of Desmond, father-in-law of Madge and grandfather of John and Raymond, loved brother of Hubert and Stanley.
 HOLMES. — On March 22, at R.M.H., Ethel Lillian, 60 Spencer-st., Essendon, Vic., beloved wife of the late Stan, and loved mother of Dorothea (Mrs. Rees), Phyllis (Mrs. Ploog) and Jocelyn (Mrs. Dench); loved mother-in-law of Bowen, David and Roy; grandmother of nine grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

JENNER. — Loving memories of our beloved parents who were called to rest, father, March 29, 1950, mother, Dec. 27, 1932.
 —Inserted by Grace and Stan Jenner, Glenhuntly, Vic.
 PHILLIPS, Harriet. — In loving memory of dear mother, who was called Home March 27, 1947.
 —Inserted by her daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Wal Dale, Cremorne, N.S.W.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

From April 15 to May 3, one of our families will be absent from their two-bedroom home in McKinnon (Vic.). They would be happy to make the home available for the period to one of our ministers, or other church member, who may be taking holidays at the time, for a nominal rental. Anyone interested should contact T. T. McCaulay, 265 McKinnon-rd., McKinnon, Vic.

COMING EVENTS

North Fitzroy (Vic.) 92nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 28.

11 a.m.—DR. G. WHITING.
 3 p.m.—DAVID SCOTT (Brotherhood of St. Laurence).
 Ambassadors Quartette.
 5 p.m.—REUNION TEA.
 7 p.m.—P. FOSTER.
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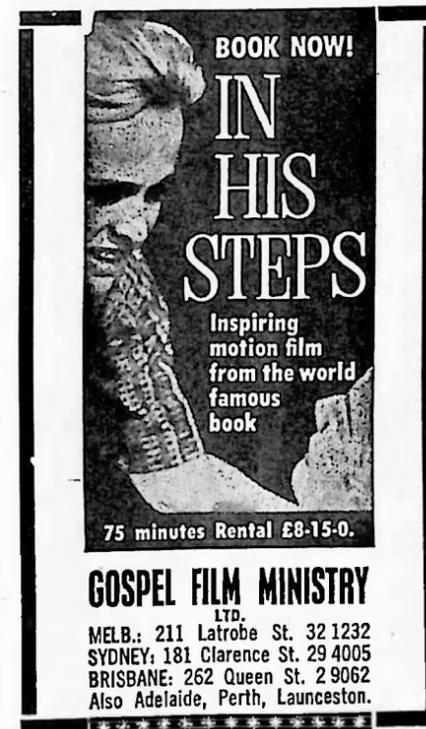
SEASONAL READING

They met at Calvary (Sangster, 9/6; Why the Cross? (Guillebaud), 10/-; Why Did Christ Die? (F. E. Marsh), 27/9; Come — See The Place (van Dooren), 12/6; The Seven Words (Turnbull), 16/6.

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VICTORIAN CENTENARY CONFERENCE DINNER

On Tuesday, April 6, in the St. Kilda Town Hall (Vic.), a special gathering will take place associated with the forthcoming Vic.-Tas. Conference. This Conference will be the 100th, and in celebration of this auspicious occasion a dinner will be held. Conference Executive is most grateful to the Christian Women's Fellowship, which voluntarily undertook all arrangements for the dinner.

Only 1,200 seats will be available in the Town Hall, and these will be allotted to members of Conference Departments, members of the C.W.F. who will be preparing and waiting on tables, and members of local churches.

It would be a fine thing if all church members could share in this occasion, but limited accommodation makes this impossible. However, all churches will be receiving tickets for distribution amongst their members and, as the ladies waiting on tables, and the members of Conference Departments are also all members of local churches, it is evident that each congregation will have adequate representation at the dinner.

Greetings will be received from leaders of other communions, and in the programme following the dinner, devotions and thanksgiving to God for his leading and blessing over the years will have a prominent place.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

(Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.). The missionary appeal for 1965 commenced with first monthly box opening showing £150. The following members of the church are already on the mission fields or are completing preparations for missionary service: Graham Sonsie, Fay Walking, Thelma Roberts, Norma Corrie, Val Andrew, Leonie Monaghan, Fred Dorsch. Marj. Perry. A Valedictory Service for Miss Val Andrew was held recently, prior to her leaving for New Guinea on missionary service. Mr. L. Buck was the guest speaker . . . J. Haines was guest speaker at last C.W.F. meeting . . . Attendances over past weeks have exceeded the century mark and over 50 are present each week at the midweek meeting.

WARD FAMILY FAREWELLED

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ward and Mrs. Ward, snr., were farewelled after morning service and presented with suitable gifts. Mr. Ward has been secretary of the church for many years . . . 80 attended annual meeting of the church. Office bearers are: elders, Ray Barnett, Roy Barnett, F. T. Daff, V. C. Stafford; sec., G. Hilbig; treas., C. Ferris; deacons, C. Daff, F. Drummond, J. Ayers, F. Fraser, W. White, W. Follett; B.S. supt., G. Daff; deaconesses, Miss A. Brough, Mrs. W. A. Follett, Mrs. V. G. Hall, Mrs. E. S. Wallington . . . At C.W.F. quarterly meeting, Mrs. Fletcher, a missionary from New Guinea, spoke . . . 25 men attended men's tea. Ray Barnett spoke on his world trip illustrated by colored slides.

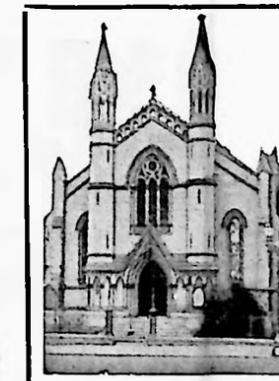
MAIDSTONE EVANGELISM "LIVE IT OUT" CRUSADE

(Maidstone, Vic.). Beginning of second week of Crusade on Sunday saw real signs of spiritual awakening within the Church. Pre-service prayer meeting reached 34 members. Over 140 crowded into the hall . . . One man and two young women accepted the invitation; also 5 reconsecrations. To date there have been 10 confessions of faith and 6 reconsecrations. The eager expectancy of the church augurs well for the remaining two weeks of the Crusade. W. J. C. Maxted, of Sth. Aust., is Crusade leader, with Les Stewart, of Thornbury, as musical director. Miss Jean Milne is main soloiste.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ada Woodhouse.

At the age of 87, Mrs. Woodhouse died on March 15. Born in London, Mrs. Woodhouse came to Australia with her husband and family in 1911. Mr. Woodhouse died in 1943. For 50 years Mrs. Woodhouse lived in the Brighton district and joined the Brighton Church of Christ in 1934. Services were held at Brighton Church and the New Cheltenham Cemetery. To her family, Anne (Mrs. Edwards), Alf, Ada, Fred, Lillian (Mrs. Surridge), May (Mrs. Elliott), Ron and Len, we express our Christian love and sympathy in the passing of a wonderful mother. —R. McKenzie.



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7 p.m.—WORSHIP - EVANGELISM.

"MEDITATIONS ON THE CROSS"

HOLY WEEK MIDDAY SERVICES—

APRIL 12, 13, 14, 15 — 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.

Things I'd Like to Change . . .

No. 4 :: BY H. G. NORRIS, S.A.

"New occasions teach new duties." The church should be prepared to change methods in presenting the gospel in a changing world.

The place of the minister in the local church.

I am convinced that a minister's most important work is his pastoral ministry in the homes of the members and contacts of his congregation. The only time available to reach men is during week-nights. If the church is to restore real contact with the working man we must free our ministers from other duties to make and keep this contact. The multiplicity of organisations in the modern church tend to destroy the minister's opportunity to fulfil his most important pastoral ministry.

So, I would free our minister from any obligation to attend committees and meetings of church groups on week-nights (a real mutual ministry will cover these). I would free him from all secretarial and organisational work and send him out on week-nights to do his real pastoral work of contacting men in their homes.

Local social needs.

Without in any way decrying the splendid service of Social Service De-

partments on issues such as hospital chaplaincy and homes I am sure that it is far more effective when a local church works through its own minister in meeting local social needs.

So, I would change the Social Service Budget allocations to create a "Local Benevolent Fund" in each congregation, which is adequate and immediately available to the minister in cases of need in that community.

Conferences and all church business meetings.

I would save time by taking all printed reports "as read." I would put strict limitations on speeches and comments which deal with past achievements and allow time for business dealing with future plans. I would remove from constitutions those clauses which only act as brakes on forward moves of the kingdom of God and hinder the leading of the Spirit of God.

Whilst appreciating that our departments present their reports to churches in conference, I would arrange conference agenda to allow for churches to report (as well as departments). I am sure that churches can be helped by each other in closer co-operation and sharing.

THE RYALLS IN INDIA

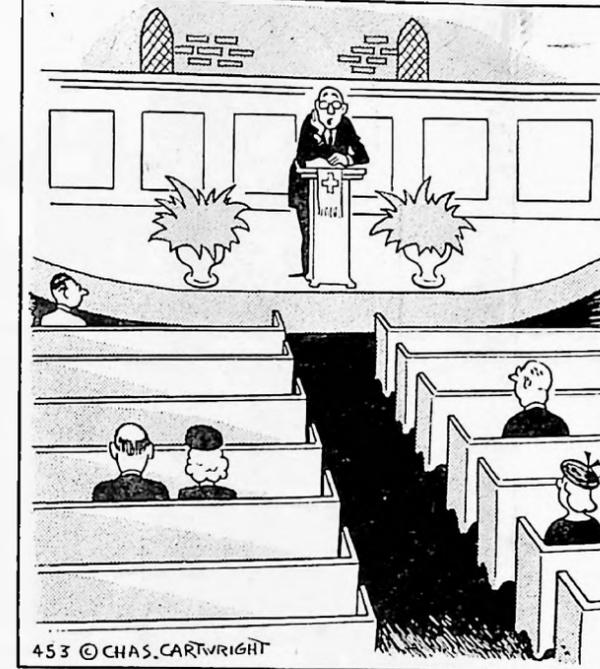
A. A. Ryall writes: "It is a humbling experience to worship in a Christian church and yet to be able to pick out only the name Christ and a few other words of what is spoken and sung during one hour and three-quarters! However, the order of service is similar to that of most churches in Australia. We have now been welcomed to India by the churches at Shrigonda, Dhorja and Dhond, in that order.

"At the Dhond church anniversary, Ran Singh was President. He has been pastor at Dhond since December last, and was reared in our Boys' Home at Baramati. Others taking part were P. Gaikwad, B.Sc., B.D., who delivered the sermon; S. Hiwale, who offered the prayers of the church; Messrs. Kakade and Patel, who led in thanks for the communion emblems, and Mr. Kamble, the church secretary, who gave the announcements.

"We shared in the monthly meeting of the Missionary Committee, comprising all the Australian workers of Churches of Christ in Western India. Then I went into Poona with John Main to speak at the first get-together of those doing the Bible Correspondence Course in the care of Miss Hazel Skuce.

"The babies of the missionary family, Tracey Powell and Joanne Thomas, are progressing well. Inez Groves, Valerie Main, and Dr. Thornley Thomas are all sitting for Marathi language exams in Poona."

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"My sermon today deals with the danger of giving in to self-pity . . . ch, what's the use!"

LONG-TIME SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor,

In the "Christian" for 6/3/65 it is asked if there are any of the subscribers who have taken the paper for a long period. My husband, T. W. Smith, was one of the first to receive it. It was through A. B. Maston, who was a personal friend, that he took over the first copies of the paper and became agent for Hobart church. I believe R. G. Cameron was the preacher. Mr. Smith's father, Geo. Smith, started the cause in Hobart.

—Eveleen Smith, Nunawading, Vic.

THE BELLS OF ANGLICANISM.

To the Editor,

It is disturbing to say the least to hear and read from time to time the suggested trends by those brethren who apparently think "borrowed plumes of denominationalism" are to be preferred to the "sound doctrine" long proven and practised by us.

It is puzzling why so many of our stalwarts keep silent. There must be dozens of brethren who have known the uncompromising teachings of A. R. Main, Harvard, Pond, Hinrichsen, Hagger and many others, who hewed the line and mapped the course of the Restoration Movement in Australia.

Some of the suggested trends to which I refer concerns a lament that our Conference Presidents should be suitably appraised along with other church dignitaries in processions, the idea of eliminating baptism from the plan of salvation, the one man ministry at worship services dismissing our practice of the "priesthood of all believers" (laymen), the often suggested forms of liturgy, the discipleship class which is a duplication of classes held prior to confirmation. Surely, the bells of Anglicanism are ringing in the background!

Do we have to bring all these trappings into our movement to prove that we love our neighbours? It is because our forefathers built well, and oh, so well, that we have a voice in the community today. We have no right to mar that heritage. It is embarrassing to win folk from denominationalism, only to let them discover we have a deep yearning in our midst to bring in the things they have left!

—Dr. A. C. Caldicott, Vic.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

To the Editor,

T. Lane, in "A.C." 6/3/65, contradicts himself. He quotes "Repay no one evil for evil", yet he is speaking against Winston Churchill. May I ask: Where would we all be now if Winston Churchill had not been "heartless and cynical"? In concentration camps or divided by a stone and barbed wire wall and pushed and pulled around like puppets on a string! It is my belief that Winston Churchill was God's gift to England and her allies. There was not another person who could have done what he did and he couldn't have had the courage without God's help.

Mrs. E. G. Vandborg, Hay, N.S.W.

A PROHIBITED TITLE.

To the Editor,

In "A.C." Feb. 27, The Victorian Ministers' Association referred to a guest speaker as "Father Costigan." Can we subscribe to the title of "Father" for a minister in the Christian Church?

We are living in New Testament times and in Matt. 23, Jesus instructed us to refrain from titles practised in Old Testament days, "And call no man your father (that is apart from our earthly Father) for one is your Father which is in Heaven." To me it appeals strongly that we should refrain from subscribing to this prohibited title, whether it be in print or verbally expressed.

The appropriate title of Pastor is applicable to all who are qualified for the ministry (Eph. 4: 11, 12). Many do accept the title of "Reverend," which indicates they are in the Christian ministry. More than this should never be subscribed to.

—F. Norwood.

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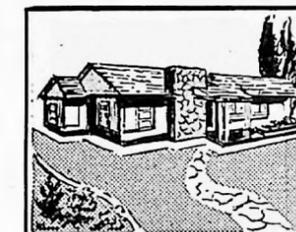
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COST OF DISUNION.

To the Editor,
A. Crisp's letter, "Precept or Practice," presents thoughts that must be on everyone's mind; that is, the tremendous loss to the world because of the Church's disunity. As Dr. H. R. Gough suggests, "The time for dialogue is now over and the time for judgment by the Holy Spirit has arrived."

It has been said that one of the biggest hurdles on the way to church unity is a financial one, so proper co-operation and control now would lessen the impact when the dotted line is signed. In my area there are four churches on four corners in one street that have spent at least £50,000 over the past few years on necessary buildings and not one of the churches can accommodate the combined Easter service!

The letter in the same issue, "Our Hymn Book," written by W. A. Thompson, could be considered along the same lines. After listening to the A.B.C. programme of community hymn singing for several years, I am of the opinion that all hymn books have all the well-loved hymns of the churches. The adoption of one of these hymn books would be a stop-gap until the united church produced one at lesser expense.

There are many other avenues that come to mind where we can work toward unity at the lowest cost. The youth groups and clubs of today would find common interest in future if they had similar youth training. The Unified Promotion Programme of the Victorian and Tasmanian Conference has the embryo of easier co-operation between denominations towards a common goal.

Christian unity is God's business — isn't it time we looked at it with a business eye to make it a more sound economic proposition?

—D. C. Robinson, Vic.

CHURCHILL.

To the Editor,
Ignoring the petty criticism of T. Lane's letter about Churchill, his evaluation of Churchill is almost incredible.

Besides Mr. Lane's quotations, the Bible also speaks about our being "our brothers' keepers", and about "passing by on the other side." Should we have remained in neutrality and watched the Nazis murdering Jews and Gentiles, and op-

pressing others? It wasn't for us to forgive them. The Nazis for years ignored the continued pleas from other Governments to stop their campaign of wholesale murder; countless prayers went up to God every hour of every day. But God let the Nazis carry on. When mediation failed and prayers unavailing, the situation appeared to be that God himself was demanding that the "free world" rise up from its prayer-stool and do something. War was declared to try to stop them (not for vengeance), and many people played a willing part in "unleashing" the attacks on Germany.

Churchill is not "best remembered" for saying, "There are no lengths of violence to which we will not go." In that all-out war, each side had to expend its uttermost efforts (in violence) or else succumb to degradation and death.

Further, Churchill simply did not "embody the vices of vengeance, greed and racism." True, he was a sinner, as we all are; but he had many fine qualities. No man is all bad. But, sinner though he was, Churchill inspired millions of people with belief in the Right, to fight and destroy the forces of evil that would subjugate the world.

It is for that that we remember Churchill. God himself is "no respecter of persons"; we are all his children. Jesus befriended and forgave harlots, robbers, and other sinners.

David W. Coone, Vic.

OUR HYMN BOOK.

To the Editor,

An American brother once said to a Victorian Conference, "I come from a land where we've traversed all this ground before." W. A. Thompson ("A.C." 13/3/65) places the Federal Hymn Book Committee in a similar position.

The decision to have a "words and music" book was made by Federal Conference, 1958, and the committee has submitted to the three Conferences since estimates of costs. Both alternative books suggested by Mr. Thompson had been considered exhaustively and both are open to objections on "usage." While it is impossible to count the hymns we "love and use," the original Conference decision for a "revised" hymnal obviously required our present book as start-

ing-point and implied retention of more than the 320 present hymns that the Methodist book — with 664 others — would provide. (Even the 320 would be reduced by about 80 proposed eliminations.)

The committee would wish neither to submit our churches to the distinctive theology of many Methodist hymns — nor to jettison many long-loved ones unknown to Methodists.

Our English brethren made several offers regarding their book, which has certain advantages over our 1931 hymnal. But again there is the practical objection of "usage" — some churches would not readily accept the change in musical and literary levels. Words and music would still be in separate books, with tunes grouped by metre and indicated in the "words" edition by their numbers.

The Hymn Book Committee is "doing what it was told," has had at least 40 sessions of hymn selections (plus other committee work, plus "home-work"), has placed its problems before each Federal Conference, had already faced up to Mr. Thompson's questions and does not favor an "early" solution as against what may be the best one!

—Frank J. Funston, secretary,
Federal Hymn Book Com.

THIS HUNGRY WORLD

To the Editor,

Over the last few months, the Australian brotherhood has had the privilege of hearing Miss Edna Vawser, our veteran of the Indian mission field, telling of the plight of our Indian brethren. Those of us who attended the South Eastern Conference in S.A. recently were moved as she spoke of the food crisis which has been gripping the country. It was decided there that member churches contact their respective Members of Parliament seeking a further gift of wheat to that country. We can be thankful that there are those in authority who have once realised the need and have acted in making available that £4 million gift.

Sir, might I suggest that each church in our brotherhood, perhaps even each individual, write to their representative in Parliament requesting that consideration be given to making another gift of wheat to India. In making this request, let us pray that those who rule our nation might be conscious of the needs of others and, more importantly, of the spirit of compassion of Christ.

—M. J. Pedersen, S.A.

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JOURNEY THROUGH LUKE

Monday, March 29. Luke 18: 1-8. "And shall not God give satisfaction to his Elect, who cry to him day and night?" (v. 7), Schonfield.

This parable is not intended to suggest that if you keep pestering God for something he will give it to you. That you will break down his resistance and gain your objective. This may be the kind of way we act with our children and even with each other, but Jesus made it clear that prayer is not simply pestering God. He is not advocating repetitious, bothersome prayers. He is saying that if a wicked judge can be pressured to yield by persistence, how much more will God give to his children the gifts he wants them to have.

Dear God, when we pray, help us to seek your will, and not simply what seems good for us. Amen.

Tuesday, March 30: Luke 18: 9-14. every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted (v. 14.).

It is important to notice that this passage is addressed to those who had an exaggerated opinion of their own goodness and a low opinion of everyone else. We must not make the mistake of looking around to see whom the story fits. Whenever we do this we are in danger of missing what Jesus has to say straight to us. It is very easy for church members to think that they are good because they are church members, that we are a righteous people because we have done some of the things which God has asked us to do. Self-righteousness takes many forms and every one of them is bad. When we are self-righteous, we pray within ourselves like the Pharisee. But we are not to compare ourselves with people worse or weaker than ourselves. If we compare our lives with that of Jesus, we shall be kept humble enough to receive his grace. We can never earn it.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the forgiveness we receive. Help us to be forgiving and kindly to others. Amen.

Wednesday, March 31. Luke 18: 15-30. How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God! (v. 24).

Hard, but not impossible! The Bible does not say that the rich ruler was young. Perhaps some older scholars thought that he must have been young because he had not learned to live above his wealth. But this is not a sin which belongs only to youth. Older people, too, are often ruled by their possessions. You can be dominated by things even if you do not have great wealth. Our way of life gives great significance to possessions and it is no easier today to look above them and beyond them for the true values of life.

Dear Lord, when you call us to follow you today, help us not to let "things" get in our way. Amen.

Thursday, April 1. Luke 18: 31-43. Nothing of this did they understand. The words were a mystery to them, nor could they see what he meant (v. 34).

The disciples could not understand Jesus, mainly because they did not want to understand. He told them plainly that death was waiting for him in Jerusalem. The disciples, however, were tasting the expectation of success. They were already dividing the spoils of the new kingdom, because they were special friends of the King. They were sure that Jesus would win Jerusalem as he won the hearts of many towns and villages on their journey.

Lord Jesus, may we be ready to receive the truth from you, even if it is unwelcome truth. Only then can we be strong. Amen.

Friday, April 2. Luke 19: 1-10 And he sought to see who Jesus was (v. 3).

The rich man, Zacchaeus, had everything — house, servants, wealth, power — everything but friends. The poverty of his loneliness was greater than his wealth in money. It is typical of Jesus that he considers this man's need rather than his wickedness. And there was a momentous change in his life when Jesus came to his home. "Today," said Jesus, "salvation has come to this house." Zacchaeus said that he would give half his wealth to the poor, and make four-fold restitution for anything he had gained by fraud. It was not his intended gifts that gained him salvation. He got it by receiving Jesus as his Lord.

Heavenly Father, each day we receive Jesus afresh as Lord of our lives, may we give what we can to make life worth living. Amen.

Saturday, April 3. Luke 19: 11-27. He commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained (v. 15).

Jesus told this parable because "he was near to Jerusalem and because they supposed that the Kingdom of God was to appear immediately." We saw on Thursday that the disciples had closed their minds to the plain declaration of the coming death of Jesus. Here, the Lord is still trying to convince them that the kingdom he was to rule was not near at hand. He would have to go to a far country of death and suffering before he could return to claim his kingdom. In the meantime, his followers were to be tested. Their place in his realm was not to be measured by high office, but by loyalty and service.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the coming of your kingdom. Help us to look to our present duty rather than a future reward. Amen.

Sunday, April 4. Luke 19: 28-48. My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers (v. 46).

Jesus has now entered the beloved city for the last time. He knew of the dangers, had indeed clearly said that his life would be forfeit. But he was certainly not waging his war for righteousness as a secret campaign. Nor was he hiding from his enemies. Instead, he went directly to the temple and drove out those who were defiling it by using the name of God and the house of God to rob the people of God. He was also "teaching daily in the temple." Evil had to be unmasked and the good declared. The people responded eagerly to Jesus, listening to his every word. The enemies of our Lord had to wait for their moment of infamy.

Lord, may we use not only the peaceful days, but also the days of danger to witness for you. Amen.

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To praise that which pleases thee most,
To value that which to thee seems most
precious,

To hate that which in thy sight is
unclean,

And above all,

To be ever searching after the good
pleasure of thy will,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Thos. a' Kempis (15th Cent.).

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Keep Going.

Asked at 83, which of his many works
Frank Lloyd Wright, the noted architect,
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