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LOTTERY  
REFERENDUM IN S.A.

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NO HOURS  
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## NO REFERENDUM

Mr. Bolte's Victorian Government has announced with indecent haste that a Bill to be presented this week will contain many of the recommendations of the Royal Commissioner, Mr. P. D. Phillips, Q.C. This means that a referendum on hotel trading hours will not be held.

Secure in the pledged support of the Labor Party, whose members will not even enjoy the privilege of the conscience vote accorded to Liberal members, the Bill is almost sure to be passed and will become law about March, 1966.

This journal, with others, has bluntly charged the Liberal Party with a failure to fulfil its promise not to settle the question of extended hotel hours without a referendum. To justify its new attitude, the Liberals say that the "no change without a referendum" policy was the "present policy" of the Party at the time of the last State election. The policy of the Party has now been changed, and the present "present policy" is to proceed with legislation without a referendum. In this way the Liberal Party claims to be consistent with its policy.

This is, of course, political skulduggery. Every policy announced by a party at election time is its "present" policy. If the current action of the Liberal Party can be justified, then the announcement of any policy at all at election time would be worth nothing. All kinds of promises could be made and, after the election, changed at the next Party conference.

We realise that in some cases a change from a declared policy becomes necessary, and we are not so naive as to suggest that a government should go to the people every time it changed its mind. But this question of liquor hours is one that has been previously settled by a referendum. It has been accepted as a question which should be submitted to the people, and when the Liberal Party was specifically asked its attitude at the last election, its spokesmen said, "Yes, this is our policy." How could the Liberal Party expect the people to receive this answer other than as an assurance that this would be the Government's policy throughout its present term of office?

Another election is due in 1967 at the latest. There are rumours that an election will be held even earlier. The Liberal Party could well have waited until then and announced its "present" policy to change hotel hours without a referendum. This would have been the fair and honest way.

An all-church deputation was received by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Rylah, on August 11, and it strongly pressed for a referendum. Mr. Rylah gave an assurance that the views of the churches would be given serious consideration. There has been some conflict of opinion regarding the effect of liquor trading hours on social problems, but there has been complete unanimity among the churches regarding the need for a referendum.

Why is there such a hurry to get this legislation before Parliament and passed? The last we heard from the Government was that legislation would not even be considered until the third and final section of Mr. Phillip's report was received. The third section had not been received when the announcement was made last week that a Bill was to be presented immediately.

The Government has been less than honest in all of this business. If they are so sure that later trading hours is what the people want, a referendum would be the best way to satisfy all sections of the community. And it would give some relief to the Liberal Party conscience.

## VIGIL FOR PEACE

In this issue there is an announcement of a Silent Vigil for Peace being arranged in capital and provincial cities throughout Australia on October 31.

Many will spend an hour in silent prayerful witness as a recognition that we need God's help in many areas of conflict, especially that of Vietnam.

Admittedly, the issues in Vietnam are complicated beyond measure, and there are many who will question the proposed alternative action for Vietnam. It is because the problems are so difficult that Christians should together seek God's way for peace.

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# GAMBLING: YES! OR NO!

South Australia is expected to have a referendum on a State Lottery in November. This article is portion of a statement prepared by Rev. M. C. Trenorden, Supt. of Methodist Dept. of Christian Citizenship.

### Increased Interest

Not only in South Australia, but Australia and beyond, there is an increasing interest in gambling. This comes from two sources, those who are in opposition and those who are now engaging in it as a pastime and see no harm in it provided it is done in moderation.

That it often gets out of hand and becomes immoderate, few would argue. The tremendous growth in organised gambling in Australia since World War II is causing concern amongst leaders other than churchmen and moralists.

The lotteries in every State but S.A. and Tasmania (the latter had one but surrendered their licence in 1961), the establishment of T.A.B. in all States excepting S.A. and Tasmania, the prodigious turnover from the poker machines — one-armed bandits — in New South Wales, and the betting, on-course, through licensed bookmakers and totalizators, all total to an amazing turnover.

Then if we add to this amount an estimate of the illegal betting that continues in the different States, we get a staggering total. Estimates vary between £750 million to £1,000 million annually Australians invest in the various forms of gambling.

This is more than we spend on all health, hospitals and charitable works; more than we spend on law and public safety. We spent only £163 million on education (1961-62 figures), and this was only about one-fifth of our gambling spree.

### Not Confined to Australia

Great Britain, with its bingo and betting shops, plus all the other paraphernalia of a gambling-mad people, spent twice as much in 1962 on gambling than on the Royal Navy. ("Money, Mania and Morals," p. 15.)

In U.S.A., one responsible estimate puts the American gambling Bill at 50,000 million dollars. It is also claimed that Americans spend more on gambling than on national defence. (See "Money, Mania and Morals," p. 15.)

### Three Facts

1. Gambling is morally wrong. "Gambling," says Ralph Sutton, in "What's wrong with a gamble?" "is basically selfish. People who enter lotteries for 'Good Causes' do not primarily do it for that motive. Gambling stultifies the charitable impulses in people and develops a race that looks to see what they get out of something before they will put anything into it. This . . . is a denial of human brotherhood . . ."

Gambling is undercutting the work of every altruistic organisation in our life."

No one can ever win at a gamble without others lose. This loss is often inflicted upon the relatives of the loser, and wives and children are called to suffer so that one person may gain.

2. Socially undesirable. — Thomas Dewey, former Governor of New York State, declared that "the entire history of legalised gambling in this country and abroad shows that it has brought nothing but poverty, crime and corruption, demoralisation of moral and ethical standards, and ultimately a lower living standard and misery for all the people." (The Goodly Heritage, p. 33, "Christian Citizenship.")

The Report of the Joint Committee into Lotteries in Canada, 1956, said, ". . . that no useful purpose could be achieved by the institution of a State Lottery in Canada" (25) . . . "that appropriate emendations be made to the customs laws to prohibit the importation of foreign lottery tickets and any advertising and other material connected with such lotteries" (36). (Quoted from "Christian Citizenship," p. 34.)

We should note especially the reference to advertising and selling. In those States where lotteries operate pressure is constantly being brought to bear, both directly and indirectly, upon the public to purchase tickets. Appeals are made to man's innate cupidity and superstition to invest in the "lucky" store. The practice becomes degrading and infantile.

3. It is economically unsound. — The figures for State Lotteries in Australia reveal that for the five years, 1957-58 to 1961-62, Australians invested £167.7 million in lotteries; £104.6 million was paid in prizes; net contributions to State Government revenues, £51.6 millions.



Presumably the £11.5 million unaccounted for in these pictures is for administration and other legitimate purposes. It should be noticed that approximately 30 per cent of the amount invested will be paid into charities. On the basis of purchasing a lottery ticket at five shillings this means one shilling and sixpence only finds its way into charity.

In the famous Irish Sweepstakes, Lycurgus Starkey estimates in "M.M. and M." (p. 18), that a mere 17½ per cent only of the total proceeds actually goes to the hospitals of Ireland. In their advertising much is made of the charitable base for this sweepstake.

When full consideration is given to the proposal for a lottery for South Australia, and the average Australian investment, and assuming that all South Australian money will be invested here, it is assumed that no South Australian investors are in the overall Australian total, the highest income that could reasonably be expected would be approximately £3.3 million. Deduct 60 per cent of this for prizes, add administrative costs, deduct a further figure to cover an amount that will continue to leave the State, and our guess is that profit for hospitals and charities will be considerably less than £1 million.

We predict that there will be a substantial reduction in voluntary giving, which makes us ask again — Is a State Lottery for South Australia worth the economic candle?

### Finally

We realise that much more could be said on this whole question, and some aspects of the matter have not been mentioned. We are aware also of the fact that there are other social questions, and that some of the practices associated with them are far from Christian. The evil effects from these are obvious, and the suffering and hurt caused are very real. If we have been unduly silent on these we must take our share of the blame.

Having realised this fact, and knowing that criticism on these matters may have some justification, we still see no reason for vacating the position of opposition to gambling and other obvious and gross social evils. Very often the publicity we receive in our opposition is not of our own making. Often, too, the voice which we raise on other social issues is not reported in the popular press, for apparently this has little news value.

# LINES FROM LEICESTER

BY STANTON H. WILSON

World Convention has been reported upon by others, but permit me to point out this: on the "Ecumenical Night," the representatives of the Salvation Army were Brigadier Churchill and Colonel Kaiser — an interesting combination! Talking of things "ecumenical," in Puerto Rico, I was introduced to an American who was announced as a professor of Ecumenics and Missiology. I gathered he was interested in Unity and Missions.

## CITY TEMPLE MAKES HISTORY.

On a recent visit to London, I attended a two-hour meeting in City Temple. It was the first theological "Teach-in" to have been held in England. The occasion marked the publication of Dr. Leslie Weatherhead's new book, "The Christian Agnostic." The minister of City Temple (Dr. A. Leonard Griffith) presided over a panel of four: Dr. Weatherhead, Mr. John Wren-Lewis (a noted scientist and Anglican layman), the Bishop of Llandaff and Father Thomas Corbishly, England's best-known Jesuit priest. There were over a thousand in the congregation and, in the gallery, where I was, men outnumbered women by three to one.

The discussion between members of the congregation and the panel, and between members of the panel itself, was always lively and charitable. Most of the vital issues and current controversies raised in "The Christian Agnostic" were debated. I shall always remember with gratitude the Jesuit's magnificent defence of the Doctrine of the Virgin Birth. Dr. Weatherhead, whose health has been indifferent of late, was in fine form for these two hours. It was a delight to hear once again the winsome and engaging voice of this great preacher who was celebrating the 50th anniversary of his entrance into the Methodist ministry.

I had to forgo my lunch to attend this "Teach-in." On my way down the street, afterwards, I saw, in a shop window, a pineapple for thirteen shillings. I did not buy it, but ate my sandwiches in Hyde Park.

## A GREAT AUSTRALIAN.

To close my day in London, I went to see the play, "Robert and Elizabeth" — the "musical" based on the love of Robert Browning for Elizabeth Barrett of Wimpole Street. It is a delightful presentation of divine healing through human love and understanding — one of the best "sermons" on the subject I have ever heard.

My initial interest in the play was because June Bronhill, our own Australian

is the "star" in this performance. The play is drawing packed audiences night after night, and at matinees too. It was a special delight for me to have a fifteen-minute interview with June Bronhill in person. We talked of plays and people and places (including her home city, Broken Hill, N.S.W.), and of the need to have a mission in life. I was happy to hear this gifted singer and actress say that she will be playing in "Robert and Elizabeth" in Australia early next year. "Don't miss it" is my simple and sincere advice.

## EIGHTEEN BAPTISMS.

One day last month there were eighteen baptisms at our church, Evington Road chapel was crowded (both nave and gallery) with West Indians, who are known as Pilgrim Holiness Christians. There were only six "whites" in this "black" congregation of 250. The building resounded to lusty singing accompanied by piano, guitars and tambourines. Prayers and 24 testimonies were punctuated with calls of "Amen," "Holy Father," "Lord Jesus" and "Blessed Holy Spirit," and numerous ascriptions of praise. Towards the close of the service, eighteen persons, having been baptized, were required to "stand out in front" and give their testimonies one by one. We were impressed by the joy, fervour and devotion of these people, and the seriousness and significance which they attached to Believers' Baptism. Each year, Evington Road makes their sanctuary, with its lovely open baptistry, available to these fellow-Christians at the time of their Annual Conference.

## DRINKING DRIVERS.

Professor John Cohen, of Manchester University, recently expressed dismay at the prospect of the British Government's acceptance of the B.M.A. level of 80 milligrams per 100 millilitres as the basis for the imminent regulations on drinking and driving. Professor Cohen said: "It is very doubtful whether such a limit would make much difference to the casualty rates." His contention is that there is no level of alcohol which does not impair a driver's judgment.

## WHAT NEXT?

Chairs in hotel and catering management are to be established at the new Strathclyde University at Glasgow, and the proposed University of Surrey. The scheme is backed by the Rank Organisation, whose chairman announced that the group was providing the money for an initial period of seven years. Students will be able to qualify for B.Sc. and B.A. degrees in the subject. The move will make Britain and Switzerland the only



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two European countries where such degrees can be obtained. What next? — a Diploma or Hotel Management listed as "Dip.Hot.Man.", I suppose.

## ANOTHER GREAT AUSTRALIAN.

One of my church officers at Evington Road is an accountant. Recently, in the course of business, he had the pleasure of spending several hours with a visiting accountant, Ron Clarke, that "phenomenal Australian distance runner," who holds the world's 5,000 metre record. My friend was as much impressed by Ron's modest bearing, self-discipline and dedication, as he was by the way he wears his athletic laurels. It is interesting to know that this world-renowned athlete is a non-smoker and a non-drinker.

It's autumn in England. If autumn comes, can winter be far behind? I hope you all have a happy surfing season!

## BIBLE SOCIETIES SEEK AID

(London). The United Bible Societies predict a combined deficit of £2,221,000 (\$6,218,000) for Bible Society work throughout the world in 1966. The figure is the anticipated gap between expenditure and income in some 120 countries in which proceeds of sales and local collections are insufficient to meet the cost of the work.

In these areas, as well as in others, cheap editions are sold at subsidised prices fixed in relation to the purchasing capacity of the lowest income. Translation costs account for nearly £250,000 (\$700,000) of this amount, covering work in some 600 languages.

Bible Societies in "affluent countries" have been asked to raise funds to cover the deficit which is about £350,000 (\$980,000) more than the amount required for the 1965 budget.

The Bible Societies will continue their campaign, "God's Word For a New Age," which has as its goal the increase in distribution of copies of the Scriptures and Scripture portions from 50,000,000 in 1963 to 150,000,000 in 1966.—E.P.S.

## FACES AND PLACES

# NO. 48 CARINGBAH, N.S.W.

By J. COOKE, B.A.

The church at Caringbah was first affiliated with Conference in 1947, having been formed some time before that when a handful of members from the Rockdale church moved into the slowly developing Sutherland Shire. For several years the church met in the home of the late W. A. Smith, and it was here that the Bible School was formed.

Land in an excellent position was donated by Mrs. Bingley, and the first building was erected by voluntary labour. Many tradesmen were in the early membership, and this first building, now used as the Kinder Hall, was one of which we were justly proud. It served as Bible School hall, club meeting hall, chapel, and anything else, until 1962, when the second building was erected. This also is an all-purpose building, and it is planned that the third stage of the building programme will take place in 1966, when the chapel will be erected. The fourth and final stage of the building programme will be the linking of all three buildings and the alteration of the Kinder Hall.

Highlights of the church's history include the ministry of the late E. C. Hinrichsen, who was ministering at Caringbah until his Home call, and there are members in the church today who responded to Christ's call during his time with us. Kevin Crawford, at present Director of Home Missions and Evangelism in N.S.W., succeeded Mr. Hinrichsen, first as a student and then as full-time minister. He did much to consolidate the work.

During his ministry the building programme was planned and the first "Teaching of Giving" campaign was launched. This latter became, in effect, a pilot scheme and has since been used in many other churches which have sought his advice.

Mr. Cooke is Secretary of Caringbah church, and Asst. Sec. of N.S.W. Conference. He is a graduate of Sydney University and a master at Port Hacking High School.

Mr. Crawford was followed by Bruce Armstrong, first as a final year student, and then as a full-time minister. Before his initial period of service was completed, however, he received a call to serve as Director of the Department of Christian Education. Following his departure, Dr. A. G. Elliott was able to give a part-time ministry. At present a student ministry is being conducted by Franklyn Elliott, who, upon the completion of his College course will take up the full-time work at Caringbah.

The Bible School is an integral part of the work. In an area where junior sport is an enticement to young people there are about 200 members of the school, ranging in age from 3 to 15. The staff is enthusiastic and reliable.

Caringbah is a young suburb. It is young as a residential area — and it has a young population. The result is that youth work is a fundamental part of the church's outreach. Life Boys and Girls' Brigade groups are operating, and a very active Girls' Club is having a strong influence on its members. C.Y.F. caters for the older young people.

Men's and Women's groups are also quite active and valuable in the contacts which are made with many who are beginning to show an interest in Christ and his work.

A recent event of great importance has been the commencement of the work at Engadine — a neighbouring suburb — where, together with the churches at Hurstville, Bexley North, Rockdale, and the H.M. Dept., Caringbah has underwritten the cost of the land on which the future buildings will be erected. More important than the financial assistance are the very active members who have transferred their homes and their membership to Engadine.

Caringbah looks forward to a great advance in the years ahead as, together with the new church at Engadine, we work for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# WORK FORCE — NEW GUINEA

For several weeks during August and September a notice appeared in the "Australian Christian" advising that volunteers were required for a small work force to go to New Guinea to assist in the erection of the Bunapas Hospital.

In response to this appeal, eight have volunteered. They are: Messrs. H. G. Feary, G. Harrison, J. Oates, R. I. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones (Mrs. Jones will cook for the party) from the York St. church, Ballarat, G. Allen, Dawson St. church, Ballarat, and P. Clayton, from Springvale.

Some of the men will be paying all travel expenses, others will be sponsored by individuals or churches. In some cases sponsorship will include loss of wages. While on the field, food and accommodation will be provided.

We are thankful that contributions amounting to £67/10/- have been forwarded for food, but it is estimated that £280 will be needed to cover the cost of food, M.A.F. charters, river transport and hostel accommodation in Madang.

The Overseas Mission Board would be grateful to receive any assistance towards providing these needs. Let us show our appreciation to these folk who are willing to experience separation from their families as well as make financial sacrifices in order to go.

The team will leave Melbourne by Ansett-A.N.A. on Oct. 26. Flight times are: Depart Melb., 8 p.m., Flight 322; arrive Sydney, 9.05 p.m. Depart Sydney, 11.45 p.m., Flight 902; arrive Brisbane, 1.15 a.m. Depart Brisbane, 2 a.m. Tentative date for return is Dec. 10.

Meanwhile, in New Guinea, detailed preparations are being made to have everything in readiness for the work force. We would urge the brotherhood to remember these brethren in prayer.

## KOREA PERMITS RE-OPENING OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

(Seoul). Yonsei University, South Korea's leading Protestant institution of higher education, was permitted to re-open two weeks after its abrupt closure by the Korean government for failure to discipline "political" professors and students who allegedly took part in anti-government riots.

The government permitted the re-opening after two professors resigned in the interest of protecting the university from further reprisals.

Following student demonstrations in mid-August opposing the treaty between South Korea and Japan, the government blacklisted 21 university professors and students at various universities for "instigating" the riots. Since then a total of nine professors have quit voluntarily and two have been fired. A number of students have been expelled.—E.P.S.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### PRES. AT BROOKLYN PARK

(S.A.). The S.A. Conf. Pres., M. T. Lawrie, was speaker at church anniversary on Oct. 3. In the evening, the minister, J. W. Lewis, traced the history of the church and the choir sang, under the leadership of P. Paschke . . . S.S. anniversary speakers were R. Sercombe, R. Holmes, K. D. Horne, J. W. Lewis. The picnic was held at National Park. . . . Stan Eagle addressed the Men's Society on "Know Your Car," and Ian Mauger spoke to the Ladies' Fellowship on "Decimal Currency" . . . Two girls and three boys' basketball teams were premiers. Juniors are coached by Rolfe Peacock and Ian Voysey.

### MEMBER REMEMBERED

(Nth. Adelaide, S.A.). On Sept. 26, reference was made to the passing of Claude Verco, a pioneer member of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Verco had kept in touch with N.A. since moving, and paid monthly visits to their old church. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne, of Thailand, spoke to church on Oct. 10.

### WOMEN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs. C. E. Watson, newly elected State President, presided at the monthly meeting held at Grote-st. on Oct. 7. 158 were present, including 127 delegates and two visitors. Devotions were led by Mrs. Watson.

As this was the first meeting for the Conference year, a welcome was extended to new delegates and newly elected members of the Executive and departments. A special visitor was Miss Win. Walker, missionary on furlough from Dhond, India. Correspondence included a letter from Mrs. Wylie, in Puerto Rico. Mrs. E. Simpson, Hampstead Gardens, was elected second Vice-President of Women's Conference.

World Community Day was observed on Friday, Oct. 22, with a service in Pirie-st. Methodist Church, for all members of the community. A Study Day, arranged by the Dept. of Christian Education, will be held at Longwood Camp on Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (bring your own lunch). Gifts for distribution by Hospital Department are requested for November meeting. Prayer Meeting Dept. would appreciate similar gifts to be used in visitation.

Miss Walker brought greetings from Women's Conference in India, and on behalf of missionaries and Indian Christians expressed thanks for continued prayer and for gifts. She spoke of the Bible correspondence course, medico-evangelistic work in villages, and famine conditions in India. Prayer is constantly needed.

Thought for the month: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5: 1. —M. Wright, Asst. Sec.

## SCIENCE AND FAITH

(Unley, S.A.). Dr. John Lawton led the C.Y.F. camp studies on "Science and the Christian Faith." Thirty attended. . . . All scholars took part in musical and elocutionary items in the Church School anniversary. Tribute was paid to the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Heitzman . . . The school picnic was held at National Park . . . Anniversary items and an address on the World Convention, by I. J. Chivell, have been taken to shut-in members via tape-recorder. . . . Organised visiting of non-active members has commenced . . . Following discipleship classes, two teenage girls have been baptized . . . The church regrets the loss of the organist, David Porter, who has removed from the district. Organists now are: a.m., Peter Trevaskis, and p.m., Miss Vera Harding.

### SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER WARNS AGAINST NEWSPAPER ATTACKS

(Singapore). Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, of Singapore, has warned the nation's leading Malay-language newspaper that it will be indicted for sedition if it continues to publish articles which could arouse religious strife.

"Utusan Melayu" ("Malay Messenger") has printed several articles alleging that Christians, particularly Roman Catholics, sought to convert Muslims by offering bribes.

Singapore Christian leaders have declared they "do not believe in or countenance unfair or unethical attempts to change a person's religious convictions." They said the churches had never gone out of their way to convert Muslims and that the R.C. Church's policy, in particular, had been rather to refrain from converting Muslims.—E.P.S.

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## NIGHT IN INDIA

(Grote-st., S.A.). The Missionary Fellowship presented an "India" night. There were Indian choruses, Indian recipes served by sari-clad girls, the guest speaker was returned missionary, Miss Win. Walker, and Mrs. Pat. Coventry showed slides of Indian missionary work. Seventy attended and the offering for Overseas Missions was £27/10/- . . . Mr. Chatfield addressed the church on Oct. 3, and showed slides of leper missions to the after-church fellowship. . . . The B.S. and church held a picnic at "The Gorge" on Oct. 11 . . . The church offers sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Waldron and Mr. and Mrs. Boxhall in their bereavements.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### YOUTHARAMA

(Lane Cove, N.S.W.). The Youtharama gospel service titled "Rebels with a Cause," featured guitars with organ accompaniment, in our "Teen Sings" session. Young people also took part in the service. Our school hall, and facilities, were taxed to capacity when approximately 140 were present at the 1 hour "Sugar Shack" which followed the service. Over 100 of those present were young people, including visitors. Church members, and friends, provided an excellent outing for 40 "teens" per car and boat for a barbecue on Shark Island (Sydney Harbour) the day before the youth service. . . . R. B. Elbourne is minister.

### C.W.F. CELEBRATION

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). The C.W.F. anniversary was addressed by Mrs. Kirby, wife of Canon Kirby, of St. John's Church of England. The Mayoress of Tamworth, Mrs. Cole, also attended. Eighty were present . . . Mrs. Jim Henderson, Women's Conf. Pres., N.S.W., attended the Oct. C.W.F. meeting . . .

The C.Y.F. produce a monthly paper called "The Little Echo" . . . Two young women and two young men, students from Woolwich Bible College, led a service on Sept. 19 . . . A Western night, complete with bales of hay (borrowed), lanterns, whips, bushrangers, etc., were featured in a night to receive "Building Fund Boxes." Over £45 was handed in. . . . A.C.E. continues on a monthly basis.

### FOUR BAPTISMS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). D. Oldfield, minister-elect, was the guest preacher on Oct. 10. Special feature of the gospel service was the baptism of four young people by Mr. Oldfield. Ron Bartholomew conducted service and was assisted in song by Mr. Glazier. The service was followed by the monthly after-church fellowship . . . A well-attended church picnic was held at Bungool on Oct. 4.

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New Testament (Greek Text): Four passed.

Old Testament: Miss P. Coulton, R. B. Whan; thirteen passed.

Christian Doctrine: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. Elliott, A. Gordon, B. Hill, Z. Meilens, D. Nutt, Miss J. Smith, G. J. Warne; five others passed.

Church History: Miss P. Coulton, F. Elliott, D. Nutt, G. J. Warne; nine others passed.

Ancient History: R. A. Kallmier; three others passed.

Advanced English: Eight passed.

Historical Theology: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. Elliott, A. Gordon, D. Nutt, G. J. Warne; four others passed.

Homiletics I.: E. Holt, R. A. Kallmier,

Miss J. Smith, Miss G. Thornton; three others passed.

Homiletics II.: R. B. Whan, K. Farmer; five others passed.

Homiletics III.: R. Brown, K. Coulton, B. Hill, D. Holstein, G. J. Warne; two others passed.

Comparative Religion: Miss P. Coulton, R. A. Kallmier, Miss J. Smith, R. B. Whan, K. Farmer; eleven others passed.

Christian Education I.: E. Holt, R. A. Kallmier, Miss R. Mudford, A. D. Sander, R. B. Whan, K. Farmer, W. J. Flett.

Christian Education II.: R. Brown, R. Craig, A. Gordon, B. Hill, D. Nutt, G. J. Warne; two others passed.

Psychology: W. R. Whitton; five others passed.

Research Essays: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. Elliott, A. Gordon, Miss D. Holstein, Z. Meilens.

—A. W. Stephenson, Principal

### AWAITING MINISTRY

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). The church is preparing for the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hodgekiss, early in 1966. P.E. Thomas and K. Caulton are assisting as part-time ministers . . . The youth work is led by David Oliver and Darrell Martin. Ken Small is B.S. supt., and Stephen Sulfaro, kindergarten supt. Girls' clubs are led by Mrs. J. Morris and Miss V. Weston. Mrs. Barnes is pres. of C.W.F.

### TEMPLE OFFERING

(Inverell, N.S.W.). £300 was received at the Temple Day offering during the anniversary weekend . . . The "Pied Piper" variety concert on Sept. 22 raised £17 for the projector fund appeal. The musicale was produced and directed by Mrs. Bruce Cann and members of her family. C.E. and S.S. young people were in the cast . . . A church library is being formed with Mrs. Lyn Bailey in charge . . . A youth service on Oct. 10 featured a recorded children's story, "Jonah," by younger children . . . C.W.F. welcomed the President, Mrs. J. Henderson, on Oct. 12.

### NOW 42

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Speakers at the 42nd anniversary services were Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Moran, D. Brown, P. Looney, J. Roberts and Mrs. Corlin. The Sunday School anniversary, on Oct. 10, featured "Sgt. Leon" and his friend, Bruce Armstrong, Director of Christian Educ. for N.S.W. The minister, W. D. Howard, was chairman. Mrs. J. Roberts led the kinders in poems and song. Prizes were distributed, with special prizes going to Hugh Cox, dux of the kindergarten, and Janine Butts, dux of the B.S.

A large congregation of students, staff and friends participated in the broadcast service, which was led by Rev. Vernon Turner, well-known Director of the Christian Broadcasting Association. The presentation included interviews with Principal A. W. Stephenson, who briefly outlined some aspects of the work and witness of the College in the life of Churches of Christ, and with Miss Dorothy Holstein, who, on completion of her studies at the end of this year, will go to India to serve as a nursing sister at our Churches of Christ Mission Hospital, Dhond. The musical programme featured soloist Ed. Holt, and the Woolwich College trio, Franklyn Elliott, Dean Sander and Graham Warne, and a selection of hymns sung by the congregation, with Warren Murray at the Hammond organ.

### FULL VACATION MINISTRY

(Beverley Hills, N.S.W.). J. Back, student minister, will serve in a full-time capacity during vacation . . . The Women's Fellowships have raised £50 for the Esperance project . . . 31 C.Y.F.'s held a successful camp at Katoomba over the holiday weekend. The C.Y.F. has raised the finance needed to support

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES  
TO . . .  
An All-Aboriginal Concert

For the past nine years it has been the custom of the "NADOC" (National Aborigines Observance Day Committee) in Adelaide, to run a Saturday evening concert, in which some Aborigines have been asked to present items.

This year the Adelaide Aboriginal population asked if they could do it themselves. Some had misgivings! How were they going to keep order? How were they going to organise a concert of sufficient quality to be worth the 3/- admission fee? Who was going to be compere? The native folk (some of them of quite high standing in the community and church life of the suburbs) were full of confidence.

The Y.W.C.A. Hall in North Adelaide was crowded out, with every available chair from other rooms brought in to cope with the crowd. When the curtain went up, against the back-drop of deep purple, star-spangled, representing the inland Australian sky, the chorus, composed of girls from various hostels around the city, were found to be sitting in a carefully arranged "casual" manner, on bales of hay.

It was to be a "country-style evening." The compere was a young part-Aboriginal, who played the piano with verve, and no little ability, and also formed part of a trio of "beat" musicians. (Not exactly my type of music, but well done, I am told!) The chorus filled in between instrumental and singing items with a variety of well-sung songs, from "Happy Wanderer" to "How Great Thou Art."

I noticed in the audience (this piece reads like the "society" column of a newspaper!) the Hon. Don Dunstan, Attorney General, and also Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. He is a young man who has brought enthusiasm and sincerity to his work amongst the Aborigines. Dr. Charles Duguid, of Ernabella and Central Australia fame, was there. Mrs. Rex Batterbee was there without her husband. I heard that Rex, whose name will always be associated with the Namatjira School of Painting, was ill.

Various church representatives were also present, but true to "society column" rules, they do not get mentioned! They did, however, include L. Samuels (U.A.M.), Chairman of "NADOC," and Roger Brown, Vice-Chairman (Methodist Overseas Mission rep.). Bob and Lorna Bell, a husband and wife team who have served on our State Aborigines Committee for many years were in evidence, having been pressed into running a "canteen" or sweets stall, at the side of the hall, at the last moment!

Jimmy Lester, blind Aboriginal young man from our Brighton church, entertained with singing and guitar. A gracious grey-haired lady recited a

Christmas poem beautifully, Children, trained by an enthusiastic school teacher, enacted the beautiful legend of the discovery of fire. One of the most affecting moments was when an Aboriginal lady sang, in a full rich voice, an old favourite called "Belonging." The whole audience (which had several times made some friendly comments during the items) joined in the chorus, "Belonging! Belonging! A feeling I've never had!" I didn't hear the rest of it — there were tears in my eyes, for here, I recognised, was the essence of the problem of the civilised Aborigines. Until we white people can give them the feeling of "belonging" our work will never be completed!

I came back to earth with a bump when the next vocalist, a lady approaching middle age sang, "Let me belong to you," and an elderly man behind me called out, "No, Dearie, you're too young for me!" She took it like a seasoned trouper, without missing a note!

The other highlight was when the chorus sang, with real feeling, "The Place Where I Worship," and against the soft background of the chorus, a lady stepped forward and recited the familiar words with clear enunciation and deep sensitivity . . .

"You can hear God say,  
"This is your country, this is your home;  
Keep its splendour, and guard its glory."  
It's a song of freedom coming from  
The valley to the hilltops — it never stops!  
And all the birds on the wing are like a choir;  
You can hear them sing, 'You're free to worship here —  
All creeds, all races, are one before God . . ."

Yes, I had my money's worth, and would like to go through the same precious experience again.

—David G. Hammer,

I.C.A. OFFICER NEEDED

The President of the S.A. Council of Churches, the Rev. M. C. Trenorden, has announced that the Council and the Inter-Church Aid Committee for S.A. were seeking a new full-time Officer. This was a new appointment, and there was scope for an energetic person to fulfil this important inter-church post.

The income for Inter-Church Aid had quadrupled in the last few years, and had become an important and integral part of the life of the churches. Since its inception Inter-Church aid had been administered in co-operation with the Methodist Dept. of Christian Citizenship, but because of its growth it was demanding more concentrated attention.

The S.A. Council of Churches officer had been responsible for a deal of re-settlement work, but as there was expected to be an easing in this work, church authorities in South Australia had decided on an integration of the work of the two bodies.

Mr. Trenorden said the Committee would welcome enquiries from people who felt a call to this type of work. Further information could be obtained from Rev. M. C. Trenorden, Box 1575M, G.P.O., Adelaide.

Intending applicants should have the ability to communicate, be in good standing with their particular church, have a desire for a closer co-operation and union of the churches, have a gift of administration, and a vision of the role of the servant church. Applications would close on Nov. 13, 1965.



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CHRISTIAN UNION —

"IN CONVERSATION"

Where is Authority Found?

NO. 5

BY PRINCIPAL E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A. (Vic.)

In the course of history new points of departure have been presented by outstanding individuals who have proved to be channels of light and truth. Founders of living religions, prophets, reformers, discoverers and pioneers in various fields have shown the possibility of private judgment and proved its worth.

Tradition, in the sense of what has been and is commonly believed and practised, is often the medium through which truth is preserved. But tradition can be perverted, blind and tyrannical. In this case private judgment provides a necessary protest and point of departure. It was in this sense that the Reformers stressed the right of private judgment which seemed to lie together with emphases on the worth of the individual and the priesthood of all believers.

It should be recognised that individuals have also presented new points of departure along lines of darkness and error. Further, all rights are open to corruption, and values can be turned into disvalues.

The right of private judgment can turn into arrogance, such as when somebody says: "God and one man are a majority, and I am the one man." Here the right of private judgment has produced an unhealthy individualism, lacking in humility and receptiveness, and leading to isolationism. Any isolationism is dangerous, for isolation can do strange things to individuals and groups.

The dangers of individualism and isolation are corrected by the fellowship of the group. It is a false assumption that the Holy Spirit guides surely through an individual but doubtfully through a group — a committee or the church.

Absolute authority is found in Christ, who is the final revelation. This means

that final authority is found in the New Testament, which is the primary witness to Christ. The Scriptures are normative.

The ultimate tribunal for the individual conscience is the throne of God. So long as one does not trespass on the rights of another he must be free to follow his conscience according to his understanding — his private judgment — of the Scriptures, and the application of authority to life.

But if there is to be a community, and if we are to live in a community, as we must, the community's understanding of the Scriptures must provide the rule. If the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the church has any reality, it means that, in discerning and interpreting the truth given in the Scriptures, in summarising it and in applying it in on-going life situations, the church is the medium of practical authority.

We have to live with a paradox. While the church must ever be subject to the stimulus and even correction of private judgment, the latter constantly needs the correction of the fellowship of the church, not only at the local level, but at the confessional level (through what we call "Conference" and "Departments") and at ecumenical levels.

YOUTH GROUP DISBANDED

(U.S.A.). The Baptist Youth Fellowship in the U.S.A. has been dissolved by its national council. The action was taken to encourage young people to participate in the total life of the church, rather than in a separate organisation. However, it is anticipated many local churches will wish to continue to organise their own youth groups.—E.P.S.

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QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

What should our church do about the minister who no longer has the confidence of the members?

This is an easy question to answer. If a minister does not enjoy the confidence of the church which called him, then his ministry should not be renewed. He will have an agreement with the church to serve for a specified period. When that period is drawing to a close, the church should call someone else who will have the full confidence of the members. It is as simple as that.

Many of the questions I receive do not indicate the background or the reason they are asked. For example, this one.

I would like to ask: How do you know that your minister no longer enjoys the confidence of the congregation? Were the members asked? If yes, who asked them, how were they asked, in what form, and on whose authority? If no, how can you know that the members have lost confidence in their minister?

If this estimate of the members' attitude has been reached outside of the official board, there may be something fishy about it. I heard of one man who kept telling everyone that his minister was no good, and that the church was tired of him and wanted a change. When a vote was taken it was discovered that there was only this one man who wanted a change. Because he had unbounded admiration for his own judgment, he was sure that everyone else thought as he did. This is not an uncommon fault with the arrogant.

If the board of officers has lost confidence in the minister, it could be an entirely different situation. The elders and deacons represent the members and if the elders and deacons feel that a change is desirable, it is a fair deduction to say that this is also the view of the membership in general. This is not certain, as some official boards have learned through bitter experience, but it is still a fair deduction.

However, unless the minister's completion of his term is likely to harm the cause of Christ, he should be allowed to do so. His rights and his future service should also be protected. There are adequate safeguards for the church if a minister proves wholly unworthy of his calling, and probably the first reasonable step is to discuss the matter with the appropriate State advisory board. While he is the minister, he should continue to receive the support, encouragement and prayers of all of the members.

The cause of Christ will suffer untold and often irreparable damage if any member undermines the leadership, witness and service of the minister by gossip or criticism.

"On the brow of a gentle hill rising from the town . . ."

## SWANSTON STREET CHURCH CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED YEARS

On the lawns outside the Public Library of Melbourne, artists and architects, with sketch boards or easels, may be seen from time to time reproducing the lovely church that stands across Swanston Street in the shadow of a tall city building. Now one of the city's landmarks, the fine building is the home of the city Church of Christ which celebrates this month a hundred years of Christian witness.

Although it is now almost in the heart of Melbourne's second city, when the land was purchased for a group who seceded from Scots Church, it was beyond the boundary of Melbourne town, which practically ceased at Lonsdale St. The cost of the land was £2/10/-. The original building was erected in 1847, and the present structure in 1863. It was known as John Knox church.

The Church of Christ met in the Manchester Unity Hall in Swanston Street, commencing on Oct. 22, 1865. When the John Knox congregation was dissolved, the Church of Christ became tenants in its building. In 1883, the Presbyterian Church sold the building to our people for £4,500. Thus began a long and effective city witness. In all the changes in and around the city, the Swanston Street church has maintained our distinctive position.

Some great church families have been

We deeply regret to announce that F. Horace Simpson, Secretary of Swanston Street church, Vic., died in the early hours of Tuesday, Oct. 19. Mr. Simpson has given splendid service to Christ and the church, and his contribution to the present programme is beyond measure. We offer our sympathy to his loved ones and to his church in the great loss that has come to those he served so well.

### ABORIGINES REMEMBERED

(Redcliffe, Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. C. Burdeu showed slides and spoke of the work among the Aborigines . . . A piano has been purchased for the hall and Sunday School . . . Young people attended and entered youth sports . . . H. I. Walmsley showed slides and told the church about the Mission to Lepers . . . Alex. Surtees, Conf. Pres., addressed the church on Oct. 3.

### SOCIAL PROBLEMS SEMINAR

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). From Oct. 10 to 17, the church conducted a "Seminar" on Social and Community Problems, in which various pertinent subjects, such as "Alcoholism, Its Causes and Prevention," "Smoking and Lung Cancer," "Cancer Research — Detection and Treatment," "Road Safety," etc., were discussed by experts in these fields. Among the visiting specialists were Dr. Lawrence (Clinical Supt., King George V. Hospital), Dr. Mary Haseltine (Pathologist, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital), Professor Finckh (Dept. Pathology, Sydney University), and Dr. Kotz (noted authority on the treatment of Alcoholism). High quality films dealing with aspects of the subjects under discussion were screened, and on the concluding Sunday of the series, C. J. Mackenzie, minister

associated with this church, and names like Abercrombie, Lawson, Lyall, Kemp, McGregor, Mitchell and Walker, to mention but a few, are honoured in the records of the congregation. Some of these families are still represented. The present secretary, F. H. Simpson, is a grandson of Henry Lyall, one of the original members, and the treasurer of today, R. W. Walker, is a great-great-grandson of the F. Walker who moved the motion for the purchase of the building.

Great preachers have filled its pulpit. Among those who have ministered here have been A. M. Ludbrook, G. B. Moysey, Jas. Johnston, McKenzie Meldrum, C. M. Gordon, J. J. Franklyn, W. B. Blakemore, H. Kingsbury, T. H. Scambler and J. E. Thomas. The present minister is Dr. Lloyd E. Jones.

The church has been beautifully renovated as part of its tribute to its long and faithful history, and this can be taken as a firm vote of confidence by the congregation in the future.

The story of the church is told in a souvenir booklet to be used as an order of service when the centenary services are held on October 24, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The guest preacher for this memorable occasion will be David G. Hammer, minister of Maylands church, Adelaide.

of church, presented the Christian concern in community problems and the message of Christ and the church in arriving at an adequate and lasting solution.

### MISSIONS VISITOR

(Kedron, Qld.). R. S. A. McLean, Federal Secretary of the Overseas Missions Board, addressed an after-church fellowship on Oct. 10 . . . Young people have been active: they took the evening service on Oct. 3, and were represented in "Night of Music" at Albert Hall. Christian Endeavourers visited Mrs. Williams, of Burdeu House . . . Bryce Chesney holds meetings each Wed. night; the E.W.F. ladies toured Petrie Paper Mill; and a representative of Gideons International was a recent guest speaker.

### WELCOME TO THE BOLTONS

(Perth, W.A.). The Christian Centre was the venue for the welcome home luncheon for Mr. and Mrs. John Bolton, of New Guinea. R. Ellis, deputy chairman of the State Overseas Missions Committee, presided, and 130 attended. The Conf. Pres., Geo. Smith, brought greetings on behalf of the brotherhood. Mrs. Bolton responded, and Mr. Bolton challenged and stirred all as he told of the spiritual responsibilities and needs of the babes in Christ in New Guinea.

### MINISTER FAREWELLED

(Qld.). The minister at Rockhampton, Nth. R'hampton and Moongan, V. G. Boettcher, was farewelled on Oct. 10 by large congregations. The stump-capping ceremony for the new church at Nth. Rockhampton, also on Oct. 10, saw a thankoffering of £800. This included gifts from auxiliaries. Mr. Boettcher's final service at Moongan was on Oct. 5. Over 40 attended the C.Y.F. farewell social, and 27 ladies of the combined C.W.F. entertained Mrs. Boettcher. C.W.F. ladies raised £640 during their three year's ministry. After the evening service on Oct. 10, G. T. Cullen, made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher in appreciation of a successful ministry. Auxiliaries also made presentations. Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher will reside in Ipswich; interim ministries will be undertaken. The new minister, R. K. Sansome, will commence his service on Feb. 6, 1966.

### WOOLWICH COLLEGE PICNIC

(N.S.W.). On Oct. 14, the students of Woolwich College enjoyed the occasion of their annual picnic, held this year at Audley, National Park. The devotional session again proved to be a notable feature of the day. The speaker was F. L. Ewers, B.A., minister of the Burwood church and lecturer in Homiletics.

### SCRIPTURE EXAM. RESULTS

(Caringbah, N.S.W.). The B.S. did well in the recent Scripture Examinations conducted by the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ. Caringbah prize-winners were Ian Ward (3rd in Div. 1), Nerida Cooke (1st in Div. 2), and Judy Carlill (1st in Div. 3) . . . The C.W.F. visited the ladies at "Ashwood House," Pendle Hill, on Oct. 6, and the C.M.S. annual dinner was held at "Inverness House" on Oct. 15 . . . A special men's service was conducted on Oct. 10 . . . The "A" cricket team is having a particularly good season, having won every match so far.

### COMBINED EVANGELISM

A massive city-wide evangelism campaign is planned this month in the coastal city of Callao, Peru. Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, the Salvation Army, Assemblies of God, and the local Billy Graham Association are involved in their first co-operative effort in sponsoring the campaign.—E.P.S.

## National Diary

#### OCTOBER—

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).  
26 — VIC. — Adult Counsellors' Seminar Commences (4 weeks).  
30 — S.A. — The Boys' Brigade Annual Display.  
23 — W.A. — Church School Superintendents' & Secretaries' Conference.

#### NOVEMBER—

2 — VIC. — C.Y.F. Outing.  
3 — VIC. — Dept. of H.M. & Evan. Prayer Rally.  
5 — VIC. — C.W.F. Council, Reception Room, Church of Christ Centre, 11 a.m. Speaker: Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, of Indonesia. Leader of devotions: Mrs. A. Fletcher, New Guinea. Reminder re Hospital Gifts.  
6 — VIC. — C.Y.F. Central 217.  
6 — VIC. — Southern Bayside District Conference.

### THREE FOR TRAINING

(Gympie - Monkland, Qld.). Three young men have been accepted for Bible College training next year . . . A. A. Clark has accepted the position of pastor. He is well known to many of the church folk . . . A women's fellowship highlight was the combined Maryborough-Gympie-Nambour meeting . . . Three members travelled to Eidsvold on Sept. 25 to assist in services . . . The S.S. picnic was held on Oct. 2.

### DR. L. E. JONES ON RADIO

(Vic.). It was announced in these columns last week that the Radio Service over 3LO, at 9.15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, would feature the Centenary of the Swanston Street church, Melbourne, and that Dr. Lloyd E. Jones would give a message during the broadcast.

The A.B.C. has since announced that the title of the session will be changed from "Radio Service" to "Encounter" and it will in future be broadcast at 8 a.m. each Sunday. Those interested will please note this change of time, 8 a.m. to 8.45 a.m., Oct. 24.

## WEDDING AT CHUNGGRIBU

During August Sister Beryl Whittam, formerly serving with our mission in New Guinea, was married to Numode, a New Guinean who lives near Chungribu.

Last February Beryl advised the New Guinea Field Council, and the Overseas Mission Board, that she wished to resign in order to marry Numode. The difficulties of village life and the problems that could develop were frankly discussed, but Miss Whittam advised that she had given these things earnest consideration and wished to proceed with the marriage.

Both Beryl and Numode are members of the Church of Christ at Chungribu, but are not missionary staff members.

A recent letter from New Guinea advises that Beryl and her husband will manage a trade store.

Comment: We are sure that members of our churches throughout Australia will join with the Overseas Missions Committee in assuring Beryl and Numode of our goodwill and prayers for happiness in their marriage. Beryl's service as a missionary is now over. What she does in her private life is her own affair, but her new situation does not affect in the slightest our love for her and her husband in the church and our earnest desire for Christian fulfilment in their lives.

Having said that, it is perhaps appropriate to say in a general way, and not only in respect to Beryl and Numode, that missionaries are also people who have a right to live their own lives.

Sometimes a missionary may decide to change the nature of his Christian witness and service. Perhaps he will move to business, a trade, or profession, or even choose a different kind of church vocation. Most of us can do this without attracting much attention, but the missionary cannot. The spotlight of all the churches has been upon him, and his name and photo are known in practically every church family. But this does not make him our property.

### PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

(Melb.). Earlier this year, 250 ministers and laymen shared in a silent vigil for peace in front of Canberra House, Canberra. Similar vigils will be held in capital and provincial cities on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The Melbourne vigil will be held in front of the National Gallery, Swanston Street, on Oct. 31, from 3 to 4 p.m. Although the primary purpose is for witness and prayer, those wishing to do so will be able to sign a statement urging the Federal Government to:

(1) Seek a cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam; (2) Seek a general cease fire; and (3) Request the United Nations to re-convene the Geneva Conference to negotiate a peaceful settlement with all parties at present in conflict represented at the negotiations.

Among those supporting this Christian action are Dr. Barry Marshall, Rev. W. H. Graham, Rev. N. Faichney, Rev. A. M. Dickie, Dr. A. H. Wood, Rev. J.W.R. Westerman, Principal E. L. Williams, W. T. Atkins and W. W. Saunders.

### GIVING AT GOOLWA

(S.A.). Temple Day offering on Oct. 3 was £539, with a promise of a further £50 . . . A luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Bugar raised £23 for the Building Fund . . . The B.S. picnic was held on beautiful natural gumtree property, provided by Roy Scott. Gerald Bugar is superintendent. B.S. is active and attendance encouraging . . . Following success of Junior and Intermediate C.E. a Senior C.E. is planned.

Geo. Williams, now living in Goolwa, attends services . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. F. G. Chigwidden and family in the death of a husband and father. Both Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chigwidden were in fellowship at Goolwa before moving recently to Bordertown.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

(Subiaco, W.A.). Spring flowers were banked everywhere, formal arrangements, Kindergarten stories, missionary theme, a wishing well, dry art, all in a feast of perfume and color. At afternoon tea-time or supper, folk could take their choice of the Japanese tea garden, with soft music, low lights and pretty tea girls, or in the Dutch Inn, ablaze with tulips, and Dutch maidens in attendance. A highly successful hat parade in the evening, with flowers for the ladies, and vegetables for the men, climaxed a fine day . . . Sunday brought more members to church, two young ladies who had been baptized the previous week.

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# NDUI NDUI HOSPITAL NEW HEBRIDES

BY E. W. ROFFEY, B.A.

To be invited by the New Hebridean people to visit them and to receive their lovely welcomes is the thrill of a lifetime. To be the special speaker, to lead in an act of dedication, and to open such a hospital leaves one humbled and grateful.

At 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 11, anyone coming along the jeep road to the gate of the Churches of Christ Hospital would have seen some 1,500 people gathered in a colorful setting. Tropical palms, frangipani and hibiscus were used extensively in decorations, arches and bower for the official party. From 6 a.m. more than 100 workers were preparing the site. As well as these there were many people involved in preparations for the great feast, or kai, that was to follow the opening.

The hospital comprises several blocks on properly terraced levels all linked by concrete paths and separated by flower gardens. The lowest level runs right to the rugged and rocky coastline of the Pacific. The first building seen from the roadway is the hospital chapel, which all must pass as they enter. In keeping with the other buildings, it is constructed in concrete bricks and reinforcing steel, with iron roofs painted a soft green. It is plentifully supplied with louvre windows and wide eaves. Floors throughout are concrete.

Beyond the chapel is a large quadrangle flanked on the left by a creek bed with tropical growth, and on the right by the T.B. ward of 12 beds (two to a room). This is complete with its own toilet and shower rooms, sterilizing and Sister's rooms, from which a P.A. system is operated to serve the whole area.

The building facing the entrance on the far side of the quadrangle is the centre from which all else stems. A breeze-way cuts the building. To the right is the Sister on duty, records, out-patients' consulting rooms, and a well stocked dispensary. To the left are the X-ray and developing rooms, laboratory with valuable scientific equipment and the doctor's consulting room.

On the terrace below is the obstetrics block, including room for labour, delivery, sterilizing, store and the air-conditioned operating room. None of the patients' rooms throughout the hospital has more than four beds, and each bed is separated by proper curtain tracks and attractively colored curtains.

At right angles to this block, and flanking the creek bed, is the general hospital block, protected on each side by particularly wide eaves and concrete pathways. Each of the three larger buildings is 80 by 30 feet. Small rooms

Mr. Roffey, Secretary of Federal Conference, attended the opening ceremony in September.

make this section more versatile in accommodating a varying number of men and women patients. This block has also its own auxiliary nursing rooms.

A toilet and shower block completes the set of new buildings. Septic sewerage is installed. Because Ndui Ndui has the lowest rainfall in the area, and has no natural fresh water ways flowing for most of the year, a special pumping system is used to bring salt water through plastic and copper pipes and fittings for toilet uses, thus conserving tank water for other uses.

It was to the opening of this 50-bed hospital that so many people came. They came to see the result of many months of work, led by voluntary tradesmen from Australia and New Zealand, who used their hands in plying their specialised skills, and who organised the New Hebridean work force. They came in scores from neighbouring islands on charter boats. Two charter plane services transported visitors.

Representatives came from the British Administration — District Officer J. Yaxley and Dr. Ram. Other doctors were from the Melanesian Hospital, Lolowai, the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, and the French Government Hospital, Santo. Archdeacon Rawcliffe was present and the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides, the Rt.

Rev. W. Camden. From Australia came Sister Kennedy, Mrs. Saxby and the new Matron, Sister Crowte.

Some of these representative people spoke at the opening service, led by the Chairman of the Field Council, R. C. Combridge. The Ndui Ndui people were well represented by their very capable elder, Abel Barney. Dr. Coulter, who had worked tirelessly on this project, as well as fulfilling his professional responsibilities, gave a comprehensive and clear statement of costs (£20,000), labor given and special gifts. His word of real appreciation covered many groups and individuals as he made his grateful recognitions. Before the dedicatory prayer and the official opening, the writer preached the occasional sermon and led in the following act of dedication:—

"My dear friends, let us never forget that this hospital is built to the glory of God. This hospital would not be here if Jesus had not come. This hospital was built only because the love of Christ constrains us — makes us feel strong.

"Now we dedicate this hospital, and the builders, and the doctor, and the matron, and sisters, and nurses, and staff. Let their hands and feet and tongues always be guided by the Holy Spirit showing the love of Jesus.

"May these buildings be carefully preserved, kept clean and cool for the healing of body, mind and spirit, and for the healthy birth of piccaninnies.

"We dedicate the laboratory and specialised equipment to fulfil its ministry of healing and its advancement of scientific knowledge.

"May this chapel be a house of worship — of glad songs of praise and thanksgiving, of prayers of confession, of comfort in sorrow, of the assurance of sins forgiven and a quiet confidence to live in the shadow and the faith of the Almighty."

## INDIANS AGAINST AID

(New Delhi). An Indian government official said here that Indian Christians should stop depending upon help from churches abroad.

Speaking at a Methodist-sponsored prayer service for Indian frontier guards, S. C. Jamir, parliamentary secretary to the Minister for External Affairs, said that every Indian Christian must prove himself a true citizen of the country by helping to maintain its freedom and by ceasing to "look towards" foreign missionaries for support.—E.P.S.

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# FOUR YEARS A FIELD OFFICER

BY A. A. AVERY

## Experiment

This year I completed four years' service with the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. These years have been active, happy and exciting. This was the first time in our Australian brotherhood that any Home Mission Department had experimented with staff constantly in the field, outside the concept of an evangelist for missions. The areas of concentration were to be stewardship, evangelism, survey work in new areas, deputation work in rural centres, and interim ministries as time allowed. Most of the time has been spent in the work of stewardship and evangelism.

## Self-Supporting

One feature of this work was that service would be offered to those churches who requested it, and the particular church would pay the Department for the service rendered. This has, of course, been done before in the field of evangelism, but not as a general practice for other types of programmes. Refunds from churches have substantially underwritten the programme.

## Churches Served

I have had the privilege of conducting stewardship and evangelism programmes in forty-one churches in three States—Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. The total mileage covered is now over 50,000 miles. I have preached in no less than ninety-one of the one hundred and forty-nine churches in Victoria and Tasmania.

## Planned Giving

One of the highlights has been the wide acceptance by the churches of the Department's Planned Giving Programmes. Despite the rising tide of materialism and the pressures that this has brought upon Christian people, our churches have risen to the challenge, and where programmes have been conducted over £175,000 will be given in increased offerings.

Many of the churches that had high local commitments will now be thinking more about the wider ministry of the brotherhood, and within the next few years we should see an increase in brotherhood support.

These programmes have been the means of releasing many churches from the stranglehold of poverty. But more important than the financial achievement has been the deepening of the spiritual life of the church. To have men come up at the end of a programme and say, "This has meant more to my family than

anything else that has ever happened to us in the church," gives someone like myself more satisfaction than all the money raised.

## Evangelism

During the four years, my concern has been to present a programme of evangelism, that churches can put into effect along similar lines to our Planned Giving Programme. A programme that involves the whole church and not just the minister and the special speaker.

Many of our churches in Australia have rejected the idea of long preaching missions as we have conducted them in the past, but unfortunately, I believe, we have thrown out the baby with the bath. We have never put any effective method in its place, and in doing this we have lost the cutting edge of our evangelism.

The type of programme we are now offering the churches is a combination of directed visitation, with a short preaching mission, followed by a programme of continuous evangelism. I am at the point where I believe it is not a matter of visitation or preaching, but both. I was interested to read in a North American Baptist publication recently, that after years of experiment in the field of visitation evangelism, they could now see the need for preaching as well as visitation.

## Professional Leadership

A field officer is one who is thrust into the position of being a specialist and a professional in his field, and the more I move among our churches the more I feel that we need this kind of approach. When I look back on what the Department did in calling someone to this kind of work the more amazed I am. It was problematical as to whether or not the churches would accept this kind of direction. A significant fact is that he comes to the church with a background of ex-



Allan Avery.

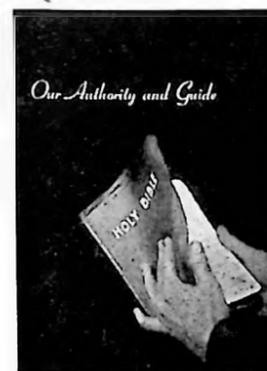
perience in other places and has a fairly good idea what will work in given areas.

## Second Field Officer

With the increasing commitments facing the Department, the need for a second man became evident. Kevin Harvey has brought with him new insights and will, as we move forward, open up for the Department new areas of ministry. The foresight needed in selecting someone else for this work has been justified by the fact that he will be heavily involved all this year and is heavily committed for 1966 as well.

## The Future

I believe, with D. H. Smith, Secretary of the Department, that the task of the church will become harder, not easier, and we must draw more heavily upon the great spiritual resources at our disposal, and launch out into the deep. The great challenge before us is to be as enterprising and industrious under the Spirit's guidance as our fathers were in days past. They have set us a great example and we must not fail them, ourselves, or the Christ we all serve.



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 Leith Erickson, Susan Pope, Glenys Stratford, Blackwood, S.A.  
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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.

You're invited to the **BALWYN** (Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 24 and 31, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Special Speakers. Bright Singing.

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## MARRIAGES

Judith Carter to Kevin Blake, Moreland, Vic.  
 Kaye Lewis to Winston Holmes, Bruce Rock, W.A.  
 Susanne Furze to Denis Griffin, Mildura, Vic.  
 Dulcie Johnson to Don Way, Murwillumbah, N.S.W.  
 Olive Bush to Ern. Hollis, Canberra, A.C.T.

## DEATHS

Mrs. J. Carter, F. Maurice, Moreland, Vic.  
 Mr. McEwen, Ascot Vale, Vic.  
 Moss William Daff, Cheltenham, Vic.  
 Mrs. Lorna Pickens, Mrs. D. Rosendale, sen., Echuca, Vic.  
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**BRUNSWICK (Vic.) 83rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 31.** 11 a.m., Speaker: L. G. Crisp; 3 p.m., P.S.A. Speaker: Sister Evans. Items by Church Nursing Society; 7 p.m., Speaker: R. E. Burns.

**TOOTGAROOK (VIC.) 15th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, OCT. 31.** 11 a.m., Mr. Alan Fletcher; 1 p.m., Luncheon followed by P.S.A.; 5 p.m., Basket Tea; 7 p.m., Evening Service.

**BAMBRA ROAD, CAULFIELD, Vic., PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 14,** at 3 p.m. Items by Churches of Christ Choral Group, under the leadership of Valentine Woff. Assisting artist. All welcome.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

**DEANE (Hayes).** — The family of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Deane, 109 Balcombe-rd., Mentone, announce with gratitude and pleasure the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding, celebrated at the Church of Christ, Cheltenham, Vic., on October 23, 1915, by the late A. P. Wilson.

## BIRTHS

**KLEINGELD (Roach).** — To Lorna and Pieter, of the Aborigines Inland Mission, Darwin, a son — Malcolm Jaap. Born on October 6. Brother for Pauline, Martin and Erika.

**PRYOR.** — On Sept. 25, to Nancy and Barry, Echuca, Vic., a son — Mark Geoffrey.

**WHEAT.** — On October 14, at Bankstown Dist. Hospital, to Evelyn and Colin Wheat, a son — John Leslie. Brother for Colin (junr.), Louise and Richard.

## DEATHS

**DUDLEY, Mary Anne.** — of 5 Dixon-ave., Croydon, Vic. On Oct. 13, aged 90 years. Wife of the late Ernest Dudley; loved mother of Glad and mother-in-law of Ray; grandma of Noel and Dorothy, Rodger and Gwen. Cherished memories. "At peace, with God."

**MANSELL, Walter James.** — Aged 72 years, passed away Friday, September 17. Loving husband of Ethel, father of Jean (Mrs. Ellis), Pauline (Mrs. Walton), David and John. Forever remembered by his family and the many children to whom he became "Dad."

## IN MEMORIAM

**BUCKINGHAM, Alec.** — Precious memories of my loving and devoted husband, called Home (suddenly) Oct. 29, 1957. "Till the resurrection morn."

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## 36TH BIRTHDAY

(Hamilton, Vic.). The C.W.A.F. celebrated its 36th birthday with 90 ladies from other churches attending. Mrs. Dickson, pres., and Mrs. Heard, pres-elect of Vic.-Tas. Women's Conf., were guest speakers . . . Teacher training has resumed under leadership of Rex Whythe. . . Office-bearers of C.W.E.F. are Mrs. M. Leishman, pres.; Mrs. M. Wilson, sec.; and Mrs. B. Trimwell, treas.

## GEELONG'S 108TH

(Vic.). The Latrobe Terrace church will celebrate its 108th anniversary on Oct. 31. K. A. Macnaughtan, newly-appointed lecturer at the Archaeological Institute, will be guest preacher. 3GL will broadcast the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. J. Tripoldi, who won recent honors at South Street, Ballarat, will be soloist.

## FATHER AND SON SESSIONS

(Sunshine, Vic.). Far exceeding anticipated response, 1,700 parents, children and young people attended the Father and Son Movement educational meetings at the Technical School. N. Hodgekiss, Ministers' Fraternal pres., and minister of Sunshine Church of Christ, led the organisation of the programme . . . B.S. anniversary services on Oct. 10 and 17, were addressed by A. Fletcher, R. Muller, B. Jenkins and N. Hodgekiss. J. Smith conducted the singing, with Rae Cordy at the piano . . . Two girls made decisions for Christ. Alan Berry baptized at morning service, Oct. 17, and received into membership . . . 18 Y.P. shared in Western Suburban Churches Y.P. camp at Parkdale . . . Visiting speakers at Y.P.C.E. have been R. Alabaster, telling of thrilling experiences in planned giving campaign at Ormond; and J. Birt (Essendon North) . . . Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Gibbs, sen., welcomed back after trips to Scotland and Europe, spoke to Adult C.E.

## MORELAND DECISIONS

(Vic.). Two decisions have been registered . . . The church is saddened at the deaths of F. Maurice and Mrs. Carter . . . Terry Lane was speaker at the Church School anniversary on Oct. 3. . . Frank J. Funston, Conf. Pres., was a recent speaker . . . The C.W.F. varnished the church seats at a working bee . . . Ladies and girls have been busy knitting nylon coat hangers for the Good Companions' stall, resulting in £30 being raised.

## CHORAL SOCIETY SUCCESS

(Box Hill, Vic.). A tastefully decorated stage was the setting in the church hall at Box Hill on Oct. 16 for a sacred and secular concert, by the Churches of Christ Choral Society, under the baton of Valentine Woff, assisted by B. Winifred Lee at the piano . . . The enthusiastic audience of 200 were treated to a variety of items from the choir and soloists, Douglas Thomas, Margaret Marshall, Beryl Gillies and McAllister Woff. The presentation of the sacred cantata, "The Word Became Flesh," by Valentine Woff, climaxed a most enjoyable evening.

## ANNUAL FETE

(Doncaster, Vic.). Many people flocked through the portals of old Doncaster halls to yield a profitable nett result of £330 at the annual fete . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Ferny Creek Recreation Ground . . . The church mourns the passing of Frank Petty. Mrs. J. G. Shaw and Mrs. Harold Plumb are both home from hospital and continue to progress.

**NEWMARKET-ASCOT VALE.** The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. McEwan in the loss of her husband, who was a devoted and faithful servant of Christ . . . Six new members from the housing flats attend Newmarket . . . Women attended the special Woman to Woman Evangelism programme . . . Officers are: Newmarket—sec., treas. and recorder, Mrs. A. Goss; Ascot Vale—sec., B. Sterling; treas., H. Thomas . . . Mr. Conlan, of B. & F. B. S., addressed both churches.

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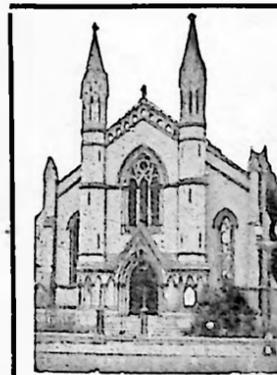
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OBITUARY

Walter Alfred Cornish.

With the death of Walter Alfred Cornish, on Sept. 4, the church at Brunswick, Vic., suffered the loss of yet another of its senior members. Mr. Cornish joined there in 1903, and was associated with it for most of his life. For a few years he was in membership with Collingwood, Box Hill and North Sydney. He resumed with Brunswick church again in 1928, and continued until his death at the age of 80. Our brother was a quiet and unassuming servant of our Lord and served as a deacon for about 35 years, and was honored two years ago by being elected a life member of the Church Board. For many years he acted as doorkeeper, and his friendly manner made all visitors feel very welcome. Always interested in young people, he acted as president of the tennis club for many years. This active and practical service was rendered till a short illness prevented him being present at our services. The writer conducted a memorial service at the church, and then the funeral service at Box Hill Cemetery. Sympathy is tendered to his daughter Edie (with whom he lived for eight years since the death of his wife) and sons, Jack and Lewis.—R. E. Burns.

Miss Annie Dall.

One thing remained steadfast for Annie Dall — her faith in God. She could certainly say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Born in North Fitzroy, Vic., 80 years ago, she spent her first eight years at the local

church with her parents, who were members. In 1892, the family moved to South Africa, meeting for a time with the Brethren, then with Capetown Church of Christ. She was baptized there at 15 years of age. Returning to Australia in 1910, the Dalls settled in St. Kilda, beginning a 54-year-old association with St. Kilda church for Annie. She served as Kinder supt., Phi Beta chaplain, and was generally interested in all the work. She remained constant in face of many trials. She will be remembered for her devoted care to an aged, invalid mother, her love for her garden and kindly hospitality to many a hungry preacher. Last year she moved to Thornbury. She accepted the surgery, which might have spared her life a little longer, with characteristic calmness, "They can remove my leg, but I can still pray," she told her minister. However, she passed to be with Christ at Prince Henry's Hospital on Sept. 30. Ministers, L. G. Crisp, A. B. Withers, R. L. Baxter and G. Grainger participated in parlour and crematorium services, paying tribute and offering sympathy to Miss Dall's sister, Mrs. Elsie Brown.—G.A.G.

Francis Joseph Maurice.

Mr. Maurice died on Sept. 21, in his 81st year. He had been in very indifferent health for several years, being a T.P.I. soldier. He joined the church as a young man and maintained a deep faith until his death. For over 40 years he was associated with the church at Moreland, Vic. He was a good man, a wonderful husband, father and friend. A service in the mortuary chapel and then at the crematorium was attended by many relatives and friends. To his wife and daughter we offer our loving sympathy.—E.J.M.

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MALVERN AND ST. KILDA

(Malvern, Vic.). The church has decided to link with St. Kilda on a co-operative basis, with a combined Officers' Board . . . A re-pledging day for the Budget was held, with a satisfactory response . . . The annual meeting appointed elder J. Holloway as Board Chairman; A. Gray, sec.; A. H. C. Pfeifer, deputy chairman, and L. Finger, asst. sec. An officers' dedication service was held on Oct. 10 . . . Under auspices of Men's Society, Stan Allison spoke to a mixed gathering on "Decimal Currency" . . . The tennis club held a church parade on Oct. 3. Their No. 1 team were runners-up, and No. 2 team won the premiership . . . Recent soloists have been Joyce Brown, Pat Searle, Mrs. C. Leembruggen and Mrs. L. Gove.

HIGH TEA FOR G.C.'s

(Bayswater, Vic.). Twenty-four Good Companions, and their leaders, attended evening service to celebrate their 9th birthday. Afterwards they had high tea and birthday cake made by Mrs. Gilbert Handasyde. Mrs. Dorothy Williams spoke to the girls . . . Mrs. Burch, Pres. of Eastern District, was guest speaker at C.W.F.

DECISION AT COLAC

(Vic.). A young lady made her decision of faith on Oct. 10. At evening service our young people attended Baptist church . . . David Potter, of the College of the Bible, was guest speaker on Oct. 3.

CAULFIELD MINISTRY EXTENSION

(Vic.). At the half-yearly business meeting, F. A. Youens accepted an extension of his ministry with the church . . . Temple Day was observed on Oct. 10. Already the special offering exceeds £500. . . . The Evening Women's Fellowship entertained many of the older members and friends with a visit to Tulip Farm, Monbulk, concluding with afternoon tea.

MANY ADDITIONS

(Mildura, Vic.). Twelve young people have recently been baptized . . . The "Woman to Woman" Evangelism Campaign climaxed with four meetings, led by a team from Melb., comprising Mesdames B. Amos, I. Dickson, D. Strack and E. Quafe. Their leadership and messages were greatly appreciated . . . The Y.A.F. organised an almond shelling project, which resulted in £90 being given to community aid abroad . . . Buronga Sunday School anniversary services were well attended. Speakers were E. Morrison, of Robinvale, and A. F. Cant, Mildura.

NEW VERSION

(Parkdale, Vic.). It has been decided to adopt the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for Sunday morning worship Scripture readings . . . Guest speakers at the S.S. anniversary were K. Master-ton and P. Perry. Theme was "Building for God" . . . Three young ladies have made decisions . . . B. H. Crowden is minister.

CONCERN FOR EVANGELISM

(Dandenong, Vic.). The annual meeting expressed concern for the success of gospel services, and evangelistic and general church programmes. It was decided to apply for a student to assist the minister next year, when A. R. Lloyd will take up the office of Conference President. Elected were: C. J. Brough, elder; I. F. Burden, sec.; A. E. Jones, treas. . . . F. A. Youens, of Caulfield, and L. Wylie, of Gardiner, were guest speakers at the 73rd church anniversary. . . . The C.W.F. have sent three food parcels to India . . . R. S. A. McLean was speaker at a missionary rally on Oct. 2 . . . The B.S. appointed L. Hannah as supt., and M. Edwards as secretary.

CHILDREN VISIT HOMES

(Boronia, Vic.). Children of the primary and kindergarten departments of the B.S. visited the Will H. Clay Nursing Home and the Oakleigh Guest Home recently to distribute flowers and fruit. . . . Pat Loftus told the C.W.F. of his work in a nearby shire assisting families with advice and material help . . . Speakers at the B.S. anniversary were D. W. Hibbert, Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Baptist D.C.E., and our minister, J. A. Manallack. . . . Explorer boys and leaders were in camp at Yarra Junction . . . Four C.W.F. members attended camp at Monbulk . . . Principal E. L. Williams spoke at a recent morning service .

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Now history repeats itself. Two years ago the North Adelaide church asked Chas. Schwab to preach his first sermon. He has preached acceptably at other churches. On Oct. 3, John Steward, son of Dr. Harrold Steward, preached his first sermon at North Adelaide. There were several visitors from Clovelly Park, and all enjoyed his message on the lesson that was set.

God bless our young men.

—B. W. Manning, S.A.

**CHRIST AND THE O.T.**

To the Editor,

It is surprising to read in Dr. Jauncey's report ("A.C." Oct. 9) that one of the basic truths of the Restoration Movement is "Christ's acceptance of the Bible as the infallible Word of God."

Whilst Christ shows a great love for the Old Testament, he made some parts obsolete. Examples:

In the Sermon on the Mount he frequently says, "Of old time it was said . . . but I say unto you . . ."

Jesus did not accept Moses as the final authority on divorce, as his reply to opponents indicates. "Moses, for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it hath not been so" (Matt. 19: 8).

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When James and John wanted to call down fire out of heaven to burn up a village in imitation of Elijah, Jesus sternly rebuked them.

There is much in Old Testament morals and teaching contrary to the Spirit of Christ. In some of the Psalms the spirit of hatred is frightful. Psalm 109 is perhaps the worst.

How many poor women have lost their lives to fulfil Exodus 22: 18? "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

There are minor discrepancies in the gospel records, and it is difficult to pretend they are not there or that they did not appear in the originals.

Matthew, in 27: 9, refers to that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet and then quotes Zechariah 11: 13.

Mark tells us (10: 46) that the healing of Bartimeus took place as Jesus "went out from Jericho," and according to Luke 18: 35, it took place "as he drew nigh unto Jericho."

The immeasurable value of the Bible is its inspired witness to Jesus Christ, and this does not need the support of Biblical inerrancy.

May I conclude with a quotation from Robertson Smith, "The Bible is the only record of the redeeming love of God, because in the Bible alone I find God drawing near to man in Jesus Christ, and declaring to us in Him his will for our salvation. And this record I know to be true by the witness of His Spirit in my heart, whereby I am assured that none other than God himself is able to speak such words to my soul."

—T. T. Robinson, Vic.

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL  
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(Mackay, Qld.). Our minister, Kev. Jenner, shared in a Christian Unity programme on Radio 4MK, along with Presbyterian and Methodist ministers. Four members assisted in the B. & F. B. S. display, "Book in Advance," which sought to advertise the efforts of the world's Bible Societies. . . . Guest speaker at the Bible School anniversary was E. M. Carless, minister of the Church of the Nazarene. (Mr. Jenner has since spoken at the Nazarene anniversary). . . . S. J. Shield, B.A., A.Ed., Principal of the Mackay State High School, and a Methodist local preacher, was a recent speaker. . . . Mrs. Jenner represented the church at a morning tea sponsored on behalf of the Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital (South India).

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**Moments  
of Worship**



Thursday, October 28. Acts 7: 44-53. The most high does not dwell in houses made with hands (v. 49).

Stephen's irony at last provoked the Sanhedrin to violence. They had been acting as though, being custodians of the Temple, they had God himself in their custody. Stephen reminded them that it was not the Temple, but the Tent, that was set up by Moses the Law-Giver whom they admired so much. Next to Moses, David was the most revered, but not even David was allowed to build a Temple. It was Solomon who built the first great Temple and he expressly declared that God does not live in buildings. He lives in the people. If God is not in the people, then he, most certainly, is not in their Temple. God had found a new home in the hearts of the faithful followers of Christ.

Dear God, help us to make room for you in our hearts. Amen.

Friday, October 29. Acts 7: 54-60. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit . . . Lord, let not this sin stand against them (vv. 59-60, Moffatt).

The words of Stephen sounded the keynote of Christian freedom, but his death taught men that Christianity was not only the way of triumph. It was also the way of suffering and death. Stephen came out of obscurity in chapter 6 of Acts. In chapter 7, he became the first Christian martyr. His brief life showed some of the quality of his Lord's. His death also was like that of Jesus — he died forgiving his enemies and committing himself to his God.

O Christ, we don't know the length or the end of our pilgrimage of witness, but we do know that you will share it. Amen.

Saturday, October 30. Acts 8: 1-3. And Saul was consenting to his death (v. 1).

Saul enters the story. He did not throw a stone, but no one's guilt was greater than his. He was never to forget this scene nor his own part in it. He felt always that the blood of Stephen was on him. Years later, he said, "When the blood of Stephen was shed, I was standing by and consenting and keeping the garments of them that slew him" (Acts 22: 20). But it was Stephen who won the victory that day. He lost his life but gained Paul. Augustine said, "If Stephen had not prayed, the church would not have had Paul."

O God, wherever there is a life invested for you, there will be a great return. We shall strive to invest our lives. Amen.

Sunday, October 31. Acts 8: 4-8. The multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip (v. 6).

Every bad thing seemed to produce a good result. The death of Jesus produced a Saviour, the death of Stephen produced a Paul, and the persecution of the church scattered the good seed of the gospel over an ever-widening area. Stephen was the first but not the only one who suffered. There were many nameless Christians who were loyal as he was, and died as he did. These nameless ones also shared in the victories for Christ, as the church moved out from Jerusalem. Philip went to Samaria and had great success. Crowds heard him and believed what they heard and saw.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that we can be partners with Christ in opening up new areas for him. Amen.

Monday, November 1. Acts 8: 9-13. Even Simon believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip (v. 13).

"Even" Simon. This is the brief Bible story of the rise and fall of a man named Simon who practised magic, and set himself up as of great importance. When Philip came preaching, Simon was impressed, but he was influenced more by the miracle than by the message. It seems pretty clear that his motives were wrong from the start, and he did not last long. He thought of Christianity only as a means of advancing his own power.

Dear Lord, we can see the wrong motives in others so easily. Help us to test our own. Amen.

Tuesday, November 2. Acts 8: 14-24. Give me also this power (v. 19).

When the apostles, still in Jerusalem, heard the good news from Samaria, they went along to share the gift of the Holy Spirit with the new disciples. Simon was even more impressed. He felt that here was a way to be a real magician, to have the power to perform genuine miracles, instead of the tricks and sleight of hand on which he had built his reputation. He actually offered to give Peter money for this gift, and received a blistering rebuke from that stern and strict apostle. Simon's response was not one of repentance, but one of fear. He passes out of the Bible story at this stage, but tradition tells us that he continued to build his life on the false motives that produced his wrong actions.

Dear God, help us to know that the great prize in Christianity is Christ Himself. Amen.

Wednesday, November 3. Acts 8: 24-40. What is to prevent my being baptized? (v. 37).

Of the many converts referred to in Acts 8, only two are mentioned by name. Simon was one, and the Ethiopian was the other. Maybe their contrasting characters provided the reason for focusing attention on them. They both believed Philip, but for different motives: Simon for the sake of Simon, and the Ethiopian for the sake of Christ. Simon lived out his days in fear and failure. The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing and tradition says that he carried the evangelistic message to his own land.

Lord God, if we have a true faith in Christ and a genuine commitment to him, there is nothing to prevent us from becoming a part of his church. . . .

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And he made from one, every nation.  
—Acts 17: 26.

It's a great world, a wide world,  
A world of changing weather,  
A world of many different lands  
In which we live together . . .  
There's your land, there's my land,  
And many, many others,  
But though we're very far apart,  
Yet in a way we're brothers.  
We watch the same bright morning  
sun,  
The same fair evening star;  
And God has made us every one,  
And all alike are we.

—Nancy Byrd Turner.

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It needs more skill than I can tell  
To play the second fiddle well.  
—C. H. Spurgeon.

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There was a young lady of Crewe  
Who wanted to catch the 2.2.  
Said a porter, "Don't worry  
Or flurry or scurry,  
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with the housework.

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Better be late than dead on time.

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"My girl friend."  
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"What do you want to know for?"  
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person I ever met."