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LIQUOR TRADING HOURS

For the past two weeks, the Melbourne "Age" editorials have urged the Government to take action on the liquor reforms recommended in the report by Mr. Phillips, Q.C.

There have been a couple of by-elections in Victoria, one for the Assembly and one for the Council. The Government of Mr. Bolte retained both seats comfortably. The A.L.P. vote was increased, but as there were no D.L.P. candidates this may not mean much.

The "Age" said that the Government victory was a mandate to legislate for liquor reform, and liquor reform according to the editorial means, chiefly, the extension of trading hours for hotels.

Both the candidates for the Caulfield seat in the Assembly declared that there should be no change in hotel hours without a referendum and, so far as we know, hotel hours was not an issue in the other election. The result of the by-elections, therefore, has no bearing whatever on the Government's mandate for liquor reforms.

A week later, the "Age" endorsed the concern of the Labor Opposition Leader (Mr. Stoneham) that the Government had not announced its liquor reform plans. The paper said, "The principal recommendation is, of course, for 10 o'clock closing, and it is generally assumed that the Government will legislate for this."

If it is the intention of the Government to legislate in this way it will be a denial of its election promises. Before the last general elections, all parties promised that there would be no extension of hours without a referendum. No party was clearer on this than that of Mr. Bolte.

When the public was last invited to express its mind, in 1956, 62% voted for the retention of 6 p.m. closing. It may be that there has been a change in public opinion. If this is so, there is strange reluctance on the part of later-closing advocates to let the people say so. And there is a strange insistence in the press that the Government has been given a mandate to break its promises.

If the spokesmen for so-called liquor reforms really believe that the people want later trading hours, you would expect them to recommend a referendum, instead of seeking to evade one.

"THE CHRISTIAN" IN THE DOLLAR AGE

In February, 1966, Australia's currency will change from pounds, shillings and pence, to dollars and cents. The change will be confusing for a time, but we shall soon get used to it and enjoy the easier reckoning and more efficient accounting that decimal currency will mean.

Like everything else, "The Australian Christian" subscription rates will be in dollars. The basic rate will be unchanged and the quarterly subscription will remain at 10/-, or \$1.

For a year's subscription, however, the rate will be \$4. This is much simpler than making a conversion of the present rate. Up till now there has been a slight, very slight, reduction for a yearly subscription which worked out at less than a halfpenny a copy. Moreover, the very persons in need of concessions, the pensioners, were unable to take advantage of even this small reduction. Most pensioners were obliged to take out quarterly subscriptions.

Another change next year will be for ministers for whom the special ministers' discount will no longer apply. Many ministers themselves have suggested that they should pay the normal rate, and some have already insisted on doing so.

From the beginning of 1966, therefore, the subscription rate will be \$1 for a quarter, and \$4 for a year.

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• WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Never have young people been offered so much for their lives. There are more persons bidding for them than at any other time in the history of Australia.

Government Departments are offering attractive scholarships to young people to take up teaching or to train for some other Public Service. Large manufacturing firms are urging young men to take up work in their concerns and are offering money and time to enable young people to complete their professional training at a university. Business concerns and banks are appealing for young men, and are holding out all kinds of promises to those who will join their staffs.

The type of person whom the Lord could use in his service, at home or abroad, could find many avenues of service in the commercial world. The type of man whom the Lord uses for the advancement of his Kingdom is quite capable of making a success of his life in the business or professional world.

Financially, it is much easier for such a young man to accept the many offers that are now being made in the very large advertisements in the daily press, than to enter the service of the church.

However, the young man whom the Lord is calling must ask himself this question: What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Paul had the whole professional world of Jerusalem at his feet. He was a young man who had the good favor of the High Priest. He had the training and background that could have enabled him to take the highest posts Jerusalem could offer. But then Christ

Principal A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A.

called. At that moment, he gave up all that the world offered. He declared, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." From that day, all that the world could offer he counted as rubbish. Worldly fame, wealth, position and power of this age, he counted as nothing. He had given himself to Christ.

His life was no bed of roses. He did not retreat from the realities of life. He had to endure much greater hardships than if he had remained in the comfortable surroundings of a home at Jerusalem or Tarsus. His life ended in a martyr's death.

But was Paul's life a failure? Of all who have made contributions to history since Christ's days, none has played a greater part than Paul has on the stage of history. He helped to save the church from legalism and to set men's feet on to the road to freedom. He influenced men like Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, and many others who have served the Lord and moulded the destinies of nations.

Young men! You are now on the auction block. The Devil is making his offers. The world, too, is joining in the bidding. The Devil is offering the yellow gold of this world. The world is offering the pleasures of this life. The Devil offers the whole world to those who will bow down and worship him.

Christ comes and offers a cross. He offers hardship and sacrifice. But he offers life . . . life with a capital L . . . LIFE.

The Woolwich College Contribution

It is a great pleasure, as president, to commend this work to the brotherhood. Indeed, I feel at a loss to assess the contribution the College has made to our church-life in this State. A few years ago, Principal Stephenson outlined the various fields being served in N.S.W. by graduates of Woolwich. This made most impressive reading. To their number must be added the many people who are also ministering in other States and overseas.

From these facts we can only be forced to the conclusion that the College is undergirding the whole work in this State. If the calibre of the graduates was not of the high order it has been we could scarcely expect to see the advance that has been so evident in recent years. In effect, the College is a missionary institution in every sense of the word.

Since its foundation the College has supplied many small, and not so small, churches with a most valuable ministry. Some students have, over the years, been associated with pioneering work in new

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N.S.W. Conference President.

centres and the revitalising of old causes. They have conducted missions and have been associated with a large number of the people won to Christ each year in this State.

There is yet a further field in which the College serves. It is good to see the number of men with College training who, though not in the ministry, are rendering invaluable service to local churches. I believe more firmly than ever that we shall never know the full extent of the College's impact in spreading the gospel.

We can give thanks for the vision of the men who founded it, the faith of those who have served it, the lives of the men and women who have gone forth from it. Let us maintain our interest and support in every way.

COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

—THE MESSAGE OF WOOLWICH COLLEGE

Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

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"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9: 6).

These eight simple words, in the form of a question, constitute the complete response and committal of Saul of Tarsus to Christ in the dust of the Damascus Road. They also represent the attitude of the staff and students of the College at Woolwich to the same Lord in the task of communicating the gospel.

A major part of the programme of the Restoration Movement has been the training of young people for the ministry, and for service on the missionary frontier. As early as 1840, Alexander Campbell founded Bethany College, the oldest educational institution among American Disciples, and a recent issue of "The Christian," the national journal of Disciples of Christ in the U.S.A., commemorated the centenary of the establishment of that notable ministerial training centre, the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky.

It was here that many Australians who had heard the call to the ministry equipped themselves for service among Churches of Christ. At length, however, in 1906, the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne, came into being, and for a number of years it was the only College in our Australian brotherhood.

Then, in the late 1930's, our churches in New South Wales became concerned that more men should be available for the work of evangelism, and felt the

need to enter the field of training. Consequently, the Bible College at Woolwich was opened in 1942. Thus men and women have been able to prepare themselves for the grand task of proclaiming the message of Christ at home and overseas.

In any appraisal of the function of the College in New South Wales as an agency in communicating the gospel, we need to remember Paul's arresting query: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

This Means Sovereignty

God is sovereign. Christ is "Lord." This is an acknowledgment of the Lord's over-ruling power. Saul began his journey at Jerusalem "breathing out threatenings and slaughter." He ended it at Damascus crying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" As a "bond slave" he recognises that he belongs wholly to his Lord and Master. This is what he means later on when he writes to the Galatians: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

This, too, must be the point of view of all who would serve Christ in communicating the gospel. This must be the impelling motive of all associated with the College, members of the Board, the teaching staff, the student-body — that "He may have the pre-eminence."

How different was the attitude of Wolsey as depicted in the famous painting of the Cardinal and Henry VIII which hangs in the Guildhall, London.

The inscription tells its own sad story — "Ego et Rex meus" ("I and my King"). It may be good Latin, but it is poor Christianity — and the expression on Wolsey's face reflects the truth of the matter — "Ego - Ego - I - I - I." Only Paul's "Not I, but Christ," and the acknowledgment of his sovereignty in all things can be the true attitude of those who would serve him fully in communicating the gospel. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

This Means Service

In our presentation of Christ, in training and equipping men and women to preach and to teach, it is important that in every enterprise there is a humble acknowledgment of the will and purpose of God. At every stage in the programme, at every level of achievement, the question must be asked: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

It is surely plain that this work of evangelisation through education can only be fully carried out with the whole-hearted backing, in prayer and support of all those who genuinely believe that the primary task of Christ's Church is the effective, strategic, Spirit-directed, Spirit-filled communication of the gospel.

With this in view the College at Woolwich seeks the interest — the intercession — and the investment in this training ministry — of all those who have a concern for the needs of men and who firmly believe that these needs are only met through the message of the saving power of Christ.

As we serve, so we must extend the field and scope of our endeavour — whether it be in Australia, or in India, the New Hebrides, New Guinea, or among the Aborigines of our own continent.

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

This Means Surrender

The only way to victory is "Surrender." Total commitment spells victory. Not "Lord, what wilt thou have me to shirk? What wilt thou have me to stay away from? What wilt thou have me to say? What wilt thou have me to tell somebody else to do?" No, the challenge is plain and direct: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Today, as never before in the history of the world, God needs men. He is challenging men: new men, young men, true men, keen men, surrendered men — messengers of the Master, trained to match this age and to tell the story of the Cross.

Sheltering in the lovely, secluded valley of the Columbia River, Washington, U.S.A., there is a delightful, vine-covered

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chapel. It is the home of the little, unpretentious Longview Christian Church, established some years ago by the great-hearted lumber magnate, R. A. Long. The remarkable thing about this comparatively small congregation, however, is its constant habit of encouraging its young men to train for the ministry of the Word.

The present pastor, James Whittaker, speaks with enthusiasm of the encouragement, vision and faithful prayer support that these devoted servants of Christ have given to so many young Disciples who are now serving in places far and wide, extending the message of this little church in the proclamation and witness of the glorious gospel of Christ.

This is an example of true and glad surrender, that others may hear the message, that the story might be told, that the gospel might be communicated and that souls might be saved.

"We have heard the joyful sound,
Jesus saves!
Tell the message all around, Jesus saves!"

The College at Woolwich commends just this sense of his sovereignty, this committal in service and surrender that demands an answer to the question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"



WOOLWICH COLLEGE — THE VICE-PRINCIPAL'S RESIDENCE, "CORLETT HALL."

THE VALUE OF TRAINING . . .

RUSSELL CRAIG, Exit Student

There has been much discussion of late in the "Christian" on the value, if any, of training in the ministry. There are some very definite advantages — but they are only advantages so far as there is a foundation of faith on which to build. Any other basis for training than faith in the Lord is merely building on sand.

It is the Christian minister's task to proclaim the gospel of Christ. Not only does he need faith in the One he proclaims, he also needs a knowledge of the content and makeup of the message to proclaim. This involves some grasp of the languages of the Bible, a thorough knowledge of the Word and the best ways of presenting it.

The minister is not only an evangelist, but also a teacher. He needs to teach both new converts and those who are strong in the faith. His pupils will range over the extremes in age. In the light of this can be seen why the potential teacher should be taught.

Service is one of the root means of the word "minister," as the thought of guidance is associated with his responsibility as an undershepherd. It is so easy in any sphere of activity to waste time — but the trained man can see some of the major pitfalls and his training helps him to be a good steward.

The minister, whether he wishes or no, is an example to others. How can a man be taught to be a "paragon of virtues"? Unfortunately, there is no way; but training together brings men together so that they can be ground, like stones, in a revolving barrel. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit the lecturers and the men work together to grind off roughness, and to smooth and polish.

MEETING BROTHERHOOD DEMANDS

GRAHAM WARNE, Third Year Student

Youth is a nation in embryo. If it is true that the church is the salt of the earth, then tomorrow's church is looking to the emerging generation as the only hope of the nation.

The College is the church's nursery, where the emerging leaders are nurtured. There is a direct link between the demands of the brotherhood and the work of the College.

The brotherhood is looking to our Colleges for men who will be able to lead the people of God, and represent our Christian brotherhood to the world about us. We need leadership by men who are dedicated, experienced and trained. College fulfils this need.

The brotherhood demands, further, that the people of God be led to the Scriptures as the sole rule of faith. The College presents the plea for "Restoration," and in this way is preserving the New Testament witness.

The brotherhood demands, above all else, that people be led to the Christ of the new Testament. The church stands firmly on the fact that Christ must be in all, through all, and in each individual person. This is the only hope for the future. The College seeks to meet this demand by making a strongly evangelical and evangelistic presentation of Christ.

The College nurtures the future leaders of the church.

The College preserves the plea for New Testament Christianity.

The College presents a personal Christ as the only answer to the world's need.

In this way our Bible College is seeking to meet the increasing demands of the fellowship of Churches of Christ.



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THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLEGE

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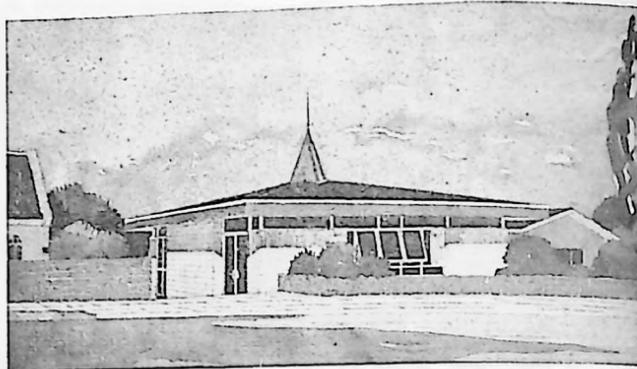
Did you know that it is possible for a student to come to College, spend four years in the study of God's Word, pass all his examinations with honours, and yet still miss the whole purpose of College?

Did you know also that it is possible to have been a Christian for many years, to have been a leader in a score of church activities, and even to have helped other people to find Christ, and still miss the whole purpose of the Christian life?

The greatest problem the church faces today is that of over-organisation. So many of us are "flat out" for the Lord in Christian work that God is crowded out of our lives. We find ourselves on so many committees, using up time and energy on innumerable minor tasks, that we fool ourselves into thinking that we are working for God, when in actual fact often we are working for an organisation.

We lose sight of the true task of the Christian -- to win souls. God is not interested in plans so much as in people. He is not interested in activity so much as in productivity. He is not interested in methods so much as in men.

It is so easily possible for a student in College to spend all his time in study because it is so valuable and profitable for his life. It is so easy also for a student to see the crying need for help and leadership at the particular church to which he has



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been appointed — and then to rush in to do all that is possible.

Nevertheless, these are not the most important things in College. Study is vital and lectures are instructive and greatly appreciated. The opportunity for practical church work, too, cannot be done without, and yet we may have all these things and still be largely ineffective. It is so easy to attempt all these things in our own strength. We rush ahead of God. We make our plans and then try to convince God that they are his will.

We are often so busy in church work that we leave him out. We must learn, above all things in College — and all Christians must learn this as the controlling principle of their lives — that it is God's work. "Faithful is he that calleth you, *who also will do it*" (1 Thess. 5: 24).

We ourselves *cannot* do anything for God. We are his instruments. So often we try to build God's house for him, but the whole purpose of College, and also of the Christian life, is to teach us that "*except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.*"

FAITH'S LAST VICTORY

(THE STORY OF MARY REED)
By Mrs. GLADYS MOORE, Tasmania.

MEDITATION.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? (Micah 6: 8).

Hymn No. 495, "O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me."

PRAYER.

O Lord God, open our eyes that we may behold thy presence about us. Draw our hearts to thee with the power of thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, but to leave all things to thy wisdom. Lift our thoughts to thee in heaven and make us to know all things are possible through thy Son and our Saviour. Amen.

BIBLE READING.

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58.

DEVOTIONAL.

Paul's abounding faith is surely summed up in the inspiration of his own words when he asks, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" and then answers with his acknowledgment of thanks for the gift of the final victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scattered among the pages of history there has always been the outstanding few whose lives have reflected the words and faith of the apostle in their deeds; men and women to whom living and dying meant serving their Lord to the exclusion of all else.

Mary Reed was such a person. After serving as a missionary in the Zenanas, or women's quarters, of Cawnpore, India, for eight years, her health failed and she was sent to the Himalayas to rest and recover in the cooler highland air. It was there that she first saw the horror and distress of the outcast lepers living in abject poverty and degradation. The plight of these unwanted and neglected people remained with her on her return to Cawnpore, from where, twelve months later, she was sent home to America, completely broken in health.

Despite the best of medical treatment, her health did not improve, and it was Mary herself who first realised that she had contracted leprosy. Her first shock

was soon followed by a great joy as she remembered the Indian lepers. Here was a new field of service to which God had called her. As a leper she could help the lepers as no other missionary could.

Her preparations were made secretly, for she dared not even tell her parents. Finally, at the age of 34, she reached Chadang in the Himalayas and set about establishing her first home for lepers. The work was hard and unpleasant. The horrible disfigurements, the constant attention needed by the many advanced cases, the lack of suitable accommodation, together with her own intense pain as her leprosy grew worse, made the task almost too much for her.

Mary's kindness and love and quiet power helped the lepers to a new way of life, and where previously they could only look forward to loneliness, despair and death, they were now able to appreciate the wonder and beauty of their surroundings. They could now praise God for his goodness and love and share in the faith that had given Mary Reed victory over death through Jesus Christ.

Miraculously, her disease was arrested, and for fifty years she worked among the lepers who loved her. The work grew — more buildings, a water supply, a hospital, and many other things were required. Each new task had its problems and each one in turn was overcome by this tireless servant of God.

Mary Reed's example of love, faith and steadfast devotion surely is challenging each of us with the words of our reading, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Hymn No. 172, "Breathe on me, breath of God."

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Hymn No. 489, "Now I resolve with all my heart."

BENEDICTION.

QUEENSLAND CHAPEL OPENING

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.) The church celebrated its 80th anniversary by opening a new brick veneer chapel on Sept. 11. F. J. Winter presided at all services, and Dr. J. H. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, was guest speaker. State, Federal, and Shire Council members were present. Also in attendance were A. McK. Surtees, Mrs. R. Haigh, D. Risson, H. Finger, M. Pieper and C. R. Burdeu. Apologies and greetings from past members were read. A tape-recorded greeting from Frances Cole, in the New Hebrides, was played. The opening of the chapel coincided with the opening of the hospital at Ndui Ndui. 350 people inspected the building after the key was turned by E. Metcalf. Great credit is due to the architect, D. Cranstons, and the contractors, Messrs. Scholl and Christensen. The Cathedral glass blue windows extend to the floor to give maximum light and ventilation. The furniture is of Qld. maple, and the ladies have donated a fine carpet. A feature is the mothers' room, fitted with a loud speaker. A Lowrey electronic organ has been installed. The floral decorations were impressive. Mr. Surtees, State Conf. Pres., was guest speaker at both Sunday services, when a public address system had to be used to reach the overflow congregation. Aged members, Mrs. M. Bade and M. Metcalf, were present from Nambour and Toowoomba. . . . R. J. McLellan, of S.I.M. in Ethiopia, was speaker on Sept. 19 . . . H. Rosenberg is recovering from serious illness in Toowoomba Hospital.

KOREAN UNIVERSITY CLOSED

(Seoul). South Korean government officials have closed "indefinitely" Protestant-supported Yonsei University here until school administrators obey a government order to punish students and professors who allegedly took part in anti-government riots.

The punishment required by the government was believed to be suspension or expulsion. All other Korean schools have complied with the governmental order except Yonsei, and another private institution, Korea University.

Yonsei, which has some 4,500 students, was founded by Methodist and Presbyterian mission interests.—E.P.S.

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S.A. Women in Conference

Pioneers' Afternoon. — The pioneer members of our S.A. churches met at Grote-st on Sept. 8, at the invitation of Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, President of Women's Conference. All who have been members of Churches of Christ for over 45 years qualified as pioneers.

R. E. Pittman, President of General Conference, brought greetings. A Mauger led the singing, and items were provided by Mrs. J. Oxenbury (violinist), Mesdames Hoskin, Deering, Sanders (vocalists) and Ron Holmes (magician). Miss H. Grant delighted all with her recitations. The afternoon concluded with tea.

Diamond Jubilee Conference. — The President, Mrs. Cunningham, presided over the 60th Annual Conference. 400 ladies present at the morning session. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Hunt, followed by prayer by Mrs. Pittman. Mrs. C. E. Watson led devotions, taking as her theme, "The Measure of Greatness."

Greetings were read by the secretary, and Mrs. Randall (Vic.) brought greetings from Federal Council. Country Conference reports were presented by country delegates, and leaders of Departments presented and commented briefly on their reports. The Notice of Motion, "That a member of the Social Service Department be appointed to handle all Badge appeals" was carried.

Reference was made to this Conference being our Diamond Jubilee, and all past presidents and secretaries were asked to stand. Gratitude was expressed to all who, through the years, had contributed to our women's work. All ladies over 75 years of age were presented with a camellia.

Following the elections, 330 ladies enjoyed luncheon prepared and served by Catering Committee under the leadership of Mrs. M. Tippett.

In the afternoon, Mrs. W. E. Fisher, South Eastern Conf. Sec., led in devotions. Miss Aileen Draney, New Guinea, brought greetings, and two Aborigine girls from Esperance, W.A., sang a duet. Mrs. N. Coombe presented secretary's report.

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. E. Hollard, retiring secretary.

Questions which had been submitted were answered by those appointed by Executive, and discussion followed. Information was given concerning the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Aborigine clothing parcels, Aborigine "living link," Nomination Lists sent to groups prior to Conference. It was decided that allowances to Department Leaders be increased by 50 per cent, that Mid-year Conference continue to be held, and that requests for badges continue to be made through Conference.

After Mrs. Philip Messent sang a beautiful solo, Mrs. Cunningham spoke of the privilege of serving as President, and expressed appreciation of the support of the women throughout the State, concluding with the reminder that in everything we do and say "we preach Christ." The following officers were declared elected for 1965/66. President, Mrs. C. Watson; pres.-elect, Mrs. E. V. Lawton; vice-pres., Miss E. Hammond; secretary, Mrs. S. Lawrence; treasurer, Mrs. M. Fooks; asst. sec., Mrs. J. Wright.

Miss Aileen Draney then addressed Conference, and vividly described the work of the various missionaries in New Guinea, pointing out locations on a map.

The Evening Session commenced with an organ recital by Murray Lindsay. Representatives of other churches and organisations were welcomed, and Mrs. W. Nicholls (Women's World Day of Prayer) responded on their behalf. The new officers were introduced by Mrs. Cunningham, and a prayer of dedication offered by R. E. Pittman, Pres. of General Conf. Miss Anne Wright read the Scripture, and Mrs. Watson presented Mrs. Cunningham with flowers and Bible, expressing appreciation of her gracious and capable leadership.

A religious drama, "There is a Way," was presented by Brighton Gardens C.W.F., the choir being augmented by ladies from Clovelly Park.—M. Wright, Assistant Secretary.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ellen Atkinson.

The church at Mooroopna, Vic., and the Aboriginal Christians in Victoria, have suffered a very severe and deep loss in the death of Mrs. Ellen Atkinson, who died on Aug. 30, following a sudden and short illness. Mrs. Atkinson (nee Ellen Campbell), was born in 1894 and joined the church at the age of 12. In 1913, she married Edwin Atkinson, who predeceased her in 1952. She bore four children, Geoffrey, Muriel, Daisy (Mrs. C. Higgins) and Lawrence. It would be impossible to record the good deeds and splendid influence of this lovely Christian woman, who constantly witnessed to her faith in Christ and helped others to know him. She was of inestimable assistance to her husband while he was the pastor of the communities at Coomeraunga and Mooroopna. They were one of the first Aboriginal couples to be granted occupancy of a Housing Commission home at Mooroopna, and her care of the home led to the granting of homes to other Aboriginal families. Her home was always open for the conducting of services and prayer fellowships. It was her privilege to turn the key at the opening of the Mooroopna chapel and her pleasure to worship in it. Her influence will be felt for many years to come. The funeral services in the Mooroopna chapel, and at the Mooroopna Cemetery, were conducted by the writer, assisted by R. A. Clydesdale, who paid an eloquent and richly deserved tribute. Doug. Nicholls and D. B. McIntosh also assisted.—T. V. Weir.

Brenda Florence Sumner.

Mrs. Sumner, of Bentleigh, Vic., passed into the presence of her Lord on Aug. 30, at the early age of 43 years. She joined the church some years ago under the ministry of J. B. Wiltshire. Her faith in her Lord was a dominant factor in her life from that time onwards. The circumstances of life called on her to suffer a limitation of her full health during a large part of her life, and yet even during this experience the reality of God's loving care was a real comfort to her and she found much joy from time to time in both family and church life. Her husband and family were wonderfully loyal in days of illness, and for this reason will miss her the more. The large attendance at the funeral service was an indication of the esteem in which she was held and an expression of the sympathy felt for Mr. Sumner, Peter, Gillian and Andrew in their sad loss.—A. R. Pigdon.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEW GUINEA REVIEW

BY FRANK BEALE

Extracts from Chairman's Report, Annual Meeting, New Guinea Mission.

The rather obvious advances of previous years have not been evident within the last 12 months. There has been progress on all levels in building, education, medically and within the church, for which we give thanks to God. This progress has been of a quieter nature than before. There are now six stations, and the work is more spread out and communications take up larger amounts of time. Also, as stations become older more time has to be spent in repairs at the expense of the more spectacular new buildings.

We must study the past to gain an understanding of our present position and then look for ways in which we can go forward. We have three sides of mission work to consider: (1) The reaching out to those outside the gospel; (2) The building up of the church already in existence; (3) The services which the mission offers to all.

Dealing with the latter, we need to ever keep in mind what is the function of our medical and educational work. Traditionally the church has sought to educate so that the Word of God is understandable, and to heal because of the value which is placed upon the human body. These services have also been a means of contact and spreading the gospel.

Most of our stations have been granted land and adherence by the people because we educate their children. Within our western society these functions have largely been taken over by the State, and the church as such operates only limited facilities. It could be that as New Guinea becomes more politically conscious, and in particular that as Local Government Councillors assume greater responsibility, that these services will be largely taken over by them. This is probably some years ahead as yet, but we should keep this in mind as we plan future capital outlays.

There is a continual need to relate our services to the ability of the people to use them, and we should also have in mind that if the people have to take over part of the services then these services need to be related to the people's ability not only to use them but to administer them.

More and more the national Christians are participating in church life and work. To some extent they are hampered by lack of years, particularly in years of Christian experience, and also lack of knowledge and learning. These handicaps can be overcome and there is need for two methods of building up. There is need for the overall building up which must largely be the responsibility of those stationed nearest to the local Christians. This will tend to be Bible studies and counselling. They can also be helped by united meetings and conventions whereby other facets of Christian experience can be observed.

Beyond this there is need to equip those who show special aptitudes for functions within the church. There may be no candidates for elders for some time simply due to lack of years or Christian experience. Similarly there may be none ready to undertake full pastoral training. However, those with speaking abilities need to have some form of training, geared to the position and capabilities of the moment. There could well be camps or seminars for deacons to help them understand more fully church government.

CHRISTIAN NIGHT CLUB

The Salvation Army will open a night club operating seven nights a week in the heart of London's Soho district in 1966. The management of the new club will be shared by the Salvation Army and the Methodist Church Youth Department, with the support of the British Council of Churches.—E.P.S.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our family has more rows and troubles than a Christian family ought to have. Can we still say that we are Christian? (Part 2).

Yes, you can have rows and troubles in your family and still be Christian.

In a family, people live together in the most personal relationship the world can know, and even those with the most interests, habits and purposes in common, will find some areas of difference. It is in these areas of difference that tensions are almost inevitable, and it is here that conflicts will break out unless there is tolerance, patience and Christian grace. Love is taken for granted.

A group of ministers was asked what problems were the most frequently brought to them as pastors for counselling. There were religious problems, doubts, difficulties in prayer and worship, but the most frequently presented problems were family problems. These problems were also harder to solve than the others, precisely because they involved more than one person.

Everyone is imperfect and because of that imperfection mistakes are made. This is true of children, teenagers, bachelors, and single girls, as well as of husbands and wives, mothers and fathers. But when you have two imperfect persons together the difficulties are more than doubled. And when you add children to a home you multiply the possibilities of disagreement and conflict. You also multiply the possibilities of happiness.

Argument and hostility can and do destroy families, but Christian grace can lift a family above its problems of living together. There may be disagreements about money, food, entertainment, household responsibilities, holidays, children, in-laws, sport, music, television, and a hundred other things. If a family is democratic the disagreements may seem more numerous than in a home ruled by a strong-minded (and strong-handed) father. But in a family where these things are negotiable there is an opportunity for meaning, fulfilment, and true happiness — in spite of an occasional row.

In a home where every member is treated as a person of real significance, parents will seek to say why as well as what should be done or done without, and courses of action will be discussed between a husband and wife rather than dictated. There will still be disagreements and tensions, but with Christian grace they will be used to strengthen the home rather than divide it.

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POLICY ON COMMISSION REPORTS

The Victorian Temperance Alliance, after careful consideration of the Royal Commissioner's Report, has adopted the following statement of Policy:—

The Victorian Temperance Alliance draws attention to the fact that Part 1 of the report gives definite evidence of insufficient information and research as regards the social consequences of alcohol in the community. We, therefore, endorse as in harmony with the Alliance's policy, the commissioner's suggestion that a definite programme of research and education be undertaken, and will urge the government so to do.

We also recognise that the incidence of Alcoholism in the community constitutes a challenge that demands urgent action. We believe that research into the cause, incidence, early diagnosis, treatment and the rehabilitation of the sufferer is important.

The recommendation of the commissioner for stringent measures to cope with the problem of drinking and driving is welcomed. We shall urge the government to adopt the commissioner's viewpoint of "impaired skill" and ask that it be made an offence to drive a car with .05 per cent or more alcohol in the blood. Compulsory chemical tests should also be provided for by the government.

We welcome the statement of Mr. P. D. Phillips that Sunday Trading would be harmful, especially with the increased road accidents.

While recognising these beneficial features in the report we regard those dealing with Trading Hours and licences as generally unsatisfactory.

We strongly oppose the proposal to license cabarets to serve liquor until 3 a.m. The dangers attending the proposal are increased by the recommenda-

tion that hotels and licensed restaurants may hold cabaret licences entitling them to supply liquor with refreshments and entertainment between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 3 a.m. every week night, and on Saturdays, including Sunday morning up to 3 a.m. As many hotels may obtain cabaret licences we are faced with the prospect of continuous drinking, together with entertainment in hotels, until 3 a.m.

We consider the licensing of University Unions as unjustified. Undoubtedly, the provision of liquor in University Unions available to all students, would increase the social pressures on young people and some girls of 18 would be induced to drink. At present many young men drink in hotels near the universities, but drinking by girls is certain to be increased by the licensing of University Unions.

We will oppose any such move by the government.

The Alliance does not agree that bars should be provided at "live" theatres until 11 p.m., and is also not in favor of licensed restaurants continuing sales until 11.30 p.m. with liquor to be consumed until midnight.

The Alliance points out that the policing of some of these outlets for liquor will not be easy and loopholes (for instance "substantial refreshments" in licensed restaurants) may be numerous, thus giving grounds for a further relaxing of liquor laws.

The Alliance is not convinced that consumption will not increase with an extension of hotel trading hours to 10 p.m.

There are sound reasons (relating to the preservation of happy home life and other social consequences) for the retention of 6 p.m. closing. We will do all we can to prevent the proposed extension.

HIGHER COMMITMENTS

(Canberra). At the church annual business meeting membership was recorded at 274, an increase of 23 on last year. Average communicants per Sunday is 182. A further £30 per week is requested to meet its commitments in the new South Canberra work. . . . Recent speakers have been Trevor Turnbull and Ross Rugendyke. . . . The film, "In His Steps," was shown on Sept. 12. . . . The Young People's Dinner Club saw the film, "Martin Luther." The Y.P. Bible Study Group has commenced at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan McKay.

NAILSWORTH ADDITIONS

(S.A.). Four recent decisions included two B.S. scholars who responded when C.O.B. students, G. Ladner and W. Thornton, conducted a service. . . . A. Griffiths, A. Bailey (of O.A.C.), R. C. Dixon and N. Gavros were speakers at B.S. anniversary. Rob Taylor was pianist and Dean Drilling leader of song. . . . Mrs. W. Green, of Mile End, led the C.W.F. in a night of Bible study. . . . Six basketball teams played in grand finals. A and K Grade boys, and N Grade girls were premiers. . . . R. Roberts, of Norseman, gave a challenging address on Sept. 12. . . . N. Gavros is minister.

SIX WEEKS' "SCHOOL"

(Epping, N.S.W.). The H.M. Director, K. Crawford, conducted a six week's "school" for soul winning. It was much appreciated. . . . The minister, H. M. Long, preached on "Baptism" on Aug. 29, at the 11 a.m. service. Two young people responded to the invitation and were baptized that evening. There was another decision on Sept. 5. Mr. Long was speaker at monthly Y.F.C. Rally.

WAY DOWN SOUTH

(Nubeena - Highcroft, Tas.). Mr. and Mrs. A. Avery, of Melb., and Lloyd Cook, of Hobart, were visitors to a combined service at Highcroft, at which Mr. Avery was speaker. On Sept. 19, the Billy Graham film, "Shadow of the Boomerang," was screened at a combined service at Nubeena. 65 attended.

SCHOOL AWARD

(Flinders Park, S.A.). The Bible School was placed second in the recent State-wide Efficiency Campaign. The B.S. also received the award for the highest number of new scholars. A. Foote is supt. . . . Church anniversary speakers on Sept. 12 were R. S. McLean, and the minister, P. R. Whitmore. The film, "Born to Serve," was screened.

A. N. HINRICHSSEN

(Ohio, U.S.A.). It is learned that A. N. Hinrichsen, the minister of the church at Hudson, Ohio, U.S.A., has been seriously ill following a major operation at the Cleveland Clinic. Mr. Hinrichsen lost his wife in tragic circumstances last April. The doctors believe that he has a fighting chance of recovery, and prayer would be appreciated. Letter-writing is at present beyond him, but his many friends in Australia may keep in touch with him at 48 Oviatt-st., Hudson, Ohio, U.S.A.

BIBLE FEATURED

(Rockhampton - Nth. R'ton - Moongan, Qld.). The National Bible Society Week culminated on Sept. 5 with a Grand United Youth Rally in the Methodist Hall, with 200 present. T.V. session over RTQ Channel 7, conducted by the minister, V. G. Boettcher, also featured work of the Society in film and story. . . . Mrs. K. Dempsey has returned after world tour. . . . Stan. Chalmers represented the Social Service Dept. on Sept. 2-6. Meetings in both Rockhampton churches and at Moongan were conducted. . . . Ladies of Congregational Fellowship joined in a morning tea, and afterwards in a well-attended combined meeting at William-st. on Sept. 7. Miss Hendersen, Women's State rep. of the B. & F. B. S. was speaker. . . . The first wedding was conducted in the Gladstone chapel on Aug. 28, when organiste, Miss Glenda Smith, was married to Allen Bradshaw, Mr. Boettcher officiating. Jim Knight, who has been confined to his bed for some months is now in hospital for specialist's treatment. Prayers are requested. . . . The minister will conclude his ministry with farewell services on Oct. 10.

MOVEMENTS

GILGANDRA MINISTRY

(N.S.W.). The church at Gilgandra has announced that Barry Benz, at the moment serving with Austral, has accepted an invitation to the ministry in this important country centre, commencing early in 1966.

National Diary

- OCTOBER—
- 1-4 — N.S.W. — Missionary House Party — Camp Greenhalgh, Lake Illawarra.
 - 8 — N.S.W. — Dept. of Christian Education "Prize-Giving," Enmore.
 - 8-10 — VIC. — C.Y.F. Annual Retreat.
 - 9 — VIC. — Midlands District Conference, Half-Yearly Rally.
 - 10 — N.S.W. — "WOOLWICH COLLEGE" Sunday in N.S.W. Churches.
 - 14 — N.S.W. — Visit of Christian Broadcasting Association to Woolwich College for "Sunshine Hour" Broadcast.
 - 15-17 — VIC. — C.E. Action Camp — Hall's Gap.
 - 16 — VIC. — Bible School Committee All-Day Conference.
 - 16 — VIC. — Junior Good Companions' Indoor Sports.
 - 19 — VIC. — C.Y.F. Impact.
 - 21 — N.S.W. — State C.W.F. "Convention Day", 10 a.m. at Burwood Church.
 - 22-24 — VIC. — Christian Union Camp.
 - 25 — N.S.W. — N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Meeting, City Temple, 10 a.m. Discussion Leaders, K. E. Crawford (Home Missions), C. Cole (Social Service), B. Armstrong (Youth).

1965 YOUTH PROJECT

(W.A.). The youth of the Western churches aim to raise £750 this year to pay for air and river transport to the New Guinea missions. To date £240 has been forwarded to the Youth and Christian Education Committee. Youth leaders are reminded that the Project closes on Oct. 31, and are asked to send contributions marked "1965 Youth Project," to Miss Merle Peacock, 142 Beaufort-st., Perth.

MISSIONARY HOUSE PARTY

(N.S.W.). Plans are all in hand for the Missionary House Party, organised by the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education, with co-operation from the State Overseas Mission Committee, to take place over the long weekend, October 1-4. Camp Greenhalgh, Lake Illawarra, will be the scene of action. Guest lecturers include Alan Fletcher, New Guinea missionary, at present on study leave at Glen Iris, and Denby Holmes, of Hurstville. Two exceptionally fine missionary films will be screened.

ROADS TO SOUTHPORT

(Qld.). Into the holiday atmosphere of this seaside resort scores of visitors from all Australian States meet to worship, and it is a joy to welcome so many to this Gold Coast church. . . . Southport has a membership of 45. Minister is Roy Acland, Cawthray-st., Labrador, and membership has increased by 10 through confessions of faith and baptism this year. . . . Planned Giving has had a very good response. The campaign was recently conducted by H. M. Director, Alex Surtees.

TEACHERS' DEDICATION

(Prospect, S.A.). C. E. Watson, of Nailsworth, conducted the teachers' dedication service in connection with B.S. anniversary. . . . A brotherhood rally was held to farewell Miss Valerie Crowte on her departure for service in the New Hebrides. . . . The Y.P. choir attended a weekend camp at Mt. Lofty in mid-Sept., and on their return two young men made their decisions. . . . Deaconess Bonython, of Kate Cocks Babies' Home, addressed the C.W.F. Day Group on Sept. 22. . . . The Girls' Brigade were represented at the Silver Jubilee celebrations. . . . A men's service on Sept. 26 featured a men's choir. This was arranged by the Year of Concern Committee.

TEACHING MISSION

(Morawa, W.A.). Much spiritual blessing was received from the Teaching Mission held Sept. 7-12. T. D. Malden, of Northam church, brought messages on My Church, My Lord, My Spirit, My Word, My Covenant, My Reason.

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PLAN TO CHANGE MANSE

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The church has endorsed a move by the Officers' Board to sell the present manse and purchase a larger house. Additions or rebuilding are not practicable on present site. . . . 616 letters have been sent by post to residents of Baddow area as first stage of creating interest in the forthcoming mission. This will be held in the Home Mission tent and equipment on ground alongside Baddow chapel. . . . Graham Scott, from New Guinea, representing Wycliffe Bible Translators, was speaker on Sept. 5. . . . Monica Farrell, on Sept. 2, told how she was converted from Roman Catholicism to Christianity. She is also an authoress. . . . Maryborough B.S. anniversary on Sept. 19, featured children's items and a message and items were given by members of Open Air Campaigners team, who were conducting a week's mission in city area, with support of local Ministers' Fraternal. . . . Baddow School anniversary, on Sept. 26, had Phillip Jauncey, from Kenmore College, as guest speaker. . . . Women of Ladies' Fellowship motored to Gympie for day of fellowship with Gympie C.W.F.

"CRUSADE '65"

(W.A.). The largest Christian auditorium in Perth, our Christian Centre, was attended by more than 800 to hear Geo. Wood preach at the first service in "Crusade '65." Fred Rees, leader of song. Late telegram received: "Crusade '65" in Christian Centre, Perth, with George Wood, concluded Sept. 19, with 1,000 present. Total decisions over week, 40. Thank offering £270. — George Smith, Conference President.

A CITY CHURCH GOES COUNTRY

(S.A.). Thirty-six members of the Henley Beach Youth Fellowship took a bus to Victor Harbour for a recent programme. The hosts made the programme so successful that it is reported that the city group are planning to go to the country again. A bright and breezy social programme, devotions by the minister of Victor Harbour, Graham Lord, and as many chops and sausages as could be eaten, made it a great night. W. J. C. Macted is the minister of Henley Beach.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

(Dianella, W.A.). The first Dianella B.S. anniversary is being celebrated in the Inglewood church. The planned speaker is the W.A. Conference President, Geo. Smith. . . . The ladies have enjoyed a visit to Wembley C.W.F., and twice recently to Nollamara. The ladies are now working toward the first fundraising venture — an apron parade and stall.

MISSIONARY EFFORT

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Special efforts have been put forth in recent months in the church at Kingsford to augment the Faith Offering for Missions, which has now reached almost £500 for 1965. Together with last year's effort the church has raised over £1,000 within the last two years for Missions, over and above the normal giving. In addition, the young people of Kingsford donated over £60 toward Tropical Medicine Text-books for our medical workers on the New Guinea Mission Field.

LISMORE ACTIVITIES

(N.S.W.). The State Conf. Pres., C. E. Bowser, was speaker at Lismore on Sept. 5, and Goonellabah and Bangalow shared in the visit. . . . Overseas Missions was featured in several departments of the church, and it is planned for this to continue. . . . B. A. Roberts was the guest speaker at 81st church anniversary on Sept. 18-19. The annual Thanksgiving offering received at the anniversary tea is to be given to the work of Overseas missions. This offering is to be subsidised by the church on a £1 for £1 basis. This year's contribution to overseas Missions now stands in excess of £500, and will go much higher. . . . The work of the Woolwich Bible College was recently presented to the church, when J. Bacik and W. Flett took the evening service on Sept. 12, and showed slides of the College at an after-church fellowship meeting. . . . The church in Lismore and district is planning closer co-operation with the Kenmore College of Qld. The church has recently purchased a block of land adjoining the Goonellabah Hall, for future development. H. K. Christensen is now in his fourth year of service.

62 TEACHERS

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). Sixty-two teachers are required to staff the B.S. The minister, C. H. J. Wright, conducted a dedication service for teachers at the anniversary of the school on Sept. 19. Features of the celebration was an afternoon at Brighton City Hall, with 700 present, and the scholar presentation of "Youth Going Christ's Way". . . . G.L.B. held a camp at Melville House, Sept. 24-26. . . . Jim Ingles has been chosen in the State under 18 soccer team. . . . Miss Aileen Draney addressed the C.W.F. on Sept. 22. C.W.F. members presented a religious drama on the Women's Night of State Conference.

VISITING SPEAKERS

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). Two students from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, led the communion service recently. G. L. Marsh presided, and J. B. Baker gave the message. . . . The manager of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Irvine, was guest speaker at the Circuit Men's Fellowship at Milang. A.B.I. students took the evening service on Sept. 19. A Baptist minister, Mr. Bottomley, also of A.B.I., was speaker at a combined tent mission. There were a number of decisions. . . . The church extends sympathy to the Moyle family in the loss of their mother.

N.S.W. OCTOBER BROADCASTS

Churches of Christ Broadcasts, over Station 2CH, Sydney, are as follows:
Sunday, Oct. 3—7.15 p.m., Church of Christ, Epping — Preacher: Harold M. Long.
Friday, Oct. 8—8.45 a.m., R. Hawkins, of Carramar.
Wednesday, Oct. 20 — 8.45 a.m., R. W. Vautier, of Mosman.

HORNSBY. Young people conducted gospel service on Sept. 19. H. Bishop led praise service, J. Bishop the service itself. The young people gave a number of items. D. Bentley brought the message. It was also the monthly parade of the G.L.B. and Boys' Brigade.

TRIUMPHS OF GRACE

Alec McKenzie, Snowy Barnes and Bert Thomas are native men who have been known in our Norseman Mission area for many years as some of the most brutal, arrogant and debauched men it is possible to meet. Snowy Barnes and Bert Thomas live at Mount Margaret, Alec McKenzie at Esperance. They have been mates since boyhood.

Alan Bonney, Sonny Graham and Bob Kingi went to the Mount Margaret area on a preaching tour. On Sunday, Aug. 22, 25 adult natives, some of them the most hardened sinners, responded to the gospel invitation. Among them were Snowy Barnes and Bert Thomas. The next morning Snowy was down at the camp, moving about among the native people, pleading with relatives and friends and those with whom he had lived a life of debauchery, to get right with the Lord. One of the first things he and Bert Thomas did was to pray the Lord to save Alec McKenzie, 400 miles away in Esperance.

What was happening to Alec? On that same Sunday night, Aug. 22, he and his wife, Nancy, driving in their car out of Esperance, blind drunk, with their eight children, ran into the side of a semi-trailer. It is miraculous they were not all killed. One of Alec's daughters, Norma, is one of our "Fairhaven" girls, a refined sincere Christian. (She was not in the car.)

At a late hour on that Sunday night, Mrs. Roberts, wife of our Norseman Field Director, received a telephone call at "Fairhaven" from the Roman Catholic priest. He said he was attending a native family at the hospital, who had been seriously injured in a car smash. The parents were very aggressive and determined to leave. He asked for someone to come from "Fairhaven" and help quieten them down.

Mr. Roberts was in Norseman, so Ben Mason went to the hospital with Mrs. Roberts, only to find the family had gone. Finally they found them and brought them to "Fairhaven." It was the McKenzie family. One girl had stitches in her face, the mother's right jaw and lower lip were stitched. Alec was badly knocked about. They were covered in blood. Mrs. Roberts washed Nancy and cleaned her up, and changed her frock.

After a time, although still very drunk, they quietened down. Let Mr. Roberts tell the rest of the story:

"I arrived home from Norseman about 7 a.m. on the Monday and, after hearing the news, went to the police station. I was informed that Child and Native Welfare Officers were on their way from Kalgoorlie, and that charges were to be preferred against the parents on Tuesday.

"I visited their camp later in the day and found them both very aggressive. Native Welfare contacted me to see if we would take the children after the Court action on Tuesday. Despite our house-full position at Norseman, we agreed to help if needed.

"At about 7.30 Tuesday morning, Alec McKenzie knocked on our front door. His first words were, 'Mr. Roberts, after all these years it's happened.' I asked him to come to the office, and sit down. Possibly I cannot fully explain all that followed, but Alec went on to say — and I quote —

"'I know's youse white people have your Bible and I suppose God speaks to you that way, but I don't care if you don't believe me or not. I just got to say, early this morning, Jesus woke me up.'

"I asked Alec how, and he said, 'He touched me on the shoulder and I sat straight up. But not only that, Jesus spoke to me. I have now heard him speak, Mr. Roberts.'

"I then asked Alec what he did, and he replied, 'Well, I just got such a shock, and I felt so ashamed, because Jesus was there I felt so bad. I asked him who he was, and he said, 'It's Jesus, Alec.' He said to me, 'Alec, please don't die, turn round and come HOME.'

"Asking Alec what he did then, he replied, 'My mind was made up. I woke my Mrs. and told her the Lord had come and wanted me to come Home, and that I was coming. I asked her to come Home with me, and, Mr. Roberts, she has come. We have both fell on the Cross — praise the good Lord. He is so real.'

This was the beginning to a day of remarkable events.

Native Welfare and Child Welfare Officers went to see Alec and Nancy in their

camp, because they were considering legal action against them for their wilful neglect and exposure of the children. They took police with them for protection, because they expected a fight. Alec came out and said to them, "Look, I don't blame you for what you are going to say. I don't blame you for feeling the way you do. I want to take the blame, because it is me and no one else, but before I do, I want you to know the Lord Jesus has come into my heart, and he has changed my life, and he has given me peace. Don't worry, there's no fight in me now. It is all finished. I have met Jesus. He has called me to turn around and come Home, and that is what I am going to do."

At that stage his wife came out of the tent, face terribly swollen. She had a little tract, "Bridging the Gap," which we have been able to share and explain to her, and she turned round and spoke to the Native Welfare and Child Welfare Officers. Pointing to the tract, she said, "This is what has happened to us. We have come from blackness into light. Jesus has brought us Home. This is all for me now. What you fellas going to do?"

Alec asked the same question, and here before them, half a dozen men were hanging their heads. The Child Welfare Officer said, "Well, there is nothing we can do," and they suddenly left.

That night, in the presence of Norma, his daughter, and Ben Mason, his cousin, it was a wonderful experience to lead them more fully to know Christ. It was such a humbling experience to hear the prayerful cry of a babe.

Mr. Schenck, retired superintendent of Mt. Margaret, tells how Alec has been prayed for, for over 30 years. We have seen some wonderful trophies won for Christ, but we believe this one is the gem of them all. We have waited to see this man saved, and we believe God has now laid his hand upon this one from this area to be a voice for him.

At Ben Mason's farewell at "Fairhaven" last Friday evening, Alec suddenly rose on his feet to tell all that the Lord had done in his life. On the Lord's Day morning he arrived for church at 10.30 a.m., breathless. His truck had broken down three miles out, and he said he ran nearly all the way because he thought he was late and would miss out. "I just couldn't miss out now," he said.

Alec, with Snowy Barnes of Mt. Margaret, have "stood over" men of the half-caste Wongi people. This is readily known to the police. It is no small thing what God does, for as Ben and I were having prayer with Alec, the telephone rang. It was Alan Bonney ringing from Mt. Margaret to say that our Lord had saved Snowy Barnes, and that as he responded missionaries had just broken down and wept. Praise God! Snowy at Mt. Margaret in a special service, Alec at Esperance in a smoggy camp. But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Brethren, I believe with all my heart, God, the Holy Spirit, has raised people like these two, as a testimony against the apathy and apostasy within the church today. Here is evidence that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost is still as real today as he was then. And he is filling again the hearts of "unlearned and ignorant men" who are unashamed of him.

INDOOR EXHIBITION

(Goolwa, S.A.). Intermediate C.E. held indoor exhibition to raise funds for piano. Exhibits revealed valuable talent in needlework, knitting, cookery, veg., floral, art, woodwork, photography, etc. "White elephant" stall was well supplied and patronised. Misses Beth Bowley and Glenice Tuckwell were the organisers. Over £43 was raised toward cost of piano. Trophies to prize-winners were donated by members of church. Items were provided. Mrs. R. Tuckwell and Glenice (piano). Gerald Burgar led community "sing-a-long." Gill Wharbaton (trombone solo), Mrs. Teakle (piano), Brian Skewes and Gerald Burgar (solos).

£140 RAISED

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). A successful fair conducted by the ladies raised £140... K. A. Jones was a recent speaker on behalf of the College of the Bible... C.Y.F. held a record night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cook... C.W.E.F. ladies held a discussion night at home of Mrs. R. Reading... R. W. Marshall has completed a series of 13 chart addresses on "God's Plan of the Ages." A. L. Martin expressed appreciation of the church to Mr. Marshall.

NEW PROJECTOR

(Pyramid Hill, Vic.). C.W.F. bought a projector suitable for showing slides and film strips. This was used at a special youth service on Aug. 29, most S.S. pupils attending... Song service at night before the evening worship is improving and enjoyable... We welcome Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderson's baby son, Paul, into our midst; their second son, Max, is in Boort Hospital, and we hope he soon improves.

PINES PLANTED

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Pencil pines have been planted around church grounds... Miss M. Lanyon and Miss M. Mullen have been welcomed to church fellowship... M. Gibson addressed the church on Sept. 19... The B.S. scholars shared in Scripture exams. recently held. They also enjoyed an outing to Cooby Dam.

(W.A.). The Western Australian programme of Outreach and Development which commenced in April, 1964, has enabled the churches to make an effective contribution to the life of the churches in that State.

Usually there are more than 70 meetings a month in the Christian Centre, other than city church services and youth sporting activities. Of the £6,656 received from the churches to be distributed as seems best, and most economic and needful, £5,900 was allotted for the reduction of the debt on the Christian Centre, which now stands at £39,600. A substantial and appreciated contribution made over the last six years has been an interest free loan of £7,000. This loan was repaid last month.

Designated gifts have included £3,716 for the Christian Centre; £5,353 for

Infirmiry, Lodge, Guest Home; £154 for camp sites; £224 for land purchase; £375 for Home Mission Manse; £2,500 for Welfare Centre Holiday House. These items, added to the amount of £6,656, total £18,978.

Some churches have given exceptionally well to the Outreach and Development Fund, some with small memberships. The following examples of giving include general church grants, specified giving of churches and individuals, but exclude legacies, women's auxiliary gifts, and other non-identifiable items in terms of one congregation: Wembley, £1,997; Subiaco, £871; Perth, £1,611; Northam, £1,210; North Perth, £427; Inglewood, £205; Mukinbudin, £307; Harvey, £259; Morawa, £835; Dalwallinu-Wubin, £356; Narembeen, £100.

—K. J. Patterson.

C.W.F. RALLY IN SOUTH WEST

(W.A.). 70 ladies from Busselton, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Collie and Harvey were welcomed by the Pres., Mrs. Ray Stanford, at the Annual Rally of the South West C.W.F., held at Harvey, Sept. 15. Mrs. E. Pridmore, of Bunbury, led the devotions, speaking on "The Little Sanctuaries." Mrs. Len Jones, of Busselton, was soloist. Guest speaker was returned missionary nurse, Miss Helen Maiden, of the New Hebrides. Truly a day of rich fellowship and spiritual blessings.

DR. Z. K. MATTHEWS FOR S.A.

(Adelaide). Dr. Zachariah Keodirelang Matthews, famous educationist, lawyer, anthropologist, and Christian leader from South Africa, will visit Adelaide from Nov. 19 to Nov. 22.

Dr. Matthews has been African Secretary of the World Council of Churches since 1962. His base is in Geneva, Switzerland, but his work obliges him to travel not only throughout Africa, but in other parts of the world as well.

The Rev. M. C. Trenorden, Sec. for Inter-Church Aid in S.A., said that there had been few more famous men who had come from the World Council of Churches since its inception than Dr. Matthews. He would be here primarily

in connection with Inter-Church Aid, but had many other interests. In 1964, Dr. Matthews accompanied Lord Caradon, formerly Sir Hugh Foot, the distinguished British Civil Servant, on a survey on matters of pressing urgency for the welfare of 500,000 refugees in Africa.

Dr. Matthews is an Anglican layman. Details of his South Australian itinerary will be published later.

ON THE GOLDFIELD

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). The B.S. annual picnic proved enjoyable for all who attended. A church family night was held... L. Park was the speaker at a Christian Endeavour District Union Rally held over one weekend. He also spoke at the Sunday morning service... K. A. Jones, of the College of the Bible, visited the church and gave us news of Ron Cook and Bill Thornton, who are studying at the College. He also showed interesting slides.

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COMING EVENTS

NOTE.—Because of the large number of Coming Events advertisements in October and November, it is regretted that space is not available for displayed notices.

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.

MALVERN (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, OCT. 24, 11 a.m., Communion conducted by Youth Group; 3 p.m., Sunday School, Kinder, Primary and Cradle Roll; speaker, A. J. Matheson; 7 p.m., Teen Group and Youth Demonstration; speaker, A. B. Clark. Bright songs and choruses by children.

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DEATHS

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Mrs. A. Torode, Epping, N.S.W.
Mrs. E. Sumner, Bentleigh, Vic.
Mrs. E. M. Porteous, Semaphore, S.A.

RICHMOND (Vic.) CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 17, 11 a.m., Speaker: H. F. Gross, B.A.; 2.45 p.m., D. J. Andrews, B.A., LL.B.; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., Speaker: C. H. Dow, M.A. A welcome awaits all.

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.

SPRINGVALE BIBLE SCHOOL, 23rd ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 10 and 17, 10th, 3 p.m., W. Bertram; 7 p.m., R. Lane. 17th, 3 p.m., John Birt; 7 p.m., L. G. Armstrong. A warm welcome to all friends and former members.

BENTLEIGH (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 10 and 17, 10th: 3 p.m., Miss Joy Winstone (Kinder Service); 7 p.m., L. Warren. 17th: 3 p.m., B. Waters; 7 p.m., A. Pigdon.

COLLINGWOOD (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 10 and 17, 10th, 3 p.m., C. Stebbins; 7 p.m., S. Wilkerson. 17th, 3 p.m., B. Garth; 7 p.m., R. Mullins. All Welcome. Tea will be provided for visitors. Concert and Prize-giving Night, Friday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m.

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BIRTHS

HICKIN (Thomas). — To Beverley and Keith, on Sept. 11, a daughter — Rhonda Joy. Sister for Kerrie.

MAIN. — On Sept. 24, at Dhond, to Valerie and John Main, of Baramati, India, a daughter — Jennifer Jean.

STORAY (Sewell). — Phyllis and Bert happily announce God's precious gift of a daughter — Julie Anne. Baby sister for Jennifer, Mark, Michelle — Sept. 18, at Port Lincoln Hospital, S.A.

WHEATON (Bolduan). — On Sept. 14, at the Blackwood and District Community Hospital, to Merle and Roger, a son — Graeme Mark. Brother for Jeffrey.

ENGAGEMENTS

JENKINS - MOORE. — Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Jenkins, 49 Rose-st., West Coburg, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter, Wendy Joy, to Peter Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore, 49 Glass-st., Essendon, Vic.

DEATHS

VERCO. — On Sept. 21, at a private hospital, Claude Maythorne, dearly beloved husband of Jessie, loving father of Alice (Mrs. Arnold Caldicott, Geelong), and grandfather of Jenny and Peter. Aged 83 years. "In God's care."

VERCO. — On Sept. 21, at private hospital, Claude Maythorne, beloved brother of Clement (dec.), Hilda (Mrs. J. E. Thomas), Leslie, Edwin and Millicent (Mrs. D. R. Milne), and dear uncle of their children. "For ever with the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

JENKIN. — Treasured memories of William, called home October 2, 1964, beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Linley (dec.), Florence, Os, Nettie, Gwen, Harry; fond grandfather of John, Pamela, Joy, Susan, Brian, Judith.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION (Vic.)

ANNUAL MEETING

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MISSIONARY MEETING

The OVERSEAS MISSION DEPARTMENT invites all to a Rally to be held in Dandenong Chapel on October 2, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. R. McLean, the Federal Overseas Secretary, is to be the speaker. We trust that a number of members will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear something of the work in the New Hebrides and New Guinea.

NOTICE

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

IVANHOE CHURCH (Vic.) RE-OPENING AND DEDICATION OF EXTENDED AND REFURNISHED BUILDINGS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

3 p.m.—SERVICE OF DEDICATION.
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VIC. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

(Melb.). The next meeting of the Fraternal will be held at the Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., on Oct. 4. Lunch fellowship at 1 p.m. The speaker at 2 p.m., S. Russell Baker, Federal President, will speak on the World Convention.

GUESTS AT MALVERN

(Vic.). A group of young folk from Hamilton was accommodated in church homes during Sept. 19 weekend, and shared in services . . . All reports for annual meeting show a healthy condition of the church, although finance is giving some concern . . . A. B. Clark has accepted a further term of two years' ministry at the conclusion of his present term, which expires next May . . . The choir has recommenced, and provides an improvement to the services . . . Cricket club has re-formed with a senior and junior team.

THE UMPIRE SANG

(Balwyn, Vic.) Ex-League umpire, Ian Cleland, was guest soloist at the final church parade of the football club on Sept. 19. The chapel was crowded for the service, which was followed by presentation of club trophies at an after-church fellowship . . . The morning sermon was broadcast over 3DB on Sept. 26.

B.S. ANNIVERSARY

(Preston, Vic.) B.S. anniversary celebrated on Sept. 19, with teachers' dedication at morning service. T. T. Robinson, West Preston, was guest speaker in afternoon. Scholars sang special hymns. At night, scholars presented play, "The King's Treasure House."

SUCCESSFUL GUEST SERVICE

(Springvale, Vic.) The first guest service in a Friendship Visitation Programme under the direction of A. Avery, of the H.M. Dept., was held on Sept. 19. Previously 30 members visited 91 homes, inviting families to attend. 85 adults and 60 children accepted the invitation. 260 attended instead of the normal 100. David Andrews, of Richmond, was guest speaker. He challenged the church to "Relevant Christianity."

MISSION PLANNED

(Collingwood, Vic.) The church has accepted a challenge to conduct a mission, with Doug. Willis as evangelist, in early November. A series of open-air meetings is planned for the Housing Commission lawn court.

STRENGTH OF UNION

(Melb.). The churches in the Newmarket-Flemington area met to discuss ways of visiting and welcoming newcomers to the 20-storey flats erected on Debney's Meadows — better known as "paddock."

A suggestion was adopted to hold combined evening services for all churches involved. The first was held at Fleming Presbyterian Church, with all churches present (except the Anglicans, who were inducting a new minister).

A. Matheson, Church of Christ, preached the gospel to 100. An earlier survey had shown an attendance of only 48 in six churches! The success of the first venture has resulted in monthly combined services being planned.

The Presbyterian minister, Mr. Reed, stated that the 20-storey flats had brought the churches closer together.

DEDICATION OF BOARD

(Morwell, Vic.) A dedication service for the Board of Officers was held at a morning service . . . A feature of the B.S. anniversary was a pageant presented by the Intermediate and Senior school, entitled "The Bible Through the Ages." . . . The minister, A. D. Dowsett, shared in a camp at Banksia during the school holidays . . . The Teens-Time enjoyed a snow trip.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

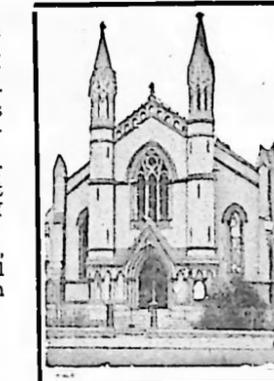
(Bentleigh, Vic.) There has been an interesting week of missionary meetings, with the following speakers: D. Singer, from Borneo; A. Fletcher, from New Guinea; Miss B. Johnson, from Malaya, and R. Story spoke on Congo.

CONF. PRES. AT DARETON

F. J. Funston, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conference, was guest speaker at the church anniversary on Sept. 12. At a church tea, Mr. Funston spoke on Conference activities . . . The church has purchased a Lowrey organ . . . The S.S. is combining with all other Protestant churches in Sunraysia district in a five-night teacher training programme. There were 150 at the first session, which is double the number expected.

OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

BAYSWATER. World C.W.F. service, conducted by ladies of the church, was well attended. Singing by C.W.F. choir was much appreciated. Offering of £8/19/6 for W.C.W.F. The C.W.F. visited W. H. Clay Hospital, combining with "The Patch."



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It is not too early for young people to think about attending the 3rd National Christian Youth Fellowship Convention. After all, January, 1967, is only 15 months away, and this is not long when holidays, etc., have to be planned. Perth is looking forward to a great Convention and already plans are well advanced.

In the months that are ahead you will see evidence of the Convention about you, as notices, posters, registration forms, etc., make their appearance. You will hear more about the theme, "The Word Is 'Go'!" which promises to challenge all who attend. You can be assured that the Perth Convention committee is doing its best to make this Convention every bit as successful as those held in previous years.

I am very happy to recommend the Convention to all young people, as I am convinced that it will prove to be an extremely valuable experience. There is much to be gained from Christian fellowship with young people across Australia; from participation in times of study as we come to grips with the Christian's task in this day; by being

prepared to share in all aspects of the Convention programme, expressing views and being prepared to consider the views of others. We seek the prayerful support of the brotherhood as preparations continue.

It is vital for young people today to study their faith, to examine their lives in the light of Christian teaching and to be prepared to stand by their beliefs and employ them in their daily lives. A great opportunity awaits young people to contribute their ideas and listen to those of other Christians, some of whom will have different backgrounds and probably different points of view to put forward.

We will be challenged to make an effective witness of our Christian lives. I remember reading once a quotation, "God doesn't care whether you are a bishop or a butcher, but whether you are the best bishop or the best butcher that you can be. This surely is a fair statement when we realise that, no matter what our vocation, we have a responsibility to God to make the best use of it in expressing our Christian witness.

SIXTEEN

EXPLORER BOYS' CAMPS

(Vic.). The two weeks' school holiday period in August-September were fully used by the Explorer Boys' Movement in another vigorous and worthwhile camp programme. In all, four fine camps were held at the Department of Christian Education's Camp properties at Monbulk (Dandenongs) and Hall's Gap (Grampians). More than 200 boys attended together with 40 leaders. The camp studies were "The Highest and the Best," especially written for Explorer Camps. Four of our ministers acted as chaplains: N. Moore (Nth. Essendon), P. Andrews (Ashburton), A. Page (Hamilton) and L. Barker (Balwyn).

Other camp activities included rock climbing, compass hikes, football, nature studies, map making, drama and singing. The age range of these graded camps was 11-15 years.

It was another worthwhile contribution to the brotherhood's Christian Education programme with boys.—R. V. Longthorp.

YOUTH PICNIC

(W.A.). The annual Churches of Christ Youth Picnic will be held this year on Oct. 9. This special outing will include a train journey, mystery hike, picnic tea and devotional session led by Keith A. Jones of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. Young people are asked to meet in front of Perth Railway Station at 12 noon, and the train will leave at 12.27 p.m.

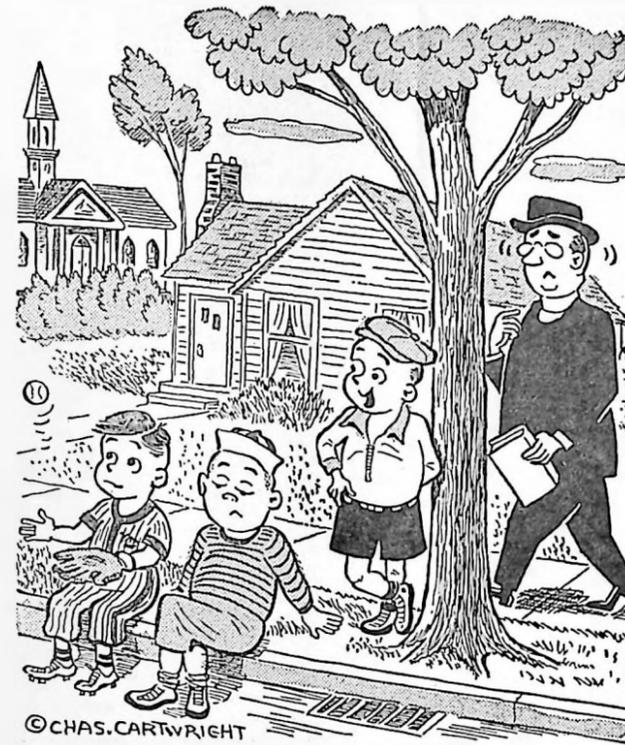
TREVOR MADE IT!

(W.A.). A number of young people within our churches have recently been chosen to represent the State in sporting teams. The latest to join the ranks of the "famous" Trevor Errington, of Bassendean. Trevor is a member of the Under 16 State Rugby Team.



IT'S A DATE

- Oct. 2—Explorer and Good Companions' Outdoor Sports (Vic.).
- Oct. 8-10—C.Y.F. Annual Retreat (Vic.).
- Oct. 9—Annual Youth Picnic (W.A.).
- Oct. 15-17—C.E. Action Camp (Vic.).
- Oct. 16—Bible School All-Day Conference (Vic.).
- Oct. 16—Junior Good Companions' Indoor Sports (Vic.).
- Oct. 19—C.Y.F. Impact (Vic.).
- Oct. 23—Church School Superintendents' and Secretaries' Conf. (W.A.).
- Oct. 30—Boys' Brigade Annual Display (S.A.).
- Nov. 2—C.Y.F. Outing (Vic.).
- Nov. 6—C.Y.F. "Central 217" (Vic.).
- Nov. 13—A.C.Y.F. Goes to Elizabeth (S.A.).
- Nov. 13—Youth Meet (W.A.).



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BRITISH APARTHEID DANGER

(London). A British sociologist-clergyman warned here that Britain may one day have separated churches organised along color lines because "a form of religious apartheid is already developing."

The Rev. Clifford Hill, a Congregationalist, said many immigrants, particularly West Indians, have experienced difficulty in integrating into British churches.

He said it is particularly difficult for members of Pentecostal sects who, although they represent no more than five per cent of the total Christian population of the West Indies, are especially active in their religious life in Britain. Their congregations are usually wholly colored, he said, and because they have found it easier to worship with their own countrymen, and a lack of warmth of welcome in British churches, "a form of religious apartheid is developing."—E.P.S.

MISSION EXPULSION THREAT

(Khartoum). The Sudanese government has now threatened to expel Christian missionaries from northern Sudan.

The Khartoum daily, "Al Ayam," quoted Abel Rahman, Sudanese Minister of information, as saying that the government will deport those working in the North "if our enquiries show that they too have been involved in political activities."

In 1964, Sudan expelled all missionaries working in the South on the grounds they had taken part in political activities hostile to the predominantly Moslem government of Khartoum.

The Anglican Bishop in the Sudan appealing for prayers for the strife-torn country. He referred to the flight of thousands of refugees, the burning of Bishop Gwenne College, and the slaughter of hundreds of persons at the Anglican Cathedral of Juba in July.—E.P.S.

BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS

(W.A.). The September "Youth-Meet" programme was organised by the Girls' Basketball Assoc. and was a happy conclusion to a season of good sport and fellowship.

250 young people were at the Christian Centre on Sept. 4, to see Mrs. J. Pallot, Pres. of the Women's Auxillary, present trophies to North Perth (A Grade), Wembley (A Reserve), Maylands (B. Grade) and Midland (C Grade). Miss Judy Yeats, Pres. of the Girls' Basketball Assoc., made presentations to the members of the State team selected to play in the Churches of Christ interstate competition in Melbourne.

A feature of the evening's programme was the Sports Beauty Contest, by which money was raised for the 1965 New Guinea Youth Project. In spite of the outstanding "beauty" of "Miss" South Perth (!), it was Miss Shenton Park who was voted the eventual winner. The W.A. Intermediate Calisthenic team presented a display, and Mrs. Maureen Furr, of Subiaco, was guest soloist. Tom Morrison, minister at the City church, led the closing devotional session.

METHODIST YOUTH QUESTION WORLD-WIDE GATHERINGS

(Atlanta). The wisdom of a world-wide Methodist conference scheduled next year was questioned by U.S. Methodist youth on the grounds that such confessional gatherings promote Methodism at the expense of ecumenicity.

Some 140 delegates to the National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting here discussed at length the advisability of sending representatives both to the World Conference of Methodist Youth in Bath, England, in August, 1966, and to the World Methodist Conference immediately following in London.

A resolution called for a close examination of the world Methodist gatherings "in light of our concern that there be a change of posture from world confessionalism to that of ecumenicity. One way of creative participation in the ecumenical movement would be resistance to any effort toward the planning of any further world Methodist youth meetings," it said.—E.P.S.

"TOGETHER CAMP"

(W.A.). The eighth "Together Camp" arranged by the W.A. Christian Youth Council, will be held at Point Peron, in January, 1966. This is a practical effort to bring people of Australian Aboriginal ancestry and "white" Australians into closer understanding, tolerance, respect and regard for one another. An apt description is "An Adventure in Christian Community."

30 colored and 30 white young people of 14 to 16 years of age will share in the nine and a half-day camp. They will play, work, discuss, swim, worship and eat together along with carefully selected colored and white leaders.

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GONE WITH SHELL

(Belmont, Vic.). Mervyn Bolduan has been sent to The Hague for three months by his employers, the Shell Oil Refineries. He plans to return via the U.S.A. and Japan. His sister, Rona, has been resident in Japan for five years. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan of the Manse at Kaniva, are parents of Rona and Merv.

CHILDREN'S EISTEDDFOD

(W.A.). The Eisteddfod will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 (morning, afternoon and evening), Christian Centre, Perth. Instrumental, Vocal and Art of Speech sections — for children 6-14 years. Further details available from Church School secretaries and superintendents.

"SUGAR SHACK"

(Townsville, Qld.). Phil. Woolford is conducting an interim ministry at the Townsville church, and once a month the young people have a "Sugar Shack" under the manse. The average attendance is 40 . . . The G.L.B. celebrated its first birthday with a bike ride to Ross River . . . Six young people have made decisions recently at Townsville . . . At a recent camp at Magnetic Island there were 9 decisions.



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AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor,
I could send this letter to the Social Service Department of Conference, or to the Matron and staff of the Christian Guest Home, but then it would be filed away and only a few would know of it.

I am writing to say "thank you" to the folk who have made possible, and continue to make possible the work of the Home. My mother was a guest there for three years. The last 18 months of her life found her in constant need of nursing and care which she received. The last six months in particular have been exacting on the Matron and staff at the Home. During her illness my mother had nothing but praise for the care and attention she received. After an operation at the Alfred Hospital she became one of the first patients at the new hospital unit at the Home.

It is with gratitude that I recall the anxiety of Matron to have Mrs. Shaw back at the Home where she could give her the personal care which was necessary. After return from hospital Mrs. Shaw improved slightly. This was due to the feeling of security, knowing that she was home. It was also in response to love, so freely given without complaint at all times.

I do want the donor who made possible the hospital unit, to know just what it means to be sure that your loved one is in the care of folk who are concerned. These recent years have found me in constant touch with the Home, and the Department which administrates

it, and I would place on record the appreciation of Mrs. Shaw's family for the goodwill shown to them at all times. The brotherhood should be deeply grateful for this expression of practical Christianity being available for aged men and women.

—J. G. Shaw, Vic.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,
Referring to A. Middleton's letter (Aug. 28), and admitting that Paul's letter (1 Cor. 14: 34, 35) was written to the church at Corinth, I would remind him that Paul also sent letters to the churches at Rome, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, Thessalonica.

If, as Mr. Middleton assumes (there is no Scriptural warrant for the claim), the above passage was an instruction only to the women at Corinth, then, to be consistent, he must apply the same assumption to Paul's other letters listed above. The same thing would then apply to the remainder of the New Testament, viz., Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, Revelation (also to specific churches), then the Gospels to the Jews. It is fortunate for us that the Gentiles do at least get a mention in Acts.

Mr. Middleton reminds Mr. Wladyskiuk of the quotation: Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent. Mr. Middleton would do well to remind himself of it, for the Scriptures do not say (regarding the church at Corinth) anything of the women sitting behind the men and interrupting the services, nor do they say that the woman of Samaria went and taught the men. John 4: 29 tells us what she said to them.

—C. H. Jackson, W.A.

I.C.A. CHRISTMAS CARDS

(Adelaide). The S.A. Secretary for Inter-Church Aid, the Rev. M. C. Trenorden, announced this week that a quantity of attractive Christmas Cards were available. These cards are similar in design to those which were so popular last year. They had been produced in Hong Kong especially for Inter-Church Aid Refugee and World Service, Division of the Australian Council of Churches.

There are four varieties, each with Eastern characters depicting the Christmas theme, and their sale would assist the Christmas Bowl Appeal through which we share our resources with churches and people in need around the world. The cards had been produced by the Council of Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese, and refugees from mainland China were employed in their production. They are selling at the attractive price of 6d. each with envelopes, plus postage, and may be inspected at the office of I.C.A., 33 Pirie-st., Adelaide. Mr. Trenorden said he regretted that it was not practicable to send cards on approval.

Mr. Trenorden also stated progress on this year's Bowl Appeal. The S.A. target of £30,000 needed only £360 now to be reached and there was still a trickle of gifts being received from organisations and individuals.

Several new I.C.A. films of excellent quality had been received in recent weeks and these were available for use through the Adelaide Visual Aid Centre, Leal Building, Victoria Square, Adelaide. Tel. 51-1898.

SPORTING HONOURS

(Cheltenham, Vic.) 40 were present at basketball tea and trophy presentation. The tennis club won the Southern District "A" grade premiership. They were defeated by one game in Victorian premiership . . . Mrs. Helen Hall went to Tasmania to assist in organising the first ladies' camp held in that State . . . A young girl was baptized on Sept. 5, and a lad from the Bible School made the good confession on Sept. 26.

OLD'S NEW YOUTH LEADER

A. C. Male, new Director of Christian Education for the Northern State moves from Portland, Vic., to take up his duties at the beginning of December, 1965.

NEWS AND REPORTS

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DID YOU NOTICE?

Which missionary family celebrated Sept. 24? (p. 14).
Who is S.A.'s Women's President? (p. 8).
How many mission stations we have in New Guinea? (p. 9).
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Moments of Worship



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"WITNESSES TO A GREAT LORD."

Thursday, October 7. Acts 3: 17-26. God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you in turning every one of you from his iniquities (v. 26).

MEN — in ignorance killed the Prince of Life (v. 15); GOD — thereby fulfilled what he himself had planned and prophesied . . . MEN, if they are to be saved, must repent and turn from their iniquities; GOD, through his Son, Jesus, is at work turning them (v. 26).

O God, we thank thee for the grace that planned the salvation of sinners, and we pray that thou wilt keep turning these wayward hearts of ours away from sin's allurements and to thyself — that we may "hear thee in all things thou shalt say to us." For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday, October 8. Acts 4: 1-4. The priests and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, annoyed . . . and they arrested them and put them in custody . . . but many of those that heard the word believed.

Peter and John preached about Jesus crucified and arisen and eternal life through him. Some in power were upset and put the preachers in prison. But 5,000 believed and entered into life. Whenever and wherever the same message is preached with the same enthusiastic conviction, there are bound to be both opponents and converts.

Dear Heavenly Father, keep us definite in our witness to Jesus, unafraid of opposition and expecting results. For his Name's sake. Amen.

Saturday, October 9. Acts 4: 5-12. There is none other name under heaven given amongst men whereby we must be saved (v. 12).

It is a tremendous claim Peter makes for his Lord. But it's true. Who else in all the wide world can save lost men from sin and death? Long before, God said to Isaiah, "There is no God beside me, a just God and a Saviour . . . Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else . . . Surely shall one say, "In the Lord I have righteousness and strength" (Isa. 45: 21-23).

Dear God, as we thank thee for thy righteousness and strength and very life made ours through Jesus Christ, thy Son, we pray that thou wilt help us to tell others this good news of salvation. Amen.

Sunday, October 10. Acts 4: 13-22. We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard (v. 21).

So often we say, "We cannot speak . . . and actions speak louder than words,

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Spirit and spoke the Word of God with boldness.

Lord Jesus, fill us too with thy Holy Spirit, according to thy promise, that we may be faithful witnesses to thee. Amen.

Tuesday, October 12. Acts 4: 32-37. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul . . . and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (v. 32).

These believers bound together in love, working together in unity, sacrificing for each other, were in themselves a strong witness of the resurrection. Here surely was evidence of a supernatural life — bearing out the apostles' preaching of a mighty, risen Lord. Such a fellowship is still one of the best advertisements for Christianity — giving "great power" to preaching and "great grace" to those who share it.

Grant, O Lord, that this fellowship may be ever more widely experienced and demonstrated in thy Church, that the world may believe. Amen.

Wednesday, October 13. Acts 5: 1-11. And great fear came upon all the Church (v. 11).

Yesterday we read of "great power" and "great grace." Today we read twice of "great fear." Into an atmosphere of supernatural love and trust a man and a woman dared to introduce deception and lies. And God struck them dead. No wonder the young Church feared. And well may we. He who is "the Truth" cannot stand falsehood or insincerity, and if his Church is to represent him to the world it must be absolutely free of that hypocrisy which he condemned above all sins.

Holy Father, help us to worship thee and serve thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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(Yaounde.) Two Swiss Protestant missionaries were murdered on August 21 at Bangante, Cameroon.

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Cameroon police have instituted a wide-spread search for the murderers. They could advance no cause for the slayings. Meanwhile, other missionaries in the area have been moved to Douala for their own safety.—E.P.S.

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