

## A CHAPLAIN'S VIEW



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## THE COMPUTERS ARE COMING!

The usual stream of mail into the office of "The Australian Christian" has dwindled to a trickle and the delivery of the journal is certain to be delayed. Whilst we are anxiously awaiting letters we may well reflect upon the facts of modern life.

The present mail problems began with a 24-hour strike, the effects of which were made worse by a "work-to-regulations" policy. This is an exaggerated adherence to rules and a calculated intention to break down the smooth-working efficiency of the mail system.

The thing that triggered off the trouble was the installation of electronic sorting machines to be operated by girls at a lower rate of pay than that paid to male mail sorters. The union is demanding that men work the new machines or that the girls be paid rates as for men.

Behind this immediate issue, many see the looming of a great struggle by the workers to head off some of the effects of the scientific transformation of life. Once the majority of people worked on farms, now less than 10% do so. Many today have jobs which did not even exist 50 years ago, and it is said that in America the white-collar workers exceed the number of blue-collar workers. Many of the white-collar workers also wear white coats and they work on the machines that do the work once done by hundreds of hands.

The computer age is coming, and we shall have to learn to live with it. To fight the electronic brain would be as futile a gesture as was that of the angry men who once broke the cotton machines that were stealing their jobs. The scientific revolution will be as irresistible as the industrial revolution.

The human needs in the computer age must, however, be recognised and met. With growing productivity resources we are better able to meet them than ever before. Maybe the postal workers are saying that we should have a look at these problems and solve them now rather than later. A great principle that will help us is that, while man may be the master of the machines, God is the master of men. God must not be the forgotten factor in the age of science. To acknowledge him is to have concern for all.

In the meantime, it may be of some consolation to the postal workers to know that there is no plan at present to replace the editor with a very small computer.

## GUIDELINES (2)

### Son of God

Once we accept as fact that God is personal — without limiting his personality in the way that man is limited — we have a starting point from which to approach the whole meaning of life.

We are not required to debate the ultimate every time we discover a paradox in life. Once we find our minds wholly satisfied with the hypothesis of an absolute creator all the meaning we give to life will be set on a particular course.

Being convinced that God is, we can go on to explore the relationships between God and his creation. Since any powers possessed by God would not be less than those with which he endows humans created by him, then he must possess the power of communication.

Men also have the power to love, to plan, to forgive, to share, to give, to treasure, to protect — and to communicate these facilities to each other. It is not against our reason to accept as fact that God also possesses these qualities and can communicate them to us.

This, we believe, is what God did in various ways, but ultimately he did it through his Son. In some ways, earlier revelations of God were propositions — statements about God and statements about his deeds. Finally, God expressed himself within the environment of his own creation in a personal way. Having communicated himself to us in many ways, at last he came — himself!

The classic statement of this is in Hebrews 1:1-2: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."

Jesus was more than a prophet. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.

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## HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

# DIALING 230 230



BY J. W. LEWIS

Dialing 230230, which is the Royal Adelaide Hospital, of course — calling J. B. Baker, who is our full-time Chaplain there. He is not in the office, for he is out on his regular round of visitation, which takes in all of the 33 wards in this 700-bed hospital. I am assured that he will call me back as soon as possible. The receptionist "pages" him and shortly he phones me back.

"John, I called to let you know that Mr. — was admitted to the R.A.H. this morning." "Yes," is the chaplain's reply, "I have been talking with him and he seems quite comfortable — he is being examined right now and shortly we will have some definite information about future treatment."

I called him on another occasion, this time a young lass had been admitted following a very serious accident. Her parents were very troubled — could not get enough satisfactory information. "I'll keep in touch with you today and give you any progress reports that come to hand. Tell the parents to call me, or see me when they come in to see the girl." They did, and have not ceased offering praise and thanks for the help given them and their daughter as she faced the crisis.

J.B. called me one morning to tell me of an elderly lady who had been a patient for an extended period — no church affiliation — she had come to live in my district. She was lonely and rather frustrated when I called that afternoon. After the usual introduction I told her about J.B.'s call and her face lit up. "He has changed my life," she said, "he made me face up to myself and to God. He brought me to realise that I owed something to God and to Jesus Christ. He used to talk to me so helpfully, and he and I had communion together in the ward."

This was quite an experience for this dear soul. I baptized her later. She was ever grateful to J.B. and that through him she has found a saving faith in Christ. She did not live very long after that, but was always very thankful for that ministry whilst in hospital.

I had another call the other day, "Have

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you heard of Mrs. —?" "No," was my reply. "She has been in R.A.H. and was discharged this morning; her husband is . . . She says she is connected with the Churches of Christ. They live at . . ." I called that evening — was well received — we talked and finally unravelled some of the problems. They are now attending church and I am sure they are finding happiness in their life together, a happiness that did not exist before her hospitalisation and meeting our chaplain there.

A hospital chaplain's life is a very full one indeed. His daily round includes ministry to about 600 Churches of Christ patients in R.A.H. a year, besides a ministry to the many others who have no church affiliation. He conducts a weekly communion service for members of the staff each Friday morning at 6.15, and then continues throughout the morning administering the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to patients. His duties also include attendance at a weekly clinical conference which is attended by the Registrar, Ward Sisters, Doctors and Almoner, whose task it is to consider patients' needs, home environment, family relationships, and other conditions which may be contributing to the illness or hindering recovery. His presence at these group meetings is regarded as essential by the rest of the group.

The reaction of the staff to J. B. Baker's presence is most favourable. One Senior Sister recently volunteered this remark: "The presence of Mr. Baker as our Chaplain is as necessary as the presence of a medic." She declared that he is received at R.A.H. as a man to whom both patients and staff members are able to go in any kind of trouble and be sure to find, not only a sympathetic ear, but also wise Christian counsel. She testified to her own personal experience.

A trainee nurse said, "When I am on duty in the ward it is most refreshing to see Mr. Baker come in. The Chaplain makes such a difference to the patients, and we often find that otherwise difficult patients are much easier to handle when they have talked with the chaplain."

A patient said, "That man's presence, and the way he talks to us, makes this

hospital life so much easier to endure." One man said, "I just dwell on his coming to see me, not only because it helps to pass the time, but when he has gone you just feel that some kind of a load has been lifted off you." An old man, a very lonely character, remarked, "He is a real man, you can talk to him about anything, and he understands, but he always makes you feel better because he always somehow reminds us that there is something more to live for after we get better."

These remarks are just as they were uttered, and are expressive of simple appreciation of a Christian ministry, and are significant in that this ministry does help in the creation of an atmosphere which makes the ministry of the medico so much more effective.

I called a doctor who is on the staff of the R.A.H. and asked him if he would care to comment on the work and presence of the chaplain. This was his reply, "Yes, with the greatest of pleasure. He is indispensable in this hospital. Our chaplain, Mr. Baker, is a Christian gentleman, first and foremost. His friendly, down to earth approach to the patient immediately establishes a relationship between the two which enables the chaplain to discover troubles which may be hindering the patient's recovery. He has a very important place in the process of healing of more and more of the patients who come here. We must not forget that a man is not only a physical being, but that he is also a spiritual being. We can assist, in many instances, the physical, but our chaplain ministers to the spiritual side of the patient's make-up, and so the process of healing is rounded off. I have seen many instances of the inestimable value of a chaplain working with us."

J.B. has free access to all wards at all times, and is on call at all times. I have been visiting in the R.A.H. and have heard him being "paged" to report to "Sister . . . in Ward . . ." A patient had been asking for him. He has established a real place for the Christian ministry in the minds of many in the medical and nursing professions. He is being commended for his vital concern for the welfare of the patients.

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## MEET C. E. WATSON



As we meet him briefly, we say farewell to him! He's abroad just now, but he is coming back, and we have some fine hopes when he returns.

After a ministry life of keen concern in the impact of the church on the life of men and women in industry, he now finds that doors are open for him to really spend himself in this concern.

For years he has been known in Melbourne and Adelaide as his ministry in a local church has spilled over into some nearby factory. At Albert Park, the South Australian Brush Company accepted him as its Chaplain, and on his removal to Nailsworth he continued to include the Company in his parish.

On March 11, Cec. left Melbourne en route for England, and will be there domiciled at the Methodist Industrial College at Luton. Later he will transfer to the Anglican Temple College. These institutions are training places for men concerned with Industrial Chaplaincy. Luton is the scene of the vast Vauxhall Motor works, where 28,000 men are employed, and a team of chaplains is engaged in serving the employees of the Company.

Mr. Watson will join the team for several weeks. Those engaged in this work are paid for by the Industrial Mission. After time spent at Vauxhall, he will then team up again and go to the English works of the vast Chrysler motors. I.C.I. employs one full-time and four part-time Industrial Chaplains, and again Cec. will be on the inside looking on.

Possibly there is no better known man in this part of Christian ministry than Rev. Bill Gowlan, who was in Australia about two years ago. Mr. Watson will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Gowlan. When the Rev. Bill was in Australia he came into contact with Cec. Watson and expressed himself as most anxious that he should come to England for this specialised training.

After his term in England he will then go to West Germany, and there for two weeks will study the "laity training" among the factories.

The present movements among the workers of West Germany are causing considerable interest around the world. The French Worker Priests have likewise caught attention. Obviously Continental concepts are different, but worthwhile. To look at them and use what may be translated into the Australian situation is wise, and good.

Mid-June will see Mr. Watson back in Australia, and he will continue his work with the Nailsworth church until the end of this year. The willingness of the Nailsworth brethren for their minister to go, knowing

that he will sever from them, speaks well for their understanding and concern for a wider ministry. This commendable spirit should not be overlooked.

Commencing in early 1967, the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission (I.T.I.M.) will get under way in Adelaide, with Cecil Watson as full-time Director. His "parish" will be B.A.L.M. plants for four days each week, and the rest of the days will be spent in organisational and promotional work. Already industry around Adelaide is showing a keen interest in the prospects of this Mission. That other men in settled churches will include a nearby factory in their parish is an encouraging and thrilling promise.

"The I.T.I.M. Story" is something altogether new in our Australian life, and should be a matter for prayerful concern for all Christian people.

—E. P. C. Hollard.

### "THE I.T.I.M. STORY."

I.T.I.M. was born in South Australia in the year 1962, and was called into being when the Baptist Church convened a meeting of interested parties, who met in the Church Hall, Flinders-st., Adelaide, in May, 1962. It began under the title, Inter-Church Trade and Industry Committee, and began the task of building a truly Inter-Church body, which could effectively witness and work in the rapidly developing Industrial complex in Sth. Aust.

The first Secretary was Rev. J. E. Wallis, a Baptist minister. Present at this inaugural meeting was Rev. L. Styles, Director of I.T.I.M. Victoria, and it was to him the baby venture looked first for guidance and direction.

Today, I.T.I.M. Committee of Management is a fine team of both ministers and lay representatives, some of whom have been with I.T.I.M. since inception.

The matter of the appointment of a Director-Chaplain was discussed in relation to the full-time work, and a target date for the commencement of full-time operations was set for January, 1967. The name of C. E. Watson was submitted by the Executive Committee for this position of Director-Chaplain Elect, and he was appointed to this position by the Committee of Management. Further planning was to set up all necessary organisation to enable this target date to be met.

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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J.B. has recently been appointed the Secretary to the 2nd National Clergy-Doctor Conference, which is to be held this year, and has been Secretary to the South Australian Medico-Clerical Group for the past two years.

As a further means in establishing this worthwhile relationship between the medical and clerical professions, our chaplain is called upon to give three lectures to new nurses during their P.T.S., and a further two lectures each year to staff nurses at the R.A.H. These lectures cover a wide area in which those in attendance are instructed in the necessity of co-operation necessary between staff and chaplain.

His concern also extends to the attitude of ministers of religion who are called on to visit patients. Therefore he conducts a seminar each year, when ministers of our State hear lectures from leading doctors and surgeons, who have given us some insights into the best ways of helping patients in hospital, and also some information about treatment of various diseases, and lectures on Medico-Cleric co-operation.

Doctors, nursing staff, fellow-ministers who really know the work which is done by J. B. Baker, commend him for his meticulous attention to the patients' welfare, and for his ready help to all ministers who are so often the last to hear of a person's illness.

John Baker does not claim to take the place of the local minister in his ministry but is there to assist and to give continuous "on-the-spot" attention to the patients' needs. He is always available to give understanding assurance to friends and relatives and first-hand information of a patient's condition. Every person I have known to be a patient in R.A.H. has met up with J. B. Baker and has been tremendously helped by his ministry and joins with all who know him in commendation of the work of a chaplain in the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

## KENYA'S MISSION HOSPITALS FACE SEVERE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

(Nairobi, Kenya). Many of Kenya's Protestant mission hospitals face a desperate shortage of funds that threatens them with the necessity to close their doors, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the Protestant Churches' Medical Association.

The government's Director of Medical Services, Dr. J. C. Likimani, was told that the hospitals had suffered a considerable rise in costs in recent years with no hope of increased revenue and their financial difficulties had now become acute.

It now costs about £1,000,000 (\$2.8 million) a year to run the 15 hospitals affiliated with the association. It was pointed out that during the past decade the government had not increased its grant to these hospitals and many local authorities had delayed, reduced, or withdrawn their grants.—E.P.S.

# R.C. MARRIAGE CHANGES CRITICISED

## COMMENTATORS SAY NEW MIXED MARRIAGE REGULATIONS REPRESENT MINIMAL STEP FORWARD

(Geneva). First press comments on the decree "Matrimonii sacramentum," published last week by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, viewed the new regulations it establishes for Roman Catholic mixed marriage practice as disappointing.

"La Vic Protestante," weekly newspaper of the National Protestant Church of Geneva, said: "The decree, by which the Vatican has slightly retouched the rules governing mixed marriages, remains far behind the hopes which had been awakened by recent statements of Roman Catholic theologians."

Though recognising that Pope Paul's statement "relaxes the rigor of traditional regulations to a fairly significant extent, the "New York Times" notes that "it does not depart from the fundamental conservative position that such regulations are of prime importance." The "particularly obnoxious" pledge in writing to rear the children of mixed marriages as Catholics, observes their editorial, has not been abolished.

In Germany, the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" wrote that "the door has been opened for a greater number of exceptions, and the punishment for violations has been lightened," but concludes that "in all essentials the traditional canonical regulations have been confirmed."

New and positive is the retroactive lifting of excommunication for all Catholics who marry or have married before someone other than a Catholic priest, even though such marriages are still considered invalid. "In the celebration of mixed marriages," says the decree, "the canonical form must be observed according to the norm of Canon 1,094. This is required for the very validity of the marriage."

The paragraph on the education of children also eases certain restrictions. Though the Roman Catholic Church continues to insist on Catholic baptism and education for the offspring of mixed marriages, responsibility for obedience

will rest in the future exclusively on the Catholic partner. The non-Catholic partner is required only to promise "openly and sincerely" not to "create any obstacle to the fulfilment of that duty."

On this point, the text says: "Let the local Ordinary or the pastor of the Catholic party take care to inculcate in grave terms the obligation to provide for the Catholic baptism and Catholic education of the offspring."

For the fulfilment of this obligation a guarantee will be asked for by means of an explicit promise on the part of the Catholic spouse. . . . The non-Catholic party, with due delicacy, but in clear terms must be informed of the Catholic teaching regarding the dignity of matrimony. . . . He or she must be informed of the Catholic party's grave obligations to safeguard, preserve and profess his faith and to have the offspring which will be born baptized and educated in the faith. And so that his obligation may be guaranteed, the non-Catholic spouse should also be invited to promise openly and sincerely that he will not create any obstacle in the fulfilment of that duty. . . . Although under ordinary conditions these promises must be made in writing, it is, however, within the power of the Ordinary — either by means of rules of a general character or in each individual case — to establish that these promises of the Catholic party and of the non-Catholic party or of both be given in writing or not. . . .

"If . . . the non-Catholic party thinks he may not formulate this promise without violating his conscience the Ordinary must refer the case with all its particulars to the Holy See."

This new provision has been received critically, especially in the Netherlands.

The "Volkskrant" writes that in the Dutch situation it is "completely impossible" to apply to Rome for a dispensation in every individual case. "The real problems," concludes the statement,

"which are caused by the Church's regulations governing mixed marriages are hardly touched in this decree — much less solved."

On the liturgical form of marriage, the instruction says: "There must be absolutely avoided any celebration in the presence of a Catholic priest and a non-Catholic minister in the simultaneous exercise of their respective rites. However, it is not prohibited that, the religious ceremony having ended, the non-Catholic minister addresses some words of good wishes and exhortation, and that prayers may be recited in common with non-Catholics."

The fact that the new regulations will be finally incorporated into canon law only after they prove viable in practice gave the "Frankfurter Allgemeine" cause to speculate that "the Pope apparently does not view the decree as final." It is rather a sort of trial balloon, and "the response it receives will have special significance in this case."—E.P.S.

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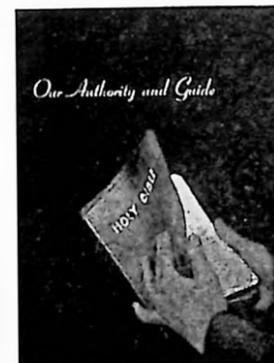
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# WRIGHT THINKING

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT —  
— MOODS —

Depression or despondency is a common cause of personal disorganisation and suffering. "Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down, Oh, yes, Lord!" So runs the old Negro spiritual. It is a song many of us could sing, for we are often at the mercy of our moods.

This is a matter we must take seriously, because unless we tackle these moods of depression, they may come with greater frequency and make us impossible to live and work with. The peace of many a home has been completely destroyed by the constant moodiness of one of its members. And what is more, it is during these times of flatness and depression that the cruder temptations get their great opportunity. A person feeling utterly down and out is apt to snatch at things like sex and drink which at least promise a little excitement. Well then, how can we deal with our moods of depression?

For one thing we can try to keep it to ourselves. There is no need to advertise it, moaning to others and depressing everyone we meet. Mr. Brown comes home one evening from business and takes off his coat with a deep sigh. His face is gloomy. He brushes the children off who come to meet him, greets his wife with a colourless "hello," and takes his place at the table with a creased brow and lustreless eye. The corners of his mouth sag, his shoulders sag, his coat sags, everything about him sags.

After dinner he slumps into a chair nursing his misery. His wife is solicitous, but he only walks further into his fog of depression. She follows him, hoping to bring him out, but he shakes her off in the spirit which says, "Oh, never mind me." At last she gives up and with downcast eyes leaves him. Then he feels a grim content. He has scored. He has made someone else miserable.

We ought to keep our depression to ourselves. It was said of Robert Louis Stevenson that, ill though he often was, he never allowed even the smell of a medicine bottle to get into his writings.

For another thing, try to control all physical or outward expression of your mood. William James taught that the physical expression of an emotion deepens and reinforces it, while the refusal of physical expression diminishes and may at last extinguish it.

This is true also of a low mood. If an angry man scowls, clenches his fists and starts to bellow, he grows angrier still. If he physically relaxes, slackens his muscular tension and keeps still, his anger cools. If a depressed man slumps, lets his body sag, pulls a long face and croons like a bilious pigeon, his low mood gets lower still. If he spruces up, walks as though he felt better than he does, speaks more cheerfully than his mood warrants, and especially if he thinks of others and tries to save the

on hand, a purpose to fulfil, and to that, whether or not they feel dejected, the main trunk-line of their lives belongs.

Many people are "fed-up" with living, not because they have been badly battered by it, but because they have never given themselves to any task or purpose so great, that no matter how they chance to feel, it must be got on with.

The great souls have gone through hells of depression in loyalty to chosen aims — like John Bunyan in Bedford gaol, beside himself with grief for his wife and poor children, especially his blind child, but knowing he must go on with his task — or, like Jesus Christ, sweating blood in Gethsemane, but nevertheless accepting a task that, whether or no, must be carried through, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross."

Finally, when the dark mood is on, remember God. Whether you feel like it or not, make yourself fall to your knees, make yourself go to church, make yourself pray. Remember God is there, even though you may not feel him to be.

## BLAKE OPPOSED

"Die Kerkbode," official journal of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, has sharply criticised the election of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake as General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The magazine found cause for "apprehension" in Dr. Blake's strong positions on racial equality and Christian unity.—E.P.S.

## ON GROWING OLDER — A PRAYER

"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details — give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of other's pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains, they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the Devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all — but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Amen.

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## — S.A. AND N.S.W. NEWS —

### CRUCIAL ENCOUNTER

(Whyalla, S.A.). The minister, D. M. Hughes, concluded a series of sermons on "The Crucial Encounter" . . . C.W.F. conducted a social afternoon, where Mrs. Flavel gave an outline of work done over the previous year, and suggested aims for coming year. At C.W.F. annual meeting, Mrs. D. M. Hughes was elected pres., Mrs. Lawrence, sec., and Mrs. W. Tregloan, treas. . . . Five members attended Northern Dist. Conf. . . . Five members are preparing for group leadership with the Church and Life Movement . . . There was a good attendance at the Good Friday communion service. . . . Several car loads travelled to Lucky Bay for church picnic on Easter Monday.

### ENROLMENT SERVICE

(Cowandilla, S.A.). An inspiring enrolment service was held on April 3. Both the officers and boys were required to make their vows . . . Harry Jones presided over the business meeting on March 28, with 45 present. The Board consists of the minister, E. L. Ots; elders, K. G. Dawson and R. S. A. McLean; sec., N. G.

### o WOMEN'S CAMP - S.A.

## THE PACE OF A HEN

There were 55 women in camp at Longwood, conducted by the Committee of Christian Education on March 4-6. The theme was "The Pace of a Hen." This enigmatical title was chosen deliberately to promote interest. It is part of a quotation by St. Theresa of Avilla, in which she illustrates the similarity between a hen, who pecks a little here, scratches a little there, looks after her chicks . . . all the while carrying on her function and purpose in the world . . . and a woman, whose "pace" at any given time in her life depends so much upon her freedom (or lack of freedom) from household cares, the age of her children, and so on.

Bible studies were taken from 1 Corinthians, chapters 12, 13 and 14, and were most helpful. Devotional sessions were taken by Mesdames Eagles, Fitz-

### CONFERENCE PROCEDURE

(N.S.W.). This year the N.S.W. Conference Executive made a point of limiting to a minimum the time allowed Departmental and Committee representatives in presenting their reports to Conference. Prior to this year's Conference, the various brotherhood Departments were circularised with this matter in mind, to the great benefit of the Conference as a whole. The Conference time-keeper did his work graciously, but firmly — and the result: Less time was wasted, the reports were introduced to the delegates with refreshing brevity and conciseness, but also with an emphasis on the essentials. There was a much more informed debate on vital issues on the floor of Conference. This was really good. We must keep it up and maintain the standard.

1966

McLean; treas., G. Pearson, and C. Simons, C. Bowers, L. R. Hall, R. Chivell, and A. J. Valladares.

### HARVEST GIFTS

(Balaklava, S.A.). The fine display of goods for Harvest Thanksgiving were later taken to local hospital and St. George's Christian Rest Home . . . A number of members attended Northern Dist. Conf. at Pt. Pirie, and were inspired by thought-provoking messages from Dr. Bowes, of College of Bible, Glen Iris, and helpful discussions . . . The young folk from past girls' and boys' clubs have this year affiliated with State J.C.E. Their leaders are Mrs. Joyce Sheppard, and Neville Smith and Colin Jones. The J.C.E. had an enjoyable evening in Adelaide at the bowls . . . At the annual meeting, R. Webb and D. Cottle were added to Officers' Board, and Reg. Sheppard as elder . . . A special offering was received on April 3 for Wheat for India. . . . At a fellowship service on April 3 Brian Webb was assured of prayers and best wishes on going into National Service training for two years . . . Colin Smith is minister.

### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

Let us give thanks to God — for his direction and blessing in the on-going task among the churches, and in the power of the gospel — in N.S.W. — in all the States of our Commonwealth, and in our spheres of missionary activity overseas. And let us continue in prayer, on behalf of:

1. Charles Cole, newly elected President of Conference in N.S.W., and Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, newly elected President of the State C.W.F.
2. Home Mission activity in N.S.W., especially with the church at Engadine in these days of the erection of their building, and preparations for a forward thrust.
3. New Committee members elected at the recent N.S.W. Annual Conference, for their devoted dedication to Christ and the brotherhood.
4. Auburn church, N.S.W., in planning and preparation for the mission with the Adams Evangelistic Party, commencing April 17.
5. Aborigines Missions, in W.A. and Vic., and especially at Balladoran, N.S.W., that encouragement may be given to the natives of this area.
6. Overseas Missions, and in particular David and Mrs. Eagling and family, as they return to their work at the Bible College, Banmatmat, Pentecost, New Hebrides, that God will strengthen their hands in their teaching ministry.

### REMEMBERED

Mrs. Train, widow of a former South Aust. minister is now residing in Berri. She is aged 95. The minister, H. Greenwood, pays her regular visits and, although too deaf to attend the church services, she is keenly interested in the work of the church.

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# A BORDER CONFERENCE

Sometimes a regional conference comes up with something really worthwhile, even though the planners little realise how good it is going to be.

The Conference of churches from Bordertown to Mt. Gambier put the spotlight on some aspects of church life which gave free expression to some of the brethren. Headed up, "Aspects of Church Life," representative officers of churches had a good look at their tasks and invited anyone else to look with them. Some excellent things were said and discussed.

Don Oakes, minister at Bordertown, looked at the ministry and suggested that it is a positive and a puzzling thing, for so often the minister is puzzled to know what is expected of him! He stressed that a minister in a community is the cynosure of all eyes and there his behaviour and attitudes are never free from observations. And in a real way as goes he, so goes the church.

He wanted to know what the church really wants him to do, for so many conflicting ideas as to what ministry is are abroad in the churches.

Edward Milne, of Adelaide, an elder of high repute, looked at the eldership and suggests that an elder has three areas of ministry. These are to himself; he must seek personal relationships with the membership as often as possible; and understand that his eldership has a community focus where his activities still demand that he is an elder of the church.

W. N. Davie, Naracoorte, talked about deacons. He wisely decried the idea of making men deacons to "give them something to do," to "keep the Board up to strength" and kindred spurious reasons for electing deacons in the church. If deacons are not selected spiritually and scripturally then the diaconate is reduced to the farce level.

N. J. Pederson, Secretary at Mt. Gambier, talked about church secretaries. A secretary must be a deacon, but strictly at the "service level." The qualifications for a deacon are surely the qualifications for a secretary. The secretary should seek to interpret the Board's decisions, to be a liaison between local church and State Conference, and to be as much of a right hand as possible to the minister. He listed the duties of a church secretary in a smaller local church, and possibly scared men for all time from the task of secretaryship! Throughout his emphasis upon serving the church was well stated.

Dean Dinning, treasurer of the Wam-poony church, gave the qualifications of the ideal treasurer. Some words might be re-stated here. Honesty, willingness, humility, able to keep confidences, a knowledge of book-keeping, promptness in handling the Lord's money, a sound knowledge of brotherhood needs, and one who can keep his own affairs in order. Dean suggested that all monies should pass through the church treasurer's records.

President of the Conference was Cliff. A. Manning, of Bordertown, and his successor is T. W. S. Paternoster, of Mt. Gambier.

Decisions made included Conference every second year, and that from here on the Conference will be a delegate one, although all members may share in the discussions.

From the reports we see that two church buildings have been built, or being built — Bordertown and Naracoorte; two young men have entered Glen Iris for the ministry; two young women have enlisted in missionary service; two ministers have left the Conference — E. O. Stevens and R. R. Brand; and two new ones — A. G. Leane and G. T. Lawrie, have replaced

them. State Conference year book records 27 won to Christ through the year.

Guest preacher for the Conference was E. P. C. Hollard, who spoke on the "World Convention," and shared his world tour, and spoke among the churches throughout the Sunday.

Church and Life Movement received a short word from W. Ed. Fisher. The churches around Bordertown are interested in this programme, and meetings for leaders are being held regularly.

Attendances were large, catering up to the usual high standard, and the fellowship as rich as ever. This was a regional conference which had some fine ingredients in it.

## CONDITIONS FOR INFANT BAPTISM

(Copenhagen). A stand taken in recent months by a rural pastor has raised the question whether a clergyman of Denmark's national Lutheran Church can deny baptism to infants whose parents will not promise to go to church afterwards.

Setting off the discussion was the rule laid down last November by the Rev. Ludvig Husum of Sebbar (Vestthimmland) that parents who want their children baptized must agree to attend services about 12 times a year.

When his stand first precipitated a public debate, Pastor Husum, noting that he was accused of taking an action not authorised in the Church of Denmark, said he would resign. Later, he changed his mind and decided to persist to a shown down on the question. —E.P.S.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# IMPRESSIONS OF NEW GUINEA

BY Miss HELEN JACOBS

I couldn't help comparing the first day of school here with school at home. At 7.30 a.m. we beat the drum, and then at 7.45 a.m. beat the drum again to hurry them along to school. Then the children came to school wearing just shorts, or a skirt, and carrying their "lunch tins" (a roasted yam or piece of saksak in a leaf).

It is rather frustrating to speak to a class of Preparatory children and have them look blankly at you because they don't understand English. For the first few days I was very glad to have my Class 2 interpret for me. I am glad to say I think they have learnt a little in four weeks.

When we began school the framework of my room had been erected, and the villagers promised to put the roof on when school started. I taught in the study for two days, and nothing was done, so we said, "No school until the room's finished." We had three days' holiday, and in three days the school was completed.

I did not know there were so many mosquitoes in one place. Snakes, too, are numerous. Recently one crawled up the outside of the kitchen window. I have seen one crocodile. One of the children brought it to school. It was twelve inches long, so we had a very interesting nature study lesson.

I have enjoyed meeting the Christians here. It is encouraging to see them taking part and leading in various ways. Of course there are problems when people who are supposed to preside go to Giri to play kick-ball.

(Miss Helen Jacobs, from Mt. Compass, South Australia, is serving as a voluntary worker in New Guinea.)

Visa, a school girl who has almost finished the discipleship course, told Aileen Draney the other night that she is quite sure she wants to follow Christ, so that is encouraging. I didn't realise before how hard it is for these people to distinguish between spiritual and material well-being. They are all very impressed by the witness of John Taby, from the New Hebrides, who visited the mission recently.

It's hard to realise how difficult it is for Christians to grow when they cannot read. We must pray that they can retain what they have heard in church and at prayer meetings.

## VIEW ON VIETNAM

Father Daniel Berrigan, the U.S. Jesuit priest who was sent to South America for three months in what some called an attempt to silence his questioning of American policy in Vietnam, stated on his return to New York that he is now permitted to speak, write and act freely on issues related to the peace movement. He also said at a press conference that his views on the Vietnam conflict coincided almost exactly with those expressed by the World Council of Churches' Central Committee in February.—E.P.S.

## SEVENTH DAY GIVING

Per-capita giving by Seventh Day Adventists in the U.S. last year set the record figure of \$310.35. It was the first time their annual giving exceeded the \$300 mark, and amounted to a gain of \$30 over 1964. The 350,000-member church now has the highest per-capita giving ratio of any American denomination with more than 100,000 members. —E.P.S.

# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



What do you think of the "gadget" talk?

Being an enthusiastic gadgeteer from way back, you would hardly expect me to disapprove. I have one gadget which I've carted around to about thirty Sunday School anniversaries.

However, most of us anniversary talkers realise that the value of the gadget is more in the realm of entertainment than in inspiration and motivation.

The speaker at a children's anniversary is faced with a congregation with an age span from about five weeks to 82 years. Even if he ignores completely all those over 15, he is faced with a task which, according to the educational psychologists, is impossible. It is beyond our capacity to meet the vocabulary, psychological and spiritual needs of such a disparate group. They may look like one group, but they are, in fact, several groups, with the older ones slightly embarrassed at being on the platform with the kids, and the littlest ones indifferent to anything but their own lovely world of colour and movement.

In addition, there is usually a noise background from babies and toddlers that reaches a few decibels above the level of comfort.

I am not suggesting that such meetings have no value. They do have a church family value, and their enduring popularity indicates a contact opportunity it would be foolish to ignore. But it is important not to overrate the contribution the speaker is able to make. He can, in a general way, give support to the consecrated teaching by the S.S. teachers. What he can't do is to act as though the laws of God which govern the education of children can be suspended for the afternoon.

It is not limiting the influence of the Holy Spirit to say that any appeal for decisions at such a time is out of place. If the appeal is associated with the gadget or gimmick it can be definitely dangerous. One speaker held up a shilling and asked if anyone would like it. Suspicious, no one responded.

The speaker said that it was just as hard to give the good news of Christ. It was free, but people would not take it. When he offered the shilling again one child came out and, to her surprise, was given the coin. The speaker said that young people could receive Christ just as easily as the child received the money. Then he invited decisions. I think about 14 responded. They were awfully disappointed when they didn't get any money!

If we do this kind of thing it is no wonder that we lose many young people as soon as they are able to think.



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Elsie and Les Walker in front of the implement shed, which is providing their temporary home on their Esperance block.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Walker, whose picture is on this page, are pioneers in several ways. They are new settlers in the Esperance Land Development scheme — a vast undertaking covering hundreds of miles of land in the middle south of Western Australia.

With the aid of outsize earth-moving machinery, scrub is being cleared and land levelled. The area is divided into farm blocks, and fertiliser and trace elements introduced. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have a farm about 23 miles out of Esperance. Folk say you can travel for a hundred miles in the same direction and find similar development in progress. Their block is of 2,200 acres, of which 309 acres are already prepared for pasture.

Finance is provided by the Development scheme to erect a large implement shed and to fence the area into conveniently sized paddocks. The Walkers have divided their shed, and are busy making a comfortable home in one end of it, to tide them over the pioneering years until they can build a house to their liking. The scheme provides financial assistance to the settlers during the developmental years, and repayment begins when the farms produce an income. Naturally the number of applicants for the farms is many times greater than the blocks available.

**TO AID YOUTH CENTRE**

(Croydon, S.A.). The proceeds of a concert given by the "Cavaladers" was for improvements at the Youth Activities Centre . . . Produce displayed at the Harvest Thanksgiving services were given to the Christian Rest Home and Colebrook Home . . . W. N. Bartlett is conducting a Teaching Mission at Ungarra . . . Visiting speakers have been Miss Howden, missionary to New Guinea, and Rex Hollard.

**STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME**

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Church has accepted challenge of Stewardship Campaign. . . Visits of missionaries, Mrs. R. Combridge and Miss W. Walker, was appreciated. Church shared in missionary rally at Toowoomba . . . Ladies' Fellowship on March 26 netted £30 for Manse Fund . . . Church regrets the passing of Will McPhail, on March 23. . . Film, "Living Word in Japan" ap-

Our particular interest with Mr. and Mrs. Walker is that they are pioneers also in a second sense. They are an Aboriginal couple, the very first of their people to share in such a Land scheme. Some Aboriginal folk do own land, of course, and have been running small farms for years.

It would be interesting to know, however, if there are other Aboriginal folk engaged in propositions of such magnitude as this. Mrs. Walker was Elsie Jones, a member of our Carnarvon Mission family from her earliest years. Les Walker is from Cundeelee Mission (off the Transcontinental line from Zanthus), and represents a cultural span from the primitive nomad to the trained farmer in one generation.

Both Les and Elsie were students at the Wongutha Training Farm, near Esperance, though at different times. With the practical training and spiritual teaching they have received over the years, they make a fine husband and wife team, well suited to the exciting experiment of Esperance. They are very much aware of the help they have received from Mission and Government friends, and are cheerfully determined to make good.

There are tremendous possibilities in this venture.

preciated . . . Church annual business meeting on March 30 elected: elders, H. Lowe, H. Scholl, H. Large; deacons, L. Male, H. Christensen, D. Lowe, C. Noble, R. Smart, K. Reed; sec., H. Christensen; treas., H. Scholl.

**BROADCAST SERVICE**

(Grote-st., S.A.). The morning service on April 3 was broadcast over 5KA, with Miss Margaret Trevaskis, as soloist, assisting the choir . . . At night a young woman made her decision at a special choral service, with Youth Choir in attendance. The cricket team paraded after winning premiership of their grade and all attending an after-church fellowship in Kinder Hall . . . W. Watson, choirmaster, is progressing in hospital after surgical treatment . . . At a recent missionary meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard, with Mr. Smoker as guest speaker, on work among Aborigines, the offering was \$18.30 for mis-

**EXTENSIONS AT FREMANTLE**

(W.A.). At the annual business meeting, plans for extensions to the Memorial Hall, at an estimated cost of \$16,466, were presented and approved. . . . Newly-elected members of the Board of Officers are: W. Robertson, elder; G. Ladner, J. Sonsee, D. Plenty, F. Hackwell, deacons; B. Goddard, B.S. supt.; and Sisters L. Ladner and J. Sonsee, deaconesses . . . F. Rees has been invited to continue his ministry here for a further three years as from Sept., 1967. Over 70 persons have been received into membership during the first 18 months of Mr. Rees' ministry. On April 3, two more young men made the good confession . . . On March 27, on the eve of their transfer to the church at Applecross, presentations were made by the B.S. and church to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hughes, in appreciation of services and fellowship. Peter has served as a deacon and "A.C." agent and reporter for several years, and his service in the Bible School has been as a teacher and secretary.

**TEACHERS' DEDICATION**

(Berri, S.A.). Teachers of the Berri-Winkle Bible Schools joined together for a dedication service on April 3. On the previous day the annual picnic for the schools was held at the camp site at Barmera — an enjoyable time was had by all who attended. H. Greenwood and Bill Campbell attended the Administration Camp at Longwood . . . The church enjoyed the visit of Miss D. Howden, missionary from New Guinea, the members of the Girls' Brigade also attended the meeting. The enrolment of members in G.B. and Cadets is now around 45 . . . C.M.S. held their first meeting for the year, when Mr. Reg. Curren, M.P., was the speaker . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norris, and Alan Norris, were present on March 27.

**CHANGE AT HURSTBRIDGE**

(Vic.) B. Goldsteen, who has been serving as interim minister at Hurstbridge, resigned as from March 6, and H. Pietzsch was appointed to that position as from March 27. Mr. and Mrs. Pietzsch and family, formerly of Maldstone, were received into membership.

**NATIONAL DIARY**

- APRIL:
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
  - 25 —Youth Workers' Conference.
  - 29-30—Teen and Twenty Mission, Town Hall.
  - NEW SOUTH WALES**
  - 17 —Mission commences at Auburn.
  - 23 & 30—N.S.W. Squash Championships — sponsored by Dept. of Christian Educ.
  - VICTORIA**
  - 19 —Depart of Christian Educ. — Adult Workers' Seminar commences (4 weekly sessions).
  - 21—Depart. of Christian Educ. Leaders' Course (Basic) commences (4 weekly sessions).
  - 21 —Explorer Assistant Leaders' Course commences (4 weekly sessions).
  - 23-25—C.Y.F. Group Tramp.
  - QUEENSLAND**
  - 18 —Citizenship Protest on Teenage Drinking. City Hall, Brisbane.
  - 22-25—Men's Camp, Caloundra.
  - 25-28—Ministers' Conference, Caloundra.
  - April 28 - May 1—Queensland Conference.

**Protest on Vietnam**

(Melb.). The Victorian-Tasmanian Conference registered its strong opposition to the involvement of Australia with the war in Vietnam and urged the withdrawal of all of our forces.

The Conference also offered its support for a public demonstration of protest. This demonstration will take the form of an advertisement in the national

daily paper, "The Australian."

Forms have been sent to the churches to give members the opportunity of endorsing the resolution if they desire to do so. This form, together with donations to meet the cost of the advertisement, are required to be returned to the Dept. of Social Service, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne.

**CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT**

Registrations of Victorian churches for the Church and Life Movement is 44 (April 7). This is one in three of all churches. On a proportionate basis this is the highest of any denomination.

There is still time for churches who have not enrolled to do so, before the group training commences in earnest. For enquiries contact the Department of Christian Education (32-2449) or the Victorian Council of Churches office (63-2736).

**BRUCE ROCK TO CANBERRA**

(W.A.) Murray Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Arnold, of Bruce Rock, recently won a trip to Canberra in the State-wide Junior Farmers' public speaking contest. While in Canberra he will take part in the Aust. finals of this competition. Murray has taken an active part in church activities . . . An Easter camp for Y.C.F. was held at Bullfinch, 22 miles from Southern Cross. Youth from as far as Kalgoorlie attended . . . The combined Good Friday service was held in our chapel.

**CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA**

(Kerala). A commission appointed to look into a threatened breakaway by "backward class" Christians in Madhya Kerala diocese of the Church of South India is interviewing people of all shades of opinion, visiting places in the diocese where there has been trouble, and trying to assess the seriousness of the situation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, has written to the Indian leader of the breakaway group, urging all parties to co-operate fully with the commission. "I hope and pray that through its work there may be a real reconciliation, and that all those concerned may be enabled to work together with love and care for one another within the Church of South India," wrote Dr. Ramsay.

The group anticipates submitting a report on its findings sometime in April, according to Geoffrey Paul, member of the commission.

The difficulties have grown out of long-standing tensions between "backward class" Christians and those of Syrian origin, who occupy many of the positions of influence and authority in the diocese.

Tensions have been exacerbated by efforts to set up an "independent" Anglican church in the diocese.

Information received in London from South India by the Church Missionary Society indicates that the numbers of schismatic congregations and believers are fairly small.—E.P.S.

**FOOLS' NIGHT**

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The young people had a Fools' Night on April 1, with each person wearing a humorous dress. The programme included a menu, each "course" had several items to order from under names which gave very little clue as to what they were ordering. During the evening they visited four or five homes, where parts of the menu were served. Devotions were held in one of the homes . . . C. G. Dredge, the minister, is making contact with a number of young folk from the district . . . On April 3, Mrs. Wheeler and her sister, Miss Christine Fix, made decisions. . . Mr. Minter has celebrated his 84th birthday.

**FOOD FOR INDIA**

(Bentleigh, Vic.). At a special offering, \$463.52 was donated for Food for India. . . . On March 26, 90 members shared in a wonderful time of fellowship at tea.

**TEACHERS' DEDICATION**

(Morowa, W.A.). A S.S. teachers' dedication service on March 27, was conducted by the minister, A. J. Anderson. There are now 13 teachers in the Sunday School, including two who were previously pupils. Several members, including the minister, have returned from State Conference. Mr. Anderson spoke at Dalwallinu, en route.

**ANTI-CHURCH CAMPAIGN**

(London). Among the supporters of the Smith regime in Rhodesia, a growing campaign is being waged against the churches, according to Amnesty International, an organisation which works for the release of political prisoners in all parts of the world.

In a report distributed to all Commonwealth heads of government, the organisation — whose own team members were expelled from Rhodesia one by one — charged that "supporters of the Rhodesia Front . . . talked endlessly of Christian civilisation while defying their bishops and denigrating their churches."

It cited such incidents as the burning of Bibles, the destruction of the chapel of an African school, refusal to let pastors visit detainees in three concentration camps, and deportation actions or threats against well-known churchmen of foreign nationality.

Amnesty International said there are now 1,100 Africans in prisons or concentration camps without charge or trial. It explained that the government's antagonism towards the churches is partly due to the efforts of the clergy and relief workers to help families of these prisoners.—E.P.S.

**WHEAT APPEAL**

(Blackburn, Vic.). \$400 has been raised towards the Wheat for India Appeal. . . Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. L. Phillips at the passing of her husband . . . Annual business meeting on March 23 elected to office: sec., D. Nelson; assist. sec., G. Gilmour, treas., J. McCann; deaconesses, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Joyce; deacons, E. Addicott, A. Graham, N. King, A. Overton, G. Scambler and M. Wakefield. E. Baxter was reappointed an elder for a further term. . . . Members of C.Y.F. took part at gospel service on March 27 . . . "A" grade tennis team won the Eastern Dist. premiership for second season in succession.

**CHURCH IS 93**

(North Fitzroy, Vic.). 93rd church anniversary was held on March 20. Many past members joined in services of inspiration and fellowship. Speakers were E. Roffey (Ivanhoe), Brigadier Rothwell (Salvation Army Social Service), C. Dow (Coburg). Items were by Mrs. Jean Dow, soloist, and an instrumentalist from Preston Salvation Army . . . Carl Turtman, student from C.O.B., began as assistant minister in March . . . Y.P. enjoyed weekend camp at Marysville.

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# NEW SOUTH WALES 81st CONFERENCE

BY J. COOKE, B.A.



Chas. Cole.

The 81st Conference of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W. has concluded. It would not be quite true to say, "The tumult and the shouting dies," but to use his own phrase, "the man who knew all the answers." C. E. Bowser, Conference President, 1965, has returned to the "obscurity from whence he came," and the man with the answers for 1966 is Charles Cole. Committees have been re-elected, while the brotherhood has a new awareness of the great responsibilities facing those who have come into office.

### PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

Conference this year commenced with the President's Reception and Tea, at which C. E. Bowser outlined what he had been able to do in his year of office, and in which he made the statement quoted above. It was a revelation to those who had assembled — committee members and officers of the various churches — to hear of the work that was expected of a president, and we praise God that we have such men as Mr. Bowser, and our past presidents who are prepared to undertake this onerous task.

Charles Cole, Social Service Secretary, the incoming President, outlined what he hoped to achieve in his year of office, emphasising that his theme, "Growing Together," depended upon co-operation of all.

### BUSINESS SESSIONS.

Business sessions were well attended. There was praise for the work that the Committees had done — but it was not all praise. There was considerable questioning of the wisdom of certain actions and the explanations that were forthcoming were most enlightening. A feature of the reports of all committees was the statement made about the limitation of the work by the lack of finance.

There is not one committee which does not wish to expand its work. The Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel committee has to carry out urgent maintenance on the Pendle Hill property; the Dept. of Christian Education wishes to commence the Lake Macquarie Camping Centre; the Social Service Dept. has been challenged by a previous Conference to commence a Nursing Hospital, while the challenges facing the Aborigines and Overseas Missions Committees, and the Bible College Board are almost limitless.

It is quite evident that the churches in N.S.W. have great responsibilities as regards stewardship. This was a constant reference in the report of the Finance Co-ordination Committee. Our giving has not increased over the years,

although our responsibilities and costs have. Each speaker to this report emphasised the need for consecrated stewardship, while Mr. Cole said that it would seem that the old principle of percentage allocations would have to go and that Conference Committees would have to consider each others' needs — that a system of priorities will have to be determined. "This will test our reserves of spiritual faith but it will do us good." The F.C.C. has gone away from Conference charged with the task of re-examining the whole question of brotherhood finance. Their report will be awaited with great interest.

### AN INNOVATION.

A further innovation this year was the General Session, at which questions of interest were asked and, where possible, answered. Out of this session came the direction to Conference Executive to investigate the most suitable time for the holding of Conference. This arose from a question, "Is the week before Easter the most suitable time?"

A suggestion that the Conference President's term should be increased to two years was not received with much enthusiasm — especially by those who have served in this office, each believing that the work would not be lessened through this extension, but indeed would be increased.

During the report of the Christian Unity Committee, the Conference was introduced to "Finding Purpose Today" — a booklet published by the Committee, in which were articles of value and interest by Dr. A. G. Elliott, A. W. Stephenson and C. E. Bowser. The committee recommends it to all as a statement of the position of Churches of Christ.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Conference again expressed its opposition to those things it considers undesirable in the community, and not the least of these is the possibility of the extension of hotel licensing hours in N.S.W. It was pointed out that passing resolutions in Conference, and the forwarding of these to the various authorities is not enough. Each individual should approach his or her local Member of Parliament on this issue, or the joint action of the resolution will be passed off as only what was to be expected from such a group.

During the Conference Executive session the report of the sub-committee, "Commission on Lesson Material," was received. This duplicated document is available on application to the Conference Secretary, E. T. Hart.

### DEVOTIONS.

The devotional times of the business sessions captured and reflected the theme,

"Growing Together," and we are indebted to those who led them: E. J. Plenderleith, P. French, D. Holloway and N. Hodgekiss. Peter French and Doug. Holloway were welcomed as newcomers to N.S.W.

### VISITING MISSIONARIES.

Conference was able to hear at first hand of the work in India and the New Hebrides, and amongst the Aborigines. The words of Miss Win. Walker, David Eagling and Lance Fisher were most appreciated, when they told of the things being done in the places where they serve. These, more than anything else, awoke a greater sense of responsibility in all who heard the challenge of the work in the expanding fields of Overseas and Aborigines Missions.

### PUBLIC RALLIES.

The Rally sessions were again a source of inspiration. Max Hall, of Inverell, addressed the Youth Rally; Lance Fisher the Missionary Rally, and David Eagling was the speaker at the Home Mission and Bible College gathering. The Men's Tea was addressed by David Mansell, of Wollongong, and the speaker at the Ministers' Session was Rev. Bernard Judd, Secretary, N.S.W. Council of Churches.

Particularly enjoyable was the Social Service and Boys' Home Rally, where the speaker was Gordon McKelvie, a Newcastle journalist, formerly of Qld., whose message was entitled, "The Authority of Christ." The demonstration of the Social Service Dept. at work was also a revelation.

Conference concluded with the Service of Witness in the Sydney Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, when the address was given by D. J. A. Verco, Deputy Director of Education in N.S.W., and a member of the latest church affiliated with Conference, North Turrumurra. It is on occasions such as this that we all must realise that we have a message for "The Church in the Changing World" — which was the theme of his address.

It would not be right to conclude this account of Conference without making reference to the able work of Colin Bowser, whose leadership throughout the year, and whose chairmanship of the business sessions has been a source of inspiration to all who have worked with him.

### RESOLUTIONS.

**Total Abstinence.** — We compliment the Temperance Alliance of Australia for the proposal to conduct a National Campaign to discourage the drinking of alcoholic liquor, based on an educational programme directed to teenage groups.

This Conference commends the prin-

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## VICTORIA

### TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING

(Wattle Park, Vic.). Small groups of members and adherents met in eleven homes for three weeks to discuss needs of people, to compare church action with that of Jesus and to suggest new church activity. The officers are to receive recommendations from a general meeting . . . John Way conducted a series of morning seminars on "Know Your Child" . . . Leaders have been enlisted for Church and Life programme. . . . The Park Gospel Players (church scholars led by Mrs. A. Hartvigsen) presented another competently written and produced drama, "He is Risen Indeed" . . . Leadership resources of the small church are strained by the many local children and young people. C.Y.F. alone attracts 30-40. Junior cricketers are premiers. Seniors and tennis "B" grade were finalists. Men's No. 1 basketball — premiers; No. 2 were finalists.

### FOR INDIA

(Moreland, Vic.). \$140.00 has been sent by C.W.F. ladies for Wheat for India. This has been raised solely from articles made from nylon selvedge. C.W.F. are also preparing clothing for Aboriginal boy . . . S. R. Baker was recent speaker for B. & F. B. S. . . . Explorers competed in the swimming sports held at Richmond Baths . . . Good Companions are busy making toys for hospital.

### BOWL RESPONSE

(Ormond, Vic.). The Bowl of Remembrance appeal closed with \$330. \$33 is in hand for the Rice and Milk appeal. . . . Lieut. S. Tizzard, a pilot attached to the Army, was speaker at C.M.S. tea. . . . Adult Bible classes meeting in a different place each week have good response . . . The B.S. hired a special train for picnic to Mornington . . . The C.E. made an Easter visit to Caulfield Convalescent Hospital . . . The church is conducting services at Guest Home for month of April . . . C.W.F. is working for missionary funds. Ladies held a monthly prayer fellowship in homes. . . . The morning organiste, Miss Helen Flanders, has a country teaching appointment . . . A Brownie pack is now meeting in the hall each week.

### C.W.F. MISSIONARY CAMPS

MONBULK, Vic., Feb. 25-27.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Candy, Missionary Committee Supt., a weekend of fellowship was enjoyed by 73 ladies, a number of whom were "first-timers." Guests were Mrs. J. Smith, and Lily, from the New Hebrides. Mrs. Smith spoke of the work and experiences among the people she loves, and Lily delighted all as she demonstrated the art of basket weaving.

The studies prepared and presented by E. W. Heard were entitled "Christian Living — Relationships and Responsibilities."

Mrs. H. E. R. Steele shared her recent trip to W.A., and showed slides of the "Fairhaven" project, which gave us a very up-to-date picture of the worthwhile work that is being done there through Churches of Christ.

Campers attended the official opening of "The Patch" Homes for the Aged, and in the evening enjoyed a happy time of fellowship at a Walt. Disney Mardi-Gras arranged by Mrs. Monish.

After a devotional session on Sunday, Mrs. Candy presided at the Lord's Table,

where all ladies shared in a time of deep spiritual enrichment.

To close camp, Mrs. Candy left with us these words from 2 Thess. 3: 16, "Now the Lord of Peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

HALL'S GAP, Vic., March 18-20.

Thirty-five Melbourne ladies travelled by bus to share in a weekend of study, fellowship and fun, with forty of our country sisters.

Mr. Heard presented the studies, which promoted much discussion, and highlights of camp were the early morning communion service, led by Mrs. Candy; a scenic bus tour of the Grampians on Saturday afternoon; and a very colorful Walt. Disney "Mardi-Gras" on Saturday evening.

Mrs. D. Williams and Mrs. D. Bolduan travelled from Kaniva to cook for the campers, and we were thrilled to have Miss J. Hunting, Mrs. B. Combridge, Mrs. J. Smith, and Lily, share in camp with us.

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ciple of total abstinence to all members and others, and urges churches to participate in the Campaign.

**Commendation re Indian Famine Relief.** — The Commonwealth Government and other organisations are regarded with high commendation for their actions in providing assistance in the Indian Food Crisis, and this Conference commends this Appeal to its members for their loyal support.

**Alienation of Parklands.** — This Conference views with alarm the repeated attempts by clubs and some sporting organisations to persuade Local Government bodies to alienate tracts of Parklands for their own uses and, in some instances, including licences to sell alcoholic beverages, thus restricting the free use of these parklands to the public, and the provision of facilities and services which are objectionable to certain other sections of the public.

The Minister of Local Government is urged to enquire carefully into this practice with a view to its curtailment and the safeguarding of valuable parklands for their original purpose.

**Abolition of Poker Machines.** — Whilst the Policy of the Government to gradually eliminate 20 per cent of Poker Machines over a period of five years is commendable, it is regretted that the Government has not taken the initiative to legislate for the total abolition of all machines, having regard to the information available that 51 per cent of the N.S.W. public gamble in this manner and 5 per cent entirely beyond their means.

The committee members appointed by Conference will be printed in next issue.

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Kathleen Hughes, Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.  
Jennifer Wakefield, Blackburn, Vic.

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WELDEN (nee Redding). — To Mary and Graham, on April 6, at Gawler, S.A., a daughter — Elisabeth Ann.

## ENGAGEMENTS

BURCH - LEACH. — Mr. and Mrs. E. Burch, 10 Dixon-ave., Croydon, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their younger daughter, Thelma, to Robin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leach, Swan Hill, Vic.

PERL - MARTIN. — Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Perl, 261 High-st., Bendigo, have very much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter, Merelyn Joy, to Brian Roy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Martin, No. 5 R.D., Otorohanga, North Island, New Zealand.

## RUBY WEDDING

STACY - WATKINS. — Robert and Doris Stacy thankfully announce the fortieth anniversary of their wedding, solemnized at the Church of Christ, Port Road, Queenstown, S.A., on April 14, 1926, by Will. C. Brooker. Present address: 34 Alsop-st., Semaphore, S.A.

## DEATH

READHEAD. — On April 1 (suddenly) at Ballarat, Vic., Maurice Readhead, of 29 Joseph-st., Ballarat, dearly loved husband of Lillian, loving father of Laurice (Mrs. Byer), Raymond, and Glenda (Mrs. Geisler), loved father-in-law of Peter, Margaret and George, loving pa of Chris., Greg, Mark and Karen, and Shayne. "Till we meet again."

## IN MEMORIAM

ANNETTS, Lexie. — In loving memory of a devoted wife, mother and grandma, called home April 15, 1965. "Someday, sometime, we'll understand." — Inserted by Harold, Bill and Merle and family.

BERNOTH. — In loving memory of my dear wife, Lily Ethel, who departed this life on April 17, 1965.

"In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

There'll be no parting there."

— Lovingly remembered by her husband, Albert.

BERNOTH, Lily Ethel. — In loving memory of our dear mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, whom God called to rest, April 17, 1965.

We thank God for the gift of precious memories.

— Lovingly remembered by Ethel, Ted, Keith and Jill.

BERNOTH, Lily Ethel. — Cherished memories of our dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, called home April 17, 1965.

"Till we meet again."

— Lovingly remembered by Allan, Helen, Barry, Harvey, Claire and Russell, Carol, John and family.

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Former members and friends are invited to join with us on this occasion. For details, contact Miss V. Williams, 12 Royal-pde., Pascoe Vale South, Vic. 36-1482).

## HARTWELL (Vic.)

### 45th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, APRIL 17.

11 a.m. — Worship and Communion.  
Preacher: J. E. WEBB. Subject: "The Nature and Purpose of the Church."

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## OFF TO THE BEGONIAS

(Malvern, Vic.). The C.M.F. took elderly ladies of the church to see the Begonias at Ballarat on Labor Day. 28 made the trip and had picnic lunch in the Gardens . . . Soloists have been George Haisley, Lois Sonsie and Mrs. Ghys . . . Teens group is progressing, with good attendances . . . Family service was held on March 20 . . . Youth service was held in evening, with Geoff. Rogers, of St. Kilda, speaking . . . At church finance meeting, J. Blucher was re-elected treasurer of the church. The new budget for the present year has been adopted.

## ADDITIONS AT HARTWELL

(Vic.). Two men and one girl were baptized on April 3, and another girl confessed her faith . . . Several members attended Conference sessions and a report was given by minister . . . Congratulations to tennis team winning grand final from 4th position; Senior cricketers premiers, and Juniors runners-up in respective grades . . . Many Y.P. in camps for Easter holidays. . . D. Hemmings, from Hobart, was a visitor on April 3.

## PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANT

(Dandenong, Vic.). Our assistant minister, N. A. Graham, Colleague of the Bible, was welcomed on March 13. He will assist the church this year during our minister's term as Pres. of Conference. . . Our C.Y.F. raised £35 for fly-wire screens for the dormitory at Ranwadi, as their missionary project for last year. A concert on March 26 was run by the C.Y.F. to raise funds for Dandenong High School chaplaincy . . . Our Scout group

put on a "Gang Show" and the C.W.F. Evening Group also took part . . . C.W.F. Afternoon Group held a social afternoon to aid the Golden Bay Project . . . A Bonsai display and demonstration was held by our minister, A. R. Lloyd to aid the High School Chaplaincy Auxillary. \$28.00 was raised.

## TEACH-IN ON PEACE AND WAR

(Melb.). The Inter-Church committee on Peace has arranged a Teach-In to discuss "Christian Attitudes to Peace and War." It will be held in the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins-st., Melbourne, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

The Teach-In has been organised so that Christians may hear and discuss the different views held within the church. There is certainly no unanimity of opinion.

Speakers will include the Rev. Mervyn Holly, of Collins-st. Baptist Church, presenting the view that Christians may participate in certain types of war; J. H. Morris, an Anglican layman and former Mayor of Coburg, who will argue that Christians ought to be fighting in Vietnam for the American cause; and Principal E. L. Williams, who will present the Christian pacifist viewpoint.

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# The Church's Life and Its Order

No. 10

BY C. H. J. WRIGHT, S.A.

The picture which the New Testament supplies of the church at that time does not provide a full and faultless pattern for the church today. There was obviously a great deal of diversity in the New Testament church.

For example, there was no standardised or uniform system of worship. The Jerusalem church members were strict Jews. Whenever possible, they went to the temple every day. They followed the Mosaic ritual, and were obedient to the rite of circumcision. But members of the church at Corinth observed none of the Jewish ritual practices, nor sacrificed according to the Old Testament custom. For the most part they were uncircumcised. The Corinthian church had prophets who spoke with tongues, but there is no record of that sort of thing in the worship of the church at Jerusalem.

Further, the New Testament reveals no set pattern of organisation for the church. The Jerusalem church was patterned after the local synagogue of the Jewish people. But the church at Corinth took its name and, no doubt, its predominant structure, from the citizens' mass meeting, which was the outstanding feature of Greek political life.

This mass meeting was styled the "ekklesia" or assembly, and this was the name which the Greeks gave the early church. 1 Corinthians 12: 28 mentions apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues, but the pastoral epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus) speak of bishops, deacons and elders. The Jerusalem church practised community of property; in other churches there is no sign of it. Nevertheless, in spite of these great diversities, these churches had all the Christian unity that there is in the New Testament.

The question arises as to whether the essence of the New Testament church — therefore its unity and its relevance — is in its external structure and procedures or in its life? If its essence is in its externals, then we are bound for frustration, for who can determine the exact nature of those externals?

The fact that so little is said in the New Testament about the external structure and procedures of the church seems to be an indication that they were not of the essence in the minds of the writers. The fact that Gentiles and Jews differed was not of great consequence — what Paul fought for was the right of the Gentiles to differ. Their unity was not the unity of conformity to exact blueprints and patterns.

When men were needed in Jerusalem

to look after neglected widows, seven brethren were chosen — probably the beginning of deaconship. These were not chosen to fulfil a pre-conceived pattern of what a church should be, but because they were needed in the growing life of the church. Life must always be free to find its own embodiment.

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If we can restore the life, spirit and power of the New Testament church, we shall find forms and procedures suitable to our time and efficient for our needs. True restoration is not embalming ancient forms, but breathing anew in our time the life and spirit of that early church.

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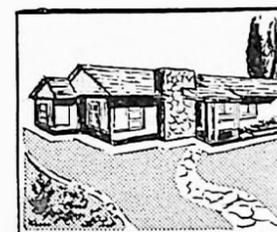
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# OPEN FORUM

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## COLLEGE CO-OPERATION.

To the Editor,

You are doubtless aware that representations are, at present, being made to set up a Federal Committee to deal with inter-Theological College problems. This proposal has been most carefully considered, first by the Academic Committee, and then by the full Board of Management of this College, and has in both cases been rejected. The following are the reasons:

(a) The setting up of a Federal Committee would inevitably draw the colleges into the area of federal brotherhood politics, whereas we feel that they should remain neutral and apart.

(b) Such a Federal Committee of a mere handful of advisers would be interpreted as speaking for the brotherhood as a whole, which they could not realistically do.

(c) Such a Committee, to be really conversant with the problems, would need many meetings in each of the College areas involving quite impossible expense.

(d) Such a Committee, even with the best intentions in the world, would tend to encroach on the autonomy of the Colleges, which is a necessary attribute for any tertiary education establishment.

(e) All that such a Committee could hope to achieve could be easier and better brought about by informal discussions between the principals and the Colleges themselves.

—James H. Jauncey, Principal, Kenmore Christian College, Kenmore, Qld.

## CONFERENCE EVALUATED.

To the Editor,

I would like to commend and congratulate the Victorian Conference Executive and President on the organisation and the conduct of the 101st Victorian and Tasmanian Conference.

Significant points were:—

(1) The cover of the Conference Handbook and the splendid way in which the Executive related the legend of Christopher to the present situation. I think that at last our churches are recognising the value of Christian art.

(2) Devotions — The excellent worship led by K. J. Harvey was meaningful, related to the Conference theme and really involved those present.

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(3) The recognition of the need for a Bible-based understanding of the Church as the "one body" — expressed by several.

(4) The courage of Conference in leading the Australian churches in condemning war. I sincerely hope that the protest against war which was resolved will be strongly expressed in a manner worthy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(5) The Campbell singers — again they provided inspiration for us all. Their introduction to Conference Sermon was superb and we keenly look forward to their future contributions.

I personally found this year's Conference stimulating and challenging, and look forward to Conference 1967.

—Peter Downard, Vic.

## CALL TO BROTHERLY LOVE

To the Editor,

After hearing of the exclusion of Conference from the Lygon Street church and reading reports on this matter, I felt deep humiliation and shame. Is this how we demonstrate to a Christ-starved city the meaning of Jesus' words: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By this act and associated words, we who call ourselves Churches of Christ, have denigrated the Name of Jesus Christ. How can we demonstrate to a sceptical society that Jesus is relevant today when we thrust such an unlovely image before the public eye?

I would appeal to all of us, wherever we are, to be tender-hearted towards one another. Let us obey God and "love the brotherhood" — not an organisation, but the men and women who constitute it, for Christ's sake.

I would appeal to the Lygon Street church to once again open their arms to their brethren for no other reason than that they love them. I would urge those whom we have appointed to Conference positions to respect the views of other brethren, even when these may seem "absolutely trivial."

If we have a burning difference, let us meet and talk it out under the Holy Spirit — this is the New Testament way. Surely this present episode is proof indeed that to do otherwise only heaps ridicule upon God's Son.

—J. F. Nankivell, Vic.

## THAT DILEMMA.

To the Editor,

G. R. Stirling's excellent article, "Blame C.E." ("A.C." 18/3/66), proves once again that the most useful and innocuous innovation can become a snare if it isn't "in the Book."

The gospel is just as simple as Mr. Stirling made it sound. It is when we start accepting opinions of men about Scripture instead of accepting its plain meaning; when we want to save people by another way than Paul's Gospel (see Gal. 1: 8); when we feel the Bible can't be right because "look at all the Christians who are disobedient and still serve the Lord," that we suddenly find it necessary to see if "he that believeth and is dipped shall be saved" couldn't somehow mean "He that believeth and is not baptized shall be saved."

Mr. Stirling wants to know how to get off the horns of the dilemma. Having been an enthusiastic Endeavourer of many years' standing, and also a long-time member and part-time preacher for the "brotherhood," I can suggest a remedy in just two words: stop compromising!

If, however, you do consider this drastic step, I suggest that first you take a good look at the beast you are riding. Maybe it's safer where you are, regardless of the long-term consequences; for I can guarantee it will turn and rend you.

—J. Doble, W.A.

## CHRISTIAN ART.

To the Editor,

One must agree with D. B. McIntosh ("A.C." 19/3/66) that it is high time our neglect of Christian art came to an end. We have nineteen centuries of painting and sculpture to enrich our lives, but we so often choose to decorate our leaflets with pretty photographs of very American white-steeped chapels. We must perpetuate our heritage, and the Vic.-Tas. Conference Handbook is a step in the right direction.

Shall we ignore the past because in it lived Roman Catholics? Who kept the church alive until the Reformation? Certainly it was corrupt and full of human invention, but it was the witness to Christ on earth. In this sense we are all products of Roman Catholicism. Perhaps those who deny this believe that "the church" was corked up in purity in a vacuum bottle for so many centuries waiting for Martin Luther or Alexander Campbell to release it.

The woodcut represents a legend from the third century. How often has the apt legend, story or illustration clinched a point in the modern sermon! This is part of our heritage too, and has no connection whatever with dogma.

Perhaps if the church encourages the arts, past and present, as Conference has tried to do, we would have noticeable numbers of Christians in the realms of painting, sculpture, literature, theatre, films and television. Even an interest in the church poster on the railways platform is a beginning!

—Helen Davey, Vic.

# CONSENSUS

## — COMPLACENCY

By L. O. COLLYER

In the "Christian Century" recently was a sympathetic and moving analysis of the self-immolation of the two young American men (one a Quaker the other a Roman Catholic) some months ago as their protest against the war in Vietnam.

This was a well reasoned comment, the writer stressing that extreme action of these young men was one motivated out of frustration caused by their sense of the inadequacy of dissent by words only, which found no response from those in authority.

To support this the author quoted a columnist in the "New York Post" as saying, "the one answer that seems clear to me is that the protests of the few are somehow connected with the consensus that encompasses the many," and from that comments, "that it is our own vaunted consensus that has compelled (these young men) to import an alien form of protest in order to register on us so simple a complaint as that they are opposed to war, even wars that we by consensus approve."

The writer in the "New York Post" had also stated that President Johnson is in no way to blame for the incident, replying to which the article proceeds, "that is substantially correct; we are to blame. Lyndon Johnson did not invent the consensus; it was there, ripe for cultivation. But the President is, by his own choice, the symbol of the consensus and the principal beneficiary of it, and he must bear a heavy burden of responsibility for it. It is in that sense then, that I assert that Lyndon Johnson is responsible for the immolation of (these men). It is in that sense then, that I assert that Lyndon Johnson did, in fact, repress the opportunity for the free expression of dissent . . . The free expression of dissent includes, most im-

portantly, an assumption that dissent will be seriously listened to."

The implication of this latter point was then taken further in these words, "It is one of the great political tragedies of our time that Hubert Humphrey, Vice-President and servant of the President's consensus theology, has lately taken to solemn pronouncements that the right of dissent is inherent in the American way of life, but that that right does not include the right to be taken seriously. It would be difficult for me, to imagine an argument more immoral, more un-Christian, or more un-American . . . It is precisely the right to be taken seriously . . . that confers on us the right to dissent at all."

Then, after denying a charge that the action of these young men was a form of masochism, the article quotes Luke 12: 3 (N.E.B.), "Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops," and then proceeds with this, "What is this consensus we value so highly and find so efficient for the achievement of such a variety of purposes? It is essentially an enormous lethargy, a splendid indifference, a vacuous lack of more than the most superficial concern. "Let Lyndon do it" might well be the motto, not only of the (U.S.) Congress, but of the nation as a whole . . ."

Then referring to Luke 12: 3, the article concludes: "One suspects that many citizens whisper in private rooms their disquiet about the war in Vietnam, but few there are who come forward to shout it upon the housetops, and to even these few precious little heed is given. The time has come to render asunder the fabric of consensus

and let loose in the land all the voices of dissent. Liberated and emboldened by the company of Christ, who can doubt that the whisper in private rooms would swell into a mighty chorus that would be heard around the world, echoing the words of Pope Paul VI, "No more war! war never again!"

Knowing the very considerable extent of the protest in America, the reference to "few there are who dissent," may be true relative to the whole population, but the quality of this few is notably significant.

But the final eloquent appeal in the quotation above reminded the present writer of Dr. Martin Niemoller who, though pro-Nazi in the early days of World War II, confessed upon his arrival in Australia, in 1950, that "When Hitler attacked the Communists, I lamented and did nothing. When Hitler attacked the trade unions I lamented but did nothing. When Hitler attacked the Jews I lamented and did nothing. When Hitler attacked the church, then I acted, and then it was too late."

Similar circumstances which confronted Dr. Niemoller may not be encountered here, although our Crimes Act contains clauses for extreme repression of democratic rights, but the current international situation, and our own Government's activities, and proposed extended activities, present a major moral problem which the church should take cognisance of and act upon. The current barbarous occurrences in Vietnam, the almost unspeakable possible outcome of such demands the urgent attention of the church.

Although there is a mass of information available dealing with all aspects of this situation there is little appearing in Australian religious literature to develop an informed Christian consensus on the many factors which involve the whole of mankind.

The absence of such, perhaps, offers some justification for the reply, "that the matter is too complex, we cannot understand it," made recently to the writer when commenting upon this silence of our literature and pulpits. But can such a reply legitimately justify neglect of an attempt to search for some truth through avenues apart from official propaganda?

Australia is at war, our voteless young conscripts are being prepared to take active part in it, with all its murderous methods, at the behest of a small group of Parliamentarians acting undemocratically. This surely involves Christian people in a responsibility to examine objectively the moral implications of the political decisions being taken, before, as Dr. Niemoller found, "it is too late."

When the whole world is saturated with talk of militarism, it is incumbent upon the church to counter such with the message of the Prince of Peace and the power of Divine Love, in fact, is dereliction of its responsibility as the Body of Christ on earth not to do so.

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Unworthy.

I am no longer worthy.

—Luke 15: 21.

I dreamed death came the other night  
and heaven's gates swung wide.  
With kindly grace an angel came  
and ushered me inside.  
And there to my astonishment  
stood folks I'd known on earth;  
Some I'd judged and labelled as  
"unfit" and "little worth."  
Indignant words rose to my lips  
but never were set free,  
For every face showed stunned sur-  
prise — no one expected me!

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No nation can rise higher than the  
character of her people.

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The most important thing you wear is  
your expression, so beware.

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Owd Tom's got plenty of depth on the  
surface, but deep down he's mighty  
shaller.

—After study of neighbour.

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Half the people in the world are miser-  
able because they can't have what makes  
the other half miserable.

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Definition.

Benediction: A curse in reverse.

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"Yes," sighed Mrs. Blossom, "it was a  
nice little do. We felt we couldn't let  
our minister leave without giving him  
a little momentum."