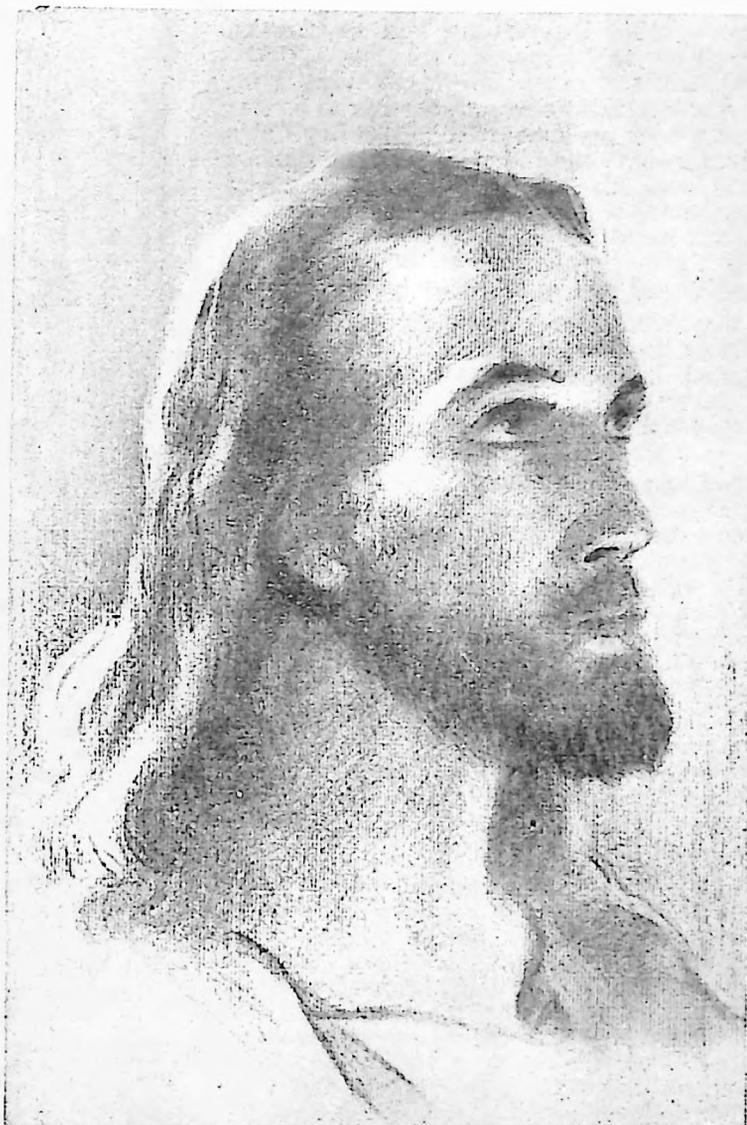


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OUR BROTHERHOOD AND THE WHITE HOUSE

When John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, became President of the U.S.A., many expressed concern that his church would exert undue influence through him. The fears were unfounded, and Kennedy proved an accepted and acceptable leader for people of all faiths. In fact, even Protestants in lands other than his own thought of him as their spokesman and leader. In contrast, many of his severest critics at home included fellow Roman Catholics.

Kennedy has been followed by a man equally acceptable to all faiths. President Johnson is a member of the Disciples of Christ, or Christian Churches, the names by which our brotherhood is known in the U.S.A. He is the second from our churches to occupy the highest office in the land. The first was James A. Garfield, the only preacher ever to become President. We used to have a book at home called "From Log Cabin to White House," tracing the story of Garfield from his humble beginnings through his work on a canal barge, his school teaching, and his service as a minister preaching, performing weddings, conducting funerals. He was head of Hiram College and later became a General in the Civil War on the Union side. He did not live long enough to show his capacity as President, for he was assassinated four months after his inauguration.

A President's church allegiance does not confer any special honour or prestige on his fellow church members, but it can be argued that the church helps to shape the man. In an article in "The Saturday Evening Post" for March 27, 1965, Johnson is quoted as saying that his religion is "a faith from which I have drawn strength and direction . . . since boyhood."

Among the influences that have shaped Johnson, said the "Post," was the great value the Disciples placed on common goals, rather than on fine points of doctrinal difference; Johnson built much of his political career on his ability to find common ground where opposing groups can meet for needed action. The President followed our dislike for religious labels when he said, "At the heart of my beliefs is a rebellion against this very process of classifying, labelling and filing Americans under headings: regional, economic, occupational, religious, racial, or otherwise. God made no man so simple or his life so sterile that such experience can be summarised by an adjective."

Mrs. Johnson and the two Johnson girls, Linda and Luci, have always been Episcopalians, the American branch of the Anglican communion. The President has often attended the Episcopal church with his family and has taken communion there, a fact that has misled some into thinking that he was in membership with that church.

Johnson does not match the involvement of Kennedy with his church nor with that of Garfield with ours, and no one could call him extreme or narrow. On the day of his inauguration, Johnson arranged for a private service at the Disciples' National City Christian Church in Washington. The preacher was Billy Graham, a Baptist, but also taking part were a Roman Catholic monsignor, a Jewish rabbi, and an Episcopalian priest. Johnson also attends Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches. Maybe some people would like him to be a bit more exclusive and stay more at home in his own brotherhood, but his "wide-angled approach to churchgoing is quite in accord with the Disciples' basic beliefs."

It is probable that Johnson will widen his churchgoing still more now that his eighteen-year-old daughter, Luci, has been converted to the Roman Catholic Church. We may not like to see this kind of conversion, but we must respect the right of freedom for each individual. It is to the President's credit that he was open-minded enough not to interfere with Luci's freedom of choice. It so happened that the President himself, as a boy of fifteen, came into our fellowship by a similar act of independent thinking. The President was present to see his daughter baptised into the Roman Catholic faith.

There is no chance whatever that her famous father will follow Luci into Roman Catholicism, but he will almost certainly go occasionally with her to her church. One great tragedy is that this will be a one-way toleration. If Luci accepts the restrictions of her new faith she will not be permitted to go with him to the First Christian Church in Johnson City, Texas, when the family is home on the range.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT

SIN

By ALLAN WEBB, B.A.

Nowadays it has become quite unpopular and unfashionable to speak or write about sin. In fact, there are even those people about us who would claim that sin is just some convenient invention of the clergy to help themselves in a job.

That this is not so, however, is quite evident from even a cursory glance at the scriptures, and it is to these that we must look for a satisfactory statement.

Sin is a Universal Fact

This is emphasised throughout the Bible. "There is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not," writes Solomon. The Psalmist echoes, "The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there are any who act wisely, any who seek after God. But they have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt, there is none that does good, no, not one." Isaiah adds his testimony: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way."

The New Testament writers are just as insistent. Paul emphatically states, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God, there is none righteous, no, not one." John warns us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves," and "If we say that we have not sinned we make him a liar."

These, of course, are not just isolated references. They are but typical of the overwhelming testimony of Scripture. The Bible is not the only reminder of these facts — society itself is a very evident reminder. The newspapers, the radio, the T.V., blazen it forth day after day.

Today a promise is not enough; we need a contract. Doors are not enough; we have to lock and bolt them. The payment of fares is not enough; we have to be issued with tickets which are punched, inspected and collected. Law and order are not enough, we need the police to enforce them. All these things, and many others to which we have grown so accustomed in society, are the result of our sin.

Mr. Webb is minister of Penrith church, N.S.W., a graduate of Woolwich College and Sydney University.

What Is Sin?

Its universal prevalence is everywhere evident, but what is its nature? Several words are used in the Bible to describe sin. These group themselves into two categories according to whether we view sin positively or negatively. Negatively sin is described as being a shortcoming, a lapse, a slip, a blunder, a failure to reach a mark, an inward badness, a disposition which falls short of what is good. Positively sin is transgression, the trespass of a boundary, an act which violates justice, lawlessness.

Thus sin is either an ideal which we fail to reach (this is the negative aspect), or it is a law which we break (the positive aspect.) James writes: "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." This illustrates the negative aspect. John writes: "Sin is the transgression of the law." This illustrates the positive aspect.

The Consequences of Sin

As we re-read the temptation and fall of Adam and Eve we note that sin brought with it the consequences of guilt, exile and death. Having disobeyed God, Adam, out of guilt, tried to run away and hide from God. He was then driven out of the Garden of Eden and he died.

Today consequences could be summarised as follows:

1. Separation from God.
2. Slavery to self.
3. Conflict with others.

Sin affects our relationship with God, ourself and others. Sin separates us from God, and this separation is spiritual death, the severance of our soul from God. "The wages of sin is death," "the soul that sinneth it shall surely die"; these are but typical statements. But not only does sin separate us from God, it enslaves us to ourselves.

Sin is an inward corruption which issues forth in lies, evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, deceitfulness, etc. These, however, are but the symptoms. The real disease is the inward corruption, which makes us such slaves to sin. Jesus said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the slave of sin." Paul writes, "We were slaves to sin."

Finally, sin brings us into conflict with others, for sin which so often

springs from an attitude of self-assertion, self-centredness and selfishness thinks only of self to the possible detriment, harm and loss to others.

The Remedy

Is there any way out? Yes, there is! On a lonely, barren, skull-shaped hill outside the walls of Jerusalem, a Saviour died to pay the price of sin. At Calvary the human race sank to its lowest depths as the accumulated sin of mankind was gathered together and heaped upon the suffering, bleeding Son of God. But sin over-reached itself at Calvary. The blow that crucified Christ became the blow which freed humanity. Sin's masterpiece of shame and hate became God's masterpiece of mercy and love.

Through the death of Jesus Christ at Calvary, sin itself was crucified, man was reconciled with God and was henceforth (upon his acceptance of Christ) to be given a new nature which would no longer be in slavery and bondage to sin.

To the Christian the promise is that not only are his sins forgiven, they are forgotten as well. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Today a Christian may and will still sin, but there is the promise, "That if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Despite the modern reluctance to speak or write about this subject of sin, the Scriptures are very voluble. The fact, the nature, the consequences, and the remedy are all clearly presented, and what we believe about sin today is still the same as was presented two thousand years ago.

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IN CONVERSATION . . .

In the next few years Churches of Christ in this country are likely to be faced with some momentous decisions in the sphere of Christian Unity. We have bound ourselves to enter into conversations with the Uniting Church of Australia.

In several States conversations are proceeding with representatives of the Baptist Union. We will probably be invited, together with other member churches of the Australian Council of Churches, to covenant to seek unity within a specified time.

We are called upon to prepare ourselves to make decisions on these issues as those who stand in awe and wonder before God our Father, whose Son loved the Church and gave himself for it, and who sends the Holy Spirit into the hearts of all his children, a Spirit not of confusion but of reconciliation and fellowship.

What Has Happened So Far?

1. Some years ago Federal Conference asked your Christian Union Department to investigate the desirability of entering into conversations with the U.C.A. Action was delayed, and when the matter was finally taken up with the Uniting Church's Commission we were advised to wait for the publication of their report, study it, and take any steps in the light of it we then thought good.

2. Having followed this advice, your Department proposed to the 1964 Federal Conference in Brisbane that we enter into conversations with the U.C.A. This recommendation was based upon our strong conclusion that the U.C.A. was attempting to define its life on a Biblical basis, and that there was a great measure of agreement between us. Federal Conference accepted this recommendation almost unanimously, together with the suggestion that a further vote on this matter should be taken in Melbourne, in 1966.

3. Before our letter to the U.C.A. could be written, we received a warm invitation from them to attend as observers when their talks resume toward the end of 1965.

4. Meanwhile, your Federal Department, in consultation with State Committees, is preparing a written "response" to the Uniting Church's basis. This is addressed in part to the U.C.A., in part to our own brotherhood. When it is complete (later this year), it will be published and forwarded to the U.C.A. Commission.

What of the Future?

Your Department for the Promotion of Christian Union feels that the next 15 months must be used to the greatest advantage in acquainting our membership with the issues and problems that will emerge as we enter these conversations, and these must be discussed in the context of the prevailing climate of Christian thought — not, as has so often been the case, in the terms and

terminology of 100 years ago. To this end we are pursuing two main lines of action during this period prior to the next Federal Conference.

1. A series of articles is to appear in the "Australian Christian" on relevant issues. Further information may be found in the "Christian Union" issue of May 29, 1965.

2. It is hoped that, prior to the 1966 Federal Conference, ministers, local leaders, and rank and file members of our churches will do some serious study and thinking on this matter. Every State has been asked to include this topic in the annual ministers' seminar. In one State most of the programme this year will be devoted to this question. States have also been asked to arrange camps or other training opportunities in 1965 for those who will lead discussion at the congregational level. Then, next year, it will be necessary for every local church to arrange study on this matter at the local level, preferably before June, 1966.

The Federal Department is preparing study material for this purpose.

What Is the Minister's Role?

Needless to say, his part is a vital one.

1. Whether at this moment we are enthusiastic, hopeful, indifferent or opposed to entering into closer relationships with other Christians, let us examine our motives and attitudes prayerfully before God. Not all motivation for unity is God-inspired. It may confuse size with quality, and be more mindful of the praise of men than of God. Some of our opposition to unity springs from ignorance and prejudice. Pray for God's guidance.

2. Study the U.C.A. Report and Basis, "The Church: Its Nature, Function and Ordering." We have no right to an opinion until we have done so. Make every effort to encourage its study amongst our ministers and membership.

3. Help our membership to follow Paul's advice and to "believe the best" of their fellow Christians — to believe in their integrity and sincerity; their desire to follow the Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to his love, proclaimed in the gospel that came with

Jesus Christ. Run the risks of fellowship, and let your people assess for themselves the genuine character of others. Don't make comparisons between the best features of our churches and the worst features of other communions. Take the initiative in creating opportunities for local contacts.

Discourage any suggestion that there are those in our own brotherhood who are disloyal to God's word and God's will, for this is not true. We do not all believe the same thing at every point, for sure, but our brotherhood is composed of people who are sincerely seeking the will of God for his Church in our time. Ask those who have a different viewpoint to discuss it face to face with those who disagree with them.

4. Be prepared to read and preach on the great truths we hold in common with other Christians. Invite ministers from other communions to explain their beliefs to you and your people. Worship, pray and study together, and wherever possible, unite with others in promoting the work of Christ.

5. Encourage a careful study of our "traditional witness" in the light of the Scriptures. We must constantly ask ourselves "What is the best way to communicate our convictions so as to make a maximum contribution to the ecumenical search for a Biblically based faith?"

6. Let us keep before our people the responsibility that will rest upon them if and when they are called upon to vote on the continuance of relationships or the strengthening of relationships with the U.C.A., or any other Christian communion. Ultimately they will decide how far we can go. Let us keep in our minds our responsibility as shepherds and leaders of his people, in giving them guidance and counsel.

7. Pray for those who must bear the heavy responsibility of representing this brotherhood in these matters — the State Committees: the Federal Department; those who will act as observers at the Conference table. Pray for Christian men of every persuasion who are seeking the way forward to whatever pattern of life God wills for his Church in our time. Pray for yourselves.

—H. F. Gross.

—E. L. Williams.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

By Miss HEATHER STIRLING

Occupational Therapy has become widely recognised throughout the world as a valuable form of treatment of the physically and mentally ill, since the time when doctors ceased treating the "illment" and started to treat the "person."

In hospitals today the treatment team no longer consists just of the patient, doctor and nurse. It has now expanded to include the Physiotherapist, the Occupational Therapist, the Speech Therapist, the Social Worker and the Psychologist, so that it is not just the affected part of the patient that is treated, but the "patient as a whole" — his treatment consisting of any of the various aspects of therapy that the team can offer and that are necessary for a good recovery.

The Task of O. T.

One may wonder what aspects of treatment an Occupational Therapist has to offer. Briefly, her training enables her, firstly, to assess the physical and mental condition of a patient, his progress during treatment, and the level of independence in everyday activities (such as working, dressing, bathing, eating and travelling) which he maintains since his illness or accident.

Secondly, she is trained to overcome the numerous problems which confront patients, creating obstacles to complete independence. She does this by teaching alternative methods of doing things, providing gadgets or simply by adjusting furniture or utensils in the home, or at work, to meet the patients' limitations.

Thirdly, the Occupational Therapist co-operates with the doctor and physiotherapist in providing physical exercise, through activity to help a temporarily useless limb regain its function. In the field of mental illness she is also qualified to guide and direct the resocialisation and reacceptance of the patient in the community, through individual and group activity.

The Occupational Therapist works in many ways other than those mentioned, to assist the complete recovery of a sick person and his resettlement in the community.

Never Dull

An Occupational Therapists' work is very satisfying, interesting and never monotonous or dull.

In my work I have never been able to help feeling a great deal of satisfaction on meeting people who have passed through the process of rehabilitation and are now living readjusted lives in the community. I think of the time I saw a man who came to our hospital a "nervous wreck" — anxious, depressed, unable to face society — unable to sit or stand for long owing to a back injury and thus, unable to work. This man,

Born in New Zealand, Heather Stirling was educated in South Australia and in Canberra, A.C.T. She is in membership with the church at Canberra, where her father is minister.

when I saw him about two months after leaving us, was happily working full-time at a regular job, and was milling unconcernedly among a crowd of shoppers during his lunch-hour break, holding himself proudly erect.

I also think of the hemiplegic mother I saw, with one side permanently paralysed (i.e., one useless arm and leg) dress herself completely, cook a meal for her family and knit winter woollies for her children. I have many more satisfying memories of patients who have been successfully rehabilitated and who have helped me feel that my part has been worth while.

The most satisfying thing I find about my work, however, is that I am able to be used as a tool through which God can carry out his great healing process. Therefore, I find it difficult to look on any successful results as my own work, but see them as God's handiwork and his victory over disability.

Working with people is always interesting, and in my profession this is no exception. I find that each one of my patients is able to offer me something of interest in return for the help I am able to give him. Whether it be a word of advice from a wise old hemiplegic, or a thrilling true-life escape story in Germany during World War II, of a woman now helpless with Parkinson's disease; or maybe a word on growing gladiolis from an old man with chronic bronchitis; a tip from a young paraplegic, on the game of Chess; or French lessons from a young girl with a "hole in her heart."

Getting and Giving

Each gift of information is highly interesting to me, and is a great boost

to my general knowledge. It is important for patients to be able to give something as well as receive (treatment) because in this way they are able to contribute to society, find a place in it for themselves and feel some measure of self-esteem.

Life and work are never dull in my profession and it seems that never a day goes by without something unusual happening.

One incident that comes to mind to illustrate this is the time when the nurses in a particular ward in which I was working, wondered why all the patients were sticking to the sheets. They later discovered, to their consternation, that whilst rubbing the patients' backs they had mistaken my jar of Perkin's Paste for the conventional ointment used — Siopel Cream.

Another unusual incident which I recall was whilst playing softball with a group of psychiatric patients, one of them, a very depressed woman, slipped at 3rd base and broke her ankle. At that moment her depression miraculously vanished, and the result was one happy woman strung up in bed with one broken ankle. This was not the generally accepted medium used by Occupational Therapists in the cure of depression, but proved to be equally as effective as any other method.

It is a challenging, exacting work, being a member of a hospital healing team, but the interest, satisfaction and unexpectedness which result, together with the reward which comes from being able to be used as an instrument in God's healing plan make Occupational Therapy a worthwhile profession for any young woman.

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(S.A.). Having conducted a very successful study on Presiding at the Lord's Table, some months ago, the Worship Committee at Maylands arranged a similar study on Bible reading on July 4. Those on the plan, and young men who would become readers on the plan were invited, and 30 to 40 responded.

The minister (D. Hammer) was asked to introduce the subject, pointing out the importance of correct and clear reading, and some of the pitfalls into which readers could fall.

Then half a dozen men, chosen in advance, read selections of graduating difficulty, after which their readings were played back on a tape recorder. Comments were invited, but the readings were such that little actual criticism could be offered.

The meeting was then thrown open to general discussion, and there were many questions and comments. Mr. Ingham, as one of our senior ministers, was able to make a valuable contribution, pointing out the importance of knowing the background and context of the portion to be read.

HOUSE CHURCH

(Mt. Gambier, S.A.). On July 4, a group of Officers of the Mt. Gambier Church went to Millicent and met with a group of isolated members. At this initial meeting it was decided to make this a monthly venture. A communion service will be followed by a discussion period. The meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month, at 3 p.m., at the home of T. Tregloan. Again we appeal to church secretaries and other readers, to contact the minister of Mt. Gambier (Box 251) if they know of any members of our brotherhood who reside in Millicent or surrounding district . . . At Mt. Gambier, the midweek fellowship has recommenced on a fortnightly basis. Barclay's Mark commentary is being studied.

Y.P. IN THE LEAD

(Dulwich, S.A.). Young people have led their elders in a sustained task of practical service here: the badly needed painting of the church hall interior. Young folk began the job after some of their number had carried out extensive electrical re-wiring — itself a highly creditable performance and beautifully finished off. When C.Y.F.-ers requested aid of some older brush-wielders, it was gladly given on two Friday nights. A legacy from late beloved Mrs. Selway has enabled re-design of the kitchen, with greatly improved cupboards, etc. The legacy was supplemented by a donation from Mrs. Selway's daughter, Mrs. Aldersey . . . Church is meeting 6.30 p.m. Sundays in lieu of 7, until end of August.

Everyone has goals! These change as experience and circumstances mould our awareness and understanding of life, and we can thank God for this. These are the goals that give meaning to my ministry at present.

I would like to see every member accept the resources of God which are available without favouritism to all who are willing to accept and utilise them.

I would like all to participate meaningfully with others in prayer and Bible study to discover the mind of Christ for every-day living.

I would like the church programme to contribute positively to the building

Mr. McCormick is the minister at Wattle Park, Vic.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The attendance on July 1 was 101, including 152 delegates. Mrs. Cunningham extended a welcome to Mrs. N. Coombe, acting secretary until Annual Conference in September. Devotions were led by ladies from Brighton Gardens, and included Scripture reading by Mrs. Brooker (Luke 10: 25-36), solo by Mrs. Hayward, and meditation by Mrs. Edge. Mrs. M. Lawrie led in obituary prayer.

Mrs. Wharton, leader of the Social Service Department, on behalf of the Welfare Centre, appealed for warm clothing for children, especially pyjamas and underclothing. Marmalade and marrows would be appreciated for the Rest Home. Also bed socks for both men and women.

The Overseas Missions Department will be packing for New Guinea during August. Next meeting is the Aborigines Department Rally, when parcels of clothing will be received. The speaker is

CITIZENSHIP SERVICE

(Loxton, S.A.). A unique citizenship service was held at Loxton to which members of the District Council were invited. The District Chairman gave a brief outline of future projects in the town and district, and one of the Councillors read the Scripture lesson. Our minister, H. Cave, preached on "Christian Citizenship," emphasising that Christians cannot withdraw from life but must be prepared to take their full share of responsibility in the community, and that the best assurance of a healthy, happy and progressive community was for all of its citizens, including those in authority, to be committed to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

M.P. AT CHURCH

(Koongarra Park, S.A.). Men's Fellowship were addressed by G. Bywaters, of Murray Bridge church, and Minister of Agriculture in the Parliament of S.A., on "Parliamentary Procedures and the Christian's Attitude" . . . Koongarra Quartette assisted with two items. Visi-

of the idea of "the family of God." Each congregation needs to work out a programme that will recover this sense of our "belonging together" through obedience to Christ.

I would like each member to believe that he/she enters a "front-line encounter" as God's representative each morning.

I would like to see more fellowship with members of other congregations for encouragement and for discussion on how best we can fulfil the mission of Christ in the local community and on the world scene.

I would like to change "me" so that I could more graciously understand and accept those who resist change.

Cliff. Jones (Balaklava), who recently spent several weeks working on the Girls' Hostel at Esperance.

The Women's United Church Association announces Fellowship Day, which will be observed on July 23, commencing at 10.30 a.m. with a worship service in Scots Church, North Terrace, led by Dr. Frank Borland. This will be followed by study and discussion, basket lunch, then further discussion, concluding at approximately 2.30 p.m. The theme is "Bridges to Asia."

Any business or Notices of Motion must be handed to the secretary five weeks prior to Conference. Luncheon tickets for Women's Day at Conference will be on sale at the August meeting.

President's thought for the month: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to devote ourselves to the good deeds for which God has designed us" (Ephesians 2: 10. — M. Wright, Asst. Sec.

tors attended from Maylands, Beulah Road and also St. George's C. of E. . . . K. D. Horne occupied the pulpit because of the absence of the minister, R. Clymer, due to illness. The youth service was assisted by Peter and Judy Fitzgerald, Kevin Boyce, Libby Hockley, an instrumental and vocal quartette, which gave two modern sacred items. They also provided gospel music in the modern manner at the after-church cup of coffee.

OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

WILLIAMSTOWN. On June 27 the service at 4 p.m. was followed by tea. Items were given by singers from Sandy Creek and Gawler.

NARACOORTE. Mrs. Stevens has been elected president of the C.W.F.; Mrs. Burford, sec; Mrs. Cox, asst. sec., and Mrs. Pomery, treas. . . . 70 young people at tea on July 4; the youth took part in the service that followed . . . E. O. Stevens is minister.



NORTH TURRAMURRA OPENING

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). August 14 & 15 have been chosen as the dates for the opening of the new church work at North Turramurra, N.S.W., to be pioneered by about 50 at present linked with the Chatswood church. The splendid new church building, now nearing completion, is attracting much attention. It is being built by L. M. Bills, a Chatswood elder, who will be a foundation member of the new church. Members of the North Turramurra Fellowship plan district visitation in the weeks immediately preceding the opening . . . Chatswood morning services continue to fill the chapel to capacity. The church has been challenged, and giving stimulated by stewardship campaign led by Kevin Crawford (H.M. Director), with F. J. Stephenson as local director. 200 attended successful church family dinner, focal point of the campaign . . . Annual C.Y.F. play nights drew appreciative audiences and raised money for Camp Greenhalgh. The work of the student minister, G. Warne, assisting C. G. Taylor, is appreciated. C. Bowser (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.) recently made presidential visit to the church. Sympathy has been expressed to the family in the loss of a loved foundation member, Mrs. Gertrude Graham.

KINGSFORD ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W.). The church at Kingsford celebrated its 58th anniversary with splendid gatherings on June 27. Guest preacher at the communion service was C. G. Taylor, of Chatswood. Happy fellowship was enjoyed around the tea-table at the anniversary tea. The minister, R. Wilson, was the preacher in the evening service, and Mrs. McIntyre, of Rockdale, was the guest soloist. There was one decision.

LIDCOMBE MINISTER RETURNS

(N.S.W.). After some weeks on leave on account of illness, Alan Rae, minister of the church at Lidcombe, has returned to the pulpit. A special service on June 27 brought to a conclusion a three months' Missionary Venture. Gifts of clothing and medical supplies were on display and the service fittingly climaxed the effort.

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N.S.W. BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS' SEMINAR

The Eighth Annual Seminar for superintendents and secretaries was held in June at "Camp Greenhalgh." The 43 who attended were faced with a couple of new items — which forced all to think past the confines of our own schools.

Four lecturers made their presentations, and in all some 12 sessions, including "idea exchanges" — took place.

The State "Teaching Diploma Course" was set in motion. Basically, a reading course of four units, it can be completed and examined over a two-year period (part-time), or if it is adopted by a Bible School, it can be used full-

time (weekly) and completed in twelve months.

Further to this, in accord with the Federal Board of Christian Education's "4 stage programme," the superintendents were encouraged in the role of programming for total efficiency. This was covered in various ways.

An interesting development was the formation of a Bible School Workers' Fraternal, to meet quarterly. This would be twice in Sydney, once in Newcastle, and the usual three-day weekend at "Camp Greenhalgh." This would also aid the southern churches to participate more effectively.—B. Armstrong, Director, N.S.W. D.C.E.

T.V. IN N.S.W.

The Christian Television Association in Sydney is presenting a very fine session on A.T.N. Channel 7, on Sunday afternoons. The programme consists of a discussion panel, with chairman, Rev. Bill Hobbin (Methodist) and including Dr. Ernest Watson (Baptist), Ray Watson, Alan Dalziel (Presbyterian) and Arthur Oliver (Methodist).

Churches of Christ in N.S.W. are represented on the C.T.A. by Mervyn Bedwell, minister of Marrickville church, who is Assistant Secretary of the Association.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

We are reminded that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5: 16.

Therefore, pray for —

- The N.S.W. Conference President, C.E. Bowser, that he may be given wisdom in his leadership of the churches.
- Mr. Bagley (Bexley) and Mr. Eagling (Taree) as they serve voluntarily at Ndui Ndui Hospital, New Hebrides.
- Mrs. Frost and her sacrificial work and oversight in the Marrickville Young Men's Hostel.
- Woolwich College Extension Lectures, conducted at City Temple every Thursday evening.
- Faithful workers on our Aborigines Mission fields — at Carnarvon and Norseman.
- "Crusade '65" — special venture in Youth Evangelism, at Enmore, Aug. 24-28, with George Wood, of Western Australia.

MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal met at City Temple, Sydney, on June 28. The guest speaker was Mr. Griffin, representing the "Navigators." He outlined the special work of the organisation in personal evangelism, particularly among men, and considerable discussion followed.

H.M. & EVANGELISM PLANS

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, through the Director, Kevin Crawford, is developing plans to include:

- Ministers' Refresher on Evangelism.
- Seminar for Men of the churches.
- A Correspondence Course on Witnessing.
- Co-operation with "Aerosphere" Crusades in special evangelistic efforts.
- Assistance to churches in implementing Visitation Evangelism.

The theme chosen for the Ministers' Refresher is "Evangelism Through the Local Church."

MISSIONARY VISITOR

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Miss Peters, on furlough from the General Missionary Fields of India, showed slides and spoke of her work, on June 29 . . . The church offers sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill and Mr. and Mrs. A. Camps in their bereavements.

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Church Administration Centre

By ALLAN AVERY

Recently, I completed two and one-half weeks with the church at Thornbury, Vic., in a Planned-Giving Review Programme. On this occasion my office was situated in the Church Administration Centre. Usually the office is a church vestry, part of the Sunday School hall, unused shop, or a vacant office in the main street of the town. But on this occasion it was real "red carpet" treatment.

Before and After

Three years ago I remember this same building as a storage for worn-out tyres, but today it is a beautifully appointed building that is serving many purposes. While it may be true that the church has lost the rental money it once collected, this building is doing something much more important for the life of the church.

The Entrance and Office

The entrance is in the same style as any business house, complete with telephone, typewriter and secretary.

The entrance door looks out onto the street, and is a full glass panel with the minister's name inscribed on it in gold letters.

The caller is ushered from the office through to the minister's study. This room is also well appointed, with a good-sized desk, adequate bookshelves and much-needed filing cabinets. The

whole building has wall-to-wall carpet and is provided with an oil-heater. I must admit feeling rather spoilt in such salubrious surroundings.

Meeting Room

The architects, Drayton & Coleman, have also provided a meeting room for twenty people. Naturally all the training meetings were held here, and I didn't hear any of the men complain about the conditions.

A Listening Post

What really impressed me was the number of people who felt completely free to meet the minister without having to knock on a manse door. On more than one occasion I heard the men of the church testify to the number of people who came to the minister (L. G. Crisp) who would never have dreamt about using the church, to talk about their personal problems. I do believe that, in these surroundings, these people feel something of the same standard of efficiency that they would find in the doctor's surgery.

This building is much more than just a business centre, but a place where real ministry can be made. I would like to congratulate the church and architects on their vision and enterprise, and encourage other churches to at least take a look at the Thornbury Church of Christ Administration Centre, if they are thinking of building extensions.

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IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

WHEN ONE HAS A GOOD APPETITE

How is your appetite? This is a familiar inquiry. The nature of the reply gives an indication of one's health. A keen appetite is an index to physical fitness.

C. S. Lewis, whose books reveal a rare gift for making righteousness readable, coined the phrase "An appetite for God." This enlarges the meaning of appetite. It is customary to limit the use of the term to "eats," whereas total life is governed by an appetite for things of the Spirit as well as things of the flesh.

When one talks about "drinking in the scenery," he is disclosing the fact that the soul has an appetite for beauty. Jesus persuaded his hearers to cultivate an appetite for goodness, truth and beauty by hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Such an appetite causes the soul to discern its need for spiritual food.

It is a significant fact that Jesus made such provision when he instituted the Lord's Supper. In this peak experience the worshipper finds himself uttering a prayer akin to that contained in the words of the Communion hymn:

"O feed me daily on the Living Bread,
Refresh me hourly with the Living Wine,
O satisfy my famished soul with food,
And quench my thirst with fruit of the eternal vine."

When one loses his appetite for God, the result is spiritual malnutrition. The prophet Isaiah, discerning that idolatry had produced such a state in the life of the Children of Israel, cries out, "Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; . . . Come, buy wine and milk . . . Why do you spend your money for that which does not satisfy? Harken diligently unto me, and eat what is good" (Isa. 55: 1, 2).

From the context it is obvious that waters . . . wine . . . milk stand figuratively for spiritual food. The prophet's corrective for the sag in the spiritual life of his people is to revive what C. S. Lewis terms an appetite for God. It is the needed corrective in today's family, community and national life.

New Testament writers disclosed that flesh appetite can displace the appetite for God. For those entrapped in sensual appetites, Paul's summary is that, "Their end is destruction, their God is their belly and their glory is their shame, with minds set on earthly things."

"Man cannot live by bread alone," is the arresting affirmative of Jesus. Satan failed in his temptation to displace Jesus' appetite for God,

when in the hours of hunger he tempted him to use his power to satisfy the personal craving of the flesh and not the Spirit. Perhaps there is no more revealing statement of Jesus concerning his inner life than that when he said, "My meat (my very life) is to do the Father's will" (John 4: 34).

It is good discipleship to keep an edge on one's spiritual appetite. How does one keep an edge on one's appetite? There is no more explicit answer than that of the Psalmist, "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34: 8).

Nature has provided us with the sense of taste. When food is good we relish it with the tongue. Disciples of Christ are not at a loss to acquire and maintain an edge on their appetite for spiritual food. "Surely you have tasted that the Lord is good," is the expectation of the Apostle Peter (1 Pet. 2: 3). One cannot afford to under-estimate the many simple things that engender a zest for spiritual food.

Amongst such are good friends and occasions for spiritual conversation, seasons of song that prompt melody in the heart, and the therapy of buoyant fellowship expressing itself in glee and laughter. Such things supplement worship, prayer and Bible study. "Attend to your reading," was Paul's advice to a young man to maintain an edge on his spiritual appetite.

A disciple displays spiritual insight when he discerns for himself the things that maintain an edge on spiritual appetite and attends to them as zealously as Paul indicated to Timothy concerning his reading.

It is good religion to attend to the things that cultivate a healthy appetite for God. When and what satisfies this hunger? James Oppenham puts his answer into arresting prose-verse:

Enough? I see what is enough!
Machinery is enough for the scientist,
And Beauty is enough for the poet,
But in the heart of men and women
And in the thirsty heart of little children
There is hunger, and there is an unappeasable longing,
For a Father, and for the love of a Father.

The existence of an essential hunger in every human being to find a personal relationship with God is a trustworthy expectancy that such wistful hunger can be satisfied. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things," is the assurance of the Psalmist. —W. R. Hibbert.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Some want our minister to go, others want him to stay. How should a church handle a situation like this?

I wish I knew what to suggest when a church is divided over anything. Most big problems in churches are little problems that grow because they are fed on pride, prejudice, or other unchristian failings that are found in Christians. The church preaches that all men can be reconciled to God and therefore to each other. But we do not always practise the things we preach.

Churches are sometimes divided seriously over the ministry. Of course, the minister who can please all members equally has yet to be found. On the other hand, if the minister does not enjoy the endorsement of the majority of the congregation, and receive their support, it is unlikely that either he or the church will do much good.

A ministry can be doomed to failure before it starts. All ministers have not the same capacities, and all church congregations have not the same needs. Many ministers who have had great success in one field have very little in another. Therefore, it is important to find that minister most likely to lead this church. State Advisory Boards are available and they should not be ignored.

The minister should not be selected by the congregation as a whole. This is where division often starts. If 53 per cent of the members want one man, and 47 per cent want another, the man chosen may find some resistance to his leadership. It is far more sensible for a congregation to use a ministerial selection committee or, better still, an effective eldership. These are appointed by the congregation from men that are known, and they will be better able to select the right man.

No matter how carefully a choice is made, the man may not be successful. A competent and continuing eldership will be of great help here also. In close touch with the minister and the congregation, they can act if the minister loses the confidence of the church.

All this may suggest that the minister is the one most likely to be at fault or lacking necessary qualities. This may not be the case. There are congregations who don't deserve a minister, and there are elders who are dictatorial, weak or foolish.

A minister may be treated unjustly. It may be unfair to call for his replacement. If this is so, the minister is still called to love the very people who are ill-treating him, and to do all in his power to unify the church behind his successor. This is not easy. It is that part of discipleship called cross-bearing.



SPOTLIGHT ON N.S.W. . . .

"So Send I You"

"So send I you," the Conference theme for the current year, implies personal commitment and consecrated self-giving. And there is encouraging evidence that this is already proving to be the keynote of the work of committees and local churches. The emphasis is increasingly on the vital importance of Prayer and Bible Study as the solid core of brotherhood advance.

The Bible Study Camp, held at "Camp Greenhalgh," Lake Illawarra, over the weekend of June 4-6, was the second in a series organised by Bruce Armstrong, Director of the Department of Christian Education. Harry Davies, of Auburn, led studies on "The Second Coming of Christ." The early Church lived in the constant expectation of the Lord's return.

Logically, then, if we profess to be restoring the faith and fellowship of the New Testament as a basis for unity, we must give a primary place to the Biblical teaching concerning this subject.

Despite the varied theories and controversies surrounding this theme, it is nevertheless important. Hence the Dept. of Christian Education feels that opportunity should be given for our young people to engage in profitable discussion and so gain a balanced and Biblical view of "The Second Coming."

The N.S.W. Council of Churches has recently had a change of leadership. Rev. MacNeil Saunders, of the Presbyterian Church, has retired as President, and Dr. D. Broughton Knox, Principal of Moore Theological College, has been appointed in his place. On June 18, at a dinner at Moore College, Mr. Saunders was honored for his services to the Council.

Our Sydney churches have always taken an active interest and have been well represented in the work of the Council, which, for many years, has made a grand contribution to the civic life of Sydney in the all-important spheres of united Christian action and social reform.

The 1965 "Freedom From Hunger" Campaign concluded on Sunday, May 30, with the special "Door Knock"

collection. Churches of Christ, in an organised capacity, as well as individually, took a very active part in this collection throughout Sydney and suburbs, most of our congregations sharing in this effective ministry "for those in need."

"Crusade '65" promises to be an outstanding venture in youth evangelism. The Youth Conference of our churches has appointed a keen committee of experienced youth workers and young people to plan for this forthcoming event. The dates are August 24-28, when all roads will lead to Enmore Tabernacle, and George Wood, of South Perth, Western Australia, will be the preacher.

Here and there among the churches we note that John Sedman, of Wyoming, has accepted an invitation to the ministry of the church at Penrith. Also, Mervyn Bedwell, of Marrickville, is among the first seven chaplains chosen by the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, and will serve in a part-time industrial chaplaincy with I.C.I. (Australia) in Sydney. H. Colin Wheat, minister at Padstow, succeeds G. H. Sloman as Secretary of Woolwich College Board. Then, in early July, Mr. Bagley, of Bexley North, and Mr. Eagling, father of missionary David Eagling, and of Taree, will go to the New Hebrides, where they will be engaged for six weeks in volunteer mission work, including general hospital building at Ndul Ndul, and also the installation of an air-conditioning plant. Following the completion of his voluntary work of hospital building at Aoba, in the New Hebrides, Ron Laing spent a short period in Sydney en route to his home in New Zealand. He gave a message at the evening service at Bexley North on June 13.

Finally, it is good to be able to report that in many churches people are surrendering to Christ. The outlook is bright with promise and there is every indication that, in commitment and consecration, men and women in New South Wales are taking seriously the theme of our Conference year, which is the challenge of the Master to all his followers: "So send I you." —Dr. A. G. Elliott.

SHUT-INS VISITED

(Warwick, Qld.). On "shut-in" Sunday, several members, together with our Junior C.E. group, visited Mill House, the old ladies' home in Warwick. The appreciation here was so keen that a further visit is planned. Other members visited the hospital, distributing

plastic bags of biscuits, each containing a text from the Bible . . . We welcome to our district Bob Sutherland, and family, of N.S.W., who have bought a property in our community . . . A tennis club has been planned . . . Trevor Holmes, a student of Kenmore College, journeyed home to celebrate his 21st birthday.

DEATH OF H. B. ROBBINS

(Melb.). Australia lost one of its most colorful church personalities when Harold Robbins died on July 11, at the age of 80 years. He was President of the Victorian Conference, 1935-36. As a younger man he was much in demand as a preacher and conducted many interim ministries in New South Wales and Victoria. He was a pioneer member at West Preston, and was honorary preacher there for six years. He was fond of singing, and was a competent song leader with many missions. He had impressive business interests and was a former managing Director of National Consolidated Ltd. He exercised a very generous stewardship. An obituary notice will appear at a later date.

SIXTIETH

(North Perth, W.A.). Highlights of the 60th anniversary celebrations included a youth rally in the Methodist Hall, with 150 present; an inspiring communion service on June 20; an old-time costume social on June 26; and a Billy Graham film in the North Perth Town Hall on June 27. The ladies held an At Home, 220 women were entertained by the C.W.F. Mrs. H. Manning, wife of one of the first preachers of the church, was present.

FOR LIVING LINK

(Cottesloe, W.A.). The C.W.F. have sent a food parcel and a birthday gift to our living link in India, Betty Ryall. The local Baptist church ladies shared in recent meetings, and fellowship with Presbyterian ladies is anticipated . . . The young people are also having reciprocal gatherings with Presbyterian Y.P. . . . J. Sewell was guest speaker for the 49th church anniversary . . . The church rejoices with the minister, G. Powell, and his wife, in the arrival of a son, Mark.

MOVEMENTS

FROM UNGARRA TO GEORGETOWN

(Ungarra, S.A.). The minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Holloway, have accepted call to minister in Georgetown, N.S.W. . . . Ladies' Guild members honored Mrs. Pugsley, snr., a very faithful worker, on her birthday, the day of the July meeting. The Guild continues to work for Native Missions . . . Young people are singing together in a choir arranged by themselves, and contributing worthwhile items in evening gospel services.

National Diary

- NEW SOUTH WALES
- JULY—
17 —Pre-Crusade '65 Barbecue — Lane Cove, National Park, N.S.W.
18 —State Scripture Examination.
28 —Ministers' Fraternal Visit to Wollongong.
- VICTORIA
- JULY—
17 —Explorer Regional Sports (Midgets).
18 —Girls' Sunday — D.C.E.
23 —G.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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RADIO AUSTRALIA BROADCAST

(Melb.). The Swanston St. church has prepared a programme for the A.B.C.'s "Churches of Australia" session, for world-wide broadcast through Radio Australia short-wave transmission. Dr. Lloyd Jones conducted the service and preached. The Choral Association was conducted by Valentine Woff. Cleve Lyster presided at the organ.

The programme will be heard as follows: For S.E. Asia: Sunday, July 25: 1.15 a.m. on 31.35 metres; 1.15 a.m. on 41.55; 4.15 a.m. on 31.25; 4.15 a.m. on 25.34.

For Nth America: Monday, July 26: 10.15 p.m. on 31.22 metres; 12.45 p.m. on 16.82; 12.45 p.m. on 19.71.

VISIT OF C.E. LEADER

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). Rev. Fred Nile, National Director of C.E., addressed church on July 4, on "Making Friends for Christ," which fitted in well to the Year of Evangelism programme, now in full swing. Twenty-six initial visitors for friendship cultivation met for tea and final briefing, and whilst they were visiting the usual mid-weekly prayer meeting was held. Visitors returned to report good receptions in the homes . . . At the first Guest Service on July 11, many of the visiting guests inspected the Bible School in session at 10 a.m. and later were served coffee . . . C.W.E.F. annual sale of used clothing netted £53 for Project Funds . . . Church has given £10 to "The Australian Christian" Fund.

MINISTERS VISIT VIETNAM

(Melb.). Recently 2700 ministers in U.S.A. appealed to the President to take steps to halt the war in Vietnam. Last week they sent ten of their number to Saigon to investigate the situation. At the same time a group of ministers from Europe set out for Hanoi. On July 8-9, the two groups met in Hong Kong to compare notes and prepare a statement. Two of the Americans are now in Australia. They are the Rt. Rev. Wm. Crittenden, Bishop of Erie, Pa., and the Rev. James Lawson, Methodist, of Memphis, Tenn. The latter is a Negro and civil rights leader. The two men spoke at a meeting in Nicholas Hall, Melb., on July 14, to report on their first-hand look at the S.E. Asian conflict.

1965

Plan for Aborigines Attacked

(Melb.). The Victorian Government proposes to establish an Aboriginal training settlement at Morwell. This scheme was attacked by delegates to the Victorian Aboriginal Congress. Also condemned was the Aborigines Welfare Board's policy of assimilation in building homes on the fringes of Morwell. One of the main objections was that the Government was building a new camp instead of improving conditions on the present reserves where the Aborigines wanted to live.

Pastor Doug. Nicholls, of the Fitzroy Church of Christ, and welfare officer of the Aborigines Advancement League, wanted to know why the Aborigines had not been consulted.

"Ask People!"

"We want the Board to ask us whether or not we want these houses," said Mr. Nicholls.

"The Board should also ask the peo-

ple if they want to move from Lake Tyers to Morwell settlement."

A metropolitan delegate, Stewart Murray, said the £350,000 to be spent on the Morwell project should be spent at Lake Tyers.

Another delegate said the Board should direct its attention to meeting the needs of the people who had been asking for homes for many years, instead of moving people from Lake Tyers.

The superintendent of the Welfare Board (P. Fulton) told the congress the settlement would be on a 4½-acre site about 1½ miles from Morwell shopping centre.

The scheme would cost £350,000, and would have a maximum life of 15 years, by which time all Aborigines were expected to have attained the same standard of living as other Australians.

The maximum time that any family was expected to be at the settlement was about two or three years.—("The Age").

SING-A-LONG

(E. Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.). The young people have commenced a once-a-month "Sing-a-long with Preach." 46 were present for the last session, and the C.Y.F. has gained more members . . . The Leichhardt C.W.F. held its 11th birthday luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Hoeppe, of the Albion Baptist Church, provided a programme of instrumental and vocal items. A young lady made her decision.

YOUTH ACTIVE

(Port Pirie, S.A.). The G.L.B. celebrated its 10th anniversary with a fancy dress party. Including parents and friends, 150 were present . . . On Student Christian Movement Sunday, young people of the S.S. formed a choir, and six from the C.Y.F. led the gospel youth service. A young man made his decision. Five young people have recently been baptized . . . The C.W.F. held an open afternoon and entertained guests from the Lealholme Old Folks' Home . . . On June 20, Mr. Archbold, representing the S.U.M., addressed the C.Y.F., both church services, and an after-church fellowship.

INGLEWOOD DECISION

(W.A.). Ron Stone has confessed his faith and has been baptized . . . 40 young people from Inglewood attended a long weekend camp at Waterman's Bay . . . Very successful concert held . . . We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. A. W. C. Candy, of Vic., visiting their new grandson.

GIFTS RECEIVED

(N.S.W.). The following gifts have been received for Masonite for the Balladoran Chapel Appeal:— Mrs. T. Orr (Tas.), £5; J. Dwyer (Fairfield, N.S.W.), 10/-; Mrs. E. M. Roberts (Fairfield, Vic.), £2; Anon. (S. Aust.), £2; A. C. Popp (Maryborough, Qld.), £10; the Chalker Family (Mayfield, NSW), £2; Anon. (Vic.), 5/- — for which we are very thankful. This provides for 10 sheets of Masonite. Still 50 to go, and the need is urgent. — (C. T. Garrett, Forest Way, Belrose, N.S.W., Sec., N.S.W. Aborigines Committee).

FIRST PREACHER RETURNS

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). W. H. Nightingale was the first full-time preacher, and began here 59 years ago. He spoke at both services on July 4, before leaving for retirement in Western Australia. Friends were present from Gatton and Toowoomba. The Minister, F. J. Winter, chaired an after-church fellowship and a suitable presentation was made. . . . Good progress is being made with the building of the new chapel . . . The C.E. visited D.D.Q. Channel 10 . . . Gifts of a roll of sheeting and pillow-slip calico were sent to Frances Cole for use in the Ndul Ndul Hospital, New Hebrides . . . The C.W.F. exchanged tape recordings with the Rosewood C.W.F. . . . Visiting speakers have included B. Hinrichsen, Kenmore C.C., A. Rosenberg and Mr. Dean, of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

HAMILTON WINS QUIZ

(Georgetown, N.S.W.). Splendid youth weekend was held, with Mal. Leask, Sydney, as preacher. Hamilton youth group won the inter-church quiz. Chris and Paul Grant, of Austral, sang at all sessions . . . Boys' Brigade have paid visits to Burwood Colliery and the "Newcastle Morning Herald."

£400 FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS

(Grote St., S.A.). The church offering for Overseas Missions reached £400, including £75 from Ladies' Mission Band. At a manse cottage meeting, D. Roads showed films and spoke on experiences at Norseman. £11 was raised for Overseas Missions . . . Combined church and youth choirs sang under the leadership of W. Watson on July 4 . . . Mrs. Waldron has joined B.S. staff as Cradle Roll birthday secretary . . . Church offers sympathy to friends and relatives of the late L. Warren.

Circulation Corner

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By KEITH LUDGATER

Perhaps the best way to describe the wonderful opportunities which are ours as teachers in the New Hebrides, is to introduce you to some of the young people who have just left our Senior Primary Boys' School at Londua. Their ages may come as a surprise to you, but it needs to be kept in mind that, until a few years ago, village teachers were of a very low standard and each grade took a couple of years.

Andrew is just over twenty and comes from Longana N.E. Aoba. With his bright personality and leadership ability, he was elected school captain in 1961. Several months later, however, he began to backslide, and was recalled to his village. Then he slipped further by going to Santo to work, and drinking beer, but when we eventually encouraged him to return to school, nearly twelve months after, he had really repented and soon won the respect of the others by his willingness to work, and his reliability. He is now training to be a builder and is doing very well.

Samuel is a few years older than Andrew, and comes from South Pentecost. He is fairly short and very powerfully built. I was amazed one day when he carried a huge box of motor parts and tools nearly a mile! School work was difficult for Samuel, but as a helper and handy-man he will be hard to replace. He has had quite a few disappointments, and had to spend several months in hospital last year, under treatment for T.B., but we pray that he will find a place of service for the Master he loves.

Also in his early twenties is Stephen, from our neighbouring village of Navitora. He is "promised" (engaged) to Nellie, a teacher trainee, and one of the finest girls to pass through our mission school at Ndui Ndui. But Stephen has had his problems! One Saturday night, a year or more ago, I found out that he had been drinking, but early next morning he was at our door explaining

how it happened, and asking to be allowed to remain at school. After tea with some friends for whom he had worked all day, he had been too weak to refuse some "grog." He was very sorry about it, agreed to work four Saturdays as punishment, and now, having completed Grade 8 he is working at the hospital.

One of a fine family of strong young men, Ben also comes from this district. He is well-built, a good footballer, and an average student, with a good sense of humour. During school holidays in January, 1963, he fell down a hold whilst working on a copra ship at the Santo wharf, and could easily have lost his life. However, he was out of hospital in just over a week, returned to school, and later in the year joined Andrew to train as a builder.

The youngest and brightest in the class was Amon, an 18-year-old whom we enrolled in his early teens, and watched develop in the three years he was with us. At the end of 1962 he was passed over in the selection of students for the Teachers' College, despite a credit in the examination and several qualities which should have recommended him. When he was able to help us so much last year, in language study and translation work, we felt perhaps that everything had worked out for the best. He and three other Londua students won places this year in the Teachers' College.

Wonderful opportunities are given to us daily teaching these teenage boys in the years when so many decisions are made. We watch them grow in body and mind, and pray that they may put their trust in God as we share with them the great challenge of Jesus Christ who came to bring us all life more abundant. They are with us for a few years, and then go on for further training or go back to their villages. Pray that no opportunities may be lost.



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(Washington, D.C.). An investigating team for the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.) at a news conference here, charged that prisoners arrested during racial demonstrations were being held in "concentration camp" conditions at Jackson, Miss.

Abusive conditions, the churchmen said, including beatings and threats by police officers; refusal of medical treatment for wounded prisoners; "constant lewd and suggestive" remarks addressed to the women prisoners; and a meatless, fruitless, milkless diet of grits, beans and corn.

"Fear was induced by a policeman with a bullwhip, which he cracked again and again," the churchmen declared. "Exhaustion was achieved by waking the prisoners repeatedly throughout the night by banging nightsticks on garbage cans, amplifying music over bullhorns, and subjecting the prisoners to the cold air of huge blowers."

The churchmen said they were "absolutely convinced that the primary purpose of the Jackson concentration camp is not to serve as a place of incarceration but rather to serve as a place to break the spirit, will, the health and even the body of each individual who dared to assemble peaceably to seek redress of grievances."—E.P.S.

EMBARRASSING PROGRESS

Christians in the State of Orissa, India, have been putting up church buildings so fast that the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of America, which agreed to provide roofs, have had to increase their appropriations for that purpose. The church has appropriated an additional \$2,300 for new church roofs in West Utkal and the Kond Hills. It has been providing \$2,170 a year for church roofs in the State.—E.P.S.

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OBITUARY

Alice Gertrude Graham.

After many months of serious illness, Mrs. Graham, one of the foundation members of the church at Chatswood, N.S.W., died at Findlay-Hall Private Hospital, Chatswood, on May 29, 1965. Born in Melbourne on Jan. 26, 1883, she grew up in Churches of Christ and maintained a strong faith and witness throughout her 82 years. As Alice Gertrude Smith, she married Alfred Graham in 1907, and theirs was a Christian union which brought much blessing to others, as well as to their family and themselves, before Mr. Graham's death on Oct. 19, 1964. Throughout their life together, Mrs. Graham actively supported her husband in his church work, especially in his 18 years as secretary of the Chatswood church. She herself was a loved leader in the women's work, being the third president of the Chatswood Mission Band, and holding a record with her 12 years' service in that capacity. Overseas Missions remained a major interest to the end. Her faith and her family were the great realities of her life, and now both her church and her children "rise up to call her blessed." The writer conducted services in the

Chatswood chapel (built by Mr. Graham) and at the North Shore Crematorium, on June 1, many friends sharing with the family — daughters Edna (Mrs. Robinson), Winifred (Mrs. Humphrey), Peggy (Mrs. Morris), Judith (Mrs. Kitto) and Molly (Mrs. Bayly), and son, Cecil (overseas) — her sisters in other States, and all other loved ones, precious memories of a wonderful Christian woman.—C. G. Taylor.

Harold Herbert Hillbrick.

Although he had not been very well for many months, Mr. Hillbrick died unexpectedly in hospital on June 28, at the age of 72 years. Growing up in the Berwick church, his first employment was in the P.M.G., but this was interrupted by service in the 1914-18 War. His wife, Adeline, had been a member of the Essendon Baptist Church, where they were married in 1925, but both then transferred to the Ascot Vale Church of Christ. Mr. Hillbrick spent the rest of his working life in the Customs Dept., having completed 50 years of public service on his retirement. In 1926, from Ascot Vale, they became foundation members of the North Essendon church, where Mr. Hillbrick was an officer for many years, secretary and treasurer in turn. When the Sunday School commenced in the State School,

Keilor Rd., he was the first secretary and later the superintendent. In 1935, when the present chapel was erected, he used long service leave to labour in its construction. He loved his home, the church, music and sport. He was a player and later a patron of the church cricket club. Quiet and unassuming, yet of firm convictions, he was greatly loved by all who knew him. The crowded funeral service in the North Essendon chapel was an expression of this high esteem. A tender memory for Mrs. Hillbrick will be the fact that, only a week before his passing, they shared together their 40th wedding anniversary. We share both the loss and the Christian hope with Mrs. Hillbrick, Neil, Joy (Mrs. Fiedler) and grandchildren.

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YOUTH ENTERTAINS AGE

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). The C.Y.F. provided tea for the inmates of the Mount Royal Home for Aged . . . There have been five recent decisions by young people. A girls' choir, trained by William Adams, is assisting periodically at evening services. E. W. Rofey's gospel addresses included special requests from young people. . . . The church is saddened at the death of Mrs. A. Peacock, wife of the late H. G. Peacock, who was a former minister with our churches and served for 20 years at Rathdown St., Carlton . . . A B.S. competition has brought an encouraging increase in attendance and keenness . . . Recent speakers have included K. J. Paterson, a former minister, now State Organiser for our churches in W.A., and J. G. Shaw, of Doncaster . . . Young marrieds enjoyed a social evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Arnold.

DECISIONS AT STAWELL

(Vic.). Two young ladies made decisions on July 4 . . . S.S. teachers attended a conference at Forsham . . . A Good Companions Club has been formed, with Mrs. Jean Hillier as leader . . . C.Y.F. joined with the church on June 27 and helped with the service.

ELECTRIC ORGAN PRESENTED

(York-st., Ballarat, Vic.). An electric organ was received by the church on June 20, as a gift from the family of the late Mrs. H. G. Feary. The function took the form of a P.S.A., when Mr. Whittam, of Hamilton, gave an organ recital. Other items were given by local talent. The officers and members of the church expressed appreciation of the gift, and paid tribute to the affection and high esteem in which Mrs. Feary was held . . . Slides of mission work at Carnarvon were shown at an after-church fellowship hour at the manse . . . Members of other churches shared in the Ladies' Evening Fellowship birthday on June 15 . . . The annual meeting of the B.S. recorded healthy progress . . . June was known as a month of Festival and Song.

MUSIC SHARED

(Maryborough, Vic.). The choir helps at all services and assisted at Dunall anniversary on July 4. The Trio gave items at Ararat in the Teen-Week Echo, and at the "Youth United" meetings at Melbourne's Assembly Hall. C.Y.F. members took part in the Teen Revue at Ararat . . . The Mission Band conducted a successful street stall . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to the family of the late Mrs. F. Weeks.

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MARRIAGES

Elaine Haycraft to Herbert Sunderland, Hartwell, Vic.
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DEATHS

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Mrs. A. W. CONNOR, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. CONNOR and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. TULLY, thank the many friends who sent letters and messages and supported them with expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement caused by the sudden death of her daughter and their sister, Annie Marguerite (Mrs. T. M. Paull). It would be greatly appreciated if this note were taken as a personal acknowledgment of our gratitude.

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POWELL. — To Mr. and Mrs. George Powell, The Manse, 8 Jarrad-st., Cottesloe, W.A., a son — Mark Anthony George, born June 11.

ENGAGEMENT

MORRISON - BULLEY. — Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Morrison, 20 Kalang-rd., Hartwell, Vic., are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Valda Lorraine, to Maxwell Thomas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bulley, 4 Tower-st., Upper Hawthorn, Vic.

DEATHS

ROBBINS. — Called Home on July 11, Harold Benjamin, of 680 Hampton-st., Brighton, Vic., dearly loved husband of Nell. "He served his Lord gladly."

ROBBINS. — On July 11, at his home, 680 Hampton-st., Brighton, Vic., Harold Benjamin, beloved father of Muriel and Wilbur. "At peace with God."

CROUCH. — On July 1, Laura Letts passed peacefully away at her residence, Blackburn-rd., Doncaster East, Vic.

UREN (Casson) — Belinda (late of South Melbourne), on June 7, loved sister of Ada (Mrs. Newman), Grace (Mrs. Wells), Florrie (Mrs. Webster) — all deceased, and Horace; sister-in-law of Lorna; also her loved husband Jack, passed away July 7.

WATERMAN. — On July 1, 1965, Amy Louise (late of Monbulk, Vic.), loved wife of William, loving mother of Will (deceased), Bert and George; dear mother-in-law of Grace, Florence and Myrtle. Aged 91 years.

WATERMAN. — On July 1, 1965, Amy Louise, loving mother of Will (deceased), dear mother-in-law of Grace; loved grandma of Joan (Mrs. J. Baulch) and Win. (Mrs. F. Beale, New Guinea).

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Word Studies In The New Testament

No. 20 — GLORY :: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The English noun "glory" is from the Latin gloria. Among meanings given in dictionaries are: renown; object of pride; brightness; the presence of God; heaven. A study of the Greek words translated "glory" will show New Testament parallels to these meanings, but will lead to a deeper appreciation of the spiritual content, especially of the word doxa.

In the Authorised Version "glory" is a translation of (1) doxa in many passages. Other renderings are: "dignities" (2 Pet. 2: 10; Jude 8); "glorious" (Rom. 8: 21; 2 Cor. 3: 7, 8, 11; 4: 4; Phil. 3: 21; Col. 1: 11; 1 Tim. 1: 11; Titus 2: 13); "honour" (John 5: 41, 44; 8: 54; 2 Cor. 6: 8; Rev. 19: 7); "praise" (John 9: 24; 12: 43; 1 Pet. 4: 11); "worship" (Luke 14: 10).

The history of doxa in secular Greek is very interesting. Related to the verb dokeo, I expect, think, the noun at first expressed expectation, then opinion. The notion developed into the opinion one has of another, reputation (mostly good, but not necessarily so). From good reputation developed the notion of honour, glory. It is thus used in Modern Greek; also in the more religious sense. In the Bible the word moves into the highest sphere. In the Septuagint it was used of visible splendour, especially that which radiates from the presence of God, as in the pillar of cloud and in the Holy of Holies.

The New Testament uses the word at times in the sense of earthly honour or praise (see the above renderings), but in passages like John 1: 14 the words recall the claim of Jesus, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14: 9). Special interest attaches to Jas. 2: 1. Some writers have suggested that the phrase "the Lord of glory" is a marginal gloss.

The Authorised Version and Revised Version translators thought it necessary to supply the words "the Lord" and

indicated the fact by putting the words in Italics, and Phillips omits the word "glory."

The New English Bible interprets, "Christ who reigns in glory." That the phrase "Lord of glory" can be applied to Jesus is clear from 1 Cor. 2: 8. One of the very learned commentaries on "James" (by J. B. Mayor) puts the case strongly that "the Glory" here is a personal title of Jesus Christ. Mayor follows the suggestion of an earlier scholar, Bengel, that the title is in apposition to the names Lord Jesus Christ. He cites the use of such titles of Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Summing up, he says, "We may suppose that the reason why the word doxa stands here alone . . . is in order that it may be understood in its fullest and widest sense of him who alone comprises all glory in himself."

In three passages doxa is used in the plural. In 1 Pet. 1: 11 it means "glories" or "splendours," but in 2 Pet. 2: 10 and Jude 8 the reference seems to be to the angelic beings.

(2) kleos in 1 Pet. 2: 20. Here only in the New Testament. In Classical writers this word is used in the sense of (1) a rumour, report; (2) good report, fame. The latter is the New Testament use, and this is supported by the Papyri and Modern Greek. Several translators render the word "credit." In the Septuagint, kleos appears in Job 28: 22; 30: 8.

Two nouns are used in the sense of glorying, exulting. They are *kaukhema* and *kaukheis*, both from the verb *kaukhaomai*, boast, glory in exultation.

A Greek word taken over into English is *kudos*, glory, renown. It was classified as slang, but modern dictionaries accept the word. This term is not found in the New Testament, but there is one instance in the Greek Old Testament, Isaiah 14: 25.

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Miss Loris Anderson gave the background of mission work in Lebanon.

D. H. Smith spoke in appreciation of the intention of C.W.F. to donate Golden Bag contributions to the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism.

Mrs. Stafford drew attention to Fellowship Day, July 28, arranged by "Australian Church Women" for furthering of a fellowship action that gives communities a chance to look together upon this new era in this world where our families live. It challenges women of the churches to fuse their strength into

leadership within the community; to dispel fear; to fulfil the hope and the faith which lies within this Atomic Age. The call is urgent. Requirements are great. We believe Christian women will accept the challenge."

The Annual Missionary Rally will be held at Lygon-st. church, on August 11.

Thanksgiving Service will be in the Swanston-st. church, on Sunday afternoon, February 13, 1966.

Although a great number of Miss Milne's records have been sold, there are still some available.

Attendance was lower than usual, there being 169 delegates from 56 churches.

Mrs. Newham offered intercessory prayer, remembering especially the relatives of Miss May Daff and Harold Hillbrick, who have been bereaved.—P. W. Ludbrook, asst. sec.



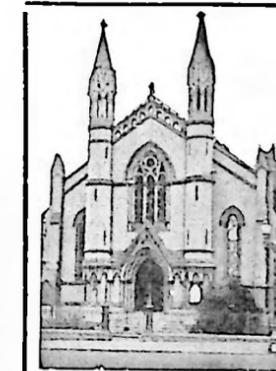
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July 18 — "MIXED MARRIAGES"

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The Church of St. John the Baptist, in Canberra, was given its name because when it was built, in 1845, it was indeed "in the wilderness."

Our visit to St. John's was an exchange of pulpits for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Archdeacon F. M. Hill, of St. John's, had specially asked to preach at the Church of Christ, and to partake of communion with us. His visit was enthusiastically received by the Church of Christ folk.

At St. John's we paused at the door to greet His Excellency the Administrator, Sir Henry Abel Smith, and the Lady May, and her mother, the Princess Alice. In spite of heavy colds, they were at worship on that cold May morning. We remembered his immediate predecessor, Lord de Lisle, who was at communion every Sunday, and often came back for the 11 o'clock service, and who kept abreast of the latest theological and devotional literature. The Administrator wore a dazzling white carnation.

Howard Ainsworth, with clear, sincere voice, made the historic Order of Morning Prayer come alive. We were graciously guided through the service by Des. Pritchard. We only made one faux pas, when we were about to follow Des. as he went into the body of the congregation to offer special prayers for the people of the parish. At St. John's they pray for sick folk by name. Worshippers hand in the names. The list is read and silent prayers are offered.

Although not used to this form of worship, we felt very near to God. How

Biblical their prayers are! We sang several Scripture passages. There were two read lessons. There was far more Scripture in this service than in ours.

In congregational responses in prayers and litanies, the people were actively participating in worship. In our churches we seek to do the same thing by having several people doing readings and prayers. Perhaps responses are another way of doing the same thing, involving even more people actively in worship.

We were impressed by the brief prayer with the door-keepers in the porch, as we entered, and again as we left. In some of our churches this would be impossible, as we would have been disturbed by the rush of last minute arrivals, and the unholy exodus that often follows our benedictions.

We were curious enough to want to see what the worship was doing to the congregation. We peeped . . . and found people obviously enjoying God.

We were warmly greeted at the close of the service, people stood and talked, and several discussed the sermon with us.

As Canberra Church of Christ folk are not used to seeing a robed minister, Archdeacon Hill did not wear the usual surplice and hood, but came in a simple cassock. As St. John's people are not used to seeing an unrobed minister, we wore our Bachelor of Arts gown.

We cannot remember a thing in the service that was out of harmony with the Spirit of Christ and the message of the New Testament.

—G.R.S.

OBITUARY

Harold Richard Andersen

The church at Bentleigh has felt a deep sense of loss at the death of Harold Andersen at the age of 56 years. His parents were members at Castle-maine and there at an early age he gave his life to Christ. Coming to Melbourne, he was connected with the church at Gardiner but after his marriage moved to Bentleigh and the Bentleigh church became his spiritual home.

Having served with the army in the war years, he made the army his career, and at his death held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired). He was President of the Adult Bible Class. Following surgery last year, he recovered well, but subsequent treatment became necessary till he passed away quietly on June 12.

The church was crowded by those who came to pay their tribute to a beloved brother. The final rites were held at Springvale Crematorium, where representatives of the Lodge and the Army participated. —A.R.P.

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(London). The United Bible Societies report that the entire Bible now exists in 236 languages, and is thus directly accessible to over 90 per cent of the world's population.

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QUEEN, CHURCHMEN OBSERVE SALVATION ARMY CENTENARY

(London). Queen Elizabeth II and a distinguished gathering of church leaders, government and diplomatic representatives and civic officials attended the inauguration here of 10 days of celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the Salvation Army.

The ceremony was held in the Royal Albert Hall, immense 100-year-old oval in West London. There the Queen was welcomed by General Frederick Coult, eighth leader of the international move-

ment founded on an East London slum street corner in 1865 by William Booth.

Church leaders attending included the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, and John Cardinal Heenan, the Roman Catholic Primate. Prime Minister Harold Wilson was represented by the Home Secretary, Sir Frank Soskice, while the diplomatic world was represented by London envoys of the 70 countries in which the Salvation Army is today at work.

Altogether, some 25,000 Salvationists from all parts of the world have assembled here for the centenary.—E.P.S.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WHITES

(Nairobi). Discrimination against whites and other minority groups in East Africa is denounced in an article titled "Second Class Citizens," appearing in the current issue of "Target," the Christian monthly published here.

Although the East African governments of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda have consistently stated their aim is to build a completely inter-racial society in which all persons have equal rights, the "Target" article said, "the truth is that East Africa has a long way to go before a man of a color other than black can become a citizen in the full certainty he and his children will receive equal treatment." It added:

"Many people in responsible positions in East Africa cannot see that they are trying to have it both ways. On the one hand, they bring great pressure to bear on minority races to identify themselves by becoming citizens, and promising them equal rights; on the other hand, they reserve the right to redress the imbalances and past injustices.—E.P.S.

BRING THEM IN!

For every man planning to attend a convention banquet in Columbus, Ohio (U.S.A.), August 21, there will be an extra table setting — not for the man's wife, but for a stranger to be brought in from the "highways and byways" of Ohio's capital city. The unusual banquet, called "the Feast of the Lord," will be a featured event at the triennial convention of the American Lutheran Church Brotherhood, scheduled August 19-22. The idea for the unusual event was taken from the Biblical parable of Matthew 22 concerning the wedding feast.—E.P.S.

MISSION SHIP

The mission ship built by the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, West Germany, having successfully completed its test run, will leave shortly for Nias, Indonesia, aboard an ocean freighter. Built at Oberhausen, the 70-foot craft will be presented to the Evangelical Church of Nias in Indonesia on its 100th anniversary in September, 1965.—E.P.S.

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STEWARDSHIP

(Dandenong, Vic.). K. Harvey began his work for Planned Giving on July 5. . . . Robert Rowley was welcomed into membership on July 11. Mrs. K. Harvey was soloiste. Mr. Harvey was preacher at evening service . . . An "Aborigine Evening" was held by the Evening C.W.F., when Mrs. Allison showed slides and spoke on Aborigine work. Proceeds of the evening went to this mission work.

EARLY SERVICE SUCCESSFUL

(Bayswater, Vic.). The 4.45 p.m. evening service is proving successful, with good attendances — especially family groups. The Christian Endeavour Choir is assisting, also Dan Hills (soloist) . . . Mrs. Rogers, of Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, was guest speaker at C.W.F. evening meeting . . . Ken Clinton performed baptismal service for his daughter Janis.

HELPING HAND

(Colac, Vic.). The church had a great day when 12 men from the Ballarat churches helped the local men build a foyer on the front of church building in a day. The ladies provided meals. The men of the church are also building a Youth Hall in their spare time . . . 35 members from West Preston shared with us in fellowship on July 4, some taking part in the service.

FAREWELLS

(Coburg, Vic.). Twice recently an after-church fellowship has farewelled members leaving for Western Australia. Miss Norma White, who has been Good Companions' leader, returns home to marry Jim McGhie, at the East Victoria Park church. Ron and Natalie Wright, and family, intend to acquire and develop farm land in the Southern part of the State. They will be initially with the Inglewood church. They will be greatly missed after many years of service here . . . Viney Longthorp, Direc. of the Dept. of Christian Education, was speaker on June 6 . . . The new Board of Officers has commenced a series of special meetings, led by the minister, C. H. Dow, and designed to bring the Board, and later, church members, face to face with the nature of the ministry in our community. . . . At the same time, the midweek study group is discussing the book, "God's Frozen People."

PLANNED GIVING

(Echuca, Vic.) Kevin Harvey, Field Officer, Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism, has been assisting with planned giving programme . . . Good Companions and leaders attended a recent camp at Axedale. At same weekend, Belmont young people were guests of Echuca Y.P.

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ABORIGINES SUNDAY OBSERVED

(Malvern, Vic.). Stan Davey, Sec. Fed. Council for Aboriginal Advancement, spoke on "The Dispossessed People of Australia," at the men's tea on July 11. Another interesting illustrated talk to men was given by Mrs. R. P. Clark, on her trip overseas, and including scenes from the Passion Play. The men have also conducted services at the Christian Guest Home . . . R. Goldby, of Gideon's International, addressed the church . . . Many parents of S.S. scholars shared in a family service . . . The Youth Fellowship has been holding functions every Saturday night to raise funds for the Coffea Shop.

APPRECIATION

(Prahran, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hunt are temporarily at 12 Campbell grove, Upper Hawthorn, Vic., They are very grateful to those who have supported them in prayers, sent messages, and visited them during Mr. Hunt's stay in hospital.

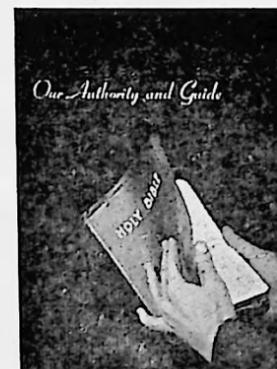
DUNOLLY'S ANNIVERSARY

(Vic.). John Hyndman was the guest speaker at the anniversary services, which included a P.S.A. and a fellowship tea. A highlight of the afternoon was the singing of the Maryborough Church of Christ Girls' Choir . . . Les Williams has been busy repairing furniture and fittings of the church and has also made a book rack.

OBITUARY

George C. Dalton.

After a heart operation, George C. Dalton died on July 1, at the age of 42 years. He came from Belfast, Northern Ireland, and was received into the membership of the Warrnambool (Vic.) Church of Christ in 1950. For many years he served as treasurer of the church, was a Bible School teacher, and was a member of the Official Board until the time of his death. He was a very good member of the Churches of Christ. An able speaker, he spoke in his own and other churches in the district with distinction. He was loved by all, as was indicated by the church being overcrowded, and the large crowd that gathered at the Warrnambool Cemetery, which witnessed to his Christian life. To his loving wife Vera, and daughters Mary, Joan and Colleen, we give our deepest Christian sympathy.—F.W.B.



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To the Editor,

One must applaud the "Christian" of June 26, which exhorts young Christian men to follow the example of the basketballers who, on a club trip to Melbourne, refused to play in the match arranged for the Lord's Day. I am sure that the non-Christian basketballers would have been impressed.

But why stop at basketball? There are other equally unwholesome activities indulged in on the Sabbath and also on Sunday. How many, for example, spend Sunday afternoons, driving, gardening, playing golf, knitting, watching T.V. and even smoking?

Let us show the world what Christ meant when he said, "Man is not made for the Sabbath, the Sabbath is made for man."

As J. J. Collingwood says, on another page, the church needs to consider its image. Instead of "people associating religion with dreary church services, pious legend, sentimental hymns and behaviour restrictions of all kinds," let them see us in our positive role as a people who attend the church services prescribed in the Scriptures (11 a.m. and/or 7.30 p.m.) and, as also prescribed, avoid contact with the community or with basketball.

—Ron Fergie, A.C.T.

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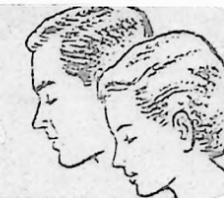
Discrimination in Reverse? (p. 17).

Jean Milne will sing for you? (p. 15).

You can work for nothing at Dulwich? (p. 6).

Good giving for missions? (p. 11).

Moments of Worship



Prepared by RALPH V. AMOS, Blackburn, Vic.

Thursday, July 22. Romans 9: 1-5. "I could even wish that I myself might be sentenced to separation from Christ if that would help my brethren" (v. 3, Norlie).

Here is a man with a deep concern! The wonder of the Christian life had so overwhelmed him that he couldn't bear to think that his own countrymen might not enjoy the same thrilling experience, especially when this loss was largely due to their own blindness, obstinacy and prejudice. When a man is prepared to make such heroic sacrifices for the sake of others, there can be no doubt that he feels very strongly. All true Christian living involves a sense of care, and compassion, and concern.

Dear Lord, we know that Paul was prepared to sacrifice himself. Now, we are required to make our stand. Amen.

Friday, July 23. Romans 9: 6-13. "It is not as though the Word of God has failed" (v. 6, R.S.V.).

What remarkable power we find in the Word of God. In Hebrews, we are told that "the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword." In discussing here the conditions of his people, Paul refers to their history, and their privileged relationship with God. The fact that they have failed to see the fulfilment of God's purposes in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, his Son, is no indication that God's Word has failed. The failure is to be found in their own hearts. As Christian people, we can be exceedingly thankful for the wonderful power of the Word of God.

Master, we would follow the advice of the hymnwriter and "hide God's Word in our hearts." Amen.

Saturday, July 24. Romans 9: 14-18. "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy" (v. 15, R.S.V.).

Some people have found this a difficult passage. It seems to reveal a capricious God, who just does as he pleases without rhyme nor reason. However, when we read this section carefully, in a new translation, taking it in the proper context, the problem seems to disappear. "In effect Paul says: 'It is not a question of justice, for justice would imply an inherent right of the creature over against his Creator. It is a question of the mercy of God upon those who in justice have merited, and can merit, nothing at all. The mercy of God, as Scripture declares, is determined by nothing beyond itself; I will have mercy on whom I choose to have mercy. This is, indeed, the quality of mercy. If it counts deserts, it is not mercy. The mercy of God is an original act of his creative will'" (C. H. Dodd).

O God, we thank you that our salvation rests not on our merit, but on your mercy. Amen.

Sunday, July 25. Romans 9: 19-30. "But who are you, a man, to answer back to God?" (v. 20, R.S.V.).

Paul was a man of amazing insight. See here how he sums up the actions of the average man. "Who are you to find fault with God? Shall that which is made to say to its maker, 'Why did you make me so?'" (Norlie). There is something in man which constantly causes him to challenge his Creator. Our Father doesn't mind us asking questions. In fact, he wants us to do just that. What Paul is condemning here is that attitude which implies that man knows better than God. Do we need to check our lives at this point? Perhaps! Sometimes we humans can be amazingly arrogant.

God, forgive us, if we act and speak as though we have risen above your mind and will. Amen.

Monday, July 26. Romans 9: 31-10: 4. "My brothers, from the bottom of my heart, I long and pray to God that Israel may be saved?" (v. 1, J. B. Phillips).

Once more the old crusader of the Cross expresses his concern for his own people. He is well aware of their good points. They had a passion for God. But he was aware, also, of their bad points, and he had to admit that "it is not a passion based on knowledge." Again and again Paul points to the fatal practice of his fellow countrymen who frequently showed signs of spiritual superiority. They wanted salvation on their own terms. Paul says, "They are densely ignorant about God's way of justification and, while they try to earn justification in their own way, they will not submit to God's way of becoming justified." The end of the struggle for justification by law is Christ, and it comes to everyone who believes on him" (vv. 3-5, Norlie).

Eternal Father, we are so often amazed at the ignorance and presumption of those to whom Christ came. May we not follow them in their error. Amen.

Tuesday, July 27. Romans 10: 5-13. "No one who believes in him, the scripture says, will ever be disappointed. No one . . ." (v. 11, Moffatt).

Let us focus on just one of the important truths in this passage. Paul says that Jesus Christ is never a disappointment. Notice what Paul says here. "No one who believes in him . . . will ever be disappointed. No one." He is not saying that Christians will never know disappointment. As those who follow Jesus Christ, we have known frequent disappointments . . . in ourselves, our friends, our families, our failures, and our fellow-Christians. But we have never been disappointed with our Lord. Not if we are honest about the matter. No one who believes in him . . . will ever be disappointed with him.

Dear God, we thank you for this glorious promise through Christ. In its light we can make even our disappointments to be his appointments! Amen.

Wednesday, July 28. Romans 10: 14-21. "All day long I have stretched out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people" (v. 21, Norlie).

What wonderful compassion, and mercy, and patience we find in the love of God, our Father. Paul reminds us of this by pointing back to Isaiah 65: 1-2. In spite of the way the Jews had treated him God kept on loving, and caring, and providing, just because he is God. Yet the people remained disobedient and obstinate. This is staggering, isn't it? Yet what might be even more staggering is the fact that with 2,000 more years of divine revelation behind us, in which the full glory of the Christian gospel has been preached right round the world, there are multitudes who still act in precisely the same way.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you still hold out your hands. We do not earn but we still receive the secret of salvation. Amen.

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Why may not I, as well as these,
Grow lovely, growing old?

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