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## THE A.L.P.

A Christian cannot ignore his political responsibility. Indeed, Christians should be taking a far more active part in politics in order to ensure that the Christian viewpoint is presented with firmness and integrity.

In the Australian situation, political responsibility is exercised in a party system. There are dangers in this because men often are pressed to follow the party line rather than the conscience line. However, there are those who have shown that they can belong to a party and still be honest in thought and action. In any case, there is no likelihood of a change in the future. For the good of the country, we are required to elect to office the party most likely to give good government. There is often wide disagreement among electors as to which party can govern effectively and this disagreement is just as strong within churches as in the rest of the community.

However, it is essential for the best operation of the party system that there be a strong alternative to the elected government. This alternative is supplied by "Her Majesty's loyal opposition." Many feel today that in the Australian Labor Party we lack an adequate alternative. As the sectional church-centred interests of the Democratic Labor Party also disqualify it from general support, this means we have no reasonable alternative at all.

The recent Victorian A.L.P. Conference did several things to decrease our already waning confidence. One decision was to change its policy with regard to a referendum on the hotel hours question. There is a strong body of public opinion which holds that the only way to clarify the issues involved and to get a reliable decision is to hold a referendum. Why the A.L.P. should support the Liberal Party on this issue, when it usually does everything it can to delay, hinder and embarrass its opponents, is hard to understand.

If there is such a strong swing in public thinking about hours one would think that the political parties would welcome the ballot box endorsement of a change. In the light of some of the State's expensive adventures it would be ludicrous for either party to claim that they are seeking to avoid unnecessary expense. The Melbourne "Age" surprisingly said in an editorial before the Conference that "a referendum would give minority groups a chance to condemn the average drinker to a continuation of the six o'clock swill. The basic democratic right of individual choice in a strictly personal matter would again go by the board." We have been under the impression that the whole idea of a referendum is to protect the basic rights of individuals.

The A.L.P. seems certain to lose more than it will gain by following the Liberal lead on hotel hours, but its public image may have suffered more from other items.

One was unity tickets. The Victorian A.L.P. decided to ask for the abolition of Federal party rules banning unity tickets in any election involving A.L.P. members. For years we have been told that the unity tickets issue was invented or exaggerated by Labor's political opponents. Now there is open advocacy of them.

It is in Victoria where the D.L.P. has been best able to exploit the alleged communistic leanings of the A.L.P. And it is in Victoria that the A.L.P. made its public image worse by surrendering its leadership to the left wing. The N.S.W. A.L.P. Conference at the same time elected all right-wing leaders to its Central Executive.

Another item was the abject apology of Barry Jones, the Quiz King, for criticising the leadership of the party. Mr. Holt, the retiring President, said that the A.L.P. had a tendency to get rid of the person from whom it differed — instead of getting rid of the differences and winning the person. However, they did not lose Barry Jones; they only made him ineffective.

The A.L.P. Victorian Conference said No! to a democratic referendum on hotel hours; Yes! to unity tickets; and No! to healthy criticism.

Politics being what they are, all this might have been understood if some political advantage was offering. As it was, it was a fine example of the way to lose friends and depress people.

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# THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

BY GLEN S. BROWN



At a midnight conversation in Beirut, years ago, certain leading churchmen were talking with the then Foreign Minister of the Republic of Lebanon, Dr. Chas. Malik. After discussing the current Arab-Jew hostility; Russian penetration into the Middle East; and the ever-present threat of a third world war, Dr. Malik said: "Sometimes I wish that I could turn from the struggle, seek my own salvation, and devote my life to preaching in some small village."

Many of us, facing the immensity of the problems of today's world, have felt like this Christian leader. But the Christian life and the work of the Church is not to be "out of this world," but persistently within it. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world"; "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil."

Today there is no issue on which the Church is more confused than its relation to the world. The very events of history are forcing the Church to redefine this relationship and thereby forcing the Church to redefine its own being.

## 1. Our Traditional Attitude to the World

There has always been a tendency for withdrawal in Christianity. In the Middle Ages it was monasticism. Unfortunately, the spirit of monasticism is not yet dead. In both the Roman Catholic and the Protestant realm there is abundant evidence to support the belief in the continuation of the monastic spirit. The insistence of the use of archaic concepts in church architecture; the predilection for the exclusive use of the Authorised Version of the Bible in public worship; the adherence to "the old paths" of ways and means and methods; the demand that we do not participate in or even mention political issues or business practices, are instances of the living spirit of monasticism.

There are still many Christians who speak of the common enjoyment of life and the concern for life in human society, as a worldly business unprofitable for the saving of souls. Thus the

life of the church becomes insular and artificial. It forgets that God is concerned with all of life and all of the world.

The tragedy which may result from this kind of pietism in the Church can be seen when a narrow spirituality is forced upon it as occurred in Germany. Goebbels proclaimed: "Churchmen dabbling in politics should take note that their only task is to prepare men for the next world." When Martin Niemöller went to Hitler with his plea of concern for the future of Germany, Hitler said, "Let that be my concern."

In Chicago is the tallest Methodist, and probably the tallest church, in the world. Above the church sanctuary is built a skyscraper block of flats, four hundred of them, and above these a steeple pointing even further into the sky. Years ago a carillon of bells was built into the steeple with the purpose of ringing a reminder of God to the people of Chicago. The strange discovery was made that in the canyon-like streets far below, the bells could not be heard by the people. So much of the message and work of the church scarcely reaches the place where men work and play and live and love.

This is largely due to our traditional attitude toward the world.

## 2. Our Real Relationship to the World

The Church has always been subject to temptation from two directions: to flee the world and be separate from it; and to embrace the world and be swallowed by it. The Church can know its true self, its nature and its function only when it senses its identity from the world, and simultaneously is aware that this identity is for the world.

It is only as we are possessed of a clear vision of a world that "God so loved" and came in Christ to reconcile to himself can we really appreciate the concepts of "Gospel," "Salvation," "Reconciliation," "Ministry."

The Christian view of the world must never be stated in a way that lulls the Christian community into a sense of restful assurance and inactivity. The vision of the world as God's world, is a vision of faith looking back to Christ's

advent into history, it is a vision of hope looking forward to Christ's coming in glory. When we look at the world in love, however, the love of God, which was in Christ, the Church must be filled and moved with compassion, for it sees the world in a hell of alienation. The fact is, we dare not escape from participation in the world. When we turn our backs on people we come perilously near to denying the whole gospel. Some are suspicious of close links with people lest they lose the spiritual power of faith.

Our attitude toward the world must reflect that of God who, in Christ, came to reconcile the world to himself. "And God loved the world"; "God sent his Son, not to judge the world, but that the world be saved through him."

How easy it is to love the world generally, but how difficult to love the individuals who compose it. We feel that we cannot love a man because he drinks, or he reeks of tobacco, or he swears, or he eats noisily, or in some way we are irritated beyond measure by him as an individual.

We sometimes seem as if we cannot really believe that Christ really touched the leper. Our attitude suggests that even if we do believe that the Lord really touched the leper, it would not be "a good witness" for us even to talk to him.

## 3. Our Responsibility for the World

The responsibility that we have for the world is apparent in Paul's description of the ministerial function of the church in 2 Cor. 5: 18-20, "God who

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## THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (cont. from page 3)

came in Christ, and reconciled us to himself, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation, now making his appeal through us."

This is a staggering, overwhelming, unbelievable mystery at the heart of the Christian community. In this mystery alone does the church find its true meaning. The nature of the church as the reconciled community becomes inseparable from the function of the church as the minister or agent of reconciliation. When the church loses an overpowering sense of mission to the world as its very reason for existence it will have lost its nature as the servant of God, the body of Christ, the communion of the Holy Spirit.

So we are "agents" of reconciliation. Agents as applied to individual Christians or to the whole church. The word in the New Testament translated "servant" or "minister" is better understood, in our contemporary thought, as "agent."

In the light of all this can we doubt for a moment that the growing inter-

est in Christian Unity must be accelerated to actuality in the very near future? Our tendency to talk unrealistically about the possibility of unity in something like a hundred years has to stop. Our responsibility requires that, contrary to our painfully slow progress, we leap forward to the place where the unity of the church is an actuality.

Considering the function of the church in the world, the factors that divide the church are of a comparatively trivial nature. I say this deliberately. I emphasise the word comparatively. I am not sufficiently naive as to think that the matter of doctrine and theology are unimportant, yet I reiterate, compared to the tremendous issue of the churches' responsibility for the world these other things are "comparatively trivial."

We must necessarily then, being primarily concerned with this matter and, as we have always been, with the unity of the Church of Christ, leap forward, impelled by the unmistakable promptings of the Holy Spirit to the place where we all may be one, that the world may believe.

## ACTIVITY AT ARARAT . . .

(Vic.) During the latter half of 1964 the Officers at Ararat spent much time analysing the needs of the church.

Early in December a booklet was presented to the congregation entitled "Plan for Development, 1965." This was designed for the development of the church in six areas:

1. The erection of new buildings.
2. Increased stewardship.
3. The continuing outreach in evangelism.
4. The development of the sense of brotherhood.
5. The increase in spiritual life.
6. The improvement of all auxiliaries.

With six months of the plan now gone our progress should be reported on.

1. **New Buildings.** — Extensive plans made for improvement of church properties. A loan from the Campbell Edwards Trust has made the extensions possible.

2. **Stewardship.** — In February, Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey, of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism led the church in a Planned Giving Programme. The previous giving averaged £31/10/- per week. A target of £9,000 was set over a period of three years to double the giving, but the actual amount pledged was £13,000, an increase of 140 per cent by 62 members, and other contacts. This has been the highest ever reached in such a short programme by the Department. However, over the first four months a better average of £86 has been given per week. Attendances have increased to an average of over 80 at both morning and evening services.

3. **Evangelism.** — Immediately the Planned Giving Programme had concluded, the minister, G. K. Moyes, B.A., outlined a programme of evangelism covering the next four months. Fourteen men attended a "key man" breakfast and committed themselves to win others for Christ by —

1. **Contact.** All visited contacts to win their friendship.

2. **Cultivation.** Inviting them to special services for men, women and young people to involve them in the life of the church.

3. **Commitment.** The minister produced a handbook on visitation evangelism and trained eleven men to visit all contacts for commitment to Christ.

In a week of extensive visitation all contacts were visited and shown, from scripture, God's plan for salvation. Mrs. Muriel Robottom, of North Essendon, addressed the only midweek meeting of the Mission when she spoke to all the lady contacts on the need to commit our lives to Christ. Thirty adults committed themselves to Christ and have subsequently made their public confession during the gospel services.

Apart from this a five-week discipleship class has been completed and more decisions are expected. Additional help was needed for the minister as he explained church membership to all converts. Kevin Harvey was brought to Ararat to assist in this essential work and there have been two more decisions through his visiting. We rejoice that eight husbands and wives have committed their lives. Sixteen weeks of baptisms have been arranged.

4. **Conservation.** The church has a strong 15-point programme to conserve these people to our membership. This includes membership training, discipleship classes, regular visitation. Eleven man shepherd plan, regular visitation by all auxiliary leaders, regular fellowship groups and study groups. All will receive a membership kit, a year's free subscription to the "Australian Christian," a gold initialled morocco bound hymn book and an inscribed New English Bible.—Ron Johnston, Secretary.

## WOMEN OF THE WEST MEET IN JUNE

(Perth). Included in the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Women's Auxiliary Conference is the conduct of the monthly Auxiliary meditations by the churches in the order of their foundation. The first was arranged by Perth C.W.F., with Mrs. J. S. Bridge as leader. The key thought was "Every Heart Without the Word is a Mission Field, Every Heart with the Word is a Missionary." The duet, "In Times Like These," was sung by Mrs. Calladine and Mrs. Conigrave.

Mrs. G. A. Ewers recalled that the 1889 South Aust. Conference resolved "that the advisability of establishing a mission in W.A. should be brought before the first Inter-Colonial Conference." Later, this Conference declared "that in the opinion of Conference the time has arrived for planting the church in W.A." The church was planted on good land in Lake Street, donated by a member in Victoria.

Seventy-nine were present, representing nineteen C.W.F.'s. The financial balance in hand was £663.

Overseas. Prayer was requested for the ecumenical survey party visiting New Guinea in June. Miss Helen Maiden is much improved in health, and is available for meetings. Aboriginal Prayer was requested for Miss Beryl Winch, as she takes up duties at Carnarvon, and for Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer, preparing for Mr. Hammer's appointment as Sec. of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, and for the women's meetings held at Carnarvon. **Home Missions.** Mrs. E. C. Smith told the Auxiliary that Rivervale church recently held its first baptismal service, and that Ian Allsop is the preacher-elect for the East Victoria Park-Rivervale Circuit. **Social Service.** Mrs. W. Lake suggested many avenues for service, such as — wrapping new blankets ready for distribution, assistance in the Welfare Centre with mending and machining, and assessing the value of garments for the Budget Shop.

The President, Mrs. J. Pallot, reported that she had entertained 40 Presidents and Secretaries at morning tea.

—D. M. Gordon, Sec.



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## LINES FROM LEICESTER

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Hello, "Down Under"!

We are on "British Summer Time" and, of course, the lovely English twilight lasts until after 10 p.m. We love to go walking in the soft evening twilight. It is hard to realise that our friends in Australia are having breakfast in the freshness of a new day — our tomorrow!

At church last Sunday, in the glow of a perfect sunset, we sang: "The sun that bids us rest is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky." The words of this lovely hymn took on a new significance for four people in the congregation. In Australia, it was Monday morning!

The Leicester Cathedral was the setting of a remarkable service, this month. Never before had I attended a service in an Anglican cathedral where a Salvation Army flag was draped on the altar; Anglican serving men took up an offering for the work of the Salvation Army; a Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army led the congregation in prayer for the Lord Mayor, a devout Roman Catholic (who was present!) and a Salvation Army Band lustily played "Trust and Obey." It was the occasion of Leicester's Thanksgiving for the Centenary of the Salvation Army.

With representatives of other Free Churches, I took part in the procession around the Cathedral, and was assigned a seat in the chancel. I wore a preaching gown for this occasion, having no desire to be the only minister in civilian clothes and to appear conspicuous and witness to what? . . . the quality of Australian-made suits, I suppose. It didn't seem the appropriate place or occasion to advertise the merits of "Yarra Falls" cloth.

The Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Ronald Williams) spoke appreciatively of the Salvation Army and raised the question whether such a movement could satisfy its members in the next 100 years without affording them the great sacraments of Christian Baptism and The Lord's Supper. He suggested that the Salvation Army might reconsider its traditional attitude to these sacraments in the light of the great ecumenical movement. His words were humbly and lovingly spoken and we all felt that a great religious order had been deservedly congratulated, encouraged and challenged.

I attended the Ministers' Convention (Retreat) of Churches of Christ in Great Britain. It lasted from Monday to Friday and was held at "Barnes Close," about eight miles south of Birmingham. The "Close" accommodates 42 persons in exceptionally comfortable quarters, having formerly been one of the country residences of the world famous Cadbury family. It is ideally situated, overlooking a lovely "patch-work" vale in Warwickshire. The weather was perfect, and each morning I went hiking for two hours before breakfast. To be abroad

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"Barnes Close."

in the English countryside on a May morning has to be experienced to be understood. The oaks and elms and copper beeches, the pink and the white horse-chestnuts, the bird life, the blue-bells, buttercups and daisies, the hedges and the lanes all conspired to lure me on over one hill after another.

Twenty-six ministers participated in the Convention. Walter Hendry and I were the only "Aussies." The theme was "Steps Into a United Church." The subjects considered under this theme, and always related directly to it were: "Christian Initiation," "Christian Stewardship," "The Ministry of Women," "Ordination," and a session on "Recent Ecumenical Conversations." The subjects had been set by the previous Convention. The four District Fraternal (namely: Scottish, Northern, East Midland and West Midland) had each studied one of the subjects during the year and then presented a paper (previously circulated to ministers) for the consideration of the Convention. At "Barnes Close," each paper was discussed by the entire company first, then questions on it were considered in Workshops (Discussion Groups) and then the findings of each were reported back to the full assembly and statements agreed upon were recorded. In each subject the theological basis was sought and presented.

The thoroughness and scholarship of my British brethren impressed me. I felt that the ministers of our British churches are now giving a positive lead in the thinking of the British brotherhood. I felt that all who were at the Convention were not only unanimous, but whole-hearted about the cause of Christian Unity; yet I am quick to add that their enthusiasm was tempered by a salutary attitude best expressed in the comment of one who said: "There is something about truth that will not allow itself to be manipulated for our convenience."

I enjoyed "Barnes Close" Convention immensely and came away enriched and stimulated by its fellowship, and feeling hopeful about the future of Churches of Christ in Great Britain.

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## C.Y.F. INTERESTS

These days it is not strange to hear of casual, dimly-lit coffee lounges with folk singers, informal music, and young people engrossed in conversation. Slightly more unusual, however, to find young people sitting on hessian rugs on the floor.

In such an atmosphere, a clergyman spoke of his experiences when he walked the streets of King's Cross, Sydney, posing as an author in search of a story, actually in search of areas of contact that the Church may use in its mission to the community. He spoke of the people he met, people from the whole spectrum of life, socially desirable and undesirable.

The candid nature of this cleric's delivery served both as a breath of fresh air in its reality, and an ominous challenge to the Church that was appreciated by the young people present.

Since seeing is believing, and since we only believe half we hear, a film called "The Faces in the Street" restated the fact that such people as the cleric had spoken of, really exist. The film was made in Sydney, but could have been shot in Melbourne or any community.

Certainly no escape from reality for these young people; they appreciate honesty and its challenges.

Even more does this apply to the play-reading that followed. "Christ in the Concrete City" is a refreshing and yet horrifying re-enactment of the Crucifixion — perhaps not surprising that it should be horrifying and frightening when we consider it, frankly. The fact and significance of the Crucifixion is so clear when it is recounted in the language of the 20th century, rather than mediaeval English.

Not an ordinary coffee lounge this, despite the atmosphere, the duflie coats, the lively chatter between events, the dim lights, the casual music. A place where teenagers come to meet friends and to make friends, but that happens in lots of places.

This was CENTRAL 217. Held in the Brotherhood Centre in Melbourne. This was a programme of C.Y.F., for young people of our churches in the metropolitan area.

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### NEW S.A. CHOIR COMMITTEE

At the recent Choir Committee meeting a goodbye was said to several older members who had been with the choir since it commenced nine years ago. The going of these people, and the nominations received, made an election necessary and the new Committee elected is: Graham Lewis, Bronte Thomas, Peter Fitzgerald, Kevin Boyce, Christine Butler, Elizabeth Hockley, Barbara Stanford and Margaret Trevaskis. The Department of Christian Education endorsed the re-appointment of John Hall as leader-conductor of the choir.

In the next few weeks the choir will sing at the 110th Anniversary P.S.A. of the Hindmarsh church, and the Maughan church P.S.A. on July 11. This service is broadcast by Radio 5KA. At present the membership of the choir stands at 45 members, and on the agenda of the first meeting of the new Committee will be the planning of the details of the 10th Anniversary of the Choir, which is to take place in 1966. The Department of Christian Education has just received a cheque for £285 from the choir, and this will be used in development of the Longwood Camp Site.

### NEW CHAPEL OPENED

(Col. Light Gardens, S.A.). Following the close of a consolidation ministry by E. P. C. Hollard, the church has experienced a memorable occasion. 300 attended on June 5, when the new chapel and education block was opened by J. Rostrum, a pioneer member. There was an excellent fellowship tea and the film, "Heritage to Destiny," was screened prior to the Thanksgiving service, where C. H. J. Wright was guest preacher. . . . The Conference Pres., R. E. Pittman, led the induction service of A. G. Mathieson into the ministry of the church on June 6. The Home Mission Dept. is subsidising the full-time ministry. . . . Three young men conducted the evening service on May 30. There were three reconsecrations. . . . The Boys' Brigade has 15 members and is about to be registered.

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# D.C.E. REPORTS

A number of major events listed in the Diary of the South Australian Department of Christian Education have now passed into the stage of evaluation and filing for further consideration.

### JUNIOR HI CAMP

is always a popular event for the 12-15 years age group, and during the May School Vacation, 132 campers and leaders were at Longwood, under the leadership of John Halbert and Judy Fitzgerald, and a team of leaders made up of Teachers and University Students on holidays.

The study was "Come, Follow Me." Apart from the films, hikes, sports and all the other ingredients of a good camp, the feature deserving special mention was the Art and Project Session, with Graham Forbes. The posters, stained glass windows, puppets and other items will be displayed at State Conference and then given to new Bible Schools as resource material.

### NEW DATE FOR MARJORY DEANE.

Over 100 Kindergarten-Primary Superintendents and teachers were registered for the weekend Conference to be led by Marj. Deane, of the Federal Board, on May 21-22. Last minute illness caused a cancellation of the Conference, and a new date has been set for October 1 and 2.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE, 1965,

at Camp Balaklava, brought these "key men" together for an experience in learning that was rated extremely high in the "assessment form." Five pages of findings are going out to Superin-

### TO PUERTO RICO

(Unley, S.A.). Sir Philip and Lady Messent, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawton and Mr. I. J. Chivell are to attend World Convention in Puerto Rico. . . . Church shared with others in district with lunch-hour prayer meetings during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. . . . Hugh McLachlan has been appointed Church School Supt. . . . Dr. John Lawton is to lead new "Young Adult" class. . . . Afternoon C.W.F. enjoyed "Indian" meeting, when Mrs. Chivell took them "On Holiday with the Thomases," and included curry and rice for afternoon tea. . . . Senior Citizens' Project Committee is finalising plans to serve shut-in elderly people in district. . . . Girls' Club held successful camp, with 28 girls present.

### "BIBLES FOR HONG KONG"

(Forestville, S.A.). Sixty attended the combined Men's and Women's Fellowships, when the B. & F. B. S. screened the film, "Bibles for Hong Kong." An offering of £26 was received. . . . Dorcas elected Mrs. L. Harris as pres., and Mrs. Jones as sec. . . . A. R. Jones spoke on prison chaplaincy at an afternoon rally. . . . 11 basketball teams paraded on June 6. Afterwards the first after-church Coffee Hour was held. . . . The D.C.E. offering amounted to £60. . . . Mrs. D.

tendents all over the State, and the unanimous expression of those attending was that this must be an annual event. Ron Holmes, of the Unley church, shared the lectures with the Director, Ken Dawson was chairman, and Kevin Edwards of Balaklava, shared the responsibility of the Symposium. Three major areas were covered in the Conference — "A Theology of the Child," "An Adequate Church and Home Ministry" and "The Teacher and the School." R. V. Longthorp's Provocative Pamphlet, "Bible School," was used as introductory material.

### YOUTH LEADERS' SEMINAR,

with Dr. G. A. Whiting as guest leader, was held at Camp Balaklava on June 4-6. Registration was restricted to people who attended the four-session "school" sponsored by the Department in April, or who were leaders of Teen-age groups. Conference considered "Group Work," "The Nature and Mission of the Church" and "The Needs of Youth." From these sessions and the report back material the remaining three sessions were structured.

A Plenary Session has been planned for a Sunday afternoon in July, and the material that came in out of "report backs" has been duplicated and will be sent to delegates before this session. The members of the Seminar were unanimous in their praise of the leadership given to the Conference by Dr. Whiting. Peter Johnson, the S.A. President of C.Y.F., was chairman, and the group brought together C.Y.F. and C.E. groups.

### THE EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN

in S.A. for 1965 will cover the months of June, July and August.

Beiler was guest speaker at the E.C.W.F. and showed slides of the "Holy Land." . . . A nurse who made her decision at the Bond-Bowden mission has been baptized. . . . Seven members of the J.C.E. shared in a combined State C.E. Convention choir. . . . Mrs. Lovell is back after many months' absence through a broken hip.

### SPORTSMEN WITNESS

(Adelaide). It is not easy for top sportsmen these days to resist the demands made on them to engage in Sunday sport. During a recent trip to Melbourne by the South Adelaide Men's Basketball Club, five of our young churchmen did just this. They refused to play in the match arranged for the Lord's Day.

This kind of witness merits our recognition and support. The men concerned are in the top ranks of Australian basketball: Scott Davie, Brighton Gardens church, Olympic representative at Tokyo; Dean Whitford, S.A. captain of team to play in New Zealand in July; Brian Whitford, S.A. State player; Mayne Crook and Robert Beard. The last four are from Forestville church. Their example could very well be followed by other young Christian men.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

### N.S.W. CONFERENCE OFFICERS, 1965-66

Conference officers in N.S.W. for this year are:

President: C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Belmore).

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### PULPIT SPECIALIST

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). Some visiting speakers have taken part in the Sunday evening series, "With Christ in Christ's Disablesments," including Dr. John Treloar, a Macquarie-st. specialist, and Barry Benz. C. J. Mackenzie's morning series is "Christ and Your Frustrations" . . . The C.W.F. visited Gospel Recordings, and later, the Baptist Home for Aged People, "Shalom." On June 9, Mrs. Taylor told of the work among the Aborigines on our Mission stations. . . . The B.S. held open Sunday on June 6. Parents were invited to see the normal B.S. programme and to share in morning tea.

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### NEW SECRETARY AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). At a recent meeting of the Board of Management of the Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W., held at Woolwich, I. J. Torode was re-elected to the position of chairman, and H. C. Wheat, a former student of the College, and now ministering in the Sydney suburb of Padstow, was appointed secretary in succession to G. H. Sloman.

The Principal expressed the Board's appreciation of the untiring and gracious work of Mr. Sloman over a number of years.

### CONGO MISSIONARY IN CHURCHES

(Sydney, N.S.W.). Miss Elaine de Russett, returned missionary worker from the Congo, has recently visited Burwood, Beverly Hills, Penshurst, and others of our churches in Sydney. She served in Africa with the World-Wide Evangelisation Crusade, and has a tremendous story to tell of the faithful and valiant witness of missionaries and native workers in the face of fearful trial and persecution. Miss De Russett was herself involved in some of these terrifying incidents, and demonstrates radiant faith in triumph over unspeakable evil.

### HORNSBY'S HALF-CENTURY

(N.S.W.). The church at Albert-st., Hornsby, celebrated its 50th anniversary with helpful and encouraging gatherings on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. Guest speakers on the Sunday were C. G. Taylor, of Chatswood, and R. Elbourne, of Lane Cove. In all phases of the work there is evidence of progress.

### BIBLE SCHOOL INCREASE

(Bowral, N.S.W.). As a result of the enthusiastic efforts of the local minister, David Surtees, and the N.S.W. Director of Christian Education, Bruce Armstrong, "Adventure Time" was organised for school children on afternoons after school, with excellent results. More than 50 new contacts were made and already the Bible School is benefiting.

### THAILAND, INDIA FEATURED

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). On June 3, Mr. Brabham showed slides of recent trip to Thailand, at a youth tea, and later slides and a tape-recording from R. Powell in India were presented. . . . The following were elected at annual meeting: deaconess, Mrs. H. Davidson; deacons, J. McCosker (treas.), C. McCosker, J. McIver, H. Robson; elder, R. Aird (sec.); B.S. supt., C. McCosker; Kinder supt., Mrs. Anderson; Pres. C.W.F., Mrs. Anderson.

### F. B. STOW RECOVERING

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). The minister, Mr. Stow, is back in service, but has not completely recovered. Mrs. Stow is still undergoing treatment at Newcastle. . . . At the annual meeting these were elected: Board Chairman, D. Crawford; sec., K. Harman; treas., L. Norris; asst. sec., M. Hilton; deacons, R. Belford, H. South. . . . B.S. appointments are: supt., R. Belford; asst. supt., M. Hilton; Kinder supt., Mrs. I. South; Cradle Roll supt., Mrs. J. Harman; sec., Mrs. Allerton, and treas., Mrs. Hilton.

### HONORABLE SERVICE

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). Mrs. V. Burling recently celebrated her 80th birthday. She has retired from the position of church organist after 42 years' continuous service. Mrs. Burling is still very active and this year had a piano pupil win first place in a State grade. The church is grateful for her continued work as church treasurer.

### 30 YEARS AS TREASURER

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). The church has regretfully accepted the resignation of E. L. Rugendyke as deacon, and also as treasurer after 30 years' service. At an after-church fellowship he was presented with a Fler reclining chair, and Mrs. Rugendyke with a basket of fruit, and thanks for the many years she had encouraged her husband regardless of the many late nights and problems of his office. Mrs. Rugendyke has been a member for over 60 years, and her husband for over 50. Although retired from office, Mr. Rugendyke will still be active in the church. . . . M. J. Bedwell is minister.

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# REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA WARFARE

BY ALAN CANT

Describing a Christian, in military terms, has been popular since the days of Paul, who in Ephesians and Timothy likens the Christian life to warfare which requires the weapons of God and the discipline of the Spirit. Weber suggests the word Sacrament comes from the Roman "Sacramentum," which was the oath of allegiance taken by a Roman soldier.

The church has preserved and expanded this metaphor, but nearly always in terms of regular army units. We have let this metaphor suggest a way of organisation and battle which is that adopted by orthodox armies. In this concept there is an emphasis on the institution as such, on orders of rank and priority, top-level decisions, rigorous training and practice, ceremonial parades and rousing music, dependence on equipment, and so on. I am going to suggest that this sort of army metaphor is quite the wrong sort to describe the mission of the church.

In our generation we have seen the refinement of traditional guerrilla warfare, and the incredible development of revolutionary guerrilla warfare. Here, in this last type of warfare, we have the closest analogy to the Christian soldier. Traditional guerrilla warfare could be described like this: fighting by groups of irregulars, using unorthodox methods, over terrain they know better than the enemy, to defend their homeland. Revolutionary guerrilla warfare alters the aim from defence to attack.

This type of warfare, which is so very difficult to combat, is a very apt way to describe the mission of the church, through such analogies as these:—

"fighting by groups of irregulars" . . . the Christian soldier should not be tied up with a lot of red tape and over-

organisation, or dependent on forts and barracks and long supply lines. He carries his supplies with him in his own personal dedication and spiritual maturity.

"using unorthodox methods" . . . the Christian soldier does not continue to conduct his battle in ways the enemy knows all about. His main weapon is surprise, so that the community does not know where the next thrust will be.

"over terrain he knows better than the enemy" . . . the Christian soldier is not so "pure" and heavenly minded that he knows nothing about what life is really like. He is so much in the world that he is not surprised by evil and treachery, and knows the real issues that are being fought.

To these brief comments we could add that revolutionary guerrilla warfare demands even greater unity among the ranks than regular war. Modern historians suggest that the revolutionary move in Burma failed because of inner conflict among the Communists.

This way of thinking has almost endless possibilities, and maybe you have already thought of other similarities between the Christian mission and revolutionary guerrilla warfare. I believe the church would conquer the community for God if we let ourselves be made into a unified, dedicated, revolutionary army.

## "YOKING"

Ten Evangelical United Brethren (E.U.B.) churches are now "yoked" with Methodist churches in their communities. "Yoking" is a relationship in which each congregation returns its own congregational affiliation but the two churches in a community are served by the same pastor. In the case of the 10 Minnesota "yokings," E.U.B. clergymen are serving as pastors in most instances.—E.P.S.

## RACIAL SHAME

(London). The Rt. Rev. Edward Knapp-Fischer, Anglican Bishop of Pretoria, reported that some white members of his church are withdrawing their support of the church because of its stand against racial discrimination.

The Bishop added: "Perhaps the most tragic consequence of the defection and hostility of many of our white members is the loneliness and isolation to which (the situation) subjects many of our priests.

"To be hated and often misrepresented and maligned by many of those who speak the same language and share so many of their traditions, is perhaps the greatest of the burdens they have to bear."—E.P.S.

## INDONESIAN GRANTED SCHOLARSHIP

An Indonesian social worker, Miss Connie Tan Kwie Haw, has been granted the first Australian Church Women scholarship for study in Australia by an overseas woman. Miss Tan, who is director of the Dorcas Children's Home in Djakarta, will spend about six months in Australia studying social work in Sydney and Melbourne.—E.P.S.

## ENDEAVOURERS HAVE ELEVEN TO GO

Albert Hall, Launceston, Tas., seating 3,000, will be the venue for the 31st National Christian Endeavour Convention to be held May 13-21, 1966. With only eleven months left for preparation, Convention organisers are moving into top gear to ensure the same high standard that previous National C.E. Conventions have reached.

The theme, "Venture with Christ," challenges youth and adults to venture with Christ in this age of revolution and change to carry the cross of Christ into every corner of our personal, church, social and national life.

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# THE TOWNSVILLE SCENE

BY A. McK. SURTEES,  
Home Missions Director, Queensland.

These lines are being written in the study of the manse at Townsville, in the far north of Queensland, where I am privileged to be spending a month with the Townsville church — a centre supported through Federal Home Missions.

To be on the spot, even for this brief time, is to catch some of the excitement of what is happening in a place so often thought of as isolated and perhaps slumbering in tropical heat.

Townsville church is facing all the problems of an in-between period, following the close of the ministry of Neil Gilmore and pending the arrival of a new preacher. It is heartening to find things being kept moving along. Without a preacher, regular demands of the work have to be met by the members themselves — often a difficult and frustrating task. But here's what I have seen happen in only three weeks since arriving here:—

A junior camp at Magnetic Island;

A tennis match between the church youth group and some young people (non-members) from Giru, some 35 miles south of Townsville;

Two after-church evening chorus-singing and supper sessions, one in a church home and the other in the chapel;

A (fortnightly) prayer group of women in one of the homes, when opportunity was taken to make small handkerchief gift novelties for Mother's Day;

A Saturday afternoon tea for senior women of the church, and the mothers of Bible School scholars, in celebration of Mother's Day, with a programme of items, recitations, competitions;

A planning and prayer session of young people, when an aim was set to

increase the group to 40 by Christmas time;

A special C.W.F. meeting, when the womenfolk tape-recorded a programme to be sent on an exchange basis to the C.W.F. at Roma (Qld.);

A rally to mark the visit of a representative of a brotherhood committee;

A Saturday night cabaret organised by the Youth Fellowship, with the hall decorated to provide a jungle atmosphere, in keeping with an "On Safari" theme — an evening attended by almost 50 people, including several young people not previously contacted by the church;

A gospel service arranged by the young people, with three young men giving brief messages, a solo by one of the young women, and a final address by one of the older members of the church who acts as a Youth Advisor.

All this is in addition to a regular pattern of activity — morning and evening Lord's Day services; a Bible School covering kindergarten to late teens; weekly clubs for boys and for girls; and a monthly cycle of meetings for church officers, youth fellowships, women's fellowships, prayer and Bible study. Each week, a church paper is produced — written by one member, cut on stencils by another member and duplicated by a third.

Remember, everything mentioned above is the spontaneous work of the members without the help of the preacher! Don't think the burden does not lie heavily upon the comparatively small band of members who are shouldering it. Much earnest prayer is needed that it will not be long before a full-time preacher can be found to take up the work in this large city.

## RELIGION SAFEGUARDED

According to a recent decree by President Sukarno, any attack or calumny against a religion officially recognised by the Indonesian government will be considered a crime from now on. Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism are the officially recognised religions in Indonesia.—E.P.S.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CURRICULUM

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST TO OBSERVE AT CONSULTATION.

The Joint Board of Graded Lessons is responsible for the production of Bible School lesson materials for the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Australia and New Zealand. Congregational churches also use these materials extensively.

The Joint Board, which corresponds to our own Federal Board of Christian Education, is planning to produce a new curriculum, and materials to embody it, for 1970. As a preliminary step a series of consultations are being arranged to explore the theoretical bases of curriculum — theological, educational, and so on.

The first of these conferences is to be held in Melbourne in August. Our Federal Board has accepted an invitation to be present as an observer at this conference. It is hoped that greater co-operation can one day be achieved in this field, in Australia.

# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Is it permitted to pray TO the Holy Spirit?

Prayer is communion with God. God is revealed as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But we also know that God is one.

We find it almost impossible to understand the kind of unity that is expressed in the trinity. We certainly find it impossible to explain. We cannot describe God in terms of mathematics, because in maths, three into one won't go. But God is not a mathematical symbol. He is a Person who is known to us in different ways.

A modern illustration uses the mind of the creative artist as an analogy. The artist has an Idea. He engages in activity through which the Idea is expressed. From the Idea and the Activity comes the Power, the completed work, through which the Idea is communicated to others.

We may think of the Idea, the Activity and the Work as three different things, but to the artist they are one. In the beginning was God. He expressed himself actively through the Son. The completed work of the Son is communicated through the power of the Spirit. But again, we cannot accept this or any other illustration as the answer to the mystery of the trinity.

The scriptural method of prayer we adopt most regularly is to pray to the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. But many find it natural to pray directly to the Lord Jesus. He is with us, he speaks to us, he guides us, and we often pray directly to him. Because the Holy Spirit is regarded as the channel through which our prayer is offered to God, many have felt it is wrong to pray to the Spirit.

I do not find it wrong. Our prayer is still to God whatever name we use for him. Many of our hymns are actually prayers addressed to the Holy Spirit. See these hymns in our book: Nos. 10, 172, 175, 179, 392, 870. These are genuine prayers and recognised as such when we sing them. They are quite different from the literary device that is used in 184, "Holy Bible, book divine," and 195, "City of God, how broad and far outspread thy walls sublime."

When we are thinking of God functioning specifically as the Holy Spirit, there is nothing wrong with addressing the Holy Spirit directly. Most of our prayers, however, will still be following the example of Jesus who prayed to God as "Father."

ALAN CANT, B.Ed., is ministering to the Church at Mildura, Vic.



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## WORLD CONVENTION COMMITTEE SAYS "THANK YOU"

Several weeks ago an announcement was made that the Secretary of the Australian World Convention Committee, I. J. Chivell, had been asked to attend the forthcoming Convention in Puerto Rico for the purpose of observing their planning arrangements. An appeal was made to the churches of our Australian brotherhood to provide the travelling expenses for our representative.

To date the following contributions have been received, viz:—

Federal Executive, £100; Individuals (16), £92/10/-; Churches (115)—  
Canberra, £20; New South Wales (18), £38/16/-; Tasmania (1), £5;  
Victoria (36), £116/7/6; Queensland (7), £10; Western Australia (12),  
£21/11/-; South Australia (41), £148/4/-. TOTAL, £552/8/6.

The Committee wishes to thank the churches and individual members who have responded so readily. If other churches are able to assist to complete the target of £650, it would be appreciated if contributions were forwarded to—Churches of Christ Centre, 189 Gawler Place, Adelaide, within the next two or three weeks.

Some of the delegates have left already for an extended overseas tour, and others will be leaving at various times during June and July. We wish for all a consciousness of God's presence and guidance, and a rich time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ from other lands. Our prayer is that each one will return enriched, and determined to share the inspiration of this great gathering with the churches at home to the glory of God.

## DALBY IS 15

(Qld.). This northern church celebrated its 15th birthday with Mr. Martin, of Kingaroy, as guest speaker. At the P.S.A., a musical group from Chinchilla provided items. "The Geo. Muller Story" was screened at night. The following are officers: elders, R. Green, W. Ramage; deacons, B. Miller, R. Miller, D. Pedler, F. Pedler.

## TYNDALE ADDRESS

(Melb.). Professor B. S. Brown will deliver the 6th Annual Address of the Tyndale Fellowship of Biblical Studies at the Isobel Ross Memorial Hall, 110 Keppell-st., Carlton, cnr. of Swanston, Keppell and Lytton Streets, on Thurs., July 15, at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Missionary Structures in the Early Church."

## EXPLORERS ON TARGET

(Vic.-Tas.). The progressive total for this year's Service Appeal has reached £460. A total of £500 is the target, to be given to the Overseas Missions Board for the purpose of building a classroom at Londua, New Hebrides. With many more clubs to send in returns, it is confidently expected that the aim will be reached. The highest individual club effort was raised by the Doncaster club, with an amount of £60. During the May school vacation, a total of 27 boys enrolled for the Junior Leaders' Certificate.—R. V. Longthorp.

## POLICEMAN ON I.C.E.

(Morawa, W.A.). The local policeman was the speaker at Intermediate Christian Endeavour recently. Three C.E. Societies are working well. C.W.F. is seeking to make meetings more interesting for new folk in town. In preparation for Woman to Woman evangelism, ladies have commenced prayer groups at Pintharuka, Gutha and Morawa. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris have left for the World Convention. Milan Zaklan has returned to Albany. Misses B. Hales and D. Potter have left the district and will be greatly missed. Two young people have been baptized.

## MOVEMENTS

### FAREWELL TO MINISTER

(Cheltenham, Vic.). The church honored Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan at a farewell evening on June 19; 250 attended. Appreciation for the service given by Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan were expressed by Rev. G. Nathan (Ministers' Fraternal); H. Fowler (Christian Edu. in Schools); R. F. Geyer (Churches of Christ Conf.); Mrs. V. Hall (C.W.F.); Dean Olafsen (Asst. Minister and C.Y.F. Leader). J. Ayres made a presentation on behalf of the church and expressed the desire of the church for God's blessing on Mr. Bolduan's ministry at Kaniva. Mr. Bolduan will conduct final services at Cheltenham on June 27.

### APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

(Footscray, Vic.). Ean Kernick has accepted the position of a limited ministry with the church for 1966 as a student, with a view to a full-time ministry in 1967. Miss P. Davis, Matron of Margaret Coles Hospital, was guest speaker at C.W.E.F. The C.W.A.F. held a jumble sale which raised £12. Mr. Hicks spoke for the B. & F. B. S. on June 6.

### CHANGE OF MINISTRY

(Albury - Wodonga - Lavington). The church has regretfully received the resignation of Pat Kavanagh. John Tudor has been appointed on a part-time basis. A gospel film was shown at the monthly family night on June 6. Five were baptized. There was a further baptism on June 13. A series of monthly training classes for the combined Sunday Schools commenced on May 23. C.E. Bowser, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., dedicated the new kitchen, kinder room and toilet block. Beryl Winch has joined the staff of Carnarvon Aborigines Mission.

### TO SUNSHINE

(Vic.). V. Quayle, now at Essendon, Vic., has accepted an invitation of the church to minister from early 1966. Recent offerings improved to average £38. Over Missionary Weekend, F. Manning, Regions Beyond Missions, presented excellent illustrated messages at tea and gospel service, June 13. 20 enjoyed car tour to College of the Bible, Ludbrook House, Burwood church, and Guest Homes at Oakleigh and Murrumbeena. Wycliffe Bible Translators gave interesting demonstration at the Glen Waverley church lunch stop.

### INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). Mervyn Bedwell, minister of the church at Marrickville, has received an appointment to Imperial Chemical Industries, Sydney, as part-time Industrial Chaplain. This work is in connection with the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, and Mr. Bedwell is among the first seven chaplains to be chosen for this important sphere of service.

### NEW MINISTER FOR PENRITH

(N.S.W.). John Sedman, at present serving with the Wyoming congregation, has accepted a call to the ministry at Penrith, in succession to Alan Webb. Mr. Sedman is expected to take up his new task in September.

## W.A. Ministries in Retirement

The life of the W.A. brotherhood is being enriched by the ministries of two brethren who have recently retired from their secular employment: L. H. Park, of Wembley, retired from his high position in a Government Department five years earlier than he needed in order to devote the remaining years of his active life to full-time Christian service. He is serving the Federal Aborigines Mission Board as a part-time deputationist, and also assisting J. K. Bond in the ministry at Nollamara, where the youth and Sunday School work demands extra help. He is also currently in service as

President of the State Christian Endeavour Union.

J. A. Stewart, of North Perth, is giving almost full-time service with the Social Service Department. He has for some years been active in social service work, and has a particular adaptability for prison visitation. His availability to the Social Service Department is of great value.

Both of these brethren are elders of their respective churches. We praise God for the vision given to these men as to what is possible during the years of retirement. They are now busier than ever.

### WIMMERA AND WEST VIC. MINISTERS

The ministers from the Wimmera and Western Districts met at Warracknabeal, accompanied by their wives and families.

B. C. Snoxall, minister of Warracknabeal circuit, presented studies on Baptism: "Its nature, meaning, and the candidate," and "The side issues of Baptism." A devotional discussion was led by A. Male, of Portland.

The services of the Warracknabeal C.W.F. in preparing the midday meal were greatly appreciated.

### HARLAXTON'S 43RD

(Qld.). Harlaxton church celebrated its 43rd anniversary with Graeme Chapman as guest speaker. Mrs. Bartkowski, oldest associated member, cut birthday cake. The film, "How the Bible Came to Us," was screened on June 13. Ladies shared quarterly Mylo meeting with morning tea and musical programme for guests.

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### FREMANTLE TO BUILD

(W.A.). Extensions are becoming an urgent necessity. A Building Extension Committee has been formed to proceed with planning, meanwhile the Building Extension Fund has been created and shows that the church is solidly behind the proposed extensions. On June 6, after having had a fortnight to consider the matter, the church gave £2,800 towards the estimated cost of extensions (£6,000). Straightout donations amounted to £1,055, the remainder being interest free loans.

### N.S.W. YOUNG MEN'S HOSTEL

The Churches of Christ Young Men's Hostel, at Marrickville, now has twelve in residence. This hostel, established just two years ago, has a threefold objective, viz:—

- (1) To provide a home for lads of the "Dunmore," Pendle Hill, Boys' Home, when they commence work.
- (2) To make available a Christian Home for young men who come to Sydney from country districts to work or study.
- (3) To accommodate any young men in need of a home in a Christian atmosphere.

The Matron, Mrs. Frost, is giving a splendid piece of practical Christian service.

### ORPHAN SUPPORT

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). Over the past two years the children of the Bible School at Hurstville have contributed £125 for the care and education of Chandralekha, a little Indian girl they have pledged themselves to support.

### 102nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

(Taree, N.S.W.). The 102nd church anniversary of the Taree church was fittingly celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. F. Ewers, B.A., minister of the Burwood church, was guest speaker, and Max Harrison, of Belmore, was soloist. Appreciation of the church was expressed by the resident minister, A. G. Leane, who presided at each service. The sound film, "An Angel in Ebony," was screened at the Sat. evening fellowship, when Mr. Ewers and Mr. Harrison also shared in the meeting. The anniversary offering was set aside for proposed church hall to be erected.

### BUSY CAMP-SITE

(S.A.). The Balaklava Camp has been used over the last eight weekends for significant camping experiences, including a Sunday School Superintendents' Camp. Dr. Geoff. Whiting, and a group from a Youth Leadership Camp, were guests at church on June 6. Michael Toka, from New Hebrides, has been a visitor. Young people entertained parents at a social evening during Family Week. Church ladies raised £23 for the Morialta Children's Home on Badge Day. The Adelaide Plains annual C. E. Rally was held in our church. 90 young people met for tea and shared in the meeting addressed by Mr. Brown.

### BAPTISM AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). A Narrabri woman, Mrs. Sally Alexander, was recently baptized. Narrabri visitors were present and witnessed Mrs. Alexander's baptism and welcome into the church fellowship. Boys' and Girls' Clubs held their annual cracker and bonfire night, out of town. The minister has given C.W.F. ladies a series of lectures on Public Speaking. Results of homework have proved these to be most beneficial. At the quarterly combined churches service in the Inverell Town Hall, the Chaplain of the Armidale University, Richard Udy, B.A., was guest speaker. Two elderly members, Mrs. Harding, of Inverell, and Mrs. Dixon, of Boggabilla, died during May. Sincere sympathies are extended to the members of their families. Maxwell Hall is minister.

### NINETEEN MISSIONARIES

(Broken Hill, S.A.). The Missionary Convention, Queen's Birthday weekend, had 19 missionaries share at Broken Hill church in the 4 days. Our own missions were represented by B. V. Coventry. He addressed the civic reception, an open-air meeting, and a Baptist church service as well as our Bible School, the communion service and a men's tea. Mrs. McEwen died on May 28, after a long and painful illness. The B.S. has entered the State Efficiency Campaign. The G.L.B., led by Capt. V. Garner and Lieut. P. Schorn, paraded at a communion service.

## Circulation Corner

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## National Diary

### NEW SOUTH WALES

JULY—

- 10 —Pendle Hill, N.S.W. — Youth Rally.
- 17 —Pre-Crusade '65 Barbecue — Lane Cove, National Park, N.S.W.
- 18 —State Scripture Examination.
- 24-26—State Home Mission Directors' Conference, Sydney, N.S.W. Directors from all States in Sydney.
- 24-28—Federal Board of Christian Education Annual Conference, Gilbulla, N.S.W.
- 28 —Ministers' Fraternal Visit to Wollongong.

### VICTORIA

JULY—

- 1-10 —Explorer Indoor Sports (Zone Finals).
- 4 —Overseas Mission Department Annual Offering.
- 9-10 —Good Companions' Leaders' Camp — Monbulk.
- 10 —Youth United — D.C.E.
- 11 —Aborigines Mission Department — National Aborigines Day.
- 17 —Explorer Regional Sports (Midgents).
- 18 —Girls' Sunday — D.C.E.
- 23 —C.Y.F. Creative Arts Night.
- 23 —Social Service Women's Committee Luncheon — Lower Town Hall, 12.30 p.m.
- 31 —Explorer Indoor Sports Final.

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# UNITY IS STRENGTH

(The Story of Dr. Ida Scudder)

By Mrs. NELL PFEIFER, Victoria.

## MEDITATION.

Unity is strength, but how much greater is the strength when men and women of faith are united as laborers together with God.

Hymn 585, "Soldiers of Christ Arise."

## PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee that in times of human weakness, we can rely on thy divine strength. Fill us with thy Holy Spirit and give us guidance to face the problems of this day. Strengthen us that we may serve thee more faithfully in the days ahead. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Bible Reading — 1 Cor. 12: 7-13.

## DEVOTIONAL.

A name that is well known in Indian mission fields is that of the Scudder family, whose members have given a total of more than one thousand years of missionary service among the people of India. One of the most loved members of this family was Dr. Ida Scudder, whose life of faith and service has been an inspiration to many. As a young girl, Ida decided that she did not intend to follow her parents' example and spend her life in India, but planned a life for herself in the United States of America.

However, because of her mother's failing health, she felt it her duty to alter her plans, and returned to India. During this time she realised the great need of medical help for the women of India. According to the custom of that country, male doctors were not allowed to treat female patients, who often died through lack of skilled attention. She herself had no training and felt that women doctors and nurses were the only answer to the problem. Feeling that God had called her, Ida dedicated her life to this work and returned to America for medical training. She dreamed of a hospital and school where the Indian women could be trained as doctors and nurses to help their own people.

On completing her training she returned to India and was instrumental in founding the Christian Medical Centre at Vellore.

Today, after more than half a century, this centre is recognised as one of the finest medical institutions in the world with a medical college, hospital and laboratories, an eye hospital, a leprosy rehabilitation unit and mental health centre. The service also includes branch hospitals, roadside clinics and dispensaries, and rural health centres operating over a radius of fifty miles from Vellore.

The centre is now supported by forty denominations in ten different countries and the work is carried out by one thousand men and women, including

Others again had added their gifts as tradesmen and builders, and many as unskilled laborers; but as laborers together with God, all had shared in the fulfilment of Dr. Ida's dream.

We cannot all do great things in life. We are not all endowed with the same gifts; but as Christian women, we can all do as Dr. Ida did. We can hear the voice of God when he calls and, recognising the gifts he has given us, we can dedicate them to his service, and as laborers together with him we can all share in the building of his kingdom here on earth. (Acknowledgments to Dorothy Clark Wilson.)

Hymn 589, "The Call of God Resounding."

## MISSIONARY NEWS.

### PRAYER.

### BUSINESS.

### ADDRESS.

Hymn 611, "The Gospel Banner Lift on High."

### BENEDICTION.

doctors, surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, nurses and public health workers, who minister to the needs of two hundred thousand people annually.

Ida Scudder could not have done this great task alone. As a young woman she had felt helpless in the face of India's need; but she had answered the call and her faith had inspired others to share in the work she had undertaken.

To quote Paul, she had the gift of faith, and others had the gifts of administration, of wisdom and knowledge, the gifts of healing and interpretation of tongues.

## ◦ OVERSEAS MISSIONS

BY R. S. A. McLEAN

# The "Ifs" And "Buts" Of Missions

"If we had adequate means of transport we could reach far more people and get on with the task of making Jesus known, but our motor vehicles and launches are out of action so often, our work is impeded," our evangelistic workers inform us.

"If we had the necessary drugs and equipment we could save more lives and do much more to relieve suffering, but shortage of equipment hampers our God-given healing ministry," so report our medical missionaries.

"If we had more room and better equipment we could do a far better work in the classroom, but our teaching ministry is not as effective as it should be due to lack of adequate accommodation," explain our teachers.

"If we had more teachers, nurses, evangelists, we could respond to the Macedonian cry, 'Come over and help us,' but our outreach is limited because we cannot possibly do more without additional helpers," announce all of our missionaries.

We should be concerned about the "Ifs" and "Buts" where the mission of Christ is involved.

The Overseas Mission Board has endeavoured to meet every request for equipment from the fields, but all reserved funds are completely exhausted and with considerable regret we have had to advise the fields that equipment can only be forwarded as finance becomes available.

There is an urgent need to replenish our equipment fund so that the work on the fields will not be hampered. The evangelistic workers in India need a new evangelistic vehicle, as the present vehicle is unsafe and too costly to keep in repair. In New Guinea finance is required for the Paternoster Memorial Hospital, mission houses and river transport. In the New Hebrides more equipment is needed for hospitals, schools and transport.

We pray that the brotherhood will respond by accepting projects for various items of equipment, and by giving liberally on Sunday, July 4, as a splendid offering on this day will enable finance to be directed for the provision of equipment as well as general day by day running expenses. We request the brotherhood to pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will move our brethren to give, as never before, in these critical days. This is the day of opportunity, let's enter every open door and fearlessly go forward for Christ's sake and the gospel's.

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## VICTORIA

### 103rd ANNIVERSARY

(Maryborough, Vic.). Brian White, of Norlane, was guest speaker at the church's 103rd anniversary. A P.S.A. was held, with the choir presenting an outstanding programme, and Dr. P. Jenkins as speaker. A donation was given to the Geriatric appeal . . . On June 13, the first of the united services was held in our chapel, with our minister, R. G. Pritchard, as preacher. The service, which included Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, was broadcast over Station 3CV . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to the family of the late Mrs. Eagleton. She was one of the church's oldest members.

### KINDERGARTEN RENOVATED

(Warrnambool, Vic.). Energetic young people have given many hours of service in painting the interior of the Kindergarten . . . Average attendance at C.E. meetings is 22 . . . The C.W.F. has gained one new member . . . The service on May 23 was broadcast over Station 3YB, and "Hymns We Love," recorded at our church, was broadcast on June 15 . . . The monthly teas for young people and parents have attendances up to 35 . . . The C.W.F. made a presentation to Mrs. Gowty . . . A young lady has been baptized and a young man made his confession of faith.

### ARBOUR DAY - EPPALOCK

(Vic.). Over 120 people from the churches of the Central and Northern District Fellowship met at the Eppalock Camp-Site on Queen's Birthday, for Arbour Day. Hundreds of trees were planted around the camp-site.

The Pres. of the District Conf., Milton Drake, introduced the building convener of the Eppalock project, Cecil Houston, and the Director of the Department of Christian Education, Viney Longthorp, who spoke about future development.

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## EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE

The Victorian and Tasmanian Department of Christian Education announces a Seminar on the topic, "What Sort of a Job?", under the leadership of W. S. Lowe, M.A., B.Com., F.A.I.M.

This has been prompted by the rather startling forecasts made at a recent International Congress on Human Relations held in Melbourne to discuss the impact of automation.

Professor John K. Galbraith, of Harvard, said, "What are the prospects of keeping down unemployment and thus making our economic policy a success? The prospect is not, I think, entirely bright." Another world industrial authority, the late John I. Snyder, Jr., said, "The automation revolution leaves nothing untouched . . . a man's mind as well as his hands are being imitated by machines."

Mr. Lowe told the "Australian Christian" this week that in certain fields Australia is up with the world's leaders in automation. This country, he said, already has as many computers per head of population as Western Germany, slightly fewer than the U.S.A., and more than the U.K. He said there were already 200 computers now in use in Aus-

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tralia and another 150 on order (some as replacements).

Mr. Lowe is Victorian Manager for John P. Young and Associates, a leading firm of Management Consultants with an unusual practical contact with the employment field throughout Australia. One of his company's clients, Mr. Lowe said, has recently switched to computers for recording and sending out its 4,000 monthly accounts. The girls formerly doing this work have had to find other jobs. This was the latest example of many worker "re-deployment."

The Victorian-Tasmanian Department of Christian Education states that enrolment at the Melbourne Seminar will be strictly limited to 50 "family units" (teenagers and their parents) to ensure adequate treatment of individual cases and that enrolments will be accepted strictly in order of receipt. Details are set out in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Lowe told the "Australian Christian" that he would willingly undertake a similar Seminar in other States and New Zealand if this can be fitted in with his business travels.

## A WORTHWHILE EXPERIMENT—

### LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE

On May 29, over one hundred people of the churches of the Eastern District Conference (Vic.), met at the Boronia church for one of their regular Conferences, but this time there were important and significant differences in the programme. The accent was on training — "Training for Leadership in the Church's Mission."

The entire Conference was in the hands of the Department of Christian Education, who took up this project at the invitation of the Executive.

The first session looked at "Christian Education and the Mission of the Church." Dr. Keith Bowes, of the College of the Bible, guided the thinking.

Then the delegates took themselves off to one of five groups — Boys' Work

(Explorers), Girls' Work (Good Companions), Youth, Bible Schools and Adults. In each group leaders (or would-be leaders) were offered specific and practical training, to further equip them in leadership skills. This training was given by members of the Department of Christian Education specialised committees.

In the evening, the Director, Viney Longthorp, and the Chairman of the Bible School Committee, Ron Hillier, "interviewed" each other about "administering the programme of Christian Education." Then the audio-visual, "Towards Effective Christian Communication," was shown. The Chairman of the Department, J. Manallack, conducted closing worship.

The Eastern District Conference is most interested in repeating this pattern soon, and it's encouraging to know that the Department is to make this kind of Conference part of its year's work.—Jack Reidy, Sec., Eastern Dist. Conf.



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Graham Ayres, Cheltenham, Vic.  
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## MARRIAGES

Patricia Jessie Crowley to William  
Lawrence Marshmay (at Belmont,  
Vic.).  
Rita Cemm to Colin Lowe, Park-  
dale, Vic.  
Janet Ferris to Graham Dunning,  
Cheltenham, Vic.  
Barbara Williams to Alan John  
Matheson, at Kaniva, Vic.  
Michele Allum to Russell Bartholo-  
mew, Hornsby, N.S.W.

## DEATHS

Miss Joy Lee, Newmarket - Ascot  
Vale, Vic.  
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### 40th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 27.

11 a.m.—A. R. Jones (South Aust.).  
2.45 p.m.—P.S.A. A. R. Jones' experience  
as Chaplain of Yatala Prison, S.A.  
Guest Artist: Dawn Kimber.  
4.45 p.m.—Fellowship Tea.  
7 p.m.—A. R. Jones.  
Guest Artist: Neil Barry.  
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Ron, at Royal North Shore Hospital,  
N.S.W., on June 17, a son — David  
Brian. God's gift of a brother for Paul  
and Ruth.

## IN MEMORIAM

BALLOCH. — Treasured memories of  
our beloved mother, Florence Eveline,  
who passed away on June 18, 1964; also  
our beloved father, Alexander, April 9,  
1952, and sister Jean (Mrs. Scott), Oct.  
4, 1958. "Until we meet again."  
—Inserted by their devoted family.  
SUMPTON. — A loving tribute to  
Frederick Joseph, a devoted husband and  
father. "Beautiful memories of our  
loved one."

## ENGAGEMENT

ZELLER - HOLT. — Mr. and Mrs. A.  
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# Victorian News

## YOUTH UNITED

(Melb.). Saturday, June 19, saw 500  
Churches of Christ young people enjoying  
the first "Youth United" Rally in the  
Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne. The  
theme for the night was "Christ and  
You," and this theme was echoed through  
the whole programme.

Compere was Barry Jenkins, and sing-  
ing leader, Vic. Ryall. Artists included  
"the P.K.'s" — guitarists; "The 3 T's" —  
trumpet trio; vocalist, Joy Hammet, and  
The Campbell Singers. Oakleigh young  
people presented the play, "Barabbas."

Kevin Harvey, of the Dept. of Home  
Missions and Evangelism, challenged youth  
to face up to life with Christ.

Over 200 of the young people adjourned  
to the Centre in Lonsdale-st. after the  
meeting to enjoy supper and a chat.

The second in the series of "Youth  
United" Rallies will be held on Satur-  
day, July 10, at 7.45 p.m., in the Baptist  
Church, Collins-st., Melbourne. Book the  
date now!

## SUCCESSFUL TRAINING

(Boronia, Vic.). Well attended teacher  
and leader training programme was orga-  
nised and conducted by the Department  
of Christian Education at recent Eastern  
District Conference held at Boronia...  
First of local quarterly combined evening  
services was held recently at the Church  
of England, with 200 in attendance.

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## BOYS GIVE £50 FOR SCHOOL

(Chelsea, Vic.). Explorer boys were  
hosts for a day to Broken Hill Explor-  
ers. During church parade our boys  
handed to minister £50 they had raised  
over several weeks to help towards the  
New Hebrides school . . . C.W.F. ladies'  
street stall contributed £23 for local  
church purposes . . . A knitting demon-  
stration was enjoyed.

## TEENAGE DECISIONS

(North Williamstown, Vic.). Four teen-  
age girls have made decision for Christ  
in recent weeks and three of them have  
been added to the church. Another  
young lady made public acknowledgment  
of her faith in Jesus Christ. The church  
is being well served by the student minis-  
try of J. Welden and R. Cook, both of  
whom are teaming together in an appre-  
ciated way. Enthusiasm is maintained  
in auxiliaries per medium of varied pro-

grammes and visits . . . C.Y.F. had E.  
Benjamin, Chief Probation Officer, speak  
on "Juvenile Delinquency" . . . C.W.F.  
Missionary Group visited Oakleigh Guest  
Home on June 22, and supplied a pro-  
gramme and afternoon tea . . . A. Hix  
talked about Printing at C.M.F. tea, gave  
a testimony at the following gospel ser-  
vice, and with two members of Youth  
for Christ, participated in C.Y.F. after-  
church fellowship.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS ENTERTAINED

(East Preston, Vic.). The men's club  
gave an enjoyable evening's entertain-  
ment to patients from Larundel Hos-  
pital . . . Members of I.C.E. enjoyed a  
missionary afternoon at Ormond, and  
a social evening at the Kew Baptist  
Church . . . The C.W.F. ladies are col-  
lecting new and secondhand clothing for  
the Methodist Babies' Home.

interest in these and other good causes  
so long as health permitted.

Her husband pre-deceased her in 1962  
and they are survived by their daughters,  
Dorothea (Mrs. A. B. Rees, of Parkdale  
church), Phyllis (Mrs. D. R. Ploog, of  
Nth. Ess. church), and Joycelyn (Mrs.  
R. W. Dench, of N.Z.).

## Nicholas John Waters.

The church at Footscray, Vic., has  
sustained a real loss with the passing  
of Jack Waters in November, 1964. He  
was born in Echuca 63 years ago. In  
1925, he joined the church at Footscray  
about six months after his marriage.  
Since that time Mr. Waters attended the  
services and participated in the life of  
the church as much as his employment  
as a guard in the employ of the Vic-  
torian Railways would allow. Because  
of irregular hours it was not always pos-  
sible for him to be sure to be present  
at church services. However, he con-  
stantly maintained his active and real  
interest in the work and programme of  
the church. There were four boys born  
to Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Allan, Vin.,  
Arthur and Geoffrey. When the church  
at Maldstone began, under the spon-  
sorship of Footscray church, Mr. and  
Mrs. Waters transferred their member-  
ship and were active in the new church.  
A few months before his death, Mr. and  
Mrs. Waters returned to the member-  
ship of the Footscray church. The  
funeral services were attended by a large  
congregation of friends. Mr. Brown con-  
ducted the service at the Footscray  
church, and later, assisted by Mr. Pryor,  
at the Echuca Cemetery.—G.S.B.

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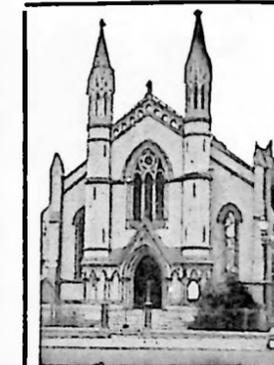
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# Things I'd Like to Change

No. 9 — BY J. J. COLLINGWOOD

One thing I would like to see changed is the image of itself that the church so often projects into the community.

I am afraid that it is only too true, tragically so, that many people associate religion with dreary church services, pious legend, sentimental hymns and behavior restrictions of all kinds. They look upon church folk as those who seek to confine all truth into a narrow religious mould, who behave as though they alone hold the truth and who fear to test against present-day knowledge the beliefs they own.

I believe that it is largely our own fault that this false image of the church is abroad today, because so often we do little or nothing to correct it. We go about our Christian activity sometimes as though the church is a closed circle of fellowship, we spend time and effort on things of secondary importance, we speak to a world with a voice that is disunited and that is lacking the shining certainty and relevance that characterised the voice of the New Testament

Mr. Collingwood is a member of City Church, Perth, W.A., secretary of the Properties' Committee, and a past President of the W.A. Conference. He is a bank manager.

Church, and the result is that a large section of the community pursues its activities as though we did not exist.

I believe that the remedy for the existing misunderstanding of the church's relevance and misconceptions regarding its activities, lies in our own hands. We have the message for which millions are longing, even though unconsciously. The gospel of Jesus Christ gives a meaning and purpose to life and adds that dimension of eternity that gives true perspective to living.

We, the church, must recover our sense of vocation, that it is our God-given task by word and deed to "communicate" his gospel message. Individually and corporately we must be prepared to leave our safe Christian rut and to become increasingly outward-looking in our Christian experience and activity.

Somehow we must get across to men and women everywhere that the church is immensely relevant to modern living, we must help them to see its true nature and function, and that their hope, strength and security lie in the purity, compassion, understanding and tolerance to which Jesus Christ, through his church, calls them.

## OBITUARY

Frank Butler.

The church at East Kew, Vic., has lost an able brother and good friend in the passing of Frank Butler, on May 5. His death was most unexpected. Although suffering from a heart complaint for some time, he was constantly engaged in church activity and other outside interests up till the end of his life. Born in Brighton, 75 years ago, Frank moved to Cheltenham with his family, and made his decision for Christ at the age of 13 years. He was married on May 2, 1914, in the Cheltenham church, and then sailed with his wife to Christchurch, N.Z., where they attended the church at Moorehouse Avenue. He returned to Australia and had membership with Cheltenham, Launceston and Malvern-Caulfield, before taking membership with East Kew, where he became a deacon. Always a keen and successful cricketer, he greatly assisted the local church team, and as a footballer he captained the team at Cheltenham whilst there. A funeral service was conducted at the East Kew chapel and at Springvale Crematorium. John Turner, a friend of the family for many years, officiated. The building was filled with many relations and friends. Many tributes were paid to one well loved and respected. Frank will be remembered by so many, but especially at the church at East Kew where he gave so much of his valued experience and Christian grace. To Mrs. Butler and girls we express our sincere Christian love and understanding. —A.W.C.C.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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## Victorian News

### TALENT RESPONSE

(Parkdale, Vic.). The new chapel is much appreciated and continues to cause comment in the district . . . A Talent effort for the New Chapel Fund has resulted in £192 being returned.

### PATIENTS ENTERTAINED

(Northcote, Vic.). Church members entertained patients at Lady Talbot Rehabilitation Centre to a concert and supper . . . A man decided for Christ on June 13 . . . Mrs. Fletcher, returned missionary, spoke recently to the C.W.F. on New Guinea, and an officer from the Custom's Dept. addressed the C.Y.F. . . . The church has been saddened by the loss of two elderly members.

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#### In TASMANIA—

Christmas Camp — Dec. 27 - Jan. 3.  
—R. V. Longthorp.

### CAMPBELL SINGERS AT CROYDON

(Vic.). Thirty-three members of the Campbell Singers shared in the service on June 6. The tennis club held a church parade . . . Sympathy is expressed for the family of the late Mrs. M. Grenness . . . Two young people were baptized on June 6 and there were two further decisions on June 13 . . . C.W.F. members visited elderly patients at "Tullamoor" private hospital.

### MISSION PROJECT

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The Boys' Explorers held a picture night to aid their Overseas Mission project. Alan Fletcher, New Guinea missionary, spoke to the C.E. on June 6, and A. Jenkins, representing the Aborigines Missions, addressed the church on May 30 . . . A young married couple made decisions for discipleship on June 13 . . . 80 people shared in the church car tour on June 14.

### RUBY CELEBRATION

(Ormond, Vic.). The C.W.F. held its ruby (40th) anniversary on June 3, with Mrs. Strack (Women's Conf. Pres.) as guest speaker. A special ladies' service was held on June 6. Ladies of the church took part and Matron Davis was guest speaker . . . Over 30 young people had fellowship with Y.P. from Ararat at Hall's Gap Camp, Queen's Birthday weekend . . . Ormond C.E. anniversary was held on May 30, with a junior afternoon rally, items, followed by a fellowship tea and an inspiring youth service, when Y.P.C.E. presented a play. Guest speaker was D. Prout (Mr. Z.).

### WOORINEN'S FIFTIETH

(Swan Hill, Vic.). When Woorinen church celebrated its 50th anniversary, the Swan Hill church joined their near neighbors for the evening service . . . The Swan Hill Board of Officers has elected D. W. Cockcroft, sec., and E. J. Hampson as treas. . . The Good Companions entertained 70 people at a social evening . . . The Home Fellowship programme continues to create interest.

BOORT. The church held 52nd anniversary on May 23. Mr. Martin, from Bendigo, was guest speaker . . . The C.W.F. have forwarded mission parcel to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, of New Hebrides.

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## OPEN FORUM

### VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

It is a tragedy that L. O. Collyer should write as he does; his conclusions are largely right (war is unChristian; one with his strong convictions deserves respect; but his letter is a perfect example of why the church viewpoint on Vietnam is being dismissed as the viewpoint of a starry-eyed, ill-informed minority. His letter is filled with inaccuracies and items from prejudiced sources. He quotes Justice Douglas with approval, but Douglas is no authority on this. It was he who said Diem was "revered" by the Viets; his statement that France invested two billion dollars in Indo-China and the "people only got the crumbs" is economically ridiculous — spend money on anything in a country and the people get wages and a lot of other benefits.

L.O.C. says the 1946 discussions between France and Ho Chi Minh broke down on economic differences — in reality neither side was in earnest and both were preparing during the discussions to resume the war; he says cease fire agitation in France was ignored "largely at the instigation of America." The French were in no mood at this stage for peace and needed no instigation. The Geneva agreement of 1954 was not ratified by all Governments concerned — the South Vietnam Government refused. This surely is important to later developments. To dismiss the "Reactionary Diem regime" is to miss the most important lesson of these years — Diem

### BAPTISM AND SALVATION.

To the Editor,

It is nowhere claimed in scripture that baptism is essential to salvation in the way that belief and repentance are. After meeting with many Christians who have not been immersed I fail to see how this can be claimed. The scriptural test of a Christian is Matthew 7: 20.

The oft-quoted Mark 16: 16 clearly states the condition of non salvation in the second part, namely "... he who does not believe will be condemned," and 1 John 5: 12, John 3: 18 and 36 support this. John 3: 16, Acts 16: 31, 1 Timothy 1: 16, 1 John 4: 15, with many other texts, clearly state that to believe on Jesus Christ is to be saved. He who believes shall be saved and it certainly follows that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved; but we are only told that he is condemned who does not believe. Let us not claim something for baptism which is not in scripture.

Of course, believers ought to be baptized. Jesus was, at 30 years of age, and all New Testament converts were immediately baptized. Romans 6 and 1 John 5: 3 give adequate guidance for those, who believe in Jesus, to see the wisdom and blessing of being baptized.

Note that Paul's letter to the Saints at Rome says, in 6: 3, "as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ," and so implies that not all were baptized. Cornelius received the Holy Spirit before he was baptized.

—David Allison, Vic.

was a scholar, sincere, a professed Christian, but these were not sufficient to allow him to exert a real leadership despite some quite remarkable achievements in the betterment of the people.

To set the record straight: I do not defend the French (among the world's worst colonialists) or the Americans (who have a remarkable capacity for doing the wrong thing at the wrong time) or the presence of Australian Forces in Vietnam (which will yet cause the Menzies Government enormous embarrassment at home and in Asia); but these can all be attacked from sound ground. So long as we are content to argue from inaccurate premises, no-one of consequence will take any notice of us.

May I recommend three books to anyone who would like to understand Vietnam complexities: "The Last Confucian" (Denis Warner); "The Ugly American" (Lederer & Burdick) and "The Ambassador" (Morris West). There are many others more erudite, but these convey the real tragedy. Our great problem now is that evil having been done in Vietnam, there is no untainted right course left open to us. (Isn't this really the meaning of 'original sin'?). Part of the dilemma is that if we do pull out, thousands of people who believed our past assurances will suffer; many of them will die. To wash our hands of this responsibility is as un-Christian as the present course. No matter what we do, it is too late to be right. We have a choice between evils. Until we see this, no-one will take any notice of our "solutions."

—W. S. Lowe, Vic.

### THE WAR RESOLUTION.

To the Editor,

I strongly support the resolution against war adopted by the Vic.-Tas. Conf. It is surely a libel against our Lord Jesus to affirm that he asks his followers to kill their fellowmen, to torment them with napalm, gases, phosphorous and other bombs for any cause whatever. How can we expect people even to respect our gospel if we plaster them with misery and destruction?

In the First World War, "no greater love" was the great religious slogan. The fact that Jesus laid down his life, not only for his friends, but for his enemies, was carefully omitted.

The Lord's attitude is clear in Matt. 26: 52, 53. It shows that the disciple who uses the sword is a transgressor. David, God's beloved, was not permitted to build the Temple because he was a man of war and blood.

Jessie Cooke, Vic.

### SMOKING.

To the Editor,

I wholeheartedly agree with one line of P. G. Verco's letter, "A.C." May 22, when he writes, "the holier than thou attitude never won anyone." But much of the remainder of the letter appears to me to be unworthy of the Christian outlook on the recognised unwholesome habits of our day.

Quote from letter: "If my body is the temple of God, and God is going to destroy me because I smoke, then John 3: 16 is of no effect," seems a masterpiece of reasoning.

By the same line of reasoning, "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners" would necessitate one remaining a sinner to be saved.

The whole question seems to resolve itself into this, What are Christ's people prepared to give up for Christ's sake? 1 Thess. 5: 22, Abstain from every appearance of evil.

G. M. Davis, N.S.W.

### THE GOVERNMENT LISTENS.

To the Editor,

In "A.C." 12/6/65, Dr. Elliott's article on "Resolutions" represents a very popular view but it is not correct. Letters to Governments do count. As a senior public servant in head office where policies are formed I know that letters have much value. Frequently policy and budget are influenced by letters. Other things that count more is the tax value of such things as liquor, tobacco and gambling. The vote value of things counts a lot. Most of our Conference resolutions represent a minority subject, but they are filed and noted, especially if there are many on one subject. For instance, when the whole Christian church speaks with one voice on a subject the Government must take notice.

—C. R. Burdeu, Qld.

### VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

When are you going to print some articles that will help people to bring God into their daily lives? Articles like "Vietnam, Another Viewpoint," in "A.C." 12/6/65, will lead people away from the Bible. We are to follow the decisions of our Government. In Acts 23: 5, "Then said Paul . . . it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people."

Christians in every land should honor their rulers. The Baptist church in Russia doesn't interfere with politics. Because of this they have more freedom than any other church. The only way that we can stop Communism is to win people for Christ.

This is the task we were given. We must not spend our time telling people how to win wars. The American troops are well trained. Any country that asks for American help will get all the help it needs to fight Communism or any other threat to its freedom. America has nothing to gain in Vietnam, except the freedom of the people of Vietnam.

It's about time we took up our task of taking the gospel to all people in all nations. Most of our Western nations are not Christian. Let us now continue the task we were given so that these nations will become Christian nations.

—Gordon Krenske, Qld.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

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## Moments of Worship



Thursday, July 1. Romans 4: 1-12. Wages are not "counted" as a favour (v. 4, N.E.B.).

There is no need for a man to treat his wages as a gift. He has worked and he has earned his payment for that work. Paul has a long look at Abraham and asks if he was a friend of God because he had earned his place. No, answers Paul to his own question. Abraham was honored because he took God at his word. If Abraham had been justified by a good life, then others could earn their place also.

Our Father, we know that we have no case to plead for ourselves, and we do thank you for a gift we could never earn. Amen.

Friday, July 2. Romans 4: 13-15. That they should inherit the world (v. 13).

Sometimes the children of the very rich inherit incredible wealth. Abraham was told that his children would inherit the whole world! As we look around us we may think that the world is not in very good shape and that it is not much of an inheritance. Of course, God was not only thinking of acres and bank accounts. Abraham was to become a great nation, but the greatness was to be in more than material things. It was rather to be measured in terms of moral and spiritual values.

O God, we know that we are called to enter into a spiritual inheritance that will enable us to win the world for Christ. Amen.

Saturday, July 3. Romans 4: 16-25. No distrust made him waver (v. 20).

The story of Abraham is astounding. Told by God that his descendants would number a great multitude, we might think that he could be excused for doubting. He and his wife Sarah were both so old that it was most unlikely that they would have a child. There was no distrust, however, and his faith was reckoned as righteousness. The future of our people appears to be in grave doubt in the face of present world trends, but God has a promise for us.

Dear God, we know that the way to Christ's victory in the world lies through us. Unworthy though we are, may we not distrust you. Amen.

Sunday, July 4. Romans 5: 1-5. Endurance produces character (v. 4).

This phrase is more to our understanding than the "tribulation worketh patience" of the A.V. Patience is a great virtue, but it does not point to the whole of life as the word "character" does. Character is not inherited, it is developed, and moral growth is slow. In our world of crash programmes, condensed books, and false values, endurance is not an accepted pattern of life. Rather do folk seek to evade all of life's disciplines.

O God, as character comes through endurance, help us to be ready to pay this price. Amen.

Monday, July 5. Romans 5: 6-11. At the right time, Christ died (v. 6).

So often we do things at the wrong time, and we blame the clock. If only this had been different or if that had been better. If only we had been born earlier or later. Isn't this why we tend to look back to the good old days or look forward to some utopia or millennium? But surely the right time is when opportunity comes for me — or you — the only time we have. The right time for Christ to die for the ungodly was when he was here — in their life.

Heavenly Father, we never cease to wonder at the love of Christ and the life of Christ poured out for us. Amen.

Tuesday, July 6. Romans 5: 12-14. As sin came into the world through one man . . . (v. 12).

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to another. The sentence he begins at verse 12 is never finished, but we know what he is trying to say. As sin entered the world through one man, and all men have become stained, so one man overcame sin and gave all men life through his victory.

Lord Jesus, though we are defeated in our battle against evil, we look to you still for hope. Amen.

Wednesday, July 7. Romans 5: 15-21. A single worthy action led to acquittal, spelling life for all mankind (v. 18).

Although sin entered the world through Adam, God is not offended in us because of Adam's sin. We offend God through our own failures. This passage is not easy to understand and we have to be careful not to oversimplify it. But we may look at Adam as our representative, taking a test on our behalf. He failed, but not one of us could have succeeded until Christ came. Christ was our second representative. He had no greater resources than we all have, but he won a victory in which we all share.

O God, we shall walk this day knowing that Christ has gained a victory for us all. Amen.

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