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BETHLEHEM UNPLANNED

It may seem blasphemous even to suggest that anything about the birth of Jesus was unplanned. Ever since the beginning of the world, the coming of Jesus was expected by mankind and planned for by God.

For hundreds of years the Jewish people had looked forward to the day of the coming of Christ, and as that day drew near, Mary, Elisabeth and Zechariah, the wise men, Anna and Simeon, all reflected not only the general but the special preparation for Christmas.

Nevertheless, there is plenty of evidence to suggest that much of the miracle of Bethlehem was unplanned. God was obliged to take and use things that were at hand. There was no preparation for the action of the inn-keeper who went ahead and filled his rooms so that there was no place available for a young mother-to-be.

Room was found in the stable, but it could hardly be said that this makeshift accommodation was planned. The wise men certainly acted as if they thought the local arrangements would be in keeping with the preparation in which even the stars were involved. They went to the king's palace to look for the King.

The manger, too, was unplanned. Someone, whose job it was to see that the animals were fed, made the manger — not knowing that he was making a cradle for the Christ.

Christmas each year reminds us that the Christ can be found in unlikely places — such as in you and me. It reminds us, too, that God can use the unlikely things for the fulfilment of His great purpose, such as things you and I do with our hands.

CHANGE THE RULES

It is not uncommon for people to try to change the rules when the game gets hard. Instead of making a greater effort to reach a standard, the tendency is to lower that standard.

A surprising and frightening example of taking the line of least resistance is the declaration by some Sydney mothers that they would encourage their young single daughters to use the oral contraceptive — so well known in our press as The Pill.

Perhaps the mothers concerned are seeking the least of several evils. It is suggested that The Pill is preferable to undesirable forced early marriages, abortion, or the shame of an illegitimate birth. These are grave dangers to society, true happiness, and the genuine fulfilment of life's opportunities, but when mothers encourage the use of The Pill by single girls, they could well produce a social situation that is even more menacing.

It may be that some single girls do already use the oral contraceptive, and this could well mean an increase in sexual relationships outside of marriage. But the sad facts of our current social revolution show that pre-marital experiences of this nature do not increase the possibility of happy marriages, they decrease such a possibility.

Our nation is already battling against a strong tide of immorality. Mothers who encourage their daughters to use the oral contraceptive are destroying standards of decency and are making a surrender of their own family happiness in a way that is beyond understanding.

ONE MORE ISSUE

The final issue of "The Australian Christian" for 1965 will be published on Dec. 18. The deadline for material for this issue will be Monday, Dec. 13, with urgent news and late advertisements open until the first mail on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The first issue for 1966 will be published on January 15, with material required in the Melbourne office of the "Christian" on Friday, Jan. 7.

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COVER PICTURE:

The cover photo is printed with acknowledgments to the Melbourne "Herald." Wilhemina, the collie, had a litter of six pups, but three of them died. In the bush around Mr. O. Uren's farm at Castella, Vic., Wilhemina found Joey, a baby wallaby. She brought him home and introduced him to the rest of the family. He plays, sleeps and eats with them and stays close to his foster-mother.

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The eyes of the Queensland brotherhood are focused at present on a very important spot within the State.

The place is Gladstone. It's on the coast, 350 miles north of Brisbane. It has a natural deep-water harbour comparable with that of Sydney. It has a population of about 8,000 people. No one would pretend to offer an exact figure, because any count is out of date within weeks! The population is expected to more than double in the next decade.

It all began with the huge Comalco aluminium project, costing between £50 million and £60 million was sited in the town, and work on the establishment of this huge undertaking was begun. Now there has been added the building of the multi-million-pound rail link that will carry coal from Moura, some 120 miles inland, to the port of Gladstone, to satisfy recent heavy contracts for exports to Japan.

These, with other associated developments, are causing Gladstone to burst at the seams. I discovered recently that accommodation is so scarce that it costs £8 per week for the use of a verandah, or the same amount to occupy, with a caravan, the necessary space in someone's back yard!

A "Tough Nut"

Obviously, such a fast-growing centre must catch the attention of the Home Missions Committee.

But it's a tough nut to crack!

Like many an industrial centre, the town presents religious problems. Active visitation by sects has aroused antagonism. When we promoted a tent mission in Gladstone last year, a team of visitors going from door-to-door came up against this resistance to a heart-breaking degree.

Yet opportunities are undeniable. One vigorous church in the town, by persistent efforts in reaching out to the community, has made its impact. The key is, the word "persistent."

Several limited moves on our part ended in frustration. It became obvious

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that only an on-the-spot, prolonged and intensive effort would bring results.

"Operation Sponsor"

With the establishment this year of the "Operation Sponsor" Committee, a solution seemed possible. The challenge of Gladstone was discussed.

First, with the opportunity so evidently crying out to be seized, we had to assess the need accurately. It was soon clear that only some form of full-time ministry would be effective. And nothing ought to be done at all unless it was to be of a long-range nature.

The overall strategy was discussed at length. The early proposal was to find six churches willing to release their preacher in each case for one month, thus providing a total of six months' ministry. Offers of such release almost immediately came from the churches at Ann Street (Brisbane's city church), and Boonah.

But further consideration prompted the thought that a six months' ministry by one preacher would be more effective, and this was explored.

Cost of the latter idea was a big hurdle. No one church could be expected to release its preacher for half a year at its own expense (as would have been the case with the one-month releases). This meant some £600 to £700 must be found to finance the first six months.

"Operation Sponsor" provided the answer. Through the committee, the need was circularised. At once, the Maryborough church promised £100. Later, the Sth. Qld. country conference churches voted £100. Meanwhile, the other churches that had been willing to release their preacher added their weight to the proposal. An interested individual gave £15. And so the "Gladstone Fund" began to grow. It is hoped that the target of £700 will soon be reached.

Follow-Up

Six months can hardly be called "long-range." The idea of guaranteeing the first six months' full-time ministry is to ensure adequate build-up for a full-scale evangelistic mission at the end of that time. Funds for the mission would

be underwritten from the Mission Fund of the H.M. Committee.

Thereafter, a full-time ministry is contemplated, with financial help, as needed, being channelled through "Operation Sponsor."

This is the challenge. We do not start without some foundation. There is a very small membership meeting in Gladstone now. Two adjoining blocks of ground are owned. A chapel-hall is erected at the rear of one. Under the leadership of Rowley Smith, whose family provides the core of the present work, the faithful band of members carries on with courage and sacrifice, with many burdens to shoulder.

But the eyes of the Queensland brotherhood are focused on Gladstone. By the grace of God, we believe the eyes of the whole Australian brotherhood will see a miracle of achievement there!

LAWYER AND THEOLOGIAN

During a four-week visit to Australia in February and March next, Mr. William Stringfellow, a practising New York attorney and layman of the Episcopal Church, will meet with groups of Australian laymen, with lawyers and with students. His visit is sponsored by Australian Frontier and the Rev. Ted Noffs, of the Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross, N.S.W.

Mr. Stringfellow is recognised as being one of the most brilliant lay theologians of the decade, as well as being a prominent young lawyer.

He has travelled the world in the interests of the ecumenical movement and, speaking of his latest book, "Free in Obedience," Bishop Pike says: "It will stun and shock many. It will help others to rethink and revitalise their faith." American writer, Bruce Keswick, speaking of Stringfellow's work in the East Harlem Protestant Parish, said: "He was rude, he was ruthless, he was rigid, and he was right." His forthright approach to Christianity as practised today has earned him a critical audience everywhere he has been.

Mr. Stringfellow is expected to divide his time in Australia between Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

WHAT KIND OF A JOB?

Earlier this year the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Educ. organised a successful Seminar around the subject of job availability. The seminar was led by W. S. Lowe, Victorian Manager of John P. Young & Associates (Vic.) Pty. Ltd., the well known Management Consultants.

This experience was extremely valuable for everyone who attended. It was not designed to give vocational guidance, but to give help as to where such guidance could be obtained, what should be expected of it, and what new developments were occurring in the community which would affect career prospects in the next decade.

Automation

"Automation is not just another of many steps in the Industrial Revolution," Mr. Lowe said, "it is a giant leap forward." J. I. Snider, Jr., one of the leading United States' authorities on labour relations said, "That the difference between automation and all that has gone before it, is similar to the difference between the hydrogen bomb and ordinary explosives."

Mr. Lowe said that it was only eleven years since the first commercial computer went into operation in the U.S., but today there were 22,500 in use, and as many as 200 used by one company. These computers could do almost anything — diagnose disease, control cooking recipes, set type for newspapers, send out monthly accounts and control the voyaging of space capsules.

Mr. Lowe reported that there were now 200 computers in use in Australia and another 150 on order. He said that Australia was still a long way behind the United States in the use of computers and related automation, but that we were rapidly following this development.

Employment Changes

"What does this mean for the future employment?" Mr. Lowe asked. He quoted Professor J. K. Galbraith, Professor of Economics at Harvard, who said that a complete revolution is ahead in the employment field. The time was rapidly coming when those who had only muscle power to sell would have great difficulty in finding employment. It was becoming increasingly obvious that skill of one kind or another was a pre-requisite to satisfactory job seeking.

Mr. Lowe said that already in the United States an analysis of employ-

ment figures showed quite clearly that there was a strong relation between unemployment and early school leaving. We had, of course, known that this was true, but it was now becoming dramatically and drastically apparent.

"So far as the future is concerned we may be facing, within 25 years, tremendous changes in employment," Mr. Lowe said. "Professor Galbraith suggests that we might even have to reconsider the relation of work to income. The old adage 'if a man will not work neither shall he eat' may become out-of-date because of the vast displacement of workers which may occur."

Dealing with specific types of employment, Mr. Lowe suggested that all types of personal service — such as selling, marketing, advertising, and creative work, where the essential element was the personality of the man concerned and his creative ability, would continue to be in demand.

People who used equipment, as in factories, or as accountants or teachers, would be faced with rapidly changing equipment and methods of doing their work.

Similarly there would be a change in all of the trades, with a tendency for them to become less and less crafts and more and more using automated and pre-fabricated equipment.

So far as Government jobs are concerned, already it was apparent that a degree had become almost a pre-requisite to moving to the senior levels.

Employment Guidance Services

Mr. Lowe also outlined the vocational guidance services available in Melbourne, and we now publish these as a service to a wider group of people.

(1) **Government Departments:** The Department of Labour and National Service maintains a Vocational Guidance section. This offers a free service requiring attendance for tests and an interview and discussion. This is much in demand, particularly late in the year. It is a good service limited by facilities available. No written report is issued and there is no fee.

(2) Universities:

(i) The Melbourne University Student Counsellor is Mr. R. Priestley.

(ii) The Monash University Student Counsellor is Mr. Cally. Both of these have Assistants, and they are willing and ready to help, especially in relation

to University studies. They are very rushed because of the large number of students they have to deal with.

A similar service is provided by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology — Counsellor Mr. R. Belshaw.

(3) **School Guidance Services:** These are provided through the Education Department, but because of the numbers of children to be served, there is a tendency to concentrate on "problem children." However, an increasing number of schools have full or part-time counsellors. Unfortunately, many of these have to fit this extra in with their ordinary duties and they can give only limited service.

(4) **Service by Consultants:** There are numerous services provided by Industrial Psychologists and Management Consultants on a fee basis, usually 10-15 guineas.

In general terms, Mr. Lowe suggested that anybody seeking vocational guidance should try to get, not merely a set of tests, but also an interview, and if the service was paid for, the person should insist on both and insist also on a written report. If he were not satisfied with the nature of the report he should go back and try to get the counsellor to probe further.

Mr. Lowe concluded that vocational guidance counselling could not take the responsibility of choice away from the individual. It could only provide him with information about himself and the opportunities of employment, and help him to get enough information to be able to make the choice of where his abilities and interests would be best employed.

No-one should be ashamed of not knowing what career he wanted to follow. This was a common problem. What was then needed was more information on the types of careers and the work to which the person was suited and then the development of enough drive and interest (often the most difficult part) to develop in the desired direction.

(Although this article relates to Victoria, similar services are available in other States.)

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WRIGHT THINKING

Influence

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT

A blind man recently was walking home late one night along the same route he had followed for three years. Certain objects he found with his cane always acted as landmarks. But since he had passed earlier that day, a hedge, which had been one of his landmarks, had been removed.

There was no one around and he was soon lost. At last he found himself on a bridge over a river between his and a neighbouring town. He turned and was tapping his way along the railing when a woman's voice behind him asked, "Are you having trouble?" "I seem to be lost," he answered. "I thought so," the voice quavered, "can I take you somewhere?" He told her his address and she escorted him to his door.

"I can't thank you enough," he said. "I should thank you," she replied, her voice now quite composed. "I don't understand," he said. "My husband left me a week ago," said the woman. "I was on that bridge to commit suicide. Now I'm not going to. Goodnight!" and she was gone.

Life was tough for him, too — but blind and helpless, life was still worth while. His courage and faith helped a broken-hearted woman to begin again.

Every day, whether we want to or not, we are touching other people's lives. Sometimes we do it quite deliberately. We may write a letter, or engage someone in conversation, we may give a piece of advice. In so doing, we are seeking to touch and influence another, we want to give some direction to their lives, to affect their future.

But, at other times, we may touch the life of another quite unconsciously like the blind man in our story. We may not even be aware at the time, and we may never become aware that a casual remark of ours, a shrug of our shoulders, a cynical smile, a display of temper, has remained with another person, and has colored all their subsequent thinking.

Dick Sheppard, who made St. Martins-in-the-Fields so famous, said that while he was an undergraduate at Oxford, he was considering seriously taking orders in the Church of England, but he nearly gave up the whole idea because he saw a Bishop lose his temper at a game of tennis. That Bishop, losing control of himself for a moment, had no idea that one who was to be one of the most loved preachers of his time, was looking on and taking notice. Quite possibly he never knew.

We do not always realise what important consequences our words and actions have in other people's lives. Unknown to ourselves, we are touching other lives — the lives of children in the home, of those who work beside us every day, the people who live in our neighbourhood and the people we meet quite casually in the street, and we are making it easy or difficult for them to believe and battle on. It sets us wondering what kind of touch is ours.

A Boston newspaper once printed this item: "It was a dull, rainy day, when things looked dark and lowering, but Phillips Brooks came down through Newspaper Row and all was bright."

SYDNEY TRAINING CENTRE FOR YOUTH

The Central Methodist Mission in Sydney has announced plans to expand its training facilities for young people. The Mission's plans provide for an extension of its Evangelists' Training Institute which was established 76 years ago as a training centre for young men planning to enter the ministry.

The additional facilities will enable the Institute to enrol young women, as well as young men, and will offer training for effective lay service as well as the ministry.

In 1966, courses will be available in youth work, community service and local church affairs, as well as theological subjects.

"We invite enquiries and applications from young men and women from Australia and beyond interested in our Evangelists' Training Institute," says the Rev. Alan Walker, Supt. of the Mission. "The lecturing programme and participation in mission work in Sydney offer unique opportunities for young people seeking Christian training and experience."

How much our world today needs that kind of personality, whose touch can make men happy and restore courage.

In 1866, a boy was born in southern England, named Arthur Pearson. From birth his eyes were weak, and by the time he was 47 the last flicker of light faded. Shortly after the First World War broke out, and within a few weeks blind soldiers began to appear in the hospitals in London. One day Pearson was called by telephone to come at once to a hospital. The doctors had told a young soldier that his sight was permanently destroyed, and he had gone into hysterics. Being unable to quiet him, they summoned Pearson with the hope that he, another man who had lost his sight, might be able to help him.

That call to the hospital revealed to Pearson a new life-work. He would organise a new hospital for blind soldiers. St. Dunstan's Hospital came into being to help men and women blinded in war service adjust themselves to their new circumstances and find new hope and a fresh start. When the war ended he had 1,700 blinded veterans under his care. Whenever a patient lost his courage and self-control, and began to talk wildly of suicide, Pearson would visit the man, take his hand, and say quietly to him, "Old fellow, you know I'm blind too." No one will ever know how many men Pearson saved from death or insanity, or how profoundly he altered the future in countless homes.

What happens when your life touches another? This is where many of us Christian people fail. We can and do give genuine sympathy to those in need, but any decent friend can do that. As Christians we ought to be able to do more — to help heal the wound, piece together the broken life, show the way to victory and to God.

Whether or not our touch will heal depends, not so much on what we say, but on what we are, and what we are depends on how close is our walk with God.

The programme of the Training Institute provides daily morning lecture courses. Lectures are offered in Theology, New Testament and Old Testament, preaching and evangelism. Other courses are available in psychology and counselling, youth leadership, church administration and public relations.

Practical experience is gained in sharing in the unique programme of the Mission. Members share in the work of the Life Line Centre, Teenage Cabaret, pastoral care, open-air speaking and inner-city evangelism.

A Year of Service

The Training Institute invites applications from young men and women who are willing to give one year of their lives in full-time training and service. Accommodation and full board are provided, together with a small weekly allowance. In return, as part of the training, tasks are allotted within the various evangelistic and social service undertakings of the Mission.

The Institute has some scholarship monies which can assist financially those needing Help. No young man or woman should fail to make enquiries because of financial difficulties. The Director of the Institute, the Rev. W. D. Adams, B.A., B.D., will advise on courses and on finance.

Applications are invited from all States in Australia, from New Zealand, Pacific and Asian countries. Enquires from young people of the various denominations will be welcomed.

During the last few years members have come from Ceylon, Tonga and Fiji. All enquiries can be sent to Rev. Alan Walker, Central Methodist Mission, 139 Castlereagh-st., Sydney, N.S.W.

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SPOTLIGHT ON N.S.W. . . .

"LIVING and GIVING"

"God so loved that he GAVE . . ." And Paul says: "The life that I now live . . . I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and GAVE himself for me" (Gal. 2: 20).

A Christian is one who should live to give. First of all we give ourselves entirely to Christ. Then we give ourselves in service for others. Although this is never fully realised, because of our human frailty, it is encouraging to note that many in our churches are living and giving as an expression of the Living Lord in their experience.

The Bible College at Woolwich has concluded another fruitful year. The Graduation Service at Enmore, on Nov. 19, was the culminating point, not only in the life of the College but also in the experience of the 7 exit students who face the challenge of leadership and self-giving service in our churches.

New Ministries to begin early in 1966: D. A. Oldfield goes from Albury to Hornsby, and N. Flint moves from Gilgandra to North Sydney. D. Smallbone relinquishes the work at Penshurst to take up the task at Austral; B. Benz will go from Austral to Gilgandra, and R. Hawkins leaves Carramar to accept the challenge of the new field at Orange.

Into the State will come three men—N. Hodgekiss, from Victoria to Earlwood; D. Holloway, from South Australia to Georgetown, and P. French, from Queensland to Wagga. Also, from Woolwich College, F. A. Elliott will go to Caringbah.

N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal met at Woolwich College on Nov. 29, when guest speakers were Lewis H. Park, of W.A., representing the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, and David Eagling, bringing up-to-the-minute news of the New Hebridean mission fields and an insight into the development of the Banmatmat Bible College.

A Church Union Gathering of considerable interest took the form of a Thanksgiving Service at St. James' Church, on Nov. 28, to commemorate the merger between the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.

Rev. W. R. Paech, President of the Evangelical Lutherans in N.S.W., delivered the main address, and C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed., N.S.W. Conf. Pres., represented Churches of Christ.

N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee is proceeding with further plans for the more effective presentation of the New Testament message. With the increasing tempo of movements toward Church union the Committee is eager to stress the importance among our membership

of a more thorough-going appreciation of the vital significance of our Movement. True Christian Unity will only be realised as men and women in our local churches become increasingly aware of the relevance for today of our historic message of Unity through Restoration — of New Testament faith, fellowship and life.

The Transport Christian Fellowship is yet another evidence of the desire of Christians of many communions to share in witness. Recently the Christian transport workers conducted their annual march through the streets of Sydney to Central Baptist Church, where the members participated in a special service. The Commissioner of Government Transport, S. B. Berry, read the Scriptures.

The Crusade for a Christian Christmas is again a feature of inter-church activity in Sydney this year, with pageantry and choirs presenting the Christmas message in Hyde Park and on the steps of the Town Hall.

It is nearly time too for the annual "scream" about the fact that Christmas is sometimes spelt by some people "Xmas." Those who make this objection evidently do not realise that this is NOT by any means an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas. From earliest times, right back to the First Century, as is evidenced by inscriptions in the catacombs of Rome, and elsewhere, "X," which is the Greek letter "Chi," stood for "Christ" ("Chi" being the initial letter of the Greek "Christos" or "Xristos"). Hence no disrespect or disparagement need be intended by the use of Xmas—since Xmas and CHRISTmas are the same word.

The important thing, however, is that Christmas reminds us of Giving. God GAVE. Christ GAVE. We too must GIVE. Perhaps one reason why the gospel has not spread as it should is because we who claim to have it — do not advertise the fact to others by the way we LIVE. For the true follower of the Christ of Christmas, LIVING is GIVING. May this be the significant emphasis in our lives this Christmastide.

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FOUR CHURCHES IN TWELVE MONTHS

Within a period of twelve months, from last December, Scoresby Road, Ferntree Gully, Thomson, Traralgon and Briar Hill have opened their initial building units. Thomson was opened during June, Traralgon in Nov. and Briar Hill last week. Traralgon members are active with all the matters involving a new building.

Northern suburban churches, and Ivanhoe, are responsible for Briar Hill. The churches have shown commendable vision in planning, and the new congregation will serve a long-felt need for a church centre in this area of Melbourne. With families moving in by transfer a rapid consolidation of the work is expected.

Helping Hand

Traralgon congregation has been tremendously encouraged by the interest and support of the Bentleigh congregation. Bentleigh members have visited the area and evidenced great interest and support for this missionary venture. They aim to make a regular financial contribution to this cause.

Bentleigh East is another congregation to receive the helping hand of a larger church. Brighton has undertaken special assistance commencing in 1966, to assist in its first full-time ministry with T. T. Robinson, Horsham and Haven have also indicated their desire to share in the development of Robinvale. These moves have greatly encouraged the churches and the Department in this period of critical church needs.

Rural Churches

Robinvale, Dareton, Wedderburn and St. Arnaud each represent new moves among smaller churches. They form a part of the Department's rural church development programme. E. K. Morrison commenced at Robinvale in August; J. Lowrey goes to Dareton, and G. C. Jackel commences at Wedderburn-St. Arnaud early in 1966.

Other country work is under consideration. The entire programme in city and country is running at an unprecedented expenditure level.

The Department has taken a major policy decision to go forward as planned, in an endeavour to match the great challenges in our midst, believing that churches and individuals will respond to the financial needs.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

N.S.W. CHRISTMAS CAMPS

The N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ. announces the following camps:—

Senior Youth Camp (16 yrs. and over): Dec. 27 to Jan. 3. Leader: Bruce Armstrong. Federal Board of Christian Educ. Study Booklet, "Power for Christian Living," by V. C. Stafford, will be used in discussion groups.

Junior Boys' Camp (11 to 15 yrs.): Jan. 4 to 11. Leader: Franklyn Elliott.

Junior Girls' Camp (11 to 15 yrs.): Jan. 12 to 19. Leader: Mrs. M. McLean.

All camps this year will be held at "Camp Greenhalgh," Lake Illawarra.

BUDGET INCREASE

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). The church budget for 1966 was approved by the church with an increase of 4.5 per cent over 1965 . . . J. Reid, returned home from overseas, and showed slides at a youth fellowship tea . . . Roger Brown, Bible College student assigned to Hurstville two years ago, was a recent speaker . . . Ladies held last sewing day for year and orders are being taken for next year. Clown dolls will again be made and proceeds given to missions.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MEMBER

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). The church was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth van Wensteen in a motor accident. Mr. van Wensteen is seriously injured in Newcastle Hospital. Deepest sympathy is extended to Desre and Tina Cooper . . . The church appreciates help in the pulpit during the minister's absence on holidays, also that of Pamela Tregloan, who acted as church organist while Mrs. Howard was away.

A.C.C. TO MEET IN MELBOURNE

Church responsibility in Papua-New Guinea, and in migrant welfare within Australia will be among important issues discussed at the annual meeting of the Australian Council of Churches in Melbourne in January.

The meeting, attended by about 100 Australian church leaders, will be held at Queen's College, University of Melbourne, from January 24 to 27.

In addition to the Federal Heads and delegations from 11 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox member churches, the meeting will be attended by three overseas churchmen.

They are Mr. C. I. Itty, an Indian layman, who is associate director of the Laity Dept. of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Paul Anderson, a W.C.C. migrant welfare specialist, and Dr. Sorlitua Nababan, Youth Secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference.—A.C.C.

CHURCH LEADERS' CAMP

Evangelism Through the Local Church

Church Leaders' camp, held at Naamaroo, Lane Cove National Park, proved to be an outstanding time for each one present.

Seventy representatives attended from 22 churches. Honours go to the representatives who travelled from Inverell, Gilgandra and Hamilton.

Study Material

Principal A. W. Stephenson presented two studies on "Evangelism in Acts." K. Crawford presented five studies, "Our Marching Orders," "What Evangelism Involves," "Ways of Evangelism," "Case Studies in Evangelism" and "Home Missions at Your Service." These were followed by group discussions.

Other presentations included film, "No Time to Wait," audio visual, "Me in My Pulpit," special film on Evangelism in the Local Church, prepared by Church of Christ, Hurstville, practical demonstrations on Survey Evangelism and Personal Witnessing.

Summary of Findings

1. Evangelism is our supreme task. Our Saviour has commanded us to "Go." We dare not be content to "sit and listen" or say to the unsaved "come and hear."
2. The basis of all evangelism is our own personal life and witness.
3. Evangelism is a connected series of steps each depending on the other. These are contact, cultivation, commitment and conservation.
4. Responsibilities of Church Leaders include:—
 - (a) Setting an example by their own life and witness.

RHODESIA TO PERMIT REPORT

(London). Rhodesian authorities have now agreed to permit publication of a report of a "Consultation on Human Relations" held under auspices of the Rhodesian Christian Council, the British Council of Churches reported here. It said it had been notified of the authorisation by the Anglican Bishop of Matabeleland. Earlier reports indicated publication was forbidden. The report deplored unilateral declaration of inde-

(b) Planning an evangelistic programme for the local church. Haphazard and hand-to-mouth methods in church work are not worthy of Christ.

(c) Encourage all members to participate in church's evangelistic task. This of course, means that training must be provided. It is important to tell why, show how, get started, and keep going.

(d) Win co-operation of every member in this important task. There is a fine body of members in every church who are never enlisted in the church's central project — that of winning others for Christ. This means the church wages a war without the services of its best troops.

(e) The official Board needs to set aside regular time for discussion of the evangelistic outreach of the local church or, alternatively, appoint a separate evangelistic committee in the local church.

5. Ways of evangelism must be adapted to the local church. The important thing is that each individual member and each church do their very best to reach their own local community for Christ.

Future Plans

- (1) Each local church will be asked to set aside a special session in which to discuss "Evangelism Through the Local Church" and hear ideas presented by representatives.
- (2) A second camp is planned for weekend of November 4 to 6, 1966. The studies will centre around the theme of "Personal Evangelism," with particular stress on the "how."

pendence, asked for a new constitution, and urged repeal of the Land Apportionment Act.—E.P.S.

REFUGEES SHOCK INCREASE

The U.S. Committee for Refugees estimates that the number of refugees in the world has increased by nearly 2,000,000 during the past year. The committee said a total of 9,790,000 people have been made homeless by wars and political upheavals.—E.P.S.

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BY A. R. JONES, A.U.A.,
Chaplain, Yatala Prison.



Dick had been referred to the chaplain by the Probationary Officer. He had served a sentence in another State, and had now come to Adelaide for a new start. But he was very lonely and depressed, and in this situation he resorted to alcohol and drank very heavily. Under the influence of drink he would steal and end up in prison.

It was not long before the same pattern was repeated, and Dick found himself in Yatala for six months. In prison he came to know the chaplain better and, on release, called regularly at his office. But his weakness was still with him, and in a few weeks was back at the old game.

"I've done it again," he said one day. "I'm sure the police are looking for me." "What this time?" "A tape-recorder," he replied. "Where from?" and he named the store. "How did you get it?" "I just walked out with it." "O.K.," said the chaplain, "bring it in." The recorder was duly returned to its owner.

The next week he was at it again, and Dick was back in the chaplain's office. "What have you got this time?" he was asked. "A camera." "Where from?" and the store was named. "How did you get it?" "Just took it." "You'd better bring it in"—and the camera was returned. It had not been missed and was worth £75.

It was not long before Dick was back again. He had taken a shaver and a pair of binoculars, wrapped them up and left them for safe keeping in another store. The trouble was he could not remember for a while which store. When he did, they were recovered and returned to their owners.

It was New Year's eve. Dick had been celebrating, and in a severe attack of depression decided it wasn't any

use living on, so took a bottle of aspirin. It was about midnight when the chaplain's phone rang. "It's Dick, can you come over. I've taken a bottle of aspirin and I'm frightened to go to sleep." The chaplain hurried across, loaded him into the car and, keeping him awake as best he could, eventually reached the hospital, where they kept him for three days — after which he was discharged fit and well.

It wasn't very long before Dick appeared again to announce that he was going to be married. "You haven't known her very long," queried the chaplain. "About three weeks." "That's not a good basis for marriage." "Oh, it's only a business proposition. You see, she's lonely and I'm lonely. We need each other. Would you like to marry us?" he asked. "Not much," was the reply.

The next thing the chaplain knew they had got married at the Registry Office. It was just three weeks before they quarrelled and separated. They made some efforts to try again, but it couldn't work out. Dick was heartbroken over all this. He said that he had made a mess of his first marriage and now his second try had failed.

Dick decided to leave the State and try his fortune elsewhere. He turned up at the Melbourne office one day, but soon moved on, and the last the chaplain heard from him was from a ship berthed at Bombay.

This instability seems to dog the lives of so many people and when they turn to crime there is very little one can do. Our psychiatrists are too busy to give them the attention and treatment they need. And so Dick goes his helpless way, always leaning on his drink and never able to find salvation from his defeat and despair.

CHURCH AND LIFE PRAYER AIDS

Two books to assist in prayer preparation for the Church and Life Movement will be published in January.

The books, "Light on Life" and "Aids to Worship," are companion publications to the Church and Life study book, "Life to Spend."

The first book, "Light on Life," comprises daily Bible readings and prayer pointers for 10 weeks, covering the three weeks prior to the Church and Life study programme and the seven weeks of the programme from June 19 to August 6.

It is expected that most church members taking part in the movement will make use of this book in their personal and family devotions.

"Light on Life" will be priced at 10c. a copy.

The second book, "Aids to Worship," will comprise an order of service for use at the inauguration of the study period and a suggested lectionary sermon pointers and prayers for use in public worship.

Ministers and lay preachers are expected to make use of the "Aids to Worship" book, which will be priced at 20c. each.

Both publications have been prepared by the worship committee of the Church and Life Movement. Their material is related to the themes to be studied in the movement, with particular emphasis on the Christian's faith and commitment.

Order forms for these and other Church and Life special publications will be distributed to congregations throughout Australia.—A.C.C.

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GOVERNMENT ASSIST VOLUNTARY SERVICE SCHEME

The minister for External Affairs (Mr. Hasluck) and the Minister for Territories (Mr. Barnes) have announced in Canberra that the Government will extend its support for voluntary overseas service by providing a measure of financial assistance to the Overseas Service Bureau for its Australian Volunteers Abroad Scheme.

The Ministers added, that while providing financial assistance to the Overseas Service Bureau, it was the Government's wish to preserve as far as possible the independence and the voluntary character of the Bureau and its activities.

The Ministers said that the Bureau had a fine record of endeavour in the volunteer field, and the Government hoped that its support would encourage continued and expanded support from private sources for the Bureau's work.

Under the current Australian Volunteers Abroad Scheme about half of the volunteers are serving in Papua and New Guinea, and it was expected that under the new arrangement this would continue.

The Ministers noted that the Government's decision recognised the widespread feeling in the community that Australia has a special responsibility and a special opportunity in helping to meet the needs of developing countries.

Young Australians who spend a period abroad giving service as volunteers could make a real contribution to meeting urgent needs, as well as forging links of goodwill and expanding their own experience to the enrichment of the Australian community generally.

The Overseas Service Bureau is supported by community groups and church organisations, including the Australian Council of Churches and Mission Boards.

Nine young people sent overseas in 1965 have been supported by the A.C.C.'s Inter-Church Aid Division, which will continue its support in 1966.—A.C.C.

THROUGH THE WALL

A group of five Soviet teachers from technical schools are spending ten days in West Berlin at the invitation of the Social Office of the Protestant Church of Germany (E.K.I.D.). Every day the Soviet teachers cross the border in order to visit schools, hostels for young people, and small private enterprises. They return each night to East Berlin.—E.P.S.



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A. E. WHITE



I have been asked to be chairman of an important church committee, but have had no experience. Can you suggest some things that will be helpful?

Some committees are appointed for a particular job, such as carrying through a building project. Others are continuing committees dealing with one area of the life of the church, such as evangelism or care of property. Some committees, like that of finance, require a specialised knowledge, while others are much more general. As committees vary so much, the qualifications of a chairman would need to be considered in the light of the job he has to do.

You may have this comfort, however. If the folk concerned were able to get someone better to do the job they would not have asked you. So accept the position humbly and give your best.

Every committeeman should do some homework about his responsibility. New items may be presented for consideration, but there are many for which preparation can be made. These need to be thought through before the meet-

ing. This is good for the committeeman, but it is essential for the chairman.

This does not mean that you go to a meeting with targets so determined that you see your job as getting everybody else to agree with you. You can guide a meeting without directing it, and you must be flexible enough to let the committee follow the best path, whoever suggests it.

Make sure that members are informed if they need to come prepared to discuss some matter of great importance. Even the most co-operative of members is likely to react negatively if something unexpected is "sprung" on him.

Make sure that the time for a meeting is used profitably. There is no committee in the world that can waste time more happily than a church committee. The special friendly relationship that exists between church members can thwart the main purpose of coming together.

Start on time. This means that you must be at place of meeting ahead of time, ready to start on a positive note.

Don't waste time. We have all been to meetings where the first half-hour has been spent waiting for someone to turn up, the second half-hour spent on what happened last month, the next half-hour on listing some of the things that have to be decided, the next half-hour listening to the reasons for the lateness of the last arrival and bringing up to date on the way the night has been wasted so far, and finally, twenty minutes are used finding suitable date for wasting another night.

The chairman must ensure that the time of the members and the purposes of their Lord are not spoiled by shilly-shallying. More next week.

KENYAN WHITES PRAISE AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE

(Nairobi). Fourteen prominent Kenyans of European ancestry have issued a statement here pointing to Kenya as an example of successful independence under an African majority rule.

Issued in wake of Rhodesia's declaration of unilateral independence, they called on Rhodesian Prime Minister, Ian Smith, "to think again," declaring that many of their fears about Kenya's independence had proved to be "totally unfounded. We can honestly say that President Kenyatta's government has kept its pledge to respect the rights of all races and that bitterness of the past has been largely forgotten."—E.P.S.

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QUEENSLAND'S YOUTH LEADER INDUCTED

(Brisbane, Qld.). On Dec. 4, at Ann St. church, the congregation stood as the Girls' Brigades of metropolitan and country churches formed a guard of honour for the new Youth Director, A. C. Male, Dip.R.E. Mr. and Mrs. Male were escorted to the platform by a girl and a boy.

The chairman of the Dept. of Youth and Christian Educ. in Qld., J. Sheriff, presided, and the charge was given by A. McK. Surtees, Conference Pres., and H.M. Organiser.

In response to the charge, Mr. Male spoke of the two "extremities" of our time, from "being a square" to "being a rolling stone." He challenged the young people to cherish the foundations of Christianity laid by our parents in the faith and, above all, to be reliable in an unreliable age.

The Brisbane Churches of Christ choir, led by Merle Ludgater, sang the anthems, "Lord, Most Holy" and "I'll Walk With God." The service concluded at 8.30 p.m., and the congregation then moved to the Basement Social Hall, where tiny kerosene lamps dimly lit the scattered coffee tables.

Here in the Coffee Chat rendezvous, the new director was given an informal opportunity of meeting with all who had come. Brisbane's popular T.V. Christian performers, the "G.T.'s", the "Pilgrims," and the Wrigley Sisters, together with folk singer, John Kane, and boy soprano, Garon Hodgins, and a supporting cast of talented artists, presented a most entertaining Christian Night Club programme. Mrs. Ludgater earned the thanks of all for arranging the service and "Coffee Chat."

While supper was served, John Sheriff read greetings from V. C. Stafford and all State Youth Directors. Mr. Male paid tribute to the untiring work of Bill Howard, Department secretary, and to Mrs. Howard. These have carried much of the recent burden in organising and promotion of youth activities.

Mr. Male closed by telling the story of Malotte's setting of "The Lord's Prayer," which was then sung by Garon Hodgins.

In meeting Queensland's first ever full-time Youth Director, Alan Male, all who were present felt that this was an impressive beginning to a truly significant era in Christian Education.

Alan C. Male was born at Richmond in Northern Queensland, and before entering the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, for training for the ministry, was employed with the Queensland Railways. He joined the church at Toowoomba and was later in fellowship with the Gladstone church. Since graduating he has had a successful ministry at Portland, Vic. He married Kathleen Grenfell, of Toowoomba. Mr. and Mrs. Male have three children, Linda, Merryn and Coralie.



Mr. and Mrs. Male, Merryn, Linda and Coralie.

NORTHERN DISTRICT WOMEN

(W.A.). Geraldton was the meeting place for the first time for the Northern Districts Women's Conference, on Oct. 27. Thirty women were present, under the presidency of Mrs. F. Griffiths. Guest speakers were the State President, Mrs. V. Pallot and Mrs. C. Digwood, a life member of the State Auxiliary. A brief outline was given of the Home Mission and Social Service work carried on by the State Auxiliary. All visitors had travelled over 100 miles, but testified to a day of happy fellowship.

1965 CHILDREN'S EISTEDDFOD

(W.A.). In 1964, the first Children's Sacred Eisteddfod was conducted at the Christian Centre, Perth. This was so successful the Youth and Christian Education Committee decided to organise a second Eisteddfod in 1965.

Seventy-two entries in six different sections — vocal solo, vocal duet, art of speech solo, speech group, choirs, and instrumental solo — were received, and approximately 160 children participated on Nov. 20.

The winners in the various age grades of each section provided the programme for the Aborigines Christmas Tree occasion on Nov. 26, and an audience of 700 people appreciated the children's efforts.

It is hoped that the Eisteddfod will become an annual event, and be of help in training the leaders, speakers and singers of the church of the future.

"CHURCHES IN CO-OPERATION"

(Vic.). A brochure with this title sets out details of the new inter-church co-operation in the new Latrobe Valley community at Churchill, Vic. It is now available from the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. The co-operating churches are Anglican, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian. . . Peter Arch, M.A., an Anglican, is the newly appointed minister to serve Churchill. He was inducted on Dec. 3 at Morwell.

£800 FOR NEW GUINEA

(W.A.). At the 1964/65 Waterman's Bay Christmas Youth Camp (W.A.), Alan Fletcher, a missionary recently returned from New Guinea, was asked to speak concerning his work on the Mission, and to suggest some of the needs of the New Guinea field requiring financial assistance. Mr. Fletcher suggested seven or eight possible financial projects, and the young people then voted for the one they would most like to support. As a result it was decided that the young people of Churches of Christ in Western Australia would aim to raise £750 during 1965 — £500 being to pay for the cost of sending a plane to the mission stations once a fortnight for 12 months, and £250 to go towards the cost of maintenance of river craft for 12 months.

The children and youth of the churches responded enthusiastically to this challenge, and on Nov. 26 it was with great pleasure that representatives of the various youth organisations were able to hand a cheque for £800 to John Bolton, missionary on furlough from New Guinea, and in charge of the transport on the mission stations. Money is still coming in to the Youth and Christian Education office, and it is anticipated that the final figure will be over £820.

CAROLS FOR SHUT-INS

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). The C.Y.F. will again sing carols at the homes of "shut-in" members. . . The minister, L. G. Read, suffered a sudden indisposition on Nov. 14. His place in the pulpit was taken at short notice by P. Jauncey, of Kenmore Christian College, and W. W. McDowell. Guest preacher for the youth service on Nov. 28 was H. Sargent, of Annerley. . . Alterations to the church and mothers' room have been completed and have occasioned favorable comments. . . Mrs. W. H. Fox has been elected president of the Lamington Drive were £24, and receipts from Sunshine Bags, £30. Both amounts were divided equally between Home Missions and the Youth Department.

BOLTONS AT NORTHAM

(W.A.). A film was screened and articles of interest displayed at a meeting attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Bolton, home on furlough from New Guinea. . . The church was saddened at the death of Lincoln Lucy, and offers sympathy to Mrs. Lucy and family. She is president of the C.W.F. . . The minister T. D. Maiden, exchanged pulpits with W. Turnbull, of York, on Nov. 27.

SELF-SUPPORTING

(Southport, Qld.). The church has now become self-supporting after receiving a subsidy of £7 a week from the H.M. Committee. The church donated £50 to that committee as an expression of thanks and the members added another £10 to that sum. . . There have been two decisions, and another received into fellowship recently. . . The Risson family of Ipswich conducted "The Service with a Difference," on Nov. 28.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

(Wembley, W.A.). The C.W.F. concluded a successful year when Mrs. A. Smith showed slides of Wittenoom Gorge, at the Fellowship break-up. A love-bowl offering of £15 was received for the Living Link gift fund. The Talent returned £61, and the ladies gave £100 towards the church carpet. Mrs. J. Bolton, missionary on furlough from New Guinea, was a recent speaker. . . A weekly missionary prayer meeting has been commenced by the ladies. . . Miss Elaine De Russett, from the Congo, spoke at a recent midweek meeting. . . Robert Paget has moved to Geraldton in connection with his work. . . Paul Parker, from India, preached at a recent service. . . The church has celebrated its 26th anniversary.

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BY W. R. HIBBERT

IF ONE LEARNS THE ART OF DISTILLING TRUTH
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We learn by living. Experience is a tutor. The tutoring begins in infancy. Natural inclination and intuition may be viewed as the infancy of commonsense which, during childhood and adolescence, mature into seasoned judgments and action. If we fail to profit from experience, life will rap our knuckles. Mistakes need not be repeated. We learn by living.

Early in the history of the race men of wisdom began to record lessons learnt. Proverbs contained in the book that bears this name are not of the kind which spring unbidden to the lips of people, they are forged in the crucible of experience, or as in the poet's picture — "Bits of ancient observation by his fathers gained, each As a pebble worn and polished in the current of his speech."

They show on their faces that they are composed by men wise enough to profit from experience. Proverbs occupy an important place in what is known as the Wisdom Literature of the Jews. Proverbs and Ecclesiasticus are guides for daily life, for the promotion of uprightness and purity. It was said of Socrates that he brought philosophy down from heaven to earth. He turned men from speculation on the origin of the universe to their duties as individuals and members of the commonwealth.

When reading Proverbs one gains the impression that commonsense is a religious function, it is down to earth handling of one's affairs in God's world in submission to his will. One has to be good to be wise. The converse is equally true; one has to be wise to be really good.

We learn by living that goodness and commonsense are not two separable qualities, but two aspects of a single whole, and so the book of Proverbs reasons that you have to be godly to be wise. The framework of the book's teaching is that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." This is not because godliness pays, but because it is commonsense to handle everyday things in conformity to the purpose for which they were made.

Proverbs does not disguise the fact that learning by living is not easy. This is appreciated by reference to at least five of its obvious synonyms: (1) Instruction in training; (2) Understanding or insight; (3) Wise dealing, i.e., good sense, practical wisdom; (4) Discretion, i.e., in modern parlance, knowing the ropes; (5) Knowledge and learning. The fifth synonym is the key to the outworking of the others. Knowledge as used by the maker of proverbs implies not so much an informed mind as knowing of truth and indeed God himself; learning as something given or received, or grasped by experiential living.

Our daily use of the word "proverb" signifies a pithy, pointed saying, which by its obvious correspondence with the facts of human nature and experience, wins popular acceptance.

There are abundant clear and sensible utterances in and out of the Bible that represents truth distilled from experience. Commonsense recognises them as God-sense, this being so, life's conformity to them is intelligent action well pleasing to God.

GOLD COAST CRUSADE

Travelling by special train, leaving Melbourne on Christmas Eve, 400 young people from all denominations, will attend this year's Gold Coast Crusade.

This is the sixth year the Melbourne Youth for Christ has arranged for a delegation to attend the Crusade, and this is the largest group ever to attend from Victoria. The leaders will be Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tizzard, who will be assisted by 40 young adult counsellors.

The train will arrive in Brisbane on Boxing Day, where 10 special buses will transport the young people to the National Fitness Camp Site at Burleigh Heads, where the campers are accommodated, approximately 50 miles south of Brisbane.

Over 600 young people will be in camp altogether. The purpose of the Crusade is that teenagers will come to know Christ

as Saviour, that Christian young people will be deepened spiritually, and that young people might enjoy a vacation with Christian fellowship.

The Crusade concludes on Jan. 3 and the special train arrives back in Melbourne on Jan. 5.

MINISTER CHALLENGED

(Norlane, Vic.). Recently the gospel sermon was replaced by a question time called, "I Challenge the Minister." A young lady confessed her faith. . . Ten ministers were at the marriage of Pauline Smith to David Marr, a graduate of Glen Iris, on Nov. 27. . . The face-lift of the church building is now completed. . . J. Reid, from Clayton, was the guest speaker at the church anniversary on Nov. 28. The youth tea was in the form of a Sugar Shack, with the Glory Beats and Miles Gowty as guest artists.

"A MUSEUM FOR SAINTS"

BY GWENDA STEWARD

(A morning with Paul Parker, Indian Christian).

"I'm not a biological Christian," said Paul Parker, Indian Christian, member of the Disciples in India, as he eased himself into the chair in our lounge room, one hot Saturday morning. We smiled. We knew exactly what he meant, and he went on to elaborate.

"Although my father became a Christian (and that is a miraculous story in itself) I did not inherit my Christianity. I, a sinner, became a Christian by personal faith in a personal Christ." But let Paul Parker tell the story as he told it to my husband, my brother and myself:

"For many years I was a respectable church-goer. I was one who lived as though he were in a museum for saints. I went to church regularly. I wore my Sunday clothes, and respectfully spent an hour in the church, with its stained-glass windows. I did all the things a respectable church-goer should do. Deep down in my heart, though, was a hatred — for the white man. This deep hatred persisted, until one day I was asked to play tennis — against a white man. I thought about it. Then, deciding I would play, I determined to play to beat him. I hated him enough to determine I would win.

"We played. It was a hot Indian day, and the heat only spurred me on to greater determination to win. The set went on, and there was one doubtful call. The ball was in. It should have been my set, but my opponent called 'out.' He finally won the set. I lost it. I hated him more, as he excused himself, and went off to Evensong.

"I played on with anger. But later that night the Englishman, an Oxford blue, came to my home. I was surprised, and invited him in. I was more surprised at what followed.

"Paul," he began, "that was really your set this afternoon. You were right, the ball was 'in.' I have come to say I am sorry. I went to Evensong, and I couldn't pray. I knew I had cheated you. That is sin, and I have come to confess it to you, as well as to God. Will you accept my apology?"

Paul Parker felt the presence of God. Here was a man who not only professed to be a Christian, but who was prepared to confess his sin to God and make restitution to man. A man whose Christian experience could do that really was a Christian. When a man who was third ranking officer in the Civil Service could humble himself and say, "I'm sorry," Paul began to be troubled about his own hatred. "That was the beginning of my true Christian experience," confided this Indian Christian. "From then on I knew that unless a man's experience of Christ was real in every way — until he was prepared to call hatred and cheating, and such-like as sin — he would never get his witness across to other men."

That was not the end. This experience stirred within Paul Parker the need for confession and restitution in his own life. "I remembered," he went on, "that I had in my possession an engineering dictionary. It did not belong to me. I had 'permanently' borrowed it from my Professor at University. Now I began to see that the 'borrowing' was really stealing. I sat down, wrote to my Professor apologising for having taken the book from him, and the following Sunday I put double in the offering bag to make up for that dictionary. But that wasn't enough. It's easy for museum saints to keep on saying 'sorry' to God, when no-one else can hear. I didn't have the courage

to go to that Professor and admit to my stealing, until I had a letter from him, saying, 'Dear Paul — will you come to see me? Not only do I need to forgive you — I have great need to be forgiven!'"

Paul continued the story for us. "When I went to see my Professor and return the dictionary, he told me he had 'borrowed' the dictionary from the Principal, and my restitution to him made him realise the sin in his own life, and the need of putting things right.

"Sorrow without restitution is no good to God," said Paul, as he sipped an orange drink. "If we don't really mean business with God, then we are only museum saints. I want to be God's man."

We asked this vital Indian Christian, "What do you find as you meet men and women of all races?" His answer: "The need to recognise sin in all its forms, but we have a wonderful Saviour."

To close our time together Paul Parker, the man who was Nehru's Trade Commissioner to Japan, told of his answer when invited by Nehru to be consultant engineer to President Nkrumah of Ghana. "Sir, I am sorry to say 'No, thank you.' I am working for my Boss. I have entered into a gentleman's agreement with him (pointing to heaven) and now I work for him."

What a challenge from this Indian, with an American name, his own having been changed at his baptism, in gratitude to a man who had given him the opportunity to take higher education.

I do not want to be a museum saint. Do you?

Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 24 — HEAVEN :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The meaning in English nearest to New Testament use are: sky, firmament; habitation of God and the blessed. From Anglo-Saxon *heofon*. May be related to a word meaning "ceiling," suggesting "canopy" (Etymological Dictionary by Dr. Skeat).

In the Authorised Version a translation of *ouranos* in numerous passages. Shades of meaning are indicated by other translations of the word: air (Matt. 6: 26 and other references); heavenly (Luke 11: 13); sky (Matt. 16: 2, 3; Luke 12: 56; Heb. 11: 12). In Revised Texts the word is omitted in Mark 4: 4; 1 John 5: 7; Rev. 16: 17; 21: 3, while there are variant readings in Matt. 5: 48; 19: 24; 23: 9; Luke 2: 13; John 3: 5. Sometimes the word is plural in Greek, but translated as singular, as for example in the phrase "kingdom of heaven" in Matthew's Gospel.

In secular Greek *ouranos* was used of (1) the firmament (2) the seat of the gods, outside or above this vault; (3) the universe. It came to be used of anything shaped like the vault of heaven. Uranus in mythology was the father of Cronus. The Greek name has been adopted in English as applied to the planet discovered in 1781 by Herschel. The word "ucanium" also is derived from the Greek *ouranos*.

Parallels with secular meanings can be found in the New Testament, but of course without the pagan notions of polytheism.

The concept of more than one heaven seems to be Jewish in origin, but when Paul wrote of the third heaven (2 Cor. 12: 2) he probably meant the highest realms, and used

this phrase and paradise as terms well known to his readers.

Some kindred words are of interest. There is the adjective *ouranios*, "heavenly" (Matt. 6: 14, 26, 32; 15: 13; Luke 2: 13; Acts 26: 19). Some Texts have this word in Matt. 5: 48; 18: 35; 23: 9. The adverb *ouranōthen* appears in Acts 14: 17; 26: 13. The suffix — *then* indicates "place from which," so the rendering is "from heaven." There is an important compound adjective, *epouranios*, usually translated "heavenly" in the Authorised Version, but also rendered "in heaven" (Phil. 2: 20), "celestial" (1 Cor. 15: 40, twice) and "high" (Eph. 6: 12). In "Ephesians" the unique phrase "in the heavens" appears five times. It will be noted that the word "places" has been supplied by the translators of the Authorised Version and others, but the addition localises the thought too much. A good discussion of the phrase is given in the Cambridge Greek Testament on "Ephesians" (Dr. Murray). The passages are: Eph. 1: 3, 20; 2: 6; 3: 10; 6: 12. Dr. Murray's article is too long even to summarise here, but he refers to "this conception of a world of spiritual realities as the true scene here and now of Christian activity." Hence the reference to the conflict of spiritual forces in the heavens (6: 12).

Another related word, *mesouranema*, occurs in Rev. 8: 13; 14: 6; 19: 17, but nowhere else in the Greek Bible. It was used in secular Greek of the "mid-heaven" or "zenith."

The concept of "new heavens and new earth" (2 Pet. 3: 13; Rev. 21: 1) is expressed in Isaiah 65: 17; 66: 22, and is similar to Paul's sublime utterance in Rom. 8: 18-25.

OBITUARY

Walter James Mansell.

Walter James Mansell died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Punchbowl, N.S.W. He was in his 72nd year. Mr. Mansell loved children, and during depression years he commenced and conducted a S.S. at his home until the E. C. Hinrichsen-V. Morris mission at Wiley Park in 1946. He handed the school over to the newly formed church and he and his family came into the fellowship of the church. War years made it most difficult to obtain building permits and material. Mr. Mansell erected the brick church, with his team of voluntary workers, at a tremendous sacrifice to himself and family. He constructed many church buildings, school halls and manses, also the Boys' Home recreation hall, and reconditioned many church properties with great credit. Mr.

and Mrs. Mansell always opened their home to young people. The Christian influence has brought many to an acceptance of Christ. Mr. Mansell held office as elder, deacon, S.S. teacher and superintendent, served on the Boys' Home Committee and Building Advisory Board. For many years he supplied flowers from his own garden for the church. After 16 years with the Wiley Park church, the family in recent years transferred to Bankstown church. He was planning to be of great help in the erection of a new church building for Bankstown. He was born at Lithgow, N.S.W., and married his wife, Ethel May, in 1915. Arrangements were well in hand to celebrate their golden wedding. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Jeannette and Pauline, and two sons, David and John. Mr. Mansell loved his home and family and was very proud of his son David, who trained at Woolwich Bible College and, since his graduation, has served in the States of

Qld., Vic. and now at Wollongong, N.S.W. We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Mrs. Mansell and each member of the family. A service of tribute was held at Bankstown church, which was filled to capacity, and afterwards the funeral proceeded to Woronora Cemetery, both services being conducted by P. E. Thomas who was a friend of long standing. He was assisted by the Bankstown church student preacher, Alan Gordon. —N. H. Matthews.

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 of Eric Payne. A. B. Dowsett, the min-
 ister at Morwell, was visiting speaker
 on Dec. 5, and the Yarde family, of
 Bentleigh, were also present. Commenc-
 ing on Jan. 9, fortnightly meetings will
 be held at Torra Hall. Those desiring
 to share with this fellowship are in-
 vited to get in touch with Eric Payne,
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REDCLIFFS DECISIONS

(Vic.). There were four decisions and
 three following the Evangelical Cam-
 paign . . . C.Y.F. held a successful "car
 rally," followed by an open air meeting
 and barbecue . . . L. Park, on behalf of
 Aborigines Board, visited B.S. and church.
 . . . At their final meeting the C.W.E.F.
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 monthly "Gospel Bells" service, and bap-
 tismal service, was held on Dec. 5.

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 dent, S. Russell Baker, was guest speaker
 on Dec. 5 . . . The church anniversary
 on Nov. 28 was addressed by D. Stewart,
 a former minister. Many came "home"
 for both services. A fellowship tea pre-
 ceded the evening meeting, at which
 one young man was baptized and three
 sisters made decisions.

SIXTY YEARS

(Middle Park, Vic.). Many former
 members and friends returned to help
 celebrate the church's 60th anniversary.
 David Berry was baptized and received
 into membership at the 11 a.m. service.
 At the afternoon service, the Albert
 Park Baptist Choir gave items, there
 were solos by Miss M. Jackel, and E.
 Keating gave an organ recital. The lad-
 ies catered for the fellowship tea. A
 feature was the birthday cake, made by
 a grand-daughter of H. A. Annetts, and
 cut by Mrs. G. Hartvigsen, the only
 foundation member still meeting with
 the church. Messages of greeting were
 received from former ministers and
 members, and from Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
 Mill, foundation members unable to
 attend because of illness and age.

VISITORS TO ROBINVALE

(Vic.). E. Ots, of Cowandilla, S.A.,
 guest speaker to Sunraysia Half-Yearly
 Convention, was speaker at Robinvale
 on Nov. 21 . . . L. Park showed slides
 and spoke of work at Carnarvon and
 Norseman . . . Family fellowship was
 successful on the front lawn at Boun-
 dary Bend on Nov. 12 . . . The C.W.F.
 were hostesses to the annual combined
 Ladies' Guilds on Nov. 19. This is a
 social evening, with ladies from all churches
 attending . . . Miss Judith Dodd
 has been awarded a nursing bursary.
 . . . The church offers sympathy to
 Mrs. Coburn, whose father died follow-
 ing surgery. Mrs. Geo. Chislett is a
 patient in Heidelberg House.

DECIMAL

(Maidstone, Vic.). Fifty attended a
 helpful lecture on decimal currency
 given by Mr. Alabaster, of the E.S.&A.
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 nasium display . . . Mrs. Cochaud and
 Peter Keenan were baptized and re-
 ceived into fellowship . . . Elizabeth
 Thomas has won a nursing scholarship.
 . . . Mrs. Hampton, the wife of the
 church secretary, has been ill for some
 time . . . The camp reunion at Foot-
 scray was well attended.

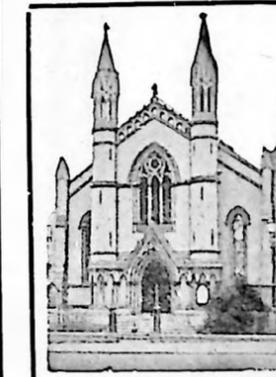
CHURCHES' YOUTH COMBINE

(Vic.). The first combined Protestant
 Churches' youth tea and service in War-
 racknabeal was held on Nov. 28. Fol-
 lowing tea, a discussion took place, those
 present divided into four teams, with
 leaders, and discussed present-day Chris-
 tian responsibilities. At the evening ser-
 vice, a panel consisting of Miss Alice
 Bell, Messrs. Snoxall and A. A. Avery,
 answered questions presented by four
 young people . . . Boys' Sunday was
 conducted recently, with a special tea,
 followed by the gospel service, during
 which Lyle Felton, of the S.S., made
 his confession of faith . . . Good Com-
 panions' club has grown to such an ex-
 tent that it had to be divided into two
 groups (senior and junior), with their
 own separate meetings. Leaders: Mrs.
 Snoxall and Miss Vickie Liddle.

OBITUARY

Nat Haddow.

Whilst on a visit to members of his
 family in Western Australia, Mr. Haddow
 suffered a cerebral haemorrhage, and
 died on Oct. 22. He was one of those
 rare souls "who was born happy." He
 had many talents, but above all he had
 a real talent for happiness which radi-
 ated his whole life. Nat Haddow was
 closely associated with three of the
 most pioneering families of Lygon St.
 — the Haddows, the McColls and the
 Haines. He followed his distinguished
 father, Nat Haddow, senr., as choir-
 master, and served most faithfully for
 over 25 years. The inspiration of his
 bright personality was felt throughout
 the whole church. He served in wis-
 dom and helpfulness as church officer
 for many years. He had the rare
 quality of friendship for all, and his
 passing leaves a great gap. A crowded
 chapel at Lygon St. paid tribute to
 the wide esteem in which he was held.
 At this service, S. Russell Baker gath-
 ered up all the lovely things of this
 good man's life, in an eloquent testimony.
 At the Fawcner Crematorium, the min-
 ister of Lygon St., P. Kavanagh, con-
 ducted the service. The love and sym-
 pathy of a very wide circle at Lygon
 St., and beyond, go out to Mrs. Had-
 dow, Elaine (Mrs. McClean), Alan, Nata-
 lie (Mrs. Wright, West. Aust.), David,
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Homiletics I: A. M. Arnot, C. A. Bray, M. M. Luhrs, D. W. Nancarrow, W. F. Thornton, R. E. Pfeifer; 7 others passed.

Restoration Movement: M. M. Luhrs, K. R. Maddern; 3 others passed.

Doctrine I: C. A. Bray, I. G. Gates, E. G. Kernick; 5 others passed.

Doctrine II: 8 passed.

Practical Church Work III: B. J. Adams, I. E. Allsop, A. H. Coleman, C. G. Dredge, I. G. Gates, W. J. S. Gaunson, E. G. Kernick, R. W. Lawton, C. A. Smith; 11 others passed.

Philosophy of Religion: B. J. Adams, J. Dow, D. J. Marr, C. A. Smith, J. R. C. Wise; 6 others passed.

New Testament I & II: M. M. Luhrs; 4 others passed

Greek I: 8 passed.

World Religions: C. A. Bray, M. M. Luhrs; 4 others passed.

Christian Education II: B. J. Adams, I. E. Allsop, M. Brand, M. J. Drake, C. G. Dredge, W. J. Gaunson, R. W. Lawton, M. M. Luhrs, C. A. Smith; 6 others passed.

Greek II: 2 passed.

In addition to these internal examinations, 26 students sat for Melbourne College of Divinity examinations in the following subjects: New Testament in English, New Testament Exegesis I and II, Old Testament in English, Old Testament Exegesis I and II, New Testament Greek I and II, Church History I, New Testament Background, World Religions, Theology, Philosophy of Religion. These examinations were taken at the L.Th. level, which, like the London B.D., is an undergraduate award. Results of the M.C.D. examinations do not come out until mid-December.—E. L. Williams.

OBITUARY

Ben Buffinton.

The congregations at Morwell-Traralgon (Vic.) were greatly shocked to learn of the death of Ben Buffinton, on Nov. 22. Aged 66, he had been in the Traralgon Hospital for nearly four weeks. Mr. Buffinton came into the fellowship of the church through a boys' club organised by Dr. W. A. Kemp, in the Essendon church. He was baptized at Malvern-Caulfield (Vic.), the building in which he and Mrs. Buffinton were married. After nine years at Ormond, the Buffintons moved to Canberra. Advertising in a local paper to discover other Church of Christ members, they were contacted by C. F. Adermann, M.P. In July, 1951, the Canberra Church of Christ was commenced in their home, seven members being present. Ben was the congregation's first secretary, and for nearly three years he arranged morning speakers from amongst the "local preachers" of Canberra's churches.

The Church of Christ, from the start, had the interest and goodwill of many Canberra people because of their high regard for Ben as a citizen, and a man of integrity, a man generous in nature. For years many referred to the church as "Ben Buffinton's church." Until he left Canberra he was the genial door-keeper of the church. For Ben, door-keeping was not only a service, but an art, and some are in the membership of the Canberra church today because they were first impressed by the warmth and sincerity of his welcome.

Ben prided himself in being a practical man. He cheerfully left weightier matters of theology to others, and was content to express his simple faith in practical deeds in church and community. His diverse trade skills were at the disposal of anyone in need and he was happiest when doing things for others.

Mrs. Minnie Demeral.

The Lygon-st church, Carlton, Vic., sustained a very great loss in the sudden death, on Sept. 18, of one of its well-loved elder members, affectionately known as "Auntie Min." Mrs. Demeral gave a lifetime of magnificent service to the Lord and the church she loved. She gave splendid assistance, with her three sisters, as teachers, in the formative years of the Chinese Mission at Queensberry-st., Carlton. She was treasurer of the women's group at Lygon-st. for 23 years, and gave of her best to the Conference Catering Committee for over 20 years. Mrs. Demeral had an amazing ministry of comfort and encouragement to sick or distressed ones through letters and cards, of a rare quality. The skill of her hands was ever at the service of others, and church funds were enriched by her artistry and industry. She will be missed by a large circle, her constant graciousness was a pattern for Christian living. Loving condolences are extended to Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Westcott (sisters), also to nephews and nieces, as we point them to a glorious coming day of resurrection and reunion by the merits of Christ. Services at the Lygon-st. chapel and Fawcner Crematorium were largely attended, and conducted by the minister, P. T. Kavanagh. —L. R. E. McC.

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One of the areas of greatest ferment in the church today has been related to the Christian understanding of the secular. Bonhoeffer (and others) introduced the idea that God as a transcendent being no longer has meaning for people in this age, and in recent years an almost limitless number of books have been written for the popular reader in an attempt to bring the thinking of the theologians to terms a common man can understand.

We must be grateful for the jolt that these writers have given us, and it must be admitted that many of the church's existing structures and linguistic expressions have lost much of their significance for contemporary society. However willing we are to subject the method and message of the church to close scrutiny, many cannot accept the extremes of some current writers.

For this reason, Professor Gilkey's book is a welcome corrective to some of these extremes. It is possibly the first book from the U.S.A. that comes as an answer to those enthusiasts who have assumed a responsibility for the promotion of the "secular gospel."

The book has had some splendid reviews, and Gerald Kennedy seems to sum up many opinions in his statement on the dust cover of the book when he says, "It is packed with common-sense, realism and insight, and I do not know of any book which seems to be more clearly aware of the modern church's heritage, dilemma and destiny . . . I recommend it very highly."

Professor Gilkey is on the staff of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. This book, with the exception of the last chapter, consists, in fact, of the "Spring Lectures of 1963" presented to the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky. The fact that the author has a Disciples background gives this book a special appeal to readers with a heritage similar to his own. Apart from the splendid material his lectures contain, the notes given in

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The writer said, in his introduction, that he is attempting to document the effect of secularism on the church's life and language. He handles his subject in an extremely practical way, and the reader is brought face to face with problems as they relate to the areas of belief, behaviour, experience and worship.

The author contends that in its worship and sacramental life the church can be the vehicle of God's grace to man in his every condition and situation, and to people deeply involved in the secular the church can bring a sense of the holy. Readers will squirm as he touches some sore spots and shows that some of the things we have taken for granted can be seriously questioned and some of the issues that we felt did not apply to the "free churches" are indeed problems we hold in common with the whole church.

The closing statement in the book

describes what he has set out to do so effectively. "The seeming irrelevance of God to our time, and the corresponding feelings of emptiness concerning him are no proof either that he is in fact dead, or that we do not need him, despite our good opinions of ourselves. The salvation of a church that has almost lost its Lord lies, not in forgetting him, but finding him again in its life. If that is to be possible, however, we must be free to experiment, not only with our theology, language, and our forms of mission and service, but even more with the structures of church life and organisation which we have inherited from an age whose customs and spiritual forms were so vastly different from our own."

In a day when it is popular to criticize the church and its relevance for this age, it is good to have such a positive statement by a scholar of this standing. When you stack your shelves with "Honest to God," "Ferment in the Church," "The Secular Mission of the Gospel," be sure that you put this book on that shelf to give some balance.

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

I have been following the discussion on women's place in the church with interest. Surely we are overlooking two important facts — the salvation of men and women, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I presume those who would take Paul's words literally, and would not sanction women having any part in the church service, are in agreement with the idea and practice of the priesthood of all believers. I wonder why women are permitted to sing the gospel, but not read it or preach it? Women are permitted, in the course of their daily lives, to lead others to know the Saviour, but a confession of faith can only be taken by a man. We cannot deny that God uses women for the winning of people to himself.

Today, if any woman felt herself called to train for the ordinary ministry she could not follow the leading of the Holy Spirit because, in Churches of Christ, she would not be accepted . . . therefore she would have to deny the calling, go to the mission field, or join a church which does allow women equality with men.

In the "A.C." for Oct. 2, we had "Moments of Worship," prepared by Dorothy Geyer, the Story of Mary Reed, missionary to lepers in India (I wonder why God didn't call a man to this mighty task?) and the obituary of Mrs. Ellen Atkinson. Three women from very different backgrounds whom God has called, and used. If he calls women to serve as teachers, or to love folk into the kingdom, which is surely what Mary Reed and Ellen Atkinson have done, we cannot deny the possibility that he could call a woman to minister to a church. It is unlikely that there would be such an influx of women aspirants for the ministry that men would be displaced, but let us open the door to a fuller ministry in the local church for trained and dedicated women.

—Miriam Holloway, W.A.

TRADITION.

To the Editor,

Mr. Pearce ("A.C." Nov. 27) raises some significant issues. He lists the requirements for membership in the "Church of Christ" as faith, repentance, confession and "immersion." In fact, the N.T. speaks of baptism, not immersion, and these two words, which are not synonymous, should never be used as if interchangeable. Traditionally we have been guilty of doing just that, so much so that Mr. Pearce, even while stressing the sanctity of Scripture, interprets it in the light of his own religious tradition. This example is important, not because it concerns baptism, but because it highlights the ease with which our people fall into error due to a belief that seems to underlie much of our thinking — the belief that the teaching of Churches of Christ and the teachings of Scripture are identical.

This kind of error is further facilitated by the fact that too much of our conversation in Churches of Christ is dominated by clichés which at one time may have been useful in combating error, but which now only too often blind us to deeper insights and wider truths.

Finally, Mr. Pearce makes it clear that he does not like the word "compromise" where Christian unity is concerned. This dislike seems to me a further extension of the thinking already discussed, that is, compromise is seen as a departure from God's revelation as recorded in Scripture. This is not true. In fact, compromise that is advocated is a willingness to modify and change traditional (yes, Churches of Christ tradition!) interpretations and inferences about Scripture. This is quite a different matter, debatable perhaps, but on premises different from those Mr. Pearce appears to hold. A complete unwillingness to compromise in this way suggests a spiritual pride which is all the more dangerous because it is inadvertent.

—J. E. Gough, N.S.W.

NO COMPROMISE.

To the Editor,

Mr. Pearce's statements in "No Compromise" ("A.C." 27/11/65), can be boiled down to a suggestion that no denomination or believer can be accepted as being a member of the N.T. Church of Christ unless baptized by "immersion." Mr. Pearce substitutes the word "immersion" for baptism.

About 95 per cent of Christians reject the immersion theory, for baptism, because they sincerely believe that it is not Scriptural, nor practical, in extremely cold climates.

The N.T. says that early Christians were baptized with: Water, The Holy Spirit, The Fire of God's Word, Suffering and Persecution, and each of the evidences are referred to by O.T. prophets as something that was to be "poured out," e.g., what both Christ and John the Baptist called "baptize," Joel the prophet called "pour out upon."

Other Christians feel that if being baptized with the Holy Spirit meant waiting until the Holy Spirit was poured out on them (Acts 1: 4-5), then being baptized with water must mean having water poured out on the receivers, for O.T. prophets used the phrase, "pour out upon," where N.T. writers use the word "baptize."

Truth always demonstrates itself, thus today we have 95 per cent of "non immersionists" who have ceased judging and condemning each other, are working together to relieve suffering and want, while on the other hand, among the 5 per cent of "immersionists" there are almost 2,000 partisan sects who seem to have a spirit incompatible with the Holy Spirit of Christ. We should ask ourselves, are we fulfilling Matt. 25: 30-46, or are we just simply disobeying Matt. 7: 1-2 and Romans 14: 4?

—A. J. Eddy, Vic.

WRONG LADY

Owing to a printing error in the "A.C." for Dec. 4, the writer of the Women's Devotional Service was shown as Mrs. R. Stafford. It should have been Mrs. R. Stanford. Our apologies to Mrs. Stanford, of the church at Harvey, in W.A.

DEATH OF FORMER SECRETARY

(Hamilton, Vic.). Church is saddened by recent passing of W. G. Hadden, a former deacon and church secretary. Christian love is extended to Mrs. Hadden and family . . . Albert Graham, of Ballarat, was speaker at B.S. anniversary, with senior school choir trained by Mrs. R. Snibson . . . The annual meeting, on Nov. 17, elected: F. H. Kennett, elder; R. Mottram, sec.; J. Dean, treas.; G. S. Witham, auditor; and seven deacons. Mesdames McPherson, Jones, Witham and Miss Richards are deaconesses.

PARENT DEDICATION

(Ringwood, Vic.). An impressive Parent Dedication service was held on Nov. 28 . . . John Barker screened a film and spoke on the "Outward Bound" Movement at a men's and boys' tea on Boys' Sunday. 63 boys attended the evening service and some took part, led by N. Sonsie . . . The C.W.E.F. raised £58 at a recent street stall . . . The Ringwood Inter-Church Council held a combined meeting in the R.C. church hall. Principal E. L. Williams spoke on church unity . . . 35 lbs. of powdered milk and £4/16/- was received for the "Milk for India" appeal . . . Sponsored by C.M.S., Sutherland Homes' children were entertained in homes of members on Cup Day. . . . Lesley and Robyn Anderson won the Senior and Junior "Miss" competition at the Good Companions' Eastern Dist. rally.

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Moments of Worship



Thursday, Dec. 16. Acts 16: 1-5 . . . But his father was a Greek (v. 1).

Paul was greatly impressed by Timothy, and there was a great bond between them. In his second letter to this young man, Paul recalled that Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, were both women of sincere faith. The reference to Timothy's father suggests that there were other influences in the home, but the genuine faith of the women prevailed.

Our Lord, we know how important it is to have our homes controlled by you. Help us to share you with others. Amen.

Friday, Dec. 17. Acts 16: 6-10. Forbidden by the Holy Spirit (v. 6).

We are so used to hearing that God guides and that God sends us to be his witnesses, that it comes with some surprise to hear of this closed door. Paul and those with him were men of prayer, and they were realistic men who would weigh the opportunities in various areas before them. Bithynia seemed right for the gospel, and Bithynia became their target, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. Jesus had an appointment for them in Europe.

Lord Jesus, as we seek your way help us not to confuse it with our way. Amen.

Saturday, Dec. 18. Acts 16: 11-15. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia (v. 14).

One door had closed, but a greater door was opening. There was no synagogue at Philippi, so the missionaries went searching for the place of prayer that was the expected substitute for a synagogue. They found it beside the river, and they found also a group of women. One of them, Lydia, became the first Christian in all Europe. She immediately offered her home as a base for further witness.

O God, when we come to you we know that we should offer all our resources as a means of witnessing. Amen.

Sunday, Dec. 19. Acts 16: 16-24 . . . their hope of gain was gone (v. 19).

Religion is still used to prey on the superstitions and the pockets of mankind. This slave girl is thought to have used ventriloquism to assist the art of fortune telling. She was obviously mentally deranged, and her gifts were due to her disturbed mind. When Paul healed her she lost those gifts, and her owners lost their means of profit. In revenge, they caused Paul and his party to be flogged and imprisoned.

Our Father, give us courage to fight against those who use religion for any purpose other than to know you and to build your Kingdom. Amen.

Monday, Dec. 20. Acts 16: 25-40. Believe in the Lord Jesus! (v. 31).

How readily we expect disaster! When the jailer hurried to the cells after the earthquake and saw the doors open, he immediately thought the worst — his prisoners had escaped! This meant for him disgrace, and even death. His relief on learning differently made him responsive and receptive to the message of his prisoners. He and his whole household believed and were baptized.

May we use the great upheavals of life to witness as we can to the meaning of Christ and his gospel. Amen.

Tuesday, Dec. 21. Acts 17: 1-9 . . . they dragged Jason and some of the brethren . . . (v. 6).

It could be dangerous to be a friend of the friends of Jesus. At Thessalonica, Paul preached for three weeks and won over a few of the Jews. There were, however, a great number of Greeks influenced, including Jason, who opened

his home to Paul. When the Jews started an offensive against the disciples, it was Jason who was dragged before the authorities.

Dear Lord, even if we have to suffer as Jason did, help us to give our loyalty where we should. Amen.

Wednesday, Dec. 22. Acts 17: 10-15. . . . A command for Timothy and Silas to come to him (v. 15).

There was an immediate response at Berea from the Jews as well as the Greeks, but, as happened before, the enemies of Jesus travelled too. They came from Thessalonica and stirred up trouble. For safety's sake, Paul went on. The whole passage suggests that Paul's work, his travels, and his inquiries had so weakened him that he could not travel alone. Others 'conducted' him. At Athens he sent urgent word for Timothy and Silas to come to him. Paul needed help.

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