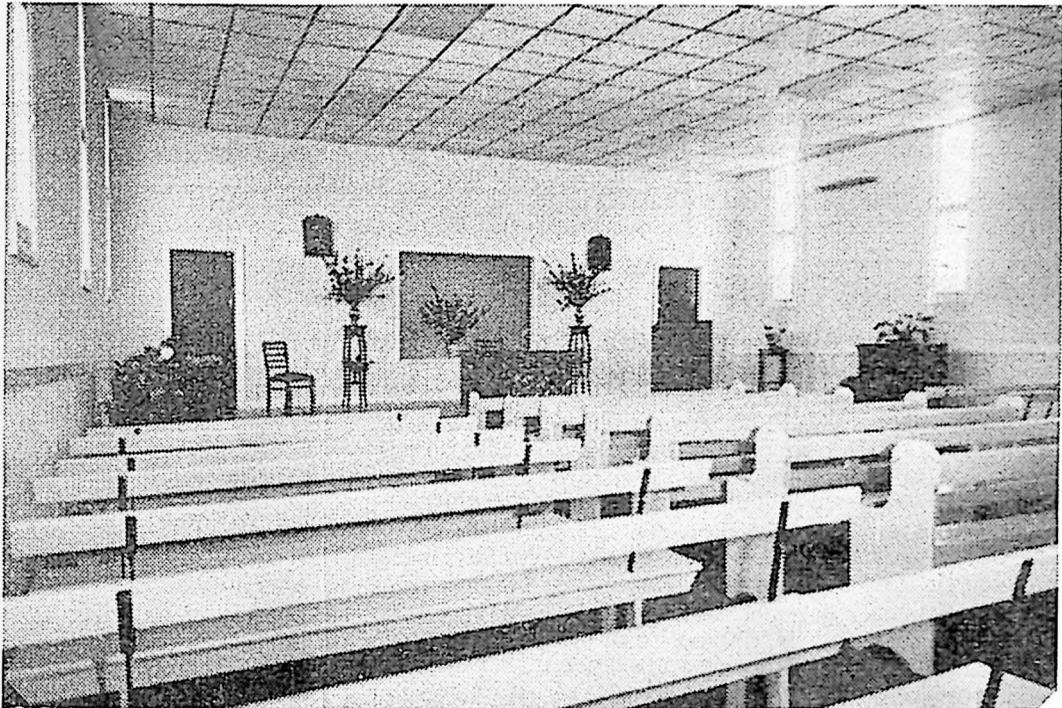


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AN AMBITIOUS ADVERTISEMENT

I see that we are trying the impossible again! In a day when competent tradesmen pay fairly stiff income tax, and when highly paid workers are going on strike to get even more, there is an advertisement in this issue asking men to work for nothing. In addition to working six weeks without pay, the men are required to pay their own air fares to New Guinea and back!

Surely that is an impossible expectation! Maybe, but here is one who believes that there will be more applicants than there will be jobs. For this is a missionary task and there will be many prepared to invest time and money in the Christian service of building a hospital at Bunapas.

Once upon a time, in order to be a missionary, the only equipment you needed was a Bible, faith, courage, patience, love, and a willingness to do whatever had to be done — with or without experience. Today, the missionary needs the Bible, faith, courage, patience, love and a similar willingness. But we have also learned that it is necessary to have training for skilled tasks. The Bible does not replace general school text books. Willingness is not the same as skill. So we send out missionaries who are also teachers, doctors, dentists and nurses. They all serve Christ in a spirit of evangelistic concern.

For the same reasons we may need agricultural experts, mechanics, chemists, etc., and just now we need builders for Bunapas.

Our Lord would surely approve of this appeal for assistance. In his great mission of evangelism he, too, was a teacher and a doctor. He was also a carpenter doing a special kind of building!

THE U.N. OPENS AN EYE

The United Nations General Assembly is about to convene after a year of inaction. It did not go into recess. It just did not meet.

The trouble facing the United Nations is not only financial, but it does have its money troubles. Some nations, including Soviet Russia, refused to pay any share of the huge costs of U.N. peace-keeping adventures, particularly that in the Congo. This meant that other nations, including the U.S.A., had to accept additional heavy financial burdens.

According to the constitution of the U.N., nations forfeit their voting rights if they are unfinancial. The U.S. and Britain and others were determined to force the objecting nations to pay up or lose their voice.

Fearing that a head-on clash could mean the end of the U.N., the Secretary-General, U Thant, simply did not convene the Assembly. Prestige counts for so much in the gathering of nations that it is at least possible that suspended nations would refuse ever to return. With Indonesia already withdrawn, and with Communist China never invited to join, it is easy to see that the effective working of the U.N. could come to an end if the U.S.S.R. and France were also to drop out.

The U.S. has now announced that it will not insist upon the payment of costs for the peace-keeping missions, and it is a splendid and generous gesture. This action cannot ensure that answers will be found for the many dangerous problems facing the world, but it will at least give a further opportunity at the conference table.

The U.N. has at least one thing in common with the World Council of Churches. It is no more a Super-State than the W.C.C. is a Super-Church. The U.N. is simply a meeting place for sovereign States which may co-operate but which will not surrender their sovereignty. They each retain their right to think and act independently. The privileges and prestige of sovereignty are more jealously guarded today than ever and a World Government is not even on the horizon of our hopes.

The U.N.'s role is more and more recognised as a place for conference and debate rather than as an agency of enforcement. It's most effective service to the world has been in areas like those of health, education, and the economic development of backward countries. The attempt to interfere in the disastrous war in the Congo almost ruined the U.N. Involvement in another such adventure in South-East Asia or anywhere else could completely destroy it.

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The report of the opening celebrations
appeared last week.

World Convention Report

BY E. P. C. HOLLARD

CITATIONS AT PUERTO RICO.

Following an established custom, the World Convention made citations to individuals from the world brotherhood. These are for outstanding service to the world church, and not necessarily from our own people. Over ten countries nominated twenty-six people for the honors, only five can be awarded at any time.

The 1965 list is:—

1. **Dr. Jesse M. Bader.** This was presented posthumously, and Mrs. Bader accepted. Dr. Bader's name has been a familiar one as the originator of the World Convention, as its first President and then General Secretary.

2. **Dr. Charles Clayton Morison** of Chicago. He is a Disciple minister, author and lecturer. For 30 years he owned, edited and published "The Christian Century," the world's best known church journal.

3. **Dr. Stephen J. England**, of Oklahoma. He has been Chairman of the Central Study Committee, President of the International Convention University Administrator, author, lecturer and preacher.

4. **President Lyndon Johnson** of the U.S.A., a member of our National City Church, he was cited for his constant attention to justice and goodwill.

5. **Dr. Martin Niemoller**, of Germany. As President of the World Council of Churches, ambassador of goodwill to all men, scholar, defender of faith, his was a popular choice.

An Australian flavour was added as Russell Baker, of Melbourne, our own Federal Conference President, made the awards in his own gracious manner.

KIRKPATRICK APPOINTED.

World Convention has voted on the appointment of its World Secretary. The Acting Secretary, Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, was a unanimous and popular choice. Australians recall his visit last year with much affection. He is greatly loved over here. His first address in his new capacity stressed the urgency for unity in our world brotherhood, particularly in the United States of America. His career will be followed with much prayer.

STANDING OVATIONS.

A world figure can be sure of a welcome in most places; the opportunity to see and hear some people has an electric effect.

This was so on the first appearance of **Dr. Martin Niemoller.** The crowd arose spontaneously to him. The humility of the man created a reaction. He simply pleaded with the people to sit down and not to demonstrate. Thus when his citation was announced it was popu-

lar. A small man, bent and almost fragile, he seems almost insignificant. With halting speech, and German accent, he does not command great attention. But when the first sentence has been spoken, all else is forgotten, and a modern prophet is at hand! A Nazi regime could break on the courage and faith of such men.

Dr. Martin Luther King was also wonderfully received. Escorted to the dais he, too, received a standing ovation. But, what a difference in the atmosphere! King is political dynamite. As he spoke, two obvious agents stood near the pulpit, heads never still for a second as they searched the huge crowd. For reasons none could know, two cars stood behind the platform, police were more in evidence than anywhere we've seen.

Dr. King said most of the things we've read from him. This is a natural thing to do, for he has a cause. All were impressed by the simplicity and sincerity of this great Negro Christian.

It was unfortunate that our session came at the time of the Los Angeles rioting. A body of Christians, in spite of personal opinions over segregation, can usually be depended upon to maintain a balance. The response to the address indicated this, as considerable acclaim resulted.

A SINGING CITIZENRY.

This about sums up the Puerto Ricans, aside from their hospitable spirit. They simply sing. They cannot help it. The taxi driver sings, the waitress sings, they all sing! And the choirs at the Convention! Let us look to our laurels! Throughout we've had groups of young people, choirs of men or women, singing in Spanish. One speaker suggested that Spanish is the language of the angels, and at the Pearly Gates a few words of this liquid tempo are necessary. But when the Puerto Ricans sing it we have an idea of his meaning.

The admixture of the Spanish and Negro races has brought two peoples together whose souls have always been best expressed in music.

Even so this musical ability has other expressions. I'm convinced that every Puerto Rican child is born, not with a silver spoon in its mouth, but with its finger on a motor horn! For no apparent reason at all these deadly earplitters are pressed at intervals of ten feet. The result is dreadful.

All parting Conventioneers will say, "Unichos Gracias," for happy people making happy music. (Having used two words, and knowing several others, I feel sure the recording angel will duly take note!)

The Mayor of San Juan, the Honorable Fellsa R. Gautier (a lady) is a sym-

bol. She's been Mayor for 19 years. I dare say the man isn't born who would risk loss of face in a beating by opposing her. She entertained us all at a reception. Noise, an orchestra and tramping feet, all opposed her gracious welcome of hundreds as they filed past. Many cheeks were kissed by her! For happy contagion she is the best we've seen. She gave a recent interview to reporters on women's clothing and asked the dress designers what they were trying to do to the hemline. The Mayor is Puerto Rico, and her people are just wonderful!

PAPAL CANDLE PRESENTED.

There's an order of priests who for many years have manufactured special candles for the Pope, and he in turn, presents them to churches and institutions as a sign of favor. They are huge, about 15 feet long and at least four inches thick. One of them arrived at the World Convention.

The Ecumenical Service on the Friday night saw an array of church representation which surpassed the opening night. The R.C. Archbishop of Ponce brought a kindly and most brotherly greeting and, just prior to his word, the afore-mentioned candle was presented. It had arrived from Rome several days before.

That night the sermon was given by Alphonso Rodriguez, President emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba. His face is twisted and scarred to a marked degree, and 32 surgery plastic operations have left him with this impairment. He started the assembly by asserting, "I believe in miracles," and then told his personal testimony of the hand of the Lord in giving him a face and a faith. This was the most warm-hearted and almost evangelical address of the Convention. The platform, emblazoned with the words, "Jesus Christ is Lord," and the array of church dignitaries became a symbol as Dr. Rodriguez spoke of the impact of Christ when his Lordship is acknowledged both within the life, in the Church and translated into the function of being Christian.

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A BLACK FACE . . .

Charges Christianity

BY CHARLES H. DOW

"Isn't it about time he put away his whiplash and joined the rest of us sinners?" is the question posed by B. Southwick about James Baldwin, the Negro writer with the flaming pen. There is a very real sense in which Mr. Southwick is right, because the tenor of most of Baldwin's writing about the Church is that it is all bad, and someone has failed miserably in translating what the real Church ought to look like.

Yet it is important that we do not discard the criticism of this devastating critic because he cuts with the same sense of urgency that a neuro-surgeon would use in order to relieve the pressure so that the patient might live. The surgeon's role is important in all our consultations about the future health of the Church. But the healing practitioner must also have an equal position of prominence so that organs which have served the body well will not be removed unless they themselves are endangering the health of the body.

There are many such surgeons who serve as correctives, and we would do well to heed such voices as Bishop Robinson, Colin Williams, and others. James Baldwin, in his book, "The Fire Next Time," warrants careful notice by the concerned churchmen, and his charges against the Church need our attention.

Mr. Southwick says, "To accept Baldwin's indictment without protest is to admit that the Christian Churches are a nest of crude hypocrisies, the Christian faith itself a Pauline abomination of puritanical superstition." It would be easy to discount Baldwin upon the basis of this statement. But to do this would be less than fair in our search for truth. All too often we are guilty of banishing all because we don't like some.

What are some of the charges he has laid at the door of the Church? He claims,

Our God is Caucasian

"The universe is simply a sounding drum . . . the universe is not merely the stars and the moon and the planets, flowers, grass, and the trees, but other people. The universe has evolved no terms for your existence, has made

no room for you, and if love will not swing wide the gates, no other power can . . . But God . . . and I felt this even then so long ago, on that tremendous floor, unwillingly is white."

His reference to the floor relates to his highly emotional conversion when he writhed on the floor. Why is it that this criticism is constantly being raised by the black faces of the world? Does it mean that in our sharing of the essential nature of the gospel we have failed miserably to demythologize the western culture which has practically strangled the real essence of Christianity?

We Caucasians have dealt with the black faces of the world in such a way that the term, second class citizenship, is a reality even if ideally in our theology, it has no place. This is not a "straw man" in the minds of our black brethren, and this charge means some honest thinking and actions must follow if we are ever to belie the charge. Albert Luthuli reminds us, "The Christian Faith sprang from Asia Minor, and to this day it speaks with a Semitic voice."

Missionary Motives Are Suspect

As a brotherhood we are enthusiastic about our endeavour in this area. We ought to feel some measure of satisfaction because it does indicate that we are not religiously introverted. But something has gone wrong. The pipe dreams of the Church have exploded in our faces. The great missionary goals to Christianize the world face serious charges.

Africa is a seething torment, China has become logically deterministic in philosophy, South East Asia is frighteningly nationalistic. In all these places millions of pounds and thousands of lives have been spent in an attempt to reveal the possibilities of man once he meets the tall, lithe stranger from Galilee. Have we failed? If so, where? Baldwin says:

"When the white man came to Africa, the white man had the Bible and the African the land. But now it is the white man who is being reluctantly and bloodily separated from the land, and the African who is still attempting to digest or vomit up the Bible."

A pretty harsh appraisal of sincere endeavour, we might say. Does this mean that our understanding of the indigenous Church has come too late? Is lateness one of our great problems? Should we have a group of trained sociologists, political scientists and theologians to help us see the implications of the future instead of those who have the difficult task of correcting the mistakes of the past? No doubt both task forces are needed.

"The Church Has Robbed Us of Our Manhood"

This charge has been laid at our doorstep throughout the history of the Church. Baldwin regrets it. He says

"I felt I was committing a crime in talking about the gentle Jesus, in telling them to reconcile themselves to their misery on earth in order to gain Eternal Life. Were only Negroes to gain this crown? Was heaven then to be merely another ghetto?"

There is a very real sense in which we must plead guilty at this point. We have reacted violently to our senses which are an essential part of God's creative process. I think Baldwin is right when he says, "Something very sinister happens to the people of a country when they begin to distrust their own reactions as deeply as they do here and become as joyless as we have become."

The important question which has always been foremost in the mind of man as to, Who he is? and What he is? needs continually to be asked and some semblance of an answer must be found.

Our young people are struggling with this whole question of manhood and we have not really been able to help them from our self-erected monasteries. Their blatant honesty about themselves and their bodies disturb us immeasurably. The story of the Prodigal Son is one of a father who was wise enough to see his son's deep need of self-discovery in the conflicts of life. Many can't find out who they are within a foam padded environment of our institutional Church. Is Baldwin right when he charges you and me with the destruction of people's manhood?

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It's Time to Choose

Ministers, sociologists, political scientists and those whose thinking is at the cutting edge of life are constantly talking about the "winds of change." These people serve as a reminder of the revolutions that are bubbling near the surface of human relationships.

Someone has said, "The only thing history teaches us is that history doesn't teach us anything." This suggestion must never be allowed to be true, or otherwise we stand in grave peril. It savours of a doctrine of predestination which fails to take account of the genius of man. Yet nevertheless, it does suggest the time has come for us to break free from attitudes and norms of be-

haviour which destroy. Baldwin shakes our very foundation when he says:

"In the realm of morals, the role of Christianity has been at best ambivalent . . . If the concept of God has any validity or any use, it can only make us larger, freer, and more loving. If God cannot do this, then it is time we got rid of him."

We would claim this is just sheer heresy because you just don't get rid of God as easily as this. But this charge does serve to remind us that in this critical time we can't expect changes to happen without the impetus of Christian minds and hands. Baldwin reminds us of the great eschatological truth which has been inherent in human history even as far back as the time of Noah.

"God gave Noah the rainbow sign, no more water, the fire next time."

Southwick, the critic of Baldwin, tells us that it is the people, the ordinary people, who have to carry this burden of social revolution on their backs and in their hearts. God has no other instrument for his will. We can discard these charges from this black faced revolutionary; but if we do, we must find some alternatives to the questions raised by the failure of the Church to make clear that God is not Caucasian, that our missionary motives are not suspect, and that we have not robbed man of his manhood.

It is time that ordinary people seriously questioned the image that is portrayed by the Body of Christ of which we are proud to be a part.



HE WAS NOT CHOSEN

A LETTER OF IMAGINATION

BY FRANK GRIFFITHS

Joseph unto Matthias, who was numbered with the eleven, Greeting.

I am now able to write and say that I am glad the lot fell upon you and wish you well in your apostleship. I could not at first, but now I can.

It is strange that we should both have had experiences and qualities that made our brethren think we were really fitted for the high calling. Both of us have been disciples so long that we are qualified to testify that the One we saw crucified, dead and buried, and then become alive again, was none other than Jesus of Nazareth. We had companied with him so long and we knew him too well to be deceived. We knew him as the Master and now know him as our Saviour Crucified and Risen again, our Gracious Living Lord.

There were two of us, both fitted, as our brethren thought, to be the Lord's Apostles. But there was only one mitre to wear and one mantle. So they wisely left the choice to one Higher and Wiser, who knows men's hearts. God chose you and the "Lot fell upon Matthias." You are a Bishop and an Apostle, while I am simply a servant and a witness.

When men dangled before me the lure of office I forgot. I fell right into the trap for a time, as I had come to accept man's estimate of me, and even came to think of myself as fitted for the highest calling. Had not men called me the Son of the Father because they thought me so spiritual? And they had called me the just, which was fair enough, for I had not knowingly done that which was mean or dishonest. But I forgot that theirs was the estimate of men. They saw not as God sees, knowing the heart.

I know now that God does not err, there are no mistakes with him. There was that in my heart of pride and self-

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satisfaction that made me fitted for no sacred calling.

Nothing but the humbling of rejection could have purged my heart. As I went home black rage and hurt pride filled my heart and made me blind. I could not wish you well. In fact, I could not speak to you.

But in the night I met the Master. I saw his wounded side, his pierced hands and feet, and thorn crowned brow. I looked into his sad eyes and remembered how much there is to do. I came to see again that to witness for him and to serve him is the highest calling of all. I am glad that you have the office of Bishop and Apostle and sit among the eleven being numbered with them.

I want to say, brother, that you are worthy, and I am sure you will wear the mantle with grace and the mitre with dignity. You will use the bishopric with gentleness and wisdom as you sit among the mighty and will bring honour to his worthy Name. I am glad that God in his wisdom chose you for this dignity and honour and privilege, doubly glad because he chose me for the better part, though in blindness I did not see it at first.

I was reading today in the prophecy of the blessed Jeremiah. In chapter 45 and verse 5, there is a special message for Baruch, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not." This came as a Word of God to me. The promise goes on that amid all the turmoil and unrest this humble servant of God will be kept? "Thy life will I give unto thee." Oh, Matthias, have you seen it? He has given me Life, abundant Life and with it the privilege to serve as he served and witness as he witnessed. It is enough. I have learnt that those who learn of him to be meek and lowly find rest. So slowly we learn and quickly we forget.

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GRATITUDE

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). The annual business meeting expressed thanks for assistance given by Nailsworth, Croydon, Maylands, and the Home Missions Dept. Elected were: M. Lindsay (sec.), and J. Follett, as elders, and J. Francis (treas.), and L. Phillips, as deacons. The men of the church are to consider ways of improving the morning service. Mrs. Lindsay was elected C.W.F. Pres., and Mrs. Fielder as sec.

BRIGADE FELLOWSHIP

(Adelaide). The three days, September 3rd to 5th, are expected to be a time of rich fellowship for the Girls' Brigade in South Australia. At this time they will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Girls' Brigade in Australia. Over 100 girls from the country will be billeted in Adelaide, including Aborigines from the Gerard Mission.

PORT PIRIE IS NINETY

(S.A.). The church at Port Pirie is 90 years old, and the services of August 15 marked the occasion. The guest speaker was K. D. Horne, and he addressed the church on the themes, "The Church in the World" and "God in His World." A splendid choir enriched the services with their contribution, and both services were well attended. The Port Pirie church is in good heart and enjoying the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thomas.

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICE

(Adelaide). In the recent annual meeting of the S.A. Council of Churches, C. H. J. Wright, of Brighton Gardens, was appointed a Vice-President of the Council. S. Neighbour and R. Sercombe also represent the brotherhood on the Council.

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CHURCH'S BIG TARGET

(Glenelg, S.A.). The church has accepted a recommendation of the Board of Officers that £1,000 be raised towards the cost of a motor vehicle for India. . . . The B. & F. B. S. screened the film, "This Is the Vision." The church has donated £30 to the Society's work. . . . Miss Ann Wright, Garry Anson and Scott Davie spoke recently at a youth service. . . . Arthur Bawden has resigned after many years' devoted leadership in the Life Boys. . . . There were 80 at the 45th anniversary of the C.W.F. Day Group. . . . The C.Y.F. have thanked Rex Baker for his leadership. E. H. Wilson is the new leader. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wilf. McGlasson have returned from a world tour.

PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR

(Adelaide). The Governor of S.A., Sir Edric Bastyan, made the presentation of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award to four members of the Boys' Brigade, at Government House, on July 23. The Silver Award is the second stage in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and it was the first presentation to members of the Boys' Brigade to be made in Australia. The boys were all members of the 13th Adelaide Company (Cowandilla Church of Christ). We extend congratulations to Bruce Hemer, Alan Chivell, Robert Pillar and Jim McLean on their splendid achievement.

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). Since the Stewardship Campaign, led by the minister, C. H. J. Wright, two weeks ago, weekly offerings have exceeded £100. . . . At recent Youth Service, four young people spoke on "Being Christian" — at School (Roger Pryor), at University (Anne Wright), at Sport (Scott Davie, Olympic basketball), at Work (Peter Johnson). Soloist was Petrea Johnson. . . . Architect is preparing plans and specifications for new chapel, foyer and service rooms. . . . Hilary Phillips has been elected elder. . . . Minister is conducting Discipleship Class for 60 young people from Bible School.

AT MT. COMPASS

(S.A.). Dawn Chivell, of the S.A. Dept. of Christian Education, was guest speaker at a teachers' meeting and youth tea at Mt. Compass on Aug. 15. The teachers' session was built around the theme, "The Growing Teacher," and the audio-visual, "Teach Us to Pray," was used for the young people in the after-tea session. . . . Ron Saunders is the minister.

MORE FOR NORSEMAN

(Kensington Park, S.A.) Joining the many churches which have sent clothing to our Aboriginal missions fields, a parcel of clothing, including an outfit for an Aboriginal girl, has been sent to Norseman. . . . C.W.F. visited Black Forest Rest Home and shared an afternoon with the guests there. . . . C.W.F. ladies staged a play depicting Martha and Mary. Many books from the church Bookroom were sold. . . . Girls' Grade 1 and the four men's teams have reached basketball semi-finals.

MISSION SUPPORT

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The C.W.A.F. was visited by ladies from the H.M. Dept. Goods made and bought for Norseman from women's auxiliaries have been sent. There was a big and useful parcel. . . . The Sunday School continues its support of a secondary school student in New Hebrides. Pack-away tables have been purchased for S.S. work. . . . Mrs. K. H. Pitt has been elected President of the C.W.E.F. . . . The minister is K. H. Pitt.

DEATH AT 102

(Fullarton, S.A.). The death is reported of Mrs. E. G. Lang, at the Home for Incurables. Mrs. Lang became associated with the Fullarton church as one of the first guests of the Christian Rest Home at St. Georges. . . . Foundation member, A. Githam, has returned to district and was received back into fellowship the day his grand-daughter, Christine Wiltshire, was received, with Judith Whitrow, into fellowship following her baptism. . . . Young Worshipers' League now meets for morning service. Life Boys has recommenced, with a membership of 12. . . . Guest speaker at church anniversary on Aug. 15 was Conf. Pres., R. E. Pittman.

BOYS' BRIGADE ELECTIONS

(Adelaide). The B.B. in South Aus. held its annual meeting in July, and the following persons were elected to office for the next 12 months: State Pres., J. B. Baker; vice-pres., J. Folland and K. D. Horne; sec., N. G. McLean, and treas., M. Langley.

LOXTON. Annual meeting was held on Aug. 4. G. Sawley, L. Swanbury, L. Higgins, C. May and A. May were elected as deacons of the church. L. Swanbury, sec.; G. Sawley, treas.; H. Meanwell, usher; Mrs. C. Higgins, pianist, and Mesdames C. Higgins, A. Cave and M. May, deaconesses.



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The main field of study is covered in four units, each of which consists of prescribed reading, prepared notes and assignments. The units are as follows:

- Unit 1 — "You and Your Task."
- Unit 2 — "You and Your Bible."
- Unit 3 — "You and Your Pupil."
- Unit 4 — "Your and Your Methods."

It is recommended by the D.C.E. that only two units be completed in any one year, so that the course may occupy a full two year's study. However, if a Bible School decided to adopt this course for use by a Teacher Training Class, it may be planned so that teachers may complete it in twelve months. Recommended audio-visuals are also supplied for use in group sessions.

EDUCATION INTERESTS

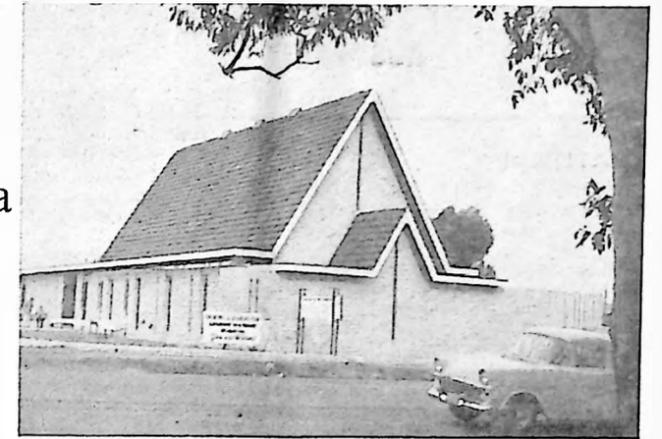
(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). This small church celebrated Education Sunday with Kel. Thompson, an elder, who is Principal of Murwillumbah Technical College, as speaker. Russ Goode, also an elder, and Headmaster of Murwillumbah High School, presided. Ann Thompson and David Little read the Scriptures. They are both High School students. . . . Geo. Davis is minister.

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North Turramurra Opening



(N.S.W.). The opening of the new church at North Turramurra on Aug. 14 came as a culmination of several years of effort by members of Chatswood, and other interested brethren, to establish a new work in Sydney's expanding North Shore.

The present moves began in September, 1961, during the ministry at Chatswood's L. K. Green, with the purchase of a suitably located double block of land on the busy Bobbin Head Road. In June, 1962, the North Turramurra Fellowship was formed as an auxiliary of Chatswood church, with the purpose of planning and praying for the establishment of the new work. The North Turramurra Fellowship, which consisted mainly of members living in the Turramurra area, ultimately became the basis of the new congregation.

Beginning with the purchase of the land with Home Mission assistance, the new work has been very much a brotherhood venture. A large partner in the new church is the former church at Ashfield, which closed its doors (but not its witness) in 1960 because it believed that the use of its capital in a new and expanding area would be a better stewardship of the Lord's money. Taree church has a double interest, providing a substantial loan, and the new church's secretary, G. D. Saxby who, with Mrs. Saxby, recently took up residence in Turramurra.

The beautiful chapel and hall were erected at a cost of £19,000, by Chatswood elder, L. H. Bills, who won the contract by competitive quote. Architect was K. Sawdy, of Rockdale church.

Over 300 people attended the brief key turning ceremony performed by the Conference President, C. E. Bowser, and the following service of dedication was

conducted by circuit minister, C. G. Taylor.

A feature of the service was the commissioning of the new church by the Chairman of Chatswood Board of Officers, B. E. Perkins, when a roll containing the names of foundation members of the new church was handed over to North Turramurra Management Committee Chairman, D. J. A. Verco, who responded on behalf of the new congregation. The occasional address was delivered by the Conference President. At the conclusion of the service, minister and congregations dedicated themselves:—

"To the challenge of the world to be saved;

To the vision of the Church made one;

To the task waiting now for our hands to do."

A congregation of 80 attended the first communion service of the new church, which was held at 9.15 a.m. the following morning. (To suit circuit arrangements, this will be the regular starting time for morning services. Visitors, please note.) This service was presided over by P. G. Verco who, after 50 years' association with the mother church, becomes, with Mrs. Verco, a pioneer of the new work. A congregation of 50 gathered for the gospel service at night.

The establishment of the church at North Turramurra marks an important step forward in brotherhood work in N.S.W. A wonderful start has been made, but a great deal of consolidatory work in the realm of visitation evangelism, etc., remains to be done, and the new church earnestly covets the prayers of the brotherhood for the days ahead.

—H. E. Hayward.

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CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT

BY R. V. LONGTHORP

In a radio talk under the title, "Does the Church Talk to Itself?" in the A.B.C.'s "Plain Christianity" programme, the Rev. Gordon Beatty shared these important convictions. He said, "One of the facts of our modern life is that there is very little real communication going on between the members of the Christian Church and those who are not members. This is a very serious situation for both sides. It means that the Church, with a great heritage of Christian faith which has sustained men over 2,000 years, is largely reduced to 'talking to itself.'"

He went on, "There are very few ways by which it is actually succeeding in sharing with men and women in our modern world the power and hope of the good news in Christ. And yet people today need the kind of resources for personal and social living, including the meaning of life, which the gospel has been able to supply to men in other times."

"Then quoting a leader of the Church in Germany, he went on to show how this loss of communication seriously affects the very life of the Church itself, 'Every attempt to withdraw behind church walls and to leave the world alone means slackness and stagnation. If we lose contact with the world and its questions and problems, our (church) life becomes dull and unreal.'"

Those members of our brotherhood, and the wider Christian community who are sensitive to the life of the church in the world, are well aware of the problem which is here described. And many more are becoming increasingly aware of the widening "gap" in the "communicating" of the gospel to the world. The cross is still "an offense" to this generation as it was of old.

The Australian Council of Churches is to be commended in calling the Church to action, to confront this problem. It is challenging the Churches through a "Church and Life Movement" programme of leader training and group meetings to engage in wide and active contact with the community. The C. and L. M. "is designed to equip people for their daily life as Christians . . . for their work, leisure, community living and home life; for their part in social, national and world affairs."

How will it work? In an extensive, nation-wide leader training programme, the Movement aims to train 10,000 leaders for the group programme in mid-1966. To achieve this, between July and October, 1965, persons with previous experience in adult group leadership will attend courses, to prepare them to train other leaders. Many persons from our brotherhood are sharing in this training. Other persons, selected as group leaders, will

attend courses for training as group leaders in the Church and Life Movement.

Then, later on, local churches will be informed of the programme and invited to enrol. A registration fee of £2/-/- will cover the supply to each church of materials for use in enlisting people in the group programme. Each church will also be asked to help form a local Church and Life Movement Planning Committee, which will make all local arrangements for the programme.

The key dates are June 19 to July 31, 1966, when groups will meet weekly. By radio, Rev. Edwin Robertson, a Bible scholar of world renown, will lead an introduction for the studies. Local groups, meeting if possible in homes, will then share in discussion of the studies.

Here is something in which we should all be involved. The Church and Life Movement represents a positive and constructive approach to one of the most vexing problems which Christians face.

The Church and Life Movement presents some wonderful opportunities to local churches for . . .

- the training of leaders;
- the commencement of Adult Christian Education;
- worthwhile and practical Ecumenical work and fellowship with other churches;
- witnessing to the gospel and sharing our faith with others;
- an opportunity to commit ourselves to purposeful action.

Every Church should endeavour to "get with it."

In order to keep this matter before us we offer the following suggestions:

(a) Local Churches should reserve the key dates in their Church Calendar (i.e., June 19-July 31, 1966).

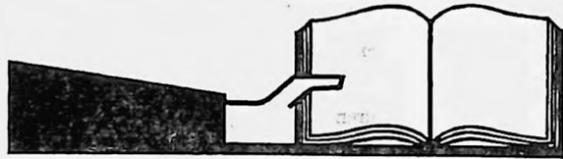
(b) Church Secretaries should keep a watch out for a letter inviting their church to share in the Movement. When it arrives give it "V.I.P." treatment in the Officers' meeting.

(c) Individuals should think and pray about their being involved as group leaders. Seriously consider accepting when invited.

(d) Write to your State Council of Churches, or your own Dept. of Christian Education, for the special copy of "In Unity," which sets out in full all details. An audio-visual is also available — hire it for your Officers' meeting or for a special Church meeting.

(e) Give God thanks that this thing has come amongst us and pray for its effective working in the Church and the world, which God loves.

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"IN CONVERSATION"

No. 2 — WHAT STEPS MUST WE TAKE TOWARDS UNITY?

By C. J. ROBINSON (Tas.)

Since the unity of the Body of Christ means unity in love and fellowship, it follows that our present factions are inimical to fellowship. This, as a people, we accept, but what practical steps have we taken or propose to take towards unity?

It must be apparent that, as the Uniting Churches in Australia were prepared to spend years in the study of the nature of the Christian Church, this must also be our first step — that of MUTUAL STUDY. By this is meant honest research into our traditional Restorationist doctrine of the Church, and the willingness to examine, objectively and unemotionally, not only the doctrines and practices we hold in common with others, but those issues on which we differ. There must be mutual study in our own circles in order to reach that measure of unanimity that will make it possible for us to enter into mutual study with members of the Uniting Churches.

Obviously, we will not seek unity at any price, or for its own sake. But we must study together the questions of church government, the ministry, the Lord's Supper, baptism and worship. On these issues it is sheer presumption for any of us to assume that we have already arrived at the ultimate truth.

Meanwhile, as we study together, we might with profit engage in MUTUAL

ACTION. That which more than anything makes the Church ONE, is her mission to mankind. The Modern Ecumenical Movement grew out of the discovery of the inability of divided Christianity to cope with the problems of the mission fields, leading in some areas to "mission comity."

So, for its effectiveness in building the Kingdom of Christ, the Church in our situation must cease to compete for the souls that come within the ambit of its influence, and learn to act together in worship and evangelism. There is reluctance on the part of many of our people to admit any minister into the pulpit who wears a title or clerical dress, but many have experimented in mutual worship and efforts at evangelism, particularly amongst teenagers, to the greater glory of Christ, and no loss to ourselves.

We should next take the step of MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE. It can never, in truth, be established from the New Testament that the Holy Spirit at Pentecost set the pattern for all subsequent generations of Christians in forms of Church government or worship. It is quite obvious that the Spirit has not thus been limited, but has used many groups of people. We ought, therefore, to acknowledge the sincerity of those with whom we have differences, accepting them as "brethren" unless we are utterly insincere in declaring that we are not the only Christians.

The dissenter will always be with us. His opinions and person must be respected. But it is specious reasoning that allows the few to hinder indefinitely the answer to our Lord's plea for the oneness of his people.

When we have honestly studied together it will be found that there will be, of necessity, some compromise in matters of opinion, and in traditions, held so long, that they have become "principles" and given the aura of "scriptural authority."

In all our approaches to the question of unity, it is imperative that we seek earnestly, and without pre-determined minds, to know what is the mind of Christ.

This is the second in a series of introductory articles. The Third, "Can We Live With Differences?" by H. F. Gross, will be published next week.

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A. E. WHITE



The officers at our church are quick to complain if our youth club forgets to turn off the lights, but they don't turn up to take an interest in what we are trying to do. They have good hearing when we make a bit of noise, but they never seem to hear us when we ask for equipment. Aren't the officers supposed to be helping us?

You are just unlucky if your board doesn't give practical assistance. The boards of officers with which I have been associated have always been very much on the side of the young people. The men (and women) elected by the church have seen their responsibility to the whole church and have made a fine contribution to the well-being of all auxiliaries.

It is not a black mark against them if they remind clubs about the cost of electricity when lights are left on all night, and sometimes for two or three days. The power bill gets unnecessarily inflated very quickly. It is, of course, the first responsibility of the club leaders to see that there is no waste, and they do this by encouraging a sense of good Christian stewardship amongst the members themselves.

The same can be said of other things. It is necessary to have some rules governing noise and closing times. One of the first duties of a Christian is to love his neighbour, but the neighbours who live next door to a church sometimes have a lot to put up with. It is a desirable community protection to fix a closing time that is reasonable and that is accepted as reasonable by the young people themselves.

While the keeping of the rules is a club responsibility, it is obvious that the church Board will be expected to speak up now and again to preserve the good name of the church.

Having said that, it should also be said to the Boards of officers that they have more than a snooping office to fulfil. The Board should be ready to assist with the provision of equipment when it is reasonably possible. They will also be interested enough to have some link with the club so that the young people will have the best opportunity to grow in Christ.

Come to think of it, in the churches I have served, the youth leadership was well represented on the Boards. Some officers were also youth leaders. This meant that the needs of youth could be brought to the Board regularly and it also meant that the Board could express its views to the leaders.

However, there is still need for closer personal links between the young people and the elected church representatives.

Mr. & Mrs. Graham Butler for Carnarvon



Mr. and Mrs. Graham Butler expect to take over the big job of looking after the Junior boys at the Carnarvon Mission Children's Home.

Mr. Butler was at Maylands as a boy, the family moving to Strathalbyn when he was 15 years of age. His father, the late Trevor Butler, was a man with a great brotherhood interest, and served as Chairman of H.M. Committee, and Conf. Pres. When the family business was sold Graham worked for the Welfare Dept. at the Remand Home at Glandore.

Long interested in mission work, it was this work with boys which finally decided him that he could serve Christ effectively among the boys at the Mission. We understand that some inducement was offered in the way of a good promotion to keep him in the Welfare Dept.

The picture shows the Butler family, with the exception of baby Timothy. Mr. and Mrs. Don Butler, of the same family, went to Norseman Mission a few months ago.

WORLD CONVENTION NEWS DOCUMENTS PASSED OVER

(Puerto Rico). To travel many thousands of miles to pass over some old books seems like an assignment, but this is what Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lawton, of Adelaide, have done on the Wednesday night of the World Convention. It is now familiar to all that certain documents relating to the Alexander Campbell family were discovered in Adelaide, and have been passed on to the Historical Society of the American brotherhood. In a fitting way the Lawtons performed this task.

There has been much appreciation of the action and the manner in which this was done. The documents link our Australian work to the American, as well as maintaining links between the Campbell and Magarey families, both significant in the history of the brotherhood.

MINISTERS HEAR NIEMOLLER

(Puerto Rico). Oreon Scott was a successful businessman in St. Louis, and to perpetuate a contribution to the ministry of the church he endowed an annual breakfast for the American preachers at their Annual Convention. This year the ministers at the World Convention were guests. An estimate is that 800 ministers were in attendance to hear Dr. Martin Niemoller speak.

Several comments to the ministers are worth repeating. "We are here because we have only one task — to preach Jesus Christ as Lord." "Jesus gave only one commandment — to preach the gospel."

Speaking of his travels as President of the World Council of Churches, he made the comment, "If you want to feel among Christians go to the Baptist church in Moscow."

And when he spoke of church membership he referred to a questionnaire

EXTENSIONS BEGUN

(Devonport, Tas.). Work has begun on the building extensions . . . At a Boys' Brigade parade, certificates were presented by T. Harman. There were items by visiting singers. On Aug. 7, leaders, B.B. boys, parents and friends spent a day at Cradle Mountain . . . Miss L. Cubit, of B.E.M.S., showed slides and spoke to the church on mission work in Borneo, on Aug. 15 . . . E. W. Taylor is minister.

ON DEPUTATION

(Roma, Qld.). S. Chalmers, representing Social Service, and Miss A. Draney, missionary on furlough from New Guinea, have been recent visitors on deputation work . . . Senior C.E. has been formed instead of former prayer meeting and Bible study. Members of all ages attend.

NEW ORGAN - NEW KITCHEN

(Southport, Qld.). The church has purchased an electronic organ and a new kitchen has been added to the building to improve facilities for social gatherings . . . There have been four recent baptisms . . . £400 borrowed from the Dept. of Home Missions at the opening of the church four years ago has been repaid.

MOVEMENTS

TWO FOOTS TO CARNARVON

(Georgetown, N.S.W.). Ian and Heather Foot have been asked to proceed to Carnarvon at all speed. Ian is a carpenter and Heather (a cousin of Reg. Combridge) has had experience in a printing office. They will be farewelled after evening service on Aug. 29 . . . C. E. Bowser, Conf. Pres., visited Georgetown on Aug. 15.

BEGAN AT HORSHAM

(Vic.). On Aug. 1, R. Baxter commenced his ministry at Horsham. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and daughter were welcomed to the church. F. Sherriff, of Ballarat, conducted the induction service for Mr. Baxter on July 31 . . . The church wishes to thank all those who assisted in any way during the interim period . . . On Aug. 13, the church held its annual dinner. The Longeronong Choristers provided items.

National Diary

SEPTEMBER—

- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- 1-2—Minister's Fraternal "Refresher" — School of Evangelism. Leader: K. E. Crawford (Director, H.M. & Evangelism).
 - 1 —C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. — "Old Members Night." All Welcome.
 - 3 —State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple. Visit of Federal President, Mrs. Strack, for World C.W.F. Anniversary.

VICTORIA

- 1-2—C.Y.F. Teens' Seminar.
- 4 —C.Y.F. Central 217.
- 6-11—Explorer Intermediate Camp.
- 7 —College of the Bible Old Boys' Reunion.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 3 —G.L.B. Display (Thebarton Town Hall).
- 4 —G.L.B. Picnic, West Parklands.
- 7-14—State Conference.

WEST AUSTRALIA

- 21 —C.W.F. Diamond Jubilee Display and Pioneer afternoon, 1.30 p.m., Christian Centre. Florin offering for Youth Project. Diamond Jubilee Blessing Bags to be received as a thank-offering for the Budget.

NO NEW HEBRIDES DAMAGE

(By Cable). Following a number of enquiries regarding earthquakes in the New Hebrides, a cable advises that although earthquakes have been frequent, there has been no severe damage or casualties.

ON ARCHAEOLOGY

(E. Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.). Professor A. Wilson was guest speaker at C.M.F. "On Archaeology and Bible Study." . . . The young people had accordionist Margaret Berthelson as guest artist at monthly sing-a-long. 48 present also heard duets from Leichhardt girls . . . The C.W.F. had an exchange with Kingaroy by tape-recorder . . . Four car loads of ladies visited Rosevale for Combined Women's Prayer Rally . . . S. Chalmers came to speak on Social Service deputation work.

INTEREST IN PUERTO RICO

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). As part of the church's focus of attention on the World Convention, the members have been doing research (with the assistance of the Public Library staff) into the history, life and times of the Puerto Ricans. Newspaper items of sporting results, a murder, a recent T.V. film, and a newsreel at a local theatre have all featured Puerto Rico recently. The church is praying for the Convention. . . . Gifts for mission Christmas parcels are being received . . . Ladies catered for Youth's Own Weekend, Aug. 6-8, when young people from all parts of the State were billeted in church homes.

N.S.W. C.W.F.

(Sydney). The July and August meetings featured brotherhood work. The Superintendents brought interesting accounts of the three mission committees. Mrs. Wilson (Home Missions) told of the importance of isolated members and gave an account of the commencement of the work at Wollongong in the Home of Isolated Members.

Mrs. Taylor (Aborigines' Supt.) reminded us that N.S.W. women are featuring the Esperance Girls' Hostel as their special effort this year. Mrs. Bent (Overseas Missions) read a letter specially written, from Mrs. Val. Main, telling of a day in the life of a missionary.

Woolwich Bible College was featured in August. Mrs. Henderson presided and welcomed members of the College. F. Elliott introduced the students and led in devotions. K. Sanders gave the Bible reading. Musical items were given by Miss D. Holsten, soloist, and F. Elliott and G. Warne, who sang a duet. G. Warne spoke on life at the College from a student's viewpoint. Principal Stephenson was also present and told of the working of the College in the life of the church. —M. Elsmore, Vice-Pres.

MISSIONARY INTEREST

(Padstow, N.S.W.). As part of the missionary effort of the church for 1965 a Gestetner Electric Duplicator has been purchased and forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts for use in the "Fairhaven" Aboriginal Girls' Hostel at Esperance, Western Australia. It is anticipated that a target will shortly be set for the missionary effort for 1966 . . . H. C. Wheat is minister.

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY WEEK

AUGUST 29 to SEPTEMBER 5, 1965

"HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE"

The week of August 29 to September 5, has been designated NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY WEEK, culminating in the Australia-wide observance of "BIBLE SUNDAY" on September 5.

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2. To provide a Bible for every Christian home;
3. To provide a New Testament for every Christian;
4. To provide at least a Gospel for every person who can read.

RESIGNATION OF Dr. and Mrs. J. STANHOPE

It is with regret that the Overseas Board has received the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope. The Stanhopes went to New Guinea in 1961 and have been pioneers in the medical work of our mission.

In addition to the medical work, Dr. Stanhope has taken a keen interest in the translation of the Scriptures. All missionaries involved in pioneering work have to contend with inadequate facilities, and we commend Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope for the way they have been willing to become absorbed in numerous activities of the mission, including educational and evangelistic work, as well as medical.

We regret that the Bunapas Hospital has not been completed during the Stanhopes' sojourn in New Guinea. While dates have been set at various times for the completion of the hospital, we have failed to realise how much work and time would be required to build a hospital in this remote area.

CRICKETING CHRISTIAN

(Sydney). Australian Test cricketer, Brian Booth, never loses an opportunity to reflect his Christian principles and to witness faithfully to the fact that he is committed to Christ. He was the speaker at a recent dinner, held at Inverness House, Rockdale, by the members of the St. George District Inter-Church Business Men's Fellowship. John Christison, of Caringbah Church of Christ, is President of the Fellowship, and Merv. Ewers, another member of our Caringbah church, serves on the Business Men's Committee.

MRS. STRACK FOR N.S.W.

N.S.W. women are looking forward eagerly to the projected visit to Sydney early in September, of Mrs. Strack, of Essendon, Vic., Federal President of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Mrs. Strack will address the monthly meeting of the State C.W.F. at City Temple, Sydney, on Sept. 3.

The world campaign of trebling Scripture output by 1966 continues, and an annual distribution of seventy million portions was exceeded last year.

The British and Foreign Bible Society shares in the World Literature Campaign to "FEED THE MINDS OF MILLIONS," launched near the end of 1964 in Britain, in the presence of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Lord Mayors, Civic and Church Leaders — this as part of the "Development Decade" of the United Nations Organisation.

Millions are yearning for, and seeking an anchor in the stress and strain of this modern age. When Literacy opens the doors of minds, the Scriptures can enter and provide that anchor.

The Bible Society seeks the earnest prayers and support of all concerned people in this special week, that the impetus gained may be maintained, and that the future goal may be attained.

Dr. Stanhope has expressed complete confidence in the builders. The technical workers have done their best to speed the work along, but due to the multiplicity of tasks, they have had to neglect at times the work on the hospital and attend to other chores, such as repairs to outboard motors, distribution of mission supplies, etc.

The addition of Mr. J. Graham to the staff will relieve this situation. Mr. L. Springbett, from Gawler, S.A., is at present serving as a voluntary worker on the hospital, and it is hoped that a small work party of six will proceed to the field in November.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope return to Australia on October 14, and will be available for deputation work in N.S.W. from November 1 until November 21. We sincerely thank Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope for the service they have given, and pray that God will bless them as they enter another field of witness.

SCRIPTURE UNION FEATURED

(Inverell, N.S.W.). "The Anzea Story," an audio-visual showing Scripture Union at work in Aust., N.Z. and S.E. Asia, was screened on July 25 . . . A number of senior scholars recently sat for the S.S. Examination . . . Girls' and Boys' clubs enjoyed a T.V. night on July 31, when the famous Moscow Circus was featured on TCN Channel 9 . . . The C.W.F. ladies recently financed the installation of new cupboards and a servery in the kitchen.

MISS EDNA LINCOLN

(N.S.W.). Miss Edna Lincoln, of the Aborigines Mission Station, Carnarvon, W.A., who has recently completed ten year's service among our native people, is at present on furlough in Sydney. She has been enjoying fellowship with her home church, Beverly Hills, and will be available for deputation work as from August.



VICTORIA

PENNANT GAINED

(Spring Gully, Vic.). Good Companions' club is proudly displaying an award pennant—3rd place in Arts and Crafts Festival (rural zone) . . . Combined auxiliary bazaar realised £43 for building improvements . . . B.S. launched "Plan of Development" (year 3) with a staff and scholar tea. As part of this plan, 25 teachers and senior youth from Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat and Spring Gully schools have registered for a series of six sessions of Teacher Training.

FAMILY MONTH

(Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.). National Marriage and Family month is being observed through August. Dads' and lads' tea, with the boys' club leading the gospel service; mother and daughter tea, with girls' club leading the same on the following Sunday, have been features. An outstanding address by Mrs. Torney, Magistrate and Probationary Officer of Children's Court, cast much light on the problem of the delinquent parent and child problem . . . On Aug. 15, the Women's Fellowship led the gospel service, and the Mary-Martha incident was the theme. Items have been given by Judy Feary, Val Schrader, Arthur LeCouteur, Heather Coad and the C.W.F. . . . These special meetings have provided excellent opportunities for teaching and discussions on Home and Family Life . . . Stewardship Month was observed, concluding with the film, "Dedicated Men" . . . The church has revived the budget. Men made personal visits to homes, and results have been favorable. Visit of Messrs. H. Feary and V. Berry to Board was appreciated. . . . Recent speakers have been Eric Patterson, A. Graham and R. McLeod.

JUSTICE TO RED CLIFFS

(Vic.). The latest report from this church was accidentally credited to Red Hill! Red Cliffs is 333 miles north of Melbourne and has a membership of 130. One of them, R. J. Heazlewood, has given 31 years of faithful service and a minute to this effect was recorded at the annual meeting. Elected were: elder, H. J. Cook; deacons, A. Chiswell, L. Chislett (sec.), J. Cunningham, J. Milne, J. Sires (treas.). R. W. Marshall is minister.

YOUTH UNITED

(Melb.). 400 young people attended the last in the 1965 series of "Youth United" rallies at Assembly Hall, Collins St., Melbourne, on Aug. 14. The theme was "Christ and You in the Wide World," the young people being urged to have a Christian concern for the needs of the world's people.

Gordon Moyes, the speaker, challenged the audience to have a world-wide vision, and missionary zeal and a dynamic faith to tackle the problems of the world. Two young people publicly offered themselves for full-time service, while four others discussed with Mr. Moyes, after the rally, ways of giving more effective service.

HISTORIAN'S APPRECIATION

The Victorian Historian, W. J. Thomson, desires to inform the brotherhood of his indebtedness to R. S. Ryall, of Ashburton church, Victoria. He is most appreciative of the interest of Mr. Ryall in his historical data, and of the volume of work he has undertaken in research and photostating. In addition to this, Mr. Ryall has mended the early wine jug that was used by the Prahran church and has also had silvered the first communion cup used in Victoria, and has encased it permanently in a small inscribed and be-handled case which can be open for display.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

(Belmont, Vic.). Brian White conducted a successful mission recently, when several made their decision. Recent speakers have been R. Story, Unevangelized Fields Mission; Mrs. Chambers, Methodist lay preacher; R. Bust, chaplain of West Geelong Technical School, and K.A. Jones, College of the Bible. Our young people attended the weekend camp at Echuca, and enjoyed a recent Snow Trip to Mt. Donna Buang . . . Last month a special tea was held at the church for all the girls of the church, Bible School, and various auxiliaries! when they were addressed by R. N. Williams, who showed colored slides. Senior girls shared in the evening service . . . A Teacher Training Class has been commenced for one week for the instruction of our B.S. staff . . . The C.W.F. ladies are packing a Christmas Cheer parcel for the New Guinea missions . . . Peter Langford and Carol Richmond active in conduct of newly formed J.C.E. . . . Church saddened by recent death of P. Melhuish, who performed the ceremony of opening the doors of our new chapel late last year.

A panel discussing the responsibility of Australian Christian Youth to Asia was a feature of the evening. The members of the panel were Wendy Dowding, of the Australian Christian Youth Council, Michael Tan, of Malaysia, Steve Seumahu, of Indonesia, and Vic Ryall, who attended the Asian Christian Youth Assembly.

Artists for the programme were the Campbell Singers, Asian instrumentalists Richard Lee and Paul Tam, folk singer Phyl. Vinnicombe, who sang some of her own thought-provoking songs, and a Male Quintette. Supper was served at the "Centre" to 250 young people after the rally.

SUPERINTENDENTS' FRATERNAL

(Vic.). Under the chairmanship of Hugh Hince, superintendent of Thornbury Church School, a meeting was held in the new church office at Thornbury recently. Superintendents from West Preston, Preston, East Preston, North Fitzroy, Coburg and Thornbury were present, as well as John Way, representing the Victorian and Tasmanian Department of Christian Education.

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BY R. S. A. McLEAN

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The past ten weeks have been a time of inspiration and challenge as I have been privileged to visit numerous missions in three Pacific Territories, namely New Guinea, Solomon Islands and New Hebrides.

During June, with a team of seven mission Secretaries, I visited the major denominational missions in New Guinea and Papua. In addition we contacted some of the interdenominational missions, including the Unevangelized Fields Mission at Tari, Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship at Rugli, Christian Leaders' Training College near Banz, and the British and Foreign Bible Society at Port Moresby.

The work of the Mission to Lepers at various centres was seen, and Dr. K. Kleazy kindly took the team through the Leper Section of the Madang Hospital and explained how surgery can assist in rehabilitating those suffering from leprosy.

Leaving the team at Port Moresby, on June 26, I returned to our own mission in New Guinea, and participated in the Annual Meeting at Bunapas. This proved to be a time of enriching fellowship for us all.

Leaving our area I flew to Rabaul, and from there to the Solomon Islands, enroute to the New Hebrides. This involved a three-day stay at Honiara, which enabled me to see the work of the South Sea Evangelical Mission in this area, and to share in some of their activities.

From here I flew to the New Hebrides and, with a plane service which operates between Santo, Aoba and Pentecost, I was able to arrive at Banmatmat Bible College, South Pentecost, the same day that I left Honiara.

It was encouraging to see the progress being made in the New Hebrides with new buildings of imported materials replacing the old leaf and bamboo structures, but to me the most thrilling experiences were to be involved in a baptismal service on Pentecost, when Jack Edwards and I baptized sixteen young people, and to conduct special

meetings at Ndui Ndui during my last three days on Aoba.

I cannot fully express the joy I experienced when, on the second night, as soon as we commenced singing the invitation hymn, men and women began to move forward to reconsecrate their lives to Christ. Elders and deacons realising that they had not been living for Christ as they should, unashamedly moved forward. That night over 35 people responded to the challenge. Amongst them were men for whom we had been concerned for years. Men who had shown little interest in the things of God, but they came indicating that they had not fully hardened their hearts, and they did want to have Christ in their lives.

The next night another 25 stepped forward. There had seemed to be little life in the meeting, but when the challenge was given, and the invitation to respond was made, they came, moved by the Holy Spirit. On both nights the congregation was mainly composed of teenagers, but few of these came, it was the young married people and older folk.

Praise God for the way the Holy Spirit moved in these gatherings, and for each soul who indicated their willingness to reconsecrate their lives to Christ. We believe it was not a mass movement, but a movement of the Holy Spirit as people were told not to come, because others were coming, but because they felt convicted by the Spirit.

There are many aspects of this missionary journey yet to be mentioned, but the response of our island Christians to rededicate their lives to Christ was so wonderful that I feel this should be mentioned first, so that our praying friends in Australia will share in our rejoicing and continue in prayer for those who have re-consecrated their lives to Christ.

Pray that from this new beginning there will be a renewal in the life of the Church in the New Hebrides, and that those who responded will realise that each new day they can again surrender their lives to Christ.

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Pauline Jones

RETURNING FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES

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Miss Brenda Armstrong, after serving for twelve months as a voluntary worker on Maewo in the New Hebrides, returns to Australia in October, instead of August, as announced in the "Missionary News." Brenda has assisted in the school work on Maewo and her contribution to the work is deeply appreciated.

Sister Beverley Astbury returns from the New Hebrides in December. Beverley planned to return in October, but has offered to remain until December, due to the shortage of nurses. She paid her own travel expenses, and her offer was to serve on a short-term basis. We appreciate all that Beverley has done.

Sister F. Cole has offered to remain in the New Hebrides until January next year. Paying her own expenses, Sister Cole left Australia in January and was due to return in August. Her offer to remain for a longer period is deeply appreciated. Three nurses are required as replacements, and it does not seem likely that more than two will be available before next January.

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.

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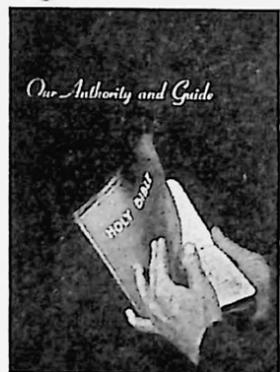
Conditions — Members of the work force will pay their own travel expenses. Air fare, Sydney to Madang, £121 (return). Accommodation, food supplied on the Field. A choice will be made from the applicants subject to the number of workers required — suitable references from church minister, and satisfactory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

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

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Peter Deith, Sandra Johnson, Watte Park, Vic.
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H. Barnett, Horsham, Vic.
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Mrs. Higginbotham, Margaret Flavin, Gill Cock, Pat Kirke, Peter Ingram, Parkdale, Vic.
Mrs. Val Foster, Helen Storer, David Edwards, Graham Hughes, Robert Gear, Russell Peake, Miss R. M. Purvis, Belmont, Vic.
Susan Tonkin, Margaret Hill, Helen Moss, Sylvia Wright, Brighton Gardens, S.A.
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MARRIAGES

Janice Cole to Graeme Brekvoort, Fremantle, W.A.
Lois Curtis to John Marshall, Glenelg, S.A.
Marie Crouch to John McAlpine; Marian Simpson to Ernest Possett, Portland, Vic.
Yvonne Alexander to John Love, Kingsford, N.S.W.

DEATHS

R. E. Baker, Horsham, Vic.
Mrs. Emily Gertrude Lang (102), Fullarton, S.A.
Mrs. R. Rose, Glenelg, S.A.
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GOLDEN WEDDING
MOFFAT - PETTY. — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffat announce with gratitude to God the 50th Anniversary of their wedding celebrated at the Church of Christ, Doncaster, on August 25, 1915 by Mr. Geo. D. Verco.

IN MEMORIAM
McKEAN, Ethel Florence. — In affectionate remembrance of my devoted wife (Essie) and dearly loved mother of Ian and Marlon, who was called Home Aug. 19, 1959. "Fragrant memories." —Harold H. McKean and family.

McKEAN, Essie. — Cherished and loving memories of a wonderful friend. —Dorothy McDonald.

[The above notices were unfortunately omitted from last week's issue.]

PETRIE. — Treasured memories of my beloved husband, Frank Ernest, called Home, Aug. 27, 1962, loved father of Donald and Kevin.

"A little while though parted,
Remember wait and love,
Until he comes in glory,
Until we meet above."
—Inserted by his wife, Nell.

WHITE. — Treasured memories of my mother, Frances Esther, who passed away Sept. 1, 1964.

—A tribute of love from her daughter, Roma.

MASTERTON. — Cherished memories of James George, beloved husband of Vida, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. F. Dunk), David, Ken and John. Called to Higher service, Aug. 16, 1958. "Ever in our hearts."

ALLAN. — In loving memory of James Ernest, who died Aug. 22, 1957, and Elsie Gertrude, who died April 5, 1944. "We thank God for every remembrance of them."
Elsie and Stan.

BUTRESS, Bill. — Treasured memories of my loving husband, called Home Aug. 26, 1959. "In my heart he will always stay, Loved and remembered every day."
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Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly CONVENTION

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MORNING SESSION—10.45 o'clock.
Devotions: D. B. McIntosh, Shepparton.
Address: A. F. Cant, B.Ed., Mildura, "The Making of Tomorrow."

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

CONDUCTED TOUR — 1.30 p.m., Places of Civic, Historic and Scenic Interest.

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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OTHERS

(Bairwyn, Vic.). The Sunday School supports three children, an Aboriginal, an Indian, and a New Guinean. The C.W.F. clothed an Aboriginal child and also presented the Social Service Homes with a large quantity of tinned and packaged food . . . Emphasis on Christian Education commenced with an Open Day at the Sunday School with parents and friends seeing the school in action. . . . Ten from C.W.E.F. attended camp at Monbulk.

PLAY AND STUDY WEEK

(Maidstone, Vic.). The C.W.F. ladies are planning a Play and Study Week for children during the school holidays. . . . Twelve of our young people attended a youth tea at Williamstown . . . Six of our ladies shared in a birthday luncheon at Williamstown also. The guest speaker was Sister Hogan, of the City Mission.

FAMILY CAMP

(Hampton, Vic.). A church family camp was held at Monbulk on Aug. 6-8. Forty attended. Some of the campers shared in the evening service on Aug. 8, and at the close of the service five Bible School scholars made decisions . . . Church sympathises with family of Mrs. McDowell, who died suddenly.

C.E. CAMP REUNION

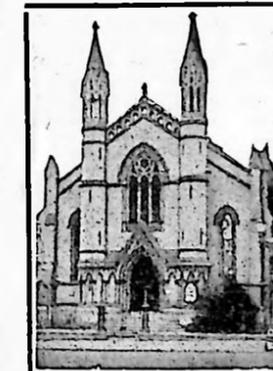
(Vic.). About 60 young people attended the Missionary and Easter (Cheshunt) C.E. camps reunion at Gardiner. It was the first of its kind attempted, and proved highly successful.

The evening included social games, camp color films of excellent standard, and a singalong around a mock camp fire. It was brought to a fitting climax by Kevin Harvey (H.M. Dept. and Easter Camp study leader).

Eleven churches were represented and there were visitors from Wangaratta. The programme and supper arrangements were organised by Gardiner and Springvale young people, and the musical items were presented by Russell King. —Les. Stewart, sec.

GUEST NIGHT

(Wattle Park, Vic.). The guest night services on the first Sunday evening of each month are continuing to increase attendances. Auxiliaries are featured in turn. Visitation on the last week of the month is a helpful complementary work . . . The second Planned Giving programme will follow the church anniversary.



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August 29 — (4) "LIVING IT UP!"
CENTENARY SERVICES — OCTOBER 24

IN NEW ROLE

(Shepparton, Vic.). Gordon Andrews, one-time minister of this church and recently of Bendigo church, was welcomed to Shepparton in his new position as representative of B. & F. B. Society. His addresses and slides, given at several churches, schools and organisations, were much appreciated . . . Local committees have been busy with preparations for the Half-Yearly Convention. The church looks forward to welcoming many from other churches on Aug. 28. . . . Mr. McIntosh has officiated at three weddings this month . . . Two B.S. boys were baptized on Aug. 15. . . Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Dunn and her son in the loss of husband and father, the late Fred Dunn, who, with his wife, joined the church at Colac over 50 years ago . . . Women's Fellowship Day service was held in our chapel. Women from several denominations took individual parts. The address, "Bridges in Asia," was given by Capt. Matthews, Salvation Army.

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"Believe Also in Me"

BY DAVID M. SURTEES

The disciples had been with Jesus for some time, and already they had begun to look upon him as someone out of the ordinary. However, their knowledge of him was limited to what they had seen and heard of him as a man. Not yet had they really discovered the truth that their Master was more than a man, even more than an extraordinary man. It was for this reason that Jesus said to his disciples, in John 14: 1, "... ye believe in God, believe also in me."

There was no doubt about the fact that these followers of the Galilean prophet believed in God. From the time of their youth they had been instructed in the essential fact of the power and holiness of Jehovah, and had learned to revere his name.

But this was not enough. It was absolutely necessary to their salvation that they believe also in Jesus. They needed to discover by faith the revealed truth that in coming to "know" Jesus one comes to "know" God. To Philip's request, "Lord, show us the Father," Jesus replies, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and for the rest of the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel he expounds this truth.

The disciples didn't fully grasp what he was talking about, it is true, but later, when the Holy Spirit was poured

David Surtees is the minister of the Bowral church, N.S.W.

out upon them and brought these things to their remembrance, they not only understood the fact of Christ's deity—it miraculously changed their lives. To believe in God is one thing, but to believe also in Jesus Christ is another.

The tragedy of many people's lives today lies in the fact that while they have a belief in God (though this is often a nebulous thing) they do not believe, trust, put their faith in Christ. There is a vital difference.

When Paul set out on the road to Damascus to bind all who were preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus, he believed in God. Not only did he believe in God, but his life was disciplined by the laws and ordinances of God. As he travelled to that distant city he honestly believed he was doing God's will to rid the world of these "heretics" who had been led away from Judaism by the crucified prophet into a fanatical cult which persuaded men that their leader had risen from the dead.

Paul believed in God, but he did not believe in Jesus, and without his confrontation with him on that road, without this experience of conversion which came with the realisation that Jesus is the Christ, he would have come to nothing.

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CHELTENHAM'S NEW CHAPEL

Cheltenham church (S.A.) opened the new chapel on August 15. This was the climax of some years of planning and work by the members of this virile congregation. The new "A Frame" chapel is situated on Cheltenham Parade, and was designed by Lance Brune, chairman of the Building Extension committee of the S.A. brotherhood.

This very attractive new building cost £9,000, and is attractively furnished and has an electronic organ. The men of the church, with specialist advice and assistance, built the pews and saved several hundred pounds by making this their project.

The chapel was opened by a foundation member of the church, Mrs. Watkins, at the dedication service on Sunday afternoon, and over 300 people, made up of members of the church and friends of the brotherhood attended. Colin Curtis (Glenelg), a Past-President of State Conference was the guest preacher for the occasion. During the day over £200 was received in the Temple Day and Thanksgiving Offerings.

Lance Austin is minister and has served the churches of Queenstown and Cheltenham for the past three years. At the end of this year the circuit will dissolve and Mr. Austin will continue as minister of the Cheltenham church, this being made possible with the assistance of the S.A. Home Missions Dept. The Queenstown church will have John Wise (C.O.B. graduate) as minister in the new year.

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To the Editor,

We have had a number of news items and paragraphs in the "Christian" concerning experimental evening services which have featured pop music, or T.V. stars, or guitar bands, or high-pressure advertising, etc., etc.

While being in complete accord with this experimental spirit I can see a danger in many of the situations which have been written up. Too many have been presented in a "gimmick" sort of way, and this is most unfortunate. When a "modern idiom" service is presented as a flash in the pan, and includes too many new features and imported personnel, it does not serve the real purpose of these services. One gimmick service every three or four months is not coming to grips with the necessity to communicate the gospel in modern idiom — it is a skirmish into foreign territory, followed by a hasty retreat to the old paths.

I believe that there is a theological necessity for us to develop worship patterns which are expressive of the spirit of the age; and that this must be accepted by a congregation as a continuous part of its method and strategy. Such ventures should be thoroughly planned to span at least a 12 months' period, in which services of a modern idiom would be held at least monthly.

The congregation need to learn many of the new "beat" tunes (e.g., Geoffrey Beaumont), and there should be many other changes made in the traditional pattern of Sunday evening services — including seating arrangements if possible. Most importantly, there must be a strict pruning of language to that of the everyday, including omission of Thee and Thou.

Finally, such services lend themselves admirably to the use of a great variety of methods in presentation of the gospel other than by preaching.

Let us have fewer gimmicks and more careful theological planning which issues in significant lasting changes which mean relevance, warmth and spontaneity in worship. This matter is too urgent to be played with.

—Alan Cant, Vic.

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SERVING THROUGH GIVING.

To the Editor,

The employment columns of the National daily reveals how "cockeyed" have become our ideas of relative values. In Monday's edition a large motor manufacturer sought a controller for their electronic data processing equipment and was prepared to pay £4,000 per annum. At the same time, probably the largest Children's Hospital in Australia wanted a Psychologist and couldn't even offer £3,000 per year for a man to probe the inner recesses of a child's mind.

Fortunately, there is evidence of better brotherhood thinking in this respect. I rejoice in the story of one of our suburban churches where, in the provision of a new manse it was adopted as a principle that the minister and his family required accommodation of a standard no lower than that of the home of the average member. Against this there is a vivid recollection of enjoying hospitality in a country manse which had apparently served as one of the community's early hospitals and the main bedroom as the morgue.

Some of the bigness of today's planning in our churches also indicates that we are emerging from the stage of being just a peculiar people. Whilst believing that statistical research is important, the efforts of numbers of people or the amounts of money involved never impresses me as much as the spirit behind their actions.

In our recent College venture, I recollect the spontaneous generosity of the sisters who, in accepting the responsibility for soft furnishings, raised £800 with no fuss at all. There also come to mind the non urban church which offered to underwrite the complete cost of students' accommodation for next year's intake. Now all I want to see is a complete reconciliation on everybody's part with the incomes we enjoy and the remuneration we are offering to the dedicated few training for the ministry.

—Percy C. Williams, Qld.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

Referring to G. Wladyskiuk's letter (Aug. 7), Paul's injunction to the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 14: 34, 35, was a directive to that particular church. The men in those days sat together and the women sat together, behind the men, and the Corinthian women were in the habit of calling to their husbands, asking questions, making comments, and in this way disrupting the service. 1 Cor. 14: 34, 35 was meant to correct this and restore order to the services in the church at Corinth. It cannot be taken

as a general directive to all women in all churches in all ages since then.

In 1 Tim. 2: 11, 12, Paul is clearly stating his own "personal" attitude and position, for he says "I" suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over men, and this cannot be taken as binding on all men ever since. If women are appointed to positions in the church, and are authorised to lead in worship, they are not usurping authority over men, it is being delegated to them.

Luke 2: 36 tells of Anna, the prophetess, who "spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." In this she was teaching and witnessing to men as well as women, and it is not recorded that she was forbidden to do so. The prophet (Joel 2: 28) says, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy"; and in Acts 2: 16, 17, Peter says that this prophecy was fulfilled at Pentecost. If Peter is right the Church itself began with women taking part.

Acts 21: 8, 9, tells that Paul's company abode with Philip the evangelist, and that Philip had four daughters who did prophesy. Paul himself says, in Gal. 3: 28, that there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, "male nor female," for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

This indicates that in the Church there is no distinction between the sexes, and this would apply to the Church in all ages. When Jesus had talked to the woman of Samaria she went and taught the men of the city and brought them to Jesus. The case against women taking part in services cannot be considered proved, and Mr. Wladyskiuk should remember the other half of his quotation — Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.

—A. Middleton, W.A.

MAYORESSSES.

To the Editor,

In the profile recently published in the "A.C." of Mrs. Rosendale, of Echuca, Vic., mention was made of her filling the position of Mayoress of Echuca in a gracious and capable way.

Every now and again women of our churches hold such positions and add an embellishment to the office of Mayoress.

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Moments of Worship

By W. J. MAXTED, South Australia.

Thursday, September 2. Psalm 12: 1-4. "Do help O Lord — for the godly men have come to an end . . . for the faithful have vanished . . ."

There are times when all of us — in turn — become depressed by the continuance of godlessness. On every side, man's satisfaction in himself is being acclaimed and applauded. The church seems powerless to sound either her good news, or her warning . . . If our preparation for such days has been worthwhile, some of the promises of the Word will ring in our heart, and we will be sustained. "God will see that every temptation has a way out, so that it will never be impossible for you to bear it."

"Dear Lord . . . maybe we are impatient to see 'RESULTS' . . . Help us not to run ahead of thee — but rather to wait for thy leading. Amen."

Friday, September 3. Psalm 12: 5-8.

"Where godless men strut around, as baseness is given a high rating among the descendants of men."

Our writer seems to have lifted his spirits from his thoughts of yesterday. Recognising the purity of God in his Word, he acknowledges the everlastingness of God's promises.

Yet the natural man is not impressed by what he sees from the people of God . . . for he "struts with his godlessness." How true today! Is it not good to remember "with God all things are possible"? Even the one who "struts" knows there is a limit to his powers — but the One who has so graciously longed for us to call him . . . "our Father" — with him, all things are possible . . .

"Almighty God — so inspire us that our vision of thyself might expand and grow. Amen."

Saturday, September 4. Psalm 13: 1-4.

"How long O Lord? Will thou forget me forever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I keep planning in my soul, and experience a daily sorrow of heart?"

Today — the hope of the Church — that Jesus is coming again, draws many a laugh from the world . . . Their words are nearly always the same, 'He has been gone for nigh on 2,000 years, he will never come back now.'

A second reading of the text will not only see the despondency and the sense of frustration, but will also detect the writer's enduring faith. God has hid his face, yes! — careful and loving planning has only reached a sorrowful fruition yes! — the godless has continually triumphed, yes! — but the man of God endures all this and asks, "How long?" — He knows that God is still with him.

"Dear Father . . . truly — in thee — all things DO work together for good. Amen."

Sunday, September 5. Psalm 13: 5, 6.

"My heart rejoices in thy deliverance." Never in any text, never in any of the Spirit's experiences, does God promise that we shall walk on "velvet paths," or find the way strewn with "rose petals" — never a "soft way."

The real follower of the Master will find many stones upon which to stub his toes, with many a sudden "descent," and always a very stiff ascent.

Yet strangely, "the heart sings with joy," with a melody more glorious than any put to paper, with a quality and range of voice that positively thrills, and which dwarfs anything ever heard or recorded. Yes, we have found his love to be "generosity unlimited."

"Gracious God and Father, for honouring our humble selves with thy wonderful presence, — thank you. Amen."

Monday, September 6. Psalm 14. "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'"

This week we have been concentrating on two opposite things — frustration and assurance. One of the most frustrating is the inability to explain Faith to another, and especially frustrating if that one is a loved one. But have you noticed how so many of the best things of our world are hard to explain? — intangibles?

Explain the green of the grass! — or the blue of the sky! — or the love of your heart! Thank God there are so many things which we accept, yet do not completely understand.

Almighty God, you have promised us that one day we shall know and understand ALL things. Praise thy name. Amen."

Tuesday, September 7. Psalm 14. "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the descendants of man to see if any were acting wisely — seeking after God."

Have you noticed how often the singular is emphasised in God's Word? Abraham, Noah, Lot, Moses, etc. The strange situation of there being "the only one available." As we read we come to the position of an exclusive, mighty one man — mighty in deeds, but also mighty in love. And then, miracle of all miracles, we find our very selves in the same position as the great men of old — God has spoken to us. God has spoken to me. I, of all the miracles of this earth, am a son of God.

"Most loving Father, our words of praise are inadequate, they die on our lips; please read and accept our heart's gratitude. Amen."

Wednesday, September 8. Psalm 15. "O Lord, who shall stay in thy tabernacle? Who will dwell on thy holy hill?"

The psalmist is confronted with a vision of the required purity and godliness for citizenship in the Kingdom of God, and for a moment his heart almost falters, he knows his frail humanity so well — with all his corresponding weaknesses!

How can he, how can anyone "stay" or "dwell" with such absolute righteousness?

It is wonderful, that we should know God, his Christ, and his Holy Spirit, but it is essential that we should know ourselves, know the pit of sin from which we have been so graciously "lifted."

"Dear Heavenly Father, on our own we could never find thine eternal abode and state. Praise be to thee, that in our Saviour and Lord's grace, ALL things ARE possible. Amen."

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