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## MEN OF IMPRESSION BAY

From Nubeena-Highcroft, Tasmania.

The other day I had morning tea with a few chapters of church history. Two representatives of well-known Tasman Peninsula church families were there. One was a Mundy and the other a Greatbatch. One was over 80 and the other was nearly there. Down on the Peninsula nearly everyone lives long — life is too interesting to leave it early.

We talked about some of the men who walked these hills and carried the gospel with them. "Hills" is the right word. If Tasmania were flattened out there would be no Bass Strait, as on the Peninsula there is hardly any level ground at all. All the hills are beautiful. There is an incalculable number of shades of green in the timber-covered valleys and many varieties of wildflowers are now adding to the lavish colouring. But it was the men and not the scenery that was our fare for morning tea.

### George Spaulding.

He was easily the first dominant spirit. A big dark man with a big deep voice equally good for singing or speaking, he was a great orator.

What scholarship he had was self-taught. He learned to read and write from his first wife and this became the key to the world of books. From G. B. Moysey he learned of the Restoration Movement and this became the key to a life-long enthusiasm for our churches.

He had an astonishingly accurate memory and a wide knowledge of the scriptures. He never missed an opportunity to talk with friends or strangers about the gospel and members of other churches carefully avoided discussing with him their beliefs and practices.

Spaulding was not the kind of man to suffer fools gladly, and he could not suffer error at all. He was a hard man and had no hesitation in preaching directly at people in his congregation and many a listener would squirm as eye and voice bore directly at him.

The old-timers were in full agreement that the integrity of life, the strength of purpose, and the powerful capacity of preaching possessed by Geo. Spaulding made him of first importance for the church in this place.

After many years he ministered to the church at Mole Creek.

### Joseph Williams.

He was a contemporary of Spaulding and he shared the work in the churches. Spaulding was secretary, Williams was treasurer. Spaulding would preach one Sunday, Williams the next. But it was Williams who carried the Sunday School work. Until Granny Stacey gave him an old horse that increased his area of service and his efficiency, Joseph Williams walked from his farm to Nubeena every Sunday morning for Sunday School. He then walked to the church on Geo. Greatbatch's property for the communion service. He remained there for the afternoon Sunday School and the afternoon service, and, after hurried attention to his own farm chores, walked back to Nubeena for the evening service.

Granny Stacey's horse was succeeded by a mount with a touch of the racehorse in him. It was the delight of young fellows to provoke this eager animal into a gallop that went beyond Joseph's control. Those same young fellows would then keep out of sight and sound for Joseph's tongue was the instrument of an excitable and inflammable spirit.

He could blaze up in his church life, too. He became fiery if thwarted, and never more than when the Lord's work was hindered.

He, too, was an excellent and powerful preacher. He also loved the grand old hymns; unfortunately, he could not sing a note. He could hum, though, and many a service was enriched by Geo. Spaulding's strong, deep voice and Joseph Williams' hymn-humming.

Joseph had a gift for prayer. He spent his closing years at Hobart church, and many today can still remember the inspiration of his voice in praise and supplication to the God he served so long and so well.

### Frank Burden.

At 16, Frank was already a Sunday School teacher at Port Arthur, and there was none more loyal to the church which came an easy first in

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## I WALKED TODAY

BY E. P. C. HOLLARD

Jimmy McDonald, the Negro singer, once sang "I walked today where Jesus walked," and the T.V. station telecasting him nearly went off the air as the staff crowded to hear him. I, too, was greatly moved, and in these last few days I've been walking where Jesus walked. And I still feel like crying! What have they done to this place where his feet walked, his hands were stretched out in pity, and his voice raised to give a flawless message?

Today we walked along the narrow streets, among the bazaars and stalls. Our guide, a Moslem, kept bringing our attention back to the places where "the blessed Lord Jesus" (he doesn't believe in him, but assures that some other man was crucified, for Jesus had gone to heaven weeks before!) had walked. He led us into the Church of Ecce Homo, where the good nuns took over and showed us the "actual" place where the soldiers had gambled. We went to another and were invited to place our hands into a hole beneath the altar and feel "the actual place" where the Cross had been implanted in the ground, and, believe it or not, the "actual tomb" of Joseph was only a few yards away!

There's glitter and turrets and sacred places everywhere. It seems that every fact of the gospel story has been pinpointed and kept for posterity. In spite of at least three sackings of the city and at least two attempts to completely obliterate the evidences that he ever walked here. One honest soul in a church, telling us her part of the story, said, "Jerusalem is a city of tradition and fact." Her careful placing of words impressed me.

On Sunday morning we walked from Israel to Jordan — across 100 yards called "no man's land." The two nations are technically at war, and ever and anon there is firing and someone gets hurt or killed. "The trouble" of 1948 is still a trouble. Through this sacred city runs a line of territory which separates Jew and Arab, Christian and Moslem.

Centuries ago, in a garden somewhere here, was another "no man's land," when the Lord Christ fought out a battle which involved the soul of the world. There's a steeple to remind the world of the place, and barbed wire to prove that the souls of men are still encompassed about.

On the walls separating the two cities — for there are two Jerusalems — stood soldiers, sand bags, and buildings all around still as crumbling wrecks from the blast of the guns. And when he walked into Jerusalem so long ago, we read that he wept over the city. It is no hard thing to imagine that he still weeps!

Today I had "a moment" when something got through to me. Reluctantly our guide told us that there's a place called "The Garden Tomb." Would we like to see it? Surely not another crucifixion spot? I'd already been to the "authentic" one! This could be too much. But we went. There's no church there, simply a garden.

It seems that General Gordon, of Khartoum fame, a Biblical scholar and researcher, conducted some excavations "outside" the wall of Jerusalem (the "authentic" spot is "inside"). Gordon's excavations were later authenticated by Sir George Marston, no mean archaeologist. Archbishops of Canterbury and scholars of the Continent and Europe, writers and explorers, likewise attest that this is the actual "place of a skull."

And in a simple garden setting, indeed looking like a skull, the excavations made one halt. It just looked good. In fact, it felt good! So, I had my reaction. We asked questions and were told that "this is the Protestant Calvary." "Why isn't this on all the tourist lists?" we asked. "Well, the church wouldn't like it and it would be bad for the official tours."

Honestly, we felt "nearer God's heart in a garden" than somewhere else on earth! Of course, it doesn't really matter. It doesn't prove a great deal. The fact is, he was crucified outside the walls of this very city. He was buried somewhere around here. So what? He rose triumphantly from that place.

The centuries have seen the Crusaders and the sackings, the disputes about actual places, visits from Popes and tourists, but it doesn't really matter. Wherever it was, or is, one day an angel said, "He is not here. He is risen!" and the curious disciples looked and learned. Today we "walk by faith and not by sight."

When we arrived at Tel Aviv from London there was a strange expectancy. The next morning we were to be guided by a young Israel man of 29 years. He knew his Bible and he loved his country dearly. So we headed for Nazareth where he walked. "The desert shall blossom as the rose," is no idle word from a long dead seer. It is an actual fact in this land of Israel.

Jews out of all the nations have come to the homeland of their fathers. And the news is printed daily in numerous languages and the radio broadcasts it in many more. The "Kabutz" is now a national piece of life. In these "communals" 25 families will work together — planting, reaping, tending and sharing. If need be, they eat together and make "community" a meaningful word. We saw one works where cotton, oranges, avocados, tobacco, dry feed, sugar beet, are all cropped off and prepared for home consumption or overseas markets. Over 1 million trees have been planted to provide timber and assist rain fall. Australian gums have been brought in to rid the swamps.

The people are moving out of age-old hovels into houses or home units. "My people have hope," said Jacob, "and when people have hope they'll work." So, Israel is working. The Sharon Valley is worthy of the roses which grow there.

And then to Gallilee! Tiberius smuggling on the shore, and across the other side of the Sea, the guns at the ready. "The squalls still come up suddenly and turn to gales," said Jacob, as we wondered at such a placid sea, knowing a raging

tempest upon which the Son of man walked. "Of course," he said, "some tourists want to be rowed out to the actual spot."

We saw where the Jordan came in from the north and quietly made its way out again. Nearby Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, the Mount of Beatitudes and the Plains of Jezreel. The Plains of Meggido where Hebrews had fought, and Saracens and Knights had done battle for holy places, and all around the houses and villages on the hillsides. "Why do they build there?" said Jacob, "Well, every house on the plain is that much less room for cultivation." A good point, and so Israel builds and people who have known misery have ploughs in their hands.

In Jerusalem there's the memorial to 6,000,000 Jews put to death by an unlamented paper hanger a few years ago. Along the road to Jerusalem, from the quiet hills of Galilee are the burnt-out trucks with wreaths upon them — reminders of "the trouble" which devastated this land in 1948. And right to within inches of the border the people of Israel, "with hope," till and toil. The "hope" seems always to be in the unity of their land one day.

Then there was last Sunday night. We read in the newspaper here in Jordan that "The Church of Christ" was to hold its evening service. We arrived at the basement in a modern hotel to find a small group sponsored by the "anti-organ" Brethren of the U.S.A. They have a minister and his wife here, in fact several ministers are working throughout Israel and Jordan. They celebrated the Lord's Supper and we were made welcome. The thrill of it — the Supper in the city where it was first held! Of course, in several places, the "actual room where Jesus celebrated the Supper" is to be found! However, we were quite happy with a lower room, as an upper room isn't really necessary!

Today we journeyed to more "actual" sacred places, and in one of them we once again had a "feeling," simply because the church is removed by about 100 yards from it. The gnarled, twisted and aged olive trees in Gethsemane may have heard the sound of a voice in agony, or the measured breathing of three men asleep. But all the trimmings a short distance away had little to say to me, the whisper of the wind in the olives was too loud.

Gethsemane's site looked alright, for it is across the Kedron Valley, adjacent to the place where Solomon's temple had once stood so proudly. When we visited the tomb of Mary, the Lord's mother, a strange irony seemed evident. The Roman, Armenian and Russian churches have used the site, but in the very tomb area, Rome does not have control. An interesting sidelight comes to mind — the Moslems control the sacred places because they do not want the Christian groups to quarrel among themselves. Not such a bad idea at all!

In Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity is lavish, yet somehow these places aren't really lavish — not in the sense of some Continental places. Too much has happened to them through a turbulent 2,000 years. The tour shows so many "actual" places that it is somewhat refreshing to see the roads where camel trains came from afar and fields

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# West Australia Celebrates 75 Years of Witness

## OF AN AGE WITH THE STATE

October 21, 1890, was Western Australia's "Proclamation Day." On this day T. H. Bates stepped ashore at Fremantle with a clear-cut commission from the first Inter-Colonial Conference of Churches of Christ held in Melbourne in 1889. His task was to establish the Restoration Movement in the Western State, which at that time contained a population of 50,000 people.

Within a week, on October 26, Mr. Bates conducted his first gospel service in Vervards Temperance Hall, Barrack-st., Perth, and the following week, on November 2, established the Lord's Table, at which many who had preceded him to this State as migrants from the East, and who had the vision of New Testament Christianity, were present.

In 1896 steps were taken to erect a building. The land in Lake-st. was donated by J. N. Horton, of St. Kilda (Vic.), and the brethren, although few in number, liberally provided funds for the building, which was opened in January, 1897.

A. B. Maston, from Victoria, who was the occasional preacher when the Lake-st. chapel was opened, recorded, "The church at present consists of about 76 members, nine-tenths of whom have come from the other Colonies. . . . The chapel, together with seating, fittings, fencing, etc., cost a little under £1,000. . . . the land about £600. . . . Perth is a fine city of 30,000 people. I think there can be no doubt that the brethren in Perth have done the right thing in putting up this building, and if they will now go to work heartily and harmoniously a grand future awaits them."

For 75 years Churches of Christ in Western Australia have moved along with the State in steady but sure advance, proclaiming the gospel from Albany in the South, to Carnarvon in the North, from Fremantle in the West, to Kalgoorlie in the East. In 1960, the Lake-st. congregation moved to the newly-erected Christian Centre. This structure was the result of a vision of the future taken up by the brotherhood, giving Churches of Christ the facilities for further advance in the years ahead.

On the weekend of Oct. 22-24, 1965, special celebrations were conducted jointly by the City Church and the brotherhood. Guest speaker, Gordon Stirling, B.A. (Canberra), came to speak at special rallies, which commenced with the 75th Anniversary Tea on Friday, the 22nd, at which representatives of other communions were present to bring greetings. This was followed at night by a rally, at which Mr. Stirling spoke on "The Gospel for Christians." The service also included items from an augmented choir conducted by A. B. Povey.

On the Saturday evening Mr. Stirling introduced the topic of evangelism. At the conclusion of his address the young people shared in a Workshop on Evangelism in the Youth Hall, whilst the seniors entered into a discussion on the question of evangelism. Gordon Stirling clearly emphasised that it requires us to start on the basis of a person-to-person relationship — Christians filled with love going out and making that love real. All the techniques and methods of evangelism which the church uses must be secondary to this basic concept.

On Sunday, 24th, the morning service at the City Church was broadcast over the A.B.C. At 2.45, at an Inspirational Rally in the Auditorium, Gordon Stirling gave a frank presentation of our position in this day. He stimulated thought as we re-examined the message and movement to which we belong.

The day concluded with the gospel in the City Church, preceded by the City Church anniversary tea, prepared by the ladies of the church, and attended by ministers of the various City churches, and many former members of Lake-st.

Material was prepared and sent out to all churches in the State, asking for an emphasis on the message of the Restoration Movement. At the same time missions were being conducted at Busselton by J. K. Bond, at Kalamunda by Don Tonkin, and Collie were celebrating its 60th anniversary services.

Western Australia, having looked back across 75 years, is by no means a backward looking people. It stands on the threshold of great new advances, refreshed and revitalised.

—J. T. Holloway.

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## I WALKED TODAY

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with shepherds still watching their flocks, and not asking any price to be seen.

We, too, travelled the Jericho Road today, and thought of the wondrous story he told of the Samaritan and his great opportunity. It was only a story the Master told, but half way to Jericho there's the ruin of the Jericho Road Hotel! It is now a police station!

And Jericho! That's where "the walls came tumbling down" so long ago. Today 15,000 Arab refugees are packed into small houses, waiting. What they are waiting for no one seems to know. Our guide didn't, and guides know everything! I'm given to understand that U.N. helps to keep them in food and clothing, and Elisha's spring supplies the water.

In Jericho itself is a full bazaar life, dates, olives and citrus, but out where the refugees live it is barren, stern and forbidding. And on a nearby mountain is a monastery, denoting that there Jesus was tempted. Jericho seems like a temptation for someone to be up and doing about these refugees!

Excavations reveal the walls which fell flat. Covered by centuries of silence and moving sand, they are now open in places. The archaeologist deserves the acclaim of the world as he pieces together the pattern of the past.

And talking of the past, and its pieces — what a moment it is to enter the Museum in Jerusalem, Israel, and look upon the Dead Sea Scrolls. Even casual Bible students know something of the impact of these amazing discoveries by Bedouin shepherds. The state of preservation is little short of the miraculous. We looked lovingly at the hills this afternoon as we hastened back to Jerusalem!

It is easy to be slightly cynical in this land, and were one not a Christian, then the Christian faith could suffer untold harm through the "actuals" and "traditions" which have been used to clothe the truth.

For me, I was not prepared to be "told a thing" — I wanted to feel things for myself, and as I saw the squalor, the narrow streets, the beggars, the shepherds and flocks, the caves wherein people still live, I sensed that in such scenes he lived and walked. The feeling is here — the Christ was born in this land, he walked its highways, he opened his mouth to teach the world, and then in this very city he opened his heart to show them. Here, in torn and troubled Palestine, God invaded the world in human flesh. I felt it alright — he has been here! And that makes it the Holy Land!

The "actual" is out in the world among its teeming millions, where hunger and pain are being fought, where standards are being raised and true worship maintained, where young and old are living what he taught and trying to make him real in every little world within this larger world, then one can feel it again — he has been here!

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## SPOTLIGHT ON TAS. . . .

# Southern District Convention

Fifty-six cars of every imaginable variety of horsepower, color, age and size were parked in the grounds of the Copping Church for the Southern District Convention on Oct. 30-31. The churches represented were Dover, Highcroft, Collins-st., Hobart, Nubeena and Copping.

There are three buildings there and all began somewhere else. The chapel and one hall were at Kellevie until two years ago. Next to the chapel is a hall that was used as a general place of worship at Burnt Creek. There is a plaque on the wall in appreciation of the ministry of the Rev. R. E. Dear, who served the Congregational Church for over 20 years in this district. It is good for this mark of honor to remain. The buildings are in splendid condition and the men and women of Copping worked very hard to prepare them for the Convention. The ladies provided nearly 350 meals on the two days.

One Convention highlight was the

Saturday discussion about loss of membership and the difficulties of evangelism in our day. After an introduction by Lyndon Smith, of Highcroft, the members divided into groups and then presented reports. Dr. K. R. Bowes, of the College of the Bible, gave a forward looking summary.

Another highlight was the communion service attended by 175. Alan Harvey, of Caveside, was the preacher. Speakers at other sessions were Reuben Boxhall, of Hobart, and A. E. White, Editor of "The Australian Christian." A man and a girl made decisions on Sunday afternoon and two girls were baptized on Sunday evening.

Devotional leaders were Murray Hall, of Hobart, and Geoff. Mundy, of Dover. Collin Heier, minister at Nubeena-Highcroft, presided at all sessions.

As could have been easily foretold, it was not only a place for meetings, it was also a time of renewing and strengthening friendships within the church.

# Things I'd Like to Change . . .

No. 17

By KEV. JENNER, Mackay, Qld.

In some churches (denominations if you like), the minister seems to be everything, and do everything, at least in worship services.

In other groups, including ours, the minister remains as "one of the gang," who may take any small part in a worship service.

I'm not presenting a case for or against either of the above practices, but I would simply like to change the attitude which believes the latter procedure to be "the mutual ministry," and the absolute final will of God.

Hand in hand with this idea, there seems to exist a sense of pride that we have now achieved the ultimate.

As many as ten men have taken part in some services I have attended. However, not many of these will teach Sunday School classes; only a few will attend midweek meetings; almost none will visit a home to discuss spiritual things. . . .

What's this I hear about a mutual ministry? I'd like to change the conviction(?) that this mutual ministry is fulfilled between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon on a Sunday!



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## EDITORIAL

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his life. When employed at road-making, he spent each working week away from home, but he was always back on Sundays. He sometimes travelled 20 miles with his horse team back to the road camp in the dark rather than miss the evening service.

Short and thick-set, Frank Burden had a splendid singing voice. He had a gentle, lovable disposition. He loved all children and they loved him right back. He also loved Joseph Williams' daughter, and they were married in the church that was at the centre of their lives.

His friendly nature enabled him to draw close to members of other churches in a day when church divisions divided the whole of life. Old Mr. Crocker, the Congregational minister, often asked him to pray at a funeral service because of the warmth, love, Christian assurance, and comfort that were contained in Frank Burden's prayers.

When Geo. Spaulding found a more distant ministry, and Joseph Williams moved to Hobart, Frank Burden succeeded to their tasks. He was not a great speaker to begin with, but he developed a capacity for preaching that was in the high tradition of the Peninsula.

The churches down here do not spend much time living in the past. They have today's work and witness to keep them busy. But it is not hard to find the best of the past still active. There are many new names, but the old names are also held by present members, often in the same offices as those held by the men of yesterday.

In one sense this word has been about a small group of men in one corner of our Commonwealth, but in another it is the story of so many of our churches throughout Australia. I am not only writing of three men, but of the devotion and service that stands behind almost every one of the rural churches that have been so much of our strength over the years.

### Footnote on Wives.

When morning tea was over and we were moving out, the old-timers' last word was: "If you write anything about the men, don't forget the wives!"

Let the wives also have their tributes, and this is easy to pay. They shared the faith and hope of the men, and they were equally committed to their Lord.

They bore their share, perhaps more of their share of the hardships and sacrifices. They also suffered from some of the hostility and bitterness that are so often the response to a strong stand for belief in Christ.

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## VICTORIA

### 24-HOUR PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

(Portland, Vic.). A prayer vigil commenced at 8.30 p.m. on Oct. 19, for 24-hours, and concluded on the following Wednesday evening with a service and communion, at which the guest speaker was Dr. Keenan. Home prayer-study groups have also been held. All this was in preparation for Teen Week Crusade, which commenced on Oct. 27, the chapel being packed out. Gordon Moyes is evangelist, and Des. Feary (Ballarat) song-leader. . . . Latest issue of National Rotary makes reference to the raising of £1,000 for Portland High School through the "Parable of the Talents," quoting: ". . . The project was inspired by Rotarian, Alan C. Male, minister of Portland Church of Christ, with full support of the Rotary Club of Portland, and students' parents, after the film had been screened" . . . Good Companions travelled to Stawell for district sports competition.

### BACK TO BENTLEIGH

(Vic.). Church anniversary held Oct. 3, at which speakers were A. E. Hurren and J. G. Shaw. . . . Back to Bentleigh fellowship tea at 5 p.m., when slides and taped message from Margaret Wells (New Guinea) were presented. . . . B.S. anniversary, Oct. 10 and 17, when speakers were Miss J. Winstone, L. Warren, B. Waters and A. R. Pigdon (minister). . . . There have been a number of decisions and a special instruction class has been formed to assist Y.P. . . . Shirley Thompson (former member) and R. Robotham, both serving with Poona Mission, were married in India on Oct. 9.

### "ALFIE" AT SWAN HILL

(Vic.). Bible School anniversary services on Oct. 10 had largest afternoon attendance on record. Speaker was Pastor John Graham (Methodist), a talented ventriloquist, who held the attention of children and congregation alike, with his talking doll, "Alfie." 15 scholars received certificates for full attendance. . . . Speakers on Oct. 24 were W. Veith (Youth for Christ) and John Graham. . . . Miss Wendy Mason has been appointed kinder. supt. to replace Mrs. W. Cockroft, who has resigned after many years of splendid service.

### PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

(Cheltenham, Vic.). As part of the "Plan of Development" in the Bible School, about 25 teachers are participating in a series of training sessions. B.S. anniversary was held Oct. 10 and 17. 260 children were on the platform for first Sunday afternoon. . . . Explorer Boys won Junior Pennant at outdoor sports. Good Companions also won some individual events on same day. Explorer Boys went to Career's Exhibition at Moorabbin Town Hall. . . . Congregation attended a United Service in Presbyterian Church on evening of 24th. Mr. Levitt, of B. & F. B. S., preached at morning service. E. L. Williams occupied pulpit at both services on 31st.

### ACTION AT CHELSEA

(Vic.). Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 10 and 17. Speakers were L. Stewart (Thornbury), D. H. Smith (Home Missions), and Mrs. K. Klencle, for Kinders and Primary. K. Winter conducted the singing. Musical backing was provided by an appreciated group. Senior scholars also presented a cantata service. . . . C.W.F. street stall raised £25. They also visited the Lace Factory at Dandenong. . . . I.C.E. visited Seaford for "Aerosphere" Mission. . . . Junior Good Companions gained 7th place at Indoor Sports. . . . Friends and relations turned up in full force for C.W.E.F. concert. Proceeds are for Hall Fund. . . . Explorer Boys were 3rd in worship activity night.

### ANNIVERSARIES

(Tootgarook, Vic.). B.S. anniversary was held Oct. 17. P. Andrews (Ashburton) was guest speaker at afternoon and evening services. Prizegiving social was held on the 23rd, also on this night there was a musical evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barber, to aid Organ Fund. . . . Church celebrated its 15th anniversary on 31st, with morning service, luncheon, P.S.A., basket tea and evening service. Alan Fletcher (New Guinea) was speaker at all services. The ladies catered for 90 at luncheon.

### OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

(Balwyn, Vic.). Church homecoming and B.S. anniversary services successful, with interesting speakers. Splendid singing by scholars, under leadership of J. Burns, delighted all. Temple Day offering over £570. . . . Auxiliaries giving splendidly to Christmas gifts for hospitals and Social Service.

### DISTRICT HOUSE PARTIES

(Ashburton, Vic.). B.S. and church anniversary day held Oct. 24. D. Smith (sec., Dept. Home Missions and Evangelism) spoke at church anniversary at a.m. service. Afternoon session was taken by Kinder and Primary dept. Theme was "Children of the World," and each child was dressed in a costume from another land. Mrs. E. Heard spoke. The evening was taken by the middle school and youth who formed a choir, leading the congregation singing hymns with 20th century tunes. The play, "The Delinquent," was performed. . . . Evangelism Committee sponsored first of a series of district house parties. Contacts and members from one area met in a home for an evening of friendship and fellowship, the evening finishing with the screening of an audio-visual, "Face to Face." The aim of these evenings is for members and friends of the church to get to know each other in an informal way. . . . C.W.F. held a successful afternoon of Antiques and Family Treasures, and many very old things were displayed. A lady from the National Trust of Victoria spoke.

### QUEEN'S SCOUT

(Maryborough, Vic.). B.S. held their anniversary and, under the leadership of Miss Jean Bartlett, sang excellently. Guest speaker was C. Minns, with his guide dog. Kinder and Primary anniversary was on Oct. 10, with Mrs. Ogier as speaker. Scholars received prizes, Cradle Roll cards were distributed, and the mothers were presented with a spray of flowers. Hall was packed to capacity for the prizegiving and concert. . . . B.S. commences under a new system of team teaching. John Way (D.C.E.) has recently been training the teachers. . . . An impressive dedication service for the teachers was held on Oct. 17. . . . Congratulations are extended to Greg Lindsay in the honor of becoming Queen's Scout.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### "YOUTH IS ASKED" PANEL

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). At a short service on Oct. 28, a young lady was baptized by R. Bartholomew. Special feature of the gospel service on 31st was "Youth Is Asked." Russ Bartholomew conducted the praise service, J. Ellerby conducted the service, and young people on the panel were Misses J. Hynes and H. Yeaman, Messrs. David and Ian Bentley, and H. Bishop. The questions answered were a challenge and inspiration to all present.

### REVIEW AT FRATERNAL

(N.S.W.). At the Ministers' Fraternal meeting, at City Temple, Oct. 25, various aspects of brotherhood advance came under review. In the absence of K. E. Crawford, visiting country districts, R. B. Ewers presented Home Mission developments. C. Cole reported concerning Social Service, and B. Armstrong brought ministers up-to-date on current activities in the field of Christian Education. Discussion followed.

Next meeting of the Fraternal will be Nov. 29, 10 a.m. — an all-day session at the College, Woolwich, with a missionary emphasis, and tape-recordings from Overseas and Aborigines Mission fields.

### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

In your times of private and personal devotion we invite you to offer petitions on behalf of:—

1. The N.S.W. Conference Executive and Secretariat as they make preparations for next year's Annual Conference.
2. Miss Cox — and the fine work she does for the Dept. of Christian Education in the Correspondence Bible School.
3. The handful of folk at Orange who, with the help of the Home Mission Dept., are planning the establishment of a church in the district.
4. The Aborigines' Settlement at Balladonan.
5. The Boys' Home, "Dunmore House," Pendle Hill, and all those who have the oversight.

### C.W.F. ANNUAL CONVENTION DAY IN N.S.W.

This very special yearly function of the women in N.S.W. was held at Burwood church, and attended by approximately 170 ladies. Theme for the day was "The Bible Speaks to Women."

Morning tea was served by Burwood C.W.F. Mrs. A. Baker (a Past President) led a very bright song service.

After a very practical and challenging devotional session by Mrs. R. D. Main (Country Vice-Pres., Warrawong), the Carlingbah C.W.F. presented a very moving play, "In His Hands," written and produced by Mrs. M. Titterton.

"Talking It Over" was introduced by Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, President-elect. This session dealt with different aspects

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING

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Thus, major College courses, including Biblical Studies in the fields of Old Testament, New Testament, New Testament Greek and Exegesis, Biblical and Historical Theology, Apologetics and Church History, are not only geared to essential requirements for the Christian ministry and for missionary service, but are also especially planned so that students who are capable of doing so may fit themselves for equivalent courses for the Melbourne College of Divinity Licentiate of Theology (L.Th.) or the University of London Bachelor of Divinity degree (B.D.).

In addition, there are courses in Hom-

of our work, such as: Nomination papers; The Handbook, and the monthly meeting. Two new features were introduced: the proposed C.W.F. Workshop, and Psychiatric Hospital work. Mrs. Campbell, of the Anglican Mothers' Union, challenged with what had already been done among psychiatric patients.

The afternoon session was devoted to a Demonstration Group Bible Study, led very ably by Mrs. M. Bedwell.

### CHRIST IN THE 20TH CENTURY

(Carramar, N.S.W.). Recent speakers have been K. Crawford (Home Missions) and R. Brown, on College deputation. This year the Bible School's anniversary theme was "Christ in the 20th Century." Well attended meetings and fine scholar participation were a feature. Ben Mason and family delighted church with their presence at this time. Miss Gail Thornton was presented with two books in token of appreciation for her assistance throughout the year. She is a first-year College student. . . . The minister, R. Hawkins, concludes his ministry with the church in January. He is going to help establish the work in Orange, N.S.W.

### R.A.A.F. DECISIONS

(Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.). Two young men were baptized on Oct. 31. Both are apprentices at the R.A.A.F. Base, and have been attending C.Y.F. for some time. This makes the third R.A.A.F. man to follow his Lord in this way within the past few weeks. . . . The overall programme of the church for both outreach and conservation has been improved, and the following activities indicate the position:— Girls' Brigade and Cadets; Boys' Club; C.Y.F.; Bible School; I.C.E. and Senior Y.P. Bible Study. Weeknight Bible study groups meet in homes, and there are day and

### AT WOOLWICH

letics and Practical Church Work, Missions, Comparative Religion, and studies in English Language and Literature (with special reference to literary and cultural backgrounds in preaching and pastoral theology) and in Archaeology and Ancient History (with particular concern for Old Testament and New Testament backgrounds).

Furthermore, the extra-curricula activities afforded by participation in the fellowship of the Woolwich Evangelistic Party, the Missionary Committee, and the various student sporting organisations such as soccer, football and cricket teams, as well as in the field of Inter-Collegiate Sporting and Debating competitions (organised by the Association of Theological Colleges in Sydney) afford rewarding opportunities for ever-widening fellowship.

In addition to this, the pastoral training in student-churches supplements the College lectures and tutorial studies with helpful practical experience in the field.

These represent singular opportunities for effective training under ideal conditions for young people of vision, vigour and vitality who are devoted to Christ and who desire to fit themselves to face the insistent and compelling challenge of this age by serving him in the fellowship of his Church and the ministry of his Word.

evening midweek fellowships for women. It is encouraging to see the large numbers of Y.P. at Sunday services. Three young men spoke at recent evening service, each taking a part of the theme, "Crazy, Hazy, Lazy." Assistance of visiting speakers is appreciated.

### MISSION AT LIVERPOOL WEST

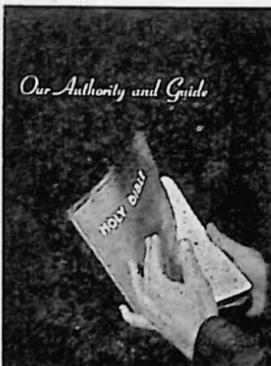
(N.S.W.). The two week's Evangelistic Crusade at Liverpool West, conducted by Kevin Christensen, of Lismore, concluded on Oct. 24. Max Harrison, song leader, and C. Nutt, pianist, were members of the team, with circuit minister, D. Norling, and student, R. Whan, and a notable impact has been made upon the district. 31 decisions were recorded, 25 primary and 6 re-consecrations. Follow-up work and consolidation will continue.

### PAUL PARKER VISITS SYDNEY

Some N.S.W. members were privileged to share in the brief visit of Paul Parker to Sydney. He is an Indian Christian, an engineer by profession, who has served the government of his country with distinction in many important technical and industrial roles, and who has also been associated with the Pendra Road Church of the American Disciples of Christ Mission in central India. He was in Sydney from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, on his way home to India from the World Convention in Puerto Rico. He enjoyed the hospitality of Woolwich College, preached at Bexley North, Burwood and Lane Cove churches, addressed the College students at "Devotions," and shared in a gathering arranged by the N.S.W. Overseas Missions Committee.

### THREE DECISIONS

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). There were three decisions when Bible School members and their parents packed the church on Oct. 31. The preacher was the minister, G. B. Davis.



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# How Does God Show His Will Through His Word?

No. 6

By D. R. OAKES - S.A.

A few years ago a friend of mine was being ordained into the Presbyterian ministry. With a good natured laugh, the local Anglican rector suggested that the text from which the charge was to be preached should be: "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good thing."

## 1. THERE IS A PROBLEM.

This joke was a gentle tilt from a system with bishops at one which had none; nevertheless it demonstrates that we see different meanings in the same Book.

One reason for this is simply that our personal backgrounds differ. A second is that each sees a different group of texts as being those of the most importance; the third is that, in actual practice, we do all have varying denominational traditions. These are reasons why we tend to read our own ideas back into the Scripture.

## 2. WHAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT.

Though we realise there is a problem of interpretation, we often mistake the real reasons. For instance, the problem does not primarily arise from different views of inspiration.

Nor does the problem arise from the fact that "the others" all put tradition before the Word of God. A glance at "The Church — Its Nature, Function and Ordering," on page 8, will make it obvious that there are people ready to place all their beliefs before the Word of God to be judged, but they still come to different conclusions from ourselves.

## 3. HOW TO START TO FIND AN ANSWER.

For many years, in Churches of Christ, we have felt we have something of an answer to this problem of interpretation. It would be foolish to abandon our idea now, or to leave it as undeveloped as it has often been. We call it "the principle of Catholicity" — in simple terms, it means that we accept an interpretation which all others can agree on.

This idea has many strengths, but has a breaking point, too. We might ask, for example: Do all permit a person sprinkled as an infant to be subjected later to the ceremony of believers' immersion? The plain answer is, No.

A further pointer on the way to an answer is the new and enriching possibility of joint study. Thus we learn the true views of those whose faith we have only known in caricature, or in some out-moded form.

A final suggestion is that any study must centre on a living issue, one that concerns us here and now. Issues like predestination, or the doctrine of the covenants are dead; almost everyone today agrees on the answer. Only live issues are worth discussing.

Christ said that if a man would gain his life, he must lose it. Something the same is true of interpreting the Scripture. While we have a dogged determination not to move, we will learn nothing. When we are prepared to study hard, study afresh and study without bias, we will learn of him.

## HARVEY HAPPENINGS

(W.A.). A young man was baptized after Bible study, Oct. 27, following his acceptance of Christ the previous Sunday. One other made her decision on 31st. Midweek Bible study has been following through Billy Graham material, "Beginning with Christ," etc., and for the next six weeks will be learning The Art of Counselling, per C. Riggs' study booklets.

## SCHOOL INCREASE AT WINGHAM

(N.S.W.). A married man was baptized and received into fellowship of the church. An increase is evident in Kinder and upper sections of Bible School. New scholars have been enrolled . . . Teachers' dedication service was held, when 13 teachers dedicated themselves for another year . . . Church treas., Keith Germon, is recuperating after a serious illness. . . C.W.F. was represented at a meeting of the C.W.F. at Taree, when the Women's Conf. Pres., Mrs. Henderson, addressed the ladies . . . Girls' Brigade Company has enrolled more girls. Senior girls are preparing for a Scripture examination, to qualify for the Brigade Scripture Badge . . . Cartons of used clothing have been sent to our State Social Service Dept. from a collection made by the church.

## EVANGELICALS TO STUDY CHRISTIAN UNITY

(London). The attitude of British Evangelicals to the ecumenical movement, to denominationalism, and to the possible establishment of a "United Evangelical Church," will be the subject of a special study authorised by the first National Assembly of Evangelicals.

A resolution passed by an overwhelming majority asked that the study be made by a "strong representative group of Anglican and Free Churchmen from within the membership of the Evangelical Alliance."

In another resolution more than 1,000 delegates, who ranged from Anglicans to Elim Church members, listed some of the things they could not accept in the pursuit of Christian unity. These included: denial of the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as final authority in all matters of doctrine and conduct; approval of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Mass; denial of the priesthood of all believers; and acceptance of the necessity for the "so-called Apostolic Succession of ordination as implying the sole means of validating the ministry of the Church.

"Christian unity is essentially spiritual in character, a unity in love, rather than a uniformity in pattern," the Assembly said. "This Assembly welcomes the movement towards the unity of the different visible churches and affirms that such unity must be on the basis of the Biblical revelation of truth, rather than on expedience, ambiguity, or compromise."

An article in the "Church of England Newspaper" described the Assembly as marking "a new epoch in British evangelicalism," noting that "never before have Evangelicals from different churches come together on a delegate basis, and in such numbers, to debate matters of doctrine and policy."—E.P.S.

## • OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# VISIT TO RABAUL

By Miss R. ROFE.

At the end of August I went out to Wewak, en route to Rabaul. I spent the weekend in Wewak and enjoyed the fellowship with the M.A.F. folk. They have a guest house there, and you eat with the various families. It was a joy to meet them all. Usually we only see the pilots, so I enjoyed meeting their wives and families.

On the Sunday I went to the Assemblies of God church. The service was led by the M.A.F. pilots. It was in Pidgin but attended by Europeans, Chinese and New Guineans. After church there was Sunday School, and at night a meeting of the Wewak Christian Fellowship in the old court house.

On the Monday I left for Rabaul — very fortunate to have the company of Max Flavel, who was going down to the Solomons to see the possibilities of extending the M.A.F. work there. The trip took me via Manus Island and Kaviang. At Rabaul it was nice to be met by Helen and Murray Russell. I spent a day or two with them and saw their set-up at Lunga Lunga. I think we all enjoyed seeing someone from home.

New Britain is so different from the Ramu area that you'd think you'd come to a completely different country. The island was, to me, very beautiful, with flowers everywhere — I think the volcanic soil may have something to do with that — the blue sea, a lovely harbour surrounded by volcanoes and reefs when the tide was out.

The Conference was held at the Methodist Youth Centre at Malmaluan. The site overlooked the harbour and had a pleasant climate. The Conference was sponsored by the Pacific Islands Christian Education Curriculum. The lec-

turers were from Australia, and the Conference was designed for training of those who either lead themselves or have something to do with the training of leaders in Christian Education among the churches in the Territory.

The sense of fellowship was tremendous. About 50 per cent of the delegates were indigenous, we all ate together — some of the food being strange to them — and this was a new experience for some of them, just as sitting down to a native feast was to me.

Christian names were the order of the day, and many new friendships were formed. The educational standard of all was quite high, and I thought it was good to be able to talk with those (most of them pastors or teachers and second generation Christians) about different problems which face us and which we don't understand because of the different thought patterns.

One Sunday we went out in groups of two or three to the different Methodist churches and took part in the services. I went with John Merebu (a New Ireland teacher) and Esau Teko (a local pastor in the Bainings, near Rabaul). We went to Vunuvulila, which is right on the sea front. At lunch we were treated to a feast of fowl and taro cooked in coconut cream. Mats and pillows were provided, and after lunch we were able to stretch out and sleep. That night we all attended the service at the Rabaul Memorial Church.

I think we all left the Conference feeling it was good to have been there in fellowship with so many others of like belief. I was certainly refreshed and hope to be able to use much of the material we were given there.

Waterfall, where sports were enjoyed by all (including the missionaries) and in the evening the service was led by young people from the villages in the south. Film strips and slides were used during this service.

Sunday commenced at 9.30 a.m., with a baptismal service, when eight young people were immersed by Jack Edwards and myself. This was held on the beach. On returning to the church the new members were welcomed into fellowship by Samuel, and then, after the Lord's Supper, Sister Kennedy and Mrs. Saxby, who were visiting Pentecost for a week, were welcomed with several choral items. The visitors responded.

The Sunday evening meeting, the final one of the Convention, was conducted by the young people from the central area. The whole C.E. group formed the choir on this occasion.

It was wonderful to see the result of years of training. Samuel was only a small boy when we came to Pentecost, but now he has really grown up to take his place as one of the church leaders.

# QUESTING



WITH  
A. E. WHITE

How is it that a member of the Pentecostal churches can suddenly become one of our ministers, without any kind of test or enquiry?

The reason is that the local congregation is self-governing and its members have the right to call whom they desire as minister. I know nothing about the specific instance that prompted the question, and I am in no position at all to express an opinion as to whether or not the man is competent or worthy.

The comment I must make is concerning the principle involved. I believe that it is most unwise for a congregation to call a minister without reference to the appropriate State advisory committee. There have been some unhappy experiences in the past.

Our churches are self-governing, but they share a common responsibility for ensuring that all who are called to the ministry have both Christian character and reputation, and that they will be effective in their leadership.

To accept a man into one church will often mean that he becomes available to serve in other churches. It may not be fair to a man — and his family — if he is encouraged to leave his regular employment to serve a church as full-time minister. One such minister, at the end of his term, was annoyed because the State advisory committee could not commend him to another church. He conveniently forgot that neither he nor the church which employed him sought the advice of that committee at the time he began his short term as a full-time ministry. Advisory committees can protect men as well as churches.

Churches are sometimes careless of their responsibility to the brotherhood at large. When one minister terminated his appointment in some kind of disgrace, that same church commended him to another congregation because, they said, they didn't want to stand in his way! They wouldn't have him, but they would recommend him to others! This is an act of disloyalty to Christ.

One man was called to the ministry of a church on the recommendation of two members. He proved to be strong and dictatorial and gradually replaced troubled board members with those who completely accepted his leadership. This church soon changed from one of brotherhood co-operation to a church in isolation and even opposition to brotherhood witness.

This kind of thing is rare. It could be made even rarer by ensuring that every church seeks the assistance of the representative advisory committee which can give protection to churches.

# REAPING . . .

By J. SMITH. Pentecost.

On Christmas Day, 1952, I baptized a boy at a service at the small church at Vania, not far from Ranmawat. This boy is now well-known throughout the Australian brotherhood. He is Samuel Bull. After attending school at Ranmawat, he went on to Londua, on Aoba, and from there to Woolwich Bible College in Sydney.

Last week we saw the result of this training, and his work here since his return. Starting last Friday was the first C.E. Convention ever held here, when quite a number of young people from the various villages met together for three days. Samuel organised the whole thing on his own. On Friday, there was a service in the morning, in the afternoon a prayer meeting and a hike, and a convention meeting in the evening. This was conducted by young people from our northern villages.

On Saturday there was a picnic at

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# INTERSTATE ROUND-UP

## NINE BAPTISMS

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). Nine Sunday School scholars were baptized on Oct. 17. Other October highlights were the S.S. anniversary and the Guide church parade, at which Geo. Smith, Conf. Pres., was speaker. Recent preachers have been W. Lake, E. C. Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Ryles and Mr. Caladine... I. A. Allsop commences a ministry in the new year with this church and Riverdale.

## VISITOR FROM NEW GUINEA

(Inglewood, W.A.). John Bolton, from New Guinea, was speaker on Oct. 24... The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Win. Hancock. Mr. Had-dow, the father of Mrs. Ron. Wright, passed away while holidaying in W.A. The B.S. anniversary on Oct. 17 featured a youth tea, and the evening service was conducted by the scholars.

## HISTORICAL MEETING AT DONCASTER

(Vic.). October 26 was the centenary of the first detailed business meeting held in 1865. At the 1965 meeting, the following historic and far-reaching resolutions were passed by a very well attended gathering of members:— Deeds and titles transferred to Properties Corporation; Adoption of the membership principle, "Christians in fellowship; Introduction of Planned Giving programme in 1966, under the sponsorship of the Home Mission Dept. The following were re-elected to the Board: J. C. Berry, K. Crouch, R. J. Tully, and newly elected additions were: Viv. Curtis and Clive Ward (ex-Cheltenham), H. Read and K. Morris retiring at their own request.

## S.A. CHRISTMAS CHEER

Churches are reminded of the Annual Christmas Cheer Appeal. The Social Service Dept. will again require food, cakes, small toys and other gifts suitable to give to families and aged people who are in necessitous circumstances. Christmas stockings are being packed by a number of women's groups and are ready for distribution. Food parcels will be packed by the women's Social Service Committee, and these, with toys and stockings, etc., will be available after the first week in December. To be assured of an adequate number of parcels, stockings, etc., ministers or church secretaries should order immediately, giving number required, and age of children in each family. Christmas Cheer is provided for families where the father is unemployed, sick, in prison, has deserted, or is deceased — and also for aged, sick and needy folk.

"We make our own Christmas happy by giving such happiness to others."

We would also ask you to remember the Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal, and in the Remembrance Bowl placed on your Christmas dinner table, place the price of your Christmas dinner, so that some refugee family overseas will know a little of the comfort and joy we enjoy in our own homes.

Christmas time is giving time — give that others might live!

## S.A. ENGAGED COUPLES' COURSE

The last Course for the year has been completed, with 13 young people enrolling and making a total enrolment for the year of 57 in the three Courses. 1966 Courses will be held in March, June and October, and we are inviting enrolments for the March Course now.

Ministers should urge their young people contemplating marriage to secure enrolment forms and forward names and addresses to the Social Service office.

## FOR GOOD CAUSES

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). The young people's fellowship raised £23 for the New Guinea project, for which the B.S. also gave £6/5/-. A sale of work by the ladies realised £60 for various projects... Bryce Wells, from Narembeen, and R. Roberts, of Fairhaven Hostel, Esperance, were speakers at the B.S. anniversary. The two-week anniversary featured cradle roll, kindergarten and primary sections, as well as the senior school... The minister, G. B. Carslake, is in the men's basketball team in the competition just commenced. The girls are playing in the women's section and the junior girls also have a team... Men have painted the roof of a widow member's house... The majority of members are now subscribing to "The Australian Christian," widows and pensioners being subsidised.

## BIG SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Nollamara, W.A.). The Sunday School, with 320 scholars and 35 teachers, celebrated its anniversary in Oct. 75 scholars sat for the examinations. There were 69 passes, 28 with honors. The new Balga S.S., opened only a few weeks, already has 50 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 30... The total amount promised for the Faith Missionary offering for the coming year is £2,471... The minister, J. K. Bond, has returned from conducting the Bus-selton mission... The ladies' Evening Fellowship meeting on Oct. 26 was held at the home of Mrs. Drennan, at Mt. Yokine. Mrs. Pringle led devotions and a talk on home decoration was given by British Paints. Mrs. Bond is the newly elected president... A strong witness was given at the Festival of Nollamara, when a display of mission work and activities of Girls' and Boys' Brigades were shown. Church members were on hand to explain the work and give help when requested.

## National Diary

### NOVEMBER—

- 13 — W.A. — Youth-meet. Arranged by Youth Fellowship leaders.
- 19 — VIC. — C.O.B. Ordination and Graduation, Lygon-st.
- 19 — N.S.W. — Woolwich College Graduation Service — Enmore Tabernacle.
- 20 — W.A. — Children's Eisteddfod.
- 26 — W.A. — Aborigines Christmas Tree and Presentation of 1966 Youth Project money to Overseas Missions Committee.
- 27 — VIC. — Eastern Dist. Conf. Quarterly Meeting and Ladies' Temple Day — Boronia, 6.30 p.m.
- 27 — VIC. — C.E. Party Time.

## Y.P. PRESENT HYMN BOOKS

(Echuca, Vic.). Church has suffered further loss in the sudden passing of Reg. Rosendale, who held the offices of church treas., organist and sec.-treas. of B.S. Sympathy is extended to his loved ones. Y.P. presented 50 new hymn books to church at recent service; these were dedicated and presented to members... B.S. anniversary held Oct. 31, had excellent attendances and featured fine singing by children, under leadership of Arthur Rosendale. Special speaker was Alan Rowe (with his koala).

## MOVEMENTS

### MINISTERIAL CHANGE

(Austral, N.S.W.). A junior section of the Boys' Brigade (Life Boys) has been commenced, under the leadership of R. Smith... An annual event took place during Sept., that of the Girls' Brigade display and demonstration night. It was pleasing to see the interest shown by parents... B.S. anniversary was held Oct. 10... C.E. group have found half-raw sausages are very tasty. They have held two such nights in a local backyard... The church assures D. Smallbone of its support for his ministry with them from 1966.

### CHANGE OF MINISTRY

(Essendon, Vic.). B. Pryor (Echuca) has accepted the invitation to minister with the church from Feb., 1966... A door to door visitation of new flats in the vicinity of the church was held recently... Successful evening was arranged by Good Companions, Oct. 8. This took form of novelty and fancy dress. C.W.E.F. held annual fete on Oct. 22, which again proved most successful... Youth service was conducted by C.Y.F. on 24th. W. Compston was speaker. Visiting speakers have been A. Avery, F. J. Funston (Conf. Pres.), S. Bannon (Ess. Tech. School Chaplain).

### COMPLETION OF MINISTRY

(Swan Hill, Vic.). Denis G. Beanland conducted final services of his ministry on Oct. 17. On the evening of the 16th the church hall was filled to capacity for farewell evening to the Beanland family. D. W. Cockroft and E. G. Mott spoke on behalf of Swan Hill and Woorinen churches. Archdeacon J. Burnett (Anglican) represented the Ministers' Fraternal. The churches are pleased to announce that B. Jenkins, B.A. (C.O.B.) will serve the circuit in a full-time capacity during the College vacation. Mr. Jenkins will commence on Nov. 28.

### RESIGNATION OF E. T. HART

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). The church has accepted, with regret, the resignation of its minister, Eric Hart, after six years of loving and valuable service in the Lord's work in this district. Mr. Hart will be taking up new duties within the brotherhood, during April 1966... The B.S. anniversary services and demonstration night have concluded, with attendances of parents and friends most encouraging. The decisions recorded before a packed church at each of the evening services, were very stirring... The after-church Coffee Hour continues to attract many of the young people.

## THE CHOIR'S TENTH BIRTHDAY

(S.A.). The S.A. Youth Choir will be ten years old in 1966, and has planned a year of events to celebrate the occasion. Friends of the choir will want to make a note now of these dates.

Feb. 3-5—"Trial by Jury" and "Pinafore."

April 15—"The G. and S. Story."

June 11-13—A Concert in the Country.

July 28-29—A Concert in Adelaide.

Oct. 9—Thanksgiving Service.

Oct. 10—Picnic.

Add to this the usual engagements the choir has with Rallies and Missions and Conferences, and the choir will have a full programme for '66. Further information can be obtained from Miss Christine Butler, at 189 Gawler Place.

## SIR HARRY PRESENTS

(Bassendean, W.A.). Well known Western Australian, Sir Harry Howard, presented the shield won by Bassendean Church of Christ Company at the Brigade Sports on Oct. 30. At the display evening two other boys, Ray Errington and Des. Sampson, received cups for winning in their age groups. Companies from as far distant as Bunbury and Albany took part. Several Bunbury boys stayed with Bassendean church members.

## "GOSPEL TRAIN"

(Morawa, W.A.). Features of the S.S. anniversary on Oct. 31 were kindergarten afternoon, fellowship tea, and the presentation of "The Gospel Train" at night... Prayer and Bible study meetings are held in members' homes during the summer months. Last week slides on Norseman Mission were screened... The ladies' Northern Districts Conference was held on Oct. 27, in Geraldton chapel. Mrs. Griffiths presided, Mrs. John Pallot gave the message. The Geraldton ladies provided lunch.

## TOOWOOMBA'S 83rd

(Qld.). There were three decisions at Margaret Street's 83rd church anniversary, when Mr. Martin, minister at Kingaroy, was guest speaker... The half-yearly conference was held at Toowoomba. Bob Stokes addressed a men's breakfast; Alan Weedon, minister of Dalby, gave the Sunday morning sermon; and at the closing conference session at the Mylo Homes, the message was given by Dr. Green, of Dalby. A memorial plaque was unveiled by C. R. Burdeu as thanksgiving to God. Mr. Burdeu paid tribute to many who played a special part in the growth of the Homes... Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thurrowgood are motoring to Adelaide for their holidays... The Toowoomba churches farewell Miss Aileen Draney as she left for a third three-year term at the mission school at Tung, New Guinea. In her farewell message, Miss Draney said, that during her furlough she noticed the greater need for mission work by church folk in their own towns.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

(Pendle Hill, N.S.W.). Members have recently engaged in a short course in Public Speaking... B. Watson is now supt. of the B.S. B.S. anniversary was a highlight on Oct. 31. Guest speakers were Mrs. Rae Freckleton, of Belmore, and David Rodger, of Doonside.

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## GERALD ROSE LEAVING

(S.A.). Over the last ten years, Gerald Rose has earned for himself a place of highest esteem in the life of the S.A. brotherhood. Originally a South Australian, he went from the church at Maylands to prepare for the ministry at Glen Iris. Upon his graduation and marriage to Jean Marler, Sunnybank, Qld., also a student at the College, he returned to S.A. and commenced a five-year ministry with the church at Port Pirie. He then moved to Kilburn, and the development of these two churches is in no small way the result of his splendid leadership. Always a busy min-

## WORK AT EPPALOCK

(Vic.). After a long period of planning and preparation, work has commenced on the first building of the Eppalock Camp Conference Centre. It is the toilet block and water supply unit, and will be ready for the use of the Christmas Camp. Builder is F. Richards, and architect is R. Drayton. The project is being jointly developed by the Central and Northern District Conference and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education. The Camp occupies 8 acres of land on the shores of Eppalock Reservoir, 15 miles from Bendigo. Visitors are very welcome.

## MISSION COMMENCES

(Berri, S.A.). A two-week mission commenced on Nov. 7, with C. E. Watson, of Nailsforth, as missionary... The Winkie B.S. anniversary, on Oct. 31, had T. Lawrie as guest speaker... The ladies enjoyed a visit from the Christian Educ. Committee... The Temple Day offering reached £50... Combined C.E. groups attended a missionary evening conducted by Mr. Story.

## UNLEY SPECIAL DAY

(S.A.). Increased attendances marked 83rd anniversary of church on Oct. 24. Roy C. Dixon, of Hawthorn church, was morning guest speaker. Evening service was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, Aldermen, Councillors and Town Clerk. The minister, R. V. Holmes, spoke on "Why Every Community Needs a Church"... It was a happy coincidence that the day marked the return of Sir Philip and Lady Messent from the World Convention. At the evening service mention was made of some of the brotherhood leaders who have come from Park-st. church over the years, culminating in the appointment of Sir Philip as World President.

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ister, Gerald Rose still found time to study for his L.Th. degree, and is well on the way to his B.A. degree. He has served as a member of the Christian Union Committee and the State College Committee, and has shared in a number of brotherhood Youth Camps as a leader. South Australians will be sorry to lose this splendid couple, but would wish them well as they go to New Zealand to commence a ministry with the church at Lower Hutt. Mr. Rose will be leaving Kilburn in January, and he is listed to be the guest speaker at "Christmas in the Pines" at Longwood Camp on Dec. 18.

## CRICKETERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Vic.). Three Bibles, each inscribed "This Bible commemorates the memory of Harold Hillbrick, a devoted Christian, a Christian sportsman," were presented to North Essendon Church by its Cricket Club, in a very helpful service on Oct. 24. The Bibles are to be used by the president and readers in the services of the church. In this worthy way the cricketers honored the memory of Mr. Hillbrick, who was a foundation member, both of the church and Cricket Club. The minister accepted the Bibles on behalf of the church, then speaking for the cricketers, presented a similar Bible to Mrs. Hillbrick as a memento of the occasion. The players were there as a body and they provided the president, the readers and helpers in the service. Mrs. Hillbrick's son, Neil, and daughter, Joy, with their families, returned to North Essendon for the day. Neil played the organ, and old friends were glad to see him back in what was, in former days, a regular ministry.

## S.S. DIRECTOR LEADS WEEKEND

(Pt. Pirie, S.A.). A. R. Jones, Director of Social Service, spoke to the C.Y.F. and parents about the "Teenager" with the aid of a film. On Sunday evening, Mr. Jones' topic was "What Is Man For?" There was a baptismal service... Mr. Jones showed slides of his work as a prison chaplain, at a friendly hour after church... The Girls' Brigade led a youth service. Capt. Harding presided, two senior girls read the Scriptures, and 35 girls formed a choir... Over a hundred ladies attended morning tea and fashion parade entitled "Fashions Down the Centuries."

## DOCTOR FOR NEW GUINEA

A doctor is required to serve with the Churches of Christ in the Ramu River area in New Guinea.

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# We are All Growing Old!

By Mrs. DOROTHY POTTER,

President, Old People's Welfare Council of Queensland.

Everyone must, unless their life is cut short, grow old.

Most people do not wish to be classed as "old and needing care." Everyone must, as they advance in years, face the fact that the end of life is a station which has to be approached with thought and understanding in order to combat the fear which the unknown inspires.

There is a great deal of talk about looking after the "old folk" today. Many people have at heart, with deep sincerity, the real welfare of the elderly, and others just have an idea that the "old must be looked after." When old people need care they must be looked after with intelligence and understanding — not with emotional urge.

Those who care for the aged must realise that the elderly suffer from the same things as the young do, but generally in an aggravated form. They must also keep on remembering that the elderly do not want to be classed together in a block — they wish to hold on to and preserve their own individuality in every way. These are fundamentals which must be understood by those who work with the elderly, and such work must be done with a wealth of understanding, and not with an emotional outburst of short duration.

Because age has travelled a very long way, and because age has seen many things, including a great deal of sadness, it is good to bring all the gladdest things of life to them, and so Old People's Welfare Councils have been set up throughout the world — in England, in six States of Australia — because the magnitude of the problems of the aged was realised.

These Councils are the focal point in each State for all information and advice on all aspects of the care of the elderly. Literature is published, surveys carried out, advice is collected and given out, such as information regarding pensions, payment of T.V. and radio licences, legal advice, home help, in fact, where they can turn to for help of any kind.

There is still avoidable loneliness, suffering and even neglect among the aged. Old People's Welfare Committees have been formed all over Australia. Mostly the first undertaking of these Commit-

tees is to form a Senior Citizens' Club. Some have organised Information and Advice Bureaux, or a Central Rest Room is furnished where senior citizens are able to go and rest, find companionship after shopping, and have a cup of tea. Some have "meals on wheels."

The Club is for the recreation of its members. For two or three shillings a year a member may attend, mostly once a week (some are open five days a week), meet friends, enjoy a concert, play draughts, or cards, enjoy the annual birthday or Christmas party, outings are arranged, a bus being chartered.

At the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane there is a Day Centre, where younger folk who look after elderly folk, and are not able to leave them at any time, are able to leave the elderly person for a day so that they can go shopping, have a day with a friend, and generally have a free day, knowing that their elderly relative is being fed and cared for. A Day Centre is about to be opened at the Old People's Welfare Council Headquarters in Brisbane.

**Who Are the Aged?** Some of us tend to think of them as a mass of decrepit people who are unfortunately still with us, and who, because of our ideas of sacredness of human life, cannot be exterminated and hence have to be provided for — a group of people who sit in the sun, or beside the fire, without interests and without desires, simply waiting for the end of life.

**Who Are the Aged?** The aged are people such as you and I will be in a few years' time. We cannot estimate exactly how many years it will take, because chronological age does not really determine how old a person is. The rate of ageing depends upon a variety of factors — health, experience and the attitude of other people, and of the old person towards himself and towards the fact of growing old.

**Who Are the Aged?** They are individuals, each with his own personality, his own abilities, his own desires. What are the needs of the aged? Essentially the same as the needs of all people, but complicated by the waning abilities of the aged to find their own solution. Medicine has added years to life — it is up to us to add life to years. Remember, "The aged are ourselves a little older."

The second week in November is Old People's Week throughout Australia, and the above article, written by Mrs. Potter, is published to give church members information of what community interests are doing for the aged. Mrs. Potter is a member of Ann-st. church, Brisbane, and associate secretary of Queensland General Conference and Home Missions Committee.

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## CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR INDIA

Dear Sisters,

Christmas is fast approaching, and I am thinking of all our missionaries and their needs, and of the people they care for and guide into the way of our Lord.

We, here in Australia, look forward to gifts and love and happiness in the festive season, but they must remain in the place God has called them, and try to tell the people of his birth and all it means to everyone who accepts him as Lord and Saviour.

Let us be getting busy with our Christmas Cheer in the form of cards and greetings, and small gifts for our missionaries, and even perhaps Christmas cakes and food parcels to India, where things are so scarce and expensive.

We must remember that our missionaries have gone in our place, and we must support them and encourage them in every way possible, especially with our prayers.

So I take this opportunity to remind all who are able to help in any way, to send parcels early and pack them well. Food parcels may be labelled "BONA FIDE FOOD PARCEL" on the outside, and are admitted to India duty free on two conditions:—

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—(Signed) I. A. Ladner, Overseas Supt. for Women's Auxiliary, W.A.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### VICTOR HARBOUR CAMPAIGN

(S.A.). For many weeks the church prepared for a campaign, which was held during Sept.-Oct., and proved a great success. G. Lord gave inspiring messages each Sunday evening, whilst visiting artists from Adelaide added greatly to the atmosphere of the campaign. . . . Men of the church are now arranging working bees at Pt. Sturt to complete the South Coast camping site.

### ANNIVERSARY AT ENFIELD HEIGHTS

(S.A.). Bible School has concluded two happy weeks of anniversary services. One highlight was the combined Kinder and Primary afternoon, at which Mrs. Royals (Kilburn) gave a talk based on "The Lost Sheep." This was acted out by visiting helpers. The other three services were excellent, with bright singing by the scholars and challenging talks from D. Hamilton, G. Rose and R. Sansome. A Harris has been appointed supt. of senior school. . . . R. Greenhalgh was speaker at teachers' dedication service. . . . Church Board has met with Building Extension Dept. to discuss building plans.

### BUSY BIBLE SCHOOL

(Mt. Gambier, S.A.). B.S. has had a busy fortnight, with three important events. The anniversary services were held Oct. 24. Most of the tunes used came from the Twentieth Century group of composers and were very successful. The singing was led by J. Pederson. Speakers were Mrs. H. de Nys, deaconess at local Presbyterian Church, and the minister, T. Mason. Attendances were better than last year. . . . Talent quest and prizegiving night was held on 29th. Nine items were presented, including an hilarious sketch by the male teachers. £21 was raised and put toward the Tennis Court Fund. . . . On 30-31st, K. D. Horne conducted a seminar for teachers. On the Sunday morning, a teachers' induction service was held, at which Mr. Horne gave the charge to teachers and congregation. . . . The school is nearing its target of £10, which it is raising to support two children on our mission fields.

### DOZEN AT FORESTVILLE

(S.A.). At last crowded youth service, four Y.P. were baptized. The Melodaires girls' trio were guest artists, and also at Coffee Hour which followed. . . . Church is thrilled that during last three months 12 young people have made their decisions for Christ. . . . A happy day of fellowship was enjoyed at B.S. picnic held at Long Gully Oval on Oct. 11. . . . E. Paddick spoke on the work of Temperance Alliance at a.m. service of 24th. . . . C.W.F. had night of cake decorating, with Mrs. Dempster. Youth Club had night at Police Driving School. . . . New concrete down side of chapel and halls greatly improves side-way. . . . Miss Dorothy Hackett, missionary at Warburton Ranges, was speaker at I.C.E. on Oct. 10.

### WITH THE BISHOP-ELECT

(Koongarra Park, S.A.). Men's Fellowship invited men from all district church groups to their monthly meeting on Oct. 25, when the guest speaker was Rex. Howell Witt, priest-in-charge of Elizabeth area and Bishop-Elect at Geraldton, W.A. A very lively and outspoken comment on "Church Life in a Satellite Town" was well received by the large, appreciative audience, and at the conclusion a time of fellowship around the supper table was enjoyed by all.

### BALAKLAVA HIGHLIGHTS

(S.A.). The Minister, K. Edwards, conducted a teachers' dedication service. Mr. Roberts (Norseman Mission) addressed a morning service. Two girls from Esperance sang a duet. . . . Church anniversary held on Oct. 3. S. Neighbour was guest preacher at three services. Family dinner was a successful time of fellowship. Choir assisted a.m. and p.m. services, and Miss S. Alderton was guest soloist for P.S.A. . . . Queenstown Y.P. assisted in evening service on Oct. 10. Merv. Scudds (Kilburn) addressed church. B.S. picnic, held on River Flat, a few miles from township, was greatly enjoyed. . . . Church extends sympathy to bereaved families.

### PLANS FOR BRIGHTON GARDENS

(S.A.). The architect has called for quotes for new church building, foyer and service rooms. Christian Women's Fellowship raised over £200 at Spring fair on Oct. 30. . . . The Pilgrims quartette sang at monthly youth service. . . . Jim Lester in hospital for eye surgery Mrs. Cooper has returned to hospital for further surgery. . . . Mr. Hedley Thomas and Helen Thomas, and Mr. M. Symonds have returned from overseas.

### H.M. CHAIRMAN at ASCOT PARK

(S.A.). At morning worship of Oct. 31, M. A. K. Crosby (Chairman, H.M. Dept.) was visiting speaker in the interests of the coming annual offering. He gave varied facets of the work, covering past achievements, the present programme and future planning. A youth service was featured in the evening. R. Duffy led the song service. A panel of six young people took part in a dialogue sermon with the minister. Miss M. Chinnick was soloist.

### BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPORTS STUDENT

(Tumby Bay, S.A.). A social held on Oct. 29 concluded financial support of "Edgar," student at Jack Edwards' Mission School. Monies raised (£13/13/4) sufficient for "Edgar" and one mattress for new hospital (New Hebrides). . . . B.S. anniversary services held Sept. 26. R. A. Sansome was guest speaker and R. Nankivell, conductor. . . . Youth tea held Oct. 10. Y.P. travelled to Ungarra to view "Teenage Rock" film on 22nd. . . . Women's Conference half-yearly meeting held on 27th. Local and sister churches were represented. Mrs. Holloway, having addressed the meeting, was made a presentation prior to her departure. Offering towards Bombay Christian Centre was £9. . . . A. Norris assisted at evening service of 31st.

### NEW MATRON FOR BLACK FOREST HOME FOR AGED

(S.A.). The Home has been several weeks without a Matron, after the resignation of Matron Richards through ill-health. Nurse Marten was able to carry on in the interim and gave splendid service in the management of the Home. Sister Joan McCracken has now been appointed and has taken up her duties. Sister McCracken is married and, with her husband, is showing much interest in the welfare of the guests.

The finances of the Home are still causing the Board concern. The present high council and water rates, with increases in wages and food costs, is making it extremely difficult to manage on the present income. A debt of over £10,000 remains on the new buildings, and on this money interest must be paid to the Extension Committee.

The Board would welcome financial assistance, and would suggest to auxiliaries, as well as church members, that they make the Home their special interest.

Numerous items of equipment for the infirmary, costing from 1/- to £50, are required before the infirmary can operate, and groups could make a gift of any of these items to the Home. On these the Matron will be happy to advise.

Friends of the Home will be anxious to assist when they know the position of the Home. Gifts are deductible from Income Tax.

Surplus produce is always welcome — potatoes, pumpkins, fruit, eggs, etc., and may be sent to the Centre, or will be picked up from the market or any other depot. Preserving jars are available if any would like to preserve fruits. We will be grateful for the interest and help of the brotherhood.

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## COMING EVENTS

**BRIGHTON (VIC.) 106th ANNIVER-  
SARY AND HOMECOMING SER-  
VICES, NOV. 14.** 11 a.m.: Speaker,  
R. N. Gilmore, B.A., B.D. Lunch in  
homes of members. 3 p.m.: Pleasant  
Sunday Afternoon Service. 5 p.m.:  
Fellowship Tea in the School Hall.  
7 p.m.: Speaker, R. N. Gilmore, B.A.,  
B.D. All welcome.

**DUNOLLY (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL  
ANNIVERSARY, November, 14,** at 3  
p.m. and 7 p.m. Speaker, P. Andrews  
(Ashburton). All welcome.

**MORWELL (VIC.) 25th CHURCH ANNI-  
VERSARY SERVICES, NOV. 21.** 11  
a.m.: C. H. Dow, M.A. 1 p.m.: Lun-  
cheon. 7 p.m.: C. H. Dow, M.A. Past  
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**MIDDLE PARK (VIC.) 60th ANNIVER-  
SARY AND HOMECOMING DAY,  
NOV. 21.** 11 a.m.: E. C. Keating. 3  
p.m.: E. G. Kernick; Albert Park Bap-  
tist Choir and Miss M. Jackel (soloist).  
5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea for all. 6.30  
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## DEATHS

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Inglewood, W.A.  
Mrs. E. Bassard, Ann-st., Brisbane,  
Qld.  
Mrs. H. Weston, North Essendon,  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**JONES.** — In memory of Freda, passed  
away Oct. 27, 1961. "Treasured Memo-  
ries." — Inserted by Roy and Elsie.

**WILLIAMS, Harold Leslie.** — In lov-  
ing memory of our beloved husband and  
father, called "Home" Nov. 11, 1964.  
"Forever with the Lord." — Inserted by  
his wife and family.

**STURGES.** — In treasured memory of  
our dear mother, Lylla, who was called  
home on Nov. 11, 1944, and our loved  
father, William Henry, who was called  
home Jan. 1, 1961. "Forever with the  
Lord." — Inserted by their daughters  
Myrtle (Mrs. J. E. Searle), Constance  
(Mrs. C. MacDonald), and Alice (Mrs.  
N. F. White).

**TIPPETT, E. A.** — A tribute of loving  
remembrance by the minister and mem-  
bers of Gardenvale Church to our be-  
loved secretary, Ern. A. Tippett, who was  
called to rest on Nov. 16, 1964. "Resting  
where no shadows fall."

**CAMERON.** — In loving memory of  
our dear father, Frederick William, passed  
away Nov. 13, 1964; also our dear mother,  
Nellie, passed away Dec. 16, 1964.  
"God has them in his keeping,  
We have them in our hearts."  
— Inserted by their loving children and  
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## BIRTH

**ATKINSON (Milligan).** — To Pam and  
Don, a son — Simon Barton, on Oct. 24,  
at St. George's, Kew, Vic.

**STANHOPE (nee Ferguson).** — To  
Loreen and John, on Oct. 8, at Yagaum,  
Madang, New Guinea, God's gift of a  
son — David Bruce Owen. A brother  
for James, Peter and Victor.

**WILLIAMS (Coxhill).** — Iris and David  
happily announce the birth of Julie Ruth,  
on Nov. 5, at Baxter House, Geelong, Vic.

## ENGAGEMENT

**ALFORD - BAKER.** — Mr. and Mrs.  
R. T. Alford, 3 Rogers-st., Coburg, an-  
nounce the engagement of their daughter,  
Beryl-Jean, to Ralph William, eldest son  
of Mr. and Mrs. W. Baker, 11 Renwick-  
st., Glen Iris.

## SILVER WEDDING

**MARR.** — Valda and Vic Marr, Nichols  
Point, Victoria, announce with pleasure  
the 25th anniversary of their marriage  
at Prospect Church of Christ, South  
Australia, by Dr. Ray Crosby, Nov. 2,  
1940.

## DEATH

**JOHNSON.** — On Oct. 26 (after a long  
illness), Eva Augusta, of Belgrave, Vic.,  
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Mrs. Hovey, of Horsham, reported that  
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Stawell, on Oct. 20, girls from the Wim-  
mera and Northern Zone Clubs competed  
in athletic events. Clubs included War-  
racknabeal, Stawell, Dimboola, Hamilton,  
Haven, Portland and Horsham.

Results: Junior Pennant — Horsham.  
Senior Pennant — Hamilton. Junior  
Champion, Sue Lane (Haven); Senior  
Champion, Shirley Hovey (Horsham).

Special thanks to Mr. Baxter, the min-  
ister of Horsham, for his good work as  
marshall, and to Mrs. Hillier and Mrs.  
Parfet, for the over-all organisation, and  
all those who helped to make the day a  
success.

The zone leaders are now planning for  
a combined camp at Hall's Gap and  
swimming sports.—Rita Roberts.

## WITH THE VICE-REGAL PARTY

(Robinvale, Vic.). Gordon Chislett,  
one of our elders, in his capacity as  
President of the Lawn Tennis Associa-  
tion, welcomed His Excellency the Gover-  
nor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, and invited  
him to officially open the Grass Courts.  
Mr. Chislett performed his task with  
distinction . . . Final service of the  
B.S. anniversary was well attended.  
Senior school prizes were presented . . .  
Working bees erected a car-port and  
attended to general maintenance at the  
manse and chapel . . . A boys' club for  
8-13's was re-commenced on Oct. 22,  
meeting from 4.30 to 6 p.m. . . Brian  
Willesdorf and Reg Werry, of Youth  
Crusaders, showed slides of N.Z., Bal-  
larat and Geelong Crusades, and sought  
prayer support for Bendigo Crusade on  
Oct. 28 . . . A Back to Good Companions  
tea, on 31st, was a time of fun and  
fellowship for all . . . Sympathy is  
expressed to Jack Dodd, whose mother  
died suddenly in N.Z.

## SUBURBAN MOUNTAINS NEWS

(Bayswater, Vic.). Church was honored  
with visit by Vic.-Tas. Conf. President,  
F. J. Funston . . . With Boronia as  
guests, 76 Good Companions and leaders  
were entertained by slides of Ornithology  
given by Dennis West . . . C.W.F. 27th  
birthday successful. Speaker was Miss  
O. Miles, B.A., Dept. Mental Hygiene.  
Artists were Mrs. Galbraith and Miss M.  
Marshall. Foundation treasurer (Mrs.  
Rees) cut the birthday cake. K. Harvey  
(Dept. Home Missions and Evangelism)  
spoke to the church re a Planned Giv-  
ing programme.

## "AEROSPHERE" CRUSADE

(Vic.). During the four weeks' "Aero-  
sphere" Crusade with Seaford Church of  
Christ thirty-one children from the B.S.  
have come forward to express their desire  
to become Christians. 13 adults have made  
primary decisions, and another eight have  
been baptized during the crusade. Oth-  
ers have come forward to express their  
need for a deeper and genuine Christian  
experience. Attendances averaged about  
80, with a lack of interest on the part  
of the local community until the final  
week. There is much joy and thanksgiv-  
ing as this crusade closes.—G. Le Couteur.

## OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

**BAYSWATER.** A dedication service was  
held for Greg. Robert, infant son of Mr.  
and Mrs. F. Perry. **MALVERN.** At  
youth service on Oct. 17, one of the  
youth group gave his life to Christ . . .  
Officers' dedication service was held Oct.  
10. Decimal currency at meeting of  
C.M.F. Soloists have been Mrs. F. Ben-  
nett and A. Haskell. B.S. anniversary  
was a great success, with good singing  
by kinders and scholars. Jack Hyett  
spoke in afternoon. Youth group con-  
ducted morning service and provided two  
speakers in F. Clark and G. Bannam.  
Average attendance for month: 71 broke  
bread and 51 in evening. Successful  
school picnic held at Belgrave on Cup  
Day, nearly 100 attending. **WOORINEN.**  
Annual business meeting held on Oct. 26  
showed work is being maintained, with  
plenty of activity and a good spirit.  
Deacons elected were: J. Leach, S. Rog-  
ers, A. Voigt and E. Mott; sec., E. Mott;  
treas., A. Voigt; B.S. supt., J. Leach.  
There was a good attendance at Youth  
Council picnic at Goschen. Youth choir  
sang splendidly at North Central Youth  
Conference in Swan Hill on Oct. 30. Mr.  
Veith (Youth for Christ, India) was re-  
cent speaker, showing slides of work in  
India.

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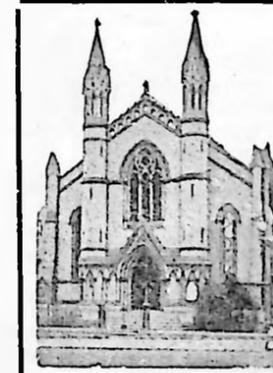
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Nov. 14 (No. 3) — "WHY WILL CHRIST RETURN?"

## OBITUARY

Ernest Mitchell.

Affectionately called "Pop Mitchell" by those who knew him at Geelong, Vic, Ernest Mitchell, of Latrobe Terrace membership, passed into the presence of the Lord at 80 years of age. Mr. Mitchell has been one of our most colorful personalities. Born at Kadina, S.A., he later resided at Ballarat, and was a leader amongst young men of his day in the Methodist Church. He was so popular in the preacher training class, that when several of the class went to New Zealand for further training, they wrote to his father asking him to persuade Ern. to join them as they could not manage without his enthusiasm. Ern. Mitchell went to N.Z., and although he trained for the ministry, he did not enter the work full-time. Gifted with musical ability, he conducted a large choir in the Alfred Hall, Ballarat, at the age of 17. He was quite unperturbed on that occasion when a gust of wind blew his music score across the stage as the choir began to sing; he carried on without the score. He had many highlights as a conductor, one being conductor of music for the world famous evangelist, Gypsy Smith, in N.Z. Mr. Mitchell came in touch with Churches of Christ at Mildura, and when converted to the New Testament position

of Churches of Christ during a Hinrichsen campaign, was so enthusiastic he led his own father to Christ. In Geelong, he has been deacon, choirmaster, a foundation member of Belmont church, and a member of industrial and community activities. A friend of little children, beloved by all, Ern. Mitchell was small in stature, but a giant in matters of truth and Christian ethics. He was laid to rest at Highton on Oct. 21, the writer officiating. We commend Mrs. Mitchell, Joan and Don Drayton, Phyl. and Bill Elliott to the God of all comfort.—A. C. Caldicott.

Mrs. Beatrice Ball.

Four years after the death of her husband, Beatty Ball, of Latrobe Terrace congregation, Geelong, Vic., passed from our midst. Our sister had a great ministry in music, having sung in most of the churches in Geelong. One highlight was her ministry over a number of years with Rev. F. Watson, Aberdeen-st. Baptist Church, in his session over 3GL. Beatty became widely known in hundreds of homes throughout Geelong during this period, touching many lives with her testimony in song. She was a great team worker and shared in a ministry in Geelong Training Prison, not only singing, but speaking words of encouragement to the inmates. We will ever remember her sense of humour and her forthright manner of speaking, which left no one in doubt where she stood. She did a great deal of charitable work,

and these efforts are in God's record. She joined the Terrace church at 16 years, taught B.S., a member also of C.E., and the Kentucky Club of the Gifford Gordon days — her life closing at 61 years was a full one. She was laid to rest at Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Oct. 19. Our prayers are with Roy and June (Canberra), Agnes and Evie Madern.—A. C. Caldicott.

Mrs. Heather Weston.

Following a stroke, and a month in a coma, Mrs. Weston died on Oct. 23. Born Heather Reynolds, at Corindhap, Vic., in 1900, Mrs. Weston spent most of her earlier life in provincial areas, in Mildura, Shepparton and Ballarat. It was in Mildura that she was baptized during a mission by the late E. C. Hinrichsen. She is also remembered at Shepparton, where she lived when the children of her first marriage, Bob and Peggy Wells, were small. After moving to Melbourne she worshipped at Middle Park, Moreland and Northcote. For a while Mrs. Weston conducted a millinery business in Sydney-rd. About 12 years ago she married Walter Weston and moved to Niddrie, transferring her membership with Peggy to the North Essendon church. Through the years she was loyal to Christ, but declining health restricted her service in recent days. Born at the dawn of the new century, she is now facing the dawn of the more wonderful life. The eternal morning is in her heart.—N. S. Moore.

Incidentally, I think the Church's activities so movingly described in Kendrick's book, "Come Out of the Wilderness," is the perfect illustration of all that Cox is arguing for here. The form of church life must "effectuate . . . the congregations' capacity to discover and co-operate in the work of God in the world."

The Church must have the ability to be infinitely flexible in its structures, to be capable of rapid change in mental structure too. In this situation, the individual Christian must be very mature and responsible if he is to meet the challenges of the "Secular City." "Secularisation . . . can be viewed as a process of maturing and assuming responsibilities."

This book is indeed a tract for our today and our tomorrows. It should be required reading for all responsible people in our brotherhood, especially those who are leaders in the local church and Departmental policies and activities. It is one of those seminal books which contains many clues for the Church's role in the decades ahead. It also provides an excellent framework for the bringing together of the many important books and ideas of recent years, notably "Honest to God," "Where in the World?" and "The Suburban Captivity."

Cox's view of the modern city is optimistic. Much of its life must come under God's judgment as well as offering possibilities for the gospel. The city has a dark and demonic side. Such books as Packard's, "The Wastemakers," "The Rise of Mediocrity," Huxley's "Brave New World" and Orwell's "1984," give several factual and prophetic pictures of the cities' economic, psychological, biological and political malaise.

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Again, Cox sees the life of the Church almost solely in terms of our responding to challenge and supplying action. To be sure, we must have challenge and action, and can agree that we have had too little in the past. But the Christian life also consists of nurture and being. The Church's structure must help persons grow, learn and pray.

Nor can you dismiss metaphysics so readily as Cox suggests. Metaphysics is a formidable word, but translate it as "truth seeking, ideas and ideals, thought and theory," and you see that the "Secular City" will have feet of clay if it rules out such. As A. N. Whitehead put it, "Our choice is not between having metaphysics, or none at all, but between good metaphysics and bad."

This then is the challenge to our thinking of the "Secular City." Mr. Cox has done us a valuable gad-fly type of service. We would now be helped by the appearance of a latter day Augustine who could give us, not a "Secular City" but a new "City of God."

—R. V. Longthorp.

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Mr. Cox offers us a brilliant and profound analysis of the "rise of urban civilisation" and its effect on "traditional religion." "Man has passed," he says, from the "tribal stage" of life, through "town culture" to the age of "technopolis." Life in this crowded world is now lived mainly in big cities. "Technopolis" is the word used to describe the emerging culture of living in the vast maze of built-up urban areas.

The book tells us much that we already know and see; for instance the "anonymity" of city life, when our relationships with people are "functional" and "segmental" rather than personal and whole. That life in "technopolis" is highly mobile, and this keeps on precipitating violent social changes. Life is never settled.

The central theme of the book concerns the church in "technopolis." This is where, for many, the disturbances will come. For we are seeing, says Cox, the emergence, in technopolis, of the "Secular City" and with it "the deliverance of man," first from religious and then from metaphysical control over his reason and his language. It marks the losing of the world from religious understandings of itself, the dispelling of all closed world views . . . It represents the "Dis-

covery by man that he has been left with the world in his hands."

The book contends (and who can deny it?) that secularisation "bypasses religion and goes on to other things." Cox says that we should not find this disturbing. On the contrary, "Christians should rejoice," that the "so-called Constantinian era is now over." The process of secularisation in urban life puts the Christian faith in the position, where "instead of supplying the ruling ethos, it will provide one of the living options in a genuinely pluralistic culture."

Does this sound too radical? Almost Marxist? Cox contends that this trend found its beginnings in Biblical sources; that this whole trend towards secularisation is part of God's providential order.

What then of the Church in the Secular City? The Church is a "responding community, a people whose task is to discern the action of God in the world and join in his work. The Church must have its life shaped and defined by what God is now doing in the world." The Church is also God's "avant-garde" in the world, getting to where "the action is," be it political, social problems, personal distresses, etc.

## OPEN FORUM

### TRIUMPHS OF GRACE.

To the Editor,

Mr. Cant has been too hasty in his condemnation of the report in the issue of Oct. 2, re the "miracle changes in some of our Aborigine friends."

"Emotional Journalism" — evidently our brother has never been touched by that Jesus (Luke 24: 39-43). Like many more "just persons" (Luke 15: 7), he has not had that touch.

What a pity we don't gather more from the "highways and byways" these days.

Our Master, too, evidently showed "poor taste in the extreme," when he called the religious leaders of his day — "hypocrites."

This reported news of Oct. 2 issue is a triumphant miracle of grace indeed, and we must not risk sinning against God's work.

—W. A. Boys, Vic.

### CHRIST AND THE O.T.

To the Editor,

Writing in his book, "In Understanding Be Men," T. C. Hammond defined the Greek word translated "inspired" in 2 Timothy 3: 16 as "the divine in breathing into a man by his controlling Spirit, with the result that he speaks, or writes, with a quality, insight, accuracy and authority which is possible in no other form of human speaking or writing."

If this definition is accepted, it is hard to see how the Christian can accept anything less than the infallibility of the Word of God.

It is easier intellectually to accept an error by copyist or translator, than it is to accept an error by God, who authorised the Scriptures.

But while accepting that all the Scriptures are inspired, we can recognise that the Scriptures are their own interpreter (Scripture is interpreted by Scripture), and that different passages have different applications to the Christian life.

It is true that Christ added new truth to that which was revealed in the Old Testament, and that some of the old teachings were superseded by those of Christ.

But the fact that progressive revelation has occurred has nothing to do with the accuracy of God's revelation to man in the Old Testament. This

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fact has not been appreciated by T. T. Robinson in his denial of the infallibility of Scripture ("A.C." Oct. 23).

—J. B. Allan, S.A.

### "THE CHURCH WHERE TEENS COUNT."

To the Editor,

In a day when we seem to be filled with a desire to flood the local church literature scene with printed pamphlets and brochures, useless in promotional value, these particular five words shone.

Printed at the very bottom of the last page of a leaflet advertising a mission for young people, in quarter inch lettering, was this statement implying that the Churches of Christ is a church where teenagers — individually and collectively, have a special place.

Encouragers for our young people are badly needed. There are few adults these days who are actively seeking out potential in the next generation, few who give words of encouragement and stand prepared to discuss problems which were once familiar to themselves. Some do. They always receive reward.

This could well account for the alarming rate at which our young people forsake the church in late teens and early twenties — for one reason, they just don't seem to count. Higher educational standards, greater diversification of interests, have demanded that youth leaders and counsellors keep abreast of the times so that in personal dealings with teenagers they can show them that they're wanted.

—K. Wiltshire, Qld.

### WOMEN AND WORLD PEACE

(Rome). An international group of 20 Christian women — 17 Roman Catholics, two Protestants, and one Christian Scientist — undertook a 10-day strict fast at a Roman Catholic convent here to pray for guidance for the Second Vatican Council in its discussions of world peace.

The women, most of them housewives and mothers, took nothing but water during the October 10-20 retreat. They came from France, Austria, Belgium, Italy and the U.S.A.

A spokesman said the women wanted to share in the difficult task facing the Council in its discussions of war and peace, and felt they could make a contribution by fasting and praying for ten days beseeching the Lord to inspire the Council with the insights of the gospel.—E.P.S.

### IS THIS UNIQUE?

(Shepparton, Vic.). As both groups meet on the same day, our C.W.A.F. accepted the invitation of St. David's Pres. Guild to meet with them for the monthly meeting. The two Presidents shared the devotional leadership, then we conducted our own meeting, while St. David's "listened in." They then conducted their meeting. Later, at afternoon tea, the ministers of both churches were welcomed . . . S. Russell Baker, now Fed. Conf. Pres., was welcomed back as guest speaker at the 84th church anniversary. He was minister here from 1934-38. 80 attended a family dinner, where speak-

ers outlined the functional church plan. Special music was supplied by Leon Sander on his electronic organ, at the Saturday and Sunday services. Mr. Sander, who came to us from Cowandilla, S.A., is also on the plan to preach and conduct the meeting at Nurmurkah occasionally . . . The church was pleased to welcome Major-General Risson, Chairman of the Melb. and Metropolitan Tramway's Board, and other engineers. They attended a service while they were at an Engineers' Conference here recently.

### PLANS FOR PROGRESS

(North Essendon, Vic.). Future plans for extension of the Berry-st. buildings and facilities were discussed in a series of home group meetings when representatives of the Officers' Board met with 100 members and friends of the church . . . There were increased attendances for Loyalty Month. Highlights were — an evening service conducted by S.C.Y.F., and attended by many parents, who later shared in a fellowship hour; a panel of four members who talked about "God in My Life," during evening service, and a visit from K. Harvey . . . S.C.Y.F. had successful fete, raising £150 for the Electronic Organ Fund . . . B.S. anniversary brought large attendances on 31st, when each dept. was featured, J.C.Y.F. leading the evening service . . . Young Adult Fellowship has re-commenced, and now meets each second Sunday night after church, and alternate Tuesday nights. K. Harvey conducted their session on the 24th . . . C.W.E.F. held their 18th birthday at the home of Mrs. Dugay, Lower Templestowe. E. Rofey (Fed. Conf. Sec.) was speaker at a C.W.A.F. meeting.

### BAPTISMS AT HARTWELL

(Vic.). Two young people were baptized at gospel service of Oct. 31 . . . At annual meeting of church, I. Blenkinson was elected as elder, R. Tyler, re-elected, and Messdames Macdonald, Powter, Staley, re-elected deaconesses . . . Church endorsed resolution of Board to proceed with detailed plans for future building development, also action of Board to engage Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism to conduct a programme during 1966.

### ELECTIONS AT SUNSHINE

(Vic.). At annual meeting, office-bearers elected were: elder, W. Morton; deacons, F. Gillespie, I. Hocking, L. Rowe, J. Wilson; deaconesses, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Robinson. R. Horwood was thanked for 10 years' service as secretary. Membership: active 82; supplementary 22. Offerings, donations: £1,976. Auxiliary reports showed faithful leadership, steady progress . . . During minister's holidays speakers were A. and E. Westaway and L. Chapman . . . Explorer Boys and friends enjoyed visit to A.B.C. studios.

### NEWS AND REPORTS

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## Moments of Worship



Thursday, Nov. 18. Acts 10: 1-8. A devout man who feared God (v. 2).

The centurions showed up very well in the New Testament. Jesus said of one of them, "Not even in Israel have I found such faith" (Matt. 8: 10). The centurion in charge of the crucifixion is also presented in a good light. Cornelius was also a man of charity and prayer. It could be expected that through such a man God would enlarge his kingdom. Cornelius was given a vision that would bring the message of Christ to his home.

O Christ, may we always be ready for more light to come from you. Amen.

Friday, Nov. 19. Acts 10: 9-16. What God has cleansed you must not call common (v. 15).

Before Cornelius could be received into the church, Peter had to be changed. The change had already begun. A strict Jew would not even have been found staying with a tanner. His trade involved him with dead animals that would have made him continually unclean (see Numbers 19: 11-13). It seems certain that the tanner was a Christian and Peter was already learning that some of the Old Testament restrictions could no longer apply. He was about to learn that the whole of the Jewish attitude to Gentiles was also out of date.

O God, there are still some who are slow to learn that the only race is the human race. Amen.

Saturday, Nov. 20. Acts 10: 17-23. Accompany them without hesitation (v. 20).

Peter would be naturally suspicious of any Roman soldier knocking at the door and asking for him. Even if the two servants of Cornelius were Jews, it could not take all of the danger from the visit. The Romans were oppressive in themselves and they could also be used as instruments by the Jewish leaders, as the death of Jesus proved most conclusively. Peter probably needed the assurance of the Spirit that those inquiring for him had come in peace.

Eternal Father, sometimes the door we fear most is the door through which you call us. We need the assurance of your presence at all times. Amen.

Sunday, Nov. 21. Acts 10: 23-29. Cornelius was expecting them (v. 24).

It may seem surprising that Cornelius was so confident of the coming of Peter that he had already gathered his relatives and close friends. But Cornelius was convinced that God was directing the whole operation. That there was still room for mistaken ideas, however, was proved when the centurion knelt before Peter to worship him. The big fisherman at once made it clear that he was the servant, not the Master!

O God, when we have the assurance of your will, may we have also the confidence and courage to do it. Amen.

Monday, Nov. 22. Acts 10: 30-43. Any one who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him (v. 35).

To us, this is so obviously a part of the gospel that it may not come with the force of a new and startling idea about God. When we use the words, "God so loved the world," we naturally take them to mean everybody in it. If the Jews thought about those same words they would take them in the most exclusive sense. To enlarge the concept of God's realm to include the Gentiles was a change so tremendous that it required all of the direct leading of the Spirit to bring it about.

Our Father, we know that there are no justifiable barriers between peoples because you have broken every barrier down. Amen.

Tuesday, Nov. 23. Acts 10: 44-48. The gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out even on Gentiles (v. 45).

If the Holy Spirit came to all who heard Peter speak, it surely means that they also responded. They submitted their wills to God. This was before their

baptism, but the gift of the Spirit was accompanied by the same kind of experiences that had made the Day of Pentecost so memorable. Although Pentecost was for all, it was not recognised by the Jews as having anything to do with the Gentiles. Therefore, this happening at Joppa was the natural and necessary completion of what began at Pentecost.

Dear Lord, we know that the gift of the Spirit is also for us. May we readily accept that gift and use it worthily. Amen.

Wednesday, Nov. 24. Acts 11: 1-18. They were silenced. And they glorified God (v. 18).

The Jewish Christians could not easily surrender their centuries' old ideas of being a superior privileged people. Therefore, Peter had to justify his actions to those at Jerusalem. It is perhaps to be expected that the critics would be silenced by Peter's explanation. They could hardly go against the evidence of the Holy Spirit. But it is surely worth mentioning that these same critics glorified God. It is one thing to accept the inevitable. It is quite another thing to accept it in grace and praise.

O God, sometimes our prejudices are also threatened. May we surrender them gladly when you expose them. Amen.

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—Ecc. 3: 1.

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to eat,

There's a time to work and a time  
to play,

There's a time to sing and a time  
to pray,

There's a time that's glad and a time  
that's blue,

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to do,

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