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## SIX OR TEN?

Whether or not a referendum will be held in Victoria to determine future hotel trading hours will probably depend upon the annual conference of the Australian Labor Party in June. If the A.L.P. strongly supports later closing of hotels, then it can be expected that any recommendation by the Royal Commissioner in this direction will be implemented without a referendum.

Most of the churches have urged the holding of a referendum to decide the issue. Strange as it may seem, this annoyed Mr. Bolte, Victoria's Premier. He pointed out that the recommendations of the Commissioner concerning trading hours have not been presented and that the churches were acting prematurely in pressing at this stage for a referendum. This is very odd of Mr. Bolte, the leader of the Liberal Party, since that party was the first political group to remove the referendum requirement from its policy. The Liberals took this action also before the Commissioner presented his views. It should also be stated that the churches simply reaffirmed their traditional stand, whereas the Liberal Party announced a major change in its attitude.

Since the Country Party decided to press for a referendum, it will be up to the A.L.P. to indicate whether or not it will support a Liberal Bill to amend hotel hours without going to the people. Since Labor is not likely to do anything to make life easier for the Liberals, there is a growing possibility that a referendum will be held.

If such is the case, I shall vote for six. If you ask me why, I shall say that there is no promise of improvement with later closing. The sociological consequences may be the same, but I prefer not to risk a change.

But here's the rub! I shall probably have to do much more than simply vote for six. I can do that, like any other citizen, at the secret ballot box. I shall not have to state any reason when I register my vote. But it is likely that I shall be expected to speak and write for six as I did in 1956. Then I did so with confidence. I had evidence from police officials, magistrates, social workers, and temperance leaders, who were all ready to give me ammunition for the fight.

The position I held was admirably stated by the previous editor of this journal when he wrote in an editorial, "... it is the temperance leaders who find plenty of evidence in N.S.W. (the latest State to introduce longer trading hours) to support their case. The liquor interests carefully avoid facts and figures, and pin their faith in lofty, spurious claims. . . . A radio commentator was underlining some significant pointers when he recently drew attention to the fact that among the letters to the newspapers on the subject, it was the 'No' advocates who had the facts and the figures and a logic which compelled attention."

There is no doubt that the 1956 campaign was won on facts, figures, and logic. Unless we can produce facts, figures, and logic in the present situation, it is most likely that we shall lose the 1965 campaign. So far, the helpful facts and figures have not been produced. The police, magistrates, and temperance leaders are no longer dominant voices we can quote with confidence.

Many of us are ready as before to support with enthusiasm the traditional viewpoint. But we shall need facts, and figures, and logic. Somebody had better start producing this ammunition in a hurry.

## DO PARENTS HAVE SENSE?

When giving helpful information about prayer, Jesus said, "If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father . . . give good things."

Do we really know how to give good gifts to our children? Not always. Gifts are not good simply because they are expensive. Recently there have been sad stories in the press of parents who have given their children cars, guns or money, but not the good sense to use them. Other children have received so much so often and so easily that they have lost the capacity to win things for themselves.

Jesus does not say that our gifts are good. He said that if we know how to give, our Father knows much more how to give. God has the wisdom to know what good gifts are, and the wisdom, too, to withhold from us the prayed-for request if the gift would hurt us.

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# The Significance of Liquor Resolutions

BY E. S. SANDERS

The Vic.-Tas. Conference took some rather significant decisions in regard to the Liquor Question. They were not traditional resolutions which may be forwarded to the Government and forgotten. They were taken in the context of the first section of the Report of the Royal Commission on Liquor which is related to sociological consequences.

It is significant and important that although Conference could not know all the facts regarding these vital matters, nevertheless it unanimously affirmed its acceptance of and support for the work of the Commission at this level.

We need to note that the work of the Commission and the involvement of the Church in this work is a new approach to the liquor question. This highly contentious issue is now taken out of the area of emotional political debate and is scrutinised thoroughly by means of scientific and factual study and research into sociological problems.

What we have been saying for a long time regarding the existence of these serious problems is now recognised officially and authoritatively without any room for question or debate.

### A Basis

It must, however, be strongly recognised that the work of the Commission does not conclude the issue. It merely provides a basis from which the Church may gain a springboard for sociological action. The decision of Conference to accept and support this work will strengthen the hand of those whose responsibility it is to further this work.

No doubt there are many areas in which we feel insecure and unsure of our contribution and our approach. But surely this is where our confidence in the ultimate rightness of our task, our dedicated concern for people and our trust in guidance from God will give us a distinct advantage over those interested merely from a social, political or profit motive.

### Study and Research

The Royal Commission was established at the request of the Churches and Temperance groups. It has, broadly speaking, done the work we wanted it to do. We now need courage to press home the attack to its ultimate conclusion. The principal areas of concern for us are road accidents, alcoholism, alcohol related crime, and marital disharmony.

While we now have some definite knowledge in these fields, probably the most

significant note struck by the Commissioner's Report is that in many fields not sufficient study has been made or records kept. We can now push for this work to be continued and Conference has supported this.

Our tools will be study and research as a basis for education through all possible educative media aimed at personal responsibility by the people of the community. It is true that this must be backed by legislative action by the Government to help control the irresponsible section of the community and to promote the healthiest possible environment in which the education processes may germinate and grow to maturity.

### Offensive

This, of course, does not offer prospect of dramatic overnight changes, but whereas in the past, notwithstanding an occasional significant exception, we have been continually on the defensive and losing end, we are now on the offensive and going forward with a positive and progressive policy of action which, at its worst, cannot be worse than our past history, and at its best must lead the whole community to a new awakening to responsible citizenship so far as the use of alcoholic beverages is concerned. This then is progressive and significant action by Conference 1965.

### Trading Hours

The issue of trading hours and the referendum is not so clear cut and the decision taken by Conference not to support the retention of 6 p.m. closing has left many in rather a state of confusion. But the decision of Conference is not less significant.

The question of hotel bar closing hours is still a very controversial matter, and that is only natural. It should be remembered by those who disagree with the policy of "Neutrality" as between 6 and 10 p.m. closing that the supporters of this policy began by being firm believers in 6 o'clock closing.

The change came about as a result of the weight of evidence of various kinds, not merely statistical, both inside and outside the Royal Commission, and the position of neutrality was taken after a vast amount of work, study, discussion and prayer. It was taken in the honest conviction that this was the right and true course to follow, it was taken out of deep concern to do our best to reduce the harmful consequences of liquor consumption; it was taken because the

question of 6 or 10 p.m. closing was seen to be not the important issue any longer, and so that the real issues could be concentrated on more adequately.

### Referendum

Where do we stand, then, on the issue of a referendum? In brief, the position is as follows:

Previously the decision of Conference was to support 6 p.m. closing. This, of course, could not be binding on any individual member of the Churches or on any particular congregation. Anyone was free to agree or disagree, and in a referendum to vote as they pleased.

This is still the case. Any individual person is free to favour one hour or the other, or neither. All the Conference has done is to accept that while a person may hold a viewpoint for many reasons, an official position ought not to be taken without sufficient evidence. If at any subsequent time further evidence makes clear that one hour is preferable to the other, then Conference may decide accordingly.

In the event of a referendum, then, Conference does not hold the Social Services Committee or the Churches as a whole responsible to engage in public advocacy of one hour or the other. They will be free to make available to our people as much information as possible, and as many arguments both ways as possible, so that our people may then think this matter through for themselves, join in discussion groups, talk things out at a personal level with other people, and try to come to as clear and responsible and unprejudiced a judgment as they can. They will then vote accordingly.

Now that the Report and recommendations of the Royal Commissioner are available it is to be hoped that individuals, organisations and Churches will obtain a copy from the Government Printer and give it most careful consideration. The writer is available to explain the document and the significance of the Commission, and suggests that Brotherhood Rallies be organised on a district basis to enable the widest possible representation to be adequately informed on the whole matter.

The Report is an important document, the result of much time, evidence, research, thought and discussion. It will have great significance for future legislation regarding the sale and consumption of liquor, and for the effective reduction of social damage.

To be wrong or to change your mind is not a sin, but to remain in ignorance when facts are available is.

### NEWS AND REPORTS

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# "Hello, Mr. Editor!"



E. P. C. Hollard.



A. E. White.

E. P. C. Hollard represents South Australia as Associate-Editor of "The Australian Christian." In Melbourne recently he called on the Editor, A. E. White, and the following discussion took place.

**Hollard:** Good morning to you! I'm in Melbourne for a brief visit and am reporting for duty. I am also full of questions. Could you answer them for me?

**White:** An associate-editor is always welcome. The answers will depend on the questions. Some of them could be curly ones! Let me try them.

**Hollard:** The new format of "The Australian Christian" has now been in operation for more than a year. Not all readers are happy with it. What are some of the objections?

**White:** There are more objectors than there are objections. Although it should be said that for every complaint we receive twenty messages of praise. But the two main objections concern the price and the way the news is presented.

**Hollard:** Well, take the price first. Is there any chance of a reduction from 38/- per year?

**White:** Not at all likely. Certainly not unless we have a big flood of new subscribers.

**Hollard:** These financial losses are certainly worrying. If the paper belongs to the brotherhood, why are we not making ends meet?

**White:** The main reason is that the "Christian" is not subsidised by the brotherhood. The brotherhood just owns it! It is as simple as that. Every church paper in Australia is subsidised by the church which owns it, except the "Christian."

**Hollard:** Are you telling me that our people are willing to own a thing and then do nothing about maintaining it?

**White:** You said it, I didn't.

**Hollard:** How about the State papers? Some States continue with their own monthly papers. Does this mean competition?

**White:** Yes, it does. Members are reluctant to take two papers. The "Christian" costs much more than State monthlies, because it is a weekly paper. Then, too, our State papers are heavily subsidised. Frankly, our brotherhood is not big enough to run a national weekly and three State monthly papers. Naturally, each State is free to make its own decision about this, but it seems to me that the brotherhood as a whole will lose if the "Christian" is forced to close through economic problems.

**Hollard:** How would you describe the value of a national paper?

**White:** Put it this way: if we lost our national weekly, we would lose the one medium whereby the whole Australian brotherhood looks at itself, talks to itself, shares its worship and evangelistic witness, promotes its national enterprises like Overseas Missions, Aborigines Missions, etc., and it also gives us a window on the church in the whole world.

**Hollard:** It would be a crying shame if brotherhood stewardship failed to meet this challenge to keep the "Christian" serving.

**White:** Before we leave the price: it must be said strongly that the "Christian" compares favorably in price with other weekly journals. It still doesn't cost more than a couple of daily newspapers. I often have folk suggesting that it is the postage of the "Christian" to the homes of subscribers that has raised the cost. This is not so. Whether we post the paper in bundles to a church agent, or individually to each subscriber, the postage is the same. It is paid for by weight in bulk postage. The reason for the price increase is twofold: printing costs have risen greatly in the past few years, and the "Christian" has always lost money. We didn't notice this before, because we let the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. carry the losses. Now, the brotherhood has to carry them.

**Hollard:** You said earlier that there were complaints about the way the news is presented. I've heard it said that the "Christian" is more a Victorian paper than anything else. Could you give me your side of this?

**White:** Let me state with all the force I can muster, that all of the news sent to me from all of the States is printed! Some of the churches have not furnished a news report for years! I've even had people write to me complaining that I have not reported something significant that has happened, and I've had no word about it.

**Hollard:** I notice from my reading of all of our journals that some States rarely use the national weekly for promotional purposes. Is this wise of them?

**White:** I feel that the States are missing a golden opportunity if they miss out on the weekly promotional opportunity as opposed to a monthly paper where the latest news is about six weeks old. It isn't widely realised that the "Christian" can go into the homes of our people weekly with news that is "hot." Departments are missing out on a real promoter of their concerns. Do you know that some States actually planned and held their annual conferences without even telling the "Christian" that they were being held! Do you wonder that the Editor feels completely frustrated!

**Hollard:** A curly one now! Sometimes accounts aren't sent out. Is there some inefficiency on the part of your staff?

**White:** Pardon me! Staff! What staff! I've never heard of them! Actually, my staff is me, myself and my wife's husband! If letters need writing, I write them. If church reports need retyping, I type them. If a block has to be collected downtown, I collect it. If there is . . .

**Hollard:** Are you telling me there isn't even a boy to do the odd messages! That we are trying to run a national weekly paper with the Editor as the whole works? This is too much!

**White:** Too much or too little, that's the way it is! You don't seem to realise that our finances simply will not permit staff. The Board of Management would be more than willing to remedy

this situation, but as they are acting on behalf of the brotherhood (and this means all of the States are represented on the Board), they are stewards of brotherhood monies. They must cut their coat according to the cloth. The simple truth of the matter is that the brotherhood has not faced up to its responsibility in the light of the wonderful gesture of the Austral Company in making the paper over to the churches, providing a sum for promotional purposes and patiently bearing our debts while we are trying to win our way. The delay in sending out accounts is understandable. When the new "Christian" was launched it was hoped that agents in every church would keep full records and attend to all accounting matters. This proved to be impracticable, and individual accounts had to be introduced. This was a mammoth task and the job has not been completed yet.

**Hollard:** Talking of the Austral Company, it appears that we are very dependent upon them.

**White:** How much can never be known! The brotherhood owes them an incalculable debt. Over the years they maintained a brotherhood paper as an act of Christian service, despite the fact that the "Christian" consistently lost money for them.

**Hollard:** How about a word on Mr Haskell, the manager of the Company. I imagine that he must be much in evidence behind the scenes.

**White:** How right you are! He spends a great deal of his private time looking after distribution and accounting matters. His efforts have meant a great saving to the brotherhood. But it is unfair to expect him to continue to give such long hours and still run a large printing company.

**Hollard:** This discussion has been most helpful to me and to the many who will read it. Please accept this personal word on behalf of many who appreciate what is being done, and we have full confidence in you.

**White:** Thanks to you, also. I love this work and I love the brotherhood whose servant I am. I often sign my letters "Yours in Christian partnership." That has a double meaning. We can all be partners in "The Australian Christian" seeking to serve Christian purposes. We need more "Christian" partners.



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# LIVING TEMPLES

(THE STORY OF MARY VERGHESE)

By Mrs. GWENYTH BAKER, S.A.

### MEDITATION.

"O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me,  
And all things else recede,  
My heart be daily nearer thee,  
From sin be daily freed."

Hymn 495, "O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me!"

### PRAYER.

Our Father God, we pray that thy cleansing power may be forever with us. Help us to see our sins and seek thy forgiveness. Sanctify us in order that thy Spirit may dwell within us and that our minds and lives may be attuned to thy divine guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### BIBLE READING.

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23.

### DEVOTIONAL — Living Temples.

The Christians at Corinth were mainly of Gentile extraction. They would have understood that the desecration of a pagan temple in those far off days would have carried the heaviest of penalties.

Paul told them that the Church, of which they were a part, was God's chosen temple. It was sanctified by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit and was to be treated accordingly.

**CLEANSING.** Our bodies, as Christians, can also be regarded as Living Temples. As we pray for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives we should realise that it is necessary to push out such things as envy, malice, greed, unclean thoughts and covetousness, in order that the Spirit of Christ can work through us.

**LEARNING.** Just as we seek to cleanse our lives in order that the Spirit might enter, so we must learn of God in order that his Spirit might work through us. God speaks through the Bible — his individual word to each Christian. The more we study, then the better equipped we become to speak as the Spirit guides us.

We must speak to him in prayer, not only in our quiet times or in times of stress or gladness, but during each daily experience. There should be an awareness of his listening ear as we think, speak or act.

**EXPERIENCING.** Our next step is experiencing the wonderful guidance of his Spirit in our lives. Family life can

be sweeter and richer when shared with him. Sorrows can lead us to a deeper awareness and dependence on him as we experience his presence and comfort. The endlessness of death departs as we start to look forward to eternity with Christ. Troubles and difficulties can become occasions for miracles as God works in a way we could never have visualised. Suffering can also play its part. It has been called the mother of compassion and insight into the needs of others. Suffering so turned to account can be another stepping stone closer to God.

Such was the experience of Dr. Mary Vergheese, of India. Near the completion of her medical training she became a Paraplegic. Mary had been brought up in a Christian home, but it was not until she lost the use of half of her body that she found Christ as her personal Saviour and accepted the leading of his Spirit in her life. She became a "living temple" as she gave what she had left to give of her body and said: "Take my hands and my mind and make them thine."

She looked out from herself and saw the need for physiotherapy and rehabilitation amongst the lepers and paraplegics. There had never been anything done to keep such people in India from utter despair and starvation. Mary asked God to raise up somebody to help these people. He "raised up Mary," through opportunity and strength to achieve the almost impossible. She became the first worker of this kind in India.

She did more as a broken cripple for India than she would ever have done as a whole person. Christ does more through such a person completely dependent on the guidance of his Spirit than a whole person dependent on self.

Paul says, in verse 22, "If you have Christ within then you have everything." Life, wonderful abundant life and eternal life with him.

Solo: "Take My Life," or Hymn 508.

### MISSIONARY NEWS.

### PRAYER.

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Hymn 509, "Take Time to be Holy."

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### T.B. TESTING UNIT

(Lenswood, S.A.). The church undertook the payment of the cost of a testing unit for T.B. patients at the Ndui Ndui Hospital. In seven weeks the necessary £63/12/- has been donated. . . Harvest Thanksgiving on April 11, A. J. Ingham gave inspiring messages at both services. The produce was sent to the Christian Rest Home and Morialta Children's Home. . . Building Extension offering amounted to £32/18/- . . . An impressive time was spent with the church at Kersbrook on Good Friday listening to the Easter messages from M. Lawrie and W. Philp.

### BOARD MEMBERS AT HOME

(Albert Park, S.A.). Church members were invited to the homes of Board members on March 30 for informal discussions on various aspects of church life. This was so successful that it is intended to hold similar evenings at regular intervals. . . The newly-formed choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Fax, continues to assist evening services. . . The G.L.B. held a weekend camp at Longwood in company with the Henley Beach Brigade. . . The J.C.Y.F. has recommenced. Forty were present at first after-church coffee hour. . . The older young people invited children from Colebrook Home to the S.S. picnic and accepted responsibility for them for the day.

### LED BY EMPTY CROSS

(Pt. Lincoln, S.A.). Good Friday began with a communion service, with members of the Salvation Army joining the Baptists and ourselves. A procession of silent witness by the combined congregations, following an empty Cross through the town's main streets made the message, and importance of Easter much clearer to those who watched. A packed chapel, morning and night, responded to the over-all impact of the miracle of the empty tomb.

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### MUSIC FESTIVAL

(Flinders Park, S.A.). An Autumn Festival of Music was enjoyed, with our own choir singing at all morning services, and the Welland ladies' choir, a Cornish choir, and soloist R. Angove, featuring in the evening services. We also shared with the Methodists in a special pre-Easter service, and the film, "King of Kings" was screened on Easter Saturday. There was a large attendance at Good Friday's communion service, and many visitors saw the young people of the Senior B.S. present a dramatisation of the Resurrection entitled "He Lives." A church family picnic was held on Easter Monday.

### S.S. GROWTH

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). The Bible School is still growing each Sunday. The record attendance is now 165. A successful Intermediate social was held in April. . . Special services held in the church have included Harvest Festival and Easter services. . . We wish to thank the Home Mission and Building Extension Depts for the special help and encouragement being given to us. . . The weekly prayer meetings in various homes are more successful this year.

### EASTER CAMPING IN S.A.

In spite of the cold change and the wet weather, the Easter Camping programme of the S.A. Department was highly successful. 140 campers, plus leaders, registered for Longwood and 78 campers, plus their leaders, went to Barmera and Lake Bonney. The studies of the camp were centred around the theme, "Christians Are Citizens," and campers were confronted with the implications of being Christian in their world. Material from "Salty Christians" and "Where" and "What in the World" was used for resource reading. The camp at Longwood was led by the S.A. Director, assisted by E. C. L. Ots, T. Mason, W. J. C. Maxted and B. Marriott. The camp at Barmera was led by E. Stevens, with the support of L. Austin, T. Lawrie, H. Cave and H. E. Greenwood.

At a recent Department meeting it was decided to increase the number and age range of the 1966 Easter Camps, and information concerning this will be released shortly.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

(Beulah Road, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Owens have celebrated their golden wedding. . . The C.W.F. had election of officers for 1965 and have resumed monthly missionary prayer meetings. Botanical Gardens was visited and Easter meetings were held. . . Young people have attended after-church fellowship at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Burdon and Mr. and Mrs. Emery. . . Kelvin Parry, the minister, delivered a series of Easter sermons on The Cross and presided at Good Friday communion service. . . Church congratulates men's basketball team for winning their finals at Forestville Stadium in the Summer Competition. Practices have begun for this Winter sport, when four men's and two ladies' teams will be competing.

### A.C.Y.F. IN ADELAIDE

Everybody liked the new site for the monthly A.C.Y.F. meeting in the Master Builders' Association property on South Terrace. Everybody liked the film, "Letter to Nancy," and the guest artists, Harry and Betty Mitear. The programme committee plans to conduct A.C.Y.F. on May 8, in the same building, with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship being the feature of the programme. Young people should watch "Teen Call" for further details.

### OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

**WAMPOONY.** Harvest Thanksgiving on March 21. Fruit, vegetables and groceries were taken to Girls' Hostel, Medindie, Adelaide. Thankoffering was £112. . . S.S. anniversary held April 11, with guest speaker, Rev. Rofe, of the Methodist Church, Bordertown. Items by school, with Barry Wills, soloist. Offering of £12 was divided between Adelaide Children's Hospital and Minda Home.



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### S.A. SECOND ANNUAL SPORTS

The Second Annual Sports Day of the S.A. Bible Schools was held on April 10, on the Adelaide Boys' High School grounds. The attendances and competition were higher than the previous year, and this was particularly noticeable in the afternoon, when the Senior events were conducted. The Sports Day is sponsored by the Department of Christian Education, and has now established itself in the diary of the Department. The Junior pennants were won by Edwardstown-Cowandilla and Flinders Park, and the Senior pennants were won by Murray Bridge-Croydon and Edwardstown.

### ADDITIONS AT PIRIE

(Port Pirie, S.A.). Average attendances have been: 68 a.m. and 57 p.m. . . Four teenagers have been welcomed into membership through faith and baptism. . . Good Friday morning service well attended, with many visitors. . . Sunday School has attendances averaging 119. . . C.W.F. day group held a luncheon, when ladies from Adelaide, representing overseas Missionary Committee, spoke and showed slides of the work overseas. . . Girls' Brigade held church parade; 38 girls attended in uniform. . . C.Y.F. combined with Whyalla C.Y.F. at Port Augusta for barbecue and basketball match, followed by a conducted tour over Station 5AU. Thirty-five from Port Pirie made the trip.

### MISSION PREPARATION

(Milang, S.A.). The church is preparing for a mission to be held in May, with I. J. Chivell. . . R. Saunders (Goolwa) and R. Sidler (Aldgate Valley-Stirling) were speakers at anniversary and Harvest Thanksgiving. . . Several ladies attended the Women's Southern Conf. at Strathalbyn. . . Sunday School and other groups are feeling the advantage of the new youth hall. . . The interior of the chapel is being repainted. . . W. Philp is minister.

### AGAINST OBSCENITY

One hundred delegates of 26 U.S. Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organisations meeting in Washington, D.C., have urged formation of an inter-faith organisation to present a "united voice" in the fight against obscenity in books, radio, films, T.V. and other public media.—E.P.S.

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prepared to think out the practical implications of the Christian in the modern world will be disappointed.

The place of politics in the modern world and the Church's responsibility here is discussed at length. The Church's need to train its young people in the social impact of the gospel is stressed. A plea is made for prayer (private and public) for Christians in politics, for trade unions and for local governments.

Provocative, down to earth comments are made about loving one's neighbour in the secular world, leisure time and leisure money, overcoming the shortage of Christian "experts" on industry, the lack of efficiency within the institutional life of the Church, and the inadequacy of the parson's training for the modern world. Information is given about current experiments throughout the world to thaw out God's frozen people.

Gibbs and Morton conclude by reminding their readers that "action must hurt," and emphasise the need to allow the Holy Spirit room to lead the Church on.

Here is a book calculated to inform, disturb and challenge; but if your motto is "God Save the Status-Quo," reading it may be a waste of time.—P. E. Perry.

(This is the second in a series of book reviews supplied by the Federal Literature Committee in anticipation of Christian Literature Week, May 23 to 30.)

See also, "GOD AND HIS PEOPLE," by A. Leonard Griffith, in "A.C." 24/4/65.

### DAY OF PRAYER, GIVING FOR INDONESIA, MALAYSIA

Member churches of the Australian Council of Churches have been asked to observe Sunday, May 2, as a Day of Prayer and Giving for Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Roman Catholic Church will also be involved in the Day of Prayer.

In a letter sent this week to Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox Churches throughout the nation, the President of the A.C.C. (the Most Rev. F. Woods, Archbishop of Melbourne) said:

"We are all perturbed by recent events in South-East Asia. Rapid political changes, the growth of literacy and education, vast population growth, pressures of various sorts exerted on the different countries from all around the world — these make for difficult times for our brethren in these countries.

"I hope that all of us remember in our prayers those who are involved in these difficult circumstances — the political leaders, those who are responsible for the moulding of public opinion, and particularly for our fellow Christians as they strive to live out the meaning of the gospel in their own lands.

"As well as this regular prayer it is good that we should set apart some time when we can all together join in a

common act of prayer for particular peoples. . .

"Our first concern is that our church members should be able to pray intelligently for our brethren. We believe, however, that for most of us our prayers are made more meaningful if at the same time we give some other practical help to those for whom we pray."

The A.C.C. has set no target for the giving by churches on May 2, because some churches are already committed to support programmes such as the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. In such instances it has been suggested that token gifts be given by congregations and parishes.

Contributions received as a result of the observance will be divided equally between Inter-Church Aid projects in Indonesia and Malaysia.

In Malaysia funds will be devoted to village leadership training programmes. In Indonesia they will go towards the establishment at Sukabumi of a leadership training centre for Christian laymen from all walks of life in the nation.

National Councils of Churches in the two countries have named the training of responsible leaders as the most important contribution the churches can make at the present time.

Funds given in churches on May 2 will be received by the Inter-Church Aid secretaries in each State.—A.C.C.

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# IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Whether We Are Victims or Victors Over Circumstances

A set of conditions in which things happen governs the meaning of circumstance. Life is a succession of happenings prompted by a set of conditions. Sometimes the conditions are apart from our making, but more often we create circumstances by the manner of our living and impose on ourselves conditions in which things happen.

The manner in which we react to circumstances makes all the difference. If we do not master circumstances and the contingent conditions, circumstances will overmaster us. Some born to poor circumstances react by cultivating habits of industry and thrift; some conditioned by physical handicaps respond with an overcoming initiative. Many conditioned by circumstances that cramp their style win for themselves by constant striving freedom for full expression of personality.

From cover to cover, the Bible is a commentary on the outworking of circumstances. Jacob's mother, by her favoritism, created a set of conditions that brought confusion into his early manhood. Joseph's brothers, by the jealous intent of their hearts, created circumstances that later rebounded against them. David, in the coveting of another man's wife, involved himself in circumstances that brought remorse and belittlement to otherwise greatness. Many of the parables of Jesus concern circumstances and consequent conditions: the folly of the man building on sand foundations; the folly of the rich man building greater barns; the inactivity of the man with one talent. Judas involved himself in circumstances that wrecked his career.

The persecution of the early church produced circumstances that accounted for the spread of the gospel. The Apostle Paul explained to the church at Philippi that certain untoward circumstances culminated in the spread of the gospel: "but I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happen unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel." A. W. Ladbrook, in a recent report of his

missionary work in Africa, instanced circumstances which accounted for a remarkable furtherance of the gospel. "Mrs. Machazi," he writes, "has a disability. She has an artificial limb. Four miles is a long walk for a person with a wooden leg, especially the return journey — another four miles. But Mrs. Machazi was not prepared to forsake worship and witness because she could no longer walk eight miles. She invited her friends and neighbors to meet in her house. She persuaded a deacon from Sinami church to conduct a service for them. Last time my wife and I visited this preaching outpost, there were 50 or 60 people present. They have already made a brick kiln in the hope that they will be able to acquire land for a church building."

So a new church is being born and the impulse behind it is the spiritual impulse of an African woman's dedication to Jesus. Spiritual impulses applied to circumstances, whatever their nature, make all the difference. Such was the outlook of Paul that he counselled the church at Thessalonica to "Give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God in Christ wills for you." "Teach me, O God, so to use all circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin," is one of the prayers suggested by John Baillie in a Diary of Private Prayer.

"Let me use disappointment as material for patience;  
Let me use success as material for thankfulness;  
Let me use suspense as material for perseverance;  
Let me use danger as material for courage;  
Let me use reproach as material for long suffering;  
Let me use praise as material for humility;  
Let me use pleasure as material for temperance;  
Let me use pains as material for endurance."

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## NEW ISRAEL LAW ON CONVERSION OF MINORS

(Jerusalem). The Israeli parliament has enacted legislation making it illegal to seek to convert Jewish minors to Christianity. It provides six months' imprisonment for persons convicted of such attempts.

The new law states a minor can be converted only if consent is given in writing by both parents, a court, or by the surviving parent or guardian. If the child is over ten years of age his own consent is required.

Orthodox Jewish groups have agitated for years to secure anti-conversion legislation but up to now these efforts have failed. Campaigns have been carried on against Christian schools which were said to be converting Jewish children.

Orthodox Jewish student groups raided missionary schools in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa in an attempt to frighten Jewish pupils and intimidate their parents into removing the children from Christian schools.

The new law is not all that the Orthodox Jews hoped for. They tried to add a provision which would make it necessary for a rabbi to give his permission, in addition to the consent of parents, before a Jewish minor could change religious affiliation. This measure was defeated.

The new law will have to be tested in the courts, observers say, before its real effects will be known. One spokesman says he fears that in the meantime the new law will provide fanatical groups "a handle with which to cause trouble."  
—E.P.S.

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THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO

## A Chaplaincy Commissioning Service



Christian education in State Schools in Victoria is carried on under the auspices of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, with which all the major Protestant communions are affiliated. Teaching is based on an Agreed Syllabus. Thousands of girls and boys who are never found in Sunday School or church receive Christian teaching through this system.

Instruction is given in two main ways: (a) Through accredited voluntary instructors. In 1964, these totalled 3,300. Many of them avail themselves of training courses provided by the Council. There are still not enough teachers. Only 80 per cent of the pupils in the State are reached.

(b) Through the appointment of full-time chaplains. We believe that only in Victoria this type of service exists. School chaplaincies were introduced in 1955. They have been so successful and so sought after that there are now chaplains at fourteen technical schools and six high schools, as well as deaconesses in three girls' secondary schools. Teaching goes on throughout the hours of the five school days per week. Individual interviews and counselling for both parents and children, and visits to pupils' homes occupy additional time.

The Council for Christian Education in Schools is responsible for the appointment of chaplains and the payment of their salaries. It looks to local committees to help provide the necessary finance. At end of 1964 three of our ministers were serving as chaplains, viz., K. W. Heath, D. W. Hibbert and F. T. Morgan. A fourth, S. K. Bannon, has recently entered this sphere of service. It was his commissioning to office to which "The Christian" went.

It was at Essendon technical school. For the occasion the whole school, teachers and scholars, gathered in the assembly hall. Interested friends and relatives of the chaplain, and members of the local committee, added to the numbers. T. W. Thomas, Dean of Melbourne and chairman of the Council, conducted the commissioning service, and an address was given by the associate director of the Council, A. D. Webber.

The service was at the scholars' level, "down to earth," reverent, and gave the impression that the chaplaincy was not an unnecessary extra but a vital and valuable part of school life and routine.

After an opening hymn there followed this prayer:

"O God, you gave us life; help us to live each part of our lives as we ought.

"At home make us good sons in whom

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our parents will never be grieved nor disappointed.

"At school, make us diligent and conscientious, always remembering that we must bear the yoke in our youth if we are to make life useful to others and honorable to ourselves.

"In our games, help us to play hard but to play fairly, to win without boasting and to lose without making excuses.

"At our pleasures, help us never to find delight in anything which would hurt ourselves or others, or in things which we would desire to hide, or in things which some day we would bitterly regret."

In the Act of Commissioning, during the singing of the hymn, "O Son of Man our Hero Strong and Tender," S. K. Bannon walked to the platform and knelt in prayer. The Dean then stated, "The office of chaplain is one of high privilege and deep responsibility. It is therefore seemly that I put to you these questions:—

"Do you feel called of God to undertake this special teaching office in and for the schools of this State?" Response: "I believe I am called of God to this work."

"Do you now accept this office at the hands of the churches?" Response: "I do, God being my Helper."

"Do you now dedicate yourself to this service, relying upon the grace and power of the Holy Spirit?" Response: "I do, relying on God's guidance, grace and blessing."

There followed a prayer of dedication, after which S. K. Bannon was presented to the school as its appointed and commissioned chaplain. The Principal welcomed him, saying: "We offer you our wholehearted co-operation in the task that will be yours in our school, and we look forward to a time of very fruitful service together."

The chaplain suitably responded; the hymn, "We Build Our School on Thee, O Lord," was sung and the benediction closed the service.

So began a "different" ministry. Different, and difficult too, perhaps, but undeniably one of privilege and opportunity, and a vital part of the mission of the church in the world. Our intercession might well rise for school chaplains as they lead schools in corporate worship, seek to give guidance and assistance to scholars in their many and varied problems, and teach Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life for all.

—W.W.S.

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# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Why do Churches of Christ have two sermons in the morning service?

This question obviously suggests that some presidents at the Lord's Table talk too much. I couldn't agree more. On one occasion, the minister rose to commence his sermon at five minutes past twelve. He said, "As you have already had one good sermon this morning, I see no need for another. I shall, therefore, pronounce the benediction."

This is a rough way to give a lesson to long-winded presidents about their responsibility to keep it brief, but a rough lesson is the only one that some presidents can understand. The morning service is not built for two sermons. The president's introduction to the Lord's Supper should not exceed four minutes.

Some members argue that because the Lord's Supper is the most important part of the service, more time should be spent at the Table than at the feet of the minister. It must be stressed, however, that the significance of the Lord's Supper will not be determined by the time it takes to introduce or observe it. Its significance depends entirely upon the response of each individual member to the presence of the Christ who is symbolised by the emblems.

Presidents do not necessarily enrich the Lord's Supper by the length of time they speak. On the contrary, I have known some presidents ruin the good worshipful atmosphere that already existed. The longer they spoke the more remote Christ seemed. It must be admitted, however, that I have heard some long communion talks that have been better than the sermons which followed. This may be a good reason for cutting out some sermons, but it is no argument in favor of long communion talks. Our services are planned to allow for a sermon of about twenty minutes. The whole balance of the service is upset if the president speaks for a long period. It may be appropriate on occasions for the whole of the sermon time to be used for a pre-communion talk. It is most inappropriate when the expected four minutes is extended by the president to twelve or fifteen.

A lot of the difficulty stems from a misunderstanding of the purpose of the communion talk. Its sole purpose is to prepare the congregation to see Jesus. This can be done in three or four minutes and there is no need for more.

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## OPENING OF HILLCREST ADDITIONS

The opening of the W. F. Biggs Wing of Hillcrest Nursing Home marked the completion of another brotherhood project. The wing was named to recognise Walter Findlay Biggs, benefactor and friend of Social Service.

Over the years Mr. Biggs has been well known for his assistance to those in need, and gifts to Burdeu House, Hillcrest and Social Service. The new section provides accommodation for 13 additional patients, and three staff, additional lounge and dining room space.

The building was erected by Gordon Cooper, under the supervision of Don Cranston, architect. Features of the new building are the provision of built-in furniture, thermostat fire alarm and emergency alarm system in every room, and the connection of the whole building to the Fire Brigade by direct telephone.

The cost of the additions was £20,000, half of which was met by State Government subsidy. The Federal Government has approved a continuing subsidy of £1 per bed occupied.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Hon. T. A. Hiley, M.L.A., Deputy Premier and Treasurer, in the presence of a representative gathering. Greetings were received from W. F. Biggs; the Conference President, R. Acland; Mr. Lee, M.L.A., and Alderman Dutton, City Council.

Mr. Grenfell, chairman of the Mylo Committee, led the prayer of dedication. Mr. Popp brought greetings from Maryborough and told of the enthusiasm of the Maryborough members in undertaking the project "Fairhaven."

During the afternoon a musical programme was provided by R. Holt and Mrs. Smith. The Ladies' Committee excelled in the provision of afternoon tea.

The relatives of the late Annie Paradine presented a memorial clock for the lounge room, and television set was presented by friends of one patient in appreciation of the service being given.



W. F. Biggs.

### Gift to Social Service

During the opening of the Hillcrest Nursing Home, Walter Findlay Biggs handed to the Social Service Committee Chairman, Mr. Curtis, the clear title deeds of 13 allotments of ground, with a total area of 19 acres, situated on the corner of Mt. Cotton Road and Duncan Street, Capabala, for the use of the Social Service Committee in planning future projects for the care of the Aged. Mount Cotton Road is the major outlet road connecting Wynnum and the Gold Coast; Duncan Street forms part of the access road from Redland Bay to the new Markets.

When handing over the deeds of the property Mr. Biggs said: "I have been residing at Burdeu House for ten years and look upon it as my home. My aim in life has been to help my fellow-men in a practical way, and have found, through the Social Service Department, the avenue of fulfilling this desire. I am glad to have shared in the extension of this Home, firstly because I spent many years in this district and was associated with the Annerley Church, and also because I believe that by providing for a full cover of service to the Aged I am following the example of the Master who went about doing good."

The whole brotherhood will join in saying "Thank you" to Mr. Biggs for this further gift to the cause he loves.

### DUCKETT MEMORIAL FUND

(Melb.). The Deputy Commissioner of Taxation has advised that donations of £1 and over to "The Late R. J. Duckett Memorial Fund" are allowable as tax deductions. The total, so far, is £1,500. This includes a cheque for £60 from Brighton brethren and £425 from Western Australia. Support for this fund is still invited and donations may be sent to L. R. E. McLean, 126 Lygon-st., Carlton, N.3.

### SECRETARY FOR 14 YEARS

(E. Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.). Don Risson, after having served 14 years of faithful service as secretary of church, has now resigned. The first address by the new student preacher, T. Holmes, was at the dedication service of the newly-

### £60 OFFERING

(Newmarket - Ascot Vale, Vic.). At the combined communion service and Temple Day anniversary at Newmarket, F. T. Morgan was guest speaker. 80 were present. The Temple Day offering reached £60. Miss Carol Bray is assisting in the S.S. She also plays the organ for evening services. 17 boys attended a weekend camp at Belgrave. Our minister, A. Matheson, and T. Williams, were leaders. The film, "A Man To Die," was screened on April 4. Extensive visitation was made in the flats area. The C.Y.F. led a special service on April 11. The student minister, G. Smith, has been ill. The basketball team won its final and is now to play in the grand final.

### SUCCESSFUL SCREENING

(Fremantle, W.A.). The film, "Oil Town U.S.A.," was shown in the John Curtin High School hall on April 2. This evening was sponsored and publicised by young people and it was thrilling to see over 700 attend. Delegations came from groups within and without the brotherhood and also many with no apparent church affiliation. At the conclusion of the film 12 first decisions and four reconsecrations were recorded, five of the first decisions directly concerning this church. Attendances: Bible School 217; a.m. 111; p.m. 163. The visit of the Conference speaker, S. Sewell, on April 11, was much appreciated.

### 84 YEARS

(Morawa, W.A.). G. A. Carslake celebrated his 84th birthday, along with his grand-daughter, Barbara, who was 21. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Carslake attended State Conference. A working bee was held to paint the outside of the chapel.

### VIC.-TAS. MINISTERS

The Victorian-Tasmanian Ministers' Association will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 3, at the Brotherhood Centre, Melbourne, at 2 p.m.

The speaker will be Stanley M. Sewell, M.A., B.D., Principal-Elect of Overdale College, Birmingham, England.

There will be luncheon fellowship at 1 p.m.

## National Diary

### MAY

- 1-31 V. Explorer Service Project, Depts. of Christian Education Offering. All States except Queensland.
- 7 V. C.W.F. Council Meeting, Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Friday, May 7, 11 a.m. Special guests and speakers, Stanley M. and Mrs. Sewell.
- 8 V. Explorer Hike and Barbecue.
- 8-9 V. C.E. Missionary Demonstration and Rally.
- 11 V. C.Y.F. Impact.
- 12 V. Department of Home Missions & Evangelism Quarterly Prayer Rallies.
- 17, 19, 21 V. Explorer Junior Leaders' Course.
- 17-20 V. Good Companions' Camp (11-year-olds), Monbulk.
- 23-30 V. Christian Literature Week - Literature Department.
- 26 V. Lender Training Course Begins - 10 weeks - D.C.E.
- 27-June 6 V. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Union Department.

### DECISIONS AT PARADE

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The monthly parade of the Brigades was held on April 11. Two of the Senior girls of the G.L.B. made their decisions and were baptized on the 18th by Ron Bartholomew, the service being conducted by Mr. Hilford. The Good Friday service was well attended. At the recent Conference the following from Hornsby were elected to serve: Mrs. R. Bartholomew (C.W.F. Ashwood House Com.), I. Bentley (D.C.E.), R. F. Bartholomew and T. Smith (Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel Com.).

### FROM MANDURAH

(W.A.). Elected at the annual meeting were: M. Livingstone, sec.; O. Eichner, asst. sec.; J. Edwards, W. Duke, W. Dovey, F. Lucraft. Life members are J. McEwen and C. Pearce. There are 35 on the roll. Several members attended Conference in Perth. Rose Weeks, who is taking a course at the Perth Bible Institute, has undergone surgery.

### MOVEABLE PLATFORMS

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). The church hall has been altered to make it more functional, including new moveable platforms. D. Schofield, of Cardiff, spoke on March 14 in district pulpit exchange. Junior Christian Endeavour has been commenced. Bible School picnic was held at Bolton Point, Lake Macquarie. Worship service, March 21, was broadcast over station 2HD. C. Cole (Social Service) spoke at morning service on March 28. Good response for enrolment in Home Bible Training Course. Contact made with several newly-arrived families at Commonwealth Hostel. Children are attending Bible School. R. J. Anderson is minister.

### AT NOLLAMARA

(W.A.). Lew Park has been conducting services in the absence of the minister, J. K. Bond, at Clovelly Park mission. Christian Endeavourers have attended Conference and also Easter Keswick Convention at Scarborough Baptist, in lieu of their regular meetings. The S.S. picnic was held at the Wanneroo Show Grounds, with 160 attending. The Ladies' Fellowship welcomed Mrs. Heyho to their April meetings. An inspiring message on what success means in our lives was given by Mrs. Hardy. Youth Fellowship have commenced meetings in the church hall twice monthly, on Saturday evenings.

### EVANGELISM STUDIED

(Chinchilla, Qld.). The minister, B. Reid, is giving a series of studies on evangelism. They are proving helpful. The Y.P. purchased a piano for hall, and ladies provided a cover for it. A great weekend of fellowship was experienced when the Western churches met at Kingaroy. Dr. Jauncey was guest speaker. Dalby Y.P. journey here for a cricket match, followed by a successful youtharama. Pastor Weedon gave the address. The church joined Wambo in a missionary evening, when the Wambo ladies showed slides of missionary work and display of clothing they have prepared for an Aborigine child. £16 was given for mission work.

### GILGANDRA BAPTISMS

(N.S.W.). G. Bishop and B. Reed were baptized and received in membership of the church. The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. A. Hodgekiss and family, who have gone to Sydney. Twelve young people travelled with Mr. Flint, the minister, to the Easter Camp at Lake Macquarie.

### BIBLE TRANSLATORS

(Caulfield, Vic.). K. Close, of the Wycliffe Bible Translators spoke of the work of W.B.T. at a morning service. Great interest in the work was expressed. On Good Friday morning a combined church service at St. Giles' Presbyterian Church was well attended. Our minister, F. A. Youens, gave the address. The Evening Women's Fellowship enjoyed an informative talk and question session, which was conducted by a Red Cross representative.

### YOUTH LEADERS INSTALLED

(Nth. Essendon and Milleara Rd., Vic.). On March 28, the S.C.Y.F. conducted, at church, an installation service for officers, leaders and counsellors. Parents were specially invited, and later 103 shared in a sing-a-long and supper. A presentation was made to Neil Graham, a past member of S.C.Y.F., in recognition of his entering into training for the full-time ministry. 39 members were weekend guests of Ararat C.Y.F. Cyril Minns addressed S.C.Y.F. on April 25. The annual business meeting showed an increase of 14 through faith last year. Instead of verbal reports, slides of the church activities were shown with a commentary by the minister and church treasurer. The Christian Education Department revealed 244 scholars and 51 staff at Nth. Essendon, and 166 scholars and 16 staff at Milleara Rd. The Bible School annual meeting was preceded by a luncheon and a departmental discussion led by A. E. White, N. S. Moore, D. Hibbert and J. Pemberton. Good Companions averaged 35 each Thursday, and Explorers are increasing in numbers. At Milleara Rd., there are two weekly Explorer groups, Seniors and Midgets, and both are very strong.

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## W.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 60th Conference of the Women's Auxiliary was held on April 14, 1965. The President was Mrs. M. Wyss. Mrs. W. Turnell, of York, led the devotional meditation on "Come fishing for men, with Christ."

There were approximately 360 sisters gathered in Conference. The Officers for the new year were then named: Pres., Mrs. J. Pallot; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

Reports dealt with showed that the work had progressed and was in good heart. The treasurer, Mrs. T. Beck, was retiring after 37 years of faithful service and, on behalf of the sisters, Mrs. Wyss presented her with a suitably inscribed Ranleigh tray.

From the Home Mission report came the following recommendation to Conference:—"That this Women's Conference accept in principle 'Woman to Woman Evangelism,' and recommends that the incoming Executive appoint a committee to formulate a working plan; this Conference year to be a year of prayer and preparation."

The secretary of the newly-formed W.A. branch of Australian Church Women told of the purpose of this avenue of co-operative efforts of Christian women.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Stanley Sewell, from Thailand, and a special welcome was given to her and to our guests from other churches and organisations. Mrs. F. Rees responded on behalf of the visitors and new residents.

Mrs. D. Beavis gave a Scriptural recital from Prov. 31, and eleven of our veteran sisters were honored with the gift of a booklet and posy. It was wonderful to see Mrs. Sharp there — she will be 104 in September.

Reports were given from the Eastern Wheatbelt Women's Conference, South-West Women's Conference, and the Northern District Women's Conference. Miss Merle Peacock then sang a delightful solo, "Thanks be to God."

Mrs. S. Sewell gave a talk on the "Daily life of a Christian woman in Thailand, giving us glimpses of a day in the home of a family with finance limited. Mrs. Wyss presented her with a book of "Western Australian Wild-flowers."

The evening session commenced with a song service conducted by L. Donaldson. Greetings were given by E. C. Smith, Conference President, a prayer of dedication for the new officers was given by Mrs. G. Ewers, and an enjoyable item from the Subiaco ladies' singing group, "All in the April evening." Stanley Sewell, from Thailand, was guest speaker, his subject being "Ten Thousand Welcomes." He told of the life of Mrs. Mary Clarke who, with her husband, were missionaries in Thailand for 60 years — a wonderful and fascinating story.

So ended our Golden Jubilee Conference.—P. Reid.

## FACES AND PLACES

PROFILE NO. 41

# A. E. Heard

Over 50 years a deacon and/or elder! Is this a record? Whether it is or not, it is a fine record of Christian service by the subject of this profile — Albert Edward Heard of the Church at Hobart, Tasmania.

Our brother joined the Church of Christ movement in 1913 from a Baptist background. A year later he was elected a deacon of the Hobart church and he retained this office until about 11 years ago, when he was "promoted" to elder. At the last annual meeting of the church, Mr. Heard tendered his resignation from the position of elder. The church, in accepting the resignation with regret, felt compelled to express its appreciation of such outstanding service and in an endeavor to demonstrate this appreciation, it unanimously appointed him as Emeritus Elder.

This splendid record of service as deacon and elder is the more noteworthy because of the other spheres in which Mr. Heard has participated within the immediate local church, the brotherhood and other community activities.

During the 1914-18 World War he was the Superintendent of the Hobart Missionary Sunday School. It is worth recording that he took over this position from W. N. Cooper, who is also a member of our Hobart church. Mr. Cooper served overseas with the First A.I.F. Mr. Heard was Superintendent of our own Church Bible School for a period of about five years, a Trustee for 23 years (mostly as Chairman), and secretary of the church for a

period. Throughout his membership he has been a regular preacher of the gospel in the local and country churches. During the many occasions when the church has been without a full-time minister for long periods, he has conducted funerals and visited extensively — particularly the sick and shut-ins. To all this he has added — Tasmanian Conference President (two years), Conference Secretary, member of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, member and trustee of the Temperance Alliance, President and member of the Hobart City Mission and President and member of the Committee of Management for the Churches of Christ Bethany Children's Home.

The foregoing remarks illustrate the service of A. E. Heard, but they fail to convey an adequate picture of his personality. His quiet, dignified and tactful manner have endeared him to all who have really come to know him. In all his service he has been ably supported by his good wife. His son, Ted, now ministering in Victoria, spent some years as a missionary in India. John, the other son, is our present Bible School Superintendent and a worker in many other ways. Daughter, Rita, exercises a healing ministry as a sister in a private hospital.

Mr. Heard will celebrate his 75th birthday on May 27, 1965, and it is therefore appropriate to conclude this "profile" with our very best wishes to him for a happy birthday and our hope and prayer that God will richly bless him in the days ahead.

Residence at the university concerned is always required. Generally it takes four years from matriculation to qualify for the B.A., and another three to get the Ph.D. In theology, the B.D. requires a bachelor's degree for entrance and a further three years of study. The Th.D. calls for the B.A., B.D. and another three years of work.

Australians who already have the degree pre-requisites may proceed to an American university, spend a couple of years in residence and then do the doctor's thesis back home in some cases, but that is about the extent of the concession allowable. The American Association of Theological Schools rigidly controls the standards in divinity degrees.

There is no quick way to get an accredited degree from America. If you want a degree and you cannot go into residence at a university, forget about America and study externally at an Australian university or the University of London. If you try any short-cuts your vanity will be evident to all educated men and the prestige of the brotherhood will suffer. Your personal integrity is worth far more than any degree.

## A NEW SPIRIT AND FRESH POWER IN A NEW AGE

BY H. J. PATTERSON

That we are in the beginning of a new age is dreadfully true. The threat of impending disaster hangs over the world because of the advance of science in the production of destructive devices available to fearful and/or greedy men.

What is the church doing in the face of all this? The man outside the church does not seem to care, or if he does, he plans only to meet force with force.

The church has the answer, for the gospel is the power of God, the only power unto salvation. The threat of death, both for church and world, must be averted. This can only become real as the church comes alive, measures up to its responsibilities and puts its resources at the disposal of our God.

Our Home Missions Department, at least in part, is presenting our churches with opportunities. Release the powers we have and let God take over. Our Planned Giving Programmes are means of releasing some of the powers we have.

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The H.M. Department co-operated and sent Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey. In spite of initial difficulties a church of just over 100 members is now giving £75-£85 per week. A new interest is developing. Since Jan. 1, 1965, 17 new members by transfer, and five by faith and baptism have been added to the membership, and others are interested. We are a part of the growing edge of the church in a new area with a tremendous potential. This Planned Giving Programme has and will help tremendously toward the securing of a minister as we hope and pray and plan for early next year.

Tremendous potential is really true right here at Burwood, and the power to match it is within the church. The vision is a glorious one. We give thanks to God, who works through our H.M. Department, and through the church willing to release its power and to bring the gospel to a needy community. Thanks for men who make the release of such power possible.

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BY JAMES H. JAUNCEY.

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In America we like to feel we allow the maximum of human freedom, but unfortunately there are always those who will abuse this privilege for the purposes of personal gain. Ignorance and vanity have contributed to the growth of the "degree" rackets in America. Now there is a tightening of controls in the U.S. these "colleges" and "seminaries" are seeking business abroad. Australians can help themselves and Americans by keeping clear of this nuisance.

The situation is this. No accredited American education institution gives "degrees" by correspondence or extern-

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 C. Baker, Mayfield, N.S.W.  
 Mrs. Alexandra Annetts, Middle Park, Vic.

## DEATHS

ANNETT'S. — On April 15, at Fern-tree Gully Hospital, Vic., Alexandra (Lexie) Annetts, 269 Scoresby-rd., Boronia, dearly beloved wife of Harold, loved mother of Merle (Mrs. Whittaker), fond mother-in-law of Bill, and devoted ma of Geoffrey, Annette and Carolyn. Aged 63 years. "Someday, sometime, we will understand."  
 —Inserted by H. A. Annetts.

BENN. — On April 19, George Adam Rea, of 3 Melbourne-st., Murrumbidgee, Vic., loved son of the late Adam and Margaret, dearly loved brother of Dorrie (Mrs. J. P. Kelly) and Lorna, fond brother-in-law of Theo. "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."  
 —Inserted by his loving wife and family.

## IN MEMORIAM

WOFF. — Treasured memories of my beloved husband and our dear father, William Lawrence, who was called Home on May 2, 1952.  
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## VICTORIA

## BENDIGO SECRETARY

(Vic.) Church members and friends recognised 20 years of loyal service as church secretary by honoring Harold E. Langley at a social evening on April 24, when he was presented with a lounge chair . . . An act of dedication of church officers was performed at a.m. service on April 25 by the minister, G. J. Andrews. . . . Central North, District Youth Conference, campers from Koolamurt, Spring Gully, conducted p.m. service on Easter Sunday, when Stan Bannon (Chaplain, Essendon Tech. School) was preacher.

## MISSION REVIEWED

(Maidstone, Vic.) In March a successful mission was held, under the capable leadership of W. J. Maxted. There were 34 first decisions and over 100 re-dedications. All converts are now undergoing training in special classes . . . A girls' gymnasium has commenced.

## OPENING PLANNED

(Parkdale, Vic.) The new chapel is nearing completion and is planned for opening and dedication on May 22 and 23 . . . Annual meeting was held on March 25, and reports a healthy work being done by all auxiliaries. H. Rees continues as secretary, and E. Clarke has been appointed treasurer. Attendances: communicants consistently near 100; evening service, average 68.

## MEET and HEAR STANLEY M. SEWELL, M.A., B.D.

### United Rallies

Thursday, April 29, 8 p.m. — BENDIGO CHURCH. (For North-Central country churches).  
 Friday, April 30, 8 p.m. — MORELAND CHURCH. (For Western, North-Western, Northern suburbs).  
 Tuesday, May 4, 8 p.m. — HARTWELL CHURCH. (For North-Eastern, Eastern suburbs).  
 Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m. — BRIGHTON CHURCH. (For Southern, South Eastern suburbs).

### Other Appointments:

Sunday, May 2 — 11 a.m., GARDINER; 7 p.m., SWANSTON-ST.  
 Monday, May 3 — 2 p.m., MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING.  
 Friday, May 7 — 11 a.m., C.W.F. COUNCIL MEETING.  
 Sunday, May 9 — 11 a.m., MARGARET-ST., LAUNCESTON; 7 p.m., COLLINS-ST., HOBART.

PLAN TO ATTEND AND SHARE.

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## NEUTRALITY DECLARED

(Chadstone, Vic.) At the annual meeting the church decided to remain neutral on hotel bar closing time question, but supports moves for a referendum prior to change being made . . . Deacons appointed: R. Braid, J. Brewster, I. Field, G. Flanders, M. Patterson, J. Wadsworth and Miss M. Coventry; R. Staley, elder . . . Explorers' club now led by G. Montgomery, R. Barber and R. Braid . . . Centenary Conference dinner enjoyed by ladies' catering and guests.

## SERVICE FOR GORDON BOYS

(Malvern, Vic.) The youth group conducted service at Gordon Boys' Home and the Men's Fellowship conducted services at the Christian Guest Home. . . . Average attendances for March: a.m. 75; p.m. 44 . . . At church finance meeting, J. Blucher was re-elected as treasurer. The budget for the coming year was presented and adopted . . . The cricket club made presentations at after-church fellowship on April 4 . . . Efforts are being made to re-form the choir.

## YOUTH WORK SOARING

(Burwood, Vic.) The B.S. picnic at Olinda was well attended, and weekly B.S. attendances exceed 200 . . . The C.Y.F. is thriving under the leadership of David Youens and Rob. Booth . . . Explorer club attendances average 80, and Good Companions are growing . . . H. J. Patterson is minister.

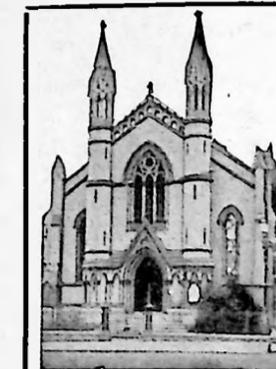
## NOBLE PARK BAPTISMS

(Vic.) Three more Bible School students were baptized at the gospel service on April 18 . . . The Temple Day offering reached £163.

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## OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

COLAC. One lad made his decision for Christ . . . The young people took part in an evening service . . . Among visitors were former members, Mr. and Mrs. K. Milne . . . Russell Boak passed away suddenly at Royal Melb. Hospital.  
 SWAN HILL. The annual meeting elected: elders, D. W. Cockcroft and S. F. Scott; deacons, A. D. Anderson, E. J. Hampson, R. H. Rogers, I. G. Owers, R. D. Hercott, K. A. Anderson, E. C. Rogers; deaconesses, Mesdames Hampson, Henson, Rogers, Anderson, Smith. . . . Membership stands at 120, including isolated . . . D. G. Beanland will conclude his present ministry in September of this year.

MORWELL. Discipleship classes have been held . . . R. J. Story, of U.F.M., addressed church on March 7 . . . The Sunday School picnic was held at Moss Vale Park. The Explorers attended a swim night in Melb. The C.E. Society shared in Gippsland Union picnic. 50 young people from Morwell, Warragul and Melb. attended Easter camp at Banksia . . . The C.W.F. has organised visiting among members . . . A combined service was held at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Good Friday.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Douglas.

The Drumcondra church, Vic., was greatly saddened when it was known, just before the morning service on Sunday, March 14, that a very faithful servant of the Lord, Mrs. Margaret Douglas had died during the night. Mrs. Douglas and her husband, who pre-deceased her two years ago, became members of the church during the ministry of C. Jackel. Mrs. Douglas was regular in attendance and an ardent worker for the church. For years she was a member of the Ladies' Aid and Mission Band. The three sons of Mrs. Douglas are all keenly interested in the church. Jim, with the Altona Baptists; Hector, an officer at Drumcondra, and Max, the church secretary. All are comforted in the knowledge that the Lord has called a faithful servant to be with him. Deep sympathy is extended to the families who sorrow at this time

—R.B.

# Things I'd Like to Change...

No. 7 - E. C. L. OTS,  
Cowandilla Church of Christ, S.A.

I would like to change the way in which we conduct the business sessions of State Conference. Apart from the rushing through of business, and the emotional individual clashes, I have a deeper reason for wanting to see a change.

Conferences of Christians are vitally important for our Christian witness and our larger ventures of faith, and for this reason we must encourage deeper levels of co-operation and unity in our Conferences of churches.

How can we communicate the gospel if we have not learnt to communicate with each other? We will co-operate when we "get the message." Perhaps we are not communicating with each other because we don't allow others to speak to us, and we do all the talking.

State Conferences ought to give the local churches a far greater opportunity to say what they believe rather than leaving it to the few orators.

Sometimes I wonder if we really do discover the mind of our brotherhood on matters when we leave it to the orators. I believe there is a place for the word of authority from a leader on matters that seem to be a problem to the group, but how can a leader represent his brotherhood unless he knows the informed mind of the majority?

What is the way out of the dilemma? May I suggest that one way is to arrange area discussion groups for local church delegates, with a member of the Executive in leadership, where the vital matters for decision at State Conference are aired and information is shared from the Executive. Many more delegates would have the opportunity to speak on these matters than on the floor of Conference.

The discussion could be related back to local churches, and now with an informed mind they could direct their delegates how to vote. And really is this not what is being done in the Australian Council of Churches when Commissions are set up within a Conference?

The Council is trying to discover the mind of the churches and get them to share together before they even consider venturing forth together for God.

All this means hard work for someone, but how else are we going to discover the mind of our brotherhood on important issues and ventures and, more important, how are we ever going to speak properly for God without a united voice?

I believe that decisions made at State Conferences in this manner would bring the following benefits:

1. A feedback of the mind of the brotherhood, and not just the few at Conference.
2. Greater response by the churches to be behind the decisions of Conference, because they feel they have all had an opportunity to share in the decisions.
3. Much more confidence in the mind of our organisers, that they are carrying out the mind of the brotherhood.

We could also apply this to the conduct of Federal Conferences and the annual business meetings of local churches.

## NEW ZEALAND ANGLICANS, PRESBYTERIANS CRITICAL OF U.S.A. WEAPONS IN VIETNAM

(Auckland). Anglican and Presbyterian leaders in New Zealand have protested against the use of anti-personnel phosphorus bomb and napalm in Vietnam.

The convener of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church's international relations committee, the Rev. Owen Robinson, sent telegrams of protest to New Zealand's Prime Minister, Keith Holyoake, and to U.S. Ambassador Herbert E. Powell.

Anglican Bishop Eric A. Gowing, of Auckland, supporting the Presbyterian move, said he hoped the New Zealand government would protest to the U.S. government about the use of the weapons and urge that every effort be made to bring about negotiations.—E.P.S.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"If God owns everything, how come the FINANCE COMPANY is always pesterin' Pop?"

## OPEN FORUM

### "CHILDREN OF GOD."

To the Editor,

It was I (and not the printer) who emphasised "we are ALL God's children" in my letter of 27/3/65, and, after reading Bruce Armstrong's letter of 10/4/65, the only alteration necessary is to shift the emphasis to the word "are." Mr. Armstrong's "alarm" is rather unconvincing.

Surely, if God created us (and that includes us, here, today—and not just Adam and Eve alone), he created us for himself. That means we are his — ALL of us. What argument can there be about that? Furthermore, he created us good (naturally). It is our development of our life on earth which alters that condition — which either leads us towards the Family of God, or heads us off in the other direction.

Maybe my faith is too naive (though Jesus himself recommended that kind), but one of the paramount elements of that faith, shared by many, is the promise, declared over the centuries, that no matter how evil we become, or how atheistic or apathetic, God, in his redeeming concern for us, is ever ready to welcome us into the fold if we repent and strive to change our ways.

We are all sinners, even those who are "in Christ." Our consolation is that forgiveness is always there for the asking. Some of us surrender to God and try to live according to his teaching and commandments.

Some who know of God elect to deny and reject him. Some have never even heard of him. But we all belong to him! We are all HIS!

Our life on earth is our preparation, our qualification, for entry into the life hereafter. And it is my belief that only on the Last Day, the Day of Judgment, will it be decided by God which of us he will keep and call his own, and which of us he will expel and abandon.

And the New Testament exhorts us to live in such a way as will qualify us for the final act of grace.

—David McCrone, Vic.

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## OPEN FORUM

### BROTHERHOOD'S PULSE.

To the Editor,

"Open Forum" indicates something of the pulse of the brotherhood even if it is sometimes erratic. A cause for wonderment is the chronic crusade of one writer or another against some social evil which happens to be their pet anathema.

Could it be that we are looking through the wrong end of the telescope dwarfing into insignificance some of the major problems?

As followers of the Prince of Peace, surely that is something in which we should be vitally interested and very much concerned when the leader of the Government treats with lofty disdain the petitions of church leaders in this regard. Have we become resigned to the popular belief that peace is a dirty word not to be used by those who fear they will be branded "red" or worse, just a little pink?

Whilst living in a land of abundance how much do we care for the thousands of millions who go to bed hungry every night? Yet there was not such an outcry when the authorities were so tardy in granting relief to the biggest segment of the Commonwealth.

Thank God for the Alan Walkers. He can be certain that there will be no knighthood waiting for him in the Commonwealth honors list.

—Percy C. Williams.

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### UNIFIED PROMOTION.

To the Editor,

The editorial under the heading, "Unity Inside" ("A.C.", April 17) suggested that those against Unified Promotion in its present form were either absent on the night of its presentation to Conference, or would not state their views.

The editorial has chosen well in using the words "told off" to describe the kind of statements made by some members of Conference; this kind of debate is all too often the rule rather than the exception at many Conference sessions.

The undersigned was present, but had no intention of joining the debate and being publicly "told off" by his brethren, unless events had shown it to be necessary.

Events did not show the need for any further debate, since Unified Promotion was not to be put to the vote at this Conference.

Moreover, the views of the writer of this letter were given full expression in a pamphlet on "Unified Promotion from a Different Angle." This pamphlet was sent to Conference Executive and to every church in Victoria and Tasmania.

Should I be ashamed of my opinions? — and if I am not, who among my brethren in the churches sets himself up to be my judge?

Has the Son of God relegated his prerogative to Conference to be the judge of all those who, like myself, dare to hold a different opinion?

I allow those who differ from me liberty of opinion. I expect my brethren to grant me the same privilege.

T. O. Turriff, Vic.

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Who will be 104 in Sept.? (p. 12)

### • DAILY DEVOTIONAL CORNER

# THERE IS ONE LORD

## DAY BY DAY THROUGH EPHESIANS

Wednesday, May 5. Ephesians 2: 14-16. For he is our peace (v. 14).

We can see three aspects of the enmity for which Jesus brings peace. First of all there was the conflict between Jews and the rest of the world. The Jews regarded themselves as something special. They divided mankind into Jews and Gentiles. Other peoples made similar divisions. The Greeks thought of the rest of the new world as barbarians. The Chinese did likewise with all different from them. Jesus alone could reconcile the differences between people. It is not only that he teaches the way of peace and urges people to follow it. He is our peace. Peace is possible because Christ can be in both Jew and Gentile.

Our Father, the world is still in conflict. We act as though we are waiting for a new path, when the sure way is already offered through Jesus. Amen.

Thursday, May 6. Ephesians 2: 14-16. One new man in place of two (v. 15).

The second war that requires the peace of Christ is the conflict within each man. We don't need to have a declaration of this war. We are only too conscious of it. How to end it is our great need. It almost seems as though there are two different persons — our own Dr. Jekyll and our own Mr. Hyde — struggling for supremacy. Christ can be the unifying answer. Instead of two men within us, fighting and destroying, he creates in us a new man. Christ's man.

O God, we look to Christ for the peace which passes all understanding. Amen.

Friday, May 7. Ephesians 2: 14-16. Reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross (v. 16).

The third war, and in a sense the only war, is between all mankind and God. This is the source of our inner conflicts and the reason for the enmity between peoples. This basic enmity between God and man has its origin in man's defiance of God, his rebellion against him. Nothing man does can

undo the consequences of his rebellion, or recover what has been lost. Only through the Cross could reconciliation be found. Jesus is our peace.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that all that was lost through man's sin, is recovered through Christ's love. Amen.

Saturday, May 7. Ephesians 2: 17-18. Through him we both have access (v. 18).

For those who were far off and for those who were near, the way to peace was equally close. Walls had been set up to keep any non-Jews away from the sacred parts of the Temple. Now all barriers were broken down and all people had exactly the same access to God.

Our God, we know that your house is intended as a house of prayer for all. May we help to break down barriers rather than build them. Amen.

Sunday, May 9. Ephesians 2: 19-22. You also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (v. 22).

When the Temple was built, no mortar was used to bind the stones together. Each stone was skilfully shaped so that it would closely fit its neighbour. We also are to be fitted closely into the temple which is the church. Every Christian is a living stone, shaped by Christ himself for a special place in his service.

Dear God, as every stone in the building has its own importance so we know that we have an essential place in your church. Help us to be worthy. Amen.

Monday, May 10. Ephesians 3: 1-3. I, Paul, I whom Christ Jesus has made a prisoner for the sake of you Gentiles (v. 1).

Some versions say that Paul is a prisoner for Christ. Others say that he is a prisoner of Christ. Both are true. At the time this letter was written he was in prison at Rome waiting for his trial before the Emperor Nero. A prisoner

for Christ and the gospel, he willingly accepted this cost of discipleship. But Paul was also the prisoner of Christ — captivated and captured by him.

Lord Jesus, we thank you that as your prisoners we have the greatest freedom man can know. Amen.

Tuesday, May 11. Ephesians 3: 4-6. My insight into the mystery of Christ (v. 4).

The insight of Paul is that God's love was universal. Up till this time God was thought of as an exclusive deity. Each people thought that their God was favourably disposed toward them, and that he looked with disfavour on all others. The Jews had received a revelation that there is but one God. Now Paul had discovered the truth through Christ that there is but one people. Christ gives unity and purpose to all life.

O God, we know that in Christ we are all equal before you. Help us to live this truth. Amen.

Wednesday, May 12. Ephesians 3: 7-10. To show all men in a clear light what my stewardship is (Weymouth, v. 9).

It was not optional for Paul to declare the inexhaustible wealth of Christ to all mankind. It was a solemn responsibility. As Weymouth put it, "it was the stewardship of truth." It is a privilege, yes, but it was more. It was an inescapable obligation to the truth. When we speak of stewardship we usually think of time, talents and treasure. Here is a fourth. The Stewardship of Truth. It is the most important of all.

O Christ, when we are stewards of the truth we not only share with others your gospel, we share you with them. Amen.

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Temptation.

Lead us not into temptation.

—Matt. 6: 13.

Why comes temptation, but for man  
to meet  
And master and make crouch beneath  
his foot,  
And so be pedestaled in triumph?  
Pray  
"Lead us into no such temptations,  
Lord!"  
Yea, but, O thou whose servants are  
the bold,  
Lead such temptations by the hand and  
hair,  
Reluctant dragons, up to who dares  
fight,  
That so he may do battle and have  
praise.

—Robert Browning.



Think, and thank God.



When at the end of your tether, tie  
a knot and hang on.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt.



**A Word to the Wives.**

With thoughtful regard for your hus-  
band,  
This hint may be well worth your  
heeding;  
Don't read to him while he is talking,  
Or talk to him while he is reading.

—Mary Hamlett Goodman.



Bein' clever ain't no excuse for mak-  
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