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UNION THROUGH DIVISION

It is ironic that the pioneers of our movement, with hearts set on the unity of the church, should have felt obliged to add to the divisions. This was not the first time that attempts to repair defects and amend errors had further fractured the church. Luther's reformation is an obvious example. He did not intend to start a new church. He tried desperately to effect changes from within the Roman Catholic Church, but error was too strong. Truth had to make its witness outside the fold of Rome.

John Wesley was also a reluctant leader of a new church. Wesley's impetus was a burning concern for evangelism, but the Church of England was too apathetic. To his dying day Wesley thought of himself as an Anglican, but in spite of his loyalty his followers of "the method" became a new church. Again this was forced upon them. As Luther was excommunicated from the Roman church, so Wesley was banned from Anglican pulpits. Wesley was too much on fire to wait for the non-combustible bishops to catch some of the emotional fervour of the revival. Ecclesiastical tradition was swept aside, apostolic succession was rejected, and ultimately a new church was organised.

Just as Luther and Wesley had no thought of starting new churches, so the Campbells and other leaders of the Restoration Movement directed their efforts from within their churches. In "The Disciples of Christ," Garrison and De Groot tell us that when the decisive action was taken by the Christian Association to constitute itself a church in 1811, "If their relations with their former churches had been strained, they were now broken. They had wished to reform those churches from the inside; now they must do it from the outside. Contrary to their original desire, they became a separate denomination, though a denomination consisting only of one small country church with thirty members." This tiny church grew to number 200,000 members by 1860. It had then become a significant church body, but it was another body!

In all these movements, then, there was no desire to increase division. Divisions were forced upon the reformers because their churches were not ready to receive new truth from God. How Luther would have welcomed the readiness with which some Roman Catholics are willing to re-examine their dogmas today. John Wesley would surely have been thrilled beyond measure if the Anglican church of his age had shown the deep evangelical concern that it is now exhibiting. The Campbells, and those who began with them the Restoration Movement, would have felt their prayers answered if there had been revealed in the early 19th century the passion for unity that exists today among the great Protestant churches.

The reformers began new churches because they wanted something more than unity. That something more was the Christ and the truth about Christ. They would not accept a seeming kind of unity which denied both the word and the spirit of the Lord.

Ever since the Restoration Movement began we have known division as the scandal of Christianity. That is why we must take seriously the lead given to us at the Federal Conference in 1964 to enter into discussion with the Uniting Churches of Australia. It is possible that some will want to move more quickly than the rest of us. There may be some who will wish to move very slowly.

There is commencing in this issue a series of articles on the questions of unity by men from all States who will express a wide range of viewpoints. These will help us to think our way as a people toward Christ's will for His divided church in a changing world. If our great desire is for Christ and for the truth about Christ, nothing but good can come of our reasoning together.

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"IN CONVERSATION"

The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Brisbane, 1964, resolved to seek status as observers at the negotiations of the Uniting Church of Australia. This is the first of a series of articles dealing with issues faced by Churches of Christ as they begin conversations. After four introductory articles, there will be three or four articles each on such topics as Creeds, the Restoration plea, the Ministry, Baptism, and other matters. They have been written by different ministers from all Australian States. Asked to confine themselves to a small space, they have done their best to compress much into little. They invite you, in charity, to take up the loose ends of the dialogue. Readers of the "Australian Christian" are invited to submit their comments in a spirit of earnest concern for the well-being of the whole people of Christ.

NO. 1. IS THE CHURCH INVISIBLE? DR. K. R. BOWES (Vic.).



Dr. K. R. Bowes.

Sue went straight to the point with her father. "You spoke about an invisible Church in our Bible Class discussion this morning. Where do you find that idea in the Scriptures?"

Mr. Brown had to think. He had always used the phrase and had never queried whether it was in the Bible. So he got out his Bible concordance — but the term just wasn't there! Puzzled by this, Mr. Brown tried to put off the fateful moment of admitting to his daughter that he was wrong by saying, "I'll look into it."

And look into it he did. He examined all the references in the New Testament to the Church and found that in every passage it spoke of a body that was recognizable to all, that was visible. He checked with his minister, and he came up with the parable of the wheat and the tares.

This suggested that there is some difficulty about deciding who are the real members of God's Church (a problem produced by the presence of sin in the Church), but at the same time the command of Jesus not to pluck out the

tares makes sense only if there is a visible Church from which people can be plucked. So that passage really only supported the idea of a visible Church!

But where did the idea of an invisible Church come from? Mr. Brown decided to look at the beginnings of Churches of Christ to see whether this idea was a part of our heritage. He found that the Campbells outspokenly rejected the idea of an invisible Church.

Alexander Campbell wrote: "There is but one real Kingdom of Christ in the world, and that is equivalent to affirming that there is but one Church of Christ in the world. As to an invisible Church in a visible world, schoolmen may debate about it till doom's day, but we know nothing of an invisible Church in our portion of creation." (Millennial Harbinger, 1853, p. 106). The doctrine of an invisible Church has no valid place in our Movement.

If Mr. Brown had searched further, he would have found that the idea of an invisible Church was unknown until Augustine, and that it did not become widely accepted until Luther used it at the time of his break from Rome. However, Luther did not use it to deny completely that the Church was visible, or that the Church ought to be visibly one.

The denial of a visible unity historically arose only when men began to glory in their divisions and to claim that they alone were the only Christians. The idea of an invisible Church, far from being a part of our tradition, is in fact completely alien to it, and was one of the ideas against which our pioneers fought.

Sue was pleasantly surprised when her father admitted that he had been wrong. She was pleased that now they had a Biblical foundation upon which to build. As the Word became flesh, as the invisible God became visible in the body of Jesus, so the body of Christ, the Church, must always be visible in its holiness, its mission and its unity. Sue knew this to be the clear testimony of Scripture.

WORLD NEWS

HOSPITALS NATIONALISED

(Rangoon). During the first two weeks of July the Revolutionary Government of the Union of Burma nationalised five well-known private hospitals established and operated here by various foreign missions, and dispensed with the services of the foreign doctors and nurses on the staffs.

The first four hospitals were taken over by the State on July 5. These were: Seventh-Day Adventist Hospital, operated by American S.D.A. Mission, and Rama-krishna Mission Sevashram Charitable Hospital operated by a mission from India, both in Rangoon; the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Christian Hospital of Moulmein, run by the American Baptist Mission, and the Namhkan Hospital of Namhkan in Upper Burma, established as a private hospital by the late Dr. Gordon Seagrave, one-time Baptist missionary and well-known author who died this year.

One week later the government took over the Holy Family Hospital in the Rangoon suburb of South Okkalana operated as a Roman Catholic mission.

The "Working People's Daily," a government newspaper, said of the action: "The . . . big private hospitals nationalised recently enjoy a record of splendid service to the public. But the need for their independent existence as non-official institutions is fast disappearing in a socialist state which has to be completely responsible for the medical and social care of all its public."—E.P.S.

RIGHTS OF MISSIONARIES

(Rawalpindi). Pakistan's parliamentary secretary said here that his government has no intention of banning the activities of Christian missionaries in this predominantly Moslem country.

Such a step would be a violation of fundamental religious rights guaranteed in Pakistan's constitution, declared Hamid Rheza Gilani in answer to queries raised in Parliament by non-Christian deputies. —E.P.S.

VIGIL COMMITTEE

(Sydney). A group of Protestant ministers has formed the Canberra Vigil Committee to disseminate church statements critical of U.S. military policies in Vietnam, which have the support of the Australian government, and to urge a negotiated peace.

Named acting chairman was Dr. Alan Walker, head of the Central Methodist Union, and a leading critic of Australian policy in Vietnam. He said the committee was established because of the "spontaneous reaction throughout Australia for informed statements on Vietnam."—E.P.S.

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LOOKS AT TELEVISION

(PART 2)

MAURICE A. COOMBS,

Director of the Christian Television Association, S.A.

When attempts are made to communicate the Christian faith in a complex medium like Television it is necessary to approach the problem with a completely open mind. But an open mind can easily be a vacuum unless solid research is done to give it a valid context.

When we ask, for example, "Who is likely to watch a religious programme on television?" the answer is not easy. It is doubtful that the busy churchmen will watch. Very likely the interested churchman will be in the audience, but because at least 80 per cent of the television audience does not go to church there is certain to be a considerable number of these who "look in" on a religious telecast. Interestingly he is also likely to be the sort of person the church has greatest difficulty in reaching — fairly low IQ, average income and limited interests.

A good deal depends on the time the programme is shown. In S.A., for example, there is a programme at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. For this the audience is predominantly young families, women more than men and very few teenagers. Depending on the weather the audience can be large or small (although I doubt that we should regard 25,000 people as a small audience, even if it is only about 5 per cent of the potential!). There is another programme on the other commercial station at 10.30 p.m. For this your audience includes no children and there is a greater proportion of men to women.

Planning for these two time slots must obviously take into account the

nature and composition of the audience likely to watch them. The over-riding principle is, that, for the most part, the audience has rejected the formal methods the church uses to communicate the gospel and, apart from a spasmodic interest in "big name" preachers and "spectaculars" of worship, they will not stay long with religious programming which merely reflects what the church does week by week in worship. This is in no sense a criticism of this worship, it is merely to state that in this context it is inappropriate.

Television is an entertainment medium and the presentation of religious programmes must recognise this as the fundamental nature of the medium. Drama, documentary, music, dancing, forum and magazine formats all can be used as vehicles for presenting Christian values and proclaiming Christian truth.

As long as the vehicle used is used with integrity and is not prostituted for the sake of the "message" there should be no hesitation in experimenting with all forms of presentation. Indeed, I would suggest that the integrity of the vehicle is itself part of the proclamation, and the truth of the gospel lies not so much in the words of the message as in the total impact of the programme's ability to illustrate honesty and value.

I believe there is nothing that does greater disservice to the Kingdom than the "contrived" drama, the "loaded" documentary, the "dishonest" forum which works on the principle that "the end justifies the means." There is no

doubt that the strongest vehicles of communication in Television are in Documentary and Drama.

I would think the weakest is preaching unless you can convey that the preacher is, in fact, addressing a fairly large flesh and blood audience. In this latter category, Dr. Alan Walker, Rev. Gordon-Powell, Bishop Fulton Sheen and Dr. Billy Graham have had notable success. But these must be the exceptions whose work is given greater impact because of its novelty.

The churches will live with the other vehicles for many years. It is here that the problem of finance begins to rise. Any religious programme will be judged with the same standards as we judge our Variety Shows, Four Corners, The Defenders, etc. The budgets for all these programmes run into thousands of pounds for a season.

In S.A. we have produced drama (High Society, Kingdom and I, Keyhole Playhouse) each series costing many hundreds of pounds. We have produced documentaries (Focus 63, Impact, News Desk), family shows (Light Time, Secret World, Look), forums (This Matter Is Urgent, On the Spot, Crossfire) and in all cases we have had to say, "How much better it could have been if we could have spent more money."

This is not simply crying poor. The church has many calls upon its meagre resources and its involvement in Television thus far is relatively great, but I sometimes wonder if we have really grasped the fact that on any Sunday in this country there is the opportunity available to bring the gospel and its values to half the nation's population, and that lack of adequate resources chokes off our efforts to do so effectively.

There is still a lot to learn, there are many problems yet unsolved — but the Christian who watches T.V. can be assured that efforts are being made to cope, and Christian Television Associations round Australia would value your prayers and practical support.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

By JACK EDWARDS

FRONTIERSMEN

In a real sense the early missionaries were frontiersmen who lived on or beyond the borders of civilisation. The people of the New Hebrides have been civilised in the sense that they have got rid of barbarous habits, but they have not yet reached an advanced stage of social development. Because, as messengers of Christ, we are concerned with a full-orbed gospel, we are still frontiersmen as we seek to enlighten these people with a full knowledge of Christ, who can change every aspect of their lives.

Our people have already crossed many frontiers for Christ. Truly they have been brought out of darkness into light. Women are beginning to take their place within the island life where before they were treated as workers and bearers of children. What place then has Ranwadi to play in helping them to continue to cross frontiers for Christ.

Our Pentecost people are divided into two main language groups, and as their children from these different areas board together at Ranwadi, learn, work and play together, it is helping them to realise that truly they are brothers and sisters in Christ. Further barriers of misunderstanding are being broken down as they learn English as a common language, and we find that many of the South Pentecost children readily learn the North language while living together at Ranwadi over a period of years.

The church life will be stronger when these girls return to their villages with an all-round Christian education and become the Christian mothers of tomorrow, who will bring up their children in the love of Christ and read the Bible to them. This was not possible

before, as the women could neither read nor write.

The boys and girls receive daily Scripture lessons, and this instruction is gradually bringing about changed lives as in love they yield their lives to Christ. Their reluctance to take advantage of hospitalisation when sick is being broken down as they see the difference medical treatment makes, for we are only two miles from our mission hospital.

A further barrier was crossed this year when the first Government trained teacher for our mission began teaching Grade 3 at Ranwadi this year. For years our girls have trained and served as nurses, but Roline is only the second of our young women to become teachers.

Many frontiers remain to be crossed for Christ, such as a higher status for women, a more Christian outlook on marriage customs, and a lifting of living standards in the villages.

We trust that the school at Ranwadi will continue to play its part in crossing frontiers for Christ.

• LINES FROM LEICESTER

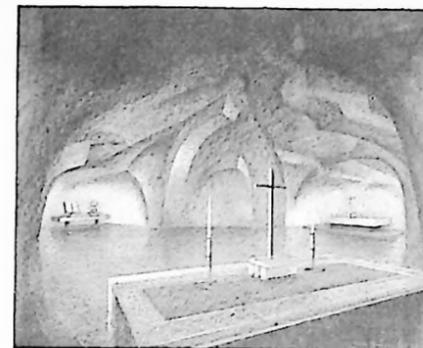
CHRISTIANS GO UNDERGROUND AGAIN.

A return to the First Century church mode of worship is planned for Twentieth Century jet age travellers. This is the aim of a London architect who has planned a new underground church for London Airport. The new church is to be built for the joint use of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches.

This sanctuary will be built nearly 20 feet underground. The church is designed as one continuous volume consisting of an irregular vaulted space. There is no sharp distinction between the three apses and no impression of dividing the church into three. The plan is such that seating can be arranged to focus on any of the three apses. In order to give a feeling of permanence and timelessness the interior design is robust and basic in character, there being no applied decoration or ornament. The walls and vaults are of varying colors and textures. The church will be fully air-conditioned, and this, together with special reinforced concrete construction, and the absence of windows, will make it soundproof against aircraft and other noise.

This modern jet age church will, in its very construction, have a close link with the early church which met in the catacombs. Seating will be for 200 and the "parish" will be made up of the 34,000 airport staff and the 9,500,000 passengers who pass through London Airport every year.

The cost of the project will be £100,000, raised by public subscription. It is ex-



An artist's impression of the proposed London Airport church. The drawing shows two altars (one Anglican and the other Roman Catholic) and a communion table for Free Church worship.

pected that work will begin shortly and it is due for completion in two years' time.

A PAT ON THE BACK.

The Australian High Commissioner in London (Sir Alexander Downer) said recently that English people in all walks of life must think, speak and act in a more positive way. "This is a land," he said, "where in 1965 there is practically no unemployment, where living standards are rising, where the people generally have never been so well housed, educated, clothed, cared-for and secured in the whole of their glorious history." "Why do you not blazen abroad what you have done in creating new towns, sweeping away slums, reconstructing docks, building motor-ways as good as any you will find elsewhere?" he asked, and then added, "Britain is a land of past, present and future — ancient, mel-low and beautiful, yet ever young, ever in the vanguard of advance, ever a

BY STANTON H. WILSON

nation with questing adventure high in its heart."

DR. BILLY GRAHAM

The Billy Graham Greater London Crusade, 1966, will be held at Earl's Court during June next year and will cost £300,000 sterling. Dr. Graham will preach each night and associate evangelists will conduct area meetings. There will be a choir of 2,000, and 1,000 men will be recruited as stewards. Several hundred counsellors will be given a special course of training.

ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN.

A Government £117,000 (Sterling) anti-smoking campaign, directed largely at youngsters, was announced in the House of Lords recently. Well-known sporting non-smokers will be featured in children's magazines to make the point that smoking is bad for health. Special films are also being produced, aimed at 9-11-year-olds. Note the age group!

ENGLAND "INVADED" BY AN ARMY.

5,500 members of the Salvation Army took charge of the Albert Hall in London last month for the inaugural meeting of the Centenary of the Salvation Army. A good way of spotting the different nationalities present was by reading the hat-bands: "Leger der Heils" from the Netherlands; "Die Heilsarmes" from Germany; "Armee du Salut" from France, but the title I liked best was "Ejercito de Salvacion" from Spain — it seemed to say "something" about the gospel and the way it should be spread.

World Convention Opens

By E. P. C. HOLLARD.

Amid scenes of the spectacular the Seventh World Convention of Churches of Christ began last night in San Juan. Considerable preparation had gone into the Convention by a group of people who are just severing their ties with the American churches, no longer a mission group, but a group of churches willing to attempt the arduous task of handling a world assembly.

The platform resembled a convocation of the great in the Kingdom of God as dignitaries were introduced. The pageantry of the flags was a touching moment as the flag bearers and their escorts bowed and declared in their own tongues, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Greetings from the Roman Catholic Church were read, in Spanish and English, and it was as fine a statement as one could wish to hear. How the winds of change — or of God — are upon our generation! The representatives of World Methodism, World Anglicanism, World Salvation Army, Greek Orthodox, World Congregationalism, Lutheran churches,

Japan, Philippines, East Asia, and the World Council were there to say a word. Even if "ecumenicity" was only a meaningless word to some, the spirit of ecumenicity was evident in a great measure.

Government and local officials were there, missionaries from around the world were there, tongues and colors mingled in an occasion which left no doubt that the Lord was there also.

Let Australians be warned, that if the next World Convention comes to Adelaide, that there are many things to learn. For instance, start on time, make sure that the venue is removed from jet planes, secure a decent P.A. system, and don't ask the whole brotherhood from around the world to speak on the same session. Aside from that, we should get along.

The World President, Dr. Francisco Santando, arose to speak at 10 p.m., after half his audience had gone home! Even so, those who remained were enriched as this gracious Spanish gentle-

man delivered his Presidential address.

Everything seems set for a great Convention. This is the first morning and I've listened to Ken Clinton, of Glen Iris, give a masterly address on "The Authority of the Bible." The Provocative Pamphlet Club should print it. From among the people called the anti-organ group of Churches of Christ, comes one named Carl Ketcherside, and his sermon on the same theme was thrilling. It was preaching at its best.

Australians are kept busy on committees and can be heard and seen amid the crush of many scenes and voices. The lack of an accent is most helpful!

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES.

On opening night, Dr. Martin Niemöller was present and received an ovation when introduced to the assembly.

E. V. Lawton, of Adelaide, enjoyed a bomb scare when his plane was brought down at Nassau to be searched. The inimitable Edgar turned up late, but without any scars of battle.

Lateness reminds that S.A.'s Conference Secretary, I. J. Chivell, turned up at Honolulu Airport and had a 7-hour wait. Obviously he was not attending a committee meeting.

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C.C.C. Stands for . . .

GARNARVON CHRISTIAN CENTRE

For the past twelve years all church services, Bible School sessions, social functions and meetings at Carnarvon Mission have been held in the dining room. This has meant that on Sundays alone all seats and tables have had to be moved six times. At present approximately 160 attend each service on normal Sundays, but on special occasions the dining room cannot accommodate the number attending.

In 1958, the building of a chapel was envisaged. The Men's Societies of our Australian churches caught the vision and provided £1,500 towards the cost. The money was handed over to the then Superintendent at Federal Conference in Perth in 1960. A church member in Melbourne left a bequest of £500.

Plans were made in 1963 to remodel the dining room-kitchen building to serve as a chapel with annexes, and to build a new dining room-kitchen block. Inexplicably at the time, these proposals received check after check, despite the fact that building plans and specifications were made in some detail.

Then came a new development in our mission work at Carnarvon, in the shape of an expansion from the predominantly Children's Home work into the community of adults in the town environs and on the Native Reserve. The conversion of Native leader, Bob Williams, and the subsequent impact on the adult community, has widened the whole concept of our work. We believe the Lord has used this outreach work to direct us to consider building the chapel away from the Children's Home.

With this in mind a site in the town was sought, but for the few sites available and suitable, prices were prohibitive. Most unexpectedly, the Shire Council offered an area of land which had been the old town Pound. The Lands Department approved the transfer to us,

and enlarged the area in order to give it a better geometrical shape, making it 1½ acres. It is on the main road, only 1½ miles from the town. Thus a site has been provided at no cost, better than any that could have been chosen and paid for.

On this site it is proposed to erect a set of buildings to be known as a Christian Centre. Detailed plans are completed for a missionary's dwelling, a hall and a chapel. The ground has been levelled and a start is to be made on the toilet buildings so that same can be used by the builders as the work progresses.

There are three groups of Christian people in Carnarvon, owning allegiance to Churches of Christ. There is the main body at the Children's Home, a Native Church on the Reserve, and a "white" church in the town. It is believed that the establishment of the Christian Centre will eventually bring all these groups together in a church unique among our people in Australia.

It is planned that the Centre will operate from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. It will be a haven for Aboriginal people, and any others who desire to make it so; a Youth Centre for all races and colors, and a Worship Centre for all who are in Christ Jesus.

There will be land available, after the erection of the buildings, for future development. Costs are being carefully analysed. In addition to the £2,000 held by the Federal Board, there is £4,000 in a Trust Fund at Carnarvon. When all is ready the call will go out to the men of our brotherhood to provide as much voluntary labour as possible; to the whole church membership of Australia to provide additional funds, and for missionaries to devote their lives to the work at the Centre. Watch for the call! In the meantime, pray!

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WORSHIP CENTRE OPENED BROKEN HILL'S BIG DAY

(S.A. Conf.). Glowing tributes to the beauty and design of the new Worship Centre were paid at the three services on Aug. 1. The Rev. G. Martin, Methodist, and chairman of the Ministers' Fraternal, said, "the transformation is almost unbelievable." The Mayor, G. Dial, saw in the new buildings a strong expression of faith by the church in the city.

Eighty-five were present in the morning, when M. A. K. Crosby, S.A. Home Missions Chairman, led the dedication service. At 2.45 p.m., foundation member, Mrs. H. E. Garner, turned the key, and a programme of greetings, musical items and speeches followed. Guest artists were a male quartette from the Salvation Army. In the evening, the minister, R. C. Sack, preached on Unity, with the theme, "Prayer and a Dream." Soloists for the day were Mrs. J. Schorn, Mrs. J. Stewart and W. Harris.

The alterations were designed by W. Lance Brune, of Adelaide, and include an acoustic insulated plaster tile ceiling, set in a grill of gold anodised aluminium. The walls are flush-jointed plaster from floor to ceiling. A new platform is full width, with the baptistery in a picture framed setting, flanked by two dressing rooms. Lighting is by two banks of eight fluorescent lights, the baptistery being lit independently. The color scheme is parchment for ceiling, frosty lilac for walls, seatone for baptistery and feature wall, doors and platform steps are varnished, and all woodwork is white.

Much additional work was done by members, and included new outer entrance doors of wood, and inner self-closing doors of glass. The platform was vinyl-tiled and all pews painted a driftwood color. The floor has been sanded and varnished, and all furniture polished. This most harmonious worship setting was enhanced by the lovely floral decorations provided by the ladies.

Tribute must be paid to members who have given so much in time and money to complete this project. A thankoffering of £240 has been received.

Elder R. N. Rough, who has been in hospital for six months, was discharged from hospital just before the opening. Wayne Lee, church secretary, has been transferred to Sydney. His going is a great loss, as Mr. Lee was also Sunday School teacher and Explorer Leader.

TO LONDON BIBLE COLLEGE

(Forestville, S.A.). The church presented a cheque to Bob. Wright on leaving for the London Bible College to study for a Doctorate in Divinity . . . The C.W.F. presented a devotional and musical programme to the Salvation Army Refuge Home. Dorcas and C.W.F. have sent a parcel of clothing to an Aboriginal girl at Norseman . . . At the first monthly retiring offering for friends in need, £13 was received . . . Alan Hartley, guitarist from Nailsworth, was guest artist at bi-monthly coffee service. He gave a testimony and sang some of his own compositions . . . There was one decision on Aug. 1 . . . Y.P.S.C.E. held a "Room for Improvement" night and forwarded suggestions to the Officers' meeting . . . Dean Whitford has been chosen to play for the State basketball team in Brisbane in September.



NEW SOUTH WALES

N.S.W. "CRUSADE '65"

After much planning and effort on the part of the Youth Conference Committee charged with the organisation of "Crusade '65" — the great occasion is almost upon us. Young people's groups throughout New South Wales have been uniting in prayer and advertising.

Bruce Armstrong is song leader, and preliminary rallies have encouraged and enthused both young folk, and older folk too.

The enthusiastic Committee, Jay Bacik (chairman), Franklyn Elliott (secretary), Keith Farmer (treasurer), Warren Murray, Jeanette Dudman, Ron and Trevor Kallmier, Kevin Caulton, Graham Warne, and Youth Conf. Pres., John Morris, all say it will be "Big."

The dates — August 24-28.

The preacher — George Wood, of Western Australia.

ALL-AGE SCHOOL

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). All-Age Sunday School has commenced, and through the contact of a new church member a mother and her two children have become regular attenders, both to this and the church service . . . Recent speakers have been C. E. Bowser, Conf. Pres., A. Norling, B. Flett and D. Foletta . . . The young "men" from Pendle Hill Boys' Home were guests of the Christian Endeavour at tea, and delighted all with verse speaking at the gospel service . . . A day of prayer has been held, and also Cottage Prayer meetings during July. . . Dr. Ernest Watson was guest at the church anniversary, and first-class Christian music was supplied by the Petersham Salvation Army Songsters.

WORLD CONVENTION REPORT (cont. from p. 5)

We see from the programme that the officer to instal the New Convention officers is Stanton H. Wilson, our Aust. delegate from Eng.! We are all most confident that the task will receive full measure of dignity.

Roman Catholics in Puerto Rico were asked by their Archbishop to offer special prayers in the churches before the Convention. This is a gesture which has warmed many hearts.

A number of Australians are allotted to take part in the sessions. Flying in to give the major address at the men's luncheon is Dr. James H. Jauncey, of Kenmore College. Phillip Vincent, son of Ray, will represent Australian youth at the Youth Sessions.

GOING TO CHURCH IN BAYAMAN.

Sunday before Convention started found many Conventions visiting among the churches. The largest of our own is at Bayaman, where the World President, Francisco Santando, is minister. The old world type of building holds around 900 people, and every seat was full when the morning school began. A young woman was in charge and she led the service through. After the lessons began the

SIGNIFICANT ALTERNATIVE

The British & Foreign Bible Society is launching a campaign for 2,000 additional members in New South Wales. Faced with the stupendous demands for more and more copies of the Scriptures — at approximately one-third of the production cost — the Bible Society is making an over-all effort to double its membership.

In N.S.W. the campaign for new members leads up to "National Bible Society Week, August 29 - September 5," and is based on the theme, "Share Today the Membership Way," and every member is being challenged with the request to enrol a personal friend. Churches of Christ throughout Sydney and suburbs, as well as in the country areas, continue to be among the strongest supporters of the Bible Society.

Commenting on the one-guinea membership gift, Rev. Alan F. Scott, N.S.W. State Secretary, said that for the cost of one daily newspaper each week those who truly believed the Word of God could share its message in supplying an average of one Bible or two New Testaments each year.

Just think of it! The cost of one daily newspaper per week!

LOOKING TOWARDS PUERTO RICO

During the week, August 9-15, there were many in N.S.W. looking towards the great gathering in Puerto Rico. Representatives from N.S.W. at the Convention include Mrs. D. Corlett (Belmore), Mrs. S. Cosh (Epping), Mrs. A. Copley (Rockdale), Miss D. Fishburn (Wiley Park), and Mrs. P. Larcombe (Narraweenah). Although the delegation is not a large one, considerable interest has been evident, and in many congregations special prayer has been offered for the blessing of God to be upon the assembly of the Seventh World Convention.

visitors were escorted on a tour of the large equipment which the church owns. Over 900 were present.

The choir is the best we have heard in years. Sung in Spanish, the harmony was wonderful.

Communion was held at night, and we wondered if the attendance would be small, considering the American influence on Sunday night services. There were 400 or more present. Then came the surprises! Twelve ladies dressed in white took the offering up in a most dignified manner. When the supper was served, 12 men, dressed alike, served. It was worth a number of second thoughts. I asked why the ladies did so much, were they short of men. Oh no, everyone finds something to do.

The sermon was in Spanish, it took over one hour! My comment to the preacher was, "I don't know a word you said, but you sure meant it." Possibly a fitting comment to any sermon.

After church there was friendliness and warmth of welcome. The Christian atmosphere broke down all barriers of an unknown language and unfamiliar environment.

GROWING WORK

(West Liverpool, N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Home Mission Committee continues in its support of the growing work at West Liverpool, linked in a circuit with Campbelltown. D. Norling is engaged in a courageous ministry, assisted by R. Whan (student, Woolwich College) and the loyal band of workers, headed by H. Cox.

It is heartening to note the advances in the work, especially in view of the challenge and opportunity of a district opening up for settlement. Literally dozens of new homes are in the process of erection within a radius of less than half a mile from the Church Hall.

The West Liverpool building is taxed to capacity with Bible School scholars, many of whom come from a distance and are catered for by a well organised transport system.

FAREWELL SERVICES

(Penrith, N.S.W.). Special farewell services are being conducted in August by A. Webb, B.A., prior to his departure to Camp Hill, Qld. The church is holding a special service to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Webb on August 21, at 7.45 p.m. . . . Alex. Gilchrist, from Campaigners for Christ, was speaker on August 1. Five rededicated their lives.

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SILVER JUBILEE

"Together in Service" is the theme of the Jubilee Year of the Girls' Brigade (formerly the Girls' Life Brigade, but now amalgamated with the Girls' Guildry, Scotland, and the Girls' Brigade, Ireland) and "Together in Service" go the 13,000 members of the Brigade in Australia, striving to give greater service in their church and to the community.

Mrs. G. R. Stirling, when wife of the Youth Director in South Australia, was the instigator behind the formation of the Brigade's own Headquarters in Australia, and in 1953 became the first Federal President, remaining on the Federal Executive until 1964. In over 70 Churches of Christ throughout Australia, there are 3,250 members of the Girls' Brigade, and all will be joining in the Jubilee Celebrations to be held during August and September in each capital city.

Guest of Honor is to be Miss Chenhalls, M.B.E., International Chairman

from London, but guests also include the Rt. Hon. Lord MacDermott, P.C., M.C., LL.D., Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, who will be visiting Australia for the Commonwealth Law Conference, and Lady MacDermott, who is International President of the Brigade.

Civic leaders are honoring Brigade with Civic Receptions, and with splashes of color in parks and gardens throughout Australia, depicting the Brigade name or crest — window displays have been arranged in countless shop windows throughout the Commonwealth.

Federal Chaplain, Cliff Taylor, from Chatswood Church of Christ, was chairman at the Jubilee Church Parade on August 8 at the Sydney Town Hall. A record attendance of Brigaders followed a colorful march (to the tune of the four leading Pipe bands in N.S.W.). Lord MacDermott took the salute, and the speaker was T.V. personality, Clifford Warne.

WORLD EVANGELISM CONGRESS

This notable gathering, which will draw leaders in Christian thought from all parts of the globe, is planned to take place in Berlin, Germany, in November, 1966. The principal theme for discussion in this congress will be concerned with aspects of Evangelism: how it should be defined, and how it ought to be practised in our modern age.

This gathering is being sponsored by the American religious periodical, "Christianity Today," and it is expected that some 1,200 delegates will be in attendance for about ten days. Honorary Chairman is evangelist Dr. Billy Graham, and the chairman of the planning committee is Dr. Carl Henry, dynamic editor of "Christianity Today."

The West Berlin Kongresshalle, which will be the venue of this significant conference, has an auditorium capable of seating 1,264, in addition to modern technical facilities for simultaneous translation of speeches. Four or five languages will be recognised as congress languages.

Recognising that the primary task of the church is to proclaim the gospel, the

originators of the congress have announced a Sponsoring Committee of 55 key evangelical leaders from some 20 countries to give attention to a Biblically-based programme.

METHODISTS OPPOSE UNION

(Leeds). Representatives of British Methodists who oppose the proposed terms for Anglican-Methodist union have appealed to "Methodist people not to leave the Methodist church now," and assured "all those who are disturbed by the decision of the last conference that this committee is continuing its work and planning for the future."

Dr. Leslie Newman, of Brighton, chairman of the group, said it was not against union, but thought the majority report did not provide the right way and that the better approach would be union in the first place with all the free churches.

The Methodist Conference, the church's governing body, meeting earlier this month, indicated its readiness to seek closer relations with the Church of England.—E.P.S.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

In the World. 1,700 walled cities in China are open to the gospel for the first time. There are 1,537 cities in China still unoccupied by missionaries. President Yuan of China appointed a national day of prayer for the peace of Europe. Thus Heathendom is praying for Christendom. It was reported in Korea that all differences between Christians are settled by the elders. A Christian cannot sue an unbeliever in court. **HERE AND THERE.** Wellington, N.Z. The July meeting of the Optimistic Club took the form of a pound night. Collection was 16/4. Retiring. T. J. Gore, at the age of 76, had resigned from Henley Beach, S.A. Famous Name. Wm. Jacka, of Wedderburn Church of Christ, a brother of Lance-Corporal Jacka, the first Australian V.C. of the war, is now on foreign service. College to Camp. L. Anderson, student at the College of the Bible, and minister at Shepparton, has entered military camp. **ROLL OF HONOUR.** Killed: J. Seeley, Ascot Vale. Wounded: R. C. A. Lawson, Merbein, Vic.; John Inman, and E. Inman, Fremantle, W.A.; M. Roberts, Balaklava, S.A.

EAST ASIAN CHURCHES PLAN TO END VIETNAM WAR

(Bangkok). Officers of the East Asia Christian Conference have sent a letter to the national councils of churches in the U.S.A. and Britain suggesting a four-point plan for seeking settlement of the war in Vietnam.

They asked the council leaders to do "all in your power to share with those entrusted with the making of decisions" in their country the E.A.C.C. proposals.

They said they had been heartened by the increasing consensus of opinion about Vietnam among Asians, and by the fact that present U.S. policy has been seriously questioned in the U.S.A., particularly by leaders of the church and academic community.

The four points of the letter were:—

1. We do not believe that any viable solution to the problem in Vietnam can be worked out unless the point of departure is the simple fact that Vietnam is one country. The line of demarcation between North and South Vietnam is a cease-fire line only.

2. It is not possible to arrest a Nationalist Movement at mid-point. When the French left Vietnam, some way should have been found to set the whole of Vietnam free.

3. As we see it, three things have to be settled simultaneously around the negotiating table:

- The Unification of Vietnam;
- The guarantee of true freedom for all citizens in Vietnam, whatever their religion or political conviction;
- The independence of Vietnam in relation to its neighbours.

4. It may be that there will be need for three parallel negotiations:

- between the contending parties in South Vietnam;
- between South and North Vietnam;
- between all interested powers who will guarantee the accords arrived at in the previous negotiations.

It was signed by: Dr. D. G. Moses, chairman, India; Dr. I. Omura, vice-chairman, Japan; Dr. D. T. Niles, general secretary, Ceylon; U. Kyaw Than, associate general secretary, Burma.—E.P.S.

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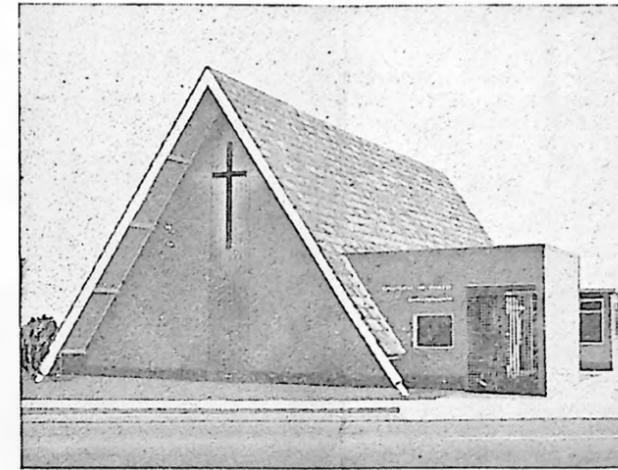
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PROFILE No. 46

Cheltenham, S.A.

AND H. S. WATKINS



It began this way . . . just 41 years ago, August 4, 1924, thirty-six members of the Church of Christ, Queens-town, S.A., felt the call of God in their hearts to constitute a new work in the Cheltenham area. For a brief time the services were held in the Pennington Primary School until, with the voluntary assistance of the men of the Port Line Group of churches, the present building was erected.

H. S. Watkins was one of the thirty-six foundation members, and today as an elder of the church, is still actively engaged in the work of the Lord. For 26 years he served as secretary of the church, and for 20 years as Superintendent of the Bible School, when for 18 years he conducted the anniversary services.

Eventually he served in the three major positions when, for a time, it was necessary for him to carry on as treasurer. In addition, he was secretary of his Union, secretary of the Port Line Group, and for many years a tough man to mix it with on the football and cricket fields. He is a returned Digger from World War 1, and has indeed been a valiant fighter for the Faith over the years at Cheltenham. He has been ably and lovingly supported by his dear wife, who still continues to serve faithfully.

During its history the church at Cheltenham has battled on bravely in the name of the Master, despite many set-backs which may have proved fatal to less determined and consecrated souls. She has seen ser-

vice from only three brief full-time ministries in 41 years, which shows what faithfulness and determination has been displayed by those who have stood by the church in that time.

In success or adversity the church has continued a loyal witness to Jesus Christ, and the promising work today stands partly upon the foundation that has been set down through these years.

Today . . . is a day of spiritual re-awakening and re-vitalising for the church at Cheltenham. It is a day when enthusiasm for the things of God is high, and opportunity for Christ in our district is great. The membership has doubled in the last few years, and the spiritual life of the church has been deepened tremendously by faithful attendance at the worship services, and by regular study of God's work at the midweek fellowship.

With faith and courage going hand in hand, the membership has striven together to build our wonderful new chapel to the glory of God.

Surely, as never before in her history, the church is poised for a momentous step into our community. With the full-time minister in 1966, and a Home Mission support and subsidy, the church is looking forward with prayerful confidence that God will continue to lead, and that great victories will be won for Christ in the years that lie ahead. —I. McG.

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A. E. WHITE

When a child is continually disturbing a class at Sunday School, is it reasonable to ask the parents to keep him at home?

To ask the parents to keep a child at home is a polite way of saying "We expel this child!" When we do banish a child from a Sunday School we are also saying that we are defeated. We remove the problem we can't solve!

I have the utmost sympathy with Sunday School teachers, who must rank among the most long-suffering of mortals. When they feel driven to ask a child to leave, it would be out of concern for other children in the class. It can be so frustrating when carefully prepared lessons for responsive children are spoiled by the disruptive efforts of one scholar.

Like most questions, there is no easy straightforward answer of the "this is the thing to do" type. The appropriate action in one case may not be appropriate in another. The reason for the child's anti-class behaviour would require to be explored. The child may be too old, or too young for the rest of the class, or perhaps mentally backward or mentally handicapped. Maybe the child is expressing in class something of a disturbed home life, and sometimes the child may be just naughty.

It must be admitted that some teachers need more training than they possess in order to cope with some of the situations that arise in class. Also, lack of preparation for the lessons could easily spark off the potential trouble-maker. Sometimes the absence of meaningful activity causes children to seek some other means of self-expression.

One teacher met her problem by visiting the child's home and establishing effective relationships, not only with the child, but with the child's parents.

There have been cases where a mentally retarded child has been assigned as the sole responsibility of an assistant teacher. In this case a child would not even have to be removed from the class.

Christ receives all sorts and conditions of people, and the Sunday School, in the name of Christ, must be prepared to receive all sorts and conditions of children. Naughtiness in young children will never in itself be sufficient reason for expulsion. It is amazing what can be done by teachers who love and are prepared to work to win the confidence of the child.

I hate to confess this, but one superintendent declared that I was the worst boy in his school. This was probably an exaggeration, but I am glad they persevered with me!



SPOTLIGHT ON VIC. . . .

ARCHITECTS

Gone are the days when Christian congregations were content with small, box-like buildings as their meeting places. All too often these were too limited, lacked conveniences such as vestries, and were inadequate for, and sometimes a hindrance, to a complete ministry to the community.

Not that many congregations did not render excellent service and make good progress in such "church homes" and with such equipment. But this was not because of such buildings and equipment. Rather was it in spite of them. Probably with the best of these an even more excellent and effective ministry might have been accomplished.

The standard of all types of buildings, in city and country, has greatly advanced in recent years. It is good to see that the church is not lagging behind in this regard, but is also lifting the standard of her buildings.

Perhaps it should not be so, but there is no doubt that an attractive, well-maintained building makes a better impression on the community than a cheap, tumble-down, neglected one. It is also likely that an invitation to attend worship in the former type of building will be more readily accepted than if the building is one of which we could be ashamed and for which we must apologise.

We read in this journal reports from all States of the opening of new buildings. Victoria provides her share of such reports. Already this year four congregations have embarked upon, or have concluded building programmes. These are Ararat (hall), Carnegie (hall), Parkdale (chapel),

and Latrobe Terrace, Geelong-Thomson (chapel).

Three other congregations will soon be commencing building operations, viz., Ivanhoe-Briar Hill (chapel), Shepparton (hall), Traralgon East (chapel). All these structures are or will be of high standard and will commend the local church and brotherhood.

This would not be unique to Victoria, of course, but we are singularly fortunate in having amongst our membership at least five architects who are ready to place their talents and services at the disposal of the churches. They are Russell N. Andrews (Blackburn), Walter G. Colman (Blackburn), Ray L. Drayton (N. Essendon), Reg. C. Padey (Ashburton) and Ian J. Smith (Ringwood).

Undoubtedly much of the credit for the advance in our building standards must be given to the influence and work of these men. Their training enables them to see the potential in a building site and to present a master plan of buildings which makes the best use of the space available and meets all regulations.

Churches which use these skilled men will never have the expense of shifting buildings to make room for later expansion. Nor will they have cause to lament ruefully on "what might have been" if only they had sought expert advice before commencing to build.

For the help of our architect brethren, and the dedication of their talents to the brotherhood, we express gratitude to God who equipped them and called them into his service.

—W.W.S.

PROTEST ABOUT NANCY

(Melb.). The entire congregation at the Scoresby Road church in Victoria has signed a protest against the expulsion from Australia of Nancy Prasad, the six-year-old Indian girl who has been deported to Fiji. The protest has been forwarded to the Minister for Immigration, the Hon. H. Opperman.

MOVEMENTS

FOR AUSTRAL

(N.S.W.). D. W. Smallbone, who is at present serving with Penshurst, N.S.W., has accepted a call to the ministry of the church at Austral, to commence at the beginning of March, 1966.

CHANGE TO PART-TIME

(Swan Hill, Vic.). The church will be without full-time ministry after August. D. G. Beanland terminates on Aug. 29, but will continue in part-time ministry until the end of year . . . R. V. Longthorp, of Dept. of Christian Educ., was speaker on August 8.

WELCOME AT LYGON-ST.

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. P. Kavanagh were welcomed at Lygon-st. by the officers with a dinner on Aug. 6, with a public welcome following. E. McClean welcomed Mr. Kavanagh into the ministry on behalf of the church. Mrs. J. Atkinson spoke for the ladies and D. Berry for the young people. Opportunity was taken to express appreciation to K. A. Macnaughtan and Pearson Harrison for the splendid services on Sundays and at midweek meetings. A wallet of notes was presented to each of them. Mr. Macnaughtan presided on Aug. 8, with Mr. Kavanagh preaching. A young man accepted Christ at the evening service . . . The R. J. Duckett Memorial Fund now exceeds £2,000, and further gifts are being received. Thanks are expressed to all. Dick Duckett, jnr., is back in fellowship after several weeks in hospital.

MINISTER FOR CARINGBAH

(N.S.W.). The church at Caringbah announces that Franklyn Elliott, B.A., now in his final year at Woolwich College, has accepted a call to the ministry commencing in February, 1966.

National Diary

- NEW SOUTH WALES
- AUGUST—
24-28—"CRUSADE '66" at Enmore, with George Wood.
30-Sept. 2—School of Evangelism, Pendle Hill. Ministers' Fraternal. Leader: K. E. Crawford.
- VICTORIA
- 22—Good Companions' Worship Service (Junior).
28—BROTHERHOOD HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION—SHEPPARTON.
30—C.Y.F. Adult Counsellors' Executive.
30-Sept. 4—Explorer Senior Camps—Manbulk and Hall's Gap.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- 20-25—Church and Life Conference Training Course.
30-31—College of the Bible Concerts, Willard Hall, 8 p.m.

SEMINAR ON ABORIGINES

(Gatton, Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. Burdeu conducted a seminar on Aborigines—support was also given by other churches in the town. The highlight of the year was a week of special meetings, with A. Surtees as missionary. The theme was "God and My Life." The church was challenged to a deeper commitment of their faith . . . Junior C.E. completed a project of supplying school materials to the school at Maewo . . . A day of teaching demonstrations was given by two members from Brisbane. Bible teachers found this a great help. . . . M. Pieper is minister.

SUBSIDY REDUCED

(Mackay, Qld.). The H.M. subsidy which has been received by the Mackay church for many years has now been reduced to £3 per week. This is an indication of the spirit of enthusiasm which is gripping the congregation at present. Membership is increasing steadily, now 48, and in a special month of sacrificial giving, offerings amounted to £376 . . . Two young men, Keith Bell and Trevor Meares, who have served for one year as probationers, have now been elected to the church Board of Officers.

C.W.F. AT WOOLWICH

At the beginning of this year, Mrs. A. G. Elliott was asked by the N.S.W. State Executive of the C.W.F. to commence a Fellowship among the lady students at Woolwich College. The Fellowship meets on the first Thursday in each month, and includes lady students, wives and fiancées of students, and a few who are wives of exit students in their first ministry. Mrs. A. W. Stephenson also actively assists in the group.

WORK FORCE — NEW GUINEA

The Federal Overseas Mission Board wishes to send a work force of six volunteers to New Guinea to assist in the erection of the Hospital at Bunapas.

Required — Four carpenters, one plumber, one handyman (experienced in concreting).

Conditions — Members of the work force will pay their own travel expenses. Air fare, Sydney to Madang, £121 (return). Accommodation, food supplied on the field. A choice will be made from the applicants subject to the number of workers required — suitable references from church minister, and satisfactory medical report.

Duration — The work party will remain in New Guinea for six weeks, commencing November 1, until early December.

Sponsorship — Brethren unable to participate in the work party may be willing to sponsor a member. Sponsorship may enable a high standard tradesman to go who may not be able to go otherwise. Others may be willing to support the work force by providing the cost of food — £3/10/- a week for each worker.

Interested brethren are requested to make enquiries prior to September 25, 1965, from —
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STUDY CAMPS

(N.S.W.). The largest of the three Bible Study Camps conducted by the N.S.W. Department of Christian Education was held Aug. 6-8, at Camp Greenhalgh. There were 50 registered campers, five group leaders, and Ray Ewers (Belmore) was guest lecturer.

The four studies, "The Principle of Sanctification," "The Provision of Sanctification," "The Practice of Sanctification" and "The Priority of Sanctification," were searching subjects.

The groups discovered that "Sanctification" is not some pious or removed ideal. It is the will of God for every believer (1 Thess. 4: 3-4). Mr. Ewers, while bringing out the truth of Scripture, often referred to the influence of good Christian men on his own life.

The camp proved to be more than just a gathering for the purpose of discussion of Bible facts. It was of real challenge to true Christian living.

Roger Foletta, Belrose/North Balgowlah, led in the early morning communion service.

ADULT EDUCATION

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). Adult Christian Education sessions began well, with 42 present for hot meal, study time, sing-along, sharing and prayer time . . . Young people took part in church services as a feature of the C.Y.F. anniversary. They presented "The Bible on Trial" at the gospel service. The rally on the Sat. night also attracted attention. Miss Robyn Lattimer has been elected C.Y.F. President . . . Kevin Crawford, Director of Evangelism and Home Missions took both services on Aug. 8 . . . The health of the minister, F. B. Stow, has improved considerably.

YOUTH CRUSADE

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The Youth for Christ Crusade in the Hornsby R.S.L. Memorial Hall, on Aug. 6-8, was well supported by our youth. Richard Green, of Y.F.C. International, was speaker. Ten members of Boys' Brigade and three Girls' Brigade members made decisions. G. Glazier was Publicity Officer, Miss P. Hymes, Crusade Committee sec., and Ron Bartholomew, a Leader in Counselling. There were over 500 present in the final Crusade meeting . . . Mr. Starr, a retired school teacher, was guest speaker on Education Sunday. The Brigades paraded . . . The Girls' Brigade shared in the Silver Jubilee celebrations in the City.

BAPTISM AT LOFTUS PARK

(N.S.W.). On Sunday, Aug. 1, a baptismal service was conducted by the minister, Mr. Plenderleith, when a woman and a young lad were baptized . . . On Aug. 7, the musical group, "His Majesty's Servants," were guests of the church in a splendid evening in which they provided a first class vocal and instrumental programme. Miss Doreen Matthews, of the S.I.M., recently brought a message to the Y.P. Fellowship. The C.W.F. have visited patients in the Lidcombe Hospital . . . Members of the football teams connected with the church were on parade on Auxiliary night and assisted in the service.

Circulation Corner

PAPER BOY SALES

(Mackay, Qld.). A cheque for £5/17/3 has been received from this northern church. It represents sales of the "Christian" by a paper boy at church. This method is succeeding in several churches.

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OFFICE MANAGER — OVERSEAS MISSIONS

The Federal Board of the Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Missions wishes to appoint a full-time male to its staff in Adelaide to assist in the running of the office and its accounting duties.

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"OPERATION DOORKNOCK"

(Annerley, Qld.). "Operation Door-knock," a project of visitation, was launched recently with a prayer breakfast and service of dedication. One hundred will visit 5,000 homes in the Annerley district during August, inviting householders to share in the activities of the church, and handing to them an attractive booklet about church activities. Letters are distributed in letter-boxes the week before the visitors go out. This is to inform people of the project and to overcome any resentment that may have developed from visitation by other religious sects. Visitors also wear lapel badges . . . The church is mourning the passing of one of its beloved elders, H. J. Lee. A memorial fund has been started to honor this dedicated man, with a library in his name . . . The church is planning a mission, in October, with Dr. James H. Jauncey.

GOSPEL GOSSIPING

(Canberra, A.C.T.). The church took part in an Inter-Church Fellowship night entitled "Gossiping the Gospel." Several leading laymen spoke on Personal Evangelism, after which discussion groups were formed . . . The minister, Ray Stevens, and Kevin Bray, represented the church at the special training course for the Church and Life Movement . . . The C.W.F. celebrated its 11th birthday with an Inter-Church party on July 29; 130 ladies attended, 68 being representatives from other women's groups in Canberra . . . Five church basketball teams paraded at the evening service on Aug. 1 . . . 36 young people went to Mt. Kosciusko for a day in the snow, on the day that Canberra received its heaviest snowfall for many years . . . The film, "The King's Man," was screened on August 8.



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A MAYORAL SERMON



It was at Parkdale, Victoria. Our congregation there was opening its fine new chapel, which cost, with equipment, £17,000. A brief ceremony outside the main door preceded the turning of the key and the entry of the congregation.

There followed a service of worship and dedication, in which greetings were expressed by civic authorities, local churches and the brotherhood. In representing the city, the Mayor delivered a message. It was so challenging and relevant to the situation in which the church at large finds itself today that it should be shared with others. Following is a resume of the address:

I hope this congregation has not erected this building as an escape from its responsibilities for the Christian well-being of the community. For too long it has been a dogma among some that religion's place is not in economics, local or national government, or business. But the church is not something apart from the community. The early Christians had a deep and serious concern about the social environment.

So today Christianity should be more than prayers, worship and sermons in the church, cleaning and polishing the fittings and canvassing the faithful. It should be service to the world. Archbishop Woods well said, "Christ is leading us out from the church into the world. We are discovering that God's main activity is not to protect his people, his church, from this 'wicked world,' but to save the world and to use the church to save it, even at the cost of appearing to bring the church to nothing in doing it."

People who desire merely to stay behind cloistered walls fail to understand Christ's purpose for the church and are afraid of the hard lessons of their faith.

It is a rarity to find clergymen encouraging people to become councillors, to join school councils, theatre groups, football and cricket clubs, etc., or assist at the opportunity shop, or aid the hospital auxiliary. Church Boards, too, show a lack of community sense in this regard. This may be due to the fact that local church leaders are afraid that the person who assists God's work, other than from his church boundary, will be lost to them. This is a mistaken conception. People

who work in Council or community projects have a real chance to exercise a Christian influence.

In local government there is a tremendous opportunity for service and responsibility on the part of the local church. This is applicable also to participation in local organisations which are part of self-help programmes in community life.

There is no end to the forms in which service presents itself. Church people have a particular talent which can be used in these spheres, but it is wasted because the church doesn't advise them that this talent should be made available at all times for the advancement of God's work in the world.

As members of our benevolent society move through the city those who seek their help are amazed that enquiry is made regarding their church affiliation. "What does that matter?" they ask. "What does the church do for you?" Could this be an indication that the church has little contact with the life of the under-privileged in the community? Does the church feel that it does not have to accept responsibility for these people because they do not go to church? The mission of the church should be to go out among these people manifesting Christ's love and care — to be involved in bearing their burdens.

The church must win the right to contribute to the life of the community. To win this right it must gain the respect and trust of those who direct and work in the community. To gain this respect the church should embark on a carefully planned and sustained development of personal relationships in all spheres of community life. Once there is respect and trust the key will turn in the door and it will re-open and let the church in to the fulfilling of its mission in the world.

I end, then, as I began. I hope that this congregation will not allow this building to be a means of cloistered seclusion and escape from reality and responsibility. Rather, may this building be the hub of a vital Christian work from which many will go out on a mission of service to the community. "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve . . ."

OBITUARY

Leslie Warren.

At the age of 73, on June 20, 1965, Leslie Warren was called to meet the Lord he loved and served. Mr. Warren was baptized at Kadina, S.A., by E. G. Warren. He had fellowship at Kadina, Broken Hill, Maylands and Grote-st. At Broken Hill he married Ethel Loader, a Kadina girl. He served as church secretary, and at one time or another held every office in the Broken Hill church during 40 years' uninterrupted service. He served the community as a Councillor and was able to present the Christian side for civic affairs. Whilst working in the mine there was a fall of earth, and, although himself imperilled and injured, he kept the crane working to save his mates. For this he received a citation of bravery from the Zinc Corp. He was a hospital visitor for 35 years, Board member of Broken Hill Old Folks' Home, Y.M.C.A. and Cemetery Committee. He was a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Warren was a man of deep convictions, a real praying man, one who believed in and supported the mission programme of the church, faithful in attendance and consistent in his witness.—R. Greenhalgh.

Percy Frederick Melhuish.

Percy Frederick Melhuish, a foundation member of Belmont church, Vic., died suddenly on June 28. On the Sunday he was at morning worship and revealed his continual kindly friendship and gracious manner. On the Sunday evening he went to bed with his usual cheerfulness to awake next day in the presence of the Lord. In December, 1940, he became one of the first deacons of the church, and retired from office in Nov., 1953. Preceding his membership at the Belmont church he was an active member for many years at Latrobe Terrace. Last November Mr. and Mrs. Melhuish opened the new building at Belmont. He was laid to rest at the Eastern Cemetery after a service at the church attended by a large number of friends and relatives. To his wife we extend our Christian sympathy.—F. Langford.

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From our Southernmost Church—
Mrs. L. KNIGHT, Dover, Tas.

I can remember back some 60 years in the church, but 20 years before that, Christian men visited our district, calling on every house and inviting people to come and hear the gospel. Men and women from all walks of life accepted—schoolmasters, farmers, forestry workers, wives and children, even travellers. About 50 men and women accepted Christ, were baptized, and began to read their Bibles daily. Men took their New Testaments to work, reading at meal-time, staying after work to instruct others.

These were the days when the late Stephen Cheek was with us. He never spared himself, and the converts also worked unsparingly. Since those days many preachers have come to help the church here, and their task has not been easy. We also say thanks to the wives of the preachers for their loving help.

The sisters of the church are very active today, as in the past. C.W.F. has about 14 members, who meet in members' homes once a month. Help is given joyfully to cases of need. Overseas and Home Missions are always remembered. We are justly proud of our young women members, and encouraged greatly by the help of our men. We send Christian greetings to all.

From our Easternmost Representative—
Mrs. B. WYLIE, San Francisco.

Loving greetings! I am sure I'll never forget coming into Vancouver. We had sighted land from early morning, and then coming through the Straits of Georgia and into Vancouver Harbour was a most glorious picture — the many fir-tree-lined headlands, the beautiful harbour waters, alive with hundreds of small craft, the Lion's Gate Bridge, and the city itself, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains.

How thrilled we were to see our friends, Norman and Dorothy Pell, from Melbourne. Norman is Leighton Ford's Crusade Director in Canada, and had me billed at a pre-Crusade Prayer Rally (two days' notice for me!) When we attended the Christian Community Church in Vancouver, Jessie Trout was the speaker and gave a fine message.

On July 12, we went to Seattle, where we were met by our church folks and were given a wonderful time. University Christian Church in Seattle has a membership of 2,000. Among all their glorious rooms and offices, they have a supper room, used for wedding receptions, and just off this is a most beautiful bride's room (complete with steam and dry iron).

Now we are in San Francisco, then off to Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

BOYCOTT INEFFECTIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA

(Nairobi). The East African nations trade boycott of South Africa has been unsuccessful, and may have strengthened the South African government's position, the Rt. Rev. Leslie Stradling, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, said here.

The more South Africans feel the rest of the world is against them, the stronger becomes the support of some members of the white population for the present South African government, he told a meeting.

He suggested that one way of creating better understanding and removing prejudice would be to encourage greater "coming and going" between residents of South Africa and other nations.

"Target," the East African Christian weekly, supported the appeal for greater exchange, and commented that a re-thinking of the present boycott policy is required, but added: "Our own view is that if a trade boycott was universally applied and enforced by the United Nations, then it might well bring the fortress of apartheid crashing down — even without violence. The diplomatic efforts of African governments should continue to be directed to this end." —E.P.S.

WORLD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches now has a total of 214 full member and eight associate member churches of the Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic traditions in more than 80 countries. The "associate members" are so designated because they have fewer than 10,000 members.

The present number was confirmed at meetings of the W.C.C.'s Executive Committee here. The new member churches were received at the W.C.C.'s Central Committee meeting held in Enugu, Nigeria, in January, but the W.C.C. constitution requires that names be circulated to all member churches and final approval be given only six months later if no objection is received from one-third or more of the constituency.—E.P.S.

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Joan Tippett to Dr. Edwin Wan, Essendon, Vic.
Faye Preston to Geoff. Comber, Black Rock, Vic.
Mrs. Back to Mr. Pertyel, Balwyn, Vic.

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Marian Cameron, Malvern; Mrs. Burman, and Donald, Wattle Park, to Essendon, Vic.
Mrs. D. Cochetto, Croydon; David Francis, Prospect, to Forestville, S.A.
Mrs. Munroe, from Malvern-Caulfield to Croydon, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Batchelor, Kedron, Qld.
Mrs. S. McDowell, Hampton, Vic.
Mrs. Reid, snr., Tamworth, N.S.W.
Ernest Beer, Cheltenham, Vic.
Mrs. M. Enniss, Brighton, Vic.
Mrs. L. Padey, Ashburton, Vic.

BIRTHS

MOORE (Knight). — On July 16, at Cabarisha Hospital, Castlecrag, N.S.W., to Doreen and Noel, a daughter — Naomi Anne. Sister for Phillip.

EDWARDS (Thompson). On Aug. 13, at Geelong, Vic., to Valma and Allen, a daughter — Beth Nerine.

—First grandchild for Lan and Ralph. JACKEL (Jepsen). — To Judy and Graeme, Ballarat, Vic., on Aug. 13, a son — Peter John. Our thanks to our Heavenly Father for a precious gift.

ENGAGEMENTS

RENFREY - GRAHAM. — The engagement is announced of Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Renfrey, Shukerlin, W.A., to Sonny, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham, Norseman, W.A. Both reside at the Norseman Mission.

BIDDLE - CARSON. — Mrs. M. I. Biddle (wife of the late H. F. Biddle), Keith, S.A., is happy to announce the engagement of her only daughter, Gwen, to Errol, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carson, Bordertown, S.A.

DEATHS

PADEY (Hall). — On Aug. 6, Loris Elizabeth, much-loved daughter of Thomas and Vera Hall, dear sister of Donald and Malcolm, sister-in-law of Pamela and Helen, darling auntie of Rhonda, Deirdre, Jennifer, Stuart and Lynda.

FADEY (Hall). — On Aug. 6, Loris Elizabeth, dearest friend of Esther and the Mitchell family. "A friend loveth at all times."

IN MEMORIAM

ALLAN. — In loving memory of James Ernest, passed away Aug. 22, 1957. "Treasured memories keep you near." —Inserted by Doreen and Freda.

BAKER. — In loving memory of Collin Clive, dearly loved son of Dorothy and Bill, and dear brother of Ralph and Philip, died Aug. 17, 1964. Aged 18. "Always in our thoughts."

LEWIS, Ethel — Called by God to receive her soul on August 18, 1956. To live in the memory of those you loved is not to die. We wait that great day when our Jesus Christ will return and gather His people and take them to that home prepared for us.

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Address: A. F. Cant, B.Ed., Mildura, "The Making of Tomorrow."

LUNCH — 12.30 p.m., prepared by Shepparton ladies.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—3 o'clock

Devotions: A. E. Stevens, Wangaratta
Christian Unity Education: The Uniting Church of Australia — Our Relationship and Responsibility — the Plans of Our Christian Union Dept. prior to and at Federal Conference, Melbourne, 1966.

Speakers: H. F. Gross, B.A., Dept. Sec. J. H. McCormick, Wattle Park.

Question Time: A panel comprising Mrs. D. Strack, Pres., Federal Women's Council; R. Collard, Presbyterian minister; R. Gordon, Methodist minister, and the speakers will answer questions posed by the congregation.

FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP TIME — 4.45 to 5.30 p.m.

TEA — 5.30 p.m., prepared by Shepparton ladies.

EVENING SESSION—6.45 p.m.

Devotions: B. L. Pryor, Echuca.
Address: R. N. Gilmore, B.A., Brighton, "In the Day's Work."

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C.W.F. MISSIONARY RALLY

(Vic.). The annual rally of the Missionary Committee was held in the Lygon-st. church on Wednesday, August 11. In spite of very wintry conditions, over 200 ladies attended. Morning tea, provided by Mrs. Lowrey and her committee, proved a welcome beginning.

The Missionary Committee Supt., Mrs. C. Candy, presided at the morning session. Especially welcomed were D. H. Smith, H.M. secretary; Kevin Harvey, H.M. Field Officer; Mrs. Langford and Mrs. McIntyre.

Mrs. F. E. Langford, from Belmont church, led in devotions. Mrs. McIntyre, also from Belmont, delighted with two messages in song, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Taylor, who provided all the music throughout the day.

Mr. Harvey shared enthusiastically his experiences as a Home Mission Field Officer, and gave to the meeting much food for thought — "either we evangelise or we perish."

The Conference President of C.W.F., Mrs. H. Dickson, presided in the afternoon and welcomed the speaker, E. W. Roffey. The soloist was Mrs. Val Breen, who gave two lovely messages in song, both with an appropriate theme.

A panel of five ladies, around a table as in "The Board room at the Brotherhood Centre," discussed the work of the Aborigine Committee, asking and answering questions concerning the work in the missions fields and on the home front.

Mr. Roffey spoke of the work of Overseas Missions as fulfilled by the Churches of Christ.

—Joyce N. Sharp, sec.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Black Rock, Vic.). P. Payne has accepted the members' invitation to continue his part-time ministry for a further 3 years. Attendances are improving. A young girl was baptized recently. . . . C.M.F. held successful session on training for morning duties. . . . Mission Band forwarded food parcels overseas and clothing to Aborigine Missions. C.Y.F. is very active.

LETTER WRITING NIGHT

(Croydon, Vic.). C.W.F. used their July meeting to write letters to missionaries on the field. . . . The film, "The Way Out," was screened on July 25. . . . C.M.S. held a social evening at home of S. Lacey. . . . R. Cooke spoke on "Antiques" at C.W.E.F. meeting. . . . C.Y.F. members shared with Mooroolbark Baptist Y.P. on Aug. 7.

GIVING EFFECTIVE

(Dandenong, Vic.). The Planned Giving programme was successful, and it is hoped that the church will increase its service beyond the congregational boundaries. . . . The Sunday School anniversary had as guest speakers, Mrs. Lorraine Clency and N. S. Gilmore, minister of Brighton, and a former minister at Dandenong. Mr. Gilmore also spoke to the C.E. . . . C.W.F. ladies led a service at Will H. Clay Nursing Home. . . . The Boys' Explorers won a Service Project pennant. . . . For the July 25 gospel service, members met in the Primary room and discussed questions from Genesis 1. . . . Our Scouts were in camp with all other Dandenong Groups, at the Jamboree site, Aug. 13-15. Our minister, A. R. Lloyd, as group chaplain, conducted the "Scouts' Own" service on Sunday morning. Other chaplains assisted.

CHINESE SINGERS

(Northcote, Vic.). Recently a group of Chinese singers from the Queensberry-st. church assisted in a Sunday gospel service. . . . Girls and mothers shared in a tea on Girls' Sunday, with Mrs. D. Strack, Fed. Women's Pres., as guest speaker. The girls formed a choir for the evening service. . . . After C.Y.F. held a weekend camp at Monbulk they returned to share in the evening service. . . . F. M. Combridge was speaker on Aug. 8. . . . The B.S. is conducting a "Plan for Development."

MEN v. YOUTH

(Malvern, Vic.). Men's Fellowship took service on Aug. 1, when Tas. Beason was speaker. They also held a debate with Youth Camp on Aug. 8. Subject was, "That the Church of Today Adequately Provides for the Youth of Today." Ken Masterton adjudicated and awarded the verdict to the Youth Group by 81 to 68 points. . . . Girls' service on July 18 was a great success. B. Hunt was speaker. . . . Soloists have been Helen Walker, Anita Galbraith, Val Woff, Will Newham.

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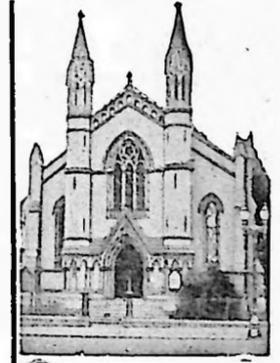
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LONG SERVICE

(Essendon, Vic.). A married lady has been baptized and welcomed into fellowship. D. Ferguson has resigned after 28 years as church treasurer. N. Hutton succeeds him . . . On Aug. 1, Miss A. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. W. Alves and Robert, were farewelled on leaving the district; gifts were presented . . . Miss M. Narracott succeeds Miss Bone as C.F.A. agent . . . Girls' and Mens' Sunday have been observed . . . Ian Cockrane has been welcomed back from England. . . . Hall Fund has now reached £4,000.

STAWELL YOUTH

(Vic.). C.Y.F. group entertained the Ararat C.Y.F. to a "spook" night recently . . . A weekend camp was held at Hall's Gap, Aug. 6-8, for 18 young people. Eight Good Companions and two leaders were enrolled on July 24. Twelve leaders held a meeting and formed a zone between Hamilton and Ararat . . . A special afternoon was held on July 29 by C.W.F. ladies. Slides on two Aborigines stations were shown. Talent Fund is now in full swing.

EARLY CHURCH POPULAR

(Bayswater, Vic.). The 4.45 p.m. Sunday evening service has been so successful that the trial period has been extended until October . . . K. G. Clinton occupied the pulpit just prior to his departure for Yale University, U.S.A. . . . Mrs. Haydn, of General Dorcas, was guest speaker at C.W.F. A parcel of beautiful clothing has been given to Eva Jones, of Carnarvon Mission, by C.W.F., who have also made a gift of £75 to the officers for the reduction of the church building debt.

"ADVENTURE '66"

(Brighton, Vic.). The church has unanimously endorsed a programme entitled "Adventure '66." A brochure setting out three special projects invites co-operation in Aid, by assisting the church at East Bentleigh by a gift to the extent of £16 per week; in Stewardship, by sharing in the adventure of giving; and in Mission, by joining in the Mission to Brighton, which is planned and sponsored by the Brighton Ministers' Fraternal. The first stage in the Adventure, "Learning to Grow as Christians," was marked by splendid interest . . .

The Church School will conduct a three-day Adventure Time after school hours on August 24 to 26 to win new scholars and encourage attendance . . . The C.M.S. welcomed David Taylor, Director of Rennie's Mill Orphanage in Hong Kong, as speaker. The C.M.S. 1964 project raised 10,000 Hong Kong dollars for this missionary service. Men are now at work on their 1965 project to assist in supplying furniture for the new South Canberra church . . . The Evening Women's Fellowship is raising funds for Migrant Welfare aid . . . The newly formed Boys' Explorer Club held first parade on Aug. 1, and were presented with badges and cards by minister, N. S. Gilmore.

CONCERN AND CASUALTIES

(Chadstone, Vic.). Concern at lack of prayer life has forced a new look at the needs of prayer . . . Evening service now being used for discussion purposes. . . . Coffee Club, "Hades," has commenced . . . Bible School busy preparing for fete . . . Mr. Wadsworth, one of our deacons, injured fingers on both hands. . . . C.M.S. and cricket club now extinct.

RED HILL. The church enjoyed visit from Conf. Pres., Frank J. Funston . . . Church annual business meeting elected R. Smith, D. Holmes, C. White, S. Prossor (sec.), B. Prossor (treas.), N. Westmore, K. Torney, as deacons . . . Mrs. A. Andrew retired after some years as leader of Good Companions, was succeeded by Mrs. T. Torney . . . Explorers leader, K. Torney; co-Adult Counsellor C.Y.F., T. Torney; B.S. supt., J. Kirby. Mrs. R. Holmes is visiting son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. Kingston, Adelaide.

OBITUARY

Hector John Campbell.

The call to Higher service came suddenly to Hector John Campbell, on July 31, at Camberwell, Vic. Hector was, in his earlier years, associated with the church at Ascot Vale and, later, with the church at Gardiner.

He was well known as the State Scribe and then as the National Scribe of P.C.F.O. (Kappa Sigma Pi and Phi Beta Pi), in which he was vitally interested, and was assiduous in the promotion of the Orders, and thereby a blessing to many young people.

Hector was held in high esteem in his place of employment, and was well known for his Christian principles. He was a courteous Christian gentleman.—W. A. Kemp.

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S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

One hundred and ninety ladies, including 156 delegates and two interstate visitors (Mrs. Croft, Vic., Mrs. Oliver, W.A.) met at Grote-st. for their monthly meeting on Aug. 5. The President, Mrs. Cunningham, paid tribute to the late Mrs. Shipway and her work as a former State Pres. and Federal Pres. of Women's Conference. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Watson, with prayer by Mrs. Kruger.

Women's United Church Association has arranged a morning tea and reception on Sept. 3 for Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, a social worker from Djakarta, Indonesia, and holder of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Women of our churches are invited to attend the Lecture Hall, Pirle-st. Methodist Church.

Annual State Conference will be held on Sept. 9, commencing at 10 a.m. Country groups please advise names of your delegates to Conference. Luncheon tickets will be reserved for country delegates and will be available from ladies in charge of country rolls before 10 a.m., and at lunch time. Suburban groups, please forward delegates' names for new Conference year.

Hostesses for Women's Conference day are Mesdames Fax, Hammer, Jones and F. Lewis. They will be wearing mauve badges and be ready to help with enquiries.

President's thought for the month was: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16: 33).

Aborigines' Department Rally. Mrs. Bell, leader of Department, welcomed special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jones (Balaklava), Mrs. G. Butler, Mrs. Clothier and Mrs. Oliver (W.A.). Guest artists were soloists, Mrs. Russell (Hindmarsh), and elocutionist, Mrs. Fooks (Beverley).

Thanks were expressed for the gifts of clothing for Norseman. Devotions were led by Mrs. Clothier, who served for eight years at Norseman, and the theme of her meditation was "The Friendship and Companionship of Christ." Mrs. G. Butler (Strathalbyn), missionary-elect to Carnarvon, brought greetings.

Guest speaker was Cliff Jones, who recently spent several weeks assisting the work in the Norseman area. He told of the many and varied duties of the missionaries, explained the work being done at Esperance, and gave instances of evangelistic work being done in the area. —M. Wright, Asst. Sec.

VICTORIAN WOMEN

154 delegates from 60 C.W.F. groups (Vic.-Tas.) met on Aug. 6, with Mrs. Dickson presiding. Mrs. J. Way led the devotional session.

John Way, Asst. Director of the Dept. of Christian Education, gave an address on Christian Education.

Mrs. Dorning and Mrs. Fisher, from the newly formed C.W.F. at Briar Hill, were welcomed, also three visitors, Mrs. Burt (S.A.), Mrs. Jeffery (W.A.) and Mrs. Burall (Maryborough).

Groups are undertaking to make 100 mattress covers for the Waterman Camp. Material is being supplied by the Dept. of Christian Education.

Mrs. Morrison invited delegates to inspect the pleasing result of the re-decorating of Ludbrook House.

Mrs. Candy thanked members for their response to the appeal for uniforms for nurses in the New Hebrides. £78/16/-, enough for 40 uniforms, has been donated. The Annual Dorcas "Bring and Buy" day will be held at the next meeting on Sept. 3. It was requested that gifts for hospitals be brought in by the November meeting.

We were saddened by the news of the death of many during the past month, Hector Campbell, Mr. Pain, Mr. Milne, Mrs. Fletcher, snr., Mrs. Shipway, Mrs. Padey, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. Notman offered the intercessory prayer.—P. W. Ludbrook, Asst. Sec.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. J. L. Pallot presided at the August meeting of the W.A. Women's Auxiliary. 116 were present, representing 23 C.W.F.'s.

Harvey C.W.F. journeyed the 90 miles to Perth to present the morning meditation, which was led by Mrs. Pollick. The President of the South West Women's Conference, Mrs. Ray Stanford, developed her message from John 7: 37. Mrs. Ottrey, snr., presented the Harvey church retrospect. As she traced the growth of the church since its inception one was conscious that the Lord had built the house and those who built had not laboured in vain.

Financial statement showed a balance in hand of £736/12/4.

Several C.W.F. reported that they had commenced pre-meeting prayer meetings as part of their personal preparation for Woman to Woman Evangelism.

J. K. Bond, guest speaker, presented a study with duplicated notes on "Personal Evangelism," the greatest work in the world. Aggressive evangelism is fraught with difficulties dangerous to the church, but never as dangerous as the lack of it. Our Lord was a personal worker. The crowds sought him — he sought the individual. He demonstrated the love of God upon the obscure people — the mentally, physically and spiritually sick. Personal evangelism was the work of the disciples — they first introduced their contacts to Jesus, then the church. We need to do this also. Personal evangelism is the divine plan. The "go" has never been taken out of the gospel. Wherever we are we must take the Word of Life and gossip the gospel. The two essential pre-requisites for personal evangelism are: (1) to know Christ as your own personal Saviour. (2) to know and use his Word.

—Dora Gordon, secretary.

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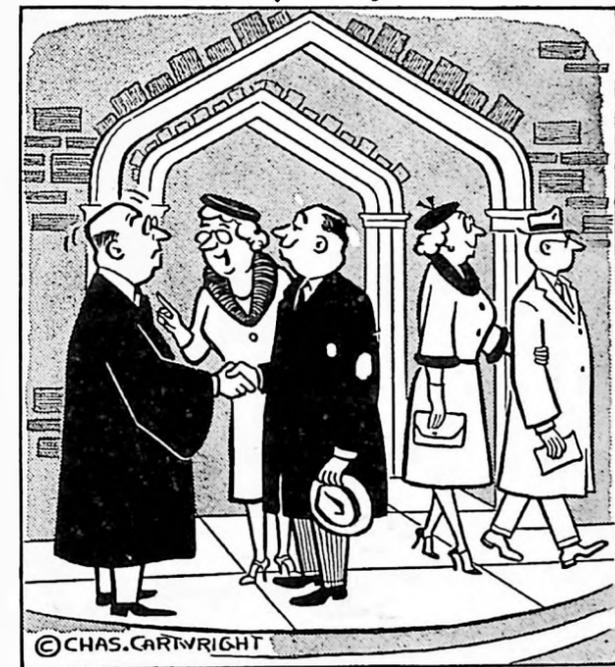
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DIVISION.

To the Editor,

Eric Hollard's warning ("A.C." 7/8/65) "scandal of a broken brotherhood" coincides with extraordinary developments in his State of S.A.

A church paper of a strong group of churches in S.A. states, "The S.A. Churches of Christ Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union wants to know the opinions of the ordinary church member to matters which will vitally affect our future.

1. Overseas and Home Mission Departments already exercise a ministry similar to that of a pastoral bishop. Would an extension of this ministry, to include all our churches, benefit them?

2. Have we anything to fear from a united church that allowed both infant and believer's baptism?"

On the surface this would seem a "feeler," but they are the very things which divided the Disciples of Christ on the floor of Conference, back in the 1920's. Thus we now have "the Independents," one million in membership. If the current Disciples' efforts in the U.S.A. to merge the United Church of Christ succeed, division could result still further, for there are still many conservative Disciples.

May such moves be rejected by all Conferences, if they ever reach that stage.

—Arnold C. Caldicott, Vic.

This letter was referred for comment to the Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union in S.A., and the following statement is made by R. H. Sercombe:—

"The correspondence from the S.A. Committee for the promotion of Christian Union referred to in the above letter, was sent out to our ministers with the approval of the S.A. Executive Committee, and was intended to stimulate discussion at the local level of the kind of questions that may have to be faced if we begin conversations with other Churches. Dr. Caldicott has headed his letter DIVISION, and has spoken of 'extraordinary developments.' He speaks of a 'feeler' and Churches being divided on the floor of Conference, and has linked us with the unhappy experience of our American brethren. He seems to be imputing sinister motives, but his quotes are taken completely out of context. This is the sort of thing that causes division. We should never be afraid to discuss the implications of our faith and need to remind ourselves that truth fears no investigation."

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8th WORLD CONVENTION TO ADELAIDE!

Sir Philip Messent, President.

As we were going to press we received official word from I. J. Chivell, Secretary, Australian World Convention Committee, that the EIGHTH WORLD CONVENTION will be held in ADELAIDE, in the third week of OCTOBER, 1970. The endorsement at San Juan, Puerto Rico, was unanimous.

Sir Philip Messent has been elected President of the Convention for the next five years, and Mrs. E. V. Lawton, of Adelaide, is President of the Women's World Fellowship.

CHIVELL OVER THERE.

To the Editor,

In Honolulu, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawton and I were met by Geo. Jacobs, minister of First Christian Church, and shown the city, the island, and, of course, Pearl Harbour. In the U.S. I travelled with 15 other Australians and the N.Z. party from Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon and on to Albuquerque. We spent an unforgettable night in Las Vegas. We were told that there are 7 miles of neon lights on one of the casinos. The only time the place closed down in the last 15 years was for two days when President Kennedy was assassinated. We were surprised to learn that there are 125 churches there. We have quite a virile work and not everyone gambles. Our assistant minister there conducted 1,300 weddings last year.

At Fort Worth I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Parr-Armstrong, who visited Australia two years ago. They have happy memories of their visit to us. I spoke to the Adult Classes in South Hills Christian Church, preached at Boulevard Christian in the morning, and at North Fort Worth Christian Church at night, when three of our churches combined. In Houston, I was met by Arthur and Flo. Crouch, former Australians. They were on their way to conduct revival meetings in Missouri, so I travelled with them by car for 1,100 miles. I caught up with the Australian party again at St. Louis, and we were shown over the publishing house of the Christian Board of Publication and the Bethany Bookshop.

The kindness and consideration of our American people to all of us in every place is even more than we could anticipate.

—I. J. Chivell.

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Moments of Worship



Thursday, August 26. Psalm 8. What is man that thou art mindful of him? (v. 4).

When did David write this psalm? Some scholars argue that he did not write any of the psalms until after he became king. This may be so, but if it is, there is still no doubt that he drew on his experiences as a shepherd. This psalm so naturally expresses his feelings when, on one brilliant night, he saw the evidence of the hand of God in the splendour of the heavens. What could possibly cause the creator of such magnificence to spare time for man, so insignificant?

Eternal Father, we do not know why you should bother, but we have learned through Christ that you do. Amen.

Friday, August 27. Psalm 9: 1-8. He judges the world with righteousness (v. 8).

In the news just now there are references to men who have spent long years in prison for crimes they did not commit. In another case, a severe prison sentence was given for a crime that should have produced no more than a fine. Man will fail as a judge sometimes because he does not know enough, or because he is indifferent or cruel. The psalmist reminds us that the Lord is a just judge. We must continue to strive for true justice for others as well as for ourselves, but always there is the assurance that God will be at the final court of appeal.

Our Father, we are glad that you know when we are truly innocent, but we remind ourselves that you also know when we are secretly guilty. Amen.

Saturday, August 28. Psalm 9: 9-14. Those who know thy name put their trust in thee (v. 10).

The name stands for the person, and to know the name means to know the person concerned. When we think of a person's name we think of what he

is or what he has done. We do not really know God by name if we know nothing of his majesty, concern and love. But we do know God by name and nature. He has been made known to us by his Son. The more we know him the more we trust him. Someone has said that "trust" comes from the same root as "true." True, truer, truest, trust. Our name for God is truth. When we know that name, God will have our trust.

O God of truth, we trust you in word, help us to trust you in deed. Amen.

Sunday, August 29. Psalm 9: 15-20. Higgsion. Selah (v. 16).

In the Psalms we often come across the word "selah." It is a Hebrew word that means "pause." The psalms were used for singing and this pause was to guide the musicians. The word should never be spoken in the public reading of scripture, but it could well help us to stop to think about the meaning of the passage. "Higgsion" means "meditate." Again it is an instruction for the choir and instrumentalists and not for speaking. The subject of this psalm is the awfulness of evil and its certain judgment. "Pause and meditate on these things."

Dear Lord, when we do stop to think about evil and its consequences, we immediately think about Jesus and his way to forgiveness. Amen.

Monday, August 30. Psalm 10: 1-4. Why dost thou hide thyself? (v. 1).

God does sometimes seem to stand aside. When trouble comes we feel so terribly alone. However, it would be foolish to expect God to take the struggle out of life. The butterfly has to fight its way out of its cocoon to get strength to fly, the plant has to struggle through the soil or it will remain weak, the child learns to walk through stumbling and falling. But God is also near to help if we are tested beyond our strength.

O Christ, even from you God seemed to hide his face, but he was near enough for you to commit yourself to the Father. Amen.

Tuesday, August 31. Psalm 10: 1-8. He sits in ambush in the villages (v. 8).

That this psalm has no title supports the view that Psalms 9 and 10 were once joined. Psalm 9 is about the heathen outside the chosen people. Psalm 10 refers to the wicked inside. There is always something more terrible about the thief who is a supposedly loyal servant. So, too, with the wicked inside the people of God. There may be some excuse for those who are ignorant of God, there can be none for those who know him. The description of the wicked man is terrible: "His mouth is filled with cunning . . . he sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent . . . he lurks in secret like a lion in his covert; he lurks that he may seize the poor."

Dear God, help us to be a part of the answer to evil and not its cause. Amen.

Wednesday, Sept. 1. Psalm 11. In the Lord I take refuge, how can you say to me, "Flee!" (v. 1).

How often people run away from trouble, only to find that they take their trouble with them. A boy caught at stealing, a man ridiculed for stupidity, a domestic quarrel that is a community scandal—how often it is said, "Let's go somewhere else and start all over again." The great trouble with running away is that usually the trouble is not in the place that is left, but in the person that is leaving.

Eternal One, it is not always easy to stay, but it is easier when we remember that you stay with us. Amen.

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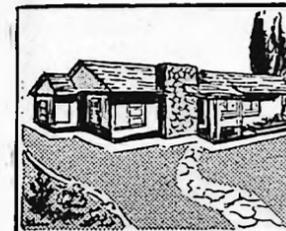
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City lay through the midst of it. Now this
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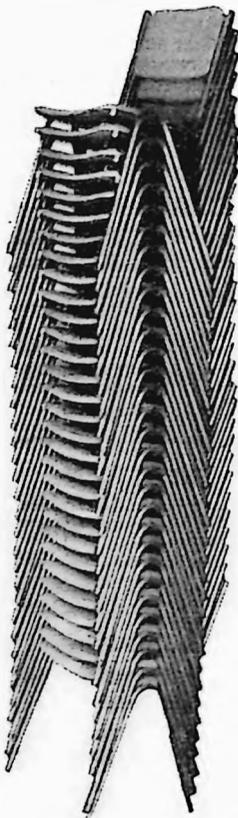
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