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WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE?

A play that has aroused controversy all over the world was presented this month in Sydney. Its opening was not accompanied by the violence which attended its introduction into Europe three years ago, but it has served to re-focus attention on what has been called the greatest crime ever committed against mankind — the extermination of six million Jews by Nazi Germany.

The guilt of the Nazis is obvious, but the play, "The Representative," by Rolf Hochhuth, squarely charges Pope Pius XII with contributory responsibility for being silent instead of speaking out against the crime.

The two central characters are Pius XII and a Jesuit priest, Riccardo, who was stationed in Berlin. When Riccardo learned of the death of thousands of Jews every day in the gas chambers he went to Rome to persuade the Pope to condemn the Nazis. The Pope signed a general statement condemning the atrocities by any nation against any people whatsoever. Riccardo said that this was so general that the Nazis would take it as an invitation to continue their terrible policy. He wanted instead a categorical denunciation of the Germans by the Pope. He wanted instead not come, Riccardo identified himself with the condemned by pinning the Star of David to his robe. He went to the death house to die with those he could not save.

If Pius did not know the truth about the Nazis the whole thing is pointless, but it is fairly well established that he did know what was happening. He could have spoken, but he chose to keep silent. The point at issue is: why did he keep silent? Hochhuth suggests that Pius was motivated by political interests, economic advantages, and personal ambition.

Biased Roman Catholics may be quick to claim that the Holy Father can do no wrong. Prejudiced Protestants may as quickly assert that the Pope can do nothing right. In the hot debate that flared up over "The Representative," however, many Roman Catholics condemned the Pope and many Protestants tried to defend his motives.

Pius, in fact, did do a great deal to help the Jews. He was prepared to spend money to ransom them. He approved the issue of baptismal certificates to make temporary Roman Catholics out of Jews in order to save their lives. This, incidentally, could also be questioned on ethical grounds. Those certificates were deliberate lies, but in the nightmare situation of wholesale murder and with an irrational bunch like the Nazi leaders to deal with, it may be asked if normal moral standards applied.

We often say that in a spiritual crisis we should ask ourselves what Jesus would do, and then do that thing. Unfortunately, it is just as difficult to find the right course as to find the courage to follow it. Pius may have been afraid that he would make the position of the Jews even worse if he condemned the Nazis.

On the other hand, Pius may have been influenced by his admitted love and friendship for the German people, or by his concern for the survival of the Church, or even by his conviction that Communism was the great potential menace to mankind and that the Nazis could be enlisted against them.

Hochhuth has condemned Pius, but Hochhuth is not God. He is not even History. He is a playwright. As such, he is justified in portraying people and events as he sees them, even to exaggerate them to emphasise problems and defects of character. But while the play gives Hochhuth's answer to the Pius problem, it also raises questions about our spiritual responsibility.

When a spiritual crisis confronts us in the domestic, business, social or even national areas of life, we shall have our own moment as the representative of Christ. When our decisions affect the life, if not the lives, of others, the burden of responsibility will be even heavier. When we have to choose between two courses that each appear bad, we must search our hearts to find the way of Christ. We may choose wrongly and we may find condemnation from others and also in our own hearts. But we shall still have to choose.

Maybe this play will make us thankful that most of our decisions are made on a private stage and that our wrong choices will never get into the newspapers. It may also remind us that we cannot truly judge others unless we know their motives as well as their deeds.

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CHRIST OR CAESAR

BY

FRED. REES

Question:

"Can Rome do less than slay the slayers, to show the world how Rome avenges her sons and her honor?"

"And so, to the end of history, murder shall breed murder, always in the name of right and honor and peace, until the gods are tired of blood and create a race that can understand."

—Julius Caesar, "Caesar and Cleopatra," by George Bernard Shaw.

Answer:

"Recompense to no man evil for evil . . . Avenge not yourselves . . . For it is written, Vindication is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord . . . Therefore, . . . be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

—Paul, in Romans 12.

Most Christians have been reluctant to commit themselves on the question of war, and this reluctance can be accounted for in part by a tradition of sixteen centuries.

It is the tradition of the "just war."

I say a tradition of sixteen centuries — for in the first three centuries of Christianity the Church plainly stated that destruction and reconciliation could not go together. For a good 250 years in the Roman Empire, before Constantine, the Church saw clearly that the spirit of her Master involved a strict following of the pacifist line.

Although Paul allowed a special vocation to the State as an instrument of God to keep order in society — the rule was to obey God rather than men. As the Church grew in numbers and influence, and the struggle became acute as to who should control the Church, the body of Christ.

Christ or Caesar?

A study of the attitude of the Church in the two and a half centuries preceding Constantine, brings out the following points:

1. The Church went in for the business of reconciliation and love to Jew

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and heathen, the slave and the freeman, the unfortunate and the oppressed, rich and poor — in fact, to people of all sorts and conditions. And the Church brought them all into an amazing brotherhood in Christ. It is easy to exaggerate, but the resolute attempt to practise love, compassion and forgiveness explains better than anything else the Church's phenomenal early growth.

2. The Church taught and practised conscientious objection to the worship of Caesar's image. At those points where a loyalty rite was demanded by the authorities, the Church clearly said "No," and it cherished the martyrs who died because they took this stand.

3. All of the outstanding Christian writers repudiated participation in warfare for Christians. Origen, writing as late as 248 A.D., put the position in these words — "We no longer take up sword against nation, nor do we learn war any more, having become children of peace for the sake of Jesus Christ our Leader."

4. In spite of persecution by emperors, and the bloodlust of the populace, the Church's resistance never took the form of violence — the job of retribution was left strictly to God, and the record stands that the Church, refusing defence by violence, was not crushed by violence.

The Picture Changes

But from the time of Constantine onward the picture changes. The tradition began that enabled Christians to support the authorities in a "just war." The record doesn't make for nice reading, and it is a record which newly awakening Asia and Africa, with a rapid growth in literacy — ably abetted by Communist propaganda — is reading for itself. A record which our own history books half conceal.

What is the non-Christian world to make of a Church which issues a universal call to men to follow the Prince of Peace — and then supports particular wars which kill and decimate great sections of the human family?

We are pleading for a return to New Testament Christianity. We have always urged Christians to get rid of the traditions of men which are contrary to the N.T. teaching and practice, inherited

from the Church of Rome, like infant baptism, purgatory, etc. It is time we raised our voice against this terrible tradition too — the tradition of the "just war."

Look at the record since Constantine! Christians killed pagans to maintain the Pax Romana — the peace of Rome.

Then Christians killed infidels in the name of Christ to rescue the Saviour's tomb, and to save Europe from the Moslems.

Then Christians killed Christians to wipe out heresy and then to settle differences between Roman Catholics and Protestants. Then Christians killed Christians to settle rival claims of nationalist states.

Then, this century, Christians brought in non-Christians to help them kill other Christians.

And today, Churches on both sides of the Iron Curtain, hesitate to call on their members to repudiate this inhumanity.

The task of the Church is tremendous, but it can only be advanced by the way of Christ. The devil is still with us with the insidious suggestion, "All these things will I give thee if you will only worship me."

For sixteen centuries, we have to admit that, for the most part, the Church has succumbed to the temptation — instead of saying emphatically, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Men can even become accustomed to speaking of nuclear war and other devilish forms of destruction like chemical and bacteriological warfare, but surely this cannot apply to the Church, for just as soon as we start using that sort of language, and are dominated by that sort of spirit, we cease to be the Church.

"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his."

The Jews rejected Christ because he was not the kind of Saviour they expected. The Church, for centuries, has been trying to make him the kind of Saviour it thinks he ought to be.

But it is on his terms that we become members of his Church and he comes to us not as the kind of Saviour we might want, but as the Saviour we need to save us from ourselves. He offers himself to a hate-torn, fearful world as the only Saviour — and the world can be saved only in his way.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

The way of the Cross is not a technique whereby enemies can be destroyed or subdued — it is a way whereby they can be reconciled.

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THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES
TO . . .
A COFFEE HOUR

Having heard about "G.R.'s Coffee Bar" and "Sarg's Sugar-Shack," and wondered greatly, this writer wondered if he could try the G.R. and Sarg. approach. And not knowing what took place in those two attractively named establishments, was hard put for ideas. That they are a means to attract young people with a modern touch we well knew, but what kind of a modern touch? We had to work from there. So we decided to hold a youth service and "coffee hour" and everyone was keen.

The church at Colonel Light Gardens, S.A., has a fairly keen group, and the leaders thought that this was worth a try. So each young person accepted three invitations on the assumption that each one of them had at least three friends!

Three well known figures were asked to "put it over." The church organist is Ralph Cheney, well known on radio and records for his electronic organ playing. Tina Lawton is a national figure on T.V. as a singer of folk songs, and John Halbert is a League football captain and All-Australia player. These three combined to put in an hour without much of a planned programme, but a good idea of where they wanted to go.

First, the church service! Young people simply started to roll up from every-

where from 6.30 onwards. By 7 p.m., about 200 were inside, and at 7.05 the service had to stop to invite them to come in, and no books or seats, so "come up on the platform with the minister"! When we got started again 235 were packed in. And the service did not change from the ordinary style, except that the hymns were rousing, and Tina Lawton strummed her guitar and sang. Even the choir found extra verve. The sermon was framed for the occasion and they all listened intently (including a bunch of atheists who came along for some reason).

After the service everyone went out, the hall was prepared with card tables, chairs placed around them, and then back came the teens. Anyone who had not been to church was not allowed in. But 165 of them were there!

John started off singing some modern songs which adults don't sing much. Ralph gave that electronic something it hadn't known before, and then Tina just took them over. Just before coffee and biscuits John took six minutes to face them up with the business of living, the church, and Christ. They clapped when they wanted to, they laughed, and the older people, who looked through the windows for a change, were amazed at the orderly behaviour. Then they went off home.

A gimmick? Of course! But it got them there to hear a word they need. They sought autographs, but I'm not so sure that some other Name might not have been written in, too.

This kind of experience taught me a few things. One, that it is possible to find young people who will undertake this kind of ministry in the church. In fact, the church abounds with such talent. Also, that careful attention be given to adults accepting the fact that young people will not always be squeezed into the mould which adults might like to force upon them.

This kind of after-church session cannot be held too often, for familiarity will break it. The sermon preached must match the opportunity. To attack their dress, their "hair-do's", their casual manners, is to invite suspicion that all is not as they thought. The challenge of Christ as a living personality, his power to re-create, his plan for living, will stand the scrutiny of any young person.

A gimmick? I'm not so sure now. I think it was a service, making an opportunity, stepping aside from the stereotyped, having second thoughts about young people, being young-adult enough to drop down a peg or two for the sake of others.

Quite frankly, there ought to be more of it, and were I to remain in that church it would be a regular part of the life and service and ministry of the church. There would be no excuse for not doing it again and again.

If it brings them within sound of the gospel, lets them see that the church will provide something they understand and want, then I'd have to keep doing it. Nothing was given away, simply a lot more was given!

—E. P. C. Hollard.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

BY DR. R. S. WILLIAMS

INDIA NEEDS CHRIST

Who needs Christ? It is easy to glibly but truthfully say — everybody.

But first of all we do — you and I, need to have Christ enthroned in our hearts and lives as Lord. May we present our bodies (and our very beings) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, so that we may be renewed from within by Christ.

The work of the Church, whether in Australia, Africa or India, is the same — the lifting up of Jesus Christ to all men — the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We all should be missionaries, and we don't need to leave our homes to become such.

However, we who in a special way, are yours and Christ's ambassadors, need Christ, or otherwise we are contradictions and our work is in vain — indeed, a hindrance to his work.

Pray for us that the world may not squeeze us into its mould, for there are many temptations to compromise in this land, but that we may constantly draw

on him who is the source of strength and power.

Secondly, the Church does — the Church of Christ without Christ is a contradiction. However, in many ways the Church in this land (and in other lands, too) seems to have lost its first love and fails to give Christ the pre-eminence. In the New Testament we read of failings in the Church at Corinth, and many of these are evident in the Church in India.

Of course, there are bright patches, and the faithful witness of some gives much cause for rejoicing. However, the Church in India stands in great need of Jesus Christ.

Finally, the people of India need Jesus Christ. An Indian recently said that India, despite its tremendous problems of poverty, illiteracy, hunger and superstition, most of all needs a moral revival. India has made great strides in education in industry, in government, and the provision of medical care, but these are not nearly sufficient.

Corruption and bribery are rampant

throughout the land, and are regularly discussed in the press and in Parliament. Few officials seem immune to bribery. The black-market flourishes and the fortunate few are only too eager to make capital out of the need of their brethren in these days of scarcity. The Government does what it can, but legislation is not able to change hearts, for it is what is within a man that matters.

Only he who can transform man from within can do this. So the "all men" of India need Jesus Christ — from the leaders and those in authority, those in business and the professions, the teachers and those whom they teach, down to the humble villager and laborer.

So, brethren, pray for us. Pray for your brethren in Christ in this land, that they may cast off the sin which so easily besets us, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Pray for those who yet do not know Christ, that they may hear and be convicted of sin and come to know him, whom to know is life indeed.

NURSERY RHYMES
FOR TODAY'S WORLD

BY D. G. H.

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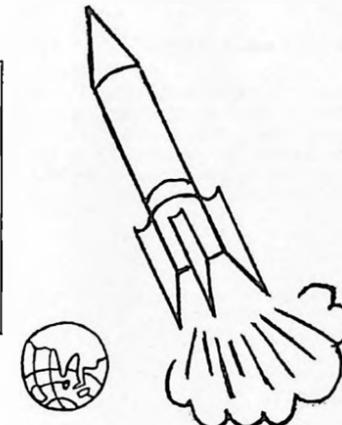
TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Now I know just what you are!
Up above the world so high,
You're a SPUTNIK in the sky!

Whirling round in outer space,
Symbol of the "prestige race";
Billions represent your worth;
Millions starve upon the earth.

How I wish that men would spend
The same amount to help a friend,
In Asia or in Africa,
In China or Siberia.

But you go twinkling on your way,
Cold and careless, day by day:
"Science triumphant" up above,
That loves to know — but KNOWS NOT
LOVE!



PAT-A-CAKE, PAT-A-CAKE

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,
Bake me a cake as quick as you can!
You say you are busy, making bread for the poor?
I knew you'd be difficult, as I came in the door!

I think you're a communist, talking like that—
You say, "No! A Christian!" I won't believe that.
For I am a Christian, and I know it MUST be,
Tho' some may starve, I have cake for my tea!



BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP

Baa, Baa, black sheep, have you any wool?
Well, sir, I should have three bags full;
But fleeced by the white man who brought me in a boat,
Fleeced by the taxes, and then denied a vote;
Fleeced by my own folk, made rich at my expense—
I'm just an off-shears no-good who's left outside the fence!



MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With fields of wheat, enough to eat
For all mankind below?

Well — Thanks to the middleman,
And the agent, too,
Control Boards and jealousy,
I don't know what to do!

Half the world is hungry,
But the price is high;
I have to hoard my produce,
While many people die;
Or dump it in the ocean,
In case the price gets low;
I know that I'm contrary,
But I do wish this wasn't so!



RIDE A COCK HORSE

Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross,
To see a fine lady on a white horse,
Is very slow transport for these modern days,
And quite out of place on Super Highways.
I'll pep up my hot-rod, drive over and toot;
Her old man won't like it, but I don't care a hoot:
She'll meet me in jeans and a loose "Sloppy Joe,"
My ring on her finger, nail varnish on toe;

And then as we travel to one of the ports,
My new two-toned horn and open exhaust
Will ensure us sweet music wherever we go—
And when we arrive, it will be even more so:
With "pop" records and player, and portable TV,
We'll stir up the locals from their lethargy,
And my steel guitar and her radio
Will give us sweet music wherever we go.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MALAYAN GUEST SPEAKER

(Beulah Rd., S.A.). A Malayan student was guest speaker at C.W.F. Her bright, interesting talk on "Asia. Our Neighbour," was most enjoyable. . . . Maylands, Koongarra Park and Beulah Road churches met at Koongarra Park for the quarterly combined study and prayer meeting. . . . The Temple Day offering for reduction of manse debt was £288. The offering for Overseas Missions was £123. . . . Miss Jean Batmans received farewell gifts from C.W.F. as she moved to Mt. Gambier. . . . The church offers sympathy to the family of Stan. Nation, a regular attendant at communion for many years, who died suddenly.

£500 FOR MISSIONS

(Forestville, S.A.). A record offering of £500 for Overseas Missions was received following challenging addresses by the minister. . . . Three teenagers recently made confessions of faith. . . . The Men's Fellowship conducted a meeting at the Black Forest Christian Rest Home. . . . Miss Kay Brownhill, from "The Advertiser," spoke to the Women's Fellowship on "Early Adelaide. . . . The Y.P.S.C.E. has prepared school aids for Rex Chamberlain in New Guinea. Dorcas ladies have also brought gifts for New Guinea. . . . Dean Whitford has been welcomed home from New Zealand where he captained the undefeated S.A. men's basketball team. . . . Young people combined with the Salvation Army youth for a river cruise. . . . N. Gavros is minister.

BAPTISM

(Inverell, N.S.W.). A couple, in their senior years, were baptized on July 11. . . . Slides and a tape-recording from Mr. and Mrs. Powell in India were presented to a family fellowship tea. . . . The C.W.F. have undertaken to clothe an 11-year-old boy at Carnarvon Mission. . . . The C.E. conducted a film night in aid of the Senior Citizens' Home appeal. The film, "City of the Bees," was screened. . . . A panel of experts answered questions at a Scripture Union Rally at the Church of England Hall. Items from various churches were given.

SUNDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION

(Dulwich, S.A.). There was a second discussion period, when the questions raised earlier were taken a stage further. The congregation split into four groups, each taking particular questions from among a listed series, and after 15 minutes reporting back with findings to reassembled congregation. There was a spirited discussion on whether the Lord's Supper at night should be, as now, held in the church while the full congregation remains, or held separately in one of the back rooms. This was discussed from the angle of whether non-churchgoers, who might attend, may feel they are intruding on a "members only" ordinance. C.M.F. had a father and son tea and film. . . . W. Jolly has left for overseas.

WOMEN ON SERVICE PLAN

(Broken Hill, S.A.). Following a decision by a church business meeting, the Board has incorporated women in the morning service plan, and Sunday, July 18 marked the beginning of this break with tradition, when Miss B. Garner and Miss Q. Best adequately met the requirements of the service in reading and in helping at the Lord's Table. The inclusion of church women has been favorably received in the church. . . . T. Bagley, of the Overseas Missions Board, spoke on June 27, and showed slides at night. . . . Much work is being done by men as they complete renovations to the chapel. Contractors have finished their work and the opening day for the new worship centre will be on Temple Day, August 8.

NEW HALL OPENED

(Edwardstown, S.A.). The 25th anniversary of the church coincided with the opening of the new Youth Hall. The morning address was given by Theo. Edwards, now 87, the first minister to preach at Edwardstown. The opening of the hall was followed by a P.S.A., when a thankoffering of £453 was received. After the evening service the congregation enjoyed an after-fellowship cup of tea. Our choir, under Trevor Mead, is rendering excellent service. . . . A B.S. Teachers' Library has been started. Bill Schultz has made a book display stand for its use. On July 8, the Women's Fellowship celebrated its 25th anniversary of continuous meeting. More than 100 ladies were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Warhurst. The address was given by Mrs. Fax, and items were contributed by the South Road Baptist ladies. Mrs. Ortman is secretary.

WORKERS MOVE

(Enfield Heights, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Max Thompson and family were farewelled prior to transferring to Murray Bridge. They were both actively engaged in the work. Mr. Thompson was church sec., elder and leader of the C.Y.F. Mrs. Thompson was President of the C.W.F. Presentations were made to them. . . . R. Dockett has been appointed church sec. and Mr. Sansome leader of the C.Y.F. . . . At a recent Bible School tea, Mrs. D. Hammer spoke of the work amongst the Aborigines at Carnarvon.

Cheltenham Church, S.A.

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- 2.45 p.m.—P.S.A.
- 4.30 p.m.—Basket Tea.
- 6.30 p.m.—Old-Time Gospel Service.

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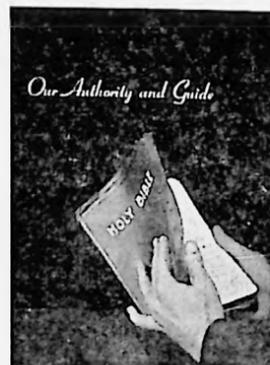
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July 24

Moments of Worship



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Thursday, July 29. Romans 11: 1-12. "I have kept for myself seven thousand men" (v. 4).

The nation and even the church may be unfaithful to his will, but God will continue to work through the "remnant." It is this kernel that contains the germ of new life. It is the core of loyal and devoted servants within the larger fellowship that maintains the group's vision of its ultimate purpose. When the outlook for the world is grim, take heart from the fact that the dedicated minority plus God are a real majority. Yes, working only with the few may take him a little longer, but God can still achieve the "impossible."

O God, may we have the courage to be loyal to your will, even when we stand alone. Amen.

Friday, July 30. Romans 11: 13-24. "But you stand fast only through faith. So do not be proud" (v. 20).

What we are is no credit to us. All that we have and are we have received from the gracious and natural gifts of God, through our parents and the heritage into which we were born. None of us is self-made. And if wild, gentile branches are grafted in, that too is by God's grace, not because of any special virtue in the branches. God gives in grace, and we receive simply by faith. The man of faith takes no credit for what has been given to him. In grateful wonder he stands humbly before God's acts of mercy.

Father, from whom we all receive freely, give us this above all — the grateful, wondering heart. Amen.

Saturday, July 31. Romans 11: 25-36. "The gifts and call of God are irrevocable" (v. 29).

God never breaks a promise! And nothing can ever finally frustrate his great promise to bring his whole creation into a final unity and harmony. The Jews were unwilling agents in this purpose, but, because of this, the Gentiles received salvation. Now, Paul hopes, through the Gentiles, the Jews will receive the mercy of God. So His mercy shall come finally

to all. "How inscrutable his ways!" He can make even the wrath of men to praise him (Psalm 76: 10). When we think that we have achieved our own ends, even against God's will, we look back later to see that after all we have been instruments in his hands, serving not our own but his final purpose. No human disobedience can ever exhaust his patient love.

Oh, the depth of thy riches and wisdom and knowledge, O God! All things come from thee, exist through thee and end in thee. To thee be the glory forever. Amen.

Sunday, August 1. Romans 12: 1, 2. "I appeal to you therefore, brethren" (v. 1).

Christian ethics are "therefore" ethics, for our actions are our response to God's action. What Paul will say now is the practical outworking of the great doctrines of the preceding chapters. Practice follows from principles and both are needed. Our privileges in the mercy and purposes of God lead to the precepts of the consecrated life, and these fruits will not ripen unless the roots are deep in the nourishing grace of God. It is when we have received salvation that we begin to live the transformed and renewed life. When we practise the precepts that Paul begins now to outline, we are working from salvation, not for it.

Father, renew our minds so that we shall offer you the whole of our lives and be able to put into practice your perfect will. Amen.

Monday, August 2. Romans 12: 3-8. "I bid every one among you to not think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (v. 3).

To begin with, says Paul, a sense of the mercies of God will make us humble. An "unconscious self-forgetfulness" is a mark of the truly consecrated life. First place is not ours, but God's. And remember, too, that other people are included in his plan. None of us has all the gifts and not every Christian can occupy all the prominent places. Like the parts of the body, so in the Chris-

tian Church all must exercise their gifts and perform their functions for the good of the whole. "An honest assessment of one's own capabilities, without conceit and without false modesty, is one of the first essentials of a useful life" (Barclay).

Father, help us to see ourselves as you see us, to accept what you have given to us, and to use these talents for your glory and for the good of others. Amen.

Tuesday, August 3. Romans 12: 9-13. "Let love be genuine" (v. 9).

Now Paul shows us how love must work in the consecrated life. What a catalogue of imperatives here! Each of them is a theme in itself for such a paragraph as this, but we take the first as the key sentence for all that follows in this chapter. Love must be sincere.

We must be real in our relationships with others. It is easy to assume a pose, to act as though we are concerned for another, while at the same time using him for our own ends. Examine your motives. When you love another, you give yourself for the other's sake. If you cannot love the other person, then you should not try to cover up your failure with pretence. Admit the deficiency and turn to God for that "renewal of the mind" that will make love possible.

Father, teach us what it means to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

Wednesday, August 4. Romans 12: 14-21. "Bless those who persecute you" (v. 14).

We continue to follow Paul's thinking about the way Christian love works. It goes out toward all people. It includes the haughty, the lowly, the persecutors — yes, even enemies. It does not seek revenge for injuries. It does not meet hatred with hatred, for that only aggravates the problem and increases the enmity. The only way to destroy an enemy is to love him and to make him a friend. This passage is an echo of Jesus' high demands in the Sermon on the Mount, and it should be read also with Paul's greater Hymn of Love in 1 Cor. 13. Here are "impossible possibilities"! Impossible, because not one of us has really loved as perfectly as Jesus did, yet possible to all of us as we lose ourselves in the "mercies of God."

O God, help us to follow in the steps of Christ, who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return. Amen.

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The Bursary Fund to assist needy students is proving of real value to those to whom it is allocated. Recently an anonymous gift of £52 was received. This made a total of £208 from the same donor this year. Should this note meet the eye of Mr. Anonymous . . . thank you, sincerely.

During recent weeks sickness of various kinds has been prevalent in the College community and continuity of activities of staff and students has been broken.

It has been our pleasure to receive from Mrs. I. J. Hutchinson (Holmes), our former housekeeper, a beautiful communion set. This gift was made in memory of her mother, Mrs. R. N. Pemberton, who recently passed away.

It is good to note that the Church Workers' Correspondence Course conducted by the College is valued by so many students throughout Australia and the mission fields. It was interesting to receive an application from a Western Australian nurse serving in a Boys' School in South India.

The College library has been enriched through the arrival from U.S.A. of a large parcel of books on Pastoral Care. These books are a first donation made by Dr. A. B. McDiarmid, a former student of the College, to establish a continuing memorial to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pittman. Other books on the same subject will be sent as they come off the press.

PRIEST ASSAILS W.C.C.

(London - R.N.S.). Roman Catholic Archbishop John Murphy of Cardiff, Wales, in a Lenten pastoral described the World Council of Churches as "an insult to Christ" that will remain until the union of all Christians in "the one true Church" is brought about.

His pastoral was issued shortly after Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Chris-

tian Unity, announced in Geneva that the Holy See had accepted "with joy" the World Council's proposal to establish a mixed committee to explore the possibility of dialogue and collaboration.

"As long as we are not together, as long as there are several churches all claiming to be the Church of Christ, the seamless garment of Christ is torn into ribbons," the Archbishop declared.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

Reports from the Field. Launceston. When the sad announcement was made that James Arnott had died from his wounds it cast a gloom over our meeting. Too-woomba. At the morning meeting greetings were read from nine of our isolated members. Berri. Geo. Christian, who left for Mildura, has presented the church with a lovely organ. Port Pirie. Seventeen young men were either at the front or on the way. Belmore. The open air work improves, interest increasing. Swanston-st., Melb. The death in action is reported of A. J. B. Harris. A member of this church, he was attached to the Brigade Staff of the Second Field Artillery. West Guildford, W.A. Record attendance of 63 present to break bread, 111 scholars and 19 teachers enrolled in S.S. Invercargill, N.Z. Arthur Rea, formerly agent for the "Christian," was wounded at the Gallipoli landing and is now in an English hospital . . . H. B. Robbins. Mr. Robbins reported from Stawell, "We have had decisions every Sunday for five weeks, and at a Thursday service, all adults. The members are realising their responsibility regarding the Lord's Table, and their privilege of prayer."

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OBITUARY

Harold Benjamin Robbins.

A beloved brother in the person of Harold Benjamin Robbins died on July 11. For weeks he had been prepared for just such an occasion. H. B. Robbins was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the churches of Australia. He was respected by many even further afield. At the service conducted in the Bamra Road chapel, most moving tributes were paid to both the character and the achievements of this strong man of God. Among the hundreds who pressed into and about the building, were representatives of industry and commerce, as well as large numbers from religious persuasions other than his own.

The President of Conference, F. J. Funston, made reference to the manner in which our late brother had given financial assistance to works, both within and beyond the limits of our own particular group. He especially commented upon our brother's term of Presidency in 1934 - the Centenary Year of Victoria. David Mansell, from N.S.W., told of the way in which Mr. Robbins had helped and encouraged him during the period in which he was conducting tent missions. T. H. Ede, minister, Prahran, spoke of the great help "H.B." had been to the work and witness of the church in that centre.

Lodge Antioch was represented in the chapel and at the cemetery by Bob Burns, who recalled that numerous honors had been conferred by the Masonic Fraternity.

It was given to the writer to outline the cardinal steps in the great growth of National Consolidated, the beginnings of which "H.B." had established away back in 1922.

A feature of the chapel service was the manner in which the very large gathering sang the selected hymns. This was a tribute to him who so loved to sing, and whose leading of singing, so many recall.

Both services were in the hands of the writer, who was most ably and sympathetically assisted by the above-mentioned representatives. The assistance of Miss Buckingham (at organ) and a chosen team of men to usher was greatly appreciated. Sincere prayers are offered for the comfort and encouragement of the many relatives and friends. -F.A.Y.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

OPPORTUNITIES AT WAGGA

(N.S.W.). Promising opportunities await Peter French, minister-elect at Wagga, who leaves Queensland shortly to take up his new work. Meanwhile, Frank Leivesley, formerly ministering with the Redcliffe church, Qld., and also associated with C.S.S.M. work in the northern State, is helpfully carrying on an interim ministry.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). missionary societies made a great deal of informative and attractive material available for the two-weeks' exhibition in July. Speakers included Mr. Melbourne (China Inland Mission), Miss Thompson (Sudan Interior Mission), and F. C. Hunting, who brought the story of our own New Guinea Mission. The half-yearly meeting of the B. & F. B. S. was also held in conjunction with the Exhibition . . . The series, "The Point of Glad Return," was much appreciated. The speakers were C. J. McKenzie, the minister, and R. Wilson, B.A., of Kingsford . . . The C.W.F. entertained the Women's Fellowship from Wollongong on July 7.

SCHOLAR DRIVE

(Telopea, N.S.W.). The Sunday School is conducting new scholar drive and efficiency campaign, in form of air race and "bombing mission," the bombs consisting of Bibles for countries traversed. The British and Foreign Bible Society boxes have been circulated and contents will be forwarded to this important organisation.

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CONCERN OVER BISHOP ROBINSON

(N.S.W.). There has been much discussion in Christian circles in Sydney concerning Dr. John Robinson's second book, "The New Reformation." This volume by the Bishop of Woolwich (England) follows hot upon his controversial "Honest to God," and is an expanded publication of lectures delivered in American theological colleges, together with an address presented at the Exhibition of Atheism in the University of Frankfurt, West Germany. The address carries the title, "Can a Truly Contemporary Person NOT Be An Atheist?" Robinson has made many challenges and affronts against the Christian Church, and Anglicans and others in Sydney have been asking whether association with an "Exhibition of Atheism" is compatible with episcopal responsibility!

BAPTISM

(Goolwa, S.A.). A young woman member from Pt. Elliot Congregational Church was baptized in our baptistry by R. W. Saunders . . . The annual business meeting appointed these deacons: G. J. Bugar, W. R. Bowey, F. Tuckwell, J. McKinlay; sec., W. J. Bugar; treas., R. J. Spencer; organist, Miss G. Reed; asst. organistes, Mrs. R. Tuckwell, Mrs. G. Bugar. Recent Bible School attendance has increased . . . Mr. Archbold, sec., Sudan United Mission, gave addresses on July 4 . . . Mr. Pad-dick held a temperance rally in Goolwa Town Hall for combined churches.

ONE YEAR OLD

(Engadine, N.S.W.). It is just twelve months since meetings were commenced in a private home in the district of Engadine. To mark the occasion, a special First Anniversary gathering was convened for Sunday, July 4, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Alderman. Representatives from the N.S.W. Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, Caringbah church and other supporting congregations shared in the fellowship. Building plans have been lodged with the local Municipal Council for approval, and a loan of £6,000 has been granted from the H.M. Deposit Fund.

BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

(Turrumurra, N.S.W.). Under the able direction of Harold Hayward, and with the active co-operation of the Chatswood church and the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, the embryo cause at Turrumurra, N.S.W. is making steady progress. The very fine building, the initial stage in a much more expansive overall plan, is nearing completion under the guiding hand of Len Bills, and services will commence on August 15.

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I doubt very much if children on the mission fields are regarded as requiring salvation more than do the children at home. Nor do I believe that there is any significant difference in the ages at which the call to discipleship is given.

Our churches have been vague about the position of children in relation to God and we have therefore been vague as to the action which should be taken. The New Testament does not give any direction about children, so we have tended to operate in the area of those old enough to make responsible decisions.

Incidentally, Sunday Schools have only been around for a couple of hundred years. For nine-tenths of the history of the Christian church Sunday Schools were non-existent. Christian education is a modern arm of the church, but it has been with us long enough for us to learn that we need to understand the child as much as we understand the gospel we give to the child. And this has made us focus attention upon children in new and significant ways.

Our instinct about children was fairly good. In a general way we took it for granted that children were "safe" until they reached the age of "accountability," whatever that may mean. We may not have spelled it out, but there was probably a general agreement that children, however their powers of intellect and will had been diminished by the coming of sin into the world, enjoyed a state of innocence in relation to God.

This innocence soon gave way to "naughtiness," but we were quite unable to point to any month or year when children suddenly became accountable. A 12-months' baby was surely innocent and no-one would think of preaching the gospel to a child of one year. A boy of 15 years, on the other hand, was definitely responsible for his actions. But at what age did he become responsible? And how did he stand before God prior to that age? These were questions we did not answer, indeed, we didn't even ask them.

(More about children and discipleship next week.)

FEDERAL SPOTLIGHT . . .

THE EXECUTIVE

BY E. W. ROFFEY



With some reluctance at first I did what I thought I would never do again — I have accepted a secretarial responsibility as well as that of a pastorate. Now, after seven months, some impressions of the office and its significance are now being formed.

First, let me assure the brotherhood of the thrill it is to share with the Federal Conference Executive. These are competent, gracious men of good standing in our churches. When the Federal President cannot attend, H. J. Patterson assumes the chair, or, in his place, E. L. Williams. L. J. Butler, himself the Secretary of one of Australia's largest businesses, quietly and most efficiently fulfils the role of Minute Secretary. R. A. Strongman, as Treasurer, has accepted the added responsibility of receiving direct all contributions to Federal Home Evangelism and correspondence related to it.

Each State is represented by a man resident in Melbourne who is appointed by the State Executive. In all cases these men were once ministers in the States they represent, and in most cases they were once Presidents of those Conferences.

Each two years Federal Conference is held in one of our capital cities. As soon as one Conference ends another is being planned. A local Arrangements Committee is set up in the new host city and is chaired by the new Federal President. Communication is constant between the Secretary of the Arrangements Committee and the Federal Secretary. A report goes from the previous Arrangements Committee to the new one and to the Executive.

Files are built up and experiences gained by the Federal Executive. Two years of planning are necessary to provide accommodation for meetings and for 800 interstate visitors, for publicity, registrations, tours, rallies and business sessions.

Mr. Roffey is secretary of the Federal Conference Executive. He succeeded Stanton H. Wilson, now in Leicester, Eng.

RECRUITMENT PROBLEM

(Richmond, Va.). The head of Westminster College in Cambridge, England, said here that the church may be having difficulty recruiting men into the ministry because of its de-emphasis of the pastor's role.

"We have become the victim of our own propaganda," said Dr. Alan Gordon

Since the next Conference is in Melbourne, your new Federal Secretary is gaining valuable experience by sitting in on all meetings of the Arrangements Committee. It is revealing to find how much careful preparation goes into the physical details of our National Conferences. The selection of preachers for the public rallies is by the Executive in consultation with the Arrangements Committee. All States are represented in this selection and variety of themes, outlooks and age groups are consciously sought. We avoid too the frequent use of the same speakers in various conferences.

Even in this sort of continuity of experience in preparing for Federal Conferences, there is considerable justification for an Executive that builds up a body of experience. But this is becoming increasingly the lesser part of time spent by the Executive in session or by the Secretary in correspondence in fulfilling their roles.

Some idea of the range of continuing interests and demands that necessarily accrue can be seen in the developing Federal Executive file. There is a file for each State Executive, files for each of thirteen Federal Boards and Committees, World Conventions, Convention Office, Australian Committee for World Convention, Australian Council of Churches, East Asian Christian Council, Visitors, Federal Home Evangelism, Canberra, Townsville, Broken Hill, Albany, Fraternal Greetings, Government Departments and Records, Hand Book, Notices of Motion, Nominations, Press and Overseas. There is no waste of time in the bi-monthly meetings of Federal Executive, but every member knows that he cannot plan something else as well for that same evening.

Federal work means national and international fraternal relationships within and beyond Australian Churches of Christ. The Executive prepares for and fulfils the wishes of Conferences. In between it serves as needs arise with its eye on the Constitution and its finger on the pulse of the brotherhood.

MacLeod, principal of the school, which is the Presbyterian theological seminary in England. "We've been talking about the 'ministry of the laity' by teaching people how to be Christians everywhere they are in whatever job they're doing. "And we've emphasised this to such an extent that I think we've discouraged potential ministers from undertaking the full-time work of the church."

VICTORIAN CONFERENCE, 1966

Consideration was given recently by the Victorian Conference Executive to the date of the State Conference in 1966. Several alternatives were discussed. The decision was that the most convenient and practicable period would be from Sunday, March 27 to Sunday, April 3. Church secretaries and auxiliary leaders and ministers are requested to note this date so that in their planning for 1966 there will be no clash between local functions and State Conference.—W. W. Saunders.

C.W.F. AND ABORIGINES

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). Ladies from Invermay, Sandhill and Caveside C.W.F.'s joined with Margaret-st. C.W.F. on July 14, to hear Mrs. S. J. Bruton, Tas. rep. on the Federal Aborigines Board, speak of work being done at Carnarvon, Norseman and Esperance. On display were the many garments, sewn and knitted, and other gifts given for Aborigines Missions . . . Opportunity was also taken to farewell Mrs. E. K. Morrison, of Invermay, who is leaving for Robinvale, Vic.

ISRAEL FOR MEN

(Harlaxton, Qld.). At the C.M.S. meeting, Dr. Shelley illustrated his talk on Israel with slides . . . The Ladies' Fellowship have prepared hospital linen to go to the New Hebrides . . . A combined meeting was held at Harlaxton to display the articles . . . Special Overseas Missionary speaker, Dick Donaldson, addressed the church on July 4. . . Church shared in World Refugee concert held in the City Hall . . . Harlaxton shared monthly fellowship tea with Toowoomba church. Slides of Aborigine Mission were shown.

C.E. COMMENCED

(Highcroft, Nubeena, Copping, Tas.). A Junior C.E. has been commenced at Nubeena. Average attendance is 20. A teenage girl has been baptized . . . C. Orr and K. Harvey visited the church in connection with the Year of Evangelism . . . A combined men's meeting was held at Highcroft on the Sat. night and on the Sunday morning, at 11, the Highcroft church was full for a combined communion service . . . The churches are preparing for a two-week mission in October, with A. E. White.

MOVEMENTS

ENFIELD HEIGHTS

(S.A.). Kevin J. Edwards, now at Balaklava, S.A., has accepted an invitation to minister with the church at Enfield Heights from Feb., 1966.

R. BAXTER CONCLUDES

(Narraweena, N.S.W.). Splendid meetings have marked the concluding weeks of Bob Baxter's ministry with the church at Narraweena. On Saturday, July 17, a farewell social was held to pay tribute to the fine work of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter in the district, and to wish them well as they leave for Horsham, Vic.

STOP AND GO

(See Cover Picture)

The word on the front cover says "STOP," but it is really "GO" for the Essendon Church of Christ Elderly Citizens' Fellowship. This well established Fellowship has celebrated its fourth birthday, and has one hundred members. They meet once a month for song, fun and friendship, and they share in worship moments. The significance of this community service is indicated when it is realised that sixty of the members are not in the church.

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F. T. MORGAN ILL

(Melb.). F. T. Morgan, Senior Chaplain for the Council for Christian Education in Schools, suffered a slight heart attack and is confined to bed. He is reported to be making good progress, but has been ordered to have complete rest. Friends are requested to contact Mrs. Morgan before visiting.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, August 6, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, J. Way, B.Sc., Asst. Director, Dept. of Christian Education. Leader of Devotions, Mrs. J. Way.

FAITHFUL GROUP

(Macksville, N.S.W.). At the June monthly meeting of the N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship, Mrs. A. K. Wilson (H.M. Supt.) presented a brief but informative report concerning the recently developed work at Macksville, on the North Coast. Here, a faithful group, consisting chiefly of the Bale, Bell and Bulmer families, meets regularly each Sunday morning around the Lord's Table in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bulmer. Thursday evening Bible study is conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Nambucca Heads. These faithful folk look forward to holiday seasons when their numbers are augmented by visitors from Sydney.

YOUNG PEOPLE AID MISSIONS

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). A service led by the young people was very well attended. Preceding this, 35 people sat down to a youth tea. Both the young people and the Bible School are making efforts to raise money for the New Guinea youth project . . . During a ladies' social evening, fine slides of New Zealand were shown by Mr. Turner, who has recently toured there with his wife. Sonny Graham, who was visiting us, gave items in song . . . A number of nurses join in a special Bible study on Wednesday evenings prior to the regular study. Nurses are also making use of church hall during the week to play badminton. . . . The church was saddened by the death of a recent member, John McCallum, who died in a mining accident. He migrated from Scotland.

Hall Fund. Recently they ran an Old Time Social and raised £20 for the Fund.

The sign was "STOP" recently when the National Safety Council, in co-operation with the Union Carbide Company, presented torches to some of the members as part of the Council's campaign to emphasise safety measures for citizens on long winter nights. Pedestrians should carry torches and wear something white if they are out at night.

The ladies lighting up the cover are, from the left: Mrs. G. Butler, Mrs. E. Orr, Mrs. L. Bowers and Mrs. L. Chauvin.

NINETEEN ADDITIONS

(Frankston, Vic.). Thirty-two visitors and other workers have taken part in Operation Activate, which began in March. To date there have been 19 additions. Baptisms have been taking place at both morning and evening services. Guest services have proved effective and there have been overflow meetings in the church hall . . . The minister, Ray Patterson, has accepted a further term of service.

BAPTISM

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The baptism of one of our girls was the centre of a lovely service of witness recently. Mrs. Dawn Baker and Mrs. Marj. Schultz sang . . . The C.W.E.F. held a salmagundi night to raise £4 for the Retarded Children's School . . . Girls played boys basketball at a C.Y.F. outdoors night, with Mrs. Pitt umpiring. Barbecue supper at the manse followed . . . Sporting activities include table tennis, bowls and basketball . . . K. H. Pitt is minister.

BLOOD TESTS CAMPAIGN

(Sydney). On July 6, a representative deputation from the N.S.W. Council of Churches waited on the Minister for Transport in the new Askin Government and submitted the following resolution on Blood Tests for Traffic Offences: "As a positive contribution to road safety the Council of Churches in N.S.W. urges the N.S.W. Government to legislate for the introduction of compulsory blood tests with the line of demarcation of .05 per cent blood alcohol."

Principal A. W. Stephenson represented Churches of Christ on the deputation.

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4. A Book:

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— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT

"There's no place like home," we often say. Mostly we say it gratefully, for a happy home is surely a foretaste of heaven. But for some people home can be hell. A judge in a London Divorce Court ruled that a woman's obsession for keeping her house spotlessly clean amounted to cruelty. This housewife, 55 years of age, had spent most of her thirty-two years of married life scrubbing, sweeping and dusting her home. Her husband told the court that she often did her cleaning in the middle of the night. And to make matters worse she liked music while she worked, so she had her radio tuned to a Continental all-night station while she did the vacuum cleaning. The lounge was always kept locked, and the family was allowed to enter the diningroom only on Christmas Day and on special occasions. There wasn't much fun and laughter in that family.

By a strange coincidence, on the same day our newspaper reported that story, I read in an overseas journal of a directly contrasting home. There were two teenage boys in this family. They had a big bedroom and an "activity" room to themselves equipped with well-lighted study tables. But they used to study on the diningroom table, because their rooms were upstairs, and they wanted to be where the rest of the family were, even when they were studying.

When they first got their activity room they had thought it would be fun to have a place where they and their friends could be away from the rest of the family, but it soon lost its appeal, because they were missing the family, and their family was fun.

We all want to feel that we belong and there's no place like a happy home to give that sense of belonging. A home is the most profound of all human rela-

tionships. When you stop to think of it, a family is a truly amazing affair, including as it does people of enormous disparities of age, sex, disposition, temper, with conflicting interests and desires and purposes. And yet, with it all, in truly Christian homes this fellowship of people is bound together by the strongest of ties, finding in their home a pearl of great price, for which they would trade every other possession. In a Christian home each member is included in a togetherness, a little kingdom of love in which no one stands alone.

I once saw a cartoon which showed a couple seated disconsolately on the front step of their home. The caption read: "The house key is locked in the car, the car is locked in the garage, and the garage key is locked in the house. What shall we do?" It is important to have a key to the house, but it is more important to have the key to home — to a Christian home.

The tragedy of our time is that so many people stand on the threshold of home, frustrated and confused because they do not have the key. They do not have love and the fruits of love, which are kindness, patience, understanding, sympathy, willingness to forget petty grievances and the small irritations.

Fundamentally it is a matter of values. Too many people in too many homes don't seem to know what is really worth while. Many parents, anxious that their children should, as they say, "have a chance in life," are working around the clock to improve the material amenities of their homes. Their aim, they say, is "to give their children a chance," and all the time they are robbing them of the one chance they need most of all — the chance of their parents' companionship and guidance, and the chance to know God.

A sergeant in the army, a man who had lived a vile life, at length became a Christian. He went home on leave, and of course the family soon discovered the real change in him. He said, "I never in my life felt anything so keenly as when I sat by the fireside at the day's end and began to read my Bible. My home had been my great failure and my family laughed with derision to see me reading the Bible. Nothing ever hurt me as that did." But he continued to make his witness, proving to his wife and family that he had found the true joy of life, and it led at last to a new happiness in that home when other members of his family came to a real acknowledgment of God. The man made striking reference to the difference Christ made, in these words: "I went through the marriage service nineteen years ago, but I have only been married twelve months."

None of us is wise enough or good enough to be the kind of parent our children need today — there are too many ways in which we might fail, and do fail. But if Christ is in our lives, and in our homes, he will help us do what we could never do by ourselves.

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GREENWOOD - MCGREGOR. — In loving memory of my dear mother, Rose Edith, called home July 20, 1956; also my loved cousin, Alice May, called home July 20, 1963. "Loving memories."

—Inserted by E. L. Thomsen, Ascot Vale.

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—Inserted by Dad and Mum.

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CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Ringwood, Vic.). Dr. G. Whiting was guest speaker at a Church Life Conference at a Family Camp at Monbulk, on July 2-4. Members will later receive copies of the discussions for wider use . . . Employer boys raised £27/5/- for the new school at Londua in New Hebrides . . . The generous gift of a piano for the new fellowship room is warmly appreciated . . . Girls' Sunday, on July 18, was observed by a tea for the girls, followed by a special service, at which the C.W.E.F. also paraded . . . Max Davidson was speaker for Scripture Union Sunday. Several new members have been enrolled . . . Accidents have laid aside Mrs. Russell, after a fall at home, and Ralph Legg, recovering after a milk-cart accident . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Scott in the death of her father, and to Mr. Philp in the loss of his mother.

LABOR OF LOVE

(Mt. Evelyn, Vic.). Two ladies have furnished the kitchen with very acceptable cupboards and drawers. By sale of cut flowers, pot plants and useful sewing in the home, the amount of £100 was raised by these quiet women . . . Mrs. Foote is leaving for Puerto Rico . . . J. Reynolds and Miss Deirdre Banks have given interesting talks of New Hebrides and Nepal respectively . . . Overseas offering so far is over £40 . . . Mrs. Hollis is pres. and Mrs. Reynolds, sec. of C.W.F. The ladies have clothed one child at Carnarvon.

GUEST HOME ENTERTAINMENT

(Chadstone, Vic.). Senior C.Y.F. entertained staff and guests at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, on a recent Friday night . . . Sixth series of House Church meetings commenced . . . Church is supporting moves to form local Council of Churches . . . Official Board looking at questions relating to eldership and is re-appraising the needs of the Sunday evening service.

ABORIGINES WEEK

(Sunshine, Vic.). Aborigines Week featured in church and auxiliary meetings. Clothing purchased by C.W.F. for Carnarvon girl, May Kimberley, was displayed at Ladies' Guild, when Mrs. G. Barnett's taped message and slides were appreciated. On July 11, A. Jenkins, com. sec., preached at gospel service and presented slides . . . Overseas Missions offering, £60, including budget allocation . . . Explorer club activity expanding, boys of

junior football club being reached. J. Spivey and C. Irvine assisting leader R. Berry . . . Four C.E. leaders taking Practical Leadership Training Course. . . Glass-enclosed notice board erected in front of chapel; all meetings featured, special notices, and wayside pulpit.

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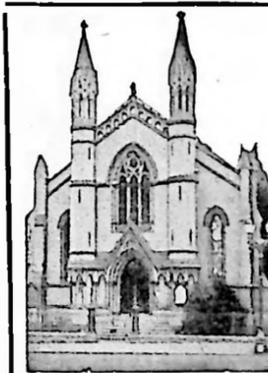
(Boronia, Vic.). C.Y.F. shared with local Anglicans in recent morning service following informative discussion with Church of England minister. At the same time several Presbyterian young people attended our service . . . The Social Worker for the local Knox Shire told an after-church meeting of her work amongst the needy of the community. The extent and nature of her work is a real challenge to service by the church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Oakleigh, Vic.). Fifty-two boys from the Burwood Boys' Home were at church for the Harvest Festival, after being guests of church members for tea. The display of goods was divided between The Boys' Home and the three Social Service Dept. Homes . . . Fifty-one young people attended a study camp at Parkdale on July 10-11 . . . The Campbell Singers presented items to a packed chapel, when the film, "First Things First" was screened.

EPPALOCK RENDEZVOUS

(Shepparton, Vic.). On Queen's Birthday holiday, 100 people from surrounding churches, including more than 50 from Shepparton, met at the new Eppalock Camp-site, near Bendigo. After a picnic lunch, 200 trees were planted . . . Church enjoyed a weekend visit from 20 C.Y.F. members of Essendon church . . . Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Len Clarke in the loss of their infant son, Daren Ross . . . Mr. and Mrs. McDougal, and their three sons, are leaving the district. They have been regular attenders, in spite of the fact that they have had to travel 32 miles to get here. They will be missed . . . 26 young people attended a tea on July 4, when new members of C.Y.F. received their membership badges. The film, "A Man Dies," was later screened and two B.S. boys confessed Christ . . . A group of people have been meeting each week for training for the Functional Church Scheme, and are now ready to enlist all members to meet in eight groups. A young man, in this district to attend Dookie Agricultural College, confessed Christ as his Saviour at the G.S., July 11.



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Things I'd Like to Change

No. 12 - R. ELBOURNE

One of the things I would like to change is the general attitude of the average member to the pastoral activity of the minister. There seems to be, generally, a misunderstanding of the minister's role in pastoral visitation. Frequently there is a reaction of embarrassment, or even guilt, when the minister visits a home. Often a formal, "stiff" atmosphere prevails, perhaps due to the thought of the minister as a "religious policeman" or "truant officer." This kind of atmosphere completely destroys the value of a pastoral ministry, and such an attitude limits the effectiveness of any ministry.

It is this attitude I would like to change. Therefore, I would endeavour to present a constructive approach that could help to change this attitude. I should preface my suggestions with a qualifying statement. The ideal pastoral situation is dependent upon two people — the church member, and the pastor himself. Before people will confide in a pastor they have to be assured of his genuine concern and friendliness as well as having a respect for his spiritual integrity.

Mr. Elbourne is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and is minister of the church at Lane Cove, N.S.W.

However, it is the attitude of the church member in particular that concerns us at this point. To overcome the general misunderstanding of the minister's role in pastoral work, the following points must be recognised.

1. **The minister visits as a friend.** He does not come to be critical, or to put a person "on the carpet." He comes as a friend in Christ, wanting to share your experiences that he may help make God real in your daily living. Washington Gladden once declared, "The minister ought to be the one person in the community to whom anyone in need of a friend would feel free to turn."

2. **The minister visits as a representative of your brethren.** He represents the care, interest and concern of your fellow Christians, who, by their gifts, make it possible for him to be set aside to fulfil this pastoral role. He is, in fact, the arm of your brethren and the hand of Christ stretched out in friendship, counsel or help, depending upon the need. If these facts were realised the pastoral ministry would be much more effective in the life of the churches. The defensive, negative attitude which is often prevalent regarding the pastoral ministry is one thing I would like to change.

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The voting was 488 to 137, a majority of 78 per cent. Earlier a vote, by 601 to 14, decided that conversations would be continued and that closer relations would be sought.

These decisions were taken on the understanding that before there is full communion between the two churches there will be opportunity for amendments to be made to the proposals.



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WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. J. L. Pallot, President, presided over the July Auxiliary meeting. 96 were present from 21 Fellowships.

Fremantle C.W.F. presented the morning meditation. Theme, "Walking." Mrs. Cole read a paper prepared by Mrs. V. Whelan. Mesdames Ladner and Robertson sang "Keep Walking with the Lord."

Fremantle in retrospect was brought by Mrs. W. Robertson. The work commenced there in Oct., 1893, and the chapel was opened in High St. in 1898 on land donated by A. E. Illingworth, the first minister. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leach and Kathleen Taylor served on the Overseas Mission field in India.

Greetings from the Canberra C.W.F. were brought by Mrs. S. Moignard. Financial statement showed balance in hand, £617. Letters introducing Woman to Woman Evangelism have been sent to all C.W.F.

The Conference President, George Smith, was guest speaker. He brought fleeting glances of a brotherhood on

the move when he told of:— The vision of the Christian Centre and its wonderful asset to the brotherhood; the prayerful preparations being made for Crusade '65 from Sept. 12 to 19, with George Wood as missionary; the land being possessed for Christ in new and expanding districts throughout the State, and amongst our Aboriginal people in the North, South and East; the extensive programme of decentralising Aged Peoples' Homes in the metropolitan and country districts; the contacts made through the Social Service Welfare Centre, which always stir and challenge; the ever-growing interest in Overseas Missions and, in particular, "living link" support. Fourteen missionaries now receive this support from W.A.

Although many W.A. churches, as well as the Women's Auxiliary Conference will celebrate their 60th anniversary or Diamond Jubilee this year, Mr. Smith reminded the women that this is not the year for spiritual retirement, and left us built up and encouraged to continue to go forward for Christ and the Church.—Dora Gordon, sec.

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TRAINING CLASSES

BY ROLAND GOUDIE

In the average church, quite a large number of men take their turn at presiding or reading in the worship service. The personnel changes, and the circle often widens, necessitating the introduction of new and sometimes younger presidents and readers to these privileges.

Many churches have found that the quality of service has been improved by the holding of locally arranged classes for the discussion of the required techniques in reading and presiding, and for practice in using them. Both the old and the younger, the experienced and the inexperienced, have been advantaged by participation in such classes.

A qualified leader conducts each session of the training classes. Sessions are held according to need — maybe one on "Public Reading of the Scripture," one on "Presiding at the Lord's Table" and one on "Public Prayer."

The Christian Men's Fellowship has conducted classes in:

- (a) A particular church.
- (b) A suburban and country area.

For example, a class drawn from eight churches met at Dandenong, Vic.

(c) At the Christian Centre, giving an opportunity for the more isolated men to attend.

Types "b" and "a," because of their better support, have been favored by class leaders of late.

We have been in touch with the College of the Bible, and it is hoped that an extension class for training in sermon construction and preaching will be organized for 1966.

Classes are held, therefore, for training in public reading of the Bible (useful to B.S. teachers, too) and in conducting the service of remembrance at the "Table of the Lord."

The Christian Men's Fellowship is anxious to help you if you need assistance in arranging training classes.

If you don't hold classes, you may make some progress, like the enemy tanks, reputed to have three reverse gears, and one forward gear in case the crew were attacked from the rear.

OPEN FORUM

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

I read with appreciation Bruce Marriott's suggestion ("A.C." July 10) that the women of our churches be given equal status with men. However, I should like to remind him that you can't really present equality to those who won't let themselves feel equal.

Many of us "girls" accept the belief that the feminine mind should cease to function when we leave school, and that we should not be called upon to do more than cook, sew and "raise" money. We can chat endlessly to each other about our homes, children, clothes, etc., but please don't expect us to be able to talk about the world situation, political issues, or our faith.

Just as we believe that women are not mechanically-minded, and it is only normal for us to drive our car without any idea of how it works, so we feel that we ought not to understand doctrine, theological developments, etc. These are for men.

At a brotherhood level, we would rather confine ourselves to our own conferences than try to understand and be part of the workings of General Conference ("Men's Conference," we call it.)

Before there is a true working partnership in the household of God, not only man's attitude to woman must be changed, but woman's own attitude to herself.

—Dorothy Cant, Mildura.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

It is pleasing to see a man suggesting that women be given equal status in the church ("A.C." July 10). Perhaps the inferior status at present accorded to women has been mostly the fault of the women themselves. Too often they have centred their church women's activities on the homemaking and domestic skills of women, and have neglected programmes that would enlighten, teach or stretch the mind.

Too many of our women's groups ignore the study and devotional material prepared by the various States, preferring instead some innocuous talk read from a book.

At present a Federal Women's Handbook is being compiled, with adequate study and devotional material, special services, dramas and programme suggestions to cover a two-year period. It

is the earnest hope of those preparing the Handbook that it will be used wisely and well, not pushed to the back of the bookshelves when the "easier" material has been presented.

In every group there are women who are eager to learn more of their faith and who become frustrated when meeting after meeting is concerned with endless and repetitive "business," to the exclusion of serious study or discussion.

The material in the Handbook will certainly not be appreciated if it is read hastily by one member, to fill in the time between the end of business and the beginning of afternoon tea. While much of the material is suitable for private devotional use also, it is recommended that when a particular topic is being studied by a group, every member of the group should have a Handbook and a Bible.

There is nothing inferior about women, provided they have an adequate opportunity to equip themselves mentally and spiritually for service in the church.

—Beverly White, Vic.

SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS.

To the Editor,

May I commend to those of your readers who are organists, or have an interest in the organ, the Society of Organists (Victoria) Incorporated which, in common with most active bodies, is always anxious to expand.

Interested readers will find in the advertising columns of this issue the name and telephone number of the Secretary, who will supply further details. Provision is made for association of those who are not actually organists.

All members, full and associate, will receive, free of charge, the quarterly proceedings of the Incorporated Society of Organists (England) and are thus kept in touch with general news and activities of organs and organists in that country, as well as critical appraisals of new organ and choral music. They also receive a newsletter to keep them aware not only of recitals and other functions on the local scene, but of additions to the Society's extensive lending library of books, music and periodicals which, of course, is open to all members.

Organists, and church organists in particular, are a rarefied race, and are often, rightly or wrongly, accused of apathy and self-centredness. Here is a simple and inexpensive (the cost is nominal by any standard) way for them to "get with it" and keep in touch with people of similar interests.

—Peter Nicholls, Publicity Officer, Society of Organists (Vic.) Inc.

OBITUARY

Frederick Henry Nash.

Bambra Road, Caulfield, church (Vic) suffered a loss when Frederick Henry Nash died on May 27, 1965. Associated with Bambra Road almost from its commencement in 1920, Mr. Nash and his wife, Elizabeth, had been in membership approximately 40 years. Mrs. Nash predeceased him on Jan. 12 this year. She was a leader in various phases of the work and thus was in the "public eye." But Mr. Nash, of a quiet and retiring disposition, was content to serve unobtrusively behind the scenes. He often related humourously, and with pride in his wife's service, that he was known in the church as "Mrs. Nash's husband." They were both proud that their three daughters — Dulcie (Mrs. C. King, dec.), Eileen (Mrs. Ted Grenfell) and Jean (Mrs. H. Kleese, dec.), and their two sons, George and Fred, entered into church membership.

Mr. Nash's talent was in his hands, and as a carpenter he assisted the Dept. of Social Service in projects such as erecting a house in a day, and the local church in working bees. He did not aspire to platform work, but in other spheres served faithfully according to his ability. He was a devoted husband, a good father, a helpful neighbour and a practical Christian.

In recent years ill health prevented the attendance of both Mr. and Mrs. Nash at church services. That they might be better cared for they moved to the home of their daughter, Eileen, at Meringindan, Qld., where they both passed away. The writer, because of the illness of the Bambra Road minister, F.A. Youens, was privileged to conduct the funeral services for Mr. Nash on May 31. He was assisted by R. C. McKenzie, Ormond minister, and by A. C. Male, Portland minister and a grandson by marriage.—W. W. Saunders.

MEMBERSHIP OFF, INTEREST UP

(London - R.N.S.). Membership in the Society of Friends in Britain, now at 21,090, has fallen off slightly, according to the Society's annual report.

Interest in the Quakers, however, is considerable. According to the report, nearly 2,000 inquiries were received in response to newspaper advertisements offering information about the religious group.

Women outnumber men in the more than 400 Quaker meetings throughout Great Britain, the report stated, and there are over 7,000 youngsters under sixteen years of age.

DID YOU NOTICE?

Where the women are on the plan? (p. 6).

How many trees were planted? (p. 15).

The coincidence in the death of Mr. Waterman, snr.? (p. 11).

Who says the role of the minister has been de-emphasised? (p. 10).

Peter Marshall II? (p. 17).

That the footballer, the radio man and the T.V. girl got together? (p. 4).

VIETNAM

BY L. O. COLLYER

My article in "A.C." June 12, is alleged by W. S. Lowe, in "A.C." June 26, to contain "many inaccuracies."

The quotation from Justice Douglas was from his book, "North from Malaya," published in 1954, after his personal tour and survey of the area. This was before Western propaganda became so fervidly anti-Communist, and, therefore, Douglas' evaluation of the situation has more authority than an unsubstantiated "ridiculous."

Many other facts referred to by Douglas to indicate the "crumbs" received by the Vietnamese as against the "feast" enjoyed by the French, could have been quoted, but to add to the general picture previously quoted, two only further details are given. "Rubber plantation companies that paid Vietnamese workers a few francs a day would make a 50 per cent return a year on capital . . . French textile industries paid wages averaging about 600 francs a year. The dividends in 1939 on each 1,250 franc share was over twice that amount."

Obviously the usual colonial pattern of grossly meagre returns to the indigenous worker was paramount. Perhaps if Douglas' whole chapter to the book mentioned was read, the term "ridiculous" would be found to be mis-applied.

With regard to the 1946 discussion, Alexander Werth, writing in the London "New Statesman," on Sept. 20, 1952, said that, "in obvious violation of the March 6 (1946, the date Ho's government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam was recognised by France) agreement, the French began to meddle with the Vietnamese customs; there were incidents and clashes . . . it was a Saigon stooge, the irate Col. Debes, who, to prevent an 'incident' at Haiphong from being settled, presented the Vietnamese authorities with an unacceptable ultimatum, and then ordered the warship 'Suffren' to shell Haiphong."

The paragraph commencing with this incident is admittedly loosely worded.

but cease fire appeals were made by Ho from this period and frequently through to 1953. The reference to U.S. instigation was not related to 1946 specifically, but certainly could be substantiated as from about 1949, when political and economic pressure was exerted, continuing increasingly through to 1954, when U.S. took over after France was forced to leave.

Justice Douglas, apparently referring to this early period, wrote, "There were cruel events in the making — events partially under the American influence — which destroyed the dream of Vietnam independence by introducing French colonialism."

For W. S. Lowe to say, "Neither side was in earnest and both were preparing during the discussions to resume the war," ignores the fact that the Ho government had been recognised by France as an independent State, and therefore was preparing to defend its freedom against the aggressive activities by France.

The statement regarding ratification of the Geneva Treaty "by all governments with the exception of America" is technically inaccurate. The Diem government did not sign it, but viewing this government as in no sense democratically representing the Vietnamese people, it being "wholly dependent on American support (and) would have fallen in a day without it," as Denis Warner quotes an American of this period, it was considered unnecessary to include reference to it.

The eulogy of Diem by W. S. Lowe is remarkable. Undoubtedly Diem had some stirring personal qualities, but he was a fanatical Roman Catholic, and an unrelenting authoritarian. Denis Warner writes, "In the make-up of this strange man and his brothers, there was no compassion . . . like medieval inquisitors, their witch-hunting for sources of demoralisation was indiscriminate, haphazard, ineffective and brutal. In its closing months the regime had deteri-

orated to the point where it was less of a dictatorship than a tyranny . . . Warner further writes regarding the Nhus brutal campaign against the Buddhists "having embarked on what was little short of a war against their own people, the Nhus (had) full and unqualified support from Diem . . ." Are these the qualities that merit the claim as being "sincere, a professed Christian"?

I have read the three books mentioned by Mr. Lowe, and much else beside, and agree, of course, about the complexity of the situation in Vietnam. But isn't becoming apparent from the opposition voiced by responsible groups and important political commentators in America itself, and from the history of activities since 1954 particularly, that America herself is almost altogether responsible for the complexity and its continuance? Her obsessive negative policy of anti-Communism and containment of China, which Mr. Lowe seems to fully support, is becoming apparent to many as being entirely unrealistic and fraught with dreadful possibilities. The outstanding conclusion arrived at after reading these three books was the tragic, even gross, amorality of diplomacy and methods of achieving political aims.

Political discussion is urgently necessary amongst Christian people, but the primary motive for writing the article was to emphasise the Christian viewpoint in relation to political events, as in the last section of the article. My "deep convictions" led to the belief that this section presents an objective case for Christian people to squarely face.

No comment was offered by Mr. Lowe regarding President Johnson's apostasy from the valuable declarations in his election and civil rights speeches to acceptance of ultra-right Goldwaterism, which Walter Lippman reported had "stupidified" many leaders of America's European allies, nor about the legitimate national liberation upsurge against cruel exploitation.

Neither was comment offered about the Western adoption of Nazi principles so evident in our anti-Communist propaganda and reliance upon "strength." And where in Christ's teaching do we find warrant for a choice between two evils, one always thought the demand is a straight choice between right and wrong.

W. S. Lowe apparently shares the popular, vulgar slogan of "better dead than red," notwithstanding that many millions of people today have undeniably proved and believe the converse to be true that it is "better to be red than dead."

Is it "starry-eyed" to view the world the so-called realists have led us through during this century alone with fear and abhorrence? In the face of the diabolical and awful potential of modern weapons of war — napalm, phosphorous, chemical, nuclear — isn't it possible for the Church to present the idealism of the Christian message as the only true realism? Should we not present our Lord as looking upon "Jerusalem" with tears of compassion instead of bombs? Surely the challenge now is, as always before, "Choose ye . . ." — Caesar or God.

[Ed. This item was received several weeks ago, but lack of space prevented it being printed earlier.]

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**THE LAST
WORD**

Peace.

And he awoke and rebuked the wind,
and said to the sea, "Peace! Be Still!"

—Mark 4: 39.

I know a peace,
Where there is no peace,
A calm where the wind winds blow,
A secret place
Where face to face
With the Master I may go.

When tempests toss
And all seems loss,
And no other help I know,
There is the place
Where face to face
With the Master I may go.

And I find me strong,
Though the days are long,
And sorry the winds may blow,
When I seek the face
In that secret place
Of the Master whom I know.

—Ralph Cushman.

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Our worth is determined by the good
deeds we do rather than the fine emo-
tions we feel.

—E. L. Magoon.

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Moses was a very wicked man. He
broke all of the commandments.

—Schoolboy Howler.

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Definition.

Average man: one who thinks he isn't.

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He that is good at making excuses
is seldom good at anything else.

—Benjamin Franklin.

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"Anything new in the paper, dear?"
asked the wife.

"Yes, there's been an earthquake at a
town called Kneocjkareslau," replied her
husband.

"Does it say what it was called before
the earthquake?"