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## CHRISTMAS CAN BE LOST

The real point of Paul Kershner's account of the year with no Christmas (see page 3) is that Christmas can be completely lost even by those who are frantically celebrating it. To observe the occasion is not necessarily to observe the event.

We certainly do not observe the event simply by sending bundles of Christmas cards, giving and receiving presents, having extended holidays and increasing our budget for food. None of these things need spoil Christmas, but there is no doubt that some of them or all of them are offered as a substitute for the celebration of the true Christmas. Even the special emphasis we give to the home and family, splendid though it is, is only a by-product of Christmas and not its essence.

If we are to celebrate Christmas effectively we shall be reminded of the pre-eminence of God. We shall realise that Christmas has evangelistic significance. It is an opportunity each year to remind ourselves that we must turn to God and receive His gift of Himself in the Christ. God must be supreme in our lives or we cannot truly live. The Nativity is a witness to this truth.

If Christmas is to have meaning we must accept its assurance that God is available to those who seek him. This truth for the wise men is true for us all. God was indeed seeking man through Christ but it is also engaged in a great quest. The meeting point is in the Incarnation. Jesus was called Emmanuel, meaning "God with us." We are no longer obliged to think of a remote God; He has come to share our lives. Because Christ came, we have access to God, not only at the altar or in the Temple, but in the market place and home.

A third great meaning of Christmas is that it points to the fulfilment of something that God Himself set in our nature. Man is a spiritual being, and the man who does not use his spiritual faculties is even less a man than he who ignores his physical and mental capacities.

Although the Christ of Bethlehem points to the fulfilment of the whole of man, we dare not leave Christ in the manger if we are to reach maturity. Christ grew into the whole of life and He met its joys, sorrows, and testings. Bethlehem is only part of the story of the Incarnation—Galilee, Gethsemane, Calvary, the Garden of the Resurrection and Pentecost, are all needed to complete it.

We shall never lose Christmas or its meaning if we make it not only the festival of the Nativity, but also of the Incarnation: the whole of God for the whole of life.

## TIME TO GIVE AND SHARE

Despite a long drought and sectional and seasonal setbacks, and despite the undoubted fact that in every one of our cities there are cases of genuine need — it appears on the surface that we have never had it so good as at this Christmas time.

Our holidays are longer, our wages are higher, our boats, caravans and trailers more numerous, our toys more expensive, our food more plentiful, and our gadgets more exciting than ever before.

All this so close at hand may cause us to miss the signals for help that are coming in from round the world. Asia is not the only place, of course, sending out messages of distress, but because they are our near northern neighbours, it is good to listen to their cries for help. Our man over there is the Rev. Alan Brash, East Asia Christian Conference Inter-Church Aid Secretary. He writes to remind us that the average human being there can expect to live only 30 to 35 years as a direct result of not having enough food of sufficiently good quality.

One-half of Asia's sick never get to hospital. Many who do go are sure to die because they have insufficient resistance due to long-term under-nourishment. Other factors are a high infant mortality rate, and active tuberculosis — in Korea, thirteen people die every hour from TB.

Inter-Church Aid is a good way to give. It links your giving with the witness of the Christian church to the God of redemption.

Christmas is a good time to give. Place a Bowl of Remembrance on your table of plenty and supply the needs of others as an expression of your gratitude to God for his many gifts to you.

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# THE YEAR THERE WAS NO CHRISTMAS!

Those who have read the history of the 20th century are struck by a curious circumstance. There was a year when Christmas never came at all. Everyone forgot it. No one seems to know which year this strange omission occurred, but it was near to the end of the 20th century. Historians are silent as to the exact date, as though they were sorry for the happening, and the less said the better.

Although the records never say, there are nebulous hints as to why everyone forgot Christmas. If one looks closely at commercial, religious, family and national life that year he can find some vague ideas. For instance, commercially it was a time of tremendous prosperity. Money was no problem. Everyone had plenty. Stores were doing a phenomenal business. Each week saw a new peak in volume. There was so much business proprietors began to be weary and long for the good old days when there were downs as well as ups, when customers had to be wooed a bit. Apparently every week was Christmas week as far as business volume was concerned. This might have led to forgetting the necessity for seasonal efforts to spark business. So Christmas went unobserved.

On the national scene it was a time of great peace. Every nation had something much better than the atom, hydrogen and cobalt bombs. Not more than half a dozen of these were needed. One could destroy any continent. Our nation had quite a sizable stockpile of them. But every other nation also had the same weapon. Liberia and Nicaragua felt just as secure as Russia and India.

No nation feared any other nation since each was armed to annihilate the other. Any imperative to long for peace was unnecessary. The ancient hope for peace on earth and good will to men appeared outmoded. The national authorities simply forgot the necessity for Christmas. Christmas was expendable.

Why the churches forgot about Christmas is puzzling. One should suppose this impossible as Christmas is presumed to have some definite religious implications. But apparently the 20th century was a period of celebrating special days. This situation also existed in religious organisations; there was a riotous glorification of special days calling for particular emphasis in the churches.

To name but a few: there was Laymen's Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandmother's Day, Ministry Sunday, S.S. Anniversary Sunday, Church Anniversary Sunday, Australian Rules Sunday, Restoration Movement Sunday, Aunties' Day, Children's Day, Youth

Sunday, Universal Bible Sunday, World Order Day, Religious Education Week, Universal Week of Prayer, Church and Economic Life Sunday, Race Relations Week, Brotherhood Week, One Great Hour of Sharing Week, Rural Life Sunday, Church Vocation Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, Nature Sunday, Labor Day Sunday, Reformation Sunday. To these, in time, were added Stay-at-Home Sunday, Safe-Flying Sunday, and a host of others.

There came a year when ministers were so occupied with efforts involved in celebrating these special days, and

BY PAUL S. KERSHNER

lay people so intrigued in reading newspaper accounts of them, that both ministers and people simply forgot about Christmas. This was understandable, as the Sunday nearest December 21 had been set aside as Summer Solstice Sunday.

### Everyone Was So Busy

Even though tradesmen, politicians and religionists forgot all about Christmas no one surmised children would. For long the heresy had been widely espoused that Christmas is mostly for children. This, of course, is not true, as anyone knows who grasps the meaning of the Incarnation.

But that was how people felt about Christmas at the middle of the 20th century. One would suppose children would never let the world get away without celebrating Christmas — no Santa Claus, no toys! But they did.

Why? Well, it appears that in the last half of the 20th century there was a vast discussion over juvenile delinquency. Everyone became concerned, the courts, the homes, schools, social agencies and churches. All grappled with the problem. Children became the major concern of society. All life was geared to making children adjusted, happy. Parents turned over their lives to this objective. Their only concern was, "What do the children want?"

The first half of the century was known as the Woman's World, the second half the Children's World. Children were catered to, their interests heeded, their wants answered. So complete was this effort that children had everything all the time. Since they always had their way and parents couldn't give them anything they didn't have, the children never asked about Christmas. And for the moment they didn't seem to miss it.

### Decisive Reaction

And so came to pass the year when there was no Christmas. The enormity of this event — or lack of event — is surpassed only by the decisiveness of the reaction. The omission was not repeated. There was but one year without Christmas.

Records indicate there was a Christmas especially joyful and meaningful the next year. It seemed that everyone again hungered for the warmth and lights, the gladness and truth which now we feel to be a part of the Christmas mood. Merchants again began early to decorate their stores. Clerks went humming about their added duties as though, despite their hectic jobs, Christmas shopping had a different significance.

And national authorities appeared to welcome opportunities to express good will in the sincere belief that genuine peace must spring from the basic attitude of good will. Churches began, the year after forgetting Christmas, to prepare for it as if it were the clue to their existence, the beginning of the Christian year and climax of all their proclamations.

And children, though they had many things, became excited at the prospect of Christmas coming. They sensed Christmas meant simple gifts of affection, generosity, regard for others and that God bends near to earth at Christmas tide. With uncomplicated clarity they sensed that without these qualities it does not really make much difference how many things one possesses. Without these qualities the world will wear an ugly face and no music will set the skies above to singing.

So from everywhere the longing for Christmas swelled. People could scarcely wait the coming of this gracious and hallowed time of the year when the world is strangely warmed and lighted. And there were those wise enough in those days to sense that Christmas has its levels, and sad it is when not all levels are seen and lived upon.

### Three Levels

There is the level of good cheer. The wayfaring man, though he be foolish and flurried by many duties, knows Christmas is a time of good cheer and gathers round flowing bowls to celebrate. The world at times is a darkened place for even the most fortunate. A time of gaiety and gladness must not be

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# We are Not Alone

BY KEITH SKILLICORN

(Missionary to India).



Emmanuel — God with us; this is the re-assurance that Christmas presents to a world suffering from a sense of insecurity. In this age of Sputniks on the one hand, and Beatniks on the other, the comforting Yule-tide Message of God's utter humility in Christ Jesus in taking upon himself man's sinful limitations, should never cease to enthrall us, all the more so as modern science probes deeper and deeper into the secrets of outer space.

In "The Banner," Harold Pluimer, Director of Aerospace Education of the U.S.A.F., has said that, "Our world is but one of a billion such worlds, a minor speck of cosmic dust caught in the gravity of a minor star (the sun), on the fringe of one of billions of galaxies . . . When viewed in this perspective, i.e., the insignificance of our earthly abode, it seems logical to assume that "we are not alone."

Other scientists also are firm in their belief that super-civilisations exist in the vastness of outer space, and through the U.S. "Project Ozma," and other similar probes, they hope to track down radio signals believed to be coming from possible intelligent beings on other planets.

Is it not fascinating, if not terrifying, to think of some form of rational life trying to communicate with us from "out there"? But how infinitely more thrilling to realise that God has not been without his probe projects. For ages he had tried to make contact with us and, finally, through our thick skins, he "made it," by becoming as nothing, a mere dependent babe of humble stock on a particle of cosmic dust! His signals have been monitored by his "born-again ones" and his intimate presence cannot be denied, even under torture, by those sensitive to his frequency. To be on his beam is to be attuned to an experience beyond all the limits of time and even space itself, and yet one firmly anchored to the cruel realities of earthly existence.

Such is the meaning of this festive season to those humbly surrendered, emptied of all self-reliance and utterly involved in his sufferings through encounter with mankind's miserable lot — in the world but not of it!

We can never probe too deeply into the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, for we can never fully fathom the deep secrets of the human personality burdened as it is with carnal weaknesses, yet not without its infinite potentialities. This Christmas affords yet another opportunity to really deny ourselves, and in so living for others, to taste and see that in our cosmic insignificance, truly — we are not alone!

# "NO ROOM IN THE INN"

BY M. D. KEATCH

No room in the inn! No room!  
And so the pattern was set which was to follow the incarnate Son of God throughout his life.

No room for one whose ideals and demands were so great.  
The fox has his lair, the bird has his nest;  
The Son of Man has no place to call his own; no place to rest his head.  
Put out of the synagogue by his friends — no room for him there.  
"Despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."  
Outcast; homeless, the Divine God wandered this earth  
Till at last the disturbed conscience of man could endure his haunting teaching no longer.

"Crucify him! Crucify him!" The homeless and the unwanted!  
Weight of numbers prevailed. The fateful words were spoken.  
"Take him and crucify him."  
No room! No room!

But wait! Here is room!  
A place for him at last.  
Only a hole in the ground. One foot square, and three feet deep.  
It will do to hold a cross.  
At last. Here is room.  
Slowly the agonizing hours passed;  
Death brought relief to his pain-racked body.  
Yet, even in death, no room he could call his own.  
A borrowed tomb. No room!

Three days passed. Then wonderful news.  
The tomb could not hold him longer.  
Not room enough there for the risen Lord.  
Living again. Victorious over death.

Now earth itself cannot contain him. Ascended back to his Father, to enjoy the limitless room of his glory.

But listen! What's this we hear?  
"Any room? Any room for me?"  
Yes, it is his voice calling us today in tones both plaintive and challenging.  
Any room?

We look around in our cluttered lives, and slowly shake our heads.  
Room for high-powered cars to race us along the highways,  
Room for bridge and golf,  
Room for the burning of our bodies in the worship of the sun,  
Room for urgent business transactions,  
Room for the pursuits of pleasure,  
But when we peep through the curtains, and see Christ knocking at the door of our hearts

We quickly drop the curtains, sit very still, and hope that he did not see us.  
No room! No room!

True, for a few brief days we allow ourselves to be swayed by his Spirit.  
"Merry Christmas," we call to all and sundry. "Compliments of the season."  
What season?

Why, this brief moment when we deceive ourselves into thinking that if we lift the blankets of indifference, and apathy, we become Christian.

"Bah! Rubbish and humbug."  
How easily we are deceived! What utter fools we are to imagine that this is all God wants of us.

So to Christ's insistent question, "Any room?" we reply,  
"Not yet. Not yet. I have so many important things to do. But sometime I will have room. I really mean to let you in."

And all the while we leave him standing on our doorstep.  
Until in despair, with bowed head and drooping shoulders, he turns and leaves us alone;

And we breathe a sigh of relief when he is gone,  
Never dreaming that one day soon — and who knows how soon we must stand before him;

And see on his face a look of indescribable sorrow, and hear his voice betray his infinite sorrow,

As his words echo through the halls of heaven,  
"You had no room for me then; I can find no room for you now."

(M. D. Keatch is minister at the Church of Christ, Red Hill, Vic.)

## INTER-CHURCH AID AND THE CHRISTMAS BOWL OF REMEMBRANCE

### WHAT IS I.C.A.?

Inter-Church Aid is a world-wide operation of the 214 member churches of the World Council of Churches through which they share their resources with one another for the mission and service of the Church in every land.

It grew out of the compassion of churches for the homeless and refugee of World War II. Today the sharing these events prompted is confined to no particular land and is governed only by the needs of people and the readiness of churches to work together to meet those needs.

### IS IT AN APPEAL?

In most appeals one person gives and another receives. Inter-Church Aid is a two-way process. Through it we share

with others in their need and others share with us in ours.

Manpower, technical resources, skills, advice and guidance — as well as money — are shared. Through Inter-Church Aid Australian churches play their part in the work of churches in other countries, and churches in other countries assist the Australian churches in their work.

At present Asian village women are providing our churches with finance for educational scholarships for Aboriginal girls; churches in dozens of countries — including Asia and Africa — help finance the resettlement of refugees in Australia; Australian mission boards have received help from overseas in times of emergency.

Inter-Church Aid provides the links so that churches everywhere can par-

ticipate in the total mission and service of the church. In it, all give and all receive.

The W.C.C. Refugee and World Service operation is one of the world's largest. On behalf of member churches the W.C.C. operates refugee field offices in every continent. These offices (today numbering some 500) work in co-operation with local churches in providing care, retraining, rehabilitation and resettlement opportunities for the political and economic refugees of the world.

In any one year the W.C.C. deals with at least one million refugees. Finance is provided by member churches. In addition, the W.C.C. carries out special tasks for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and similar governmental and inter-governmental agencies, with their financial support.

### WHO IS HELPED?

While Inter-Church Aid shares resources between churches, a great many projects, especially those aimed at relieving or eradicating physical needs, are specifically designed to cross the barriers of race, creed and nationality. Churches work hand in hand with their communities to help overcome the needs of all.

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W.A.—38a St. George's Terrace, Perth.  
TAS.—29 Bathurst-st., Hobart.  
VIC.—37 Swanston-st., Melbourne.  
A.C.T.—4 Spencer-st., Turner, Canberra.

# Christmas Message

from W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT.

(Geneva). Why was King Herod so worried when the Magi told him of the birth of the King of the Jews? Was it just professional jealousy and the fear of serious competition? There was another reason. The child was not to be an ordinary king. The priests and scribes told Herod that this was to be the Messiah, the special envoy of God. Herod was afraid that God would interfere in his life. That was the last thing he wanted. So the dangerous baby had to be eliminated. When the great massacre had taken place Herod would feel secure again. He had firmly closed the door for God.

But God returned by the back-door. Joseph and Mary had taken the baby to Egypt, and at the right moment they brought the baby quietly to Nazareth, where Jesus "increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man."

So the Christmas message is that God comes to our world in spite of all attempts that keep him out. When men shout: "God is dead," this can only mean that he is not in the place where they are looking for him. But he always finds an entrance, generally a very unexpected, unobtrusive entrance. For Christ comes without noise and the Kingdom of God "does not come with signs to be observed."

Whether we will have a genuine Christmas this year will depend on our readiness to let God "interfere" in our lives and on our ability to distinguish Christ's quiet voice of authority among the many loud voices around us.—W.C.C.

### "THE CHRIST CHILD"

With paper dear and money rare,  
A Christian Journal mixes fare,  
Of course we have to list our "Bods,"  
good fellers,  
And advertise for sale our odds, we're sellers,

Find space for Editorial Musing,  
'Cause life is so confusing  
Print each Conference jotting,  
Further space allotting,  
For what we plan, 'tis true,  
And what we did and didn't do.  
Then of course there's traveller's gleanings,  
And we can't leave out the bitter party leanings.

Some sentimental snifle,  
A little pontifical piffle,  
Then perforce we add a mickle,  
To entertain and tickle,  
'Tis true,

There's much for us the chosen few,  
But what of "Other Sheep,"  
Those who sin, those who weep,  
The old, the brown, the poor,  
The cold, those "outside the door"?  
For such is there much,  
A word to touch, some inasmuch?  
Alas, could it be true agin,  
The Christ Child don't get 'inn'?

—Frank Griffiths, W.A.

## The Year There Was No Christmas —Continued from page 3

despised by any, seeing that our burdens are often large, and the way we must go is a lonely one. Therefore, many looked up with much joy at the return of Christmas and thanked God for a season of lightness and friendship and happy groups gathered before the fire.

There is the level of good will. The year there was no Christmas, this was sorely missed. For the angels' promise so eagerly greeted by the shepherds is a human hunger and a needful thing. Not to feel good will and never to be brave enough to announce it is to live not at all as men with whom God can be pleased.

For this is the kind of speech for which our tongues are tuned. We speak not the language of the highest until we are deeply moved by it. No world, grievously sundered, will be made whole again by good cheer, as comforting and welcome as that may be. For our malady no lesser balm than good will can heal man and nations. And no one need take another's word for that. He has at Christmas God's Word for it. We shall have to be something more than merely merry gentlemen. God rest us. We must be men of good will.

Beyond good cheer and good will is the most important level of Christmas — good news. To stop short of God's good news, announced for the saving of men, is to halt somewhere this side of Bethlehem and hail every Christmas from afar. This is the difficulty of our time, that there be those who take the journey toward Christmas and never truly arrive, who attend the feast and know not the host nor why it is given.

The great good news for all is that once One was sent to be light in our darkness, hope in our despair, a guide for our pilgrimage. This means that we should know no man need walk alone, that in all our journeying there is Emmanuel, God with us.

Small wonder there was but one year when there was no Christmas. Mankind could ill afford to spare it. So this Christmas tide may each of you have hearts and souls deeply touched and strangely stirred by good cheer, good will and good news. And may there be never again "a year when there was no Christmas."—The Pulpit.

## S.A. NEWS

### NO PRIZES

(Flinders Park, S.A.). The young people of the senior section of our B.S. will not be receiving prizes this year. It has been suggested to them that they use a grant of money in any way they wish. They voted to donate their money to three projects: The Chaplaincy Fund, to assist J. B. Baker with his ministry at the Adelaide Hospital (£5); the Teletelthon Appeal for the Home for Incurables (£5); and the Colbrook Home for Aboriginal children (£5).

### GIFTS FOR HOME

(Lenswood, S.A.). Gifts donated to the Home at the Morialta Christmas social amounted to £7. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham have received congratulations from the church on their 45th wedding anniversary. The Home Mission offering was £35.

## CHURCH AFFILIATED

(Berri). The highlight of the Upper Murray Conference at Berri, on Nov. 20, was the affiliation of Waikerie as a constituted church. C. Watson, in Berri for a teaching mission, inducted G. Gawley, from Loxton, as new president. Largest attendance at mission was 120, with the discussion period each week-night being of great benefit. The Temple Day offering was £82.

## RELEVANT TO YOUTH

(Croydon, S.A.). Four young people spoke on the relevancy of Christianity to their spheres of interest — Rosemary Aird to school life; David Galliford to university life; Scott Davey to sport; and Peter Johnson to daily work. Mrs. P. Johnson was soloist. A teachers' dedication service was held on Nov. 14. The church met with Hindmarsh Baptist friends for a united prayer meeting and followed this with an exchange of pulpits on Dec. 5. W. N. Bartlett is minister.

**CLOVELLY PARK.** Mr. Chatfield, from Mission to Lepers, addressed evening service on Nov. 21. Combined Bible study with St. Mary's Baptist was led by the Baptist minister, R. Brown. C.W.F. gave Christmas social for pensioners.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### TRANSFERRED

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). It was with deep regret and much reluctance that the resignation of G. S. J. Glazier, as deacon, B.S. supt., and musical supervisor, has been accepted. Mr. Glazier, an engineer with Dept. of Main Roads, has been transferred to Tamworth. A minute was placed on record expressing grateful appreciation of his service to the Hornsby church and the Kingdom of God. He has been associated with the church since his name was placed on the Cradle Roll. He was elected a deacon in 1945, served as church secretary 1946-1953, appointed B.S. supt. in 1947, has served as song leader and musical supervisor for as many years. He is an able president and lay preacher and has assisted in many other ways. The church regrets his going, but thanks God for his leadership and service.

### GOSPEL CONVENTION

(Austral, N.S.W.). Kevin Crawford led a Gospel Convention, Dec. 3-5, with Max Harrison as song leader. There was relief at the Girls' Brigade concert, when 1,000 green bottles only got to 996 before being carried off. Two members, Bob and Elizabeth Powell, spent their holidays here from Cundeelee Mission (A.A.E.M.). They are now to return for another year of service. On Dec. 12, over 20 elderly folk were transported from Hammondville Home for morning worship, followed by dinner and entertainment.

### ASSOCIATE CONCLUDES

(Telopea, N.S.W.). Keith Farmer ended his two-year associate ministry on Nov. 28. The Youth for Christ team led a youth tea, on Nov. 21, as an introduction to Y.F.C. mission to be directed next year at the Teens. Four deacons were elected, with M. McArthur as elder. The Conf. Pres., C. E. Bowser, spoke on Dec. 5, and the film, "Glory in the Highest," illustrated the first Christmas. C.W.F. conducted the Christmas meeting at Croydon Guest Home. They provided supper and took gifts to stock the cupboards. Evangelism is being discussed at the Wed. night meetings.

### 99 — WHO'LL MAKE IT 100?

(N.S.W.). Dec. 3 saw the second programme of the B.S. Workers' Fraternal. Lane Cove was the host church and served a very good baked dinner and sweets for 78. After tea 21 others joined the band. Eric Gough spoke on "Teaching the Child in a Changing World." The plenary group broke into specialist areas and discussed set questions. The newly-appointed Fraternal President, Charles Dainty, Granville, was in the chair. Plans for 1966 include a whole Saturday afternoon training programme to be held on March 19, at Wyoming. Clifford Warne, C.T.A., is to be guest speaker. The State Teachers' Diploma Course for N.S.W. was again mentioned, and it was noted that a number of schools are adopting it.

## CAPTAIN RESIGNS

(Broken Hill, N.S.W.). Girls' Brigade Captain, Mrs. E. Garner, resigned after five years. To recognise this service the church presented her with a Bible. The G.B. also gave a gift. Lieut. N. Schorn is the new leader. The Explorer father and son tea had as guest speaker, T. W. Bagley, back from a working holiday in the new Hebrides. E. Garner led the scholars in singing at the S.S. anniversary. Speakers were Rev. N. Davies, Baptist minister, J. Clark, Mrs. Sack, and the minister, R. C. Sack. At the final service a mother and her teenage daughter made their decisions.

## BALLADORAN CONVENTION

(N.S.W.). Native folk in the Balladoran and Gilgandra-Dubbo area are looking forward to the Balladoran Colored Convention, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Speakers will be David Hammer, Federal Secretary-elect of the Aborigines Mission Board, Ben Mason, Aboriginal evangelist from W.A., and Harold Long, minister at Epping, and chairman of the N.S.W. Aborigines Mission Committee.

## WELCOME TO TAREE

(N.S.W.). This church, whose beautiful building is located in a prominent position on the Pacific Highway, running through the town, offers a cordial invitation to holiday-makers over the Christmas and New Year season, to share in the Sunday services. Worship and communion is at 10.30 a.m. and gospel service at 7.15 p.m. A. G. Leane is the minister.

## MALE GOES NORTH

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). On his way north to serve as Qld's Youth Director, Alan Male addressed the church on Nov. 21. The B.S. supt. was host to the B.S. teachers for a night of fun and games. The young people of the C.E.F. have given splendid voluntary window-cleaning service at the Croydon Guest Home. Sugar Shack, on Nov. 28, was rewarding after much effort in planning and organising. All churches of the district participated. The church is prayerfully seeking a successor to the minister, E. T. Hart.

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## YOUNG CRICKETER HONOURED

(N.S.W.). Roger Perkins, of Chatswood, has been selected to be one of the Australian School Boys' Cricket Team to tour Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya and India. Roger expects to leave with the team on Dec. 29, and to be on tour for about five weeks. The object of the tour, organised and led by former N.S.W. and International cricketer, Bert Oldfield, is to promote and foster goodwill among the youth of those countries visited, and to encourage the growth of true sportsmanship through the game of cricket. This is the first Australian Schoolboys' team to undertake an overseas trip. The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, has donated a handsome trophy for competition between African and Commonwealth Schoolboy teams.

## KANYANA CARNIVAL SERVICE

(Mandurah, W.A.). During the Kanyana Carnival at Mandurah in Jan., 1966, a combined church service will be held on the foreshore, south of the bridge, on Jan. 30, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Bryan Hall, of the Church of England, will be the speaker; Mr. Pendlebury, of Applecross, soloist; and the Salvation Army Band, from Floreat Park, will play. C.W.F. has been busy with sewing for Norseman and Carnarvon missions, also for Social Service. B.S. anniversary was led by Mr. and Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Wooder and Mrs. Weeks. Mr. Becker, of Mandurah, provided a film evening. A Good News club has been formed for the youth.

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# IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

## IF ONE LIVES BY THE THREE JOYS

There is a trinity of elemental joys that give zest to life at every stage — anticipation, expectation and realisation. Elemental joys are unmistakable if we recall the days and experience of childhood. To lose the sense of child wonderment in the creative activity about us is spiritual insensibility.

To live through a Christmas season with children is to observe the elemental trinity in action. With what eager anticipation they await the coming of Santa Claus and his gifts! Their minds become a gallery of visual expectations. The joyous realisation becomes a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The art of being alive is to streamline maturing years with these elemental joys.

Operational anticipation injects a zest into life's purposefulness. Anticipation, expectation and realisation heighten the significance of the Christmas story. It features the shepherds hastening to Bethlehem to "see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known unto us"; Anna, the aged prophetess, returning thanks and talking excitedly to all looking for the liberation of Israel; Simeon, upright and devout, addressing God in the temple and declaring what his eyes had actually seen. Astrologers from the East arrive in Jerusalem anticipating the finding of the child born King of the Jews.

Operational anticipation maintains a lively personal hope in every believer; it manifests itself in every aspect of the church and its mission. "To wake up each morning with the Christmas feeling, to believe without a doubt that what lies ahead holds all your heart desires is," says Francis Cooper Thompson, "drinking of life's sweetest nectar."

Anticipation sets in motion the ele-

mental joy of expectation so pronounced in children over the Christmas season, and so evident on birthday occasions. This elemental joy is detected in the psalmist's affirmation, "My expectation is from him."

Life had so tutored the psalmist to know that his security and salvation were beyond his own resources. "My hope is in God," is David's testimony. Such hope firms into trust and such trust into divine expectancy. God delights in rewarding great expectancy. In this assurance William Carey challenged the Christians of his day to "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."

Realisation is the reward of great expectancy. This content of expectancy is a requirement in our prayerful approach to God. Jesus put it into forceful words when he said, "I tell you then, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours" (Mark 11: 24). "If I touch even his clothes I shall be cured," was the expectation of the woman who in so doing was cured of her haemorrhages. Faith and expectancy are partners. Realisation is the resultant reward of both.

The trinity of elemental joys set in action the creative activity of our make-up. We tasted these joys when very young. Out of a few blocks of wood we built wonderful structures and performed engineering feats. With clay, nature's plasticine, we created works of art, with clothes pegs and some colored scraps of material we created a beautiful doll, with four table legs we created a house or a fort at our will. May it not be that the child's ability to use the elemental joys to shape life was in the Master's mind when he indicated that unless we accept the Kingdom of God like a child we will not enter it?

## VIC. - TAS. C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Dickson, gave a Call to Worship to the delegates from 52 churches attending the December Council meeting of the C.W.F. (Vic. - Tas.). Bamba Road C.W.F. presented the Christmas Service prepared by Mrs. Williams, of Ringwood, for the Study Book.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, home from the New Hebrides, with Lillian and children, were welcomed. Mrs. Potter, from Qld., Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. Fergeus, who recently returned from the World Convention, were also welcomed. Mrs. Wylie brought greetings from Puerto Rico. Mrs. Smith and Lillian responded briefly.

It was decided that a Christian Educ. Committee be formed, with Mrs. Newham as supt. She will sit on the committee of the Dept. of Christian Education.

The President reported on Castlemaine members who, with the Executive, visited the Brotherhood Centre, Ludbrook House, the College of the Bible, Emmaus, the Will H. Clay Hospital and the Christian Guest Home. She also reported that East Kew had a speaker from the Good Neighbour Council and, as a result, are inviting New Australians to a Christmas Party; Hamilton has prepared cards with photos. of two missionaries on each to give to members so that all will pray for missionaries; North Essendon has distributed prayer folders, and each day a different Department is remembered.

Photos of the new hospital in the New Hebrides are now available and delegates were asked to keep up to date with photos on Portrait sheets.

The Intercessory Prayer was led by Mrs. Candy, who remembered the relatives and friends of Mrs. Ruby McCullum and Mrs. Easton.—P. W. Ludbrook, Asst. Sec.

## ARMY WORSHIP

The Swedish Parliament has rejected a proposal to abolish religious services in the armed forces, but has agreed to make attendance at the services voluntary. A bill under consideration would have done away with the compulsory services, conducted by ministers of the Church of Sweden, on the grounds that they violated religious freedom.—E.P.S.



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# DR. HENDRIK KRAEMER AS I KNEW HIM

BY DR. ARNOLD C. CALDICOTT

The announcement of the death of Dr. Hendrik Kraemer, one of the great strategists and statesmen of the missionary movement, and pioneer leader of the ecumenical movement, on Nov. 11, brought back stirring memories of my association with him at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva.

On my desk I have the framed statement, "No vœux et notre affection vous accompagnent — vos qui avez suivi les cours et pris une part active aux seminaires et a la vie de la Communauté de l'Institut Oecumenique" ... signed by the Director General H. Kraemer. Inset is a beautiful photo of the Chateau De Bossey. The building is not exactly the same today, as it has since been renovated.

The Ecumenical Institute is just outside a small village called Celigny. The Chateau De Bossey is set amidst glorious countryside, not far from the French Border, and from the lawns of the Chateau one can see the waters of Lake Geneva, with snow-capped mountains in the background. The main buildings are of the Napoleonic era, but of great interest in the grounds is a 13th century tower which was used as a retreat for prayer. Not far from the Chateau, the comfortable building known as Petit Bossey was the residence of Dr. Kraemer. Several privileged students were also quartered with the Director, and on my arrival in 1950 I had that privilege.

Dr. and Mrs. Kraemer were dearly loved by the student body, numbering forty to fifty students. Before going to Bossey, Dr. Kraemer lectured at the Leyden University in Holland. He spent years in Indonesia in his early days, living as Schweitzer did, away from missionary compounds, adapting himself to the natural habitat and environs of those he sought to win to Christ. His lectures were given out of the depth of personal experience.

At Bossey Dr. Kraemer lectured alternately in English, Dutch and German. It is not difficult to recall the deep guttural expressions of his lectures in German. He was proud of his Protestant heritage, and in one of his lectures told of his imprisonment during World War II in a German concentration camp, how in a heated discussion with a Cardinal he declared "I am thankful to God for the impoverished Protestant Church, because the Church of Rome, with all its riches, traditions and ecclesiastical trappings doesn't permit sufficient room for the Holy Spirit to work — Protestantism has always felt its need of God's help, and I am proud to be a Protestant!"

My main purpose in going to Bossey was to witness to the cause of the Restoration Movement. I was able to present books concerning same to the library, and Dr. Kraemer made grateful comments on the volumes presented. Apart from stirring lectures on doctrine, there was another side to Bossey

of my day — the lectures which gave an insight into the life and working of the Churches throughout the world.

Vigorous discussion followed these lectures taken by eminent theologians, among them, Dr. Peter Brunner, and Bishop Stephen Neil. The latter said, "I know of two groups who present the Church of the New Testament in the near simplicity of the first century, and they are the Disciples of Christ and the Brethren, but their services are impoverished because of lack of liturgy . . ." Needless to say, I disagreed with him concerning liturgy.

Dr. Kraemer readily assented to a suggestion of mine that an Indian churchman, Lall Din, whom I met en route to England, be encouraged to attend Bossey. Lall Din was a converted Mahomedan, who had a fantastic knowledge of the Bible. He was associated with the Brethren in India. He came to Bossey and in lectures would so quote chapter and verse from an astounding memory, to support his objections and discussion, that he won great admiration from lecturers and students.

Lall Din presented a striking figure in his national costume covered with a leopard skin coat, more so when rising to speak with his Bible open before him, but never turning a leaf as he quoted chapter and verse from many sections of the Bible.

And Dr. Kraemer, in the summing up of the Bossey course, had this to say, "With the presence of Lall Din, we have learnt one tremendous fact, that we today, as never before, must saturate ourselves with the Word of God."

Dr. Kraemer encouraged a group of students to visit Dr. Karl Barth at Basle, and arranged for the Institute station wagon to take us. These two men had the greatest admiration for each other. The visit of Dr. Barth was unforgettable, as also later the visit to Dr. Emil Brunner. Before visiting Dr. Barth, Dr. Kraemer saw to it that we were well lectured on some aspects of Barthianism.

Great in intellect, yet of average height, but rather thin, with sharp features and thinning white hair, Dr. Kraemer was a humble and loveable man. Sunday nights we would gather in his home, enjoy supper and listen to some tremendous theme relevant to the Church of today. He had a gracious humour.

Dr. Kraemer is now dead, but one can picture him at the head of the table during meals and the students rising to sing the lovely verse for grace in their own tongue.

"Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make; We are his flock, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take."

# QUESTING



WITH

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? Part 2.

Use an Agenda. The agenda is your plan for action. Consult with your secretary to ensure that everything is included that ought to be included, and that nothing is included that ought to be omitted.

If you are starting a new project for which a special committee has been formed, you may start by inviting suggestions from the members as to what the agenda should include. The agenda sets the general boundaries for your committee's work.

Don't try to do too much at one time. It is better to have two meetings than one over-long session. Remember that the committee members will already have done a full day's work. The decisions of tired minds at midnight may not be worth much.

On the other hand, if agreement on important matters is near, it may well be the right thing to go on.

Don't Fuss with Rules. You will need rules, of course, and the bigger the meeting the more closely you will need to stick to formal procedure. In large gatherings you will be less flexible than in small committee meetings where your primary task in the small group is not to keep a set of rules, but to reach a decision that will be to the best advantage of the church.

Sometimes you will need to have a firm resolution to consider. You will explore its possibilities, then accept it, reject it, or suspend it while you have a look at another equally clear course of action.

At other times it will be better to talk things through until the chairman senses that the members are ready for a decision. He then phrases a resolution from what has been said, and presents it for agreement. It may be that further discussion will then be found necessary, but it will carry the meeting a step nearer the goal.

It is not always possible to get 100 per cent agreement, but this is desirable.

Don't Bolt! Make sure that you don't take action for which your committee is not qualified. Very often, a special committee is asked to bring a recommendation to the official board or to a special or annual church business meeting. If you do something without authority, even if it is a very good thing, somebody is very likely to say, "It's the principle of the thing . . ." Many a good course of action has been spoiled by doing it the wrong way.



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## BAPTISMS AT CARNARVON

(W.A.). On Dec. 5, 250 folk witnessed the baptism of 15 young people and adults in an open air service at the river, conducted by L. M. Fisher and H. R. Fitch . . . Gospel Films are screened regularly . . . We are looking forward to the amalgamation of Town, Reserve and Childrens' Homes Churches and the building of the Carnarvon Christian Centre . . . Services are conducted at the Native Reserve and often the

## PAUL PARKER IN WEST

(Subiaco, W.A.). Paul Parker, the Indian delegate to the Puerto Rico Conference, gave an inspiring message on Nov. 28, and a further time of fellowship was spent with him during a pleasant hour after church . . . The C.W.F. finalised activities for the year with a social evening. Opportunity was taken to present Mrs. Roma Armstrong with a small token of appreciation for her work as president during the year. . . . The young people of the church attended an inspirational rally at the Wembley church, and afterwards were entertained for supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bridge . . . The annual church picnic was held at Serpentine Dam. A great day of fellowship was spent in these pleasant surroundings . . . Chaplain General McCullough spoke to the church on Nov. 21, and showed slides of New Guinea.

## MISSIONARY FROM CONGO

(Perth, W.A.). Miss Elaine de Russett, of the World-Wide Evangelisation Crusade, recently spoke to the church of her experiences as a missionary nurse during the civil war in the Congo . . . The C.W.F. raised £74 at the annual fete. . . . W. H. Nightingale received into the membership on Nov. 28 . . . The church congratulates Donald Cook on passing his A.Mus.A.

## CITY CHURCH DECISIONS

(Swanston-st., Melb.). Since its centenary the church has shown an upward trend in attendance, additions, giving and outreach. Evening services are showing consistently high numbers, with many visitors becoming regular worshippers. Six people who have made decisions are under instruction. Each week brings an increasing number of young people, especially university students, and the church's ministry among Asian youth is proving most effective . . . The Temple Day offerings have now exceeded £3,400, with the Missionary Budget for the year set at £2,150 . . . New deacons recently appointed are G. Price, J. Todd and B. Wilson. Max Walker has been appointed secretary-treasurer, J. Wright and E. M. Price, assistant secretaries, and J. Todd as asst. treasurer. C. Butler is now an additional trustee. Dr. Lloyd Jones is minister.

## NO MINISTER

(Harcourt, Vic.). The church has so far been unable to procure a minister for 1966 . . . The church school picnic was held at Creswick on Dec. 11 . . . The C.W.F. led the evening service on Dec. 12 . . . Monthly exchange of preachers and presidents with Castlemaine is mutually beneficial . . . The hall debt is now under £300.

Reserve folk are brought to the gospel services at the Children's Homes . . . The ladies at the Native Reserve, who meet weekly for sewing, knitting and fellowship, held their Christmas Tree. Visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, which was prepared by the Native ladies, who also for the first time conducted the meeting . . . The Native Reserve S.S. also held a Christmas Tree.

## SOUTHPORT'S GOOD YEAR

(Qld.). At the completion of the first year of ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Acland, the church reports many advances. The church has adopted a Budget and is now free of Home Mission support. The over-all morning attendance has increased by 770, the total communicants increased by 1,035. There were 12 confessions of faith and 10 baptisms. The active membership is now 47, an increase of 11. The prayer meetings are steadily increasing. The building has been added to, and in five months £162 was raised for the purchase of an organ. £89 more is required. A weekly Church News has been introduced.

## CAMP HILL EVANGELISM

(Qld.). There were two decisions at the special evangelistic services each Sunday night in Nov., with average attendance of 90. There were three baptisms . . . Elders and deacons spent an evaluation and planning weekend on the Gold Coast. Plans for 1966 were mapped out . . . The minister, A. Webb, and Brigade officers spent a rugged annual camp at Capalalia with 28 boys. . . . Youth activities have included a youth tea, social and regular coffee shop.

## VALE "ANDY"

They were literally inseparable, on the many occasions when Cyril was speaking at church or to clubs or societies, or reading the Scriptures with a reverence and meaning that was deeply moving, "Andy" was a silent but essential partner.

"Andy" is a guide dog, and few dogs were known and welcomed in so many important places. He was a very good influence on the young people, and even when the spotlight of attention was focused on him his deportment was exemplary.

Now "Andy" has received a most honourable discharge. The life of a dog, even of a dog who was more like a friend, is not very long. It would not be fair to "Andy" or his master to expect a guide dog to continue to carry the heavy responsibility of providing both vision and judgment in this hazardous world.

He truly earned our respect, and with love and affection we say good-bye to "Andy." We share with Cyril Minns, of Berwick, in saying a welcome to Shaun, Cyril's new friend.

## STUDENT CHANGE

(Tootgarook, Vic.). Graham Lawrie, student minister for three years, was farewelled prior to moving to his new church at Kelth, S.A. The new student minister, M. Arnot, will commence in February.

## ATTENTION, ALL W.A. C.W.F.I

(Perth). As the Women's Auxiliary treasurer's books close at the end of Dec., all are asked to make sure that finance is in her hands at earliest convenience. This will make her most grateful.

## BUSY BREAK-UPS

(Kedron, Qld.). Barbecues, hikes and progressive suppers were highlights of the various break-up parties . . . L. Thomas and B. Chesney conducted the services on Nov. 27 . . . Visiting Nursing Sisters took part in the evening service on Dec. 5 . . . On Nov. 20, Barb. Bailey showed slides of her recent overseas trip.

## MOVEMENTS

### FAREWELL AND WELCOME

(Footscray, Vic.). A social evening was held on Dec. 4, at Footscray, to farewell Glen S. Brown. Nearly four years' ministry at the church had been concluded by Mr. Brown, who is to continue his ministry at the Woomera Rocket Range. He has been appointed as a full-time chaplain in the R.A.A.F.

A cheque was presented to Mr. Brown by the church secretary on behalf of the members and friends present at the farewell.

Responding, Mr. Brown said his life had been made richer by the experience and fellowship during his ministry at Footscray.

Welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ean Kernick, as they take up their new ministry. Mrs. Kernick was presented with a sheaf of flowers on behalf of those present. On Dec. 5, Mr. Kernick was inducted as minister.

### MINISTER FAREWELLED

(Albury Circuit, N.S.W.). After five years of service, Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield were farewelled on Dec. 4. Several presentations were made, after various auxiliaries spoke in appreciation . . . Mrs. S. Winch is making good progress following major surgery . . . Pauline Jones, back from the New Hebrides, was speaker at Girls' Brigade break-up and demonstration . . . L. Park told of the work of Aborigines Missions. He showed slides of the Carnarvon Christian Centre . . . Albury B.S. prizegiving and anniversary was held on Dec. 5 . . . A demonstration of cutting of paper patterns was given to C.W.F. by a representative of the "Golden Rule" method of dressmaking. Proceeds were for the "Save the Children" Fund.

### MINISTRY CONCLUDES

(Cottesloe, W.A.). George Powell concludes his ministry on Dec. 19, and will commence at Maylands, W.A., in the new year. Des. Croote, at present at Kalamunda, will take his place here . . . A garden party at the home of Miss Leeson, on Nov. 27, realised £73 for W.C.W.F. A successful cake stall was held the following week . . . Several of the S.S. pupils competed successfully at the Eisteddfod held recently at the Christian Centre, Perth.

## DEATH OF DR. MICHAEL

On going to press, we were shocked to learn of the sudden death, on Dec. 7, of Dr. L. J. Michael. For many years Dr. Michael was a medical missionary to India and afterwards returned to practise in W.A. The deep sympathy of the brotherhood will be offered to Mrs. Michael and her two sons.

## DESPERATE PLIGHT IN INDIA

(From Overseas Missions). The food situation in India is deteriorating and we are awaiting approval from New Delhi to forward large quantities of grain. More details will be given as early as possible.

## DR. KIRKPATRICK IN AUST.

Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, who is the General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, with official headquarters located in New York, U.S.A., arrived in Sydney by Pan-American Airways on Dec. 9, on a short visit to Aust. During his brief stay in N.S.W., Dr. Kirkpatrick met representatives of the N.S.W. Conference Com., and on Dec. 12 was guest preacher at North Turramurra and Chatswood churches. In Melbourne, Dr. Kirkpatrick preached at the Ivanhoe church, and met with the Federal Conference Executive before moving on to Adelaide, World Convention City for 1970.

## UP-TO-DATE ON ABORIGINES

(N.S.W.). Lewis H. Park, B.E., has been touring N.S.W. presenting slides and information concerning the developments in recent months in the work of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board in W.A. On Dec. 4-5, Mr. Park was with the churches in the Newcastle district, and has since paid visits to Carramar, Wollongong, Asquith, Padstow, Wyoming and Hornsby. Special emphasis has been placed on the stations at Norseman and Carnarvon, and particularly the new "Christian Centre" to be erected in the Carnarvon township . . . Mr. Park has also shared in fellowship with members of the N.S.W. Aborigines Mission Com.

## DONATION TO BOARD

(Newmarket - Ascot Vale, Vic.). The Newmarket ladies donated £60 to the official board towards the associate minister's salary. G. Smith has accepted a further 12 months' engagement. . . . The Ladies' Guild was served luncheon at their break-up . . . A representative of the churches attended the Unity Camp at Monbulk . . . Young people presented a Christmas pageant on Dec. 5 . . . Newmarket S.S. held a picnic at Bacchus Marsh . . . Ascot Vale ladies raised £30 at a street stall . . . K. Mackay, of Ringwood, presided at Ascot Vale.

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## FOCUS ON YOUTH

(Melb.). A consultation of "The Ministry to Youth in the Local Church," arranged by the Fed. Board of Christian Educ., will be held at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, Vic., Jan. 5-10. It will bring together over 40 delegates, workers among young people from every State, and the A.C.T. They will work with resource persons to re-appraise the present position of this vital aspect of the church's nurture and outreach, and plan for future development. Leaders include Dr. K. R. Bowes, K. D. Horne, E. S. Sanders, John Way and V. C. Stafford. The Chaplain for the Consultation is Hayden Sargent.

## PROJECTOR POSTAGE

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). A neat red letter box, made by J. W. Clark, is in the church entrance to receive greeting cards for members. The "postage" helps pay off the C.Y.F. projector . . . The church Christmas party on Dec. 11 included a programme of films, items by kinders, community singing, and basket supper. Each person brought and received a gift to the value of 2/- . . . Guest preacher on Dec. 12 was Qld's new Youth Director, Alan Male . . . To enable church members to meet Miss Dorothy Howden, home on furlough from New Guinea, the C.Y.F. arranged a tea on Dec. 12. Her collection of slides, and talk on island life were most interesting. . . . Favorable comments have been made on the specimen calendar for 1966, and many orders have been received.

## £1,030

(Essendon, Vic.). Temple Day offerings on Nov. 28 were £1,030. £500 was allocated to Hall Fund, which is now £4,537. The Campbell Singers rendered items at 3 p.m., with Miss V. Barnden as soloist at 7 p.m. . . . Kindergarten and Cradle Roll Christmas party was held on Dec. 5 . . . Families took part in a special Family service on Dec. 5 . . . The auxiliaries' break-up on Dec. 10 was followed by a church parade on Dec. 12.

## "IF JESUS HAD NOT COME"

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). At the S.S. anniversary a cantata was presented, "If Jesus Had Not Come," with narrative read by the minister, N. B. Wells. Visitors travelled from various towns and there was a good crowd . . . Mr. Brighton, of J.E.W., was a recent speaker.

## DECISIONS AT STRATHMORE

(Vic.). A programme of Visitation Evangelism has been carried out recently. Visitors spent many evenings in discussion and preparation. Coffee mornings, picnics and social evenings cultivated our relationship with contacts. As a result of visits, 10 people declared their faith in Christ. Others who were visited attended the crowded service on Decision Day, Dec. 5 . . . Other achievements during 1965 have included purchase of a manse, doubled offerings and expanded auxiliary work. A. J. Lloyd is the present minister, and J. E. Brooke is to commence on Feb. 6.

## MAKING OF A MAN

(Naremburn, W.A.). G. Hughes, of Corrigin, spoke at S.S. anniversary. A film and the play, "Making of a Man," were presented at night . . . The minister, N. B. Wells, attended the Training Seminar for 5th National Youth Convention, Perth . . . For 1966, C.W.F. elected Mrs. M. Hooper, pres.; Mrs. D. Wells, sec., and Mrs. H. Cosh, treas.

## STUDENTS IN CHURCHES

(N.S.W.). During the College long vacation a number of students from Woolwich are engaged in assisting churches in full-time, "interim" ministries. Among those serving in this way are Dean Sander, at North Parramatta, Graham Warne at North Turramurra, and Roger Brown, at Granville.

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## OBITUARY



VICTORIA

### Mrs. Ruby McCallum.

Mrs. Ruby McCallum, who died in Melbourne on Nov. 20, was closely associated with the mission of the church throughout her life. She shared with her husband, the late Percy D. McCallum, in ministries in Victoria, N.S.W., New Zealand, Canada and the U.S.A. When he passed away in Sydney, in 1944, she continued to serve for some time in the women's work of our churches in N.S.W. Many still testify to what she accomplished in this field of service. For a period she was also associated with her son, Hayden, in his ministry at St. Mark's, Canberra. Mrs. McCallum was sensitive to the finer graces of living. She was a person of integrity and high Christian principles. She appreciated the fine art of worship. An accomplished artist, she was a member of the Victorian Artists' Society. She shared a truly ecumenical outlook and took a keen interest in present-day moves toward Christian unity. Always ready for progress, she showed appreciation of the growing programme of Christian education at present being developed amongst the churches. A service in the chapel at Hartwell was conducted by the writer on Nov. 23, and burial took place on Nov. 25 at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery, Sydney, with a funeral service conducted by Kevin Crawford. We express Christian sympathy and share the Christian hope with her daughters, Mrs. Joy Flatman and Mrs. Elsie Mae Ashton-Martin, their husbands and families, with her son Hayden, who is lecturing at Philadelphia Theological College, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., with her sisters, Mrs. R. Clark and Mrs. K. Germand, their husbands and families, and with all other relatives both in Australia and overseas.—G. A. Whiting.

### Andrew Balford G. Hunter.

Although he had been ill, the sudden death of Andrew Hunter, on Nov. 12, came as a shock to all who knew him. Born at Goolwa, S.A., in 1893, he joined the church at Point Sturt at the age of 17 and devoted his life in active service for his Master and fellowmen. After two years he moved to Murray Bridge, where he joined the S.A. Railways. He found an outlet for his ability as a builder by playing quite a big part in the building of that church, where he served as an officer of the church and a teacher in the Sunday School. In 1928, the Railway Dept. sent him to Pt. Pirie, and he lost no time in becoming associated with the church here. He taught in the Sunday School and became its superintendent. He was a member of the Official Board, and one who delighted to take his turn as presiding brother at the Lord's Table. He served in this capacity only a few Sundays before he died, and was on the Official Board almost to the end. He was devoted to visiting the sick in the hospital, to some of whom he gave wonderful service. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons, and eleven grand-children, to whom the deep sympathy of the church at Pt. Pirie is extended.—P.J.H.

### Robert Muir.

Several years ago, Robert Muir, of Northcote (Vic.) was obliged, for health reasons, to relinquish his work. He lived in retirement, but was of an active nature, and it was during some work he was doing that he suffered one of his frequent heart conditions, and after temporary improvement, succumbed on Nov. 27. Mr. Muir became a member of the church in Mildura 43 years ago. There he married Lillian Drewett. Removing from Mildura, Mr. and Mrs. Muir came to Essendon and, after twelve years, to Northcote. Mr. Muir served as a deacon and as school secretary. He preferred however, to work with his hands, and fulfilled a ministry in this direction. At Northcote he also prepared the table for communion for some years until his removal to Greensborough. From there he still attended Northcote church twice a Sunday. He was a friendly and pleasant man, a man of good-will and generous spirit. He had intended to attend the newly-formed church at Briar Hill, where his daughter Helen (Mrs. Tait) and her husband are among the first members. To Helen and his sons, Bill and Alan, Mrs. Muir, and others nearly related, we express our sympathy and mingle our faith in Jesus Christ with theirs.—A.B.W.

### Mrs. Bethia Parsons.

Mrs. Bethia Parsons died on Oct. 6, in her 90th year, at the Latrobe, Mersey Hospital, Tas. She had lived the greatest part of her life in the Cave-side-Mole Creek District, was a granddaughter of the first Mr. and Mrs. James Byard, of "Moss Vale," Caveside. Mrs. Parsons had been unable to attend church services for some years, but although only a pensioner, she always laid aside her donation to the Lord's work. A crowded funeral service in the Mole Creek chapel testified to the esteem in which she was held. Tribute was paid to her, in the quiet, dignified Christian witness that she had given over many years, also to her son, Linden Parsons, and his wife, who had looked after her in her falling years.—A. R. Harvey.

### LOSS AT HAMPTON

(Vic.). The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Greatbatch; sympathy is extended to Mr. Greatbatch and his young family. There was one decision on Nov. 28 . . . Afternoon Women's Fellowship raised £359 for the year, £274 was given to local work and the balance to brotherhood activities.

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Young disciples service held Nov. 28, a.m., where young men not previously on plan read and helped . . . C.W.F. afternoon group entertained guests at Oakleigh Guest Home at a social afternoon. 100 ladies at C.W.F. combined groups Christmas meeting . . . C.M.S. conducted services at Oakleigh Guest Home during Nov. . . . 100 Good Companions from Beach Zone presented gifts to "Uncle Charlie" in Christian Education Centre.

### SHARING WITH OTHERS

(Chadstone, Vic.). Women's groups visited Emmaus Rest Home and Good Companions visited Cheltenham Home for Aged . . . Another Sunday "Day of Prayer" held . . . B.S. anniversary services held; Miss M. Coventry re-elected supt. . . . I. Field appointed sec.-treas. of newly-formed Waverley Council of Churches . . . House church series ended on disappointing note . . . Sunday evening services to be suspended over holiday period.

### LADIES' MEETINGS

(Preston, Vic.). Guests were invited to a meeting led by the Woman to Woman Evang. Com., on Nov. 20. The climax came on Nov. 28 when, following a ladies' tea, Mrs. Sterling, of Ascot Vale, was the special speaker at gospel service. Assisting were Mrs. B. Quaife, soloist; Mrs. Griffiths, organ, and Mrs. J. Humphries, piano . . . The film, "The Will of Aunt Augusta," was screened on Nov. 20, to support Planned Giving.

### EXPORT ACTION

(Croydon, Vic.). Four cartons of groceries have been sent to our mission stations in India . . . Auxiliary high-lights have been a luncheon for B.S. teachers on Nov. 28, a barbecue and games night for the C.M.F. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bullen; men visited Train Control at Spencer St. Railway Station, and fourteen members of C.Y.F. held a break-up camp at Cowes . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke were hosts to C.M.F. final meeting for year.

### DIRECT TO MEN

(Sunshine, Vic.). The minister's morning addresses to men climaxed with Sunday afternoon fellowship at manse, Dec. 12. F. Hunting, Ballarat, gave a challenging message. 18 present . . . Admission to Christmas social was by gift for "Uncle Charlie," Hospitals' Chaplain, who preached on Dec. 12. D. Stow, Chelsea, and B. Gaunson, guitarists, gave messages, and were present at J.C.E. Christmas tea . . . Movie film, "Joseph, The Young Man," was presented at B.S. promotion day service. Scholars received promotion awards. Teachers shared in dedication during worship service . . . Church is grateful to Hocking family for interior painting of chapel. . . . Explorers' Club concluded successful year with barbecue.

### INVITATION TO BANKSIA

(Vic.). The campers and leaders of the Banksia Camp cordially invite any church members and friends holidaying in East Gippsland, to share in the Camp Communion Service, on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. The service, in the Outdoor Chapel, will be led by young people and the speaker will be R. V. Longthorp, Director of the Dept. of Christian Educ.

# PERSONAL

## DISCIPLESHIP

Jan McIntyre, Joy Shaw, Christopher and Sarah Binks, Christine Plummer, Doncaster, Vic.

Ian Graham, Cottesloe, W.A.  
Neville Duncan, North Essendon, Vic.

David Browne, Glenda Chiswell, Mrs. G. Hensgen, Mrs. A. Heraud, Douglas Marr, Bernice Milne, Redcliffs, Vic.

Jennifer Eldridge, Suzanne McDonald, Jean Gollan, Sandra Chenhall, Jillian Hart, Lynne Flowerday, Lyndall Hopcraft, Yvonne Weber, Dianne Gardner, Stephen Ratten, John Skerman, Ron Weber, David Warren, Bentleigh, Vic.

Mrs. Dulcie Barney, Mrs. Susie Chubby, Mrs. Hilda Cox, Alex. Eagles, Janet Kelly, Daphne Drummond, Eva Mitchell, Frances Tidums, Prinnie Mowran, Marilyn Jones, Paul Jones, Trevor Phillips, Laurie Tidums, Kevin Mitchell, John Kelly, Carnarvon Mission, W.A.

Cheryl Ede, Dale Schaffer, Camp Hill, Qld.

Maxine Willis, Albury Circuit, N.S.W.  
David King, Hampstead Gardens, S.A.

L. Kirby, C. Bell, Q. Bell, E. Harding, Swanston-st., Melb.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Scarcebrook, Frankston to Swanston-st., Melb.

## MARRIAGES

Wendy Russell to Ian Graham, Nth. Essendon, Vic.

Ruth Webb to Micheal Marcheff, Austral, N.S.W.

Noel Morrissey to Ivan Eatt, Cottesloe, W.A.

## DEATHS

John Ferris, Croydon, S.A.  
Mrs. K. Greatbatch, Hampton, Vic.

CHELTENHAM, VIC. — An induction service for the commencement of ministry of G. K. MOYES, B.A., will be held on Jan. 16, 1966, commencing at 11.10 a.m.

## W.A. CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHORAL SOCIETY

will resume practices in the Christian Centre, at 7.45 p.m., on Tuesday, February 1, 1966. All old members please be present, and if anybody is desirous of joining this brotherhood auxiliary, there will be a very hearty welcome. Mr. C. M. Nelson is the conductor, Mr. Barry McNess, accompanist.

Any further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Nelson, or the secretary, Mrs. C. W. Saggars (39-1929).

## MATRON

Applications are invited from State registered Nurses to fill a vacancy which will occur upon the retirement of the Matron of the Christian Guest Home, 5-9 Osborne-st., Joondanna Heights, W.A. The position involves the nursing and domestic supervision of the Home, which has a daily bed average of 20 aged female guests.

The appointee will be required to live-in. Salary and conditions will be arranged by negotiation.

Written applications, including age, experience and the names of two referees, close with A. W. Morris, secretary, at 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, on Jan. 14, 1966.

## BIRTH

ANDREWS (nee Newham). To Rosemary and David, a beloved son — Peter James — on Dec. 8, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Vic. Both well.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

RATCLIFFE - BERLIN. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ratcliffe have much pleasure in announcing the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding celebrated at Windsor Church of Christ, Melb., on Dec. 23, 1915, by Mr. W. L. Jones. Present address: 301 Gladstone-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## SILVER WEDDING

BARNETT - CUNNINGHAM. — Roy and Ercil have much pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Stawell on Dec. 26, 1940, by A. C. Thurrowgood.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

BUCKLEY - GOSS. — The marriage of Patricia, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Buckley, 13 Jessie-st., Oak Park, Vic., to John Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Goss, will be celebrated at Glenberrie Baptist Church, on Jan. 1, 1966, at 4 p.m.

SEARLE - GREIG. — The marriage of Patricia Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searle, 11 Northcote-terr., Medindie, S.A., to Bruce, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Greig, Reservoir, Vic., will be celebrated at Croydon Church of Christ, S.A., at 5.30 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 1.

BROWN - RATCLIFFE. — The marriage of Lorraine Ruth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Brown, 5 Rochester-ave., Colonel Light Gardens, S.A., to Julian Wayne, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ratcliffe, Barker-st., Brooklyn Park, will take place at Grote-st. Church of Christ, Adelaide, on Dec. 18, at 4 p.m., the bride's father officiating.

## APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. FITZGERALD, 219 Arthur-st., Fairfield, Vic., express sincere appreciation to all their Christian friends for their prayerful interest during Mr. Fitzgerald's recent illness.

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LE PAGE. — In fond memory of our loved ones who were called home — little Cheryl, Dec. 23, 1960; Lucy Lynda, Oct. 11, 1957; Mary, Oct. 31, 1931; Francis Thomas, Dec. 12, 1927. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."  
— Inserted by Everest, cousins, and grandchildren.

MORAS, Florence Grace. — In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, called home to be with her Lord, Dec. 27, 1964. "Ever remembered."

— Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Berta and Tom Garrett and family.

## APPRECIATION

EASTON. — Mr. Will Easton, 14 Alice-st., Sunshine, Vic., would like to thank all friends and relatives for their many expressions of sympathy in the loss of his beloved wife. Will all please accept this word of appreciation?

## DEATH

BLACK, Beatrice Christina. — On Dec. 8, at Prince Henry's Hospital, Melb., loved wife of the late George T. Black, and loving mother of Edna (Mrs. Christensen, Box Hill), and Les. Aged 77. "In God's care."

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## ON HOME MISSIONS

(Bentleigh, Vic.). D. H. Smith spoke on Nov. 28, stressing the work of Home Missions . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon invited the ladies of the church to a luncheon at their home, and 45 attended. . . . At fellowship tea on Dec. 5, S. Semahu, Oakleigh, spoke on religious conditions in Indonesia . . . Christmas Tree for Kinders and Cradle Roll party for Primary on Dec. 11, were followed later when senior scholars were entertained at home of Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon . . . There were 13 young people baptized on Dec. 12.

## MINISTER FAREWELLED

(Nth. Ess. - East Kellor, Milleara, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. W. Gaunson were farewelled at a Milleara after-church service on Dec. 5. Mr. Gaunson has been associate minister for two years. Ian Gates will succeed him early in 1966. . . . Nth. Essendon makes Christmas a time of giving. B.S. scholars and Good Companions brought toys for hospitals, W.E.F. and Y.A.F. have remembered patients in Mt. Royal Home for the Aged, and have provided Sunday teas and gifts. The Senior C.Y.F. distributed 46 gifts at Emmaus Rest Home when they conducted a sing-a-long service. Social parties and gifts are planned by the regular visitors for Mt. Royal and Children's Hospitals . . . The W.E.F. raised £190 during the past year and used the money to purchase a new stove for the manse, and to support other worthy causes . . . John Birt, Dennis Peables, Jim Russell and John Smyth have been elected to the Board of Officers . . . W. S. Lowe was a recent speaker at Y.A.F. He discussed the situation in Vietnam and Rhodesia. Y.A.F. conducted a service at Emmaus on Dec. 5.

## 95TH ANNIVERSARY

(Castlemaine, Vic.). The church celebrated its 95th anniversary. C. E. Curtis was unable to attend because of illness, and V. Longthorp came at very short notice and delivered challenging messages at each service. Maryborough Ladies' Choir ably assisted at P.S.A. At fellowship tea, visitors were welcomed by H. Peeler, G. J. Andrews responded on behalf of visitors. Birthday cake, made by Mrs. Cattermole, decorated by Mrs. C. Hall. Offerings for day, £63/7/8. . . . C.W.F. Talent Bags raised £70. C.W.F. have paid £200 to church funds.

## R.I. ENDS AT CHURCH

(Bayswater, Vic.). Two Christmas worship services at the church concluded the year of Religious Instruction in Primary School. Over 300 children attended, with the minister, H. Prime, leading . . . The all-auxiliary break-up in the church grounds provided interesting activities for all ages . . . Gifts were brought for hospital children to Good Companions Christmas party.

## MORWELL AND TRARALGON

(Vic.). The church shared with Traralgon in the opening of their new chapel. Later, Morwell ladies served Melbourne visitors with a light evening meal . . . Teens Timers enjoyed a bonfire and barbecue on Nov. 6 . . . The C.W.A.F. held a successful fair in church grounds . . . End of year activity for C.W.E.F. was a social evening to which Warragul ladies were invited. Rowlands Mission Farm, W.A., has been helped as this year's project . . . Chas. Dow was guest speaker at church anniversary. At a fellowship luncheon, Mr. Dow told of some of his American experiences.

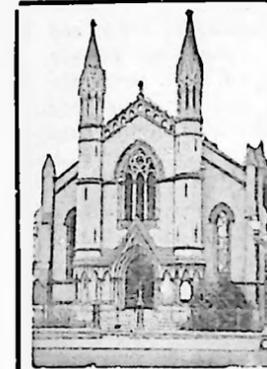
## 16 XMAS. PARTIES!

(Melb.). That's what "Uncle Charlie" Young of Social Service Dept., and "Auntie Rita" Roberts, Chief Good Companions, have been doing from Nov. 15 to Dec. 10.

The parties have been attended by 2,440 Good Companions and 220 leaders, representing 64 churches, some with both Senior and Junior clubs, and have been held in groups of 4 or 5 clubs throughout the metropolitan area. Three or four parties were held on different evenings in each week, and clubs as far away as Red Hill, Morwell and Warragul attended. A visit was also paid to Belmont club one Saturday.

As well as games, worship and, of course, supper, "Auntie Rita" expressed her thanks to leaders for their work during the year, with a spray of flowers for each one.

But the main purpose of the parties is for Good Companions to bring their gifts of toys for children in hospitals, as a thanksgiving for their own health. These are formally presented to "Uncle Charlie," who distributes them to sick children throughout the year. Many of these gifts are made by the girls themselves, and thousands of toys and gifts are received.



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Jan. 9—Mr. W. W. Saunders.

Jan. 16—Preacher: Mr. David Price.

Jan. 23—Preacher: Dr. Lloyd Jones.

# AVIATION AND RADIO

The following is an extract from the report, "Responsibility in New Guinea," submitted by the team of seven, representing various Missions that made a survey of the work of Missions in Papua and New Guinea during June, 1965.

### Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

New Guinea is a rugged country where mountain ranges rise to 15,000 feet. These are cut by broad valleys or narrow canyons. Where the country is not covered by tropical swamp and Kunai grass, there are impenetrable rain forests or valuable mountain timber. Roads are few. Yet travel is not quite the problem it was in New Guinea. The government and private agencies run regular air services to the main centres.

In the Highlands, the Sepik and the Western District, the Missionary Aviation Fellowship attends to the travel and transport problems of missionaries, other than Roman Catholics and some Anglicans. Commercial air transport would seriously curtail missionary outreach. This group of pilots fly single-engined "Cessna" planes. Their schedules are reliable and they spare no effort to forward the missions' work. They are a mission.

The Missionary Aviation Fellowship is the supply line of the missions in the western half of New Guinea. While no unnecessary risks are taken, no effort is spared, for there is no lack of initiative and courage. The church at home should make more of its ministry of intercession that the M.A.F. pilots and maintenance staff may have the skill and wisdom and faith which are fundamental to safety without craven fear.

### Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship.

John Flynn's great realised dream for inland Australia is now part of life in New Guinea. Mission stations talk to one another on daily "skeds" monitored by the two skilled operators of the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship. These men are also maintenance experts, to whom harassed missionaries turn when the radio transceivers get out of order. This is not often. The latest

machines are comparatively simple, very efficient and cheap.

The medical "skeds" are part of the mission programme — as well as the mission news service. There is a family atmosphere about missionary life in New Guinea. (Missionaries — listeners to the "skeds" — knew more about the movements of the team of seven secretaries than the seven did!). Each day doctors from the mission hospitals are on the air to give advice to nursing sisters in isolated hospitals, or to missionaries with a difficult medical case in front of them.

A school teacher at Rugli — headquarters of C.R.M.F. — conducts two school classes daily for missionaries' children. These supplement correspondence lessons. There are live Sunday School classes each week. It was moving indeed to arrive at a missionary's home about 500 miles from Rugli, to find two children sitting, eyes agog, and ears glued to the transceiver which was bringing the daily lesson from the charming teacher we had watched at her microphone a week earlier.

We pay tribute to the staff of the C.R.M.F. Our missions do little to assist this work financially. Yet it would appear to be an elementary obligation.

### Broadcasting.

An important new initiative was taken recently in the setting up of an ad hoc committee on Christian broadcasting. It is representative of the Evangelical Alliance, the Melanesian Council of Churches, the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship and the New Guinea Lutheran Mission (Missouri Synod) as well as the Lutheran Mission, New Guinea and ELOCONG. The committee will work for united representations to both the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the Administration stations in regard to adequate time for religious programmes; and will develop the production of high quality recorded programmes for transmission from those stations. The latter will call for a recording studio to be set up.

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## Victorian News

### FIVE BAPTISMS

(Doncaster, Vic.). Four young girls and one boy were baptized on Dec. 5. A young lady, Diane Fenwick, and a lad, Grant Shaw, made decisions . . . The C.Y.F. paid a visit to the Sutherland Homes, where they screened a film, provided entertainment, and supplied supper and gifts for the children . . . The C.W.F. continues to pack parcels of groceries for India. £10 has been given for Christmas cheer, and £30 as a missionary contribution.

### "KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR"

(Balwyn, Vic.). Youth entertained 70 visiting overseas students and inter-church groups at fellowship tea. Malayan students took part in evening service with testimonies, quartettes and a reading . . . I.C.E., complete with Father Christmas, and gifts for all, entertained elderly guests at Oakleigh Guest Home. A blind Endeavourer gave a reading from her Braille Testament . . . Combined C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. held delightful evening, with "Christmas Story," with Mrs. C. Dow as special soloist . . . Bookstall is doing brisk trade in sales of Christian books for Christmas giving.

### LOCAL COMPOSITIONS

(Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.). A feature of the S.S. anniversary was the composition by the supt., A. Graham, and some teachers, of selections which the 116 scholars on the platform sang lustily. Eric Patterson and the minister, C. W. Jackel, gave addresses . . . There have been three decisions and two have already been received in . . . The deaconesses, Mrs. M. Hearn and Mrs. K. Welsh, have been doing fine visitation work . . . The Y.P. clubs are commended in making Christmas break-ups a time of giving rather than receiving . . . Helpful tracts have been distributed to inquirers on Mixed Marriages, Dancing, and Smoking in relation to Lung Cancer . . . The Ballarat Orphanage is visiting the junior girls' break-up. The Y.P. are visiting the old people at their homes and singing carols and distributing gifts . . . Mrs. C. W. Jackel has undergone surgery after months of serious illness. Her progress is favourable . . . Kevin Harvey spoke helpfully to group on Evangelism Through Friendship, prior to organised follow-up Crusade.

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"Happen to know 'Onward Christian Soldiers'?"

### GUESTS IN DANDENONGS

(Hartwell, Vic.). Cars conveyed guests of Christian Guest Home on an outing through Dandenong Ranges, stopping at Montrose chapel for a short programme and afternoon tea . . . Father Christmas attended the Kinder Christmas party on Dec. 4. In the evening, Family Night provided a musical programme, with guest artists for members and friends.

### BIG TEMPLE DAY RESPONSE

(Malvern, Vic.). The Temple Day offering for chairs for the Sunday School amounted to £221 . . . On Nov. 14, Chaplain Les. Crisp told the C.M.S. of his experiences in the forces, and later

addressed the church . . . Lin Baxter spoke at youth service on Nov. 21 . . . Co-operation with St. Kilda is progressing satisfactorily. St. Kilda visited Malvern for p.m. service on Nov. 28 . . . The S.S. observed graduation and prize-giving on Dec. 5 . . . The ladies conducted the p.m. service on Dec. 5 . . . The re-formed choir is giving efficient service.

### CHANGE AT MIDDLE PARK

(Vic.). E. Kernick has completed his ministry at Middle Park, and a presentation was made at an after-church fellowship. The new minister will be Bernard Duff, also of the College of the Bible . . . C. Latimer was speaker on Dec. 5.

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## OPEN FORUM

### CHURCH CHUCKLES.

To the Editor,

Ever since its inception I have considered this insertion very much below the dignity of a Christian journal, and not worthy of a place in such. To me it always makes light of serious things, and introduces frivolity in questions that require serious thought.

Ridiculous as it has always been to me, it has sunk to the lowest depths in "A.C." Dec. 4, in suggesting the Lord is a debtor to us mortals.

There is an old chorus which says:

"Jesus paid it all,  
All to him I owe,  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow."

The insertion in question is to my mind, sacrilege, and nothing short of an insult to Christian intelligence and conscience, and I strongly object to it.

—T. T. Macaulay, McKinnon, Vic.

[Church Chuckles cartoons are drawn by a man of deep faith and he could never be guilty of sacrilege. One way to make people think seriously about life is to touch a serious topic with humour. When Jesus talked of a camel passing through the eye of a needle, and a man with a log-filled eye delicately removing his neighbour's splinter — no doubt his hearers thought the images were funny. Jesus doubtless intended them to be funny, but they have distinctly unfunny cutting edges. Rich men still try to buy their way into heaven, and hypocrites are numerous enough. When Billy Graham or Alan Walker, or the local preacher, uses a humorous story in a sermon, he will invariably use it to open the way to something significant. So far as the cartoon in question is concerned, it is an insult neither to Christian intelligence nor to conscience. It is funny to equate a man's debts with his obligations to God. But there are too many who do act as though

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God owes them something. Maybe, after we have laughed, we shall remember again that all we have and are we owe to Christ.—Editor.]

### WOMEN.

To the Editor,

A. J. Eddy, in "A.C." Nov. 27, refers to O.T. law as opposing women speakers. In his Sermon on the Law, in 1816, A. Campbell explained and emphasised the Pauline teaching that Christians are entirely free from the Law of Moses, and if we are free from the law in all other respects we must also be free from it in this respect. If women cannot speak at any meetings convened for religious worship or teaching, they could not teach in Sunday Schools or Bible Classes or lead in prayer meetings.

What the ancient Jews did, and modern Jews do, has nothing to do with Christians. The Christian Church is far in advance of the ancient religions and does not work in the shadow of the synagogue. Paul says, "I suffer not a woman to teach," thus showing that this is his personal attitude and opinion which is not binding on everyone. What the law said has nothing to do with us, what Paul said is his personal opinion, and Christ did not forbid women to speak in church.

—A. Middleton, W.A.

### WOMEN AND THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

In his letter in "A.C." Nov. 27, A. J. Eddy makes this dogmatic statement:—"Women must remain silent in church. Thus said the law, thus said Paul, thus said Christ."

Would Mr. Eddy tell us where Christ said that "women must remain silent in church"? It is not in my New Testament. Christ did not discriminate between men and women. In fact, Paul said (Galatians 3: 24):—

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

—Esther M. Messent, S.A.

### BIBLICAL AUTHORITY.

To the Editor,

Many thanks to K. J. Clinton for Provocative Pamphlet, No. 127, "The Authority of the Bible." It is a first-class statement. In seven pages we have a clear, Christ-centred understanding of the great importance of the Bible, the basis of our biblical confidence, and the channel the Bible is for the Living Word to reach us. The discussions of infallibility, inerrancy, and the relationship of Bible and Church are most refreshing.

The emphasis on Christ as THE authority, and the judge of all the experience of mankind, whether recorded in the Old Testament or not, must surely be accepted by us all. We would overcome a lot of difficulties if we let Christ have this place. This means, of course, that we have the courage to put every part of the Old Testament alongside the values and spirit of Christ and let him judge them.

To take a simple example in the story of the tower of Babel (Gen. 11). With such a primitive story we need to

analyse the right from the wrong understandings of God, using the standards of the Master. On the positive side we find that God is interested in the affairs of men, and that mankind could never reach God by his own achievement.

On the negative side we find a God who is unaware of earthly goings-on until he finds time for personal investigation, a God who violently opposes the unity of mankind, and a God who strangely objects to progress.

In the light of our knowledge of God in Christ we judge some understandings of the Eternal to be RIGHT and others to be WRONG. No one does this judging by himself. "The authoritative interpretation of the Scriptures is found in the fellowship of the church."

—Alan Cant, Vic.

### SERVED IN INDIA.

To the Editor,

The reading of the article on the Jubilee Celebrations in India prompts me to bring to notice the fact that one name has been omitted of missionaries of the past. I refer to Miss Florrie Tole (now Mrs. Motley) who was the only medically trained missionary on the field at the beginning of World War I, going to India with Miss Cameron and Miss Tilley.

Miss Tole was seconded for military service in the Near East because of her medical training. Her name appears on the Lygon Street Honour Roll.

Now in her mid-eighties, Mrs. Motley lives alone in Launceston, where she is a loved member of Margaret Street church, but her interests are still with India and its needs.

—Mrs. C. J. Robinson (Tas.).

### KNOW YOUR BROTHERHOOD

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). In a series of "Know Your Brotherhood" during November, visiting speakers included B. Coventry, B. Ricketts, K. D. Horne and A. R. Jones. . . . In an exchange of pulpits, on Dec. 4, Mr. Kissock, of Hampstead Baptist was the speaker.

### BIG WEEK

(Belmont, Vic.). The church anniversary tea for 160 on Nov. 27 concluded a week of special meetings with Kevin Harvey. Dr. G. Whiting was anniversary guest speaker. . . . "Uncle Charlie" and "Auntie Rita" received gifts from Good Companions for hospital distribution. . . . The girls presented a nativity scene on Dec. 5. . . . A progressive supper concluded C.W.E.F. activities for year. Afternoon group enjoyed a beach picnic on Dec. 1. . . . The Kindergarten Dept. held its Christmas party on Dec. 11.

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## Moments of Worship



Thursday, Dec. 23. Luke 2: 1-7.

The Stable. Nor was it by chance that Jesus was born in a stable. Is this world anything else than a huge stable wherein man devours and emits. The most beautiful, the purest and most divine things — does not man by some infernal alchemy transform them into what is loathsome?

In this temporary pigsty of a world, whose dirt no trimmings and perfumes can conceal, Jesus appeared one night, born of a stainless virgin, armed with nought but his own innocence.—Papini.

Friday, Christmas Eve. Psalm 126: 3.

O Lord, there sit apart in lonely places,

At this, the gladdest time of all the year,  
Some stricken ones with sad and lonely faces,

To whom the thought of Christmas brings no cheer.

For these, O Father, our petition hear  
And send the pitying Christ Child near.

—Author Unknown.

Saturday, Christmas Day. Matt. 21: 10.

Who is this? Incomparably the most important watershed in the long history of humanity has been the incarnation of Christ. At this point, the streams divide. After this, the human course and direction are changed. One Figure has split history in two — so that every event is now elated with reference to his coming, either before or after. In the clash and turmoil of this bitter age in which we live, his power is more to be reckoned with than the power and influence of any Caesar.

—J. S. Stewart.

Sunday, Dec. 26. Luke 2: 8-20.

The Shepherds. The shepherds of old, who were poor themselves, were not contemptuous of poverty. Childlike, they

delighted in contemplating childhood. Their race had been generated by the shepherd of Ur, and saved by the shepherd of Midian. Their first kings had been shepherds. Saul and David herded flocks before they herded tribes. But the shepherds of Bethlehem, of whom the cold world knew nothing, were humble. A child of poverty was born among them, and they regarded him lovingly, and lovingly they offered their simple treasures.—Papini.

Monday, Dec. 27. Matt. 2: 1-12.

The Wise Men. The Magi, who accounted themselves wiser than all kings, found an infant but a few days old, a child unable still to ask a question or give an answer, one who, on reaching man's estate, would scorn all earthly treasures and all wisdom generating from material things. The Magi were not kings, but in Media and Persia they were the masters of kings. They possessed the secrets of heaven and earth and ruled both in the name of Learning and Religion. In the midst of a people who lived for what was material only, they stood for what was spiritual. It was right, then, that they should come and kneel before Jesus.—Papini.

Tuesday, Dec. 28. Matt. 1: 18-23.

The Babe.

They all were looking for a king  
To slay their foes and lift them high;

Thou camest, a little baby thing  
That made a woman cry.

O Son of Man, to right my lot  
Naught but thy presence can avail;  
Yet on the road thy wheels are not,  
Nor on the sea they sail!

My how or why thou wilt not heed,  
But come down thine own secret stair,

That thou mayest answer all my need—  
Yea, every bygone prayer.

—Geo. MacDonald.

Wednesday, Dec. 29. Matt. 2: 13-18.

Flight to Egypt. The massacre of the innocents was the last act of Herod. By their death they saved Jesus and saved themselves in all eternity. They were innocent, and innocent they will remain to the end of time. At nightfall, when the houses of Bethlehem were enveloped in darkness and the first lights had begun to appear, the mother set forth, going secretly, like a fugitive, a thief, as one pursued. She was indeed robbing the king of a life, saving a hope for the people. Clashed to her breast she carried him, her Man-Child, her Treasure, her Pain.—Papini.

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