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## WELCOME TO THE WEST

Of course, it is not a first-time welcome, for Western Australia has been very much a part of "The Australian Christian" since it began 67 years ago. Indeed, three of its editors have been Westralians — A. W. Stephenson, W. J. Thomson and C. G. Taylor. At present, A. D. Pyne represents W.A. on the Australian Christian Board of Management, and J. K. Robinson is an Associate-Editor. Both are making a splendid contribution to the whole of the Australian brotherhood.

The new welcome to old friends is due to the fact that through the month of September the "Australian Christian" will enter many new homes. I know that many will be sad because of the passing of that fine monthly journal, the "Western Christian." Gordon Stirling has a letter on page 18 of this issue in which he expresses the genuine appreciation of us all. Writing that letter was Mr. Stirling's own idea, but I am glad that he did write.

That is the main justification for a national paper. We need to cross over State boundaries and find our togetherness in even greater measure. Just as overseas and aboriginal missions could not function successfully without full interstate co-operation, so all of the evangelistic, worship, and service enterprises of our churches need a weekly nation-wide journal through which they can share their faith and their mission, keep up to date with what is happening everywhere, and be a clearing house for ideas through articles on a wide variety of subjects.

"The Australian Christian" will certainly cost more for a year than did the "Western Christian," but it still costs less than most people pay for a women's magazine or weekly TV paper. The cost is not too high for a regular weekly sharing with the brotherhood. Unfortunately, like all other church journals, the "A.C." is still losing money, but additional subscribers will help to bring us to a better position.

I hope that there will be many more subscribers from every State. Just now we are looking to our opportunity in the West. Every issue of the "A.C." in September will be sent in sufficient quantity to each of the W.A. churches to enable each family to share its brotherhood interests each week. A subscription form will appear in each issue, which will make it simple for members to fill in details and hand to the local church agent.

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There is one request I have to make of the churches and members in Western Australia. It is that the "Australian Christian" be given an opportunity to serve the churches for a reasonable period. This means asking for the support of Conference Departments, churches, boards of officers, ministers, and members. With such support, the "Christian" will be able to prove that it can be a brotherhood servant for the West and for all of the States.

This fair trial is all that we can ask. Support the "Christian" throughout the coming year, and we shall be happy to let results speak for themselves.

"The Australian Christian" is pledged to serve Christ throughout the whole of this land.

## FOR HAPPY ENDINGS

Featured on the front cover of this issue and on page 11 is the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh, Vic. A new wing is to be opened on September 25.

On August 22 extensions to the Mylo Home for the Aged at Too-woomba, Qld., were opened (see next week's cover). A £90,000 project is under way for "Fairhaven" in Maryborough, Qld., and tenders are about to be called (see page 11, this issue). On page 7 (also in this issue), N.S.W. plans are announced for extensions to the Samuel and Ann McCauley Rest Home at Thirroul.

All of these enterprises represent an investment of a great amount of money, effort, and concern for the aged.

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# JONAH

BY J. A. LUFF

Albert Woodcock once styled himself as "a gentleman burglar." He had a mania for picking locks. He was never caught and gaoled; but there came the day when he met Christ, and was converted. So transformed was he that he set to work to pay back all he had stolen.

Then came God's call to missionary service in Africa. Albert Woodcock resisted the call and embarked on a new business career, which took him to America.

The first Sunday after arriving in New York, he was attracted by the singing in the Gospel Tabernacle, and attended the service. He sat away at the back near the door, behind an iron pillar. That morning Dr. Simpson spoke on Jonah. In the midst of his fervent message, Dr. Simpson stepped out from behind his pulpit and, with piercing eye, searched his audience back and forth saying, "Is there a Jonah here this morning?"

Woodcock was terrified. He crouched behind the iron pillar, feeling sure the preacher was looking for him—and that God too was searching him out! That week, with deep conviction and repentance, he applied to the Board of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, asking to be sent as a missionary to the Congo. He was one of the Alliance's earliest missionaries to the Congo, and served there till his death.

"Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah: Arise go to Nineveh . . . But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish . . . from the presence of the Lord . . . Tarshish, the city of "Have-your-own-way," the city of "Do-as-you-please," the city of "Take it easy"! And the fact that he was honest enough to pay his fare didn't undo his disobedience!

### His Second Chance.

Every one of the 48 verses of the story of Jonah cries out for comment. How tempting, for instance, it is to linger on the great fish part of the story, which I personally accept as historical

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miracle.\* But let it suffice to say that from the belly of the fish, Jonah emerged wiser, repentant, and certainly more willing to obey the Lord. And he got the second chance!

### "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy."

"Nineveh shall be overthrown," cried Jonah. But Nineveh repented. "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not."

How slow were the Jews of Jonah's day to learn it, and how slow they were at a later time too — that it was God's will to grant to the Gentiles also "repentance unto life."

As George Adam Smith has it: God's Word, through Jonah to his prejudiced people, is "that out there, beyond the Covenant, in the great world lying in darkness, there lives, not beings created for ignorance and hostility to God, elect for destruction, but men with consciences able to turn to his word, and to hope in his mercy — that to the farthest ends of the world, and even on the high places of unrighteousness, Word and Mercy work just as they do within the Covenant."

Without a doubt, Jonah is the Old Testament answer to the question: "Is there a missionary obligation?"

And a greater than Jonah said that his message was to go to "the ends of the earth."

### Why Jonah Fled.

Chapter 4 reveals why Jonah had fled from God. Strangely, Jonah expresses his anger in a prayer: "O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my

(\*I know some think differently. Those interested may care to consult Abingdon Bible Commentary, and "The Problem of the Book of Jonah," by G. Ch. Aalders D. Theol.).

life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live."

C. H. Cornill once said that he had read the Book of Jonah at least a hundred times, and he would publicly avow, since he was not ashamed of his weakness, that even then he could not read it or even speak of it without tears rising to his eyes and his pulse beating faster; because this book is one of the deepest and grandest ever written, and he would say to anyone approaching it, "Take off your shoes, for the ground whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Indeed! What a picture of God it presents. Have we really seen it yet?

"It is God: his love looks mighty,  
But it is mightier than it seems!  
'Tis our Father; and his fondness  
Goes far out beyond our dreams.  
There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea:  
There's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty."

—F. W. Faber.

### Where Is Nineveh?

Nineveh was a wicked city, an alien city, a powerful city, a city about which God was concerned and over which he yearned. And Nineveh repented!

There is no city, no nation, no race outside of the span of God's interest. He would that all men be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth.

But have we considered, for instance, what effect this thought could have in the matter of war. "War is possible," says Leyton Richards, "because statesmen can rely upon the peoples to accept certain others as their official "enemies"; but let it be known that the Church will never acquiesce in this mechanical and wholesale breach of fellowship, and she would go far to paralyse the hand of war." You do not agree? But it's worth thinking about, isn't it, for surely, the Book of Jonah is "a plea in favour of international goodwill in place of vindictiveness and prejudice."

### And a Greater Than Jonah Is Here!

Did Jesus have Jonah in mind when he told of the elder son? It is interesting to compare Jonah 4 and Luke 15.

But in any case Jesus did mention Jonah on at least two occasions, and in each instance, spoke of "the sign of Jonah" (Matthew 12: 39-41; 16: 4). Furthermore, Jonah is the only Old Testament prophet with whom Jesus directly compared himself.

In the preaching of Jonah, the men of Nineveh recognised the authentic voice of God and responded to it, and those with ears to hear heard the authentic voice of God in Jesus.

And on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead!

### NEWS AND REPORTS

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# FAITH PERFECTED

(THE STORY OF MILDRED CABLE)

By Mrs. FREDA BAKER, New South Wales.

## MEDITATION.

"The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Hymn 532, "The King of love my Shepherd is."

## PRAYER.

"O God, who revealest thyself to those who seek thee in spirit and in truth, create in us clean hearts and renew in us a right spirit; that we may be numbered with the pure in heart and with those who offer their whole lives as a reasonable sacrifice to the establishing of thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

BIBLE READING — 1 Cor. 13: 8-13.

## DEVOTIONAL — Mildred Cable.

The classic journey of Mildred Cable and the Misses Evangeline and Francesca French over the Great Gobi Desert, and across the face of two continents, must go down in history as one of the greatest missionary journeys of all time. The expedition began in 1926, not for the sake of adventure or excitement, but with the avowed object to take the gospel of Christ to the very heart of the world. It was indeed a modern Crusade, for it was designed to fight the insidious spread of Moslem propaganda and to

plant the banner of Christ along the way.

This historic campaign actually began twenty-five years earlier, in the year 1901, when this famous missionary trio left for China to build up Christian education in the Shansi area. Under their care, the school and the training centre there developed so well that they became the pride of the community.

During the years that had elapsed between 1901 and 1926, the missionaries had given to the work so much of their hearts, and of their very selves, that the inhabitants of Hwochow wanted them to remain there for the rest of their lives. Furthermore, the grateful people wanted to purchase a piece of land just outside the city walls, where, eventually, these three good women could be buried, and thus be kept for ever in death by the people for whom they had given their lives.

Such a sentiment might have appealed to three ordinary women who, under similar circumstances, could have felt, justifiably, that it was time to rest on their laurels and remain proud of their achievements. But this courageous band, Mildred, Evangeline and Francesca, were no ordinary women. They felt the call to continue, and to take the gospel across the world. Therefore they uprooted themselves. They abandoned their home and their friends, and with such small personal effects as were absolutely necessary, they set out to the North West, via the Great Gobi Desert.

The first stage of their journey was from Hwochow to Kanchow, a distance of 1,500 miles. It was full of hardship and labor, hunger and thirst, heat and cold, and dangers from all that lay before them in the Unknown. For days and days they travelled, sometimes in a cart, sometimes uncomfortably perched in litters slung over the backs of mules. Once, hundreds of soldiers marched past them, casting fierce glances at the little party which had drawn into the side of the road.

These men, they later discovered, belonged to a Moslem regiment famed and feared for the dreadful cruelties they committed. At one stage they passed through a region which had recently been devastated by a great earthquake in which hundreds of thousands of people had perished.

After serving for a time in Hanchow they pressed on again. They went on through Chinese Turkistan, across the Russian frontier, across the continent of Europe and on to London. They endured acute discomfort along the way. Intense heat, bitter cold, plagues of flies, drenching rains, birds of prey, shortage of supplies, bands of prowling brigands, are only just a few of the many adversities they were called upon to face.

But moment by moment they were aware of the presence of their Lord, and they never ceased to witness for him and to trust him. Their faith and their love wrought with their works, and by those works were their faith and love made perfect.

Hymn 514, "All the way my Saviour leads me."

## BUSINESS.

Hymn 535, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

## BENEDICTION.

Questions such as these enabled us to pause and ask, "Are we really doing the work we should be doing for Christ in New Guinea?"

The communion service held on Sunday, July 4, was one of the highlights of these special meetings. Our New Guinea brethren presided, read the Scriptures, and distributed the emblems.

Seeing their ministry in this way caused us to praise God for what he has done in the lives of these men. Only a few years ago they had no knowledge of God's saving power, but now they are directing the thoughts of people to Calvary as they minister at the Lord's Table.

The development of the church in New Guinea was further demonstrated when we went up to Tung on the Sunday afternoon for the opening of the new church. The first church has been demolished and a new building, made of local materials, has replaced it. It was built by the Tung people, except the pulpit, communion table and platform chairs, which were made by Graeme Sonsie. We were not only encouraged to see the new building, but to see the Tung people leading the service and taking an active part in it.

As the mission in New Guinea commences another year of witness, let us pray that the church will continue to grow and that many souls will be added.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### ORGAN FOR BRIDGETOWN

(W.A.). An organ has been purchased from the Dalkeith Road church for £65. £63 has already been donated. The old organ will be placed in the manse . . . C.W.F. ladies held annual stall on Sept. 3 . . . Our minister, B. Stitt underwent surgery on his hand and during his absence H. Short of Manjimup and A. Ogden took the services on August 8 . . . At a Youth Rally, on Aug. 14, two young people made confession of faith. Mr. Berston, from Manning, was speaker. He also addressed the church on Aug. 15.

### FATHERS AND SONS

(North Perth, W.A.). The successful men's and boys' tea in August featured a large number of father-son combinations. The film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage" was shown . . . A tea for Senior young people was held on Aug. 15. At the evening service, the film, "Teen-age Rock" was used. Youth Fellowship concert raised £25 for New Guinea Missionary Project . . . J. K. Robinson is minister.

### EDUCATION VISIT

(Bunbury, W.A.). Bible School teachers received much benefit from a visit from Miss Merle Peacock. The supt., M. A. Chessell, handed Miss Peacock a cheque for £24 from the young people of the church for the Overseas Mission Project . . . On July 23, a film evening was held at home of Dr. Horner, when Mrs. Bruen showed films of her visit to Darwin and North Queensland. A collection was taken for Hall Fund . . . Guest speaker on Aug. 8 was Kevin Thomas, a returned missionary from India . . . We united with the Baptist friends on Aug. 11, to hear J. Brighton, of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, and to view his beautiful films of Palestine. Visitors from the Red Cross were present on Red Cross Sunday on Aug. 15. The minister, D. Tonkin, spoke on the work of Red Cross in the world and in the community.

### BETHESDA HOSPITAL SANCTUARY FUND - Progress Report

(W.A.). The estimated cost of the building of the Sanctuary is £4,000. When this amount is in hand, the Board of Management will proceed with the building.

The Fund now stands at £1,705/4/9. The Sanctuary will be dedicated as a place for meditation and prayer. It will be for the use of the patients, their relatives and friends, and for the staff use. Meetings could be held here.

Your prayers and financial help is appreciated, and we look forward to your continued assistance.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37: 4).

—B. G. Hill, Matron.

(Donations to Bethesda are rebatable for taxation purposes.)

## WESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

The W.A. Churches of Christ Christian Union Committee is holding a Christian Union Conference on September 24 and 25, at the Christian Centre.

There is a general progression in the subjects to be considered, leading up to the final session, which challenges us to move "Forward in the Spirit of Christ."

It is intended that, except in the case of the Bible Studies, time should be allowed for questions and discussion after the speaker has addressed the meeting, so that the maximum benefit will be obtained.

There is a spirit of enthusiasm evident amongst many of our people, so that we confidently look forward to very fine meetings representative of the Western brotherhood. A small charge will be made to cover the cost of organising the Conference, and lunch and tea on Saturday, the 25th, will be served, tickets for these meals will be sold in the local churches.

The programme is as follows:—  
Friday, Sept. 24, 8 p.m. — Churches of Christ and Christian Union in the present situation. (1) The general situation. Speaker: C. G. Flood. (2) Our own

attitude — (a) Historically; (b) Present — Speaker: J. W. Somerville. Bible Study: The Church of Christ, T. A. Morrison.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. — The Ministry. (1) The Episcopal position. Speaker, Rev. Father M. Haynes, of the Society of the Sacred Mission. (2) Reformed position. Speaker, The Rev. J. M. Owen, B.A., B.D., Principal of the Presbyterian Theological Hall. (3) The Churches of Christ position. F. Rees. Bible Study: Principles for Service and special orders in the New Testament, J. W. Somerville.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m. — Christian Union in practice today. (1) The Mission Fields. Speaker, Dr. L. Michael. (2) In Australia. Speaker, Rev. L. G. Staton, Sec., W.A. Council of Churches. (3) In the Military Forces, A. W. Morris. (4) In Social Service, G. Smith. (5) In Youth Work, A. Wilkinson, a leader in A.C.Y.C. Bible Study. Other sheep — Other needs. The Spirit of Co-operation in Service, G. Powell.

Saturday, Sept. 25, at 7.30 — Forward in the Spirit of Christ. (1) Adventures in co-operation. Speaker, K. J. Patterson. (2) What to do in the local congregation, C. G. Flood. Bible Study. When men walk by Faith, C. G. Flood.

### EXCHANGE

(Inglewood, W.A.). Val. and John Elsbury are holidaying in the Eastern States. Meeting with us are Mr. and Mrs. Wright and family, of Coburg, Vic. . . . Intermediate young people conducted evening service on Aug. 15. A film of Missionary Aviation Fellowship was screened . . . Bible study meetings have been held in members' homes during winter.

### MELONS BY THE CWT.

(Mandurah, W.A.). C.W.F. have been busy with more sewing days, commencing at 9 a.m., for Aborigines Missions, and Social Services. With the help of some husbands, 200 lbs. of melons were cut and made into several varieties of jam for the Missions . . . Helpful messages have been received from Messrs. Collingwood, Moorhouse, Kinsman, Stewart, and the Gospel Team . . . For the winter months, gospel meetings are held at 4 p.m. First meeting at the new hour proved successful. Many elderly folk attended who find it difficult to come out at night. Rosalie Weeks still needs our prayers for illness.

### PARENTS' NIGHT

(Fremantle, W.A.). Many scholars for the Bible School are transported regularly by members from outlying districts, particularly Hamilton Hill/Coolbellup area. On Aug. 13, a parents' night was held. The film, "No Vacant Chairs" was screened, and Miss Merle Peacock assisted with a demonstration lesson. Parents were then invited to inspect the various departments of the school and to view some of the work and projects in which the scholars have participated recently. Teachers had opportunity to speak informally with parents during supper.

### VISITORS

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). In the week of Scripture Union we had as visiting speakers Mr. Shelley, from NSW, and Mr. Moore, from Perth. Also, Miss Thompson spoke to the S.S. scholars. Miss White, from Vic., has been visiting us. She is the fiancée of Mr. Allsop, our new minister, who will be starting with us, and Rivervale church, in the New Year . . . A class for study on Sunday mornings is preparing S.S. scholars for baptism.

## • OVERSEAS MISSIONS

BY R. S. A. McLEAN

# Annual Meeting — New Guinea

The visit of the seven Mission Board Secretaries to Papua and Territory of New Guinea, concluded in Port Moresby on June 25. My visit coincided with the Annual Meetings of our mission. On June 26, I returned to the Ramu Valley.

At the Madang airport, the Lutheran "Cessna" plane was ready to leave for Chungribu, and Rosalie Rofe was waiting to travel on the same charter. It was the second time Rosalie and I had flown out from Madang, to the mission area. The first time was in 1962 when, after arriving at Awar we had an eight-hour walk in front of us through very rough country, but in contrast, when we arrived this time the plane took us practically to the door of the mission house at Chungribu.

The Annual Meetings were held at the Bunapas Hospital site, from June 30 to July 5. Every missionary was present, and a time of rich fellowship was experienced by all. The mornings were spent in Bible study, the afternoons were kept as free as possible for recreation and fellowship, and the evenings were given over to business sessions, except on the Saturday, when a special

service was held to set apart those accepting office for the new year.

It was my privilege to lead the morning Bible study and worship. For several days we centred our devotions around Hebrews 10: 22-25. These verses invite us to draw near to God in prayer, hold fast our profession without wavering, and to encourage one another and spur each other on in Christian service.

After morning devotions we were led in further Bible study by tapes forwarded by Dr. Jauncey and E. Hart. The missionaries were then divided into study groups to consider questions such as:—

• "Is the experience of prayer lacking in our mission field? Should Churches of Christ give greater emphasis to the disciplined prayer life?"

• "Has the need for 'rebirth' top priority in our witness to the people of New Guinea?"

• "Is it the prime concern of the church today to preach the cross, or has the church become so involved in maintaining the 'agencies of evangelism' that the direct preaching of the cross is being neglected?", etc.



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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

(Torrensville, S.A.). A challenge was accepted to encourage fringe members back into fellowship. 80 members and friends sat down to a three-course dinner prepared by the women. Teenage girls waited on the tables and the men washed up. The dinner was followed by a film, "The Visitor" . . . At the annual meeting, those elected to office were: sec., O. R. Wright; treas., R. L. Minear; deacons, M. Young, S. Taylor, D. Toy . . . Boys' basketball finished third in their grade.

### £300 TO ABORIGINES

(S.A.). The S.A. Youth Project for 1965 has closed, and on Conference Youth Night, Sept. 10, a cheque will be presented to S. M. Riches for the work at Esperance, W.A.

### R.C. ARCHBISHOP WITH MEN

(S.A.). The Southern District Men's Fellowship was established in 1963, and is supported by Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in the Southern suburbs of Adelaide. Over the years rallies have been held in each of the churches, and lectures and discussions have taken place on the basic doctrines of the member churches.

On Aug. 18, Archbishop J. W. Gleeson, Auxiliary Bishop of the R.C. Church in Adelaide, was guest speaker at the Malvern Methodist Church Hall. Various representatives of the Churches shared in the worship and presentation of the programme. Dr. Gleeson spoke on the "Ecumenical Council of the R.C. Church," and the 200 men present entered into

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free and open discussion in the question time that followed. Observers have expressed the opinion that the meeting was capably led by Len Clarkson, and although it was obvious that there have been some remarkable changes in the attitude of the R.C. Church to other Churches, there is no evidence of any change in the basic doctrinal position this church holds or that union can be entered into other than by a return to the R.C. faith.

Of greatest significance, however, is the fact that such a meeting as this could be held, and that frank and open discussion was possible.

### MINISTER RETURNS

(Kadina, S.A.). A. E. Brown, former minister here, returned as guest speaker for the 56th anniversary of the church on Aug. 8. The Temple Day offering was £292, bringing the year's total for Project '65 to £840, exceeding the aim by £190. . . . 84 attended the annual meeting and church dinner . . . The church is saddened in death of Mrs. G. Bennett.

### UNIQUE SERVICE

(Dulwich, S.A.). Forty-five young people from Beaumont Methodist church (neighboring suburb) attended our morning service on Aug. 29, in a unique gesture of Christian unity. The initiative came from the Methodists, and the idea was to show their young folk our practice and form of service centring round the Lord's Supper . . . Comments by leaders in the group afterwards emphasised they had seen only limited differences in essential beliefs. S. H. Neighbour had talked with the visitors before the service, and shown them the open baptistry . . . On the previous Sunday there was a short service in the hall to mark the opening of re-designed kitchen, as memorial to Mrs. Selway. Miss H. Grant recalled that Mrs. Selway was a foundation member of the church who delighted to attend to "inner man" comforts.

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### MODERN HYMNS

(Flinders Park, S.A.). "Hymns to Modern Music," at gospel service, featured Mrs. Margaret Anson, and the Youth Trio. Several C.O.B. students took part in this service, with Colin Dredge giving the address. 35 students from Glen Iris are visiting S.A. for 5 days. Several took part in discussions and answered questions at a District Rally held in our Activities Hall . . . An Adult Bible Class now meets at the manse at 10 a.m. Sunday.

### TRIBESMEN CONVERTED

(Chicago). The entire tribe of about 100 Auca Indians in Ecuador, who killed five American Protestant missionaries in 1956, has been converted to Christianity, the founder-director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., reported here.

Dr. William Cameroun Townsend, whose organisation has worked for years among wild Amazon tribes, said that many of the Aucans also are now active in preaching to other Indians.

Last month two children of one of the murdered missionaries were baptized by an Aucan preacher who was one of the eight persons responsible for the massacre.—E.P.S.

### OFFICE MANAGER — OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### ABORIGINES TEAM FAREWELLED

(N.S.W.). A great gathering filled the Carramar chapel on Aug. 18 to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rogan, of Canley Heights, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stephenson, of Carramar, who leave shortly to serve on the Norseman Mission, W.A. The Rogans will work in the Children's Home, and the Stephensons will be attached to the Norseman Christian Centre. The meeting was arranged through the co-operation of the State Aborigines Mission Committee and Carramar church. Edgar Park and T. C. Garrett represented the State Committee and testimonies were presented by the out-going missionaries. Supper was provided by the Carramar ladies.

### WINGHAM G.B. SUCCESS

(N.S.W.). The Girls' Brigade Company won the Jubilee Year trophy for the best collection obtained during G.L.B. Week throughout Australia. Senior girls travelled to Sydney to receive the award. . . . At the annual meeting a proposed plan for a new youth hall was adopted. Among those elected were: sec., R. H. Budden; auditor, Alan Budden; organist, Mrs. H. Bird; asst. org., Mrs. D. Paddon. Record attendances at beginning of year have declined through widespread winter illness . . . The church treasurer, K. Germon, is very ill in Manning River Dist. Hospital; a senior member, A. Bulley, is also a patient there . . . Evening service now starts at 7.15 p.m. . . . New double doors for the chapel have proved a great advantage, especially during cold nights.

### YOUTH SERVICE - LIDCOMBE

(N.S.W.). On Aug. 15, H. C. Wheat, Secretary of Woolwich College Board, and minister of Padstow church, was guest speaker representing the training activities of the College. In the evening, to mark the conclusion of Education Week in Sydney, a Special Youth Service was conducted. Young people and members of the Bible School brought musical messages, and Miss Cheryl Armstrong presided. Mr. Rae delivered an appropriate word of challenge to young people, and the meeting concluded with an After-Church Fellowship and Display of Bible School Handwork.

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### SERGEANT LEON IN DEMAND

(N.S.W.). "Sergeant Leon," the talking doll who visits youth groups with N.S.W. Director of Christian Education, Bruce Armstrong, is always in great demand at Bible School anniversaries and at "Adventure Time" series. It is amazing what this "Sergeant" of the Boys' Brigade knows — about the Word of God, and how young folk should be faithful in service. Leon's latest effort is the word that he contributes to the Youth Magazine, "Focus." We thank God for Mr. Armstrong's ventriloquial talent and for "Leon's" stirring messages to youth.

### CARE FOR THE AGED

(N.S.W.). The Social Service Dept., under the guidance of Charles Cole, is endeavouring to extend its accommodation and facilities for geriatric care. Plans are already developing for the necessary additions and modifications to

### ABORIGINES MISSIONS

**A CORRECTION.**  
To the Editor,

With agreement of the Secretary of Western Women's Auxiliary, may we supply background information to avoid an unfavourable impression that could be gained from a paragraph in "Women Witnessing in the West"? ("A.C." Aug. 7). The information was not supplied by Mrs. Fisher and, unfortunately, became distorted.

There are, on our Native Reserves, living as a community, both Christians and those who have not yet turned to Christ. Naturally there are gambling, drinking and other evils which have plagued and demoralised these folk for scores of years. Any who make a stand for the Christian way of life are subjected to tremendous pressures, and those who gain only a tenuous hold are easy prey. So we do have some who fall back into their old ways.

What congregation, anywhere, has all converts come right through immediately to a 100 per cent separated life, even without the tight tribal bindings and fears from which these people have to cut loose?

But a very redeeming feature in our Native work is the number who, in their simplicity, their exceedingly poor and often illiterate circumstances, and their

the "Samuel and Ann McAuley Rest Home," beautifully situated, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, at Thirroul. It has been estimated that the first phase of this project will ensure accommodation for sixteen elderly folk together with adequate provision for the resident Matron and staff. The total value of this new property will be approximately £37,000. Mrs. Wyndham-Jones of Wollongong church, has generously donated one-third of the original value of the property, which is valued at about £20,000.

**HURSTVILLE.** The ladies visited Strickland House and shared in practical and spiritual gifts. Paul Toomey, one of our young men, gave the message at an evening service. J. Henderson was speaker at our special guest midweek meeting. He is supervisor of a school at Thornleigh.

tribal ties, get up after a fall and try again.

It is worthy of note that, on the Norseman Native Reserve, as a direct result of the Christian impact, there has not been, for over three years, a disturbance caused by any permanently resident Norseman Native (Christians and others), whereas formerly drunken orgies and fights were almost a nightly occurrence. The impact is favourably noted by Police, Magistrates and Welfare Workers.

Not all the Christians at Carnarvon Reserve "had returned to their old ways of drinking and gambling, as may have been assumed from the brief statement. Indeed, at last Sunday's breaking of bread meeting (Aug. 15), 28 attended from among the Reserve and nearby residents.

It is to give these Christian communities, and those who would like to join them, opportunities for fellowship, instruction and spiritual communion that our Christian Centre was set up at Norseman, and that every effort is now being made to establish an adequate Christian Centre as speedily as possible at Carnarvon. The constant prayers of the brotherhood are invited to undergird those who make a commitment to Christ, and especially for those who find the going difficult.  
—Maston Bell, W.A.

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# Planning New Curriculum

As already announced, our Federal Board of Christian Education is making preparation for a new curriculum for Christian education. It is hoped that resources for the new curriculum will be ready for publication in 1970. Commencing in 1965, and proceeding in various stages year by year, the Board is to re-assess its task and continue its study of the basic issues related to curriculum.

Recently, members of the Federal Board of Christian Education attended a four-day conference arranged by the Joint Board of Graded Lessons (Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches). The Joint Board also plans a new curriculum for 1970, and has developed a strategy to reach this goal. We were invited to share in this conference (one of a series being held across Australia) as observers. Representatives of the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Education and Publication and the General Board of Religious Education (Anglican) were also present.

The conference was an intensive study experience in such related areas as "The Place of Christian Education in the Church," "The Gospel and Its Implications for Christian Education," "The Content of Christian Education," "The Place and Use of the Bible in Christian Education." Working papers on these topics had been prepared and formed the basis for presentation and discussion.

Dr. David Merritt, a director of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons, led the conference.

The Joint Board itself is finally responsible for all decision-making about curriculum, but it seeks to involve Departments of Christian Education of the three bodies in intensive study of the areas related to curriculum. As Departments explore problems and felt concerns this dialogue will assist the Joint Board in its later work of providing adequate resources for effective Christian education.

Our Federal Board conference held in June, 1965, unanimously accepted the invitation of the Joint Board to share with them in this basic planning. This mutual sharing would be with full freedom for each Board to pursue its own policies. There could be sharing of working papers; curriculum planning and editorial staffs could meet for discussion of key issues.

This joint action in curriculum planning would also include co-operative work on specific planning tasks, e.g., statements of learning theory. In the course of co-operative work it may emerge that some syllabus outlines may be able to be jointly drawn up, leaving each Board free to use the outlines and prepare and publish curriculum resources that express its own distinctive emphases.

—V. C. Stafford, Director and Editor.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

Ministers: T. J. Gore resigned from Henley Beach, S.A. At the age of 76, he could look back on a half century of most fruitful ministerial service. He left America in 1866 with the thought of spending a few years in Australia. He was still here in 1915. Although resigning from the heavy work of the local church ministry, he was planning to visit among the churches to continue to teach and preach. In Gilbert Chandler's first year at Geelong, there were 105 baptisms and reconsecrations. Towing Service. The evangelists in the Swan Hill Circuit travel in unique ways. Recently D. A. Cockcroft, on his motor cycle, towed W. Wakefield on his push bicycle from Swan Hill to Lake Boga. On the way the latter was deposited at least once in the dust. Enlisted: Mr. Crossman, preacher at North Auburn, N.S.W.; W. A. Brown, Kaniva, Vic.; Brethren Matthews, Michael and Pollard, of North Perth, W.A.; Mr. Thomson, jr., Fremantle, W.A. Unopposed: The Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., was returned unopposed in the Northern District to the S.A. Legislative Council.

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## OBITUARY

Mrs. A. B. Thomas.

Mrs. Annie Bell Thomas died on her 86th birthday. She was baptized at North Richmond by Thomas Hagger, by whom also she was married to John William Thomas. They were members at Preston, assisting in the erection of the chapel. Later they were in fellowship at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic. Through her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, they also had association with the church at Chelsea. Mrs. Thomas was a visitor at Alfred Hospital, and an ardent member of the Women's Auxilliary in the pioneering days of the Social Service Dept. In latter years, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas lived with their daughter, Mrs. Thelma Dickason, first at Surrey Hills, and then at Ringwood, and were honored members of the churches there. Some years ago her husband pre-deceased her. Increasing weakness and pain were borne with a beautiful faith and patience. To the last she maintained that regal bearing which caused her to be widely known as "Queen." She had wide interests, as the long Prayer List in her Bible was eloquent witness. She lived in prayer support in the ministries of her nephews, Theo. and Lance Fisher, and her niece, Sister Dledre Banks, with the Mission to Lepers in Nepal. W. F. Nankivell shared the services at the home and Box Hill Cemetery with the writer. Loving sympathy is extended to her daughter, Thelma, and son, Ross, her sisters, who were closely attached, and all the family.—J. E. Brooke.

Mrs. Lizzie Shaw.

After a painful illness, Mrs. Shaw died on Aug. 16, at the age of 79 years. She was a faithful member of Churches of Christ for 60 years. She committed her life to Christ during ministry of J.R. Baker at Nth. Fitzroy. For many years she and her husband and family attended the Thornbury church. Nearly three years ago she came to reside at the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh, and transferred her membership to the Oakleigh church. She spent some time in hospital and underwent surgery. She was most patient in suffering. A service was held in the Mortuary Chapel at Northcote and at the Fawkner Crematorium. Many beautiful floral tributes were an indication of the love of many relatives and friends. To her daughters, sons and relatives we tender our sincere sympathy.—E. J. Miles.

Frederick George Milne

Mr. Milne died at the age of 73 years on Aug. 5. In early life he was associated with the churches at Dandenong, Maryborough and Ballarat, where he took an active part in the work. For many years he was hindered from church activities by ill health, but maintained a strong faith in the Saviour. He was a quiet but friendly man, with a fine sense of humour. During his long illness he was most patient and uncomplaining, and deeply appreciative of all that was done for him by loved ones and friends. A service was conducted at the Mortuary Chapel and at the conclusion a recording was played of a solo sung by his daughter Jean. It was very impressive. To Mrs. Milne and the four daughters, we extend our loving sympathy.—E. J. Miles.

September 4

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# CAN WE LIVE WITH DIFFERENCES?

BY H. F. GROSS

No one would argue that a man's conscience is an infallible guide. Someone has said, "Christians have burned each other at the stake, quite convinced that they were doing the will of God." But at the same time all would agree that we forfeit our manhood if we do not obey our conscience. "Conscience, even though it be erroneous, must be followed."

Paul argued strongly for freedom of conscience in the church. If a man could not eat food offered to idols, without feeling guilty, then no one should force him to do so, nor think any the less of him for that.

If a man wished to observe some days in a special way, as more sacred than others, there was no harm in that, so long as he did not force his private wishes upon every other Christian. In Jewish circles Paul observed Jewish customs; in Gentile churches he relaxed many of these same customs.

But isn't this compromise? If it's right (or wrong) to observe special days in special ways, isn't it always right (or wrong) — and for everyone? At any rate, for all Christians? Why compromise principles for the sake of the less enlightened, or the less spiritual?

The last sentence may reek of pharisaism and smugness, and yet we can appreciate that some things may be considered so important that to countenance any other practice or belief seems to be a betrayal of the faith itself.

Paul happily accepted different practices on matters like observing special days, because he recognised that we should distinguish between a lesser good (complete uniformity of practice — if that is a "good") and a greater good. One man's spiritual growth depended upon the sort of self-imposed discipline involved in observing special days, whilst that of another man depended on freedom from such restrictions.

The great good at stake in each case was the growth of the person in Christ-likeness. The various means to the end might vary from person to person. What would be right for the one would be wrong for the other. If Paul thought his own practice the better one, he was nevertheless prepared to let time and experience and the Spirit of God do their work in convincing those who did not agree.

It is always wrong to refuse to follow one's conscience, although it is equally wrong to refuse to let our judgment of what is right and wrong be tested in the crucible of contact with others whose consciences suggest another course of action.

The challenge of the modern Christian unity movement lies just here. We don't run away from our differences, or pretend that they do not exist or are unimportant, when some of them are very important. We face up to our differing understandings of the will of God, and together seek to resolve the issues.

But what if the issues remain unresolved? I cannot, and would not if I could, force my brother in Christ to disobey his conscience. But does this mean that we must separate? At this point we must face the question of the lesser and the greater good. The unity of God's people is a very great good indeed. I would hold that we have no gospel to proclaim unless the reconciliation of which it speaks can be embodied in the unity of God's people.

Alexander Campbell, in his day, spoke of "a great question, which we anticipate soon to be the all-absorbing question of Protestant Christendom, viz.: How may schisms cease, and all Christians unite, harmonize and co-operate in one great community as at the beginning?"

The manifest unity of God's people is no side issue, no optional extra. The questions we must ask ourselves about any matter which divides Christians are:—

"Is this issue so important, and are our views so diametrically opposed, that it is impossible to live together in the one fellowship? If I am allowed to bear witness to the truth as I see it, and to practise what my conscience tells me I must, within the fellowship of a united Church, do I dare to remain in isolation and conflict with those who hold other convictions concerning the will of God?"

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(The fourth article in this series, "IS COMPROMISE INEVITABLE?" by K. J. Patterson, W.A., will appear next week.)

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# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Why doesn't the "Australian Christian" confine itself to spiritual matters? Don't you think it ought to have more Biblical articles?

The "Australian Christian" has always had something to say about social, political and international items. In glancing through the bound copy of the "A.C." for the feature, "Fifty Years Ago," I notice the following topics: hotel trading hours, capital punishment, labor politics and Romanism, war and peace, war atrocities, and the case against the totalisator. This is not a bad coverage for a few weeks' comment!

The second half of your question suggests that the Bible doesn't bother with these so-called non-spiritual things. This would have been news to Hosea, Isaiah, Amos, and Micah, who all argued very strongly that spiritual values were expressed in justice and mercy as well as in humility before God. If you follow the calls for justice and mercy in today's world, you will range far and wide over the affairs of human living in every continent.

Paul would not support any narrowing view of the spiritual life. Assuming that he was making a general statement when he said, "I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and a crucified Jesus Christ", in his letters, Paul then goes on to deal with an extraordinary number of social and general themes. He speaks of marital relations, domestic issues, citizens' responsibilities, moral matters, and social problems. The more you read Paul the more you discover that knowing the crucified Christ did not mean moving out of life, but into it.

Paul and the others learned this from Jesus. When James said we were to keep ourselves unspotted from the world he was merely repeating Jesus, who said, "You are in the world but not of it." We are in the world and it is our job to make the world Christian.

The gospel does not separate the spiritual world from the material world. It spiritualises the material. The gospel does not make prayer, Bible study, and worship ends in themselves, it makes them instruments of the spirit of Christ and resources for witness in the world.

Jesus never said, "Get out of the world!" He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." Preaching the gospel means saying it, and writing it, and living it in every area of human experiences. This includes the pages of this journal.

We may not be doing it as well as we should, but we are trying to hear what God is saying to the world and to share it with others.

## Communion Crowns Close

(Puerto Rico). Tonight it has ended! 1,200 people from around the world were served the Lord's Supper by hundreds of young men and women.

After Stanton H. Wilson had set aside Sir Philip Messent and his fellow officers, Lester McAllister took charge. It was simple, reverent and altogether lovely. Representatives of varying groups within the American brotherhood, colored people, two tongues, these were no bar-

riers to communion. A Dale Fiers, of the U.C.M.S., was a happy choice for speaker. He stressed again the great acts of redemptive love in Christ, and pleaded for the unity of the riven body of the Lord.

The final benediction — the last good-byes, and on many sides we heard, "See you in Adelaide in 1970!"

We hope so!

—E.P.C.H.

### £273 FOR MISSIONS

(Wambo-16 Mile Creek, Qld.). The Overseas Missions offering was £273/11/- Missionary emphasis was given at a J.C.E. night, when Wambo joined with Dalby and Chinchilla churches. Miss Aileen Draney gave a talk following tea and a quiz programme. . . . Other visitors recently have been Phil Woolford, Youth Director, who led a teacher training weekend and Athol Rosenberg representing Wycliffe Bible Translators.

### N.S.W. SEPTEMBER BROADCASTS

Churches of Christ broadcasts over Station 2CH, Sydney, N.S.W., during September, are as follows:

Daily Broadcasts, 8.45 a.m. — Sat., Sept. 4: B. Armstrong, Director of Christian Education. Thurs, Sept. 16; R. B. Ewers, Belmore. Tues., Sept. 28: C. Cole, Director of Social Service.

### 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.

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

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### TRAINING COURSE

(Canberra, A.C.T.). A training course for Sunday morning Scripture readers was held on Aug. 11. . . . The N.S.W. Conference President, Colin E. Bowser, addressed the morning service on Aug. 22. . . . The architect is getting nearer to producing firm plans for the South Canberra Church building. . . . Don Withers has been elected chairman of the C.Y.F.

### NEW TUNES — OLD HYMNS

(Launceston, Tas., Margaret-st.). Nearly fifty guests accepted the invitation to the second guest service in the "Year of Evangelism." It took the form of a "Festival of Song." The congregation sang the first two verses of the hymns to old familiar tunes, the choir then sang the next two verses to 20th century tunes, after which the congregation sang to the new tune. Solos were rendered by Mrs. M. Alderton and B. Birtwistle. An audi-visual film preceded the short address by C. J. Robinson. The service was bright, but maintained an air of reverence and worship. After the service, the guests were invited to share a cup of coffee with the church members in the school hall.

### BANKSTOWN MISSION

(N.S.W.). A week's mission has been planned for the church at Bankstown, from September 5 to 12, led by Bill Cochrane, of "Ambassadors for Christ," with Frank Leivesley as song leader and soloist. New Zealander, David Riches, will preside at the Hammond organ, and each morning Mr. Leivesley will conduct "Adventure Time" for children. Through this special planned effort it is anticipated that an impact will be made on the district which has already been canvassed by a small team of willing workers.

### CHORAL SOCIETY AT KEDRON

(Qld.). At Kedron the Brisbane Choral Society gave an afternoon programme of sacred music for our 36th church anniversary. The Brisbane C.Y.F., by invitation, held their monthly rally, "Foot-steps," in the church with 300 attending. Sunday climaxed the week's activities, when the Sunday School presented the evening's programme under the direction of Mrs. Chapman. The theme was the Bible, its contents, worth, and history. Ted Watson, of Albion, spoke to the Kinders in the afternoon. . . . Six from Redcliffe church were recently baptized at Kedron. . . . Mrs. Main, of Warrawong, a visitor at the manse, has delighted us with several solos.

### MISSIONARY EXHIBITION

(Beverly Hills, N.S.W.). C. Saxby was guest speaker at a missionary meeting and exhibition of gifts. All auxiliaries combined to provide gifts for Overseas and Aborigines Missions. Gifts included a year's supply of clothes for three girls at Carnarvon, household linen, an assortment of clothing, medical supplies, school and toilet requisites, quilts and toys. . . . Three teams are entered in the Bowls Competition. . . . The C.W.E.F. sponsored a meeting with representatives from "Guide Dogs for the Blind" . . . Miss Betty Gray, of the Mukti Mission, India, has been with us. She is a member of Box Hill Church of Christ, Vic. . . . 150 young folk attended a screening of "A Letter to Nancy" . . . The Protestant Churches of Beverly Hills will combine for a Crusade in September, with Dr. E. Watson.

## MOVEMENTS

### NARRAWEENA MINISTRY

(N.S.W.). Dennis Foletta, formerly serving with the church at Canley Heights, commences a ministry at Narraweena on the first Sunday in September. This is a thriving northern suburb of Sydney, presenting many opportunities for expansion in a new and rapidly developing housing area. The N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee will share in this ministry with the local church, and an induction service will be conducted on the morning of September 5, with Harold M. Long as the preacher.

### NEW YEAR MINISTRY

(Scarborough, W.A.). T. D. Maiden, snr., of Northam, has accepted a call and will commence a ministry in the New Year. . . . "The Greatest Story Yet Untold" was presented by the Nollamara church choir in support of the Scarborough missionary project. . . . A W.E.C. member gave a talk on missionary work in the Himalaya area. . . . The C.W.F. did visitation at R. P. Hospital during August. . . . Mrs. Newcombe (Isolated members' superintendent) was guest speaker at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Seaby. . . . Youth work continues to expand steadily, with a number of first committals to Christ in past weeks.

## National Diary

- SEPTEMBER—
- NEW SOUTH WALES  
5 —"Bible" Sunday in all churches.  
11 —Department of Christian Education "Field Day" — St. Luke's Oval, Concord.
- VICTORIA  
6-11—Explorer Intermediate Camp.  
7 —College of the Bible Old Boys' Reunion.  
9 —C.E. Outing (Junior C.E.).  
18 —C.E. Demonstration and Exhibition (Inter-Y.P.).
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
5 —Church Parade, Adelaide Town Hall, 3 p.m.  
6-10—Duke of Edinburgh Award Boys' Brigade Testing for Gold Exhibition  
7-14—State Conference.
- WEST AUSTRALIA  
12-19—"Crusade '65" in the Christian Centre. Preacher: Geo. Wood.  
18 —Northern District Conference at Geraldton.  
21 —Women's Auxiliary Diamond Jubilee and Pioneer Recognition, Christian Centre.

### DEATH OF MRS. ATKINSON

Mrs. Ellen Atkinson, widow of Pastor Atkinson, of Mooroopna, Vic., died at Mooroopna Base Hospital at the age of 73.

### HOME FROM THE U.S.A.

(Melb.). P. R. Thickins, who has been ministering with our churches in U.S.A., is in Melbourne on a brief holiday visit. Mr. Thickins is planning to return to Melbourne, with his family, in 1966, and will be available to serve a church. He is at present staying with his mother at Brighton (telephone 92-7794).

### ABORIGINES EMPLOYED

(Qld.). The Qld. Aborigines Mission committee received a letter from the State Social Service Committee this week to say that they are employing three Aborigines on the staff of the Aged Peoples' Homes. This is good news, because they have never had that many at one time. They have had two at a time and mostly one for years. C. R. Burdeu states that the Aborigines Committee is pleased with this practical missionary endeavour. Mr. Burdeu said, "I do know the history of our social service and would say that the competence of these people is excellent."

### MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

(Melb.). The next meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 6, at the Centre. Luncheon fellowship will commence at 1 p.m., tea provided. The guest speaker, at 2 p.m., will be the Rev. Ron. H. Sunderland, who will speak on the Church and Life Movement.

### MEN WANT 16 m.m.

The Christian Men's Fellowship are making a film of brotherhood activities. They would like to get some 16 Mil. Color Film of our Overseas Mission work and also in the outback of Australia.

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### EDUCATION EMPHASIS

(Mitcham, Vic.). The church used Education Week to point to the importance of Christian education and its relevance to the complete education of the child. (1) Teachers met with church members for Sunday evening discussion on "The Church's Responsibility to Children." (2) All homes were visited by teachers, who spoke with parents about church and their children, and invited parents to Christian Education Weekend. (3) On Friday, the Junior-Intermediate depts. conducted a normal Sunday morning service. Parents saw classes at work, viewed a display of scholars' work, teaching aids, and lessons materials, participated in discussion with minister and supt., and shared in final act of worship with children, led by ten junior girls. On Sunday, parents visited the Kinder and Primary depts., and learned more of their role in co-operating with the church on behalf of the children. The venture proved a great stimulus to all concerned. 46 families were represented. Six Bibles were sold and home guidance books also were sold.

# The Good Life

See cover picture, where Miss Martha Wright, one of the patients in the new wing for frail aged, greets the Assistant Matron (Sister E. Blundy).

It is not the years that are left in their lives, but the life that is left in their years — this is the motto of the Christian Guest Home, at Oakleigh, Vic.

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It is a lovely home, for 70 men and women. A new wing for nine acute hospital cases and six frail aged — those who need special care — will be officially opened on September 25.

The new wing cost £36,000 to build and equip.

Federal Government grants, and a grant of 50 per cent of the cost of equipment by the Hospitals and Charities Commission, with an anonymous donation of £5,000, have reduced to £10,000 the amount which the churches will have to meet.

"We have eight residents over 90, including Mrs. May Barrett, who was 96 on Aug. 4," Matron E. N. Gall says.

Matron Gall, a trainee of Royal Adelaide Hospital, has a staff of 20, including the Assistant Matron (Sister E. Blundy),

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It was started seven years ago by Matron Gall, with the guests making lavender bags. Here they find fellowship and fun, and they make a variety of articles for sale.

You will find Mr. Fred Coppin, a youthful 91, operating the loom; Mr. Charles Richman, 91, chopping plastic for beads to make shopping bags; two sisters, the Misses Edith and Henrietta Rowan, former specialists in baby wear, now turning their skill to all sorts of dainty articles, including dressed dolls.

Others make baskets, bags, toys, fancy boxes, punched leather work, and Mr. J. McCulloch, a retired farmer, makes attractive bag handles for this home and other places.—("The Age, Melb.)

### VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The next Council meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m., at the Reception Room, Brotherhood Centre. The speaker is the C.W.F. Living Link from New Guinea, Miss Aileen Draney. It is also Dorcas "Bring and Buy" day.

### NDUI NDUI HOSPITAL

The new fifty-bed Hospital at Ndui Ndui will be opened on September 10. Work commenced on the T.B. Ward in October, 1963, but the main task got under way in May, 1964. It has been a real achievement to complete this project within eighteen months.

E. W. Roffey, Federal Conference Secretary, at the invitation of the Island Christians, will open the hospital. Mr. Roffey, and his son John, leave for the New Hebrides on August 23.

Sister F. Kennedy who, for fourteen years, served as a medical missionary at Ndui Ndui, will be present at the opening. Sister Kennedy leaves Sydney on Sept. 6, with Sister Valerie Crowte, newly appointed missionary to the New Hebrides.

### THE C.O.B. CONCERT

(Melb.). The Methodist Ladies' College hall was a sell-out for the annual concert of the students of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. The operetta, "Bachelors of Brighton," gave full scope to student humour. The music was vaguely familiar but there was a freshness about the cheekily happy look at the College and its Board of Management.

Sanity and balance were restored in the second half of the programme, when the College choir sang "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The play, "Road to Damascus" was a moving analysis of the mind of Saul before his conversion.

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## FACES AND PLACES

PROFILE NO. 47

# DIAMOND JUBILEE

NORTH PERTH. W.A.

In 1904, a small band of members from Lake Street, Perth, W.A., commenced a Sunday School in a small weather-board house in Daphne Street, North Perth. In 1905, twelve members transferred from Lake Street to establish a church. Meetings were held in the Lesser Town Hall, in View Street, until the erection of the chapel in Woodville Street, in 1911. It stands in a prominent position, and still commands respect as an example of dignified church architecture.

For many years the church was set in a growing and progressive suburb, and had a great potential among the residents. Records show enrolments of over 250 in the Bible School, and the conduct of numerous evangelistic missions.

Closer settlement has greatly lessened the potential in the immediate district, and the church now finds itself in an inner suburb. Young people are forced to build their homes in the newer suburbs. However, more people now own motor cars, and the line-up outside the chapel on Sundays caused the Perth City Council, last year, to widen the street for some distance to allow for angle parking. Members owning cars are very generous in transporting those who do not.

The church has always been noted for its youth work, and a wide variety of youth societies have served their purpose. Today there is still a virile youth group, many of whom are consecrated Christians, and provide leadership in local and brotherhood fields. Eight basketball teams are in the Churches of Christ Basketball Association.

The Bible School is not large, because there are so few children to be drawn upon within walking distance of the chapel. The church is considering buying a bus to provide transport.

The church is financially sound, with church buildings and manse free of debt. Records reveal the struggles of earlier years. In one year the financial statement showed a credit balance of 1/6, and another annual report expressed

concern because the overdraft was nearly up to the limit of £40.

For many years the church did not possess a manse, but in 1951 a house was purchased in Grosvenor Road, North Perth. This was later sold, and the present manse at 12 Namur Street was purchased.

The church building suffered considerable damage when the roof was blown off in a storm in 1955, but the necessity for repairs enabled other renovations to be carried out.

There is an attractive hall with a modern kitchen.

The church has had two occasions on which a previous minister has returned for a second term, the present ministry being one of them. The father and grandfather of the present minister served as deacons in their time. The tragic death, by drowning, of H. J. Banks, in 1916, inspired one of the young men to devote himself to the ministry, and he later returned from College to minister to the church.

North Perth church remembers the experiences of the first World War, the depression, and the second war. During the second war, and afterwards, food parcels were sent to members of Churches of Christ in England and other countries. These were packed and despatched by Tom Wardle, who now owns a chain of stores trading as "Tom the Cheap Grocer." During the depression a Benevolent and Unemployment Relief Committee was set up, and many ways were found of raising funds to assist members who were suffering economically and financially.

Serious consideration has often been given to the future of the church, but always the decision has been made to continue in the present location. This has so far been justified, and this year the church is celebrating the 60th year of its history by planning forward moves.

The annual reports for 1964 were printed and circulated, but at the annual business meeting in March, 1965 (the highest attendance for some years), the discussion was devoted to reports of five

Commissions on Worship, Outreach, Ministry to Youth, Property and Public Relations. All of these made challenging recommendations, and the church is facing the future with optimism. Sunday morning attendances frequently fill the building, and Sunday evening gospel meetings are well attended and full of encouragement.

In the earlier years, the church was very dependent upon brotherhood resources, both in financial and preaching help, but in more recent years has sought to repay the debt by generous contributions to brotherhood funds, and the help of its personnel in various fields. Two of its members, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Michael, served in India as missionaries for 18 years, and are now back in local service, Dr. Michael being Chairman of the Elders' Board.

North Perth members have served as Presidents for both General and Women's Conferences, and on numerous Conference Committees. The Youth Choir at the recent 1965 Conference was composed almost entirely of North Perth young people. Some members serve as teachers in nearby struggling Sunday Schools in the newer areas, and this year five young people will be deputising for the Youth Committee in promoting its annual offering.

It is impossible to give the names of all those who accepted positions of leadership and responsibility, but the present membership is imbued with their spirit, and under God, feels confident of further building on the foundations of earlier years. A notable characteristic is the harmonious fellowship, a happy blending of youth and those of maturer years.

The church praises God for its 60 years of history, but is demonstrating its belief that a living church is not described in terms of where it came from, but in terms of where it is going.

—J. K. R.



## VICTORIA

### BAPTISMS AT PORTLAND

(Vic.). There have been several recent additions . . . A concert, compered by Alan Rowe, was held to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Educational Centre . . . On Aug. 8, the Portland Town Band contributed items at evening service.

### FLATS VISITED

(Newmarket - Ascot Vale, Vic.). New twenty-storey flats have been opened in the district. Newmarket and Flemington churches combined to visit the new flat-dwellers to present welcome letters. Churches also combined for an evening service at the Presbyterian church on Aug. 22 . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Boxhall in the loss of her father, and to Mrs. Morris, whose sister died . . . The 4 p.m. Sunday services have been successful . . . John Goss, of Newmarket, played for the Metropolitan Protestant churches' football team in Adelaide . . . The combined communion service enjoyed men from Thornbury leading the worship and Principal E. L. Williams giving the message.

### BOMB SCARE!

(Gardiner, Vic.). Interesting accounts of her travels and of our churches in Canada, the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico are being received from Mrs. L. E. Wylie, President of the Australian C.W.F. The plane in which she travelled from Miami to Puerto Rico was diverted to Nassau in the Bahamas, because of a bomb scare, which proved to be a hoax . . . A number of men have visited migrant hostels at Holmesglen and Brooklyn, welcoming new arrivals from Britain and supplying them with helpful information. Brethren from Footscray church are now actively co-operating with Gardiner in visiting the Brooklyn hostel . . . A successful Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Aug. 8, and a concert on the 13th. Douglas Thomas is supt., and the anniversary singing was conducted by Graeme Williams.

### COMBINED WITNESS

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). Following preparatory prayer meetings and choir practices, over 500 attended service of Christian Witness, sponsored by Ivanhoe Protestant churches, in Heidelberg Town Hall, on Aug. 15. Choir of 100 voices rendered special anthems. Rev. Dr. Leon Morris (Principal, Ridley College) was guest speaker . . . Teenagers conducted service at Pilgrim's Rest, Fairfield . . . Slides on recent trip to Palestine, featuring prophecies fulfilled, shown by C. Clack at recent gospel service . . . Luncheon at home of Mrs. Cropley augmented Project Fund for C.W.F. . . . Y.P. club raised £50 for Aborigines, which was presented to W. A. Wigney, who showed slides at gospel service . . . C.W.F. met at manse for session, "I Challenge the Minister," at which E. Roffey answered questions submitted . . . Working bees under guidance of N. Fisher continuing with view to completing extension and modernisation of church for official re-opening on Oct. 3 . . . C.W.F. raised £22 towards New Organ Fund, by jumble sale at The Mall . . . 150 attended loyalty dinner on Aug. 18, at which budget for Ivanhoe and Briar Hill for new year was presented by F. Chipperfield (treasurer).

### EVANGELISM PROGRAMME

(Brougham-st., Ballarat, Vic.). Following recent planning with A. Avery in a programme of Evangelism, we held the first guest service on Aug. 8. Of the 47 present, over half were only contacts of the church. Mr. Gilbert rendered items on the Yamaha organ, and there was a friendly hour held after the service . . . The Sunday School held a Decision Sunday on Aug. 15. Three scholars made commitment to Christ.

### C.W.F. AS HOSTESSES

(Echuca, Vic.). C.W.F. hosted Combined Churches' Guilds' annual hospital afternoon, which was most successful yet held . . . Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Scanlan and family in loss of loved one . . . The minister, B. L. Pryor, attended the Group Life Laboratory at The Basin recently . . . A number of members attended recent conference at Harcourt . . . Y.P. journeyed to Melbourne to attend Youth United.

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Mrs. A. Glasson, Wallaroo; Mrs. Wright, Baptist church; Lillian Lucy Batchelor, Unley, to Glenelg, S.A.

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## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WARDEN - TAYLOR. — The marriage of Catherine Lilian, twin daughter of Mrs. Clare, Preston, to Keith Graeme, only son of Mrs. E. Taylor and the late Mr. Syd. Taylor, will be solemnised at the Northcote Church of Christ at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4th September, 1965.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

TREGURTHA - BENNETT'S. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Mark V. Tregurtha, formerly of Ballarat and Geelong, have much pleasure in announcing the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding celebrated at Ballarat on September 4, 1915. Present address: 32 Hotham-st., South Preston, Vic.

## DEATHS

ENNISS. — On July 21, Margaret (Madge), dearly beloved wife of the late Reg Enniss, much loved mother of Lola, loved mother-in-law of Leslie, and darling Nandy of Alan, also Margaret and Ken McCleery. Privately interred.

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## VISITING PAYS

(Collingwood, Vic.). The church and Bible School is engaged in a door to door visitation campaign spread over four Sunday afternoons. Twenty-two people have been out door-knocking, receiving an interested response. Already nine new scholars have been added to the school and a number of interested adults have been contacted. This is the third visitation programme in four years. Prayer and Bible study meetings now being held weekly instead of fortnightly. Average attendance is 13 . . . A Bible and a dressing gown were presented to Miss D. Simons, in recognition of many years of service as church organiste. Miss I. York is now organiste, with Miss Julie Boyd as assistant. A fund has been commenced to purchase an electronic organ. . . . The men of the church (all five of them!) have been building a stage in the hall, so designed that kinder equipment can be stored underneath.

## GOOD RESPONSE

(Chelsea, Vic.). Final figures for Temple Day was £380 . . . A new style evening service was tried out with duets, solos and organ music, and H. Taylor was speaker . . . Senior Explorer boys won the indoor sports finals . . . Girls' Sunday, at Chelsea, on Aug. 15, saw 100 ladies and girls at second annual tea. C.W.F. ladies did the catering and appreciated the aid given by several senior boys at the sink. Two sound movies were screened later by Mrs. Kemp, from the Spastic Centre at Mordialloc . . . Mrs. Goudie, president of C.W.F., held a working bee in her home, 12 ladies attending. Instruction was given in the art of making novelties for street stalls. . . . C.Y.F. recently attended the Snow Trip and College of the Bible concert. . . . C.W.E.F. attended the birthday meeting of Dandenong C.W.E.F. . . . Junior Good Companions took part in the zone worship service at Malvern, led by Miss Joan Pascoe.

## CONFERENCE WITH DIFFERENCE

On Aug. 7, the Churches of the Central and Northern Districts conducted an interesting experimental Conference with the assistance of the Dept. of Christian Education.

The purpose of the day was to equip members of the churches to serve within their churches, through a training programme.

Opening devotions were led by M. J. Drake, minister of Harcourt church, the host church. R. V. Longthorp, Director of the Dept. of Christian Education,

then introduced the programme with an audio-visual and talk, following which those present shared in one of five groups — Bible School, Good Companions, Boys' Explorers, Adult Work, or C.Y.F. work.

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Over 150 people shared in Conference, which ended with worship led by Mr. Longthorp.

Mrs. L. Drake, Secretary.

WARRAGUL. Dr. McPhale spoke to C.W.E.F. C.Y.F. enjoyed International Cabaret, inviting Morwell C.Y.F. A young man made his decision on Aug. 15. Explorer Boys' Club has grown and now has Junior and Senior clubs. C.W.A.F. provided clothes for Aboriginal boy. Church School held "Family Spectacular" on Aug. 22, with display of work, teaching displays, items and worship service. T. V. Weir is minister.

## OBITUARY

Harry Edgar Cocks.

Another link with Victorian Churches of Christ was severed when the home call came to Harry Edgar Cocks on June 9. Harry Cocks was born in Bendigo in 1887, and became a member of the Bendigo church in this early teens, under the ministry of Dr. James Cook. He remained in membership with various churches for over 60 years. He married Hannah Bennett and later removed to Melbourne, and was in membership with the churches at Brunswick and Box Hill. He later transferred to Hartwell, where he spent a number of years before entering the fellowship of the church at Camberwell in 1936. Following the death of his wife, he married Miss Jean Scambler in 1943, and in 1947 moved to Malvern-Caulfield, and later to Blairgowrie, where he spent the last 14 years of his life. He is survived by his wife, eight children of his first marriage, 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mr. Cocks will be remembered for his faithfulness and loyalty and for the co-operation he so willingly gave in the work of the church.—J.T.

## Swanston Street Church

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Minister: Dr. LLOYD JONES, B.A., M.TH., PH.D.

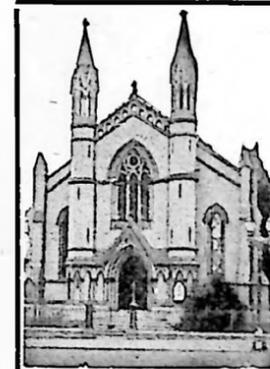
11 a.m.—WORSHIP - COMMUNION - BIBLE EXPOSITION.

7 p.m.—THE EVERYMAN STORY

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September 5 — (5) "SANITY AMONG SWINE!"  
CENTENARY SERVICES — OCTOBER 24



## A C.Y.C. REPORT

BY KEVIN G. BOYCE, B.Ag.Sc.

Fifty people from six denominations were disturbed again by the challenge of Jesus Christ to serve the world as Christians. These people, among whom were seven from Churches of Christ, attended the S.A. Christian Youth Council's Conf. at "Nunyara, Belair, in the Adelaide Hills.

The theme, "The Church in the World," was based on the lecture notes of Dr. Colin Williams, which were presented at the Australian Frontier Conference in Brisbane. The Rev. Bruce Anderson, Presbyterian minister, Collingwood, Vic., led the studies. He has a common parish with the Collingwood Methodist minister, Rev. Andrew McCutcheon, on similar lines to the East Harlem Protestant Parish described in Kendrick's book, "Come Out the Wilderness."

All who heard the four expositions on the Conference theme were forced to re-think their faith, brushing away the cobwebs of church formality, so that they might find again a strong, uncontaminated faith in Christ. This was a most shattering, yet greatly enriching experience. Some of the most disturbing new ideas that were thought through concerned the function and mission of the church as a body, what faith in Christ means in our world today; what Christ meant when he said to "go into the world and preach the gospel"; and how we can present Christ more meaningfully to a people who consider him irrelevant to this day and age.

Bible study leader was Gerald Rose, churches of Christ minister, at Kilburn,

## "THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD"

who gave three studies from Ephesians.

Father Hillary Greenwood, of St. Michael's Anglican seminary, Crafer, was the chaplain. Sunday morning saw an interesting experiment in the receiving of the Lord's Supper. Father Hillary led an Anglican service while members of the other denominations maintained an attitude of prayer. This was followed by a sermon preached by Mr. Rose. The other denominations, led by the Rev. Bruce Anderson, then held their communion service. At the end of this service, the remainder of the communion bread was passed among all present as a sign of their oneness in the Body of Christ.

Although two communion services were held, this final act was excitingly symbolic of the attitude of unity which pervaded the whole Conference.

Other notable people present at the Conference were Miss Wendy Dowling, secretary of A.C.Y.C., and Rev. Alan Gray, secretary of S.A.C.C., both of whom spoke on the Unity movement.

The Churches of Christ representatives were: Margaret Glover, Dulwich; Julie Semmens, Nailsworth; Peter Van Stuijvenberg, Brighton Gardens; Barry Heath, Maylands; Colin Tilley, Kilburn, and Kevin Boyce, from Edwardstown. Each came away from the Conference seeing the function of the Church in the World in a new light, and challenged to a greater commitment to Jesus Christ with a resolve that he be presented to the "out-group" in a more meaningful way.

## YOUTH SIXTEEN

### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION

(W.A.). The Christian Welfare Centre, in co-operation with Christian Women's Fellowships throughout the churches, has organised a Temperance Competition during the month of September. Teenagers are to write an essay of no less than two hundred words on the topic, "Why I Choose Not to Drink." An article on this subject, written by the Director of the Welfare Centre, George Smith, is being supplied to the young people as background material for the essay. Juniors and Intermediates have been asked to produce a Poster not less than 14 ins. x 12 ins. out of newspaper cuttings, based on the statement of the Western Australian Police Commissioner: "Drunkness contributed to far more W.A. road accidents than were shown in statistics. The true figure would probably be about 50 per cent." The heading will be "Alcohol and the Road Toll."

Prizes in each group will be supplied by the C.W.F. in each local church, and winning entries will be eligible for State-wide judging, prizes for which will be £5/5/- for teenagers, and £1/1/- each for juniors and intermediates. The competition concludes on September 26.

This is part of a consistent Temperance education programme being carried out by the Welfare Centre throughout the churches, and over Radio Sunday School.

## YOUTH SEVENTEEN

### BALL BOUNCERS

(W.A.). Churches of Christ young men are becoming noted in Perth for their prowess on the basketball court. Travelling to the Eastern States to compete in the Under 16 Boys' Basketball Championships will be Ross Summers, John Frame and Russell Frame, of the North Perth church, and Kevin Ballantine, of the South Perth church.

Graeme McLennan and Geoff Hancock, of Inglewood, and Ian Sharpe, of South Perth, will also be representing the State in the Under 18 Championships in the East. Among those chosen to play in the State Men's Basketball team were Ian Ballantine, of South Perth, and Gordon Summers, of North Perth.

### ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL C.Y.F.'s

(Vic.). The Victorian State C.Y.F. Committee has, in recent years, been heavily involved in visiting local groups to introduce C.Y.F. A recent policy decision which will affect mainly metropolitan groups is, that owing to the number of special courses available throughout the year, these visits are no longer in the best interests of C.Y.F. This, of course, does not apply to programmes for Ecumenical Affairs, or Service Projects, etc., but rather to churches which wish to commence or to renew a C.Y.F. group.

Groups who want help of this nature are asked to contact the Department of Christian Education and help will be provided as follows:

Six to eight key young people will visit for a period of two or three months, another active C.Y.F. group of similar background and structure. These groups will be especially selected to meet the needs of the particular church from which the request was made.

All requests for information should be marked "C.Y.F." and sent to the Department of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1.

### HOW ARE YOU? FINE. \$7.70!

(Melb.). The first local C.Y.F. group to make a donation to the C.Y.F. Service Appeal for £500 for seats for the new Monbulk Camp Chapel was Oakleigh C.Y.F. They raised £3/17/- through fines imposed at their recent camp. Many other local groups are actively planning ways by which they may raise £10 for a seat in Monbulk Chapel. The C.Y.F. Service Agency plans to place a plaque with the name of the donating C.Y.F. on each seat.

### "CRUSADE '65"

(Sydney). Splendid gatherings, enthusiastic singing, and uplifting preaching, have characterised the "Crusade" in quest of youth for Christ in the meetings conducted at Enmore thus far. George Wood is doing a wonderful job in his clear-cut, fervent and faithful presentation of the gospel, while Bruce Armstrong, as leader of song, the "Crusade" Choir, under the direction of Franklyn Elliott, and the assisting artists, are making an excellent contribution. In the first three meetings there have been two primary decisions and two re-consecrations. A complete report of Crusade will appear in a later issue.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

(Sydney). On Saturday morning, Aug. 21, young folk from many of our Youth Groups gathered in the grounds of the Bible College at Woolwich to share in the special "Prayer Breakfast" organised in connection with the "Crusade '65" preparation programme. At 7.30 a.m., those assembled divided into groups, each under the direction of a leader, for prayer and intercession, after which fellowship continued around a barbecue breakfast and concluded with a further final prayer session.

### GEORGE WOOD WITH STUDENTS

(Sydney). In spite of an extremely tight schedule of engagements while in Sydney for the meetings of "Crusade '65," George Wood, of W.A., found time and opportunity for fellowship with many folk. On Aug. 26 he was entertained at luncheon at Woolwich College, and later delivered a challenging message to the students. On Sunday, Aug. 29, Mr. Wood was guest preacher at Caringbah and Belmore.

### TASMANIA'S YOUTH'S OWN

The third successful Youth's Own Weekend, organised by the Tasmanian Committee of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education, was held at Margaret-street, Launceston, August 6-8. Two bus loads of young people travelled up the West Tamar Highway. Young people from all our churches came together to be challenged with the claims of Christ on their own lives. Associate Director of the D.C.E., Vic.-Tas., John Way, conducted valuable Bible study.

Guest speaker for the weekend was Alan Avery, Field Officer for the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. He spoke on the theme, "Decision Determines Destiny," at the main rally. Lyn and Val Hockey, sang an enjoyable repertoire of folk songs. The popular Launceston group, "The Ambassadors," made a return visit.

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Almost 100 people listened to an inspiring address delivered by John Way at the Y.O.W. communion service, led by A. Avery, and held at Sandhill church.

A favorite with both young and old, Aboriginal Pastor, D. Nicholls, spoke on his life and work amongst his own people, at the inspirational rally on Sunday afternoon.

Both Invermay and Margaret Street churches enjoyed larger congregations than usual as visiting young people attended the evening service with their hosts and hostesses.

The final after church rally reached a climax as Mr. Avery urged young people to "go on" with Christ.

—M. J. Sinfield.

### 3rd C.Y.F. NATIONAL

The Convention Arrangements Committee in Perth is well under way in regard to planning for the 1967 Convention. Conveners and members for the various sub-committees have been appointed, and a considerable amount of work has already been done by many of these young people.

Bed and breakfast accommodation for 250 has been booked at two of the very modern University Hostels in the suburb of Nedlands, approximately three miles from the city. Arrangements are being made for lunches and evening meals, and it is planned to have special buses each morning from the hostels to the Christian Centre, the venue for all study sessions, socials, evenings, services of worship and Convention offices.

As well as tours of Perth and surrounding districts during the Convention, the "Tours" Committee is also planning a Five Day Post Convention tour of the south west of the State, through the timber country, to Albany.

The first of monthly duplicated advertising bulletins have been sent to all State Departments of Christian Education, for distribution to local churches, and the first large printed poster will be available next month.

Young people, plan to be in Perth, January 5-12, 1967!

Begin arranging your holidays from work, NOW!

### CO-ORDINATION

(Sydney). The young people of our Sydney suburbia have discovered the value of working together. Not just in the local church, which can be hard enough; they are banding together in districts. Once a quarter they join each other in some major venture. The Western district, stretching from Auburn to Penrith, and numbering 11 churches, have shown the lead. Under the guiding hand of fellows such as Glynne Lace and Alan Purdom, the "kids" can't help but be affected.

Recently over 200 came together in a Western Districts Co-ordination Rally, a Saturday night programme. Their first venture was a harbour cruise and barbecue with almost 200 on board to sink the ship.

A number of ministers in the area have been caught up in this. They join with the enthusiastic key personalities to share in prayer and planning of development.

There is running now a "Co-ord. Rag." This little classic makes succinct and pertinent comments on co-ord. affairs. Highlights of past events and some coming features are mentioned en route.

Growth of Co-ordination in other districts is slow, but being fostered with some recent response in the Illawarra area.

### QUEEN'S AWARD

(W.A.). Three young men who are members of Churches of Christ Boys' Brigade Companies in the West were recently presented with the Queen's Badge, the highest award possible in the Brigade Movements. Those deserving of this high honor were Ken Bruce, of Bassendean, and Alan Bain and Robert Sachs, of Bunbury.

## Rhyme and Reason . . .

## EXPERT ADVICE

by Kelly O'Neill

Mister William Henry Hendricks had a pain in his appendix,  
And the doctor said he'd better cut it out.  
But when William got an earful of this verdict, he was fearful,  
And began to curse and scream and yell and shout.

But the pain increased right quickly, and he felt exceeding sickly,  
And he said at last they'd better go ahead.  
So they operated neatly and they sewed him up completely  
And very soon our Bill was out of bed.

Then he praised the doctor greatly and he boasted how, just lately,  
He'd been rescued from a premature demise.  
Which is proof that, in a crisis, to seek out and take advice is  
A sign that you are starting to get wise.

—"The Christian."

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



Quick! Do something about that Venetian blind.

## OPEN FORUM

### "THE WESTERN CHRISTIAN."

To the Editor,  
Permit me to make this public appreciation and farewell to a friend of many years. I refer to "The Western Christian." I have been on its mailing list for a long time, and its arrival in my letter box was always a source of satisfaction. It has been one of the best little papers of its kind that I have seen. Its standard has always been high. It has had some of the best literary men in the brotherhood as its editors. It has always been worth reading. It has had a noted absence of sentimental religious junk and pietistic verbosity. Its spirit has been as broad as the love of God. It has had a notable ministry. And now it has died happily for the larger cause.

I congratulate the Western Australian churches in bringing such a fine little paper to an end for the larger purpose of helping the Federal brotherhood paper, the "Australian Christian" to survive. Here the State that has been so often criticised for its isolationism, has shown a great Federal brotherhood spirit. If ever a paper was worth survival, the "Western Christian" was. But people of great Christian spirit and generosity have decided to set aside a great good, for a greater one still. This greatness of heart has not gone unnoticed. I for one am grateful.

—Gordon Stirling, Canberra.

### STILL BREATHING.

To the Editor,  
David Hosking ("A.C." 14/8/65) has taken me to task for my letter (17/7/65) under the heading, "But Never on Sunday," in which I "applauded" the "Christian" for its commendation of some touring basketballers who refused to play in a match set for them on a Sunday. When I went on to suggest that we should also chop out other "unwholesome" Sunday activities such as knitting, gardening, etc., I was trying, with heavy irony, to express my strong feelings that the churchman's negative attitude to Sunday sport is hypocritical and damaging to the Christian cause.

I would therefore like to make it plain to David Hosking (and any others who have now classified me with the Pharisees) that they have got me wrong. I am for those who play basketball, knit, garden, etc., with a clear conscience on a Sunday afternoon. I am against those who raise their eyebrows.

If it were not for David's closing remark, "that those who hold strong views on this subject could set a good example by refraining from eating, sleeping, or breathing next Sunday," I would apologise to him for over-estimating his sense of humour. —Ron Fergie, A.C.T.

### OVERSEAS MISSION FINANCE.

To the Editor,  
On first reading the figures set out under this heading in "A.C." Aug. 7, it appeared that New South Wales was a long way behind in their giving to missions compared with other States.

On closer examination, however, it would appear in apportioning the total budget of £82,000 between States, the active membership in each State had not been used as the real basis.

If the total budget had been distributed on the basis of active membership the percentage of amounts given is shown in the following table. You will note that this gives a completely different picture to the published figures also shown in brackets:—

|                    | Pub. per cent. |       |
|--------------------|----------------|-------|
| Vic./Tas. - - -    | 72%            | (88)  |
| Sth. Aust. - - -   | 95%            | (94)  |
| N.S.W. - - -       | 84%            | (68)  |
| Queensland - - -   | 88%            | (89)  |
| West. Aust. - - -  | 138%           | (99)  |
| Canberra - - -     | 74%            | (207) |
| Total Giving - - - | 87%            | (87)  |

My plea is that when we use statistical figures we need to ensure that they give a true and fair picture. If not, some explanation should be given.

The other point that disturbs me is that these figures reveal that we only give £2/2/- per active member per year towards reaching the lost outside Australia for Christ. Is this a real measure of our concern?—K. E. Crawford, N.S.W.

### CLOUD NINE.

To the Editor,  
Please ask A. C. Caldicott to come down off Cloud Nine. In the same week in which he sees sin in a serious attempt to study the implications of church union, it is announced that world population has increased by one and a quarter million people — mostly where the writ of the church does not run, whichever splinter we happen to adhere to.

The simple fact is, that in the face of a bushfire you cannot afford to argue about whether the fire-break our fathers dug should be six inches or six feet deep. We face an emergency in human need and human multiplication which will leave us without any church in great segments of the world unless we find a way to work together.

Which is the greater sin: to join with sincere churchmen of other forms and persuasions to cope with the problems, or leave the problems untackled? Incidentally, when someone asked Alexander Campbell to define who was a Christian, he replied that a Christian was anyone trying to do the will of God "as he saw it." When are we going to abandon this modernism which insists that a Christian has to do the will of God "as I see it" — for this is exactly the climate on Cloud Nine.

—W. S. Lowe, Vic.

### DIVISION.

To the Editor,  
The letter in "A.C." of 21/8/65, headed "Division," and over the name of Arnold C. Caldicott, is a glaring example of how people's minds may be poisoned by giving false impressions and quoting published statements out of context.

Dr. Caldicott refers to "A church paper of a strong group of churches in S.A." To many people this would immediately suggest that there is a division in the S.A. brotherhood with one group of churches standing out from the rest and publishing a paper to represent their views. In actual fact there is no such group or paper!

While not questioning the right of Dr. Caldicott to propose a negative answer to the discussion questions suggested by the S.A. Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union, I am most concerned that the inferences of

his letter be immediately erased. I trust that they were unintentional.

—R. V. Holmes, S.A.

### DIVISION.

To the Editor,  
It is good to know that there is someone in the brotherhood who is not only aware of division, but also knows the reason for such. I refer, of course, to Dr. Caldicott.

In accusing Dr. Caldicott of imputing sinister motives, surely R. H. Sercombe is revealing a lack of that love which is so much heard of these days. Mr. Sercombe's remark that "truth fears no investigation" is correct, but it is only true when one possesses the truth, and the truth is this — that some of our preachers and leaders are deliberately forsaking the old, but well tried path and, for the sake of an organic union that promises nothing but disbelief and discord, are ready to sell the brotherhood for a marriage with the mother of harlots. This is not sarcasm. There is more sarcasm in R. H. Sercombe's remarks about Dr. Caldicott.

Mr. Editor, don't you think that the brotherhood should be told the whole truth? Why is it that we never have an article in the "Christian" from the "other side"? No man can successfully place both sides of a question. If there is an article in favour of the World Council of Churches, why don't you print an article from the "opposition" on the danger of the W.C.C.? I declare that the brotherhood, through the "Christian," is not altogether honest in its presentation to the members. Let's have both sides! We want the truth.—J. W. Smail, Vic.

(The truth is that I have never asked anyone for an article in favour of the World Council of Churches. The truth is that I have not rejected any article from the "opposition." The truth is that the subject of Dr. Caldicott's letter didn't have anything to do with the World Council. The truth is that the S.A. Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union was making enquiries with the express purpose of finding out what the brotherhood wants to do about union — in accordance with the will of Federal Conference, 1964. The truth is that in the same issue as Dr. Caldicott's letter appeared, readers of the "A.C." were invited to submit their comments "in a spirit of earnest concern for the well-being of the whole people of Christ.—Editor.)

### FEDERAL CONFERENCE CHANGE

The Federal Conference Executive advises that the date for Federal Conference, Melbourne, has been put back one week to October 12-18, 1966. This change has been forced through an alteration of booking arrangements by the Melbourne Exhibition Trustees.

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## Moments of Worship



By T. A. MORRISON, Western Australia.

Thursday, September 9. Psalm 16: 1-6.  
"Keep me safe Lord; I put my trust in thee" (v. 1, Knox).

With the abiding principle of divine impartiality operating within this world, and that in wisdom, we cannot expect to be preserved from the ills and dangers of life. What we can pray for, however, is strength and endurance and courage to face the inevitable squarely and to come through them more like him who learned obedience through the things that he suffered. But any prayer for safety must include the thought of stability — a standing firm, being true in the whole of life to ourselves; to those who love us, and above all true to God.

Dear Lord, I do not ask to be spared of anything that will bring me closer to thyself. Amen.

Friday, September 10. Psalm 16: 7-11.  
"Blessed be the Lord, who schools me" (v. 7, Knox).

Unresting, unceasing, the "educational programme" of God is continually at work to bring us to true maturity, to that place of functional perfection when we fulfil the purpose for which we have been created. The glory of man from which he has fallen can indeed be restored by learning in God's school, that school where the will, desires, appetites, affections, inclinations, thoughts and actions are bent in the direction of him whom we are counselled to imitate.

O Lord, how marvellous the wonders thou hast taught us and still dost teach us each succeeding day. Amen.

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Saturday, September 11. Psalm 17: 1-15.  
"If thou triest my heart . . . thou wilt find no wickedness in me" (v. 3, R.S.V.).

This seems to smack of self-righteousness; it is a somewhat daring claim to make before him who is the searcher of all men's hearts. This side of the incarnation we are more conscious of failure and sin because that which is Perfect has come and it is in the light of him that we now find ourselves without excuse. Like Paul, we are conscious of the sin which dwells within me! We may not dare to pray the Psalmist's prayer; nevertheless we must certainly strive to have that sincerity of heart that gives a man boldness to present himself to God.

Lord, make us most conscious of wrong within. For they who are thus minded would serve thee best. Amen.

Sunday, September 12. Psalm 18: 1-19  
"I love thee, O Lord, my strength" (v. 1).

Love not only gives, it also seeks to receive. God is love in the very nature of his being and all divine activity springs from that supreme characteristic. The object of his love is to beget love, for he cherishes most of all the love of our hearts and the loving service of our lives. What is our faith in the final analysis? It is a personal attachment. We love him because he first loved us.

O thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of our hearts. Amen.

Monday, September 13. Psalm 18: 20-30.  
"It is thou, Lord, that keepst the lamp of my hopes still burning" (v. 29, Knox).

The more eager the soul, the more sensitive and earnest, the greater is the

vulnerability to disheartenment. Life with its monotonous stretches, its bitter disappointments and the littleness of what we do can bring disheartenment and dim or even quench the fire of hope. Hope in God is the only balm for the despondent, hope in the triumph of truth, of good over evil, hope in God who sent a light into the world that the darkness has never been able to extinguish.

Teach us, O God, that thou dost reign all powerful. Help us not to be disheartened but to hope in thyself. Amen.

Tuesday, September 14. Psalm 18: 30-50.  
"Thy tender care fosters me" (v. 36, Knox).

When we meditate upon this thought our minds must surely recall the thought of Paul — the goodness of God is that which leads us to a change of attitude or repentance. God in his great love for us has undertaken our education, to foster us. How tender is his care. Though sometimes we may call it severe and cry against the excess of it all he is teaching us that what happens to us in life is not meant to break us, but to make us.

O Lord, help me to be co-operative in all thy plans for my life. Amen.

Wednesday, September 15. Psalm 19: 1-14. "How sacred a thing is the fear of the Lord" (v. 10, Knox).

Why does the Psalmist regard the fear of the Lord as a sacred thing? It is because he sees that the attitude of reverence or awe before God is that which cleanses and keeps one morally clean. One of the truths we would do well to learn early in our Christian experience is that sin is not so much a sin against law as it is a sin against love. When we realise that we cause heartbreak, human and more importantly divine heartbreak, surely reverence for God and our fellowman will check us and thus we will discover the sacredness in the fear of the Lord.

O God, help me to fear thee, and keep thy commandments. Amen.

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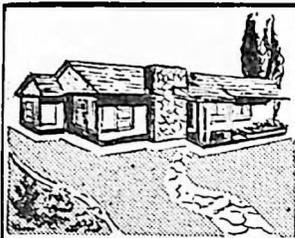
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# THE LAST WORD

### The Glory.

Destined and appointed to live for the  
praise of his glory.

—Ephes. 1:12.

Oh, you gotta get a glory  
In the work you do;  
A hallelujah chorus  
In the heart of you.  
Paint, or tell a story,  
Sing, or shovel coal,  
But you gotta get a glory,  
Or the job lacks soul.

—Old Negro stoker.



Not to go back is somewhat to advance.

—A. Pope.



No wonder so many people get lost in  
thought. It's completely unfamiliar ter-  
ritory to them.



How rare it is to find a soul quiet  
enough to hear God speak.

—Fenelon.



Some people cause happiness wherever  
they go. Some, whenever they go.

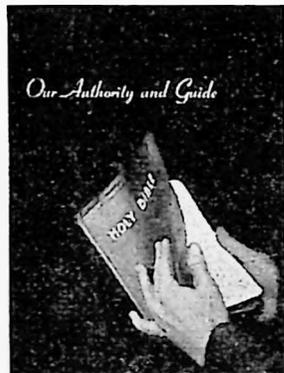


I know it's true because the woman  
who told me said the woman who told  
her has a brother whose wife is a min-  
ister's daughter.

—Overheard.



Woman trying on mink coat, to sales  
girl: "If my husband doesn't like it,  
will you promise to refuse to take it  
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