

THE AUSTRALIAN
CHRISTIAN

NATIONAL WEEKLY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Registered in Australia for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

September 18, 1965

*Open Doors
To Service . . .*

**COLLEGE
OF THE BIBLE
NUMBER**



LET'S CALL OUR YOUNG MEN

Some time ago an article called "Ministers . . . where do they come from?" reminded us that there just aren't enough ministers available. The article was a call to recruitment because almost every church in almost every land is facing an acute shortage of men for the ministry. Some churches put up with part-time leadership, some are surviving interim ministries while they wait for, or hope for, someone permanent to turn up, and some even do without for a time so they can save enough to call the man they feel is needed for their churches.

This shortage of ministers is likely to continue for some years, at least, but this fact must not result in the lowering of acceptance qualifications and training standards. The finest of our young men are required for the ministry, and they must have the best possible training and equipment. But there is strong competition for our young men — and women. There are splendid opportunities which do more than offer security and interesting occupations. They also satisfy the service incentive which stirs our young people to seek something purposive. Medicine, law, social welfare, science, education, and others: all provide service incentives.

The church will never be able to match the highest rewards of industry, commerce, and the professions, but the church can and does still challenge young people with the greatest incentives of all. The ministry is a call to high purpose. Our colleges, in fact, contain such young men and women who have already accepted the ideal of full-time Christian service and have cheerfully turned down tempting opportunities for self-interest and self-advancement.

Fortunately, the financial rewards of the ministry today are adequate to enable capable men to live and serve with dignity and to meet the general and educational responsibilities of a family. This was not always the case. Many a minister, who was ready to make personal sacrifices for the sake of the Christ who called him, found that his wife and children were also involved in the sacrifices. This fact has made parents and church leaders reluctant to urge young men to accept unnecessary burdens and unequal sacrifices.

A call to the ministry is certainly not to be determined by financial aspects only. Young men will be attracted by the prospect of becoming partners with Christ in seeking the souls of men, because they want their lives to count for something in God's world, and because they realise that the decisions which have the greatest bearing upon human destiny are not those made in laboratories, at launching pads, or at drafting tables, but in human hearts and minds. The minister is God's servant to those hearts and minds.

The potential minister is in our congregations. God may call him without any effort on our part, but God may be seeking to call him through us. The schools and universities may be counted on to direct young men to almost any profession but the ministry. It will be for the church, through parents, ministers and leaders, to point to the target, give encouragement, and supply resources for training.

If we are God's agents in calling young men to the ministry, it will follow that we are also God's guardians of the way to the ministry. This may involve us in some changes, for the candidate may be sent to a ministry different from the traditional concept of the preacher-pastor our forefathers knew. Today there is exploration and pioneering in new forms of the old ministry.

For generations we have had ministers serving in Bible Societies and Temperance organisations. Today we have chaplains in schools, hospitals, industry and prisons. Ministers also serve in the fields of radio, TV, church finance, social service, and church administration. There was, of course, a diversity of ministry in the New Testament. "His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ." (Eph. 4: 11-12.) We may well see in this passage a flexibility of ministry that will enable us to engage in thrilling experiments to make the Christ relevant to our day.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

119-125 Hawke St.,
West Melbourne, C.3.
Phone 30-1848

Vol. 68

No. 37

Editor: A. E. White, B.A.

Associate-Editors:

- W.A. — J. K. Robinson,
11 Almondbury Rd., Mt. Lawley.
S.A. — E. P. C. Hollard, J.P.,
189 Gawler Pl., Adelaide.
Tas. — R. J. Boxhall,
8 Whelan Cresc., West Hobart.
Vic. — W. W. Saunders,
217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.
A.C.T. — G. R. Stirling, B.A.,
88 Limestone Ave., Canberra.
N.S.W. — Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.),
B.Sc., Dip.Ed.,
41 The Point Rd., Woolwich.
Qld. — H. Sargent,
403 Annerley Rd., Annerley, Brisbane.

★

ADVERTISING RATES

Births, Deaths, Engagements, Marriages,
Memorials, Thanks, etc. — 7/6 per
notice.

Coming Events, For Sale, To Let, Wanted,
and Similar Advt.s. — paragraphed
items, 6/- for 24 words. (5/- for five
or more consecutive issues.)

Coming Events, Displayed, and similar
Displayed Items — 7/- for 24 words.
(6/- for five or more consecutive
issues.)

Accommodation and Travel — 8/- for 24
words. (7/- for five or more consecu-
tive issues.)

General Advertisements, Special Treat-
ment — 9/- per col. inch of 14 ems;
7/6 per col. inch for four or more
consecutive issues; 6/- per col. inch
for quarterly contract.

★

COVER:

Christ is always calling young men
into active service. The College of
the Bible is an ever-open door of
training for all who would serve.

REFLECTIONS . . .

BY E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A.

After nearly twentyone years as Principal, following six years as a member of the Faculty, one may be permitted to share some reflections.

In a recent Television interview I was asked about changes and emphases in theological education. One question raised an issue under discussion in some quarters as to whether the theological institution is concerned with education or training. We would not see these as alternatives. They belong together.

While stressing the need of education in the sense of providing knowledge or content, we would be most emphatic in saying that education is a means to an end. It is a necessary tool for adequate leadership, witness and service. Glen Iris has been unchanging in this emphasis.

Of course, no theological course alone makes a minister, nor is the period of formal education and training complete. There are things that can be learned only in the university of experience. No course can anticipate every situation that may arise, nor can ready-made answers be provided for the tasks and contingencies of the ministry.

With the extension of the course in recent years the major changes have been in the increase of Old and New Testament studies, Biblical and Historical Theology, Christian Education and Pastoral Theology.

Affiliation with the Melbourne College of Divinity and the inclusion of the Licentiate of Theology in our Diploma course puts our College into line with external standards and provides our students with an acknowledged seal of formal training for the ministry. Our course, however, goes far beyond the L.Th. in its range of subjects and training. The L.Th. is a two-year course and is included in our four-year course.

Changes have been made in response to changing approaches in the on-going mission of the Church without surrendering the time-honoured basic subjects of any theological course.

There are problems which are as old as humanity, but rapidly changing patterns of life bring new shapes to human problems and new problems of ministry and communication. Old structures of Church life are not serving as they once did in communicating the gospel. How do we get alongside people? How do we apply the abiding truths of the gospel and the eternal principles of Christianity in a restless and rapidly changing world?

Among students today we find a questioning and a wrestling with unanswered questions. Those of an earlier day were far more settled in a traditional pattern of church life.

While we make no pretence to have all the answers to the problems of mission in the modern world, we cannot escape involvement in the concern about practicalities in theological education. A basic necessity is that students and others be ready to accept change itself — not change in the Christian message in answer to human need, but change in our application of unchanging truth.

We cannot live in isolation. Our original vision as a people, and the pressure of inter-church encounter, challenge us to know both ourselves and others, that together we may be a reforming movement under the judgment and guidance of the Word of God. This is why, over the years, there has been increasing study of our historic witness in the light of the New Testament and in relation to the ferment of Christian thought and action.

Among those who pass through the College there is a wide range of background, outlook, ability and personality. One of the impressive things is to see how some of limited opportunities before coming to College, and sometimes of limited gifts as students make the grade by reason of set purpose and diligence. The College Faculty could write of so many that they increased in wisdom and stature, using "stature" in more than a physical sense. To see this growth in students is one of life's deepest satisfactions. The whole brotherhood reaps the dividend of a sound investment.

During a recent visit of some thirty students to South Australian churches, a member of one congregation remarked how moving it was to hear committed young people. As one reflects, probably the deepest impression is that of commitment among the steady stream of students who have responded to the call to serve Christ.

May we all share in this commitment.



THE STUDENTS' GENERAL COMMITTEE has a very important place in the family life of College. This year its President is J. Dow, and its Secretary, K. R. Maddern.

The College and the Evangelistic Task

By **DON H. SMITH**

Secretary of the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, Vic.

Traveller

A traveller sees many things. He may report on what he sees, but the more significant thing is the meaning in what is seen. It is a great privilege to travel to many churches. One meets men with whom you have trained in College. Numbers who preceded you become far more than mere names in a Conference Handbook, and then there is the ever-increasing number of younger men whom you meet in College as students, and who become your associates in the succeeding days.

City and Country

The minister is so often your contact point with the churches. But, of course, beyond the minister is the church. Sometimes a church in a remote rural area, a small town, a provincial city, a metropolis. And how they vary. Churches are like people, they have their own personalities — happy, sad, eager, tired, friendly, cold, courageous, timid. In the midst of all this stands the minister. He has been called as a man of many parts, organiser, teacher, pastor, preacher. The more one reflects upon the demands made upon one personality, the more one comes to appreciate his service. He is called spiritually to sustain himself and his people, and to ever keep before himself and his people the real task of their mutual ministry. That is, to be evangelists of the Good News of Christ.

To be an evangelist is to be a man of deep conviction about the truth which has constrained him. He must needs sustain others, strengthen folk in face of doubt, minister to needs, show the relevance of the faith. He ever points to Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The evangelist works in many different ways, through different media. He will preach, teach in groups, counsel folk with special needs, visit in the homes. But always his purpose is the same — to share with people, life lived in the sustaining environment of the Risen Christ. And beyond this he has a concern for the total community. To bring something of the savour of Christ to its life, to move in the midst of men who make decisions which affect the whole community and indeed nation.

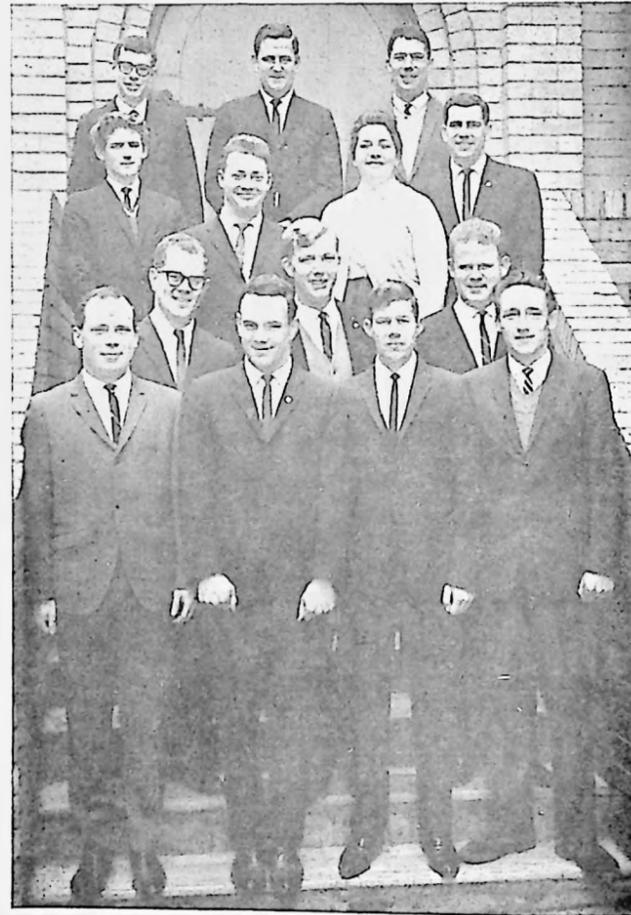
Achievement

These things I see being done by our ministers, both young and old. I am sometimes deeply moved by what I see achieved, over such a wide area of activity.

Most candidates enter College with a simple dedication to Christ and a desire to be used by him. It is the College which unfolds the deep significance of sin and the wide implications of salvation. It is here that he grapples with the needs of people and learns to minister to them. Here also he begins to glimpse the world significance of his faith and the need to attempt to apply it to all the areas of life.

But beyond all this the College will deepen his understanding of his own faith, give him stronger convictions and enable him to sustain himself at deep spiritual levels for the evangelistic encounter of later days.

Few men can stand the responsibility of ministering without this basic preparation for their role as an evangelist. Time and again in men with whom you work, you see them, as one has put it, "granite on fire." And you see also the debt they owe to College and lecturers, because their debt is your debt also. To see a man serving as an evangelist means that there are those behind him who have equipped him for his task.



EXIT CLASS, 1965

Absent: A. S. Fletcher.

On the Receiving End

BY **GEORGE SMITH,**

W.A. Conference President, and Director of Christian Welfare Centre, Perth.

Occasionally I have pre-recorded Radio and Television programmes which has given me the opportunity to be on "the receiving end" at a later date. As a listener it has been difficult to reconcile what I hear and see in a few brief minutes, with the long hours of preparation which the programme entails.

After sixteen years of pastoral work, this year has given me the opportunity of being on "the receiving end" of the ministry.

Are we, as a people, taking our ministerial supply too much for granted? Do we expect a continuous line of pastors and missionaries, ad infinitum, without questioning where the leaders of the future are coming from? Are not the men of 1975 and 1985 to be the "called out" ones of 1965? What positive plan has the local church to encourage its youth to give serious thought to full-time service?

What teaching do we supply to our societies and clubs to let them know of our College facilities, educational demands and the high challenge of commitment to service? Is this task left to a bi-annual deputationist, or has the local Officers' Board a positive programme of service education? Where are our future leaders to come from?

The obvious answer to our last question is "our churches." Yes, your church and my church. I was 17 years of age when a senior woman of my home church talked me about the possibility of my con-

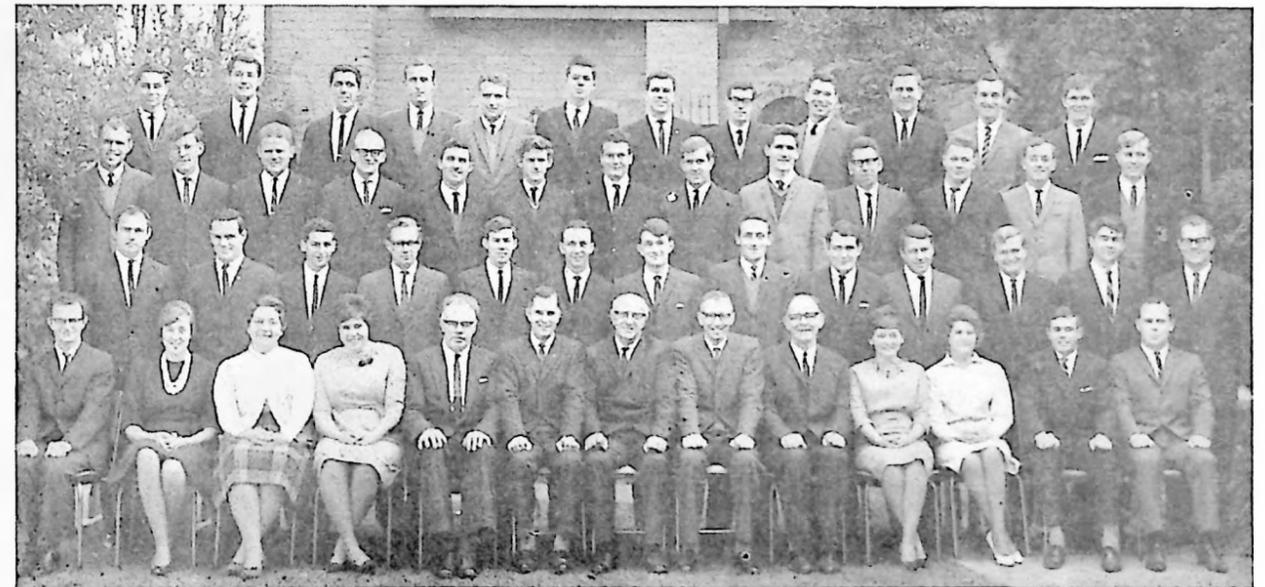
sidering the ministry as my life's calling. That seed later bore fruit, but to my knowledge I was the first person ever to leave that church for full-time work in its fifty years of history.

On the other hand, a small country church in the West has the reputation of giving four of its youth to full-time service in the first decade of its history. Almost as soon as a youth leader is trained to take up the auxiliary work in this church he packs his trunks and sets out for training at the College. One church's loss has meant a brotherhood gain.

Then again, how many of us who are on the "receiving end" in a local congregation ever give thought to the "making of a minister"? Service for Christ is as demanding, if not more so, than training for other fields of creative work. The apprenticeship period of training for a trade or profession lasts several years and makes big demands in study, time and earnings.

How much more is this for the man who will ultimately have the care of souls and who will be called upon to speak and act as Christ's personal ambassador? Such a man cannot be content to be a blundering amateur. His life and mind needs disciplined training. Such a line of thinking must lead us to reciprocal sacrifice. One church I know has done this and now budgets a handsome slice of stewardship to the College work. The result of this involvement gives them a personal and practical interest in many students.

As far as God's grace is concerned, we are all on the "receiving end." It is at this point we combine — ministers and members alike — to make more effective the sending forth of the "Word of Life."



Back Row: M. G. Gray, N. A. Graham, G. L. Marsh, J. B. Baker, E. C. Keating, D. J. Skewes, C. G. Dredge, I. E. Allsop, G. T. Lawrie, J. Dow, G. S. Ladner, K. R. Maddern.
Second Row: A. L. Cutt, R. L. Baxter, J. E. Paver, M. J. Drake, B. J. Jenkins, B. J. Adams, W. F. Thornton, W. C. Compston, R. J. Cook, A. H. Coleman, J. R. Welden, D. R. Olafsen, J. W. Lowrey.
Third Row: M. W. Gaskin, D. J. Marr, W. A. van Leen, R. E. Pfeifer, C. A. Smith, E. G. Kernick, A. J. Dean, W. J. Gaunson, G. A. Smith, I. G. Gates, A. M. Arnot, D. W. Nancarrow, R. W. Lawton.
Front Row: I. B. Thompson, Miss M. J. Brand, Miss M. M. Luhrs, Miss M. Freebairn, A. E. White, K. R. Bowes, E. L. Williams, K. J. Clinton, K. A. Jones, Miss D. M. Young, Miss C. A. Bray, D. A. Potter, J. R. Wise. [Absent: B. F. Duff, A. J. Fletcher, C. K. Muller].

Is the Ministry a Man-size Job?

BY DAVID G. HAMMER Minister of Maylands, S.A.

I Am Speaking to You, Young Man!

But, come to think of it, I'm hardly the right man to be speaking to you! I wear an overcoat when it is raining, nowadays; and keep my slippers handy in the cold weather! I preach sermons telling people to be the kind of Christian I have never succeeded in being myself. I drink tea with the old ladies, and find in them some of God's greatest saints — people who in loneliness, suffering and poverty can look forward to death with a child-like trust that makes me weep for very shame! A MAN! — well, perhaps a member of the genus homo (more-or-less) sapiens, but that is about all!

However, let me tell you, please, that the ministry is a man-size job and more. It is a job for a man with super-human strength; the kind of strength that God alone can give (and, praise God, *does give*) through the Holy Spirit.

1. The Prophetic Ministry.

We are often told that this is lacking in the church of today, and needs to be recovered. "There was a *man* sent from God whose name was John" (John 1: 6). The man was, of course, John the Baptist, and even apart from his hairy clothing and his ascetic manner of life, it is obvious that God sent a *man* to do a man-sized job. He could rebuke a king, and proclaim an unpopular message, and face death unflinchingly. His was in truth a prophetic ministry. The church needs men today who will stand up for the truth of God, and proclaim a whole gospel, cost what it will.

2. The Teaching Ministry.

This will always be important. The first great teaching ministry in the church was performed by a man who was chosen to serve tables. Stephen, according to the Revised Version, was a man with five great qualifications. He was a *man* full of faith of the Holy Spirit, full of grace and power, and possessed of a wisdom that could not be withstood by his hearers. When there was no other way to circumvent his teaching, false witnesses were brought against him. He was accused by liars and put to death by prejudice.

But it took a real *man* to pray for the forgiveness of his enemies at the very moment of death!

3. The Evangelistic Ministry.

"I knew a *man in Christ* above fourteen years ago . . ." wrote Paul (2 Cor. 12: 2), and that *man*, the Apostle Paul himself, hadn't changed so much over the fourteen years. He was a man who saw visions. The man who engages in an evangelistic ministry must be able to see visions.

Paul was a *man in Christ* who could not only see the visions, but withstand hardship, plan strategic evangelistic and missionary tours, and open up the great trade routes of the ancient world to the gospel. He may have been small of stature, as some think, with weak eyesight and frequent illness. But whether these things are true or not, Paul was a *man*, God's chosen vessel for a man-

sized job. The church still needs an evangelistic ministry, but it takes a *man* to do it!

4. The Pastoral Ministry.

"But thou, *O man of God*," wrote Paul, "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6: 11, 12). Timothy was a different kind of man. His was pre-eminently a pastoral ministry. But as Paul saw it, the pastoral ministry was just a little bit more than drinking afternoon tea! It meant setting churches in order, stamping out error, disciplining unworthy and unruly characters in the church, and proclaiming a message that would build up the church and thus provide men for similar and other types of ministry. This was a man-sized job.

Which is the most important type of ministry? That is a silly question. God, through his Spirit, gives differing gifts to men for the whole work of the church. One has to find out the particular work to which he is most suited, and be *man* enough to do a man-sized job in it. That requires the best training that it is possible to obtain, intellectual and spiritual. I can only thank God for the opportunity that was provided for me in the College of the Bible to develop the small amount of ability that was given to me.

The best I could wish for you, young man, is that God will lead you into a full-time service — man-sized and more! "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." God needs *men*, fully equipped for today's tasks.



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER GROUP.

A Missionary Looks at the College From Inside

By ALAN S. FLETCHER - New Guinea

Coming from the mission field back into the student atmosphere of College life has been stimulating and challenging, yet not without its share of frustrations. Most students enter College in answer to a personal call, seeking preparation for service and a broader concept of purpose and direction to their discipleship. It has been my privilege to add to an existing structure of practical service a lining of theoretical knowledge.

To discuss one's impressions is often difficult. They are many and varied and often their importance is disguised by their insignificance. A few do spring readily to mind.

At first, knowing both the urgent constant need for workers on the field, and the scope of the task yet to be done, it was hard to sit week after week at a desk. Impatience often obscures the value of learning, yet to appreciate the need for patience is one lesson of inestimable value.

Although impatient, and sometimes doubtful of the worth of a year's marking time, it was very stimulating to hear the theory behind the known and experienced practice of Christian endeavour, and often surprising to realise the real doubts which some, inexperienced, had concerning those theories and practice.

Missionary experience, though enlightening many aspects of College life, is narrowed by its own avenue of service. Learning opens the gates to many roads and encourages one's deeper appreciation of other people and the broad scope of their callings and convictions.

Many people speak of the physical loneliness of mission service. Any who would serve Christ must walk alone with him. College community life conditions and fosters men and women who are, by humanity as well as calling, set apart from the world.

College intercourse emphasised the difference between mission service among people to whom Christianity is a whole-of-life experience, and home service among people whose religious experience generally is exclusively class conscious and apart from the everyday task of living.

Perhaps more important than all other impressions has been the challenge of seeing oneself reflected in other students. It is a revelation and a comfort to see your own fears, doubts and problems crystallise in the affairs of others who walk the same road.

Fellowship in Christ has a deeper, richer, truer meaning experienced through and beyond the life of the College of the Bible.

I humbly thank all who have made this opportunity available to me.



FAREWELL! Good wishes are extended by Principal Williams to K. J. Clinton, ere he left College to pursue studies at Yale University, U.S.A.

Your Liberal Gifts are Urgently Needed to
MAINTAIN THE WORK
of the
COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE
ANNUAL OFFERING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

AN APPEAL

BUT NOT FOR MONEY

Just prior to departure on his recent 3,000 mile outreach journey with Bob Williams, Lance Fisher wrote the following letter. You can see that he was basking in the joy of another profound spiritual experience in our work for native people in the Carnarvon area.

At the close of another Sunday there is much cause for rejoicing. Truly it is wonderful to see the mighty hand of God at work in the midst.

Last Sunday morning was very wet and the service (at Native Reserve) was held in the bus. (Our own school bus).

Alice, whom I think you have met, occupies a house on the opposite side of the reserve to Bob. It was the worst drinking place and brothel on the reserve. Alice is known as one of the worst, and had the previous day come out of gaol. She has had many other sojourns for drunkenness and abusive language.

She came to this service in the bus and at the close, as we sang "All to Jesus I surrender," without any appeal for decision, she came to the front of the bus, tears streaming down her face, penitent before God.

I spent a little time with her and her husband one day through the week, and this morning I was talking to Fred.

He said, "I never thought I would see this happen, she has not had a drink all the week. Last night we had a party here, two dozen bottles of beer. As they passed the bottle around I had a drink and passed it to her. She said, 'No, I don't want it. I'm finished with that.'" Alice is still awondering what has hap-

pened, but she is going on confidently. Pray for her and Fred. He said, "You never know, I might do something too."

We used the bus again tonight (Sunday), about 40 present, when another "dead beat" woman accepted the Lord as her Saviour. Four other real tough gaol birds were present, two women and two men, who have migrated from Norseman area. Real conviction and we look for the Holy Spirit's drawing them.

Can you visualise the conditions of life in which Alice still has to exist? This is not the first time she has tried. But this is certainly a genuine expression of a heart's desire to turn away from it all and to walk in the pathway of the one who said, "I am the Way." Nothing short of the Holy Spirit's possessing and enabling power will be adequate to meet and deal with the satanic forces that will be hurled against this benighted soul and her companions.

Here is the appeal. If you and I believe in the efficacy of personal, intelligently directed prayer that can successfully invoke the interposing of Almighty power from the resurrected Lord, to protect this dear soul and shepherd her into the way of the Lord, we are challenged to exercise that prerogative right now and in a continuing daily sharing of the battle with her.

The information above invites us to add the name of Alice to our prayer list. Who knows! It may be a prayer of yours or of mine which, at some critical moment, will be instrumental in defeating the overwhelming powers of darkness and of encouraging her in the Christian walk.



THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF RELIGIOUS ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION -- Rev. B. Ward Powers, B.A., E.D., B.Comm.

The author is to be congratulated on his practical and specific guidance to ministers, theological students, missionaries, churches and committee treasurers in relation to finance and book keeping.

The book breaks new grounds and seeks to present ways in which Christian workers and religious organisations may achieve greater economies — which simply means spending less money and getting more for it. In fact, the last page of the book is a money-back guarantee that this book will save you several times its purchase price within twelve months!

Section headings are:— 1. Mainly for Ministers. 2. Your Guide to Lower Income Tax. 3. Tips for Treasurers. 4. Your Guide to Religious Accounting.

The untrained reader, as well as qualified and experienced accountants, will profit from a study of this book. It is a must for every minister and treasurer.

Published by Jordan Books Ltd., the book may be purchased from your State Bookroom. Price 26/6. Special subsidised price for introduction period only, £1.

—Reviewed by K. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.S.T.C. (Acctg.).

SOUNDS IN NEW GUINEA

By Miss R. ROFE

Whatever our walk of life, sound plays a great part in it. There are many sounds here in New Guinea that have become a part of our everyday lives— sounds which are foreign to us in Australia. I thought this month we might think about some of these sounds — welcome and otherwise.

The sound that prompted this came at 6.30 a.m. one Monday morning, when the early morning stillness was broken by the sound of the grass cutter as Humawai got to work on the task of cutting the air strip ready for Thursday's plane. We were still in bed, which meant that any chance of those extra few minutes sleep were banished. However, the noise brought a feeling of relief as the mower showed that it was going to perform as it should. A sigh of relief is uttered, I think, every time an outboard motor, generator or other motor starts without the splutters that indicate trouble of some kind. Especially is this true on the river after a broken pin is repaired and the motor proceeds on its way without further mishap.

Another very welcome sound heard every day is the answering of a radio call by one of our other stations. It is indeed a blessing to have the transceiver, which has so often proved its worth in daily routine and emergencies.

The silence of the bush is also broken occasionally by the sound of gunfire— reminding us that these people are not quite as primitive as we often think.

On all of our stations these things mentioned above exist side by side with things from the old way of life. To call people together the hollow log drum called a "garamut" is beaten. The noise from these can be heard some miles away and so they are also used to send messages from place to place. They are also used in sing-sings quite extensively.

At night a new set of sounds takes over. There are different birds and animals that stir when darkness falls. Added to this we often hear the drums and singing of the people as they perform their sing-sings, either as a form of social occasion or to mark some tra-

ditional occasion. These generally continue throughout the night and are followed by a day of sleep and rest. Lately, through the influence of Radio Wewak (a pidgin radio station) singing to guitar music is proving more popular.

Each day numbers of people pass through our stations. School children generally find something to laugh at— if they aren't laughing someone is probably crying. Older folk have something to say, and with all of these we have opportunities of speaking of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the most hopeless sound of all is to hear these folk wailing over the body of a relative. This sound makes us more aware of just how hopeless they are without the salvation offered to them in Christ. It also makes us realise more acutely what a glorious hope we Christians have as we look forward to life eternal.

On the other hand, a sound for which we can praise God, is that of men and women singing his praises and praying to him as they have come into a personal relationship with Christ. Last Sunday three of the school children at Tung were baptized and we certainly have cause for praise in this.

There are many sounds which ever make us aware that New Guinea and its people have been created by the same

God who made us and redeemed us. There are still thousands quite close to us who have never heard of Christ and who are giving us unlimited opportunities of preaching the gospel, by asking for missionaries — we often wish we were like amoebas that can slip in half so that we could reach out to these ones who are seeking.

... let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, . . . for the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

EVANGELISTIC EFFORT, DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR, INDIA

By Miss E. VAWSER.

We are having a campaign "Each One Win One" as our special evangelistic effort for this Diamond Jubilee Year. The emphasis is on earnest all prevailing prayer that souls may be saved for the Kingdom. If each member honestly prays for one soul God will surely hear and answer. This will also have a blessing for the one who prays.

Could the brotherhood join us in this prayer. Mr. Eric Hollard will be having evangelistic meetings while in India prior to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and we hope many will respond. We honestly need the whole-hearted prayer support of the brotherhood.

QUESTING

WITH A. E. WHITE



only a few places way down front, late-comers are often seen to explore every other possibility of a seat before reluctantly moving forward.

All kinds of attempts have been made to solve the problem. In some cases, ushers have roped off the back seats until the front seats are filled. In others, some back seats have been taken out. Such efforts are often resented by those who come early to church.

It is said that one minister designed a church with no visible seats at all. As the congregation arrived, an usher would press a button and seats would be raised from the floor, beginning, of course, at the front. In this way there were no empty seats and the congregation was where it was most needed, at the front. However, an equally ingenious churchman invented another gadget. Behind the pulpit there was a trapdoor with a time device. At exactly 11.55 a.m., if the service was not concluded, the floor opened and the minister disappeared from view and the benediction was pronounced.

You see, if the minister starts deciding what is good for the congregation, we can hardly protest when the congregation decides what is good for the minister.

I feel that we should encourage folk to move down to the front. They can see better, hear better, and can participate better if they are down where the action is.

But we are not justified in trying to force, press, or trick people into going where they don't want to go. When the Bible tells us not to forsake our assembling together, it does not insist that we assemble down front. There are not many privileges left to the human race. One of them is that we can please ourselves where we sit at church.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

Home Missions. August was a bad month for the Vic. Home Mission Fund, the income being only half of the expenditure. The Vic. H.M. Secretary preached at Waitchie, where the gospel services were to be held fortnightly . . . War Census. Readers were reminded of the necessity of attending to the war census. A personal card to be filled in by all adult males, aged between 18 and 60. A wealth and fortune card to be filled in by every person, 18 years and upward, possessed of property or in receipt of income . . . Army Chaplain. Churches of Christ in Victoria were co-operating with Baptists and Congregationalists in supporting a chaplain in residence in the camp at Broadmeadows . . . Honour Roll. Killed in Action: F. W. Bond, French Island, Vic.; Ray Patterson, Shepparton, Vic.; Fred. Robins, Lismore, N.S.W. Church Finance. At Wellington, N.Z., the following resolution was carried unanimously: "Only members of the Church of Christ shall be permitted to take part in any function for the purpose of augmenting the church treasury."

Home Missions. August was a bad month for the Vic. Home Mission Fund, the income being only half of the expenditure. The Vic. H.M. Secretary preached at Waitchie, where the gospel services were to be held fortnightly . . . War Census. Readers were reminded of the necessity of attending to the war census. A personal card to be filled in by all adult males, aged between 18 and 60. A wealth and fortune card to be filled in by every person, 18 years and upward, possessed of property or in receipt of income . . . Army Chaplain. Churches of Christ in Victoria were co-operating with Baptists and Congregationalists in supporting a chaplain in residence in the camp at Broadmeadows . . . Honour Roll. Killed in Action: F. W. Bond, French Island, Vic.; Ray Patterson, Shepparton, Vic.; Fred. Robins, Lismore, N.S.W. Church Finance. At Wellington, N.Z., the following resolution was carried unanimously: "Only members of the Church of Christ shall be permitted to take part in any function for the purpose of augmenting the church treasury."

SELLING YOUR HOME?

J. A. CARTER R.E.S.I.,

Proprietor: Robert F. Geyer, F.R.E.I., F.O.I.V., SWORN VALUATOR. Sales Privately or by Auction.

Details of Your Property will Receive Immediate Expert Attention.

164 TOORAK-RD., SOUTH YARRA

Opposite Station.

24 - 1296



ALL GIFTS AND REPAIRS — ADELAIDE :: Phone 23-5462 —

• MUSIC

No family can afford to be without MUSIC, it is a luxury and an economy; an alleviation of sorrow, and a spring of enjoyment. A protection against vice, and an incitement to virtue. When rightly used, its effects — physical, intellectual and moral, are only good.

Do not neglect to see the LISZT PIANO, THE KINSMAN and YAMAHA ELECTRONIC ORGANS before you make your choice from

CHENEY'S

808 South-rd., Clovelly Park, S.A. Phone 76-2880.



SPOTLIGHT ON A.C.T. . . .

FOR READERS

The Canberra church has 56 readers on the Sunday morning Scripture Reading Plan. Most of these attended a Readers' Refresher Course recently. It was felt that readers would learn more from one another than from a carefully prepared lecture.

Therefore, the first part of the course was broken up into small groups to talk about morning readings as they are at present, and how they could be improved. When the groups reported their findings it was discovered that there was a great deal of insight on the part of readers as to what they were doing when they read the Scriptures at the morning service.

They also came up with some helpful suggestions for morning readers. Here they are:—

1. Nervousness can only be overcome by extensive preparation at home.

2. It is essential to know the meaning of the passage. A knowledge of background is more helpful still.

3. Elocuting and over-dramatisation should be avoided, as should also the flat voice and manner.

4. A conversational voice is desirable.

5. Read to the congregation, not down onto the Bible. Go slowly enough to be able to look up. Mark your place by moving your finger down the page.

6. Emphasise the important words, and make sure beforehand which they are.

7. Use expression. Avoid the monotonous voice. Avoid dropping the voice at the end of every phrase.

8. Most readers read too fast. Vary your speed according to the expression needed.

9. Indicate the version you are using. Occasionally a single sentence introduction is called for to put the congregation in the picture. But this can become dangerous verbosity unless care is taken.

10. It is possible to detect the over-confident reader who thinks he can get away with poor preparation. The reading does not ring true.

11. Speak up and out to the farthest hearers.

12. Take your time going to the lectern, and with the reading. Thus be at ease.

13. Watch the punctuation carefully. It helps you to get the sense and convey it.

14. In preparing, read the passage in several translations. This will help with grasping its meaning, and will also help to give value to the words used.

15. It was felt that there was no need for such ascriptions as, "May the Lord bless the reading of his word." These have become clichés.

16. Pause a moment between announcing the reading, and the actual reading itself.

17. Check carefully all pronunciations before reading.

18. Read with feeling. —G.R.S.

NEW CAUSE, WEMBLEY DOWNS

(W.A.). On Oct. 3, 1965, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walkington, at Arundale Crescent, Wembley Downs, at 10.30 a.m., a communion service will be held to establish a new church in the suburb of Wembley Downs. K. J. Paterson, State Organiser, will preside, and G. Smith, Conf. President, will be the preacher. Land has been purchased for a future chapel.

MEMORIAL FUND

(Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.). The amount received for the R. J. Duckett Memorial Fund to date is £2,127. This fund will close on Dec. 31 next. The target aimed at is £3,000. . . Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh have now settled in at the manse and are busily engaged in the ministry of the church. Attendances at all services have increased and a splendid spirit prevails. . . Mrs. J. Atkinson and Mrs. Demeral have been re-elected as pres. and treas. respectively of the C.W.F.

YOUTH-MEET

(W.A.). The August Youth-meet programme, organised by the Churches of Christ Christian Endeavour Council, was attended by a large crowd of approximately three hundred young people.

The meeting was chaired by David McNeilly (National C.Y.F. Vice-Pres.) of South Perth. After a "sing-a-long" session, conducted by Don Taylor, of Fremantle, South Perth youth choir presented an item emphasising the theme of the programme, "Time for Action."

Graham Laycock, a blind physiotherapist, and Miss Mavis Robinson, State Intermediate C.E. Superintendent, spoke on the subject of what knowing Christ had meant to them, and Rev. Jack Hymer, an American evangelist preached. Several young people accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

To music of electric guitars played by the "Gospelaire," young people enjoyed supper in an attractive setting of bamboos, Chinese lanterns and candlelight.

GIRLS VISIT PERTH

A group of young women from the "Fairhaven" Hostel at Esperance, W.A., chaperoned by Miss Maureen Elsegood, visited Perth during the August school holidays as guests of the Girls' Basketball Association.

The girls were billeted in private homes and entertained as much as possible. A special basketball match, Esperance v. Perth, was arranged and a "lightning carnival," in which the Esperance girls participated, was held at the Maude Matthews Basketball Centre, on Aug. 28.

SEVEN ADDITIONS

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). There have been seven confessions of faith recently. . . Temple Day offering on Aug. 29 was £579. . . Four students from the College of the Bible conducted a modern music service on the evening of Aug. 29 (Messrs. Ian Gates, Graham Smith, David Nancarrow and Ted Keating). . . Three of girls' basketball teams reached the grand final, two of them winning premiership. Trophies were presented at annual social of girls' basketball club.

GONE VISITING

(Balaklava, S.A.). Eight Balaklava members visited Whyalla and led the services. Kevin Edwards, Balaklava's minister, preached in the morning, and Reg. Shepherd gave the gospel message. Stan Webb and Bert Roberts assisted. Whyalla members returned the visit and gave a film evening, showing the advancement of Whyalla and new chapel buildings. Mr. Tregloan and Bill and Peter Berry took part in the services, with Dennis Hughes, Whyalla's minister, preaching at night. . . D. G. Hammer was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary. . . Det. Barry Cocks spoke to the Men's Fellowship. . . Since their visit to Norseman Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Jones have given illustrated talks. Dorcas has sent a parcel of clothing to Norseman, including an outfit for one girl. C.W.F. gave a special offering for clothes for girls at Esperance.

TEACHING MISSION

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). As part of the church's plan to make 1965 a year of education, Principal E. L. Williams conducted a "teaching mission," Aug. 22-29. Delegations from city and country churches helped in making meetings a worthwhile venture.

National Diary

SEPTEMBER—

- NEW SOUTH WALES**
25 —C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. Anniversary.
VICTORIA
22 —C.M.S. Men's Combined Prayer Breakfast. Showgrounds, 7 a.m. All, and especially country men, invited.
26 —C.Y.F. Service Appeal Worship — Monbulk.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
24 —Boys' Brigade Drill Competition.
25 —Duke of Edinburgh Award and The Boys' Brigade Athletic Testing.
WEST AUSTRALIA
21 —C.W.F. Diamond Jubilee Display and Pioneer afternoon, 1.30 p.m., Christian Centre. Florin offering for Youth Project. Diamond Jubilee Blessing Bags to be received as a thank-offering for the Budget.
24-25—Two full days' Christian Unity Conference in Christian Centre.

TOURIST SEASON

(Mackay, Qld.). Following the usual "Tourist Season Tradition," we have enjoyed fellowship in recent months with folk from 15 churches in the southern half of the continent, as well as with several from overseas. . . After a year of giving at £4 per week, the church has been able to instal a piano to assist in developing the work of the Bible school, and among young people. . . In connection with the observance of National Bible Society Week, the local branch of the B. & F. B. S. organised a combined day of prayer. One session was conducted by our minister, Kev. Jenner.

SPECIAL LECTURES

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Bible School teachers shared in lectures given by the Youth and Christian Education committee, led by Miss H. Trudgian. At a fellowship tea, Miss Trudgian showed slides of her overseas tour. . . The church business meeting adopted new Standing Orders for the church. . . The monthly sing-a-long was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lowe. . . The third film on "Our Bible" was screened at a gospel meeting. . . Dalby men shared in a meeting with C.M.S.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). The screening of the film, "Through Gates of Splendour," attracted a large congregation. It was a good follow on of our radio serial, "Dangerous Mission," the story of the murdered Auca missionaries. G. Cann, of Mission to Lepers, and Mr. Booth, of B. & F. B. S., were also recent speakers. Three young people have been baptized. . . The Hammond organ fund has been closed with members contributing £650 in 15 months. The fine instrument has greatly helped the services.

BRETHREN SUPPORT

(Busselton, W.A.). A series of Sunday night sermons by the minister, M. Hodgson, was attended also by members of the Brethren church. . . An evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodd, was in support of missionary work for the children of Carnarvon. . . R. Gethring has been farewelled after being here on temporary duties. His assistance in preaching and in song will be missed. . . A son has been born to the minister and Mrs. Hodgson. . . The church has had fellowship with the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was able to be with his mother at the time of her death, and the church offers deep sympathy to him and the family.

TEACHER TRAINING

(Bordertown, S.A.). A weekend of teacher training was held during August. Keith Horne lectured Primary and Bible Class teachers, and Dawn Chivell conducted Kinder. session. Mr. Horne spoke at Mundalla, Keith and Bordertown on the Sunday. . . The women of the four churches in the Bordertown Circuit held a Smorgasbord luncheon and raised £100. . . This will aid "The Vehicle for India" appeal. . . D. Chigwidden has been elected to the Officers' Board. . . Prayer meetings are held each Tues. and Friday at 7 a.m. These were com-

menced by Allan Avery and have proved a great spiritual experience for those who attend. Prayer and discussion group meet on alternate Wed. nights. . . A missionary afternoon was held, when Doug. Smith told of work in the New Hebrides. Doug. dressed scholars in authentic clothes and used souvenirs to add realism to the experiences that he re-enacted by means of play readings. . . A number of C.O.B. students "called in" en route to Melbourne, following their successful concert and visit to Adelaide. . . On Sept. 4, the church enjoyed fellowship with Frank Langford, a former minister, Mrs. Langford, and Peter, from Belmont. Harold Raymond was also a visitor, and delighted with a violin solo. Mr. Raymond is blind, and works untiringly for children of Brighton Home, Adelaide. . . D. R. Oaks is minister.

ODD SPOT

(Adelaide). The "News" is the name of South Australia's evening paper, and a popular column in this publication is Doug Easom's "Odd Spot." From the column of Monday, 30th, comes this article comment:

"Fair odd spotter of Flinders Park driving along Marion Road yesterday morning could not help noticing the scene around the Church of Christ on one corner. Parked there were cars of all models, from "posh" to "bomb," a truck, bicycles large and small, two tricycles, a pusher and a pram. A notice outside the building proclaimed it as The Family Church. She can well and truly believe it."

The church was Ascot Park, where Richard Sercombe is minister at the present time, and to which Colin Dredge, of the College of the Bible, will go in the new year.

SATELLITE TROUBLE

(Unley, S.A.). Youth weekend featured "Round the World" C.Y.F. meeting on Friday; night film and coffee lounge on Sat.; and a Sunday youth service, when John Halbert led the "sing-a-long." A panel discussion was introduced by a radio play, "Trouble on a Manned Satellite." Panel consisted of Elizabeth McLeay, David Whyatt, John Halbert, and the minister, R. V. Holmes, as chairman, discussed World Problems in the Light of Christianity. Devotions on the Friday night were given an Indian flavor by Roy Dixon. . . Men's Society invited a Malaysian student to tea, and afterwards enjoyed an enlightening talk on life in Malaysia, with particular reference to the situations for Christians there. . . Miss Esther Messert has returned from overseas. . . Church greatly appreciated message of Jim Dow, from Glen Iris, Vic., during students' visit to Adelaide.

COMBINED STUDY

(Torrensville, S.A.). Recently a study was made of the Book of Hosea by prayer meeting groups from this church and Plympton Methodist. After a five-week study the two prayer groups came together at the Plympton Methodist to bring their findings and discuss them. A very rich and rewarding fellowship was had. S. E. Matthews ministers at Torrensville.

NEW MEMBERS

(Beulah Rd., S.A.). The church welcomed three new members on Aug. 1. . . The Eastern District Missionary Rally was conducted by the Overseas Com. of our Women's Conference. Owing to sickness, Miss Draney was unable to be present as planned. Mrs. McLean led in devotions, and Mr. McLean showed slides of his recent trip to the Islands. . . On Aug. 29, Milton Drake, from the College of the Bible was guest speaker at the communion service. . . Our teenage group was invited by East Parade Methodists to a Sunday night tea and film evening.

VICTOR HARBOUR. The S.S. anniversary was a great success. Children sang well under the baton of Miss Helen Sinkinson. Mr. Lord gave the children's talk in the afternoon and A. W. Coleman, from the College, at night.

Your Answer
to
presenting Bible stories in
a new and vital way to
Junior age groups—

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE ADVENTURES**
Produced by Moody Institute of Science

—Andy Fixit graphically relates Bible stories from his illustrated book to apply their lessons to the every-day lives of his young friends: stories such as

DAVID AND SAUL
NOAH AND THE ARK
THE RED SEA
NAAMAN THE LEPER
THE FIERY FURNACE
DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

16 mm. colour—13 mins.: £2 ea.

BOOK NOW

for Sunday School, C.E.,
Vac. Bible School, etc.

FACT & FAITH FILMS
(VICTORIA)
4 CANNING ST., CARLTON
FJ 1211, FJ 1275

Request our illustrated catalogue



NEW SOUTH WALES

BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS, N.S.W. Support for New "Fraternal"

120 Bible School workers from Sydney metropolitan area attended the first quarterly Training Session of the Bible School Workers' Fraternal at the Belmore church hall on Aug. 20.

Superintendents, secretaries and teachers of all grades gave individual attention to problems facing them in their field of Bible School work.

Following dinner at 6.30 p.m., Charles Dainty (Granville), was appointed President, and Warren Murray (Mosman), Secretary/Treasurer. These men, together with a sub-committee, will be responsible to steer the "Fraternal" through its "Training Course."

The full group saw the screening of a filmstrip on "Christian Communication," and broke up into small groups to discuss its application to their work. Further discussion ensued — this time directly related to the individual groups of superintendents, teachers, etc. Mention was made of a proposed Adult Bible Study and Training Programme being developed by the Dept. of Christian Education. The scheme, when implemented, will be of major importance to N.S.W. Ray Ewers (Belmore) led our closing devotions.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

We seek your prayerful support in regard to the following vital activities. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

1. N.S.W. Home Mission Dept., and the churches it is endeavouring to undergird.
2. The new church at Engadine, in its efforts to enlarge its borders.
3. The Chinese congregation which meets as a faithful fellowship on Sunday evenings at City Temple, Sydney.
4. Sister Pauline Jones, as she returns to her home in N.S.W. after diligent and courageous service in the New Hebrides.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, the Matron and helpers — and all the boys — at "Dunmore House," the Boys' Home, Pendle Hill.
6. The "Follow-up" work in connection with "Crusade '65" — and the young folk who made commitments to Christ.

N.S.W. TEACHING ON GIVING

"What the Bible Teaches Us On Giving" is the theme of a special presentation by the N.S.W. Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, K. E. Crawford, on behalf of the F.C.C. (Finance Co-ordination Committee). The topic is Christian Stewardship, and eight Biblical pointers give added emphasis to the Scriptural nature of the teaching. Thus, the Bible clearly teaches that —

1. All we have belongs to God: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof" (Psa. 24: 1).
2. We will give an account to God for our use of everything: "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14: 12).
3. We are to give: (a) Through our Church (1 Cor. 16: 2); (b) Liberally (Luke 6: 38); (c) Sacrificially (2 Cor. 8: 1-4); (d) Cheerfully (2 Cor. 9: 7);

TEMPERANCE IN N.S.W.

September is "Temperance" Month throughout N.S.W., and the second Sunday in September is observed in most of our churches with some special feature bringing before the congregations the vital importance of this work.

The Churches of Christ Social Service Dept. and the C.W.F. Temperance Committee are both represented in all Inter-Church Temperance organisations, and combined efforts are being made this year, through such groups as the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance, the W.C.T.U., and the Youth Temperance Educational Council of N.S.W., to make known more effectively the evils of alcohol and in particular to direct this to young people's groups.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS — SYDNEY

On Sept. 6, Sister Valerie Crowte, of the Taree Church, N.S.W., and missionary elect to Nudi Ndul, Aoba, left Kingsford-Smith airport for the New Hebrides. On the same plane were Miss Florence Kennedy, a former missionary of long standing, and Mrs. C. A. Saxby, of the N.S.W. Overseas Mission Committee, who have journeyed to Aoba, New Hebrides, to share in the Thanksgiving Services in connection with the opening of the newly erected Hospital at Ndul Ndul.

Sister Pauline Jones, who has served so faithfully and sacrificially for a number of years in the medical work on the New Hebridean Islands, has found it

(e) Regularly (1 Cor. 16: 2); (f) Proportionately (1 Cor. 16: 2); (g) Purposefully (2 Cor. 9: 7).

4. Our giving: (a) Demonstrates our Faith (2 Cor. 9: 13); (b) Stimulates thankfulness (2 Cor. 9: 1); (c) Shows our love of God (2 Cor. 8: 8); (d) Strengthens faith in God's care (2 Cor. 9: 8-10); (e) Reflects our sense of values (Luke 16: 10-13).

5. We are to conquer covetousness and to lay up Eternal Treasure: "Lay not up treasures upon earth..." (Matt. 6: 19-20).

6. We are to begin by giving ourselves: "They . . . first gave their own selves" (2 Cor. 8: 5).

7. God will Reward the Faithful Steward: "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Cor. 9: 6).

8. Love is the Motive in all Our Giving: "For the love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5: 14).

necessary to relinquish her labours and return to her home in N.S.W. She arrived in Sydney on board the "Oceanien" on Sept. 8.

CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING IN N.S.W.

C.B.A. (Christian Broadcasting Association), located in splendidly equipped, modern studios at Five Dock, Sydney, and directed by Rev. Vernon Turner, is becoming increasingly valuable to the Christian community of N.S.W. In many ways, Churches of Christ have been helped in the presentation of their message over the air through the willing co-operation of this growing organisation. In the year just concluded, C.B.A. has supplied Christian programmes to most of the 111 commercial stations operating in Australia. We thank God for this effective means of assistance to the churches in "getting the message over" to the listening public.

INSURANCE
FOR
RESPONSIBLE
PEOPLE



INSURE
TOTAL ABSTAINERS
ONLY

WRIGHT THINKING

DOUBT

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT

Can there be a God? If there is, can he be good? Is there any meaning or purpose in life? Many people, at some time in life, find the foundations of their faith challenged, and they begin to doubt.

There are some, of course, who seem to be able to retain a child-like faith right to the end, a faith which nothing seems to disturb — like George Muller, of Bristol, who never once appealed for money for his orphanages, but all the time maintained them solely by faith and prayer. When he was once asked whether he had ever doubted religion, after a moment's thought he replied, "Yes, I once doubted for five minutes."

Such people are rare. Many of us are doubters and believers in one. We could say, with the father of the child in the gospel narrative, "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief." We have our times when we are utterly sure of God, other times our minds are clouded with doubt.

Honest doubts are not in the least sinful, although they may be very painful. Jesus treats with understanding our intellectual imperfections as he does our moral failures. He forgives the incompleteness of our faith as he does our failure and our sin. But we must make sure our doubt is not a device subconsciously designed to shelter us from an uncomfortable challenge. It may not be the doubt which has to be treated but the moral failure underlying it.

The American theologian, Horace Bushnell, when at college, found much which he had believed, in the simple, pious home where he grew up, challenged. He felt he must abandon the Christian faith. He revealed his doubts to a friend, and had many a discussion with him. Then one day that friend said bluntly to him, "Horace, are you living up to the level of the truth you do see?" It was a good question. Many make of intellectual questionings an escape from involvement.

Sometimes we use our doubts to cover up our timidity and our fear, to avoid our taking place in the struggle. We should honestly ask ourselves: Is God making

some demand of me which I am not facing? Is he asking some sacrifice I am not prepared to make? Am I trying to avoid tackling a habit that I know ought to be dealt with? A good dose of spiritual castor oil may greatly help our condition of doubt.

Some go through an intensive period of doubt in youth. Perhaps they have grown up in a Christian home, been taught to go to church, say their prayers, read their Bible, and because they love their parents and respect their minister, they have accepted quite naturally religious beliefs. Then they go out into the world to earn their living, or they go to the university, and make the shattering discovery that many of their teachers and workmates simply pooh pooh religion, dismiss it as a childish superstition, and doubt clouds the mind.

Middle-age can be a time of doubt, when the shine has gone off things. Doors we expected to open have remained closed. Dreams have faded. Worry has succeeded worry. A hard unsuspected blow from life can bring the clouds of doubt around us. A serious illness may come. Someone we love may die.

How may we dispel the clouds of doubt? First we must face them coolly and squarely. Do not pretend they aren't there. That will not work any better than pulling the bedclothes over your head if you hear a noise in the night. You will still go on listening for what you fear to hear.

One thing we can do is deliberately to recall those shining hours when the heavens seemed to open and the face of God shone clear. When the fog settles on a ship at sea and blots out everything, the wise sailor will recall the clear days when the sun sparkled on the sea. He knows those sunny days will come again. And remember that faith needs fellowship to sustain it. We are so made that in order to keep our beliefs vital we need to associate with people of like mind.

Remember, too, our faith is often at the mercy of our moods and our state of health. Even people of robust faith

may for a time lose hold on God when passing through a sorrow that seems too heavy to bear, or when in the depths of post-influenza depression.

Take down the Bible and hear the testimony of God's saints and warriors. Recall some saint you have known and look on his or her face in church. Recall the testimony of others — at their fires yours will light again. Talk over your doubts with someone who is qualified to help and able to understand.

Finally, the cure to our doubt, as in many spiritual problems, may be action. This is especially true if our doubt rises from a mood of depression rather than real intellectual difficulty. When in a mood in which religion seems hopelessly unreal, and we wonder if we have been fooling ourselves all these years, to sit and stew over it will only make it worse. Go and do something that takes you out of yourself — go to see someone who is lonely — or dig a sick neighbour's garden — or some such.

If we go out determined not to come home until we have done something for somebody the world and everything in it will look different when we return. Maybe the cause of our doubt is just that we have not been putting our religion into practice. Christianity is primarily a way of life, not an intellectual creed. Jesus did not say in the first place, "You shall believe this or that"; he said, "Follow me."

LYLE WILLIAMS

FLORIST
37 Toorak-rd., South Yarra, Vic.
26-4880; after hours, 27-1771.
FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

PAUL'S AUTO ELECTRICAL

Armatures Rewound. Repair and Change-Over Units. Carburetors. Fuel Pumps. Flasher Units, Installed and Repaired.

Distributor of Masse Batteries.

Tune up with Paul.

PAUL MULLER, 198 Through-rd.
Burwood, Vic.
Priv.: 89-3294. Bus.: 83-5559.

PIANO, PLAYER and ORGAN
TUNING, SALES and SERVICE

A. H. FOX Pty. Ltd.

Church Organs a Speciality.

493 Mt. Alexander-rd., Moonee Ponds,
Vic. 37-4035.

Service throughout Victoria.

DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING RINGS

Hand made from Selected Gems and Materials by H. J. Lem, who will personally assist you to select WATCHES, CLOCKS and GIFTS at

MALVERN DIAMOND JEWEL CENTRE,

1251 High-st., Malvern, Vic.
Phone 20-5658.



E. P. HUGHES TRANSPORT LTD.

for
STORAGE, LOCAL, COUNTRY
and
INTERSTATE REMOVALS
Church Members' Moves a Speciality.

Head Office: 78 Unley-rd., North Unley, S.A.

(Established 1912)

Phone: 71-0402, 71-2270 ::: After Hours: 79-5643.

Les Lawlor Says . . .

I stand behind every Lawlor Pest Control job personally — all types of buildings — anywhere. Everything unconditionally guaranteed! Weeds — birds on roofs — Argentine and all other ants — "White Ants" — Borers — Carpet Pests — Lawn Pests — in fact any pest that grows, walks or flies.

LAWLORS . . . THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE

STH. AUST.: 6-10 Henley-st., Torrensville. 57-9636
141-143 Commercial-st., Mt. Gambier. 2-1861
VICTORIA: 22 Johnstone-st., Malvern. 64-3102.
After Hours: 50-3284, 28-4296
Shepparton — Phone, Mooroopna 30.



PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Mrs. Goldsworthy, Janet Goldsworthy, Mrs. Carlson, John Peicknich, Mrs. Hebbard, Verlaine Ledjott, Mrs. Gardner, Brighton Gardens, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKie, Denise Straub, Lyndel McClean, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Mrs. L. Bishop, Gilgandra, N.S.W. Judy LeRaye, Torrens, S.A.

Nina Barr, Joy Carslake, Robert, Graham and Terry Dayman, Morawa, W.A.

MEMBERSHIP

Ian Hunter, Maryborough, Vic., to Brighton Gardens, S.A.

Pauline and Robert Webb, Christie's Beach Baptist, to Bordertown, S.A.

Mrs. Gale and Margaret, Nailsworth; Mrs. Martlow, Bordertown, to Beulah-rd., S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Blackman, Brim to Warracknabeal, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford, Hornsby to Gilgandra, N.S.W.

Mrs. Eileen Bull, Carramar, N.S.W. to Nambour, Qld.

MARRIAGES

Sandra Toy to Colin Hossack, Torrens, S.A.

Dianne Pickett to Murray Blatchford, Albury, N.S.W.

DEATHS

Mrs. E. Parsons, Warracknabeal, Vic.

Fred Beach, Albury, N.S.W.

ENGAGEMENT

HANSEN - POTTER. — The engagement is announced of Joyce Mae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hansen, Woodville, S.A., to David Allan Sibly (C.O.B., Vic.), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Potter, South Payneham, S.A.

SILVER WEDDING

FOOT - SNOOKS. — Geoff. and Mollie have much pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their marriage celebrated at the Church of Christ, Launceston, Tas., on Sept. 18, 1940, by W. S. Lowe.

DEATHS

CORNISH, Walter Alfred. — With Jesus, Sept. 4, 1965, loved father of Lewis; loved father-in-law of Myrtle, loved granddad of Irene, William (dec.), Stella, Sydney, Raymond, Lynette.

LIVINGSTON (nee Hall). On Sept. 12, at Prince Henry's Hospital, Vic., Daphne Mary, dearly beloved wife of James Livingston, 19 Oak Grove, North Brighton (late of Castlemaine). At rest.

IN MEMORIAM

WOODBIDGE. — Treasured memories of George, called Home Sept. 18, 1953, loved son of George (dec.), Ann (dec.), brother of Lucy, Esther and Alice (dec.).

WORK WANTED

Contract Fencing required by College student. For quote, contact Cyril K. Miller. Phone 25 - 6270 (Melb.).



YOU ARE INVITED TO
BECOME A

"FRIEND OF BETHANY"

Write to: The Secretary,
Bethany Children's Home,
39 Kaoota Road,
LINDISFARNE, TASMANIA.

Former members and friends are invited to attend **BALWYN CHURCH** (Vic.) for **ANNIVERSARY and HOME-COMING SERVICES**, Sunday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m., D. A. V. Thomas (former minister). 3 p.m., Fellowship reminiscences and afternoon tea. 5 p.m., W. W. Saunders (Conf. Sec.). (Note special time for evening service). Hospitality provided for lunch. Contact F. A. Evans, Box 676E, G.P.O., Melbourne. Phone 26 - 6192. Creche provided for children at all services.

NORTH FITZROY (Vic.) **92nd BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 17 and 24 — 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Reunion Tea, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m.

EAST KEW CHURCH, Vic., **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Sept. 19 and 26 — 11 a.m., 2.30 and 7 p.m. All welcome. Bright Singing.

OAKLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.) **49th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING**, Sunday, Sept. 26 — 11 a.m., N. S. Moore, B.A., Dip.Ed. Soloist, Miss G. Fordham. 2.45, Pleasant Afternoon of Music and Song. 4.45 p.m., Tea Table Fellowship. 7 p.m., L. G. Crisp, L.Th., Dip. R.E. Soloist, Miss J. Milne. Hospitality will be provided if you advise A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew-st., Oakleigh. 57 - 3215 (Melb.).

CARLTON (Lygon-st., Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Sept. 26, 1965 — 3 p.m., Don Prout. 7 p.m., C. LeCouteur. Conductor, Roger Ratten. A very hearty welcome to all.

NOW AVAILABLE

The First Three Titles In . . .

THE "VIEWPOINT" SERIES

THE CHURCH OF GOD — Its Form and Its Unity, by D. W. B. Robinson. A careful analysis of the meaning of the term "church" in New Testament usage.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL — IS IT FEASIBLE? by John S. Sheppard, M.A., M.Ed. Should Christian parents send their children to State Schools, as do those who make no Christian profession? Or should they be sent to a Christian School?

THE CHRISTIAN AND FREEMASONRY, by F. G. Hanson and K. N. Shelley. This book will challenge the attention of Mason and non-Mason alike.

Price 3/9 (Aust.); 3/3 (N.Z.).

From all Christian Booksellers.

JORDAN BOOKS LTD.

24 Chick-st., South Punchbowl, N.S.W.

Consult . . . !

GORDON W. ANDREWS

Representing

A.M.P. SOCIETY

LIFE, FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE

Telephone:

848 - 1871 62 - 0201

22 Hepburn-rd., Doncaster, Vic.

ELIZABETH, S.A. MISSIONARY CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER

24th 25th
7.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m.

26th
11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 7 p.m.

Guest Missionaries:

Miss A. Draney, Sister W. Walker,
Mr. J. Short, Miss R. Hackett,
Mr. R. S. McLean.

o

Make it if you can . . .
Pray for it if you can't.

NOTICE

Wedding cakes and birthday cakes made to order. Phone 544 - 6401 (Melb.).

Former members and friends are invited to return to the

WATTLE PARK CHURCH

for the

17th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

11 a.m.—R. McLEAN
3 p.m.—Campbell Singers,
J. Haines
7 p.m.—R. McLEAN

(Hospitality will be provided if you advise A. Clutterbuck, 22 Moore-st., South Box Hill, by Sept. 23.)

o

This will begin a week of special meetings, featuring

DISPLAYS — FILMS — TALKS

on the
"MISSION OF THE CHURCH"

and
BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY
on October 10.

BOOK SALE

AFTER-STOCKTAKING
CLEARANCE OF
JUVENILE GENERAL FICTION
BOOKS
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

at

THE AUSTRAL BOOKROOM
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne.

CALLING CHRISTIAN NURSES

Sister and Nursing Aides required for Will H. Clay Nursing Home and Emmaus Rest Home.

The Need is Urgent. Excellent opportunities to serve. First-class accommodation and working conditions.

DEPT. SOCIAL SERVICE
Churches of Christ Centre
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne. 32 - 2447.

1965

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE NOTES

During the recent August vacation, Principal Williams conducted a teaching mission at Hampstead Gardens, S.A. The meetings were well attended and the series of addresses appreciated.

Exit students of this year have all accepted appointments to commence work at the end of the College year. Two of them will go to missionary service overseas.

Recently we received a legacy from the estate of the late J. J. Tully, of Doncaster (Vic.) church, who, throughout his lifetime was always interested in the work of the College.

Word has been received from K. J. Clinton telling of interesting and valuable experiences whilst attending the World Convention in Puerto Rico, and visiting a number of theological Colleges and other brotherhood institutions in U.S.A. He has now settled in at Yale University, where he will be fully occupied with special studies for the next nine months.

An annual event which always creates interest and enjoyment is the Old Boys'

Reunion and fellowship with the present students. This was held at the College on Sept. 7. This year it was a special pleasure to welcome four men: J. Holway, Dr. W. A. Kemp, L. Mitchell and C. Milne, who were students in the Australian Bible College which preceded the present College, and conducted classes in Melbourne in 1902-1906. Theo. Edwards, of S.A., sent a greeting.

The College Board of Management has submitted a proposal to the Conference Executives in W.A., S. A. and Vic.-Tas., that a Notice of Motion be presented to the next Federal Conference to the effect that the College no longer be under the control of Federal Conference. In view of this proposal it is being recommended that an Interstate Board to control the College at Glen Iris be established by these States. A further proposal has been made to those Conference Executives, and also to the College Boards and Conference Executives in N.S.W. and Qld., that a Federal Committee for Ministerial Training be established for the promotion of minimum educational standards in theological colleges established by Churches of Christ in Australia.

OBITUARY

Oliver S. Smith.

Oliver S. Smith, an elder of the church at Croydon, Vic., died on Aug. 3, aged 73. His home call was sudden and unexpected. Baptized by the late Dr. Will Hinrichsen, in 1914, he had been a consistent disciple ever since. Associated at first with the cause at Wonga Park, he joined with Croydon 35 years ago, and was its treasurer for 20 years. Until recent months he was doorkeeper in "the house of the Lord," a position which he filled for many years. He was a foundation member of the Rechabite Lodge in Croydon. Last year he and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding, having been married by the late F. M. Ludbrook. Oliver Smith was essentially a man of peace, and his spirituality, stability and quiet cheerfulness will be greatly missed. There were large gatherings at the church and the graveside in the Lilydale Cemetery. To sons Sydney and Oliver, and daughters, Elsie (Mrs. Phillips), Shirley (Mrs. Sali), and grandchildren, we offer deepest sympathy.—W. J. Thomson.

Fred. S. Dunn.

Fred. S. Dunn died on July 12, 1965. He was busy cutting wood, a favorite pastime of his, when he received his Home call. Mr. Dunn, together with his wife, joined the church at Colac, Vic., over 50 years ago, and they spent nearly 58 happy years together in marriage. After residency in Mildura, they came to Shepparton in the 1920's. Mr. Dunn ran the only taxi service in Shepparton for many years, and in this capacity he gave freely of his time to the work of the church. The Shepparton church has extended to his widow and family its sincere sympathy, and assured them of its continuing concern. The burial service was conducted by the minister of Shepparton church, D. B. McIntosh.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

15

AN ITEM ON I.T.I.M.

By a Research Officer of the Vic. Social Welfare Dept.

It may be thought that the Public Service should steer clear of politics, sex and religion (and perhaps football!), but when ten churches can see eye-to-eye on something, and when the Public Service Board, Permanent Heads, and the V.P.S.A. are in on it too, brother, that's news!

Over sixty people attended a recent residential weekend conference, relating to the responsibility of the Christian Public Service.

Representation was from Commonwealth and State Departments and instrumentalities. The fair sex numbered about three (mind you — they lapped up the resulting attention they got! — especially in the phrasing of one motion, where the word "man" was to be interpreted as embracing "woman")!

It was organised by I.T.I.M. — Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission — which is officially (yes, officially) supported by ten churches — Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Greek Orthodox, Congregational, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Lutheran and the Salvation Army.

Yours truly went along.

Barriers collapsed right, left and centre. It seldom occurred to wonder what denomination your neighbour was in study groups, discussion, etc. And it was an enjoyable experience to have your

vegetables served by the Deputy Under Secretary. Also to see in attendance the Chairman of the Public Service Board and the General Secretary of the V.P.S.A.

Fellowship was a practical reality rather than a pious proclamation. That's not to say that everyone thought the same, but the atmosphere was conducive to frank discussion of views. What was achieved?

1. Preliminary plans were made for possible development of Departmental Study groups. A continuing committee is considering these further. This has proved workable in trade and industry, with management and union approval.

2. A new concept of "laity" was grasped by many — or perhaps just an old idea being realised.

3. Joint action was seen as the only sound basis for tasks by the churches in trade, industry, the public service, etc., to avoid the natural suspicion of denominational proselytizing.

4. It was realised that it would be fatal to "pick and choose" in invitations to any study groups, etc. for our agnostic and atheist friends have just the same right, and probably as much interest, in discussing some of the issues involved.

I.T.I.M. invites comment to Box 1868R. G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1, Vic.

WHERE TO GO AND WHERE TO STAY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"MARGATE"

The Place to Stay in Adelaide for Christian Fellowship in delightful surroundings, en route to Glenelg.

Within walking distance of city. Twin and family rooms, B. & B. Mod. Tariff. Menu Breakfast.

For further particulars and bookings: write or phone Mrs. R. F. NORMAN,

34 Trevelyan-st., Wayville, S.A. (71 - 6096 or 71 - 1510)

VICTORIA

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS, Vic. — all elec., with mod. conveniences. Accom. 8. Near shops and bus-stop. Apply "Green Pastures," 63 Broughton-rd., Surrey Hills, E.10, Vic. 89 - 3578.

RYE, Vic. — Self-contained Holiday Flat, all convs., on beach, accom. 4 & 8. Wes. Jenkins, Phone 36 - 2235 (Melb.).

McCRAE, Vic. — Holiday house, overlooking bay, close beach, all conv., accom. 7, sewer, hot water. Ross Lloyd, phone 792 - 3000 (Melb.).

AT BRIGHT — "Mar-vin" Guest House. Comfortable accommodation available. Also self-contained 3-bedroomed flat, accommodate 6. Ring Bright 197. V. Peers, Proprietor.

TOOTGAROOK, Vic. — Comf. furn. home, available from Jan. 15, 1966, onwards; all mod. conv., T.V., accom. 6. 78 - 32740 (Melb.).

WARRNAMBOOL

Mr. and Mrs. FRED BRADLEY, Bed and Breakfast.

"Home away from Home." T.V. Phone 3938, or 12 Wildwood-crescent, Warrnambool, Vic.

MT. RIDDELL LODGE

MT. RIDDELL-RD., HEALESVILLE, Vic.

Restful Holiday within Walking Distance of Beauty Spots. Spacious shady lawns. Television - Hot Water Service.

Afternoon Tea and Supper.

Free Pony Rides, Swings, Slide and Swimming Pool for Children.

Adult Tariff: Throughout year, £9/9/-. Christmas, £11/10/-.

JAMES BEVERIDGE. Phone 246

When replying to Advertisers say that you saw it in "THE CHRISTIAN"

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Young Goolsby feels he's been called as a space missionary!"

VICTORIAN WOMEN

Two visitors, Miss A. Draney, from New Guinea, and Mrs. A. Page, from Hamilton, were welcomed to the September C.W.F. (Vic.-Tas.) Council meeting by the President, Mrs. Dickson.

Members of the Blackburn C.W.F. presented the W.C.W.F. birthday service, it being the 10th birthday.

Miss Draney gave an informative talk by taking us on a journey to our mission stations in New Guinea, where the work was commenced seven years ago, and where the membership is now 61.

The President reported that a Utility Set is to be purchased for Ludbrook House, also that new curtains are needed.

Included in the correspondence was a very interesting letter from Mrs. Wylie, giving news of travel across the U.S.A., and of the women's sessions of the World Convention.

A concert in aid of the Golden Bag project is to be held in Nicholas Hall, on Sat., Nov. 13. Special "Woman to Woman Evangelism" meetings have been arranged for Sept. 27. These will be in the Brotherhood Centre. Three evening lectures on "Study Group Leadership" will be given in the South Yarra church in October.

The intercessory prayer was led by Mrs. Goldsteen, who remembered especially the bereaved families of Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Green.—P. W. Ludbrook, asst. sec.

+ T.V. HIRE +

HIRE A T.V. SET FOR ONE WEEK,

or as long as you like.

Rental includes Installation, Aerial, Maintenance and Licence. Repairs to All Makes of Television Receivers.

50 - 8434 (4 lines)

Snellgrove's Electric-Land (S.B. RADIO)

205 GLENFERRIE-RD., MALVERN, Vic. (near Tramway Depot.)



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

(Inc.) Est. 1935

In all States and Great Britain.

Agents in All Churches.

All for Each and Each for All. (4,000 Members.)

Membership open to Christians anywhere, regardless of position or age.

Contributions from 3d. upwards per week. Information from Secretary of

Social Service Department,

217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1. 32 - 2447.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, GLEN IRIS

Principal: E. L. Williams, M.A.

Taking the whole gospel to the whole world is the task of the whole church.

The College trains men and women for the service of God at home and overseas.

YOUR PRAYERFUL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT IS SOLICITED.

Further information from the Secretary, Elm-rd., Glen Iris, Vic.

LEARN TO DRIVE WELL

FREE! AND THERE'S A BONUS!

Fifteen students were enrolled for the first Advanced Training Programme launched by Ansva Insurance Co. for young drivers. Successful graduation of this free course brings a bonus in the form of reduced insurance premiums. At present young drivers of 18-25 years pay higher premiums, and are responsible for the first £25 accident costs. Five of the first fifteen students were Churches of Christ young people.

Selected young drivers are invited to join the advanced programme, which is conducted in co-operation with the Victoria Police Driving School and the Aust. Road Safety Council.

The course covers 25 to 30 hours of lectures and about 10 hours' practical driving tuition. At the completion of

each course the drivers, men or women, are tested to see if they have reached an advanced standard, not only in driving ability, but also psychologically.

This is a practical programme designed to make our roads safer, and young drivers could well be encouraged to make further enquiries with Ansva.

THREE QUARTERS

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). The church celebrated its 75th anniversary on Aug. 22. The interim minister, Dr. K. R. Bowes, preached at both the morning and evening services, carrying through a theme of "Breaking Through Barriers" . . . The Campbell Singers were featured at a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, supported by Mrs. S. J. Kloster, H. Williams and J. Cheal. A photograph of the morning congregation was taken.



DIRECTORS
B.S. Bryson, I.P., A.R.E.I.
D.K. Beller, A.R.E.I.
G.D. Browning, A.A.S.A.

JACKMAN & TRELOAR Pty. Ltd.

ASSOCIATED WITH PRITCHARD & MORROW PTY. LTD.
35 Grenfell St. ADELAIDE, STH. AUS.
(Phone 84404 (5 Lines))

LICENSED LAND AGENTS, BROKERS, AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS.

Reliable, Personal, and Specialised Service in ALL REAL ESTATE.....

INTERSTATE ENQUIRIES INVITED

RELIGIOUS MOTION FILM



AN OUTSTANDING CHRISTIAN FILM ON SEX
BOOK NOW

Exclusive Distributors
GOSPEL FILM MINISTRY LTD.
MELBOURNE: 211 Laxrabe St. 32 1232
SYDNEY: 181 Clarence St. 29 4005
BRISBANE: 262 Queen St. 2 9062
ADELAIDE: "Bible House", 8 Twin St.
Also at PERTH, LAUNCESTON 23 4412

OPEN FORUM

UNITY IN N.G.

To the Editor,
Although I have only lived in New Guinea for three months, I have become concerned in our apparent lack of interest in Church Unity. We find our brothers in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Papua Eklesia churches working hard for unity. They are working hard for this, and from all that I can gather are very close to success. Many of the other churches over here are sending observers to these talks, but not the Churches of Christ. I know that we have observers at the Australian talks, but why not in New Guinea?

Do we believe that we already have all the answers and are we waiting for the other churches to ask us to take over? Could it be that we are just plain lazy and waiting for the other churches to smooth out the difficulties? Sometimes I feel that we are just not interested in unity, despite our wonderful tradition.

I know that we do not build Churches of Christ in the towns but only on the mission fields over here. Can our self-confident friends back home imagine our shame when we attend these other churches and hear what they are doing? If anyone could give me some answers to why we are just sitting on our backsides I would be most grateful.

—John Urquhart, New Guinea
(ex-Coburg, Vic.).

USE FOR LEISURE.

To the Editor,
Recently a Christian was told that he had but a short time to live. "If only I had time," he said sadly, "I would write a book about the things that really matter." He hadn't, for he passed out of this life a few weeks later.

I feel that such a pronouncement would stir most of us to a similar reaction. So much of what we spend our time and money on, is futile and worthless. In this favored land we are richer in both wealth and leisure than ever before. Most homes bulge with unnecessary equipment. Our lives are similarly cluttered, so that we have little time to spare for our commitment to "Go into all the world and preach." Never was the parable of the rich fool more applicable to the world in which we live. It should not be so to the Christian.

History tells us that when men and nations become rich they become decadent. And according to scientists, "modern

technology can create a world where machine systems can produce undreamed-of abundance" of both leisure and wealth. Leisure and wealth for what? Around us in Australia a pagan society is growing up. What are we doing about it?

One way to do something about it is in the line of personal evangelism. Pastors cannot possibly cope with the problem alone. It is up to us, the people in the pew. Students to talk to students, business men to business men, housewives to housewives. First of all—to show friendliness, to offer hospitality. Then when a bond is established the way will open to deeper things, not forgetting the matter of earnest private prayer about the individual. There will be disappointments, but there will also be joy if only one soul had been "twice-born."

One way in which housewives can function is in a weekly "Coffee-break" in which neighbours can get together and, in a relaxed atmosphere and manner, discuss spiritual matters.

But all this requires both time and thought. Christians are wise if they simplify their lives and their homes so that they have time to be "about their Father's business."

—E. Grace Magarey, S.A.

"THE UNITING CHURCH."

To the Editor,

I am surprised that my good friend, Arnold C. Caldicott, in his letter on "The Uniting Church" ("A.C." 11/9/65) should use the "Sun" newspaper report on 28/8/65 in support of his position without first approaching the person alleged to have made the quoted statement.

Mr. Caldicott has surely been mis-reported often enough himself to know how little reliance can be placed on the accuracy of press reports, and how necessary it is to check those reports with the persons alleged to have made them, before accepting them at their face value and using them as a basis on which to establish a position.

My note to the "Sun" on the Half-yearly Convention stated, "Christian union will be highlighted at the afternoon session. Speakers representing the Conference Christian Union Department will inform regarding the 'Uniting Church of Australia,' the title given to the proposed union of Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Australia. The relationship and responsibility of Churches of Christ toward the U.C.A., and the plans for the Department for future participation in unity discussions, will be presented. A panel of

five, including Rev. R. Gordon and Rev. R. Collard, Shepparton Methodist and Presbyterian ministers, will answer questions from the congregation prompted by the material presented by speakers."

The "Sun" reporter rang to elicit further information on what was happening amongst us in relation to the U.C.A. I informed him we had been following the discussions closely and that we had been invited to have an observer present at future discussions. Further, that as a people described as "the Church which began to unite all churches," we are strongly in favor of Christian unity and are most ready to participate in discussions with U.C.A. with a view to finding a basis on which it would be possible for us to enter into unity negotiations.

Mr. Caldicott will agree that this presents a different attitude and picture from that presented by the "Sun" report.

—W. W. Saunders, Conf. Sec.

WESTERN "CRUSADE '65"

(W.A.). Three hundred and fifty people gathered in the Churches of Christ Christian Centre, Perth, for prayer and inspiration on Sept. 9. The informality of the meeting helped to emphasise the presence of God as experiences were shared. The purpose of the meeting was to help further prepare the W.A. brotherhood for "Crusade '65," which was to begin on Sept. 12.

At the gathering the Crusade Committee was introduced and each spoke briefly of the particular aspect of organisation for which they were responsible. This was followed by the spontaneous testimony of three who had become members of the church through a mission experience.

A brief message from George Wood, evangelist for "Crusade '65," and the short film which followed served to challenge and inspire those present.

On the eve of the Crusade (Sat., 11th) a half night of prayer was held from 6 p.m. to midnight. This served to enhance the atmosphere, already full of the sense of the nearness of God, for when people present themselves in prayer a miracle of transformation takes place which is God's own working that he may use us in his own purpose.

The W.A. brethren sincerely believe that it "is not by power or by might but by my Spirit," saith the Lord. We would value the prayers of the Australian brotherhood, that the unsaved will come to "Crusade '65" to hear the gospel and find Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.—K. R. Turner, Organising Secretary.

GIRLS' BRIGADE SILVER JUBILEE

The August school holidays were a busy time for members of the Girls' Brigade in Western Australia.

Captain Barbara Johnstone, of the Subiaco Church of Christ, and an active member of the Youth and Christian Education Committee, was the hard-working and very efficient chairman of the Jubilee Organising Committee.

Special features of the Jubilee Celebrations included a Display at the Christian Centre, a Church Parade at Wesley Church, a Dinner for Officers and Pioneers, special picnic outings, a Consecration Rally, and a Camp at Waterman's Bay.

Moments of Worship



Prepared by ROY WILSON, B.A., Dip.P.Ad. - Kingsford, N.S.W.

Thursday, September 23. Acts 1: 1-5. I wrote of all that Jesus did and taught (v. 1, N.E.B.).

These few weeks serve to introduce the Acts history linking it with Luke's Gospel. Jesus claimed that what he "did and taught" were the Father's works through him. A steady contemplation of these deeds and teachings is a highly devotional exercise. Here is the mind of God.

Fulness of fruitfulness and joy will be ours when we place ourselves at the disposal of the Risen Lord. Thus we may today repeat some of the adventurous victories of the Apostles as recorded herein. How sorely we need this! May we hunger and thirst after righteousness!

Dear Lord, may we know thy Son and make him known by his resurrection life within, for his dear sake. Amen.

Friday, September 24. Acts 1: 6-11. You will bear witness for me . . . to the ends of the earth (v. 5, N.E.B.).

Yes, we are saved and served, empowered and blessed, loved and commissioned that we may be faithful witnesses. Our source of power is the unlimited Holy Spirit. "Let the Spirit also direct our course" (Paul, Gal. 5: 25, N.E.B.). For our blessing and witnessing what a harvest yields the Spirit of God—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—and all timely and in season.

O Lord, our Lord, in thee do we put our trust. Help us that all we do may be directed by thy Spirit. Amen.

Saturday, September 25. Acts 1: 12-14. All these were constantly at prayer together (v. 14, N.E.B.).

On the human side, the great Pentecost Day and its glorious accompaniments were born in persevering prayer and Christian unity. Prayerlessness, poverty in love and want of unity hinder the flow of God's grace. They grieve the Spirit. Our choice privilege is to emulate the early Christians. "Togetherness" in prayer, constancy in prayer together, must surely avail today. God has not changed. His promises remain.

O blessed Lord, in Christ's name forgive our every failure. Renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Sunday, September 26. Acts 1: 15-20. His office let another take (v. 20, R.S.V.).

The Lord's work must go on. Our Lord assures us there is "to every man his work." This should make us pause. For each of us God has special tasks. Thus is he interested in us, so does he depend upon us. But his work must go on. Judas-like failure spells loss of every privilege.

Blessed Lord, we have our hands to the plough, please keep us from looking back. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Monday, September 27. Acts 1: 21-26. Matthias . . . was numbered with the eleven (v. 26).

Some have questioned the propriety of the procedure. Luke, inspired, has no doubt. Matthias joins the select band, the inner circle. As Milton says, "They also serve who only stand and wait." Yes, and being thus available they are often used. The rich young ruler might have been chosen, but he was not available. When sacrifice seems paramount and service seems small, remember from the ranks, unexpectedly, Matthias was

chosen. In due season, we reap. Rejoice evermore.

Lord, help us to be faithful. Especially help us to be faithful in that which is least. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, September 28. Acts 2: 1-4. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place (v. 1).

This was one prayer meeting it had been a tragedy to have missed. Imagine it! And what losses we sustain when we neglect the ordinary opportunities for prayer and fellowship and service. One never knows when "suddenly" life will become super-charged with Life.

How important to be where God wants us to be at any particular moment of time. "He doeth all things well."

Divine Ruler of all, may thy will be done. Help us to make thy will our will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, September 28. Acts 2: 5-13. . . . we hear them telling in our own tongues the great things God has done (v. 11, N.E.B.).

One can only wonder reverently at the miracle of Pentecost. It is like so many other of the divine wonders, quite beyond human understanding. It should be impossible to read this chapter carefully without adoring God and hallowing his Holy Name. Here our Heavenly Father, through his Spirit, comes surely closer, more intimately than to Adam in Eden.

Our wonder-working God, hallowed be thy name. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RECORD NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN TWELVE MONTH PERIOD
 Scoresby Road Thomson
 Traralgon Briar Hill.
DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS RESOURCES.
HOME MISSIONS
 Victoria - Tasmania.

Department of Social Service

(The Church in Action).

Churches of Christ Centre,
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.I.

A church without hands or feet is just as helpless as an individual without them.

SOCIAL SERVICE is the hands and feet of the church, functioning according to the measure of support it receives.

Three Homes, sheltering over 130 Sick and Aged.

Let us share together our prosperity and adversity.

Remember the Homes in your will.

Information from the Secretary,
32 - 2447.

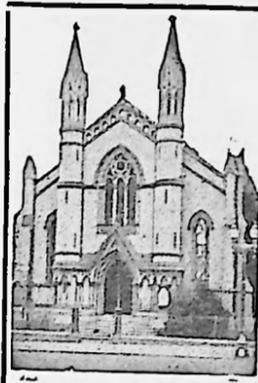
CONSULT the LAND PEOPLE of MOUNT GAMBIER FOR ALL LAND AND LIVESTOCK TRANSACTIONS



D. M. FIMMELL & Co. Pty. Limited (STOCK & STATION AGENTS)

LICENSED LAND, ESTATE AND BUSINESS AGENTS, AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS, INSURANCE AGENTS, etc.

REAL ESTATE HOUSE, 13 PENOLA-RD., MOUNT GAMBIER (S.A.).
 PHONE: 2-4011, 2-4012. AFTER HOURS: 2-1393, 2-3124 and 2-4013.
 ANYWHERE in SOUTH-EAST of S.A. and WESTERN DISTRICTS of VIC.



Swanston Street Church

(Right in heart of Melbourne; opp. Public Library)

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

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

7 p.m.—THE EVERYMAN STORY

(Parable of The Prodigal Son)

IN 10 STRIKING CHAPTERS.

September 19 — (7) "GET UP AND GO!"
 CENTENARY SERVICES — OCTOBER 24

ROY PRINCE

OFFERS THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE IN THE CROYDON, VICTORIA, AREA:

- 1 Brick Veneer 3-Bedroom Homes, with all Modern Features from £3,995, Including Land.
- 2 For Those Who Want Something Larger: Brick Veneers from £4,500 Upwards.
- 3 Comfortable 2 or 3-Bedroom Weatherboard Homes from £3,500. Many to Choose From.
- 4 Choice Building Blocks with Versatile Wide Frontages, Made Roads, Close to Shops, Schools and Station (½ mile), from £1,250, on £150 Deposit.

If you are experiencing difficulty regarding Finance for a Home, I will be only too pleased to discuss your problem with you. A 6d. PHONE CALL to 72-30281, or After Hours: 85-2163, could overcome any difficulty.

ROY PRINCE representing MAX BROWN PTY. LTD., R.E.S.I., MAIN-ST., CROYDON, VIC.

W. J. AIRD, Pty. Ltd.
G. F. Hadley Capp, F.V.O.A.

OPTICIAN

82 ELIZABETH-ST., MELBOURNE
and at 49 Church-st., MID. BRIGHTON.
For appointment Phone City 63-8837;
Brighton 02-4267

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
THE PATCH (Vic.)**

SERVICE: 11 a.m.
No Evening Meetings June-Sept.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9.30 a.m.
A Friendly Welcome Assured.
Minister: W. Compston.

CHURCH HYMN BOOKS for 5/- HAVE THEM REPAIRED LIKE NEW AGAIN

459-1201 — PHONE OR WRITE — 459-1201

W. A. LATIMER & SON, 6 KYLTA-RD., WEST HEIDELBERG, VIC.
WE REPAIR ALL BOOKS :: Rail Books to Pascoe Vale Station.

Churches of Christ BIBLE COLLEGE in New South Wales

Established in 1942 to train men and women for the Master's service at home and abroad.

Regular support in prayer and gifts is sought.

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal,
57 The Point-rd., Woolwich, N.S.W.

H. C. Wheat, Secretary,
1 Parmal-ave., Padstow, N.S.W.

E. F. Morris, Treasurer,
31 Collins-rd., St. Ives, N.S.W.

HIRE A BUS WIRELESS EQUIPPED

Keep Your Crowd Together

Sporting Fixtures - Picnics - Parties -
Outings - Churches - Lodges - Schools -
Clubs.

See us for your Sunday School Picnic.

GREEN BUS LINES 20-3751

326 TOORONGA-RD., GLEN IRIS,
VIC.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

NAME

ADDRESS

Church State

ENROL AS SUBSCRIBER — OCT., NOV., DEC., 1965 10/-

Complete Form and Hand to Local Church Agent.

THE LAST WORD ..

Who Leads?

And a little child shall lead them.
—Isaiah 11: 6.

Last night my little boy confessed to me

Some childish wrong,
And, kneeling at my knee,
He prayed with tears,
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy, wise and strong."

Then, while he slept,
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low, bowed head;
"O God make me a child
Like my child here."

☆

It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

—G. Bailey.

☆

The worst of all our churches' woes
Are empty seats in the down-front
rows.

With all seats filled in the first few
rows,
We find attendance grows and grows.

☆

People with too many irons in the fire
will find themselves pressed for time.

☆

Some men smile in the evening; some
men smile at dawn. But the man worth-
while is the man who can smile when
his two front teeth are gone.

☆

Your credit is always good if you want
to borrow trouble.

☆

Policeman: Do you know anything
about traffic laws?

Young woman driver: A little. Can I
help you?