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PRAYER VIGIL

About two hundred and fifty Protestant churchmen from various States went to Canberra on May 20 for what "The Australian" said was a "demonstration in strong contrast with the usual mob meeting." It had no blaring loudspeakers, noisy interjections, cheering, jeering, or clapping. There was only one banner bearing the words, "Silent Vigil for Peace."

It was a dignified and orderly time of witness. The three hours of the demonstration included a brief worship service at the Methodist National Memorial Church. In front of Parliament House there was silent prayer, but occasionally one would move forward and lead the group in a spoken prayer.

The committee which organised the demonstration included such responsible churchmen as Bishop Moyes (Anglican), The Rev. Gordon Powell (Presbyterian), The Rev. Alan Walker (Methodist) and Principal E. L. Williams (Churches of Christ). All those who took part, however, did so as individuals and not as official representatives of their churches. Four objectives were declared by the demonstrators: to call for a cease-fire in Vietnam, to oppose Australia's action in broadening the war by sending troops, to urge the Government to join Canada and Britain in seeking a basis for negotiation, and to urge increased Australian economic aid for Vietnam.

The demonstrators would be the first to admit that there is no easy answer to this problem which has divided the whole world. Within Australia, on two successive week-ends, the A.L.P. held a public rally to oppose the Government's action, and the D.L.P. held one to support it.

The churches are far from unanimous, but the demonstrators represent a deep and genuine concern for the people in the tragedy and suffering of Vietnam. There was nothing one-sided about the protest. The organising committee said, "We condemn the military action of the Communists in Vietnam and the growing Western response by what President Johnson has named 'the symbols of human failure' — guns and bombs, rockets and warships."

Any other solution may cost even more than the military budget, but we must keep trying to find an answer better than war.

TRAINING FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

When we use this phrase we tend to think of preparation for baptism and communion, for training for life within the church. How to fit new members into the existing structure of the local church, and to serve its internal functions.

We may imagine that this is the New Testament pattern, but the New Testament church was not at all like our modern church institutions. It is probable that our present church structure would have been as ineffective in the world of early Christianity as it is in our world.

Two hundred church representatives met in Sydney earlier this year to consider a national Christian strategy. One of the speakers expressed the hope that the training of church members would be for their place in their world and not for the interior life of the church.

All of the speakers emphasised the fact that the church was at present inadequate for its redemptive task in the world. Change is coming at a rate never before experienced and the church was an "institutionalised irrelevancy." That was not making effective use of its resources.

The changes are bewilderingly fast. It was stated that two-thirds of the products people will buy in 1984 have yet to be developed, nearly half of today's primary children will be employed in jobs that do not yet exist, we have grown up in a white man's world, by the end of the century it will be a coloured man's world.

The church is slowly becoming aware of these things, but it is certainly not yet prepared to meet them. Can it be prepared to meet them? The answer will depend upon our willingness to meet every challenge with courage and with commitment to the changeless Christ.

A beginning could well be in asking: How and for what do we train persons for church membership?

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New Church At Parkdale



(Vic.) 260 shared in the opening of the new Church of Christ at Parkdale, on May 22. The Mayor, Cr. Ward, opened the building. On Sunday, May 23, at the communion service, a dedicatory address was delivered by the Conference President for Victoria and Tasmania, F. J. Funston. On Sunday afternoon, a recital on the church's new electronic organ was given by William Bertrand, and Miss Jean Milne was soloist.

The new building cost £17,000, but to meet this £10,320 has been received in

gifts and offerings. This amount includes donations for furnishings.

The church began in 1921 with meetings in Mentone, and the first Parkdale building was opened in 1923. The present building is on the same site and in front of the old church which will be used as a hall.

There are 120 church members, and in the two Sunday Schools conducted by the Parkdale church, there are 150 enrolments. B. H. Crowden is minister.

Explorers' Exciting Week

The cover picture shows four of the 17 members of the Broken Hill Church of Christ Explorers' Club watching Senior Constable F. Rothwell operating the switchboard at D-24. The boys are Warrick Lyons, Garry Wardle, Robert Garner and Kevin Waters.

When boys get together there's no telling what will happen. But one thing is certain, they are bound to have lots of fun and good friendship. That's how it was (and now is) with the boys of the Broken Hill (N.S.W.) Explorer Club and boys of some Melbourne clubs. The Broken Hill church is affiliated with our S.A. Conference.

It all began when 18 lads and two leaders left Broken Hill by bus on May 14, at 1 p.m. Then on to a train at the border (Mildura) bound for Melbourne — in all a trek of 600 miles.

Now, follow carefully, this "Explorers' Progress":

They were met at the station by their hosts from the Surrey Hills and Box Hill Clubs. They were taken to the homes of their hosts.

The week that followed was packed with good things . . . and people and places.

They went to the mighty M.C.G. and saw the "Demons" dish the opposition.

They went to the Olympic Board Track, Swimming Pool, Athletic Track, the Myer Music Bowl.

They saw the Blue Dandenongs and Monbulk Camp. They saw the ships in the Port of Melbourne.

They visited Explorer Clubs and saw them in action.

They toured the beaches of Port Phillip, looked over D.24, the Fire Station, the Zoo, the Gardens, the Museum. A special tennis tournament was arranged for them. The Mayor of the City of Camberwell offered them a civic welcome and dinner. They attended a special Explorer church service. The farewell buffet tea was at Surrey Hills.

Then in a convoy of cars they were whisked to Spencer Street to catch the train to Mildura. They left many new friends behind, but took many warm memories home with them. That train trundled home many tired passengers, but the experience they had was guaranteed to give these boys Christian zest and growth and fellowship.

Nice to have had you, fellows!

—Will Newham.

KOREAN OPPORTUNITY.

(St. Louis). A U.S. missionary in South Korea reported here "an amazing opportunity" for Christian missions in that country today where "eighty per cent of the population professes no religion at all, and is hungry for a faith to fill the void."—E.P.S.

FOUR CHURCHES CO-OPERATE FOR CHURCHILL

To honor the great Englishman, the town of Hazelwood, Vic., four miles from Morwell in the Latrobe Valley, has been renamed Churchill. It will cater for S.E.C. staff and others and is expected to grow at the rate of 200 to 250 homes every year. The first 100 houses will be ready for occupation in September, 1965.

In that same month it is hoped to implement a plan for church co-operation which has been worked out between the Anglican, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The committee representing the four churches has for chairman the Bishop of Gippsland, Dr. D. A. Garnsey.

The plan looks to the appointment of one full-time minister to act for all the churches in all normal church activities.

The structure of the congregation is expected to develop without compromise to loyalties to the co-operating churches. The plan is for a "co-operation," and not for the formation of a new "church."

The basic idea is that, by the appointment of one minister from the time the first houses are occupied, the town's people will be encouraged to grow together as a community, with the help of the church whenever possible. A minister representing the four churches should be of great value to the residents as they adjust themselves to their new situation.

The Hazelwood Committee for Church Co-operation hopes that ministers of any of the four co-operating churches who would be interested in a possible appointment as the first minister of the new town will contact the secretary of the committee, B. Dowsett, Church of Christ Manse, 4 Winifred-st., Morwell, Vic.

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A NEW VENTURE

BY D. R. OAKES

Last year the Bordertown Circuit invited Allan Avery to conduct a mission with the church in conjunction with the opening of a new chapel. At Mr. Avery's suggestion the circuit adopted a Programme of Evangelism recommended by the Vic.-Tas. Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. The programme included a week of special meetings, but in actual terms of time it covers a period of at least 15 to 16 months. Other churches included were Mundalla, Wampoony and Keith.

The Programme

The first work of the committee was to draw up a Responsibility List of all persons associated with the church in any way whatsoever. The next step was to organise a series of Guest Services, to which all those associated with the church, but not in membership, were invited. The third stage was to seek commitment from those who showed an obvious response in the period of cultivation. The time for decision was during the week of preaching. Then follows one of the most important stages, that of conservation.

Launching Meeting

After the preliminary meetings by the Programme Committee, Mr. Avery met with a large group of prospective visitors who came from every church in the circuit. He explained to this gathering the nature of their work. After this meeting over thirty met together for a meal before going out into the homes to invite folk to the first Guest Service.

Guest Services

An attractive brochure indicated right from the start that this was part of a larger plan. The emphasis was on Friendship. Nearly fifty per cent of all those invited attended. These meetings were very successful and achieved our initial purposes to organise ourselves to visit and secondly, to test the reaction of our associate families. All visitors were well received. As part of the training of the Initial Visitors, Mr. Avery sent taped Bible Studies.

Decision and Commitment

After three Guest Services the time was now ready for those who had made some genuine response to the first calls to be approached for Commitment. A. Avery and K. J. Harvey arrived and the period of training and visiting began. Those who were going to be approached were informed beforehand, but not one family objected in any way to receiving a visit on this important matter. The

Don Oakes is the minister at Bordertown church. He was trained at Glen Iris.

first week was given to this work, and the second to preaching under the theme, "Making Faith Real." It was exciting and thrilling to see no less than 29 respond during that week. During the entire programme 32 persons made decisions for Christ.

The Team

Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey teamed perfectly and looked as though they had been working together for years. The large building, which holds over 200, was packed on almost every occasion, and the singing became an inspiration to all.

A New Dimension in Prayer

For half an hour each morning Mr. Harvey led a prayer session that, for many of the members, brought prayer meetings to life again. It was prayer through silence, music, Bible reading, communion, creative art, as well as audible prayer. The evidence of its value can be seen in the fact that on the first morning the attendance was 12, and we averaged over 40 each morning for the last week. Members have requested that these meetings continue.

Afternoon Hostess Parties

Alongside the morning prayer meetings seven ladies were selected to be hostesses and to invite about ten other ladies to their homes to meet the team. After a brief Bible study the ladies were given an opportunity to share with the group something of their own Christian experience. The response was entirely spontaneous and I am sure that everyone was helped as we each saw again the need for a faith that is real.

Continuation and Conservation

Mr. Avery left us in no doubt that the work of conservation is just as important as the need to win persons for Christ. The plan that he outlined for us includes a programme of education for the new converts, personal letters to be sent at regular intervals, family sponsorship, and a continuation programme of the type that we have been involved in for the last three months. There are no short cuts, but only hard work and plenty of it.

As the minister, I would like to pay special tribute to all the members who have worked so hard for many months, firstly in the building programme and, secondly, in this great work of evangelism.

About one-fifth of the total cost of the chapel (£20,000) was contributed in voluntary labor, and services. To the Building Committee and the Evangelism Committee I would pay special tribute and say, "Well done!"

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MISSION PROJECTS

(Footscray, Vic.). The missionary group of C.W.F. held its birthday on May 4, with Mrs. Alan Fletcher, missionary on furlough from New Guinea, as speaker. Mrs. H. Dickson (C.W.F. Pres.) led in devotions and brought greetings. Offering of £5/6/- was received for work in New Guinea. . . . A parcel of used clothing and other goods have been sent to Miss Moya McCrackett to help in her work at Alice Springs. . . . Good Companions held a barbecue to raise funds for Monbulk Chapel appeal. . . . Men of the church joined with Gardiner men in a friendship visit to Brooklyn Migrant Hostel and were well received.

CHURCH DONATION

(Collingwood, Vic.). £200 was donated from the Collier Charitable Fund. . . . 97th anniversary on May 16 was very well attended. Speakers were G. Grainger and W. W. Saunders. Choral Society presented an afternoon programme. The thankoffering was £653. Church expresses thanks to all who contributed toward the Chapel Debt Appeal. There is now only £96 to be raised in order to clear this long-standing debt. . . . The aim of raising £200 in 12 months for Aborigines Missions was achieved. This amount has been forwarded, and a motor mower will be purchased out of this for the Girls' Hostel at Esperance, W.A. . . . Three young folk have accepted Christ, one of them was baptized on May 23. . . . Two of our girls are training as nurses, Lanice Boyd (Epworth) and Robin Dixon (Prince Henry's).

I.T.I.M. AT HAMPTON

(Hampton, Vic.). A successful men's tea was held on May 2. John Blanch, chairman of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission was guest speaker. Representatives of other churches in district were present. . . . Trophies were presented to cricket club on April 30. Junior team were runners-up in local competition. . . . Evening Women's Fellowship conducted evening service on May 2, and Good Companions shared in service on Mother's Day.

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Hands Across The Tasman



Students Fast.

International events, particularly in South Vietnam, have caused a considerable amount of controversy in New Zealand. Many have protested at the possibility of New Zealand sending troops to that area. In Auckland, a group of students, joined from time to time by others, fasted for a week on a site outside the Methodist Central Mission building, living on only water and fruit juice.

Local M.P.'s, the University Chaplain and the Mayor were amongst those who shared in the group's protest. Meanwhile, the Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. D. N. Perry, met with other church leaders and offered to use the good offices of the East-Asia Christian Council as a "go-between" in an attempt to bring about negotiations between North and South Vietnam.

Inter-Church Counselling.

On May 20, the Bishop of Auckland is to dedicate the Inter-Church Counselling Centre within the Methodist Central Mission building. A bequest enabled a Foundation to be established which will run the Centre on behalf of the major denominations. It is anticipated that our own churches will share in the project.

Ministers and Churches.

R. W. Beadle has taken up his ministry with the Nelson church. E. W. Body has accepted a call to the South Dunedin church, and moves there this month from Feilding. The new building erected by the Lower Hutt City Church, previously known as the Queen's Drive congregation, was officially opened on May 9. 250 persons attended the special services held over the weekend. G. D. Rose, of Australia, takes up the ministry there next year. Meanwhile W. O. Adcock, home on furlough from Southern Rhodesia, is taking an interim ministry for 1965. W. Curwood, a graduate from the College at the end of 1964, is now serving with the Spring Grove-Wai-iti congregations.

With British Mission.

Keith Ogier, who ministered to churches in Christchurch prior to going to America for further studies, is to move to India, where he will serve as a missionary under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society. He graduates from Christian Theological Seminary shortly, and will return to N.Z. next Christmas with his wife and family, before taking up his post.

Diamond Weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Page and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cox, of Nelson church, celebrated their diamond weddings in April.

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Visitors to the celebrations were Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp, of Melbourne.

Week of Prayer.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity seems to be gaining in importance each year. For the first time, this year in Christchurch the Roman Catholic Archbishop will share officially in the week's programme. In Auckland, we understand that the Bishop has given his blessing to the circulation of the prayer-leaflet amongst his own priests.

Amongst the most successful Inter-Church gatherings each year is the Inter-Church School for Women, held in Auckland. It attracted some 500 women to its sessions, with more registering.

Woman Minister.

Miss Margaret Reid has become the first woman ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church here. She was inducted at her ordination as assistant-general secretary of the N.Z. Council for Christian Education, supported by all the churches. A report said that Miss Reid, or "Rev. Reid," designed her own clerical collar in preference to the stiffly starched one worn by men.

N.Z. Mental Health.

By World Health Organisation standards, mental hospitals in this country have a shortage of doctors amounting to about 30 per cent, and the mental hygiene division of the Health Department is now conducting a vigorous programme of overseas advertising to attract applicants. The New Zealand figures are apparently comparable with those applying at present in New South Wales. There are 10,460 mental hospital beds, 8,800 of which are psychiatric and 1,600 psychopedic, and during the year the Government will spend £6,787,979 on mental hospitals, and £36 million on general hospitals.

S. Sewell for Ministers.

The Principal-elect of the British Churches College, Mr. S. Sewell, will be the main speaker at the annual Refresher Course for ministers, to be held in June.

From New Hebrides.

The Christian Hospital Trust Board, Inc., has undertaken to underwrite the cost of bringing two New Hebrideans from the Australian Churches Mission for laboratory and administrative training. The Trust previously made possible the visit of August Ben from the same field for a heart operation.

—W. Bruce Burn.

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TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

(Brighton, Vic.). Cameron Hazlehurst, awarded Monash University Travelling Scholarship for post graduate research, will leave for England in November. . . . A Boys' Explorer club will be formed. . . . A women's prayer and Bible study group meets each week, under leadership of Mrs. Gilmore. . . . Stanley M. Sewell addressed united gathering of churches on May 5. . . . G. R. Stirling addressed a morning meeting and told of plans for new South Canberra work, at a C.M.S. meeting the following night. . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Tuckerman celebrated golden wedding on May 6. . . . Mrs. M. Davey has sailed for England and U.S.A. . . . C.S.F. met with other Y.P. groups at combined youth service and coffee hour at Congregational Church, May 23.

DECISIONS AT CAMP

(North Essendon, Vic.). 35 Senior C.Y.F. shared in the annual camp at Anglesea, May 21-23. The climax was the communion service conducted by young people. At the close, seven committed their lives to Christ — three for the first time. Two further decisions on May 30 were influenced by this camp. All of the campers returned home with a clearer understanding of the need for a Christian faith, and a firmer determination to apply Christian principles in their daily living. R. H. Conning is senior counsellor. . . . 40 mothers shared with the children and staff of the Primary Dept. of the Bible School on Mother's Day. They were entertained by the children and then morning tea was served. . . . John Way, Assoc.-Director of the Dept. of Christian Education, was a recent speaker at S.C.Y.F. . . . A grant of £200 has been received from the Collier Charitable Corporation for the work at Milleara Road.

FOR OTHERS AT 93

Mrs. K. Daws is the oldest active member of the Vic.-Tas. General Dorcas Society. She celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 23. The Dorcas Society gave her a party and made a presentation to recognise 50 years' continuous service with Dorcas. A letter of appreciation from the C.W.F. Conference Executive was read and presented by Mrs. H. Dickson. Mrs. Daws lives at Noble Park and regularly travels to Melb. for Dorcas meetings. She is known as the "toy-making" lady, but is competent still in all sewing.

VISIT FROM D.C.E.

(Stawell, Vic.). John Way, from the Dept. of Christian Education, visited Stawell on May 17 and spoke with C.Y.F. group, members of the church and Bible school teachers. . . . There have been three recent decisions. . . . Bob Pfeifer (C.O.B.) preached on May 23.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RENOVATIONS

(Broken Hill, S.A.). After 55 years of service the Broken Hill church is undergoing extensive internal alterations to provide a modern worship centre. A suspended acoustic insulated tiled ceiling is being installed. Walls are being re-lined and a new platform with dressing rooms and a central open baptistry will be featured. The advice of a color consultant will ensure that the completed work will have a delightful appearance. As the church is now in the hands of the contractors, all services are being held in the hall. It is expected that the church will be ready for occupation early in July. . . . 17 Explorers left on May 14 to be guests of Melbourne Explorers. They were led by E. Garner, W. Lee and R. Williams. . . . At a Mother's Day service the S.S. gave items and flowers were presented to the youngest mother, the oldest mother and the mother of the largest family. . . . Five G.L.B. girls attended camp at Longwood in school vacation. . . . After 17 weeks in hospital, N. Rough, elder, is making steady progress. . . . The minister, R. C. Sack, was called to W.A. when his father died on Easter Saturday. W. Lee and E. Garner preached, at short notice, to well attended Easter services.

FOR MILLION BIBLES

(Lenswood, S.A.). For two months the Sisters' Auxiliary aim to give their offerings in answer to the call from the B. and F. B. S. for over one million Bibles for the school children of Hong Kong. . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham are spending their vacation in Victoria. . . . The Christian Education offering was £31/1/8.

SUNDAY NIGHT QUIZ

(Ascot Park, S.A.). A panel consisting of the minister, two elders, and a deacon, discussed members' questions submitted by the quiz-master, Don McDonald. The minister, R. H. Sercombe, closed the session with a sermonette.

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All who have an historical concern

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER NIGHT

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The C.W.F. conducted a mother and daughter night on Mother's Day. Mrs. J. Curtis and Mrs. Chinnick were soloists, and four small girls also sang. These six who gave items were all daughters of mothers in the ladies' choir. The Pres. of C.W.F. gave the message. Mrs. Bonython, of the Kate Cox Babies' Home, was visiting speaker at recent C.W.F. . . . On May 16, Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Learmont visited Ascot Park. Mrs. Learmont is better known as Mary Light. She conducted an impressive service and gave a message.

HUSBAND WIFE DIE

(Goolwa, S.A.). Mrs. Caroline Clarke died on May 13, only a few weeks after the death of her husband. Mrs. Clarke was devoted to her Lord and attended the church at Goolwa. R. W. Sanders conducted funeral services. The church extends Christian sympathy to the family. Mrs. Clarke was a sister of Miss Elsie Caldicott, the missionary. . . . We were delighted with 70 visitors at morning fellowship communion service recently. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chigwidden were back at worship after long illness, now living at Bordertown.

for the Restoration Movement in New Zealand will find it a valuable addition to historical books already in their possession. Others will find it stimulating reading to learn of the enduring faithfulness, the tenacity of purpose and undaunted faith that characterised the early pioneers.

Merited praise is due to the author, R. A. Blampied, minister of the Bishopdale Church of Christ, Christchurch, for gathering verified facts from persons, letters and documents while still available. The will to do this kind of research work could be repeated in many local Australian situations. Such a procedure would account for a wealth of documented history in the archives of the Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society.

Copies of "The Trail of a Pioneer" may be obtained from Christian Publications, 542 Waimea-rd., Nelson, New Zealand, for 5/- each, plus postage.

—W. R. Hibburt.

YOUTH SUNDAY

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). A youth tea and youth service was held on Youth Sunday. Ken Coventry read Bible reading, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pomeroy gave a duet, and Roderick Cunningham gave a testimony. . . . A ladies' choir, under leadership of new C.W.F. President, Mrs. W. James, with Mrs. J. C. Cunningham at the piano, sang at a special Mother's day service. J. C. Cunningham, the minister, gave a message on "The Gospel According to Mary." There was also a baptismal service. An after-church sing-song was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunt. . . . A tent mission follow-up gospel service had W. Bowden as speaker. Mrs. P. Johnson was soloist. The church was packed as the pre-service sing-song began.



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From the Field: No less than seven of our young men have gone to other parts of the world since the war began (Fremantle, W.A.). . . . The extinction of the debt on church property was celebrated. The work began in 1884 in the Rechabite Hall, when A. T. Magarey presided at the Lord's Table and H. D. Smith preached at night. (York, S.A.). . . . At night, Bro. Poole gave a stirring temperance address. £1/9/3 was collected for cause. The present membership of the Band of Hope is 55. (Petersham, N.S.W.). . . . Here and There. Fanny Crosby passed away at the age of 95. She wrote thousands of hymns, but if she is remembered at all it will be by the hymn, "Safe in the arms of Jesus". . . . The Methodists at Ararat were using the large auditorium in town hall last Sunday and they thought that their singing might interfere with our service in the small hall. They offered us their church for our meeting and we accepted. . . . During April, D. A. Cockerroft, Swan Hill evangelist, travelled 821 miles by motor cycle to preach and visit.

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Interstate News . . .

CROYDON DISCIPLESHIP

(S.A.). A Sunday School scholar and three other young people have responded to the gospel invitation recently. There has been a baptismal service on each of the last three Sundays in May. . . . Meetings continue to attract many young people. . . . Shut-in mothers were given posies on Mother's Day as well as the two oldest mothers at the evening service.

ILLNESS FORCES RESIGNATION

(Beulah Rd. - Kensington Park, S.A.). Owing to illness, the resignation of W. C. Hoffman, as elder, was received with regret. He has been a valued member of the Board for many years. The following have been elected: elder, G. Simpson; deacons, I. Raymond, S. Stevens, L. Wilson; deaconess, Mrs. L. Braddock. . . . 18 attended Seminar of Evangelism and eight teenagers went with the minister, Kelvin Parry, to join Williamstown young people in camp at Balaklava. . . . The B.S. was well represented at the annual B.S. Sports' Day. . . . The young people arranged an after-church fellowship on Mother's Day.

NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Dept. of Men's Work appointed Norman Edwards as chairman, John Hoppitt, secretary, and J. L. Rogers, treasurer, for new Conference year. At the same time it "placed on record appreciation to Les. Yelds for the contribution he has made to the Dept. of Men's Work over the years as secretary". . . . 110 men attended tea, when J. Sticpewich, president, Presbyterian Men's League, was guest speaker. . . . A book was presented to Mrs. Gwen Milne, for catering supervision over the years. . . . Future plans include (1) Inter-Society and Church Indoor Bowls Competition. Entries close June 9, fees being 15/- per term. (2) Area District Rally at Chatswood, Tues., June 22, 8 p.m. for churches of Northern Suburbs of Sydney.

CHURCH OF CHRIST COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS, S.A.

Opening of New Chapel and Education Centre
SATURDAY, JUNE 5 at 3 p.m.

Induction of A. G. MATHIESON A.V.A., at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 6, by R. E. Pittman, J.P. Conf. Pres.

HINDMARSH CHURCH, S.A. 110th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20.
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion. Guest Speaker: J. B. Baker, Hospital Chaplain.
3 p.m.—P.S.A. — Churches of Christ Youth Choir.
5 p.m.—Fellowship Tea. Mr. Bill Heath, Story and Films of recent Visit to the New Hebrides.
7 p.m.—Gospel Service. A. E. Cremin, (Preacher).
Past Members and Friends Cordially Invited.

1965

MUSIC PROBLEMS

(Stafford, Qld.). Stafford is a small church in a Brisbane suburb. There are 25 members. There is no pianist among the members. The problem has been partly solved with the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stewart. Mr. Stewart is a student minister from Kenmore Christian College. Mrs. Stewart now plays for the morning services. Various young people from neighbouring churches play at night. The church is very grateful for this assistance. . . . G. Auld leads the B.S., and Mrs. R. Savill is Kinder. Supt. . . . Students from Kenmore conduct the youth club on Fridays, and on Tuesdays the church joins with Albion church for Bible study with Dr. Jauncey. . . . Recently J. Everard was appointed church secretary, and R. Savill, treasurer.

TO MAINTAIN STANDARD

(Bentleigh, Vic.). Men of the church are holding special meetings under the leadership of A. Pigdon and R. McKenzie (Ormond), to maintain a high standard for those planned for the Sunday morning services. . . . 28 members went to Traralgon on May 22, to meet with representatives of the church there and inspect the proposed site and plans for the new church building. . . . Karl Turtman's wife has just arrived from Germany.

"CRUSADE '65"

(N.S.W.). Following the very successful group of evangelistic meetings held at Enmore last year, known as "Crusade '64," the New South Wales YOUTH CONFERENCE is planning a further series in August of this year — to be known as "CRUSADE '65." A forward-looking and enthusiastic committee is already making plans. It is anticipated that the meetings will be held in a large auditorium in the City of Sydney, and that an interstate evangelist will conduct the campaign. Special prayer preparation has already been organised among the young people of the Sydney churches.

AUSTRAL BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

L. J. Butler, a Director of The Austral Printing & Publishing Co., and secretary of G. J. Coles & Co. Ltd., has been elected chairman of the Victorian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and the Victorian representative on the Australian Council of the Institute.

A. G. Kilpatrick, an Associate to the Directors, and senior deputy manager, Melbourne office of the E.S. and A. Bank, has been appointed manager, London administration.

It is gratifying to know that men of such calibre and standing in the business world are also actively engaged in the on-going of our churches' publishing house. Austral Directors' and Associates' services to the Company is entirely honorary. Both the men who have been honored are active members of the church at Hartwell, Vic.

The Australian Christian.

BRIGADE PARADE

(Epping, N.S.W.). The Boys' Brigade and Life Boys held a church parade on Anzac Day. Service was conducted by ex-servicemen. An address from Mal. Leask brought the service to a fitting climax. . . . The C.W.F. conducted Mother's Day gospel service. Mrs. J. Henderson, C.W.F. Conf. Pres., gave the address. A ladies' choir rendered two choral items. A highlight of the service was family devotions led by K. Oliver and family. . . . Barry Frew, of Youth for Christ, spoke on May 2. . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Lane Cove National Park, with a barbecue lunch provided by men of church.

SOUTHSIDE SWINGALONG

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). The Youth for Christ campaign, "Southside Swingalong" had nightly attendances of 140 to 180 young people. About 40 per cent of these were non-church-goers. The Teen club on Friday nights is now well established. . . . A series of four Sunday evening meetings called "Viewpoint" saw a panel of four give their views and answers to questions which had been put to them. . . . C.W.F. anniversary on April 28, had as visiting speaker, Mrs. Dudley Foord, assisted by artists, Mrs. Bruce Armstrong and Mrs. D. McIntyre; afternoon tea was served to 120 ladies. . . . D. Engram, Director of Youth for Christ in U.S.A., was a recent speaker.

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I.V.F. GRADUATES' FELLOWSHIP (Vic.)

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JULY 11—Prof. K. Runia.
25—Prof. K. Runia.

MEMORIAL HALL, 431 St. Kilda-rd.
Time: 8.30 p.m.

TRADESMEN REQUIRED — OVERSEAS MISSIONS

CARPENTER - BUILDER Required, NEW GUINEA. A builder (or carpenter with building experience) is required immediately, to accept the responsibility of the erection of the Paternoster Memorial Hospital in New Guinea, when Mr. Bolton returns for furlough in July. Single man preferred.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS NEEDED — Carpenters, Handymen, etc., to serve for brief periods, minimum 4 weeks, as voluntary workers (pay own travel, approx. £120, board and accommodation provided) are needed urgently for projects in New Guinea and the New Hebrides.

The Federal Overseas Mission Board will welcome enquiries from interested brethren. Write to Federal Secretary, R. S. A. McLean, 53 Tarragon-st., Mile End, South Aust.

20TH ANNIVERSARY MARKED OF BONHOEFFER'S DEATH

(Berlin, April 9). Christians around the world commemorated Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life which came to an end under Nazi tyranny twenty years ago on April 9.

Especially in Germany does the date have special significance. Here services and meetings were held throughout the divided nation in memory of the young German theologian who was shot to death in Flossenburg concentration camp just a week before the collapse of Germany and the end of World War II.

Speaking at a public ceremony here today, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, who had been a close personal friend of Bonhoeffer's, paid tribute to him as a man who, despite the relatively short span of his life and the small number of people who were familiar with his work at the time of his death, had exercised possibly a greater influence on the contemporary Christian Church than any other member of his generation.

"Like Pascal whose life was 'like a

meteor in its dazzling intensity,' and who also died prematurely, he has compelled us to share his thinking and continue it," he said.

Speaking of his influence as a theologian he said his message was always "a world-wide gospel in the true sense. While he was in a prison cell he realised more clearly than ever that Christ wants to break out of the systems, traditions and institutions in which people have tried to fix him.

"The challenge contained in Bonhoeffer's last letters, which can so easily be misunderstood, therefore does not mean that we should cover up the stumbling-block of the God who became man in Jesus and preach a gospel that is easier for modern, 'mature' people to believe. That challenge means that we must understand the incarnation radically. Christ did not bear the sins of Christians, but the sins of the world. The Church must therefore live and suffer in the world, with the world, and for the world."

—E.P.S.

N.Z. CHURCHES PROPOSE E.A.C.C AID IN VIETNAM

(Wellington, N.Z.). Leaders of the major churches in New Zealand have proposed that the East Asia Christian Conference use its "good offices" in seeking to arrange a meeting of government leaders of North and South Vietnam to negotiate a cease-fire.

A delegation from member churches of the New Zealand Council of Churches, accompanied by Roman Catholic Archbishop McKeefry, informed Prime Minister Keith J. Holyoake of the proposal here.

A heated debate is currently under way in New Zealand concerning proposals before Parliament to send combat troops to Vietnam, as Australia has already done.—E.P.S.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

(New York). The goals of peace and democracy in the Dominican Republic require that the nation "be protected from unilateral or unauthorised outside forces, whether in the form of Communist subversion promoted and supported outside the Dominican Republic or in the form of military units unilaterally despatched by the United States," a World Council of Churches international affairs expert stressed here.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the W.C.C.'s Commission of the Churches

on International Affairs, said that "during the initial stages" of the present upheaval in the Latin American country the goals sought "may well be the responsibility of the Organisation of American States (O.A.S.), as a regional organisation acting in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations charter."

But he emphasised that the O.A.S. force approved by that organisation's Ministerial meeting on May 6, "must be multilateral in fact as well as in auspices . . . if it is to succeed in helping to establish an atmosphere of peace and reconciliation that will permit the functioning of democratic institutions." —E.P.S.

JOHN HUSS AND R.C. CHURCH

(Constance). Roman Catholic leaders here have launched an appeal designed to rehabilitate the memory of Bohemian Reformer, John Huss, in the Roman Catholic Church because "it is no longer tolerable" that he "should continue to bear the stigma of his condemnation by the Council of Constance which may have been wrong."

Huss was excommunicated in February 1411 for teaching deemed incompatible with church doctrine. He was tried and convicted of heresy by the Council of Constance and suffered death at the stake with great fortitude on July 6, 1415.—E.P.S.

C.W.F. (VIC. & TAS.) PROJECT 1965/66

It was unanimously agreed by 192 delegates, representing 60 churches, that the C.W.F. Project 1965/66, through the media of "Golden Bags," be "To help the brotherhood for twelve months in the support of a full-time minister in a new area, to be left to the discretion of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism."

Mrs. Candy, Supt., Missionary Committee, advised that 33 nurses' uniforms at an approximate cost of £2 each are needed in the New Hebrides. Missionary Rally to be held on August 11, at 11 a.m., at Lygon Street church.

Good wishes extended by President to Mrs. Wylie, who is leaving shortly for the World Convention at Puerto Rico, as Australian representative of W.C.W.F., and to Mrs. Waterman, prior to going to New Guinea to visit her family. Also to Mrs. Davies, who is going to England in the near future. Mrs. Ward, Social Services, advised no more nylon stockings needed for Korea.

Intercessory prayer, led by Mrs. Wylie, remembering especially the families of Mrs. Lanaway, Mrs. Gross, Mr. Stirling and Mr. Bangsund, who have been bereaved; also Mrs. McIvor and Mrs. Coe, who are ill.—E. M. Rankine, sec.

"PUFFING BILLY" AND GOOD COMPANIONS

(Melb.). "Puffing Billy" was taxed to capacity one day, when over 400 girls, leaders and parents of the Junior Good Companion movement held their Field Day. Children's ages ranged from 8 to 10 years. After the train trip to Menzies Creek, and back, a gaily clad crocodile wended its way to Belgrave Park for a picnic lunch and games. Thanks are due to Mrs. Barbara Andrews, J.G.C. convener . . . Senior worship services, for girls 11 to 14 years, were held simultaneously in five different centres on April 30 — at South Yarra, Cheltenham, Springvale, Blackburn and Thornbury churches. Over 500 girls and leaders attended, representing 38 clubs . . . Various clubs in each centre were responsible for Bible reading, and choir items to a modern setting. Speakers were Mrs. Rosemary Andrews, Mrs. Lorraine Clencie, Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, Mrs. Jean Dow and Mrs. Shirley Cromarty. Approximately £170 was received in offerings toward the Good Companions' effort for the Monbulk Memorial Chapel Appeal.

UNITED CHURCH ACTION

(Vic.). Churches of all denominations combined with the Footscray Y.M.C.A. in organising a function aimed at letting young people of the district know that the churches are interested in them.

The Y.M.C.A. Centre was the venue for the function, and through wide publicity all young people were invited. A musical programme was presented, including items by the Choralaires and the Doveton Quartette. Messages at the youth level were given by Ken Fraser, captain of Essendon League football team, and Rev. Ron. Barnes. Arrangements were made for counselling young people with spiritual and other problems and enquiries.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

£10,000 Trust Fund for India

Recently the Federal Overseas Mission Board received £10,000 to be used as a special trust fund specifically for the physical needs of the people of India. The donors wish to remain anonymous. We do thank God for this challenge in stewardship. Burdened for the physical needs of the people in India, and realising the wonderful blessing we have in this country, the donors did not hesitate to bestow this large sum of money when given the opportunity to do so.

It is their wish that in Christ's name our Conference in India will be able to do far more for the people of that land than our normal giving would allow. We have never anticipated having sufficient finance to allow us to purchase farm equipment to loan to the farmers. The Indian farmers often miss the opportunity to complete ploughing at the right time due to the slow method of using bullocks. The availability of a tractor would be an advantage. Better crops would be produced if the farmers were able to have wells on their property and this is another way the fund will be used. It may also be used to provide finance to employ people during times of famine, to help the sick, to train others in agriculture.

The Indian Committee of Management will discuss the most effective way the trust fund can be used later in the year when the Federal Secretary is present at the 60th Anniversary of our work in India.

We should note that this trust fund is specifically given to assist the physical needs of the people of India. It cannot be credited towards our budget requirements for general purposes or other equipment, and the full support of the brotherhood is required for these.

We are sure that the brotherhood wholeheartedly endorses the Overseas Board's expression of appreciation to our anonymous donors whose stewardship enables us, in Christ's name, to assist people in dire physical need in India, to an extent which would be otherwise impossible.

NEW GUINEA CHRISTIANS ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

BY J. BOLTON.

This weekend has been hectic, but a wonderful blessing. It started on Saturday, when the church building was opened here at Bunapas, and then on Sunday the five who have completed their discipleship course were baptized. There were about 130 here to witness the opening and the baptisms.

The five that were baptized were Jodi and his wife Legan, Yanakuri and his wife Granabem, and Murukum, a single workboy. The National Christians conducted the opening of the church and the baptisms. The only share the missionaries had was when Mrs. Bolton baptized one of the women. Then the church prayer and the message were the only parts taken by the missionaries in the communion service. All the National Christians took their part with real sincerity and a sense of responsibility.

The steel frames are now at the mouth of the Ramu, and we are working out when we can get it to Bunapas as quickly as possible. Timber, etc., has all been ordered from Madang and delivery is waited upon. Work on completing the Maternity Ward has progressed favorably.

APPEAL FOR EAST PAKISTAN CYCLONE RELIEF

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches has appealed to its members for \$100,000 as a first response towards relief in East Pakistan following the recent cyclones.

The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World service described the situation as "unprecedented." Press reports indicate 7,000,000 are homeless and 11,000 dead. The cyclone struck eight districts of which three were reported "devastated." The initial appeal is for funds to help meet reconstruction and rehabilitation needs.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

In two churches I became a close friend with two ministers. They have since both left the ministry. Why do ministers leave?

I have no idea how many ministers leave our churches, or if our churches have more departures than other communions. The reasons could be as numerous as the men involved and I am in no position to tell you what particular reasons certain men may have had.

The question does not touch those who leave our churches to serve as ministers with other communions. It is important for us not to sit in judgment on these men. It may be human nature to look on those who join us as converts and on those who leave us as heretics, but it is not Christian human nature to judge them thus.

One reason for men leaving the ministry could be economic. Some men simply have not been able to meet their obligations as husbands and parents. Even those prepared to make great sacrifices found that it was not enough. Churches are much more realistic about these matters today, and this cause for leaving the ministry will be less important in the future than it has been in the past.

Sometimes the reason for leaving the ministry is found in the congregation. Ministers may get little co-operation and much criticism. They may reach the conclusion that they can be more use as church members helping some other minister, than in trying to be a leader who is not permitted to lead.

A minister may lack some of the qualifications necessary in his field of service. He may drop out because of a growing conviction that he is inadequate in pastoral relationships, in academic demands, in the spoken word, or in administrative areas. Even if some of these defects appear early in training years, it is never easy to judge what the Holy Spirit will do afterwards with a life that is genuinely offered in service. Some of these men have been of tremendous value in churches as members and officers.

It is possible that a minister's wife is not wholly in sympathy with his task. We may speak as though it is the man who is called to a church but, if he is married, his wife is a part of the answer to that call. Some of the burdens of the ministry take two to lift them, and if a minister's wife is not prepared to accept some of the burdens and sacrifices of the ministry, the man may find that he cannot stay.

Some will leave the ministry because they are found to be unworthy. Judas and Demas can be found among today's workers.

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SPOTLIGHT ON VIC. . . .

Melbourne, 1966

It is to be the privilege of the Victorian membership to serve the brotherhood throughout Australia as hosts at the 1966 Federal Conference. We are aware that this privilege carries with it heavy responsibilities. These we shoulder with confidence, encouraged by the fine example set and the excellent service rendered by both Tasmania and Queensland as they hosted the 1962 and 1964 Conferences.

After careful investigation regarding regular public events and functions which could clash with Conference and complicate catering and accommodation arrangements, it has been decided that the most suitable date for the holding of Conference will be October 5 to 12, 1966. Readers are urged to make a note of these dates and to begin now to arrange holidays and make plans that will make their attendance possible.

With the prospect of attendances of many thousands at evening rallies it has been necessary to secure a venue which would not only provide necessary facilities, but also be large enough to house the highest attendance. Fortunately, the Trustees of Melbourne's well-known Exhibition Building have carried out modern extensions which can accommodate gatherings of the size envisaged for Federal Conference. Of these extensions the section known as the "Western Annexe" is most suited to our purpose and has been

booked as the Conference headquarters. One decided advantage of this site is that parking of cars should be no problem as there is abundance of parking space.

Our women are determined that their section of Conference will be run efficiently, helpfully and to the satisfaction of visiting sisters. Regular meetings of the Federal Council are being held and planning and organisation are well under way. Membership of the Council comprises: Mrs. J. A. Strack (president), Mrs. B. A. Sterling (vice-president), Mrs. N. W. Cheal (secretary), Mrs. D. Allison (treasurer), Mrs. G. A. Whiting (assistant secretary), Mrs. A. E. White (editress), Mrs. A. R. Lloyd and Mrs. R. Randall.

Many Victorian beauty spots and places of historic interest and industrial importance are within easy reach of Melbourne and will provide attractive half-day and full-day tours. The tours convenor has been appointed and is already planning tours which will include an extended all-Victoria tour at the close of Conference.

Federal Executive and the Melbourne committee are giving attention to the programme. The endeavour will be to make "Melbourne 1966" such that it will be effective for the thinking, life and work of the brotherhood and its contribution to the church at large.

—W.W.S.

HARLAXTON AFFILIATED

(Qld.). The recent Queensland Conference received Harlaxton as an affiliated church. Deacons elected were: H. Christenson (sec.), H. Scholl (treas.), D. Lowe, A. Hall, H. Lange, H. Lowe, L. Male, C. Noble, H. Sterkenburg. Deaconesses are Mrs. H. Scholl and Mrs. W. Towns . . . A special Mother's Day programme was given by the Bible School. The church shared in C.M.S. tea for ladies on Mother's Day . . . On Commonwealth Youth Sunday, young men and women shared in the services . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Lowe appointed historians for church.

NEW MANSE

(Cardiff, N.S.W.). The church is experiencing its first full-time ministry after 13 years of student and interim service. A new manse will be opened on June 5, at 3 p.m., at 9 Second-st., Cardiff, a couple of minutes' walk from the church. . . . Sunday evening and prayer services are improving preparatory to weekend mission in June . . . David J. Schofield is minister.

RETURN TO MACKAY

(Qld.). The church was glad to renew fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury. Mr. Bradbury looked after the finances of the Hinrichsen-Morris Mission in 1937. Mrs. Bradbury was the first church organist . . . Sixteen young people attended the Magnetic Island Youth Convention, and three made decisions . . . The church family tea on Mother's Day was a great success . . . Bruce Dewar was received into fellowship.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Miss R. Rofe, on furlough from New Guinea, was speaker at district missionary rally . . . Mr. Rose showed slides of a recent tour when the C.W.F. arranged "A Journey Through America" . . . J. Moran, V. Cockerill and N. Fraser were set apart as elders. P. Talbot has served the church for 40 years and has been appointed elder emeritus. He was presented with a copy of the Scriptures . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Tom Tregloan and family in their bereavement.

MINISTER UNVEILS PLAQUE

(Wellington Pt., Qld.). The minister, W. H. Nightingale, was honored by the Kenmore College Board of Management in the invitation to unveil a plaque at the College. The plaque is set in a cairn and bears the names of all of the Principals at Glen Iris, Woolwich and Kenmore, as well as those of our first missionaries to India, China, New Hebrides and New Guinea. The function took place on May 2. Lars Larsen, 88, also shared in the ceremony.

Mr. Nightingale, who is 82, is one of the most veteran preachers. He will soon be retiring to Western Australia.

National Diary

JUNE

- 1-30 V. Good Companions' Junior Arts and Crafts.
- 3-30 S.A. Engaged Couples' Course, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 4 V. C.W.F. Vic. and Tas. Council Meeting will be held at Churches of Christ Centre, Friday, June 4, 11 a.m. Guest Speaker: Mrs. G. N. Frost, C.B.E., Chairman of the Alcoholism Foundation.
- 4-6 S.A. Seminar for youth leaders at Camp Balaklava.
- 6 S.A. Induction of A. G. Mathieson at Col. Light Gardens.
- 6 V. Pentecost and Christian Union Sunday — Union Department.
- 7 V. Explorers' Half-Yearly Tea.
- 11-14 V. C.Y.F. State Commission.
- 13 S.A. Croydon morning broadcast on A.B.C.
- 19 V. Youth United — D.C.E.

JULY

- 1-10 V. Explorer Indoor Sports (Zone Finals).
- 4 V. Overseas Mission Department Annual Offering.
- 9-10 V. Good Companions' Leaders' Camp — Monbulk.

MOVEMENTS

PORTLAND MINISTRY

(Vic.). The Portland church, in association with the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism announces that J. Dow, an exit student of the College of the Bible, will commence a full-time ministry later this year. Mr. Dow succeeds A. C. Male, who goes to the post of Youth Director in Queensland.

NAMBOUR INDUCTION

(Qld.). W. J. Orlando Todd was inducted on May 4 as minister by Alex. Surtees, Qld. Home Missions Director. Representatives of Nambour Ministers' Fraternal and Christian Businessmen's Committee brought greetings, and welcomes were extended by R. Labinsky on behalf of the church and Mrs. Duhs spoke for the church women, to which Mrs. Todd replied. Church is furnishing the manse. New contacts are being made and there are increasing numbers attending prayer meetings and C.Y.F. groups.

CIRCUIT MINISTER APPOINTED

The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, in conjunction with the newly-appointed circuit of Wedderburn-St. Arnaud, announces the appointment of G. C. Jackel to a full-time ministry commencing in February, 1966.

BRIGADES' MARCH TELEVISED

(Wollongong, N.S.W.). To celebrate the opening of the new Youth Centre, the Boys' and Girls' Brigades were joined by the Burwood Church of Christ Company in a march through the city, led by the Burwood band. Over 100 young people joined in the march, which was televised. Following the buffet tea, when the ladies catered for over 400 people, a great youth demonstration was presented by the Brigades.

The Youth Centre is one of the biggest buildings in Wollongong and has a gymnasium floor area 80 x 42 feet, with a large stage and change rooms, an excellently appointed kitchen, with two large stoves, four stainless steel sinks, large refrigerator and overall cupboard space. There also are shower and

change rooms for boys and girls, as well as ample storage space in the main building and in the loft. The building externally measures 108 x 42 ft., and with the annex of the porch, and the gents' shower room, measures 125 ft. at its longest point.

The building, plus furnishings, cost approximately £10,500. Roy Hurry was the voluntary building supervisor, and Frank Rose, senior voluntary architect. The men of the church gave valuable time at the working bees, which were conducted over the many months of erection. The seating capacity of the hall is in excess of 500 people.

The thankoffering received to date is £940, close to the target of £1,000.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

The annual World Day of Prayer for Students will be observed on Sunday, 27th June. This is sponsored by the Australian Student Christian Movement, which seeks to provide opportunities of ecumenical fellowship and witness for students in schools, colleges and universities. The prayers of churches are sought for the S.C.M. and other Christian student bodies as well as for students with their own peculiar problems and needs in modern academic life.

STH. O'LD. RALLY

(Gatton, Qld.). South Queensland Conference Rally was held on May 14. It showed the growing interest for this type of rally. Over 180 were present to hear the Downs Male Trio, together with Kay Dean, of Toowoomba, and local musicians. Ladies' Fellowship provided supper. Vic. Parker, of Brisbane, was the speaker . . . The Youth Dept. Director came on May 16 and shared with us slides on the youth work . . . Junior C.E. now has 26 on roll. The Juniors are collecting school material to send to a mission school . . . A depot for the Churches of Christ Bookroom in Brisbane has been set up and has been well accepted by the churches in Gatton and Ma Ma Creek . . . Attendances have risen during the past three months. At special Mother's Day service, 58 broke bread. M. Pieper is minister.

PAST PRESIDENT RELAXES

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). H. Palmer and Wal. French filled our pulpit on May 23 to allow our minister, E. T. Hart, and family a week of well-earned rest following his term as Conference President . . . We renewed friendship with Gary Walker on holiday from missionary training college at Tahlee . . . The church rejoices with Mr. and Mrs. Max Alderman in the return home of their daughter, Penny, after a serious operation. Continual prayer is being offered for the full recovery of this little girl and the relieving of the strain on her parents . . . The young people conducted a folk night, and the after-church fellowships will be resumed at the manse.

PRAYER WEEK EXCHANGE

(Canberra, A.C.T.). For the commencement of the Week of Prayer for Church Unity there were pulpit exchanges in most Canberra churches. G. R. Stirling preached at St. John's Church of England and Archdeacon Hill preached at the Church of Christ . . . During the school holidays, the High School young people of the church had a hike and a record evening . . . During the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sewell to Canberra, Mr. Sewell addressed the Young People's Dinner Club and the Sunday night service, and appeared on television. Mrs. Sewell addressed the women and the Sunday morning service. An informal evening was held at the Fergie home for a theological discussion with Mr. Sewell.

DECISIONS AT CAMP HILL

(Qld.). Three young people were welcomed into membership after their baptism, on May 9 . . . The church is greatly appreciating the interim ministry of W. W. McDowell, who will continue until the arrival of A. Webb in September.

VISIT FROM YOUTH LEADER

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). Bruce Armstrong, Director of Dept. of Christian Education, paid an official visit to the church on May 16. He was the guest speaker at a young people's tea, conducted the evening service, and brought the message, assisted by "Sgt. Leon." The Brigades paraded. The Boys' Brigade presented an item. There was one decision.

"AUNT KATE" REACHES CENTURY

(Hobart). The brotherhood extends its congratulations and best wishes to our sister, Mrs. Mary Catherine Cook, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 7, 1965. Mrs. Cook, affectionately "Aunt Kate" to her many relatives and friends, has lived all her life in the Kellevie, Bream Creek and Tasman Peninsula areas. She is at present resident at the Queen Victoria Home for the Aged at Lindsfarne.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Management Committee of the new church being formed at North Turramurra, N.S.W., would be pleased to receive the names of people living in the Sydney North Shore area who might appreciate receiving an invitation to attend services at the new church. In particular, the Committee desires to contact members of our churches who have moved, or who are contemplating moving, to this area of Sydney where our brotherhood is not strongly represented. Please communicate with:

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FAMILY CAMP PLANNED

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The church camp at Hervey Bay, June 11-14, will combine with Gympie church for studies, under leadership of Dr. James Jauncey . . . A combined day of fellowship, with the theme, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me," was conducted on May 14 at Maryborough. Bundaberg, Gympie and Maryborough C.W.F. members attended, with devotional items from each centre. Women's President, Mrs. Ruby Haigh, was present.

NORTH SYDNEY MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(N.S.W.). April 23-25 proved to be a notable occasion for the church at North Sydney, when a Missionary Convention was conducted. Student-minister, Russell Craig, organised the venture. Missionary displays, representing various Missionary Societies, attracted considerable interest, while special features included the work of our own Churches of Christ Missions. Among the special guest speakers were Misses Rosalie Rofe and Jennifer Smith (New Guinea), Miss Gail Thornton (Norseman Aborigines Mission) and Will Bagley (New Hebrides).

Guest preacher on the concluding Sunday evening was Mr. McDonald, of the Australia for Christ Mission.

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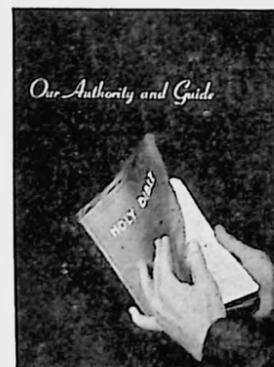
(Shepparton, Vic.). A meeting of church members on May 19 introduced the Functional Church Plan. The church will meet as a whole for a few weeks, then break up into groups to continue this service. A loan to finance the new building project has been approved by the Properties Corporation and the church officers will now confer with the architect . . . C.W.F. paid a visit to Campbell's Soups Factory . . . Church choir formed under direction of L. Croxford, conductor, and L. Sander, pianist . . . A successful car trial and barbecue was organised by the C.W.E.F. . . . C.W.F. assisted the Baptist ladies to provide and serve supper at a naturalisation ceremony, when 80 candidates and approximately 200 friends were present. D. B. McIntosh, our minister, representing the Ministers' Fraternal, gave an address of welcome to New Australians on behalf of the Protestant churches.

WELL KNOWN PSYCHIATRIST TO STUDY ALCOHOL OVERSEAS

Dr. L. R. H. Drew, consultant psychiatrist to the Department of Mental Hygiene, Victoria, is now on a world tour to investigate results of current research on the effects of alcohol and alcoholism on society.

The trip has been arranged by the Victorian Temperance Alliance and made possible by a generous offer from G. Nelker, Managing Director of Ansva Insurance Co. in Sweden, during his recent visit to Australia. Dr. Drew will visit Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Canada. He will be overseas for about eight weeks studying the treatment, education and legislation of those countries in connection with alcohol.

Dr. Drew, who is 32 years of age, established the Psychiatric Clinic at Pentridge Gaol in 1959 in Melbourne, and was later medical officer at the Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital. He belongs to the Salvation Army and is a pledged total abstainer. His report should be of great benefit to the Australian Temperance Movement in its work of promoting total abstinence.



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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

On Saturday, June 12, at 7.45 p.m., a Youth For Christ Rally will be held in Melbourne Town Hall.

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Special speaker will be Rev. Dan Armstrong, converted Night-Club Entertainer, from N.S.W.

Seat reservation tickets can be obtained without charge for groups of 15 or more, by contacting Melbourne Youth for Christ, 747 Burke-rd., Camberwell, E.6. (Phone 82-1528).

50TH BIRTHDAY

(Maryborough, Vic.). The floral arrangements by Mrs. Chamberlain were beautifully arranged, when visitors from all churches and clubs met in church hall to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Ladies' Aid, on May 11. The cake, made by Mrs. Sunn, and decorated by Mrs. Holland, was cut by Mrs. Pritchard. Mrs. Tornie, Police Magistrate from Ballarat, was guest speaker . . . The W.E.F. held a successful street stall, when £35 was raised. Members took part in Mother's Day service.

FOR CHURCH RENOVATION

(Berwick, Vic.). Stall proceeds of £8 will go towards Carpet Fund . . . D. Skewes (C.O.B.) is assisting in Sunday School . . . Sympathy of church goes to Triplett family in their sad loss . . . Good Companions entertained mothers and friends at Mother's Night . . . In absence of K. Heath, who was ill, Alan Fletcher, from New Guinea, brought slides on work there to C.W.F. Evening Group.

220 AT CAULFIELD

(Vic.). 220 were present on May 2 at a special youth service. Young people led the service and a testimony was given. Sunday School prizes were distributed . . . The morning service on May 9 was broadcast over 3AR. The theme was Mother's Day, and the J.C.E. prepared and distributed white flowers to the congregation. The same evening, at 7, a number of the ladies presented a play, "Women Who Knew Jesus," and the minister's wife, Mrs. F. A. Youens, concluded with devotions. 190 were present.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Isabel (Belle) Millis.

The Lygon Street church, Vic., lost one of its oldest members when Mrs. Millis died at a private hospital at Geelong on April 12. A sympathetic member of the Ladies' Mission Band, she was intensely interested in all missionaries serving overseas. For many years she attended Lygon Street with her mother and her four children. She was laid to rest at the Melbourne Cemetery, after a family service conducted by John Turner at North Fitzroy, where she spent her childhood and early womanhood as Belle Squires. Although she tasted of life's bitter cup many times she remained steadfast in her love for her God. In the last months of her life she carried in her handbag words from a song she had so often sung in her rich mezzo voice.

"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray—

Keep me, my God, from stain of sin, Just for today."

W. Adair.

On Easter Monday, W. Adair died, at the age of 67 years, after a sickness of eight years. Mr. Adair had been a sterling, consecrated worker at Cheltenham, S.A., for many years, holding the ministry successfully for some time. Not just the ministry, but many works he gave to Cheltenham. He painted the building and was also diligent in getting donations to add to the building—classrooms and vestry. He was a strong witness for Churches of Christ teaching and principles, contending for "the faith once and for all delivered to the saints," right to the end of his life. One Sunday night, during his ministry, his eldest girl, Julie, 14 years, was taken to Adelaide Hospital for an operation. She died during it, but he carried through the service, and as soon as it was over he went to the hospital to her. We commend his loved ones to the Eternal Father.—H. Watkins.

Miss Louie Woodgate.

On May 7, after some weeks of illness, Miss Louise Woodgate, of Northcote, Vic., passed away. Louie, as she was to her friends, began her connection with the Northcote church as a girl. She, with her parents, was among those who began the church in the local Rechabite Hall. Her father was a well-known figure at our Conferences of past years and, as he aged, was accompanied and cared for by his daughter. Louie nursed both parents in their age and illness. Her sister, a teacher, pre-deceased her, as did also her brother, one time Principal of Longeranong Agricultural College. Miss Woodgate was a very good friend and faithful church member, and she was a member for more than 50 years. Funeral services were held at Northcote and the old Melbourne Cemetery.—A. B. Withers.

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The idea originated at a meeting of the Officers' Board of the Invermay Church of Christ, when song leader, G. C. Hays, advocated a brighter Sunday night after-church fellowship hour, with more informality and wider use of those songs having a religious content that appear on the top 40 charts from time to time.

The intention behind the suggestion was to attract more of the younger people. Further suggestions came spontaneously from all round the room, and eventually it was decided to extend the idea to include all churches north of the Tamar Street bridge, as well as our own sister Churches of Christ.

The minister, E. K. Morrison, undertook to take the matter to the North Launceston Ministers' Fraternal, where it was enthusiastically received. The outcome was that the Fraternal sponsored the holding of a united Happy Fellowship Hour, with the Invermay Church of Christ as host church to conduct a pilot programme, the intention in mind being that it circulate among the several participating churches.

One hundred and twenty people were present at the first session, from the Salvation Army, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Church of England and Churches of Christ. The V.I.P.'s present included Viney Longthorp, Director of the Churches of Christ Department of Christian Education, the Salvation Army Youth Director, and ministers from the sponsoring churches. During the evening each church presented an item, outstanding among them being the Salvation Army skiffle group known as "The Ambassadors," and Lyn Fleming from the World Evangelisation Crusade, with her ukelale and piano accordion.

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OBITUARY

Myrtle Doris Gross.

This gracious Christian lady died on May 2, at the age of 70 years. Since childhood she was associated with Churches of Christ. Her parents were connected with the Hobart and North Melbourne congregations. She made her decision to become a Christian over 55 years ago at Lygon Street and was baptized by the late Horace Kingsbury. In 1925, she married Frank Gross and she and her husband moved to Moreland, where for over 30 years they were faithful members. In 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Gross moved to Upwey, and her membership was transferred to the Boronia church. For many years she was prevented by ill health from taking an active part in church life. She was a quiet, sincere Christian, with a deep love for her Lord and his church. Many relatives and friends gathered at the Springvale Crematorium to pay tribute. Numerous floral tributes were an eloquent testimony of a lovely life, and a devoted friend. Colin Dredge assisted the writer in the service. To Mr. Gross, Harold and Melva, we tender our deepest sympathy.—E. J. Miles.

Ron Hinspeter.

The church at Townsville, Qld., has suffered the loss of one of its foundation members in the death of Ron Hinspeter, at the age of 49. He was called Home whilst in hospital in Brisbane after a long illness. Mr. Hinspeter served the church as deacon and secretary for many years and took a full part in all church activities. He was greatly respected in the community as a refrigeration engineer. He took a keen interest in the Scouting movement, being local association secretary for many years. He was a man of strong conviction who loved his Lord and served him well in his church. A person of lively wit, he will be sorely missed. He leaves a widow, Olga, and only son Garry, both of whom are in active fellowship with the church. The funeral service was held at Townsville and conducted by C. Perkins, minister at Charters Towers.—C. E. Brumby.

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BIRTH

STAFFORD (Stevens). — On May 22, to Christine and John of Lenswood, S.A., a son — Gavin John.

GOLDEN WEDDING

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THANKS

Mrs. D. R. Stirling and Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Tanner and family thank all who sent letters and messages to them and who supported them in prayer during their recent bereavement. They would be most grateful if this word of appreciation could be considered to be acknowledgment.

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POTGIETER. — In sad and loving memory of my youngest grandson, Neil Murray, called home suddenly June 6, 1964. —Inserted by his loving "Grannie", Ida M. Potgieter.

TRIM, Iris Josephine — In fond and loving remembrance of our dear Iris, who was called to rest on June 5, 1964. "Until we meet again." —Bill, Mervyn and Emmie.

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3 p.m.—P.S.A. - Capt. A. Lake, Ansett-A.N.A.
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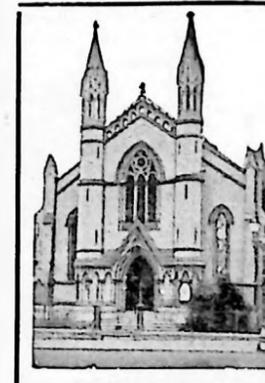
(Ormond, Vic.). The church is grate-ful to the minister, R. C. McKenzie, who has accepted a further three years' ministry with the church . . . Y.P.C.E. held car rally on May 15. £11 was raised towards "Bibles for Bhima" by the Y.P.C.E. . . . The C.W.E.F. held their quarterly witness evening service on May 16.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). Men of the church are regularly assisting in services at Fairfield, South Yarra and Hurstbridge. On May 23, H. Earl (pres.), B. Garrood (reader and soloist) and Max Darby (reader) enjoyed fellowship with South Yarra . . . Christian literature table, under N. Muir, is attracting interest . . . On May 13, "1,096" Y.P. Club (Seniors) were hosts to Club 13 (Teenagers) at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Keeble, who showed films of Hong Kong taken on re-cent honeymoon . . . G. R. Stirling (Can-berra) spoke at recent gospel service. . . . Good Companions supplied posies of white flowers to all present on Mother's Day . . . Presentation in recog-nition of 12 years' service to Bellfield branch of Bible School made to Miss C. Clemens on eve of approaching marriage.

24 HOUR TEENAGE CAMP

(Reservoir, Vic.) A 24 hour teenage camp was held on the Yarra Glen prop-erty of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bishop. It was a time of rich fellowship and was clim-axed when 40 young people attended morning worship . . . At the prayer fel-lowship, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garth, Bruce Grayden showed slides of visit to N.S.W. Fingal Aborigines Mis-sion . . . A young lady confessed her faith on May 23 . . . The youth com-mittee held a film night to screen "The Supreme Secret." Church recently visited by Mr. Sexton, U.F.M., when slides and a message on New Guinea were pre-sented . . . The cricket club recently held annual barbecue at Hallam . . . Church provided witness to community on Commonwealth Youth Sunday, when members held special early morning ser-vice at 8 a.m., to accommodate children from local High School who requested use of chapel . . . Mr. John Turner, Indus-trial Chaplain, recently addressed Men's Fellowship tea . . . Mrs. Jenkins (Don-caster) recently spoke to Sunday School scholars on work in Dhond, India . . . Both senior and junior basketball teams doing well.



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THE REAL ISSUE.

To the Editor,

"Neutrality" as applied to hotel trading hours would appear to be an unacceptable word, although in other contexts (e.g., Vietnam) it is quite permissible. This is possibly because some people understand neither alcohol nor the word neutral. To be neutral on bar trading hours does not mean to be neutral with regard to alcohol.

Medical men, while admitting the association of alcohol with alcoholism, road accidents and various medical illnesses, have long denied any relationship with bar trading hours. Nowadays the ease of obtaining alcohol at other licensed premises, especially licensed grocers, makes bar trading even less important than ten years ago.

The problem of alcohol is much greater than some of us seem to be willing to accept. It would appear that we may have been guilty of burying our head in the issue of six o'clock closing and as a result we are refusing to face the real issues.

It will take a lot of time and money to launch an education programme which can compete with the advertising of the liquor industry.

It will take a lot of patience and discussion to persuade governments to give up their protection of the liquor industry.

It may take a reorientation of thinking to accept some of the radical changes in licensing recently suggested and also to co-operate with some we may regard as foes in this matter.

Six o'clock closing is not the crux of the problem of alcohol. It is only one facet. It would be a shame if this one facet becomes the rock on which the temperance movement stumbles. The case for neutrality has been stated. It does not need to be continually reiterated. Indeed, this reiteration serves only to influence the opponents of the stand. These people will not be convinced by argument, so why create division in this way?

We must, as Christians fighting a common foe, find unity at the core of this problem. The control of alcoholism and road accidents depends on an educated community and we must be positive in giving this education.

To this date there has been too much negative thinking. We must stop wasting time in arguing over trading hours. We must act urgently on the known facts of this evil and bring it under control. This is our Christian responsibility.

—T. A. Banks, Vic.

WAR AND PEACE.

To the Editor,

With reference to A. J. Ludbrook's letter in "A.C." 15/5/65, I am sure that if he had attended any of the business sessions of the Vic.-Tas. Conference over the years he would not find any sheep-like following on any matter, especially so on the subject of war.

As for the resolution on war dishonoring ex-servicemen of Churches of Christ, here is one ex-serviceman, with four years' service, three of which were spent in an infantry unit, who doesn't feel dishonored by the resolution. I only wish there were more people, particularly in our churches, working for and talking of peace.

Mr. Ludbrook himself is "surely showing a completely hypocritical selectivity" that he accuses others of doing when he quotes one verse of scripture to support his own argument, without reference to other verses.

Surely as Christians we are all agreed that war is evil, and should be in favor of any move which will rid the world of evil in any form. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." —Peter Collyer, Vic.

CHILDREN OF GOD.

To the Editor,

I don't wish to prolong this discussion unnecessarily, especially when David McCrone and I seem to be agreed on many points. In fact, I thought him to be presenting my point of view when he said, "Which either leads us towards the Family of God, or heads us off in the other direction." I certainly agree that because he created us "we are all his." But we must ask, "we are his" . . . what?

1 John 3: 8-10: ". . . In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

As R. A. Torrey says: "The universal Fatherhood of God is utterly unscriptural and untrue. It is true that all men are his offspring, or stock, or race, or nation (Acts 17: 28, "genos" not "tekna," see use in Greek concordance) in the sense of being his creatures, having our being in him, and made in his likeness (see context v. 28, 29). But we become his 'sons' or 'children' by faith in Christ Jesus."

We call him Father today only through the redemptive work of Christ. Maybe this makes it clear.

—Bruce Armstrong, N.S.W.

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OUR CRITICS.

To the Editor,

I don't know why the reading of our National church paper should mean a series of jolts for your N.S.W. correspondent, Mrs. Anita Munro, but the day it ceases to jerk one out of a dangerous complacency will be the time for considering cancelling our subscription. In asking God's blessings on "the Alan Walkers," I had more in mind the use of this Methodist leader as a type of Christian with the courage of his convictions. I had little thought of lauding him as a person or even endorsing his particular views. He is never, however, an echo of the policies of the Canberra establishment, nor a silent partner in their actions, hence my certainty that there will not be the knighthood waiting for him with which other church dignitaries (with no greater status) have been honored. Today Christianity is a moribund mass with an overdose of mental "minuteness," otherwise the politicians would not get away with their many sins of omission and commission. Oh for the time when our religion will become intellectually respectable and socially relevant. As for the Vietnam problem, I leave that to the experts to solve, but along with Dr. Crowley, hope for that increase in Christian pressure which will keep the authorities on their toes.

Percy Williams, Qld.

BAPTISM

To the Editor,

The call of Jesus to men in New Testament times was simply, "Come, follow Me," and today it is still the same call. As the sinner rises in faith and obedience to that call he finds salvation and as he opens his heart to his Lord, God in Christ comes in to dwell with him. The new child of God receives the gift of the Holy Spirit — (God in the human heart) — or in other words, the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The ritual act of baptism which follows has several important functions:

1. It is a sign of our obedience to Christ. The sign in itself has no saving power: salvation has already come to the sinner at the point of his submission to Christ.

2. Baptism is a proclamation of the gospel. The practice of baptism by immersion has the greatest significance in this respect as it sets forth the gospel

in the terms of Paul's words in Romans 6: 3 and 4.

3. Baptism is an act of personal witness. For this reason, and for the preceding reason too, baptism needs the participation of a congregation to be complete.

4. Baptism is the rite of initiation into the fellowship of the church. The convert has become one of the community of the redeemed at the point of his conversion, but his baptism is the time and place where he acknowledges that membership and the membership itself acknowledges him.

5. Baptism is a means of grace. It is a time when God feeds the Christian from his "boundless stores of grace" and the receptive soul is strengthened and nourished in this early stage of his walk with Christ.

Is baptism essential to salvation? Would those who say "yes," have us believe that the poor repentant sinner, who finds Christ in the last few hours of his life, is lost because he is not baptized? Remember the thief on the cross.

—K. G. Dawson, S.A.

RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUTH.

To the Editor,

In "Our responsibility to youth," H.F. Gross stressed the need for finding new forms in which our faith can speak to youth. Also to accept young people as they are, tempering criticism with love and understanding. This is excellent advice.

Let me say, however, that most parents are not aware of the great forces we are up against in today's world. Satan is working harder than ever before to win the young, and he has many allies. There is a longing in every young heart to be admired, loved and accepted. It is hard for the young Christian to take a stand which may mean ostracism. To guide them through these troubled years is the major task of parents.

Dr. Bernard Saibel, child guidance expert of Washington, U.S.A., reported, after attending a performance of the Beatles: "It was terrifying and unbelievable. The hysteria and loss of control go far beyond the impact of the music. Many became frantic, hostile, unrecognisable — a destructive process with normal young people behaving as if possessed by demonic urges. The primitive, rhythmic music apparently releases the newly acquired physical impulses of the teenager. In short, an unholy bed-

lam the like of which I have never seen. Adults have a lot to account for in letting it go on."

Is it not alarming when such an authority outside the church recognises demon control in our youth?

There is one way which, I feel, has been largely neglected in the past, in our efforts to counteract the evil influences of our day, and that is to encourage young people to read Christian books and magazines. Our homes should be saturated with such literature suitable for the age group with which we have to deal. The Communists know the value of the written word. Let us see that our children are not deprived of this means of strengthening their faith in a hostile environment.

—Grace Magarey, S.A.

BAPTISM.

To the Editor,

There can scarcely be any doubt that a great many readers of the "A.C." have been disturbed and distressed, and probably confused, by much of the correspondence regarding baptism and the wearing of robes. We would commend the editor for keeping the columns open to all sorts of views, much as some of them distress us.

What is difficult to understand is why those who hold such unscriptural views remain in membership with Churches of Christ.

Surely those who have so little regard for the scriptural examples and teaching on baptism into Christ would be happier in some religious group that has a similar disregard for the importance of this ordinance of the Lord. Surely those who constantly praise those who have not obeyed Christ in baptism and in other ways advocate open membership, would do better to affiliate with some open membership church. If scripture is to be disregarded, or not taken at its face value on the vital matter of salvation, then where will we turn for authority?

May we suggest the republication of some of the scriptural and logical articles of the late A. R. Main, either from old issues of the "A.C." or from his booklet, "First Principles"?

—Harold Greenwood, S.A.

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• DAILY DEVOTIONAL CORNER

THERE IS ONE LORD

DAY BY DAY THROUGH EPHESIANS

Thursday, June 10. Ephesians 6: 14. Tighten the belt of truth . . . wear integrity as your coat of mail (Moffatt).

There are seven weapons to be used in our spiritual warfare. Some of them are defensive and some offensive. Moffatt's phrase seems to give new bite to the familiar "girdle of truth" and "breastplate of righteousness." Tighten the belt of truth: the warrior must not be hindered by looseness or sloppiness in his outfit, and as we have our minds made up about the truth of the gospel, it keeps all other weapons in their place of readiness. Wear integrity: the Christian will not base his conduct on personal advantage or popularity, but on what is right. It is integrity of character which is our strong defence.

O God, as we fight in the battles of life, may we have truth and integrity to protect us. Amen.

Friday, June 11. Ephesians 6: 15. Have your feet shod with the stability of the gospel of peace (Moffatt).

A soldier's life could well depend upon his footwear. He must be able to move surely and swiftly. It is no false metaphor to talk of a soldier wearing the shoes of peace. There has not been a modern war, offensive or defensive, that has not had as its declared aim the bringing or preserving of peace and freedom. In any case, peace is the genuine objective of the Christian war. It is the design of the gospel to bring peace to all.

O Lord, in the troubles of our day may we be true peacemakers. Amen.

PYRAMID HILL ADDITIONS

(Vic.). There have been two recent baptisms . . . The Sunday School anniversary enjoyed A. A. Avery as guest speaker . . . Mrs. W. Broad is back after her recent serious illness . . . The Ladies' Guild have bought a Thurmer piano for use in the hall . . . An interesting social evening was run by Mr. and Mrs. B. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broad. . . . The Temple Day offering was successful.

CARE FOR INDIAN CHILD

(Hamilton, Vic.). Women's Afternoon Fellowship project for the year is to provide £25 for the support of a child in India . . . Combined Ladies' Fellowship conducted Mother's Day service . . . Over 30 young people met for tea and held

Saturday, June 12. Ephesians 6: 16. The great shield of faith (N.E.B.).

There were two shields used in ancient warfare. One was small for the lightly armed man. The other was the great shield. It measured about 50 inches by 30 and was rounded to the shape of the body. When placed together by the soldiers using them, they formed an almost impenetrable barrier against the enemy's missiles. Faith is the great shield of the Christian. When Christians stand together they provide a strong wall of defence.

Our Father, we pray that faith may be our great shield. Amen.

Sunday, June 13. Ephesians 6: 17. And take the helmet of preservation and the sword of the Spirit — which means God's word (Schonfield).

The soldier's shield was a great protection, but he would raise his head above his shield. Therefore, his head needed its own safeguard. To preserve the Christian warrior, God himself has provided a helmet. "O Lord, my Lord, my strong Deliverer, thou has covered my head in the day of battle (Ps. 140: 7). Our own faith, at its best, has its limits, but God's care and protection goes even beyond our confidence in him. Fully equipped, we take the sword of the Spirit.

Heavenly Father, your word is sharper than any sword and stronger than any weapon. May we use it for victory. Amen.

discussion . . . Mrs. Page took six young girls to the camp at Monbulk . . . The chapel is being painted by men of the church . . . The recorder for the Stewardship Campaign reports an increase in offerings for the first six months of about 50 per cent.

BOOK WEEK

(Cheltenham, Vic.). A display stand of books has been set up in the church foyer. V. C. Stafford occupied pulpit on morning of May 23rd to introduce Literature Week . . . Three ladies were received into membership by transfer . . . There have been three decisions . . . The Explorer boys spent an enjoyable night as hosts to a group of boys from Broken Hill. The boys are raising funds to help build a school at Londua in the New Hebrides.

Monday, June 14. Ephesians 6: 18-20. Being intent on prayer with all diligence and entreaty (v. 18, Schonfield).

Of what use is the finest of armour and the best of weapons if there is no effective communication with headquarters? Be alert to prayer, says Moffatt. Be intent on prayer, says Schonfield. Have unwearied persistence, says Weymouth. At each turn of the battle, at every new emergency we are in need of direction. This we can receive through prayer.

Our Father, we note that we are required to pray not only for ourselves but for all of those who fight with us in this war. Amen.

Tuesday, June 15. Ephesians 6: 21-22.

That you might know our affairs, our dear brother and trustworthy helper (v. 21).

This is what Paul calls Tychicus. We know very little about him, but he reminds us of so many who shared with the great apostle. When we think of the early church, we think so easily of its leaders. We call to mind Paul, Peter, John, Matthew and a few other names of the great. But the church would never have survived by its leaders alone. There were also those who were led. Men like Tychicus, a trustworthy helper, made the victories of the early church possible.

O Lord, we may not be famous in your church, but help us to be trustworthy. Amen.

Wednesday, June 16. Ephesians 6: 23-24. Peace, and love, with faith, be to the brothers (v. 23).

The Letter to the Ephesians is one of Paul's later writings. It was written from prison and in the apostle's advancing years. It lacks some of the passion and energy of his earlier writings, but it has a position of tremendous importance. There is strong evidence to suggest that Paul wrote it, not to one church, but to many churches to set out his view of Christ and the church. It is Paul's supreme effort. He closes it with a benediction, a blessing from God. Peace and love with faith, be to the brothers.

Our Father, we thank you for this letter written by your great servant. In it the Lord Jesus is given supremacy. May we give him that place in our lives. Amen.

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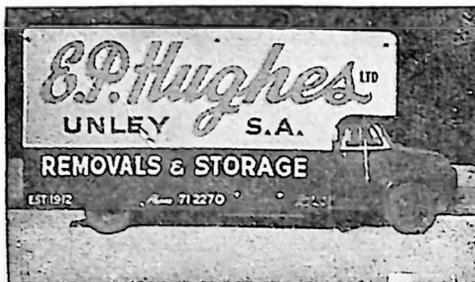
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