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## GUIDELINES (3)

## Son of Man

Jesus was something more than the finest, noblest man who ever lived. He was the Son of God. In Jesus, God came face to face with man.

When Jesus did confront us, however, he did not do so as God. He came as man. Not as God dressed up to look like a man, but as true man.

The question "Who is Jesus?" has to be answered afresh in every generation. It was first answered by Peter and the fisherman's answer has been the one common creed of all Christians: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This answer, so pleasing to Jesus, is still satisfactory to us, provided we do not seek to exhaust the meaning of each word and wholly explain the relation of all ideas to each other.

It was when the church did try to spell out the meaning of the mystery to human understanding that some of Christianity's greatest insights came. It was also the time when division came to the church. In seeking answers to exalt the Founder of Christianity, answers were found that shamefully divided his Church. We can acknowledge that Christ is truly divine and truly human, but once we try to set theological and psychological boundaries to the words "divine" and "human" we find that our language and logic are both inadequate.

Concentrating on the undoubted face of his humanity, some early scholars announced that Jesus was the finest and the highest of all God's created beings, but he was a created being. Concentrating on his divinity, others argued that he was a divine actor playing a role on a human stage.

The introduction to John's Gospel and Hebrews were both among the late writings of the New Testament and were probably written to throw light upon this very problem. Both books make it crystal clear that Jesus was the "pre-existent, eternal Son of God."

How could this one person be both Son of God and Son of Man? How could the one personality be both divine and human? There has been no more baffling question for us to answer than this.

Any answer that makes Jesus less than God creates more problems than it solves. But any answer that makes Jesus not a man robs us of more than we can afford to lose. To win us he must be more than obedient to death, he must also be obedient to life. He must know the genuine conflict of choice between good and evil that every man knows. He must be a man with the possibility of failure, otherwise his victory means nothing at all. The Bible assures us that he faced all of the trials of life with no more resources than are given to us all: "He was tempted and tried on all points like as we are, and yet without sin."

Let us be frank, we simply do not know how Jesus could be both God and man. But he was, and if we deny him as either, then we lose him as both.

## TIME TO READ?

Have you time to read? The answer is: Yes, you do have time to read the things you want to read. We often hear folk say that they don't have time to read what they would like. But they would probably still say the same thing if they were given a 48-hour day.

There is no lack of readers. Magazines have achieved new peaks in circulations (although not the "Australian Christian"). Book publishers are breaking records with the number of new book titles. Sales of paper-back books soar into new millions every year. As someone said, our appetite for black-type seems insatiable.

Whether all that is printed is worth reading is quite another matter. If we do have trouble finding time to read we shall have to set priorities for the best in reading.

Christian Literature Week is a good time to begin setting aside time each day to read the Bible, good Christian books, and brotherhood literature. In spite of all our busyness, you will discover that you still have time to read the things you want to read.

## NEW CONTRIBUTOR

With this issue we welcome a regular writer who has borrowed an ancient and honourable name from Romans 16: 22. "I, Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you."

The first Letter from Tertius is on page 11.

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## • Christian Literature Week

# WHY CHRISTIAN LITERATURE?

BY G. K. MOYES

In the realm of theological literature the word "secular" has been in vogue. For a long time men have preached that we ought not divide sacred from secular. For God works through the secular as well as in the sacred.

There is no question that there is much religious truth presented in non-religious books. Yet we maintain the need for distinctive Christian literature. Even while God works through the secular, the church has maintained the need for Christian writing to stimulate, feed and win people to the Christian faith. In an age of secular emphasis, why do we continue to need Christian literature?

### 1. Because Non-Christians Still Want to Read

80,000,000 new literates are joining the world's reading population each year. This mushrooming literacy has greatly increased the need and opportunities for Christian literature. Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, Baptist mission leader comments, "Literacy, though still a real problem in our day, is being solved rapidly. The church must be ready to meet the challenge with Christian literature. As people learn to read they are eager to use the new avenue open to them. It is a psychological fact that they accept what they read: 'if it is in print, it must be true.'"

Russia realises this need, and for several years has been producing literature at a rate of two pieces for every person in the world. \$A 4,000,000,000 is spent by Communist countries to feed the minds of literate people in Africa and Asia. One intellectual Indian said to a missionary, "You missionaries have taught my people to read, but you let the Communists give my people what they read."

Dr. Frank Laubach, who has done more than any other man in the world to promote literacy has said, "We have taught them to read, but will it be to

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bless or to blast?" We need Christian literature not out of fear of Communism, but out of love for Christ.

The World Council of Churches has inaugurated the Christian Literature Fund in England with a capital of over £1,000,000 to meet this urgent need. Britain has launched "Feed the Minds of Millions Campaign." In expanding countries of the world there is tremendous need to provide good literature for those who want to read.

No constant traveller in Australia would fail to note the lack of good reading material in our railway stations and airport terminals. There are great opportunities for genuine service in the Australian community for providing good literature at transportation and shopping centres.

### 2. Because Non-Christians Still Need To Be Converted

We support the missionary movements all we can, yet we lack candidates for missionary service and many opportunities for international service are being closed. In India there is one Christian missionary for every 80,000 people. In the Islands to the north of Australia there is one missionary for every 110,000 people. Christian literature is needed to supplement missionary activity.

An African regional director of the Laubach Literary Fund has said, "Next to prayer and personal witness, simply written Christian literature is the real need of Africa today. Tomorrow, if the personal witness is no longer welcome, it is then Christian literature will go on witnessing." 4,000,000 tons of paper are used every year to print 700,000,000 books. The church is missing a magnificent opportunity if some of these books are not used for missionary purposes.

### 3. Because Some Christians Still Need To Grow

Adults can still learn, as our Departments of Christian Education continually remind us, and as John Wesley said, "Reading Christians are growing Christians. When Christians cease to read,

then they cease to grow." This is why members of our churches are encouraged to use good Christian literature. This is why the "Australian Christian" publishes articles of pertinent interest. This is why "Provocative Pamphlets" are read by a thousand people in our churches each month.

In the suggested book list for 1966 there are books that can help Christian people grow. Stevenson's "Strong Son of God" can be used as a study book or for private reading. Mavis Thorpe Clark, in "Pastor Doug," has presented us with the biography of one of our ministers that will stimulate our spiritual life. For those who are concerned about the future development of our brotherhood, the three volumes, "The Renewal of the Church," consisting of the Panel of Scholars' Reports from our American brotherhood, will find a tremendous amount of thought-provoking material. Dr. W. R. Dale, in his famous "Lectures on Preaching," says "close familiarity with a few great books will do more than anything else to enrich and enlarge your mind."

### 4. Because Some Christians Still Need To Be Converted

Although Peter had followed Christ, Jesus still used this word of him. As Christians we have the Bible to understand, a heritage to grasp, a gospel to spread, an ethic to teach, and a destiny to strive for, and our people must be aware of this.

We have social questions of tremendous complexity that need the direction and voice of the Christian church; there are needy people who need words of comfort, and immature people who need spiritual guidance. There is no substitute for the personal word spoken in concern and compassion, but the printed word remains long after the personal word has been forgotten. As John said, "These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name."

The Federal Literature Department is to be commended in promoting Christian Literature Week to be held May 22 to 29.

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# THIS, BOOKS CAN DO

BY NEVILLE MOORE

**This, books can do — nor this alone: they give  
New views to life, and teach us how to live;  
They soothe the grieved, the stubborn they chastise;  
Fools they admonish, and confirm the wise.  
Their aid they yield to all: they never shun  
The man of sorrow, nor the wretch undone;  
Unlike the hard, the selfish and the proud,  
They fly not sullen from the suppliant crowd;  
Nor tell to various peoples various things,  
But show to subjects, what they show to kings.**

So wrote George Crabbe, in "The Library," and what he says of books is true. Take a look at my library. It is not large; quite modest in fact, as ministers' libraries go. Of course, it would be larger but for the modern fashion of publishing (and my economic necessity of buying) those shrunken editions called "paperbacks." They do take much less shelf space!

Yet my library at present need not be as large as it is. It does contain some useless "lumber," books that have had some value in my mental and spiritual growth, but which now, having been woven into the fabric of my personality and become part of "my gospel," can make no further contribution. But think what the books in this modest library have done — and can do!

They have been the nourishment of my Christian growth and the useful tools of my ministry. I am not over-fastidious about their appearance. They show signs of use. They are marked with underlining, marginal comments and references. Sacrilege? No, for me the virtue of my books lies not in their paper and ink, but in the profit and use I get from their ideas.

But this does not mean that I feel no sentiment for some of them. They are the ones which I will not discard, though I do not use them much, because they carry memories of earlier days and places; books that were gifts from saintly friends who encouraged me along the way, and volumes presented at some significant occasions in my life.

The modesty of my library will prove to you that I am not a "bookworm." Although I wish that I had the time to read more, at the same time I dread the reputation of being a "bookish" minister. "Literary dyspepsia" may be part of the diagnosis of the preacher who can say pretty things out of his books, but at the same time be pretty remote from people and their real needs.

God and his people always matter most in preaching, but books can be valuable aids in this ministry of Chris-

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tian ideas, values and action. I am still very grateful for what my books have done for me.

I am grateful for scholarly commentators like William Barclay, and the others before him — yes, there were some before him; I am grateful for Weatherhead, Fosdick, Stewart and Peale, who have helped men in their differing ways to see the gospel as vital in meeting personal need and social responsibility; and grateful, too, for the contemporary writers who are shaking us out of conventional ruts to do something about the irrelevance of our presentation of Christ in modern society.

From these, and others, and from the Bible, the fountain of them all, have come the ideas that use me now.

How disturbing some of those ideas have been! But in the end they have shaken me out of complacency, narrow thinking and unworthy motives. They have taught me to base my faith on firmer ground. They have helped me to understand and teach the Word of God. They have been often instruments of God's Spirit in the illumination of both the strange and the familiar words of Scripture.

Now look at what my books have done to help me in the pastoral ministry. All these things have happened in recent days: Two men at different times in one week returned books that they had borrowed for help in preparing addresses; another in a depressed state of mind took away, after our talk together, a book about facing life . . . and was back in a couple of days to ask about procuring a copy for himself; couples have come for counselling in preparation for marriage, and have received books that will ensure their grasp of Christian values in their lives together; a young woman, receiving counsel in discipleship finds a book that will take her further in understanding the witness of our churches, about which she had asked questions; a church officer asked for something to read over the Easter holidays, and already, as a result, plans and recommendations are being made that will improve our church fellowship; a Church School teacher came for more background information on a unit of

lessons; a social leader wanted new ideas and came to borrow a resource book.

Books to aid the Christian in his service! Books to lift the heart in the face of life's problems! Books to guide us in life's great experiences and decisions! Books on the Church's life and witness and worship! How valuable they are!

Every church member should know where to find the church bookshops, to know how welcome they will be there, and how helpful the assistants are when they state their need and interest in Christian literature.

Every church, too, should have a library. The story of what my modest library can do is duplicated by what our church library is doing. Only two things are needed to make it work: first, a keen librarian, who will keep vital books before the people and, secondly, a church board that is prepared to spend some dollars on the growth and service of their fellow-members by buying useful books and the shelves to hold them. It is worth it! It is wonderful what books can do in Christian experience and service.

## COMPULSORY

(Dacca, Pakistan). The governor of East Pakistan has declared that religious education, presumably Islamic, is to be made compulsory in secondary schools all over the province from the next academic year.

Addressing a conference of leading Moslem religious leaders here on March 26, Abdul Munim Khan also said his government has a plan to set up a mosque in each district headquarter to serve as "ideal seat for the spread of Islam."

The governor did not clarify whether non-Moslem students and schools conducted by minority communities will be exempted from the proposed classes in Islam.—E.P.S.

## 31st NATIONAL C.E. CONVENTION Launceston - May 13-21, 1966

### Registrations.

These are still coming in, even though the closing date is now well past. At this moment the number is up to 980. It appears that there will be over 1,000 delegates from all over Australia.

There will be several Aborigines from Queensland, and four New Guinea young people, as well as two from New Zealand.

### Convention Postmark.

Very great interest is being shown, from all over Australia, in the Special Convention Postmark that has been struck by the P.M.G. This is an historical event in Christian Endeavour, as it is the first time it has been done. The Convention City Committee is prepared to service coverage of the postmark from the Convention Post Office for a fee of 10 cents. The official Convention envelope with stamp will be posted to philatelists who apply. Already this service has been publicised all around Australia, and applications are pouring in.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CONFERENCE

The President, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, presided over Conference on April 6, in the Christian Centre.

Kentia palms, ferns, large bowls of dahlias, gladioli and michaelmas daisies, carefully and artistically arranged by Mrs. E. F. Black and Mrs. G. Moignard, added grace and dignity to the Conference platform in the auditorium.

Meditations throughout the day were linked with the Indian Mission Field, because it also celebrated its Diamond Jubilee during 1965. Mrs. J. T. Holloway, dressed in a sari, presented the morning meditation, prepared by Mrs. Thornley Thomas, of Dhond, from Psalm 34.

The afternoon meditation was written by the late Mrs. S. Taylor, for the first Women's Conference in 1906, and presented by her daughter, Miss Kathleen Taylor, also wearing a sari. The theme of her message, "Women's Sphere of Influence in the Church."

Attendance was 340 from metropolitan

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### — BOOK LIST —

#### DEVOTIONAL and STUDY AIDS

- A Diary of Private Prayer - Baillie. 60c (Oxford).
- A New People's Life of Christ - Barclay. 65c (S.C.M.).
- Strong Son of God - Stevenson. 50c (Austral).

#### DOCTRINE

- What Christians Believe - Harkness. 70c (Abingdon).
- God's Revolution and Man's Responsibility - Harvey Cox. \$1.50 (Clifford).
- The New Reformation - Robinson. 85c (S.C.M.).

#### RELIGION and THE HOME

- Your Growing Child and Religion - For TEENAGERS. - R. I. Lee. 55c (Pelican).
- Live For Kicks - Len. Barnett. 80c (Joint Bd. of R.E., Eng.).

#### THE CHURCH in THE WORLD

- God's Colony in Man's World - G. Webber. \$1.35 (Abingdon).
- Salty Christians - H. R. Webber. 50c (A.C.C.).

#### GENERAL

- The Doctor Reflects series - Tournier. The Meaning of Gifts. Secrets. To Resist or Surrender. The Seasons of Life. 65c each (S.C.M.).
- Pastor Doug - H. T. Clark. \$3.85 (Landsdowne).

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY

- Christian Unity Is Our Business - H. E. Short. 45c (Bethany).
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and country churches. Ministers' wives, new to this State since last Conference, received a special welcome. They were: Mesdames J. E. Allsop, D. A. Ladbrook, D. R. Hammer, W. Hoffman and W. J. Gaunson.

Finance. — Special Projects: Bethesda Hospital Sanctuary, £93/17/5; Youth at Home and Abroad (President's Aim), approx. £150; Budget, £1,280. Total receipts for the year: £2,432/6/11 — to Conference Committee.

The ceremony, honoring the "veteran" sisters, was graciously conducted by the President. Special mention was made of Mrs. Sharp, 104 years, and Mrs. Etheridge, the only surviving foundation Executive Member.

Diamond Jubilee souvenir booklets were distributed.

Reports from Superintendents, Committee representatives, and Country District Conferences, encouraged discussion of opportunities and new avenues of service.

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT MURRAY BRIDGE

The Southern Districts of Churches of Christ, S.A., held their Women's Conference at Murray Bridge on April 21. Churches represented were: Goolwa, Strathalbyn, Milang - Pt. Sturt, Stirling-Aldgate Valley, Victor Harbour, Murray Bridge and Mt. Compass.

President for the day was Mrs. Clem. Gruhl, of Victor Harbour. Devotions were prepared and led by Mrs. Ray Watts (Murray Bridge), Vice-Pres. Her topic was "The Pause That Refreshes."

Among apologies was one by letter from Mrs. Ross Graham. Reports from all fellowships were briefly presented.

Officers elected for next year were: Mrs. L. Jacobs (Mt. Compass), Pres.; Mrs. B. Watts (Murray Bridge), Pres.-Elect; Mrs. R. Oke (Strathalbyn), Vice-Pres.; Miss Howard (Milang), Treas.; Mrs. Tuckwell (Goolwa), Sec.

The Milang ladies gave a group choral item. Mrs. Reg. Johnston (A.B.I.) spoke on her missionary work in China before Communist occupation. Her story emphasised our own freedom of living and worship.

The afternoon session opened with devotions, written and led by Mrs. L. Jacobs, whose theme was "Jesus, the Light of the World." Mrs. Stevens, of Mt. Compass, sang "Jesus is Always There." Induction of officers was made significant by Mrs. Lawton.

The cheque for \$218.12, which is the

Questions, asked by the President, were answered by the Social Service, Home, Overseas and Aborigine Missions Superintendents, including Mrs. Lance Fisher, Carnarvon Mission.

Guest Speakers. In the afternoon, Mrs. D. R. Hammer, grand-daughter of the Women's Auxiliary inaugural President, Mrs. D. A. Ewers brought her message, "Looking Forward to Possessing More Land." In the evening, the address "Mind Your Own Business," was brought by G. Smith, Conf. Pres.

Music throughout the day was provided by Mrs. L. Brigatti, at the organ, and Mrs. Conigrave, at the piano. Many musical, choral and elocutionary items added grace to the proceedings.

Twelve Past Presidents brought greetings at the tea table.

After the announcement of the incoming office-bearers, Mrs. G. Wood led in a dedicatory prayer. Mrs. J. L. Pallot introduced the incoming President, Mrs. C. V. Reid, who in reply gave her motto (Col. 1: 10), "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."—D. M. Gordon, Sec.

gifts of the women to their project, Southern Dist. Campsite, was presented to a delegate from the Christian Educ. Dept.

Mrs. Lawton, who is Pres. of World Conference of Women of Churches of Christ, was afternoon speaker, telling of her trip to Rio de Janeiro for last Conference. The journey took her into churches and homes in America, Honolulu and Bangkok, and let her meet wonderful Christians of all nationalities. Mrs. Lawton declared that we have no idea of the difficulties for these people, nor do we fully appreciate our freedom and privileges compared to theirs.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Lord (Victor Harbour), who handed floral sprays to all who took main parts. There were 61 present in the morning and 71 for afternoon.—Mrs. B. Watts.

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### SURPRISE AT SEVEN

(Bordertown, S.A.). Miss Dorothy Howden was a surprise visitor to the 7 a.m. prayer meeting at Bordertown. Circuit churches attended when Miss Howden showed slides of her New Guinea work. . . . Women from all parts of the South East attended the S.E. Women's Conf. picnic at Naracoorte. Mrs. Rofe, wife of Bordertown Meth. minister, led devotions. Clarice Verco, S.E. Conf. Pres., compered the programme, which included a mannequin parade arranged by Brenda Hudd. Frocks came from as far away as Darwin. . . . Mrs. Watson, S.A. Women's Conf. Pres., and Mrs. Lewis, visited all S.E. churches to tell of State women's work. . . . The church was saddened at the sudden death of Edward Buckley, sen. He was a devout and faithful member who, in early years, came from Roman Catholicism. . . . The Men's Fellowship visited the saw mills at Mt. Gambier. . . . Many of our young people returned for Easter. Stuart Legge, now of Adelaide, gave address on April 24. . . . The circuit S.A. picnic was held on April 25. . . . The Women's Fellowship is sending two large parcels of milk for India. The church also took part in voluntary collection of monetary gifts, carried out by local milkmen and arranged by Inter-Church Aid. A special offering is also being received for the Wheat Appeal.

### ASSISTANCE FOR BROADCAST

(Glenelg, S.A.). The church appreciated assistance from Edwardstown choir for 5DN broadcast. . . . Young people collected \$125 for Milk for India, in addition to \$167 given by church for Indian relief. . . . Good Friday service was combined with Congregational Church. . . . F. Milbank is in Adelaide Hospital following an operation. . . . After many years of faithful service, Mrs. Pritchard has resigned as convener of W.C.F. Social Com. . . . Twenty-five members of B.B., under leadership of Capt. Max Langley, went to camp for Anzac holiday weekend. . . . Senior men's basketball team won the premiership of a summer competition. . . . C. E. Curtis will begin a ministry at Edwardstown early next year.

### EVENING SERVICE EXAMINED

(Dulwich, S.A.). Church is re-examining form of Sunday night service; committee has plan before it for study groups to meet in several homes in lieu of present service. . . . Miss Dorothy Howden, teacher in our missionary school in N.G., was a recent morning speaker. . . . B.S. held successful picnic at Morialta Reserve. . . . Rev. T. Hayman (Anglican) attended half-yearly business meeting to speak on Church and Life Movement. . . . C.W.F. gave concert programme at Christian Rest Home. . . . C.M.S. had talk, "Messages from Ministers," by V. T. Geraghty (Beulah Park), who is warden in Mines Dept. . . . Mrs. McIntosh has again been in hospital for surgery.

## WILLIAMSTOWN "ENCOUNTER"

Williamstown, S.A., is a pretty little village in the Adelaide Hills, about 35 miles from the city. We have a church there, and although it is not large, it is a virile church, and recently showed it was not willing to merely exist in the hills. The church invited K. D. Horne, of the S.A. Dept. of Christian Education to conduct a special campaign to the church and community under the title, "Encounter." Three weekends saw the chapel packed to capacity and beyond. The support of Williamstown members was magnificent.

Encounter One was "The Church Meets the World." Encounter Two confronted "Youth and Adults," and Encounter Three was "You and Your Minister." Discussion groups, selected films, "Quiz the Preacher," and three supporting artists, soloists of real calibre in the persons of John Mathieson, Trea Johnson and Margaret Anson, were Sunday evening features.

### SPECIAL SERVICE DECISION

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). A special gospel service, led by tennis club member, Max Thompson, emphasised witness and dedication. Other members took main parts. A 13-year-old boy made his decision. . . . The S.S. picnic was held on local ground. Mr. and Mrs. A. Klingbiel and helpers worked hard to ensure enjoyment for all. . . . Men's Fellowship met on 19th to discuss ways of improving worship services. Constructive suggestions were made. . . . A baptism service was held on 17th. . . . The Southern Dist. Women's Conference was held on 21st in our church.

### WHEAT APPEAL

(Balaklava, S.A.). Wheat for India appeal reached \$254. . . . Chapel was packed to capacity for combined service with Methodist, on Good Friday. C. Smith gave an appropriate message and combined choir gave items. . . . Ladies' Fellowship held annual "At Home," with Miss Black as guest speaker about her work among discharged mental patients. An offering was received and handed to Miss Black, also knitted knee rugs, made by C.W.F. members for the patients. . . . E. P. C. Hollar and the minister led a C. and L. Conference at Balaklava. The film, "Conversion Plus" was shown. Study groups were feature. Our minister led Anzac service held in Town Hall on April 24. . . . Julie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McPharlin, is

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"Encounter" opened with a Family Dinner for members and adherents of the church, and 113 adults sat down to dinner in the local institute. The address was "The Face of a Family." An evening Garden Party for adults, and another for young people on the lawns of Mrs. Coleman's home, were both well supported, and film and group work confronted members with the implications of "Being Christian in Today's World." Twenty-eight men met for a 7.30 a.m. breakfast, and the address was "Who's Pushing Who?"

The results? Three splendid adult decisions and a number of valuable contacts were the visible results. The image of the church in the town and the spirit of its members is at an all-time high. The minister, C. Badcock, and his officers, are to be commended for their efforts in this "mission with a difference."

in the Adelaide Children's Hospital after being badly burned. . . . Young people from Grotz Street took part in evening service on April 24.

### NEW GUINEA VISITORS

(Beulah Rd., S.A.). Miss Dorothy Howden, from New Guinea, was evening guest speaker, after which she and Graham Sonsie showed slides and gave further talks on N.G. . . . W.C.F. had a fellowship lunch in the Botanical Gardens on Flower Day. . . . On April 14, the Christian Educ. Committee told of their work and aims. . . . The Palm Sunday Communion service was held at 10 a.m., when 150 adults and S.S. children attended. The Good Friday communion service was held at 8 a.m. . . . The B.S. participated in the annual Churches of Christ B.S. sports day. . . . Basketball has commenced, with five men's and three ladies' teams. . . . It is regretted that, owing to ill-health, V. Geraghty has had to resign as treasurer of the church.

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## Victorian News

### STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

(Warrnambool, Vic.). Three stained glass windows were dedicated in a ceremony on March 28. One of the windows is to the memory of the late F. W. Bradley, a former minister of the church. The other two windows are in memory of Geo. Dalton and Miss J. Stephens, who both had long association with the church. Don Witham conducted the service. . . . A stall and car treasure hunt brought in \$53.68 towards chapel improvements. . . . S.S. picnic was held at Curdies River. Mrs. E. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. W. Layther, and four children, were tendered a farewell social. Mrs. Bradley, after holidaying with her son Neville at Pt. Augusta, will reside in Melbourne. . . . Mr. Layther has been appointed assistant manager at the Base Hospital, Ballarat.

### IN C. and L. MOVEMENT

(Kaniva, Vic.). Some members have been involved in Church and Life Movement training courses. . . . Discussion groups are planned as part of some Sunday evening services over the next few months. The first subject is a look at the local implications if the Sunday evening service was altered or abolished. . . . Geoff. Harrison showed slides and spoke about his recent visit, as a carpenter, to New Guinea mission stations. . . . Three teenage girls were baptized on April 17.

### BAPTISMS AT BLACK ROCK

(Vic.). For a church which, for a decade or more, has had less than 50 members, four baptisms on one evening is a thrilling experience; when a further four young folk accept Christ as Lord, immediately following, the spiritual lift to the church members is tremendous. . . . P. Payne, part-time minister, has just commenced his second three-year term. His faithful preaching of the Word is bearing fruit. A mother who came forward to accept Christ after seeing her son and daughter baptized, said to the minister, "I'm happy to be doing this now, but I should, and could, have done it when I was their age."

### V.C.C. APPOINTMENT

(Melb.). The Rev. D. Dargaville, minister of St. Thomas' Church of England, Werribee, has been appointed Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches.

Mr. Dargaville, who will take up his appointment in August, succeeds the

Rev. R. H. Sunderland, who is to study in the field of Clinical Pastoral Education in the United States.

Mr. Dargaville, married, with three children, graduated in science from the Hobart University, for five years worked as an Industrial Chemist. Mr. Dargaville has travelled overseas for study in Christian Education in the U.S.A. and Europe, observing W.C.C. work in Geneva and the United States, and Inter-Church Aid projects in the Middle East.

### APRIL SPOKESMEN

(Boronia, Vic.). During April we had three visitors to the pulpit: Allan Page, from Hamilton; Harold Gross, from Knoxfield, and John Way, Assoc. Director, who spoke on our State Education. . . . A combined Good Friday service was held at our church. W. Wilson, minister of Methodist church preached. . . . Our young people attended Easter camps at Monbulk, Dromana and Mildura. They attended another successful Kirk 'n Coffee at Ringwood. One of our young men, Norm. White, has left Boronia on transfer to work in Rainbow. Peter Tate has been elected pres. . . . On Anzac Day the Junior Dept. went on a successful barbecue picnic and hike. . . . The C.W.F. is sending a box of food to India. . . . On April 20, Mrs. Wylie spoke on her trip to Puerto Rico.

### 13 IN CAMP

(Frankston, Vic.). Thirteen young people, led by the minister, R. Patterson, spent Easter in camp near Yarragon. Self-criticism studies set by V. Longthorp were thought-provoking. Weather was very poor for the entire camp, but fellowship was rich. Mrs. Patterson was cook. Group leaders were C. Ryan and I. Watt. . . . A social evening arranged by the C.W.A.F. was held on April 16. Seventy attended. . . . A working group has been formed amongst interested ladies to help provide clothes and other articles for brotherhood activities.

### FOR INDIA

(Malvern, Vic.). \$173.20 was raised for Food for India. . . . The church has had lighting renovated and rewired. . . . Soloists have been Steve Corlett, Heather Elvey, David and Bruce Searle, and Horace Walpole. . . . 20 went to Teenagers' Camp at Wilson's Promontory. . . . About 100 attended combined service on Good Friday with Presbyterians and Baptists. . . . Charles Young spoke on Easter Day. . . . Cricket club had banquet and presentation of trophies on April 23, finishing up with the film, "A Ball, A Bat and A Boy." . . . A baptismal service was held on April 24.

## NATUROPATHIC CLINIC

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### 3rd PLANNED GIVING

(Chadstone, Vic.). Initial phase of third Planned Giving programme has been completed; directed and organised by local personnel. Mr. Perry was director, with Mrs. Whittaker in charge of catering. Presentation of needs was made by Messrs. Patterson, Ryall, Brewster and Staley, followed by an excellent family luncheon. Pledges received showed an increase over previous programmes. . . . Day of prayer held on April 2. . . . Combined services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. . . . John Way, Dept. of Chris. Educ., assisting teenage group with Sunday evening programme. . . . Explorers enjoyed weekend camp at Somers. . . . Three members attended Church and Life Movement training course. Mr. Perry was one of the course trainers.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM (Vic.-Tas.)

### DISTRICT PRAYER RALLIES

with

### YOUTH EMPHASIS

MORWELL - - - - MAY 10  
SURREY HILLS - - - - MAY 11  
OAKLEIGH - - - - MAY 11  
BRUNSWICK - - - - MAY 11  
MONTROSE - - - - MAY 11  
PRESTON - - - - MAY 11  
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# USING CONSCRIPTS IN VIETNAM

BY DR. DESMOND CROWLEY

Having lived for most of my life in two countries where conscription for overseas military service is taken almost for granted, I've had some difficulty in understanding Australian thinking on this issue. The idea, apparently widely shared among Australians, that only volunteers should be sent overseas is unique; it is not widely held in any other country. That is not, of course, to say that it is wrong; but this fact has made me cautious as I've begun to think about it.

I've also hesitated to write about it in these columns, because my articles here are always attempts to present a Christian view (not the Christian view, but my ideas on what the Christian view should be) on world affairs; and I've found it difficult to see much connection between Christian principles and conscription as a general issue. I do see some connection, though it's rather indirect; more of this later. But now that Bishops have entered the fray, I feel bound to comment, if only on their comments.

## The Bishops' Statements

In his April 3 sermon, in Sydney, Bishop Moyes was, I think, exaggerating almost unpardonably when he compared Christ's crucifixion to the sending of National Servicemen to Vietnam. Just as the Jewish leaders had been prepared to sacrifice Christ, he said, the Government seemed to think it was expedient to sacrifice some young men in Vietnam.

However good a cause — and I have the greatest respect for Bishop Moyes and his cause — the use of unrealistic language like this to rouse emotions illegitimately can do only harm. Reason should guide emotions, not be warped by them.

On the other hand, when the three Coadjutor Bishops who issued a counter-blast statement, suggested that the Government probably knew more than it has told us, I am sure they were talking nonsense. If the Government had any information that would help to justify this war they would surely, in view of all the bitter debate, have given it to us by now. I cannot imagine any kind of information of this character that would need to be kept secret.

I can believe that the Government feels the public does not appreciate the true nature of the situation; but this is a different matter. And are we to abdicate our judgment to the government? Some of their attempted justifications of their policy have certainly been quite unpalatable.

## Is Christianity Relevant to Conscription?

Has Christianity any bearing on conscription? As I've stated above, it seems

to me any relationship must be fairly indirect. It must depend on the connection between Christianity and democracy, which is, surely, that since Christianity insists on the need for us all to live according to our individual consciences, it implies the need for a democratic system of government.

But what do we mean by a "democratic system"? It seems to me there are two main aspects of democracy: (1) minimum direction by the government, consistent with adequate meeting of community responsibilities, of the life of the individual; (2) maximum participation by the people in, and control of, the process of government, consistent with adequate efficiency.

Obviously there can be conflict between these two aspects. Some people place the greater stress on one, some on the other. Some people want much more activity on the part of the government than others, and would regard themselves as equally democratic in outlook.

## Conscription and Democracy

Because I believe the Christian stress on brotherhood implies a strong sense of community, I generally find myself among those who want to see governments playing an active role. I feel there are many community responsibilities we are not meeting adequately, many manifestations of common concern we are neglecting.

Moreover, I feel we Australians have an unfortunate tendency to think of the government as "they" instead of "we" — to forget that we put it into power, and that it acts on our behalf. (And that if we disagree with the way it is acting for us, one way we have of showing this is to vote against it at election time.)

It is also an important principle of democracy that generally the minority must abide by the decision of the majority. On the other hand, the majority must be overruled by the legitimate rights and liberties of the minority.

Applying all this to the conscription issue, it seems to me that though many

Australians who oppose the idea of sending conscripts overseas are stressing the "minimum direction" aspect of democracy. They seem to feel that the right to make the ultimate decision whether to risk his life in the defence of his country is an important right of every male citizen; but they who seem to be generally agreed that this right may and must be over-ruled if insufficient volunteers are available to meet the particular threat.

Even though soldiers are still fighting in the defence of their country when overseas, the directness and seriousness of the threat is likely to decrease the further the fighting is from our coasts. The government is likely to want to commit fewer men the less immediate is the threat; and therefore the number of volunteers available is likely to match the urgency of the menace.

Since it does appear to give an important liberty to the individual, this system seems to have a great deal to commend it, if it can be used successfully. And so far it appears to have been used successfully.

But I still have some misgivings. Did it succeed in 1939-45 through the use of moral pressure? Was the frequent call in the C.M.F. for volunteers for the A.I.F. a form of pressure that was too strong for most men to withstand — if so, I would prefer conscription. Some have told me it amounted to strong pressure; others have informed me it did not. In my experience, once a man is in uniform the pressure upon him to conform in thinking is enormous.

Certainly all Christians, I believe, must strongly favor a system of exemption for those having a genuine conscientious objection to military service.

## The Case of Vietnam

All this is general comment; what about the particular present situation? I believe the government could have obtained enough volunteers for the present fighting without much difficulty, and it is most unwise and unjust to make use of conscripts, especially when so many people have genuine doubts about the justice and wisdom of the war.

If it is thought better generally to use volunteers, why not in this case? If large numbers were required, it might have been different; but since so few are being sent it is blatantly unjust that those selected are given no choice. Especially when their dispatch is a political gesture rather than a serious military contribution.

And Christians are concerned about injustice.

# OBITUARY

Mrs. H. A. Douglas.

After three weeks of incapacity following two cerebral haemorrhages, Mrs. Douglas died on March 22, at the age of 68 years. Born Harriet Ann Colmer, her family came early from Newcastle district to settle in Tuggerah. As a young girl there she chose to follow in the footsteps of her Lord. Not long after her marriage to Richard Douglas, they joined with the church at Hornsby; then, after about ten years came to Epping in the mid-thirties. With the beginning of the new work at Telopea, they elected to lend their weight over there. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, she never sought any position that would bring her into the limelight, but preferred to be of practical help to anyone she could. She expressed her real Christianity in doing for others, always others. She was a loving mother, and a particularly wonderful grandmother. Wherever they lived and moved in her childhood days, her father would set up the Lord's Table and secure the services of a gospel preacher, and she imbibed this kind of a faith, won her husband to the Lord, and passed it on to her children. The funeral service was held at the Epping chapel and at the Northern Suburbs Lawn Cemetery. The church expresses its loving Christian condolence to her husband and her children and their families.

Pansy Beatrix Byard.

Loved wife of Mervyn Robert Byard, and loved mother of Alice (Mrs. Sandford), Norma (Mrs. L. Taylor), Max, Clement, Shirley, Graham and David. Mrs. Byard died on March 10. Coming originally from Tasmania with her husband, she spent many years in Victoria, where she exercised a gracious ministry with her husband, especially during his twelve month's interim ministry at Warragul. Returning to Tasmania, they settled in Caveside, where their help was much appreciated. Ever sensitive to others' needs, Mr. and Mrs. Byard responded to the call to the interim ministry at Ulverstone, from which eventually our sister was called, at the age of 62 years, after many months of patient suffering. One of Mrs. Byard's daughters, Norma, spent some years working on our Carnarvon Mission station, another daughter, Shirley, is helping in our Bethany Children's Home in Hobart, and a son, Clem, is the secretary of the church at Warragul. Mr. Byard still continues his interim ministry at Ulverstone. It can be said a gracious mother's influence lingers on. The writer was privileged to minister at the funeral service.—E. W. Taylor.

Mrs. A. Dau.

The church at Maryborough, Qld., was saddened when its oldest and well-loved sister, Mrs. A. Dau, died suddenly on March 29, at the age of 83 years. For 70 years she had been a faithful member of the Maryborough church. Of quiet and cheerful disposition, she did not seek the limelight, but gave what service she could according to her talents. For quite a number of years she taught in the B.S., also was church organist, and for years used her voice in song and praise, in solos at the

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

**Our minister raved about a new book. After I had bought it, I felt like suing him, because I could not understand it. Why are religious books so hard to understand?**

This is the kind of question that could lose me friends no matter what my answer is. Your minister may be unhappy if I suggest that he has no business raving about a book which only the experts can understand. You might be offended if I said that the trouble is not with the book, but with you!

As you didn't mention the particular book, I am at least spared the duty of reading it or commenting on its readability. All you can expect from me are a few general remarks about religious books.

First of all, I am sure that they are not all difficult to understand. There are plenty of good Christian books that are well within the range of the average reader. These cover a very wide range: on doctrine, worship, church history, the Bible, missions, the daily life of the Christian, sects, etc.

gospel services. She was always interested in the Ladies' Christian Fellowship, and attended meetings when possible. She attended the church she loved right up to and including the last Sunday before her death. The funeral service at the chapel and graveside was conducted by D. G. Nelson. We commend her four daughters and their families to the love and care of our Heavenly Father.—H.H.O.

Roderick D. Macdonald.

The death of Roderick Douglas Macdonald has left the church at Kaniva, Vic., much the poorer. His whole life was spent in the fellowship, the name Macdonald being very well-known in the Horsham district. It was at Polkemmet that he was born, and there, in the Wimmera River, that he was baptized by the late G. B. Moysey in 1913. After his marriage, he moved to Bordertown; he became a foundation member at Serviceton. For ten years he was in membership at Mildura and, after returning to Horsham for a short period, spent the last 15 years at Lillimur and Kaniva. Not only in the church, but in the community at large, he was greatly respected for his genuine faith expressed in a good life. The memory of his dependability, the warmth of his friendship, the quality of his public prayers and the richness of his voice in singing remain to bless those who knew him. His wife predeceased him by some years. To his brothers and sisters, his two sons Neil and Ian, his daughters Sylvia (Mrs. Rankin) and Lois (Mrs. Rex Williams) we express our sympathy.—R. C. Bolduan.

On the other hand, many religious books are difficult to understand because they deal with difficult topics. The ordinary reader would be just as perplexed by such books as theologians would be if they tried to read an advanced study on atomic science. You can't make a difficult subject easy simply by using smaller words.

But even I can get a general idea of the world of the atom through books written for the ordinary reader. Such subjects can be known on different levels. Just as we can know each other on different levels.

Once, when I was scabbling around the rocks near Anglesea, I met a real live professor. We had a great time lifting up rocks, chasing crabs, and chatting about this and that — including the Christian life, and its witness. The next time I heard him he was giving an address in his special theological field and I didn't get much out of it. I liked him better among the crabs!

There are things about God that even the great scholars can't comprehend, "How unsearchable are his judgments and inscrutable his ways!" (Rom. 11:33). There are some things about God and his word that only great scholarship can know. As not everyone has the capacity or opportunity for a life of study, it is a great thrill to remember there are levels on which everyone can learn about God and find him through Christ.

Let my final word be to remind you that those who know the most are not necessarily closest to God. The way to God is through faith and love, and there have been many examples of the ignorant and unlearned excelling the wise in conviction, service and loyalty.

Jessie May Mandelkow.

The church at Mt. Walker, Qld., was saddened recently by the unexpected death, after a short period of hospitalisation, of Jessie May Mandelkow, at the comparatively early age of 54 years. She was reared in this district and accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 13 years. She will be remembered as Jessie Sellars, before her marriage to Henry Mandelkow in 1932, by the late Lars Larsen, in the Mt. Walker chapel. Although she moved to the Coleyville district, she remained a faithful and devoted member of the church at Mt. Walker, together with her husband. She was a most conscientious wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Faithfulness was the keynote of her life and witness to her Lord. A very large crowd attended the funeral services at the chapel, which bore testimony to the regard in which she was held, and was conducted by Pastor S. Rogers, assisted by Pastor Holt. She was laid to rest in the Mt. Walker Cemetery. To her sorrowing husband, daughter Myra (Mrs. T. Schoenfish), sons Lloyd and Ken, daughters-in-law Joyce and Val, and grandchildren, we offer our sympathy.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON VIC. . . .

# Highlights of Conference Reports

We recently concluded our 101st State Conference. From the reports presented — each department reports only every two years, but those not reporting present a ten-minute focus on their work — we cull one or two highlights of the work done by the Victorian-Tasmanian department, not the Federal Board which the department may represent.

Educational, interest-rousing and fund-raising activities throughout the States have concerned the **Aborigines Mission Department**. Honorable mention is given to Mr. and Mrs. S. Allison for their fine work in support of Doug. Nicholls, in his work in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy. Tribute is paid to the Shepparton church for its continued assistance in supervising and staffing the church and auxiliaries at the Mooroopna church.

Continued growth and widespread effective service have marked the activities of the **Christian Women's Fellowship**. Two new afternoon groups and three new evening groups. Through fourteen committees, which support and extend the work of General Conference departments, most commendable service has been rendered. In addition to financing their own work, C.W.F. contributed \$3136.00 to the Overseas Mission Dept.; \$1770.00 to the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism; and \$354.00 to the College of the Bible. "Second-mile" giving through "Golden Bags" raised an additional \$1990.63 for a special Home Mission project — a grand total of \$5260.63.

As agreed at the 1964 Federal Conference, the Dept. of Christian Union applied for and was granted observer status at the discussions by representatives of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches

on The Uniting Church of Australia. A Response has been compiled. An educational programme is being carried out in all States. Conversations with the Baptists have been maintained. The annual observance of Pentecost Sunday, World Communion Sunday and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been promoted.

Attention given by the **Department of Social Service** to social questions — alcohol, gambling, Sunday Observance, smoking, war and peace, national service, State aid for schools, pernicious literature, capital punishment, migration. Chaplaincies in hospitals and industry maintained. \$13,370.00 given for Inter-Church Aid. Garments totalling 31,984, and 1,597 pairs of footwear distributed. Extensions at the Christian Guest Home cost \$77,400.00, and at Emmaus Rest Home, \$70,000.00. These and Will. H. Clay Nursing Home care for 166 persons.

Publication of Provocative Pamphlets maintained by the **Literature Department** and family worship book sponsored. Christian Literature Week promoted. New Members' Kit prepared — still being improved. Department thanked all churches who responded to financial appeal and eliminated their debt.

Loans totalling \$302,000.00 were granted by the Properties Department, making the total loaned at 31/12/65, \$669,068.00. Depositors' funds stand at \$803,532.00. Churches with loans for church buildings, 72; loans for manses, 31; loans for camp property, 5. Applications for loans number 7 and involve a total of \$123,000. Many discussions on and advice given concerning church and property problems and developments.

—W. W. Saunders.

## RESIGNATION OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERTS

(W.A.). The Aborigines Board announces with regret their acceptance of the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts from the Superintendency of the "Fairhaven" Training Hostel, Esperance, and from the position of Field Director. The health of various members of the family has been a concern since their move to the Esperance area, and that of Mrs. Roberts, particularly, has demanded that urgent relief be given.

The board has placed on record its appreciation of the particular work of this couple. Mr. Roberts has given himself unsparingly to the detriment of his own health and financial resources, and has identified himself with the Aboriginal folk in their problems and difficulties in a remarkable way. Much

of the present success of the work amongst the adult natives at Norseman, and the establishment of the "Fairhaven" Training Hostel for teenage Aboriginal gifts, has been due to Mr. Roberts' contribution. He has also influenced work over a wide area, both in untiring personal work and a radio programme, conducted through 6KG Kalgoorlie.

Arrangements are being made to continue the work for an interim period until the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevenson from N.S.W.

Mr. Roberts has accepted an appointment as Director/Secretary of the Newcastle City Mission, and we wish him God's blessing in his future work.

## MOVEMENTS

### MINISTER FOR TOWNSVILLE

(Qld.). Federal Home Evangelism, in co-operation with the Townsville church and the Qld. H.M. Committee, is pleased to announce the appointment of B. L. Reid to the Townsville ministry. Since his College days at Woolwich, Mr. Reid has served in Qld. His present ministry is at Chinchilla.

The date of commencement is still being determined, but is expected to be not later than September. In the meantime Federal Home Evangelism has continued its subsidy to Townsville in the name of the Australian brotherhood ever since R. N. Gilmore concluded his ministry there. We have been anxious to assure our brethren in this strategic centre of our northern work that there is a partnership of concern in its witness.

We now commend Mr. and Mrs. Reid to the prayers of the brotherhood as they plan for this ministry.—E. W. Rofey, Fed. Sec.

### KENMORE APPOINTS REX ELLIS

(Qld.). Kenmore Christian College has appointed Rex Ellis, B.A. (Hons.) as lecturer in New Testament and History, to take effect immediately. Mr. Ellis is a graduate of Woolwich, and of the University of Western Australia, and comes highly recommended by brotherhood leaders. The appointment became necessary because of the rapid increase in enrolment.

### DAN WAKELEY CONCLUDES

(Asquith, N.S.W.). The ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wakeley concluded with good services on Mar. 27. . . . Opportunity was taken to express gratitude to these grand folk for their gracious ministry. Presentations were made and expressions of appreciation were voiced by Mrs. Webb (Ladies' Fellowship), Max Lucas (Y.P.) and C. Watkins, on behalf of the church. J. Ellerby brought greetings and good wishes from the nearby Hornsby church. . . . At Mr. Wakeley's final gospel service, three young ladies responded to the invitation to accept Christ. . . . Barry Brown, student from Woolwich College, is assisting in the work.

## NATIONAL DIARY

MAY:

- VICTORIA**
- 11 —Quarterly Prayer Rallies — Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism.
  - 13-21—C.E. National Convention — Tas.
  - 16-19—Good Companions' 11-year-old Camp—Mombulk.
  - 19-27—WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- 8 —"Mothers' Day" in all our churches.
  - 13 —First D.C.E. Bible Study Camp for 1966.
  - 16 —"Youth" Concert, sponsored by D.C.E. —at Rockdale Town Hall.
  - 24 —2nd Term commences at Woolwich College.
  - 31 —C.W.F. "Workshop" — 10 a.m. (every Tuesday till July 5) — at Rockdale.
- QUEENSLAND**
- 29 —Annual Offering — Youth Department. Conclusion of Talents.

May 7

## CHANGE AT CASTLEMAINE

(Vic.) Ninety attended a farewell social for Mr. and Mrs. Mudford on the completion of their ministry at Castlemaine. They were presented with a wallet of dollars. . . . C. W. Jackel commences a full-time ministry with Castlemaine and Harcourt on May 8. An induction service will be conducted by S. R. Baker on May 6. . . . The business meeting of the church on March 21 elected: elder, H. Peeler; deacons, N. Hall, W. Johnson, M. Wittater and H. Cattermole; deaconesses, Mesdames Normington, Sainsbury and Flower; sec., Mrs. C. Hall; treas., M. Wittater. . . . A young married couple made confession of faith and were baptized on April 17.

## MINISTER ACCEPTS RE-ENGAGEMENT

(Mt. Gambier, S.A.). The church is pleased to announce that its minister, T. R. Mason, has agreed to a two-year extension of his present term, now to end Dec., 1968. . . . The Officers have been carrying out an every-member-visit campaign to culminate in an every-member present service on May 1. . . . A special offering for the Milk for India appeal resulted in over \$85 being collected. . . . The C.W.F. have commenced another year of service under the leadership of Mrs. B. Mason, with Mrs. E. Pederson as sec. . . . A number of members will act as group leaders for the Church and Life Movement, and are engaged in a training course.

## EVE OF MISSION

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervev Bay, Qld.). Cottage Prayer meetings are being held in various suburbs every Monday, leading up to Maryborough mission to start on May 11. Publicity will be via T.V., radio, newspaper, car stickers and handbills. . . . D. G. Nelson has been engaged to conduct missions at Harlaxton in July, Toowoomba in October, and to speak at Sydney Youth Crusade in conjunction with Woolwich Bible College in August. . . . The manse has been sold and a larger and more modern home has been purchased in a growing locality. This could be the opportunity to expand the work, particularly in B.S. activities. . . . The B.S. held their annual picnic at Tinana school grounds on April 16. Many parents and friends joined the children. B.S. teachers are holding bi-monthly training session, using material being published by State Educ. Com. . . . There was a baptism on April 10, and a decision on the 17th.

## TO CARNARVON — YOU, TOO?

(Adelaide). Clifford Jones, an elder at the Balaklava church, is soon to leave for Carnarvon to undertake painting work for the mission station. This has been on his heart for a long time, and now it becomes possible. . . . Mr. Jones will be leaving Adelaide in August, and will drive across. He suggests that if there are two other men who could profitably spend their long service leave, he would be glad to share his company, his car and Carnarvon with them in this venture. About four to six weeks would be involved. . . . Any interested can contact him at Balaklava, S.A.

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## CAMP AT BULLFINCH

(W.A.). Eighty campers and leaders from Kalgoorlie, Northam, Bruce Rock, Narambeen, Corrigin, Merridin, Perth and Mukinbudin shared in a Youth Camp at Bullfinch Town Hall, from April 7-11. Bullfinch is an old mining centre 22 miles north of Southern Cross. Once there were about 2,000 inhabitants, but the number today is nearer 20. The town's facilities included a large town hall, built less than ten years ago, and this proved to be an excellent building for accommodation.

Highlights of the camp were — 1. A gospel service to which the townspeople were invited, and nearly all came. 2. An Olympic Games march past which went through the town. 3. Studies on the theme of the Cross and Resurrection, led by W. Gaunson. 4. A barbecue tea "in the rain," followed by a camp concert which was also a bit wet in places, but at times quite excellent. Both staff and campers voted it an excellent camp and look forward to next year with eager anticipation. We were brought closer to God and discovered more fully the meaning of the Christian way of life. —J. Somerville, Camp Director.

## AWAY FROM HOME

(Cottesloe, W.A.). Sixteen of our young people journeyed 260 miles to attend Easter camp at Morawa. Our minister, D. Croot, went as leader. The camp was reported as successful. . . . J. Christie and J. Holiday spoke at the Easter services. . . . 80 attended the gospel service on April 17. A number of young people came from other nearby churches. A Fact and Faith film was shown. Our C.W.F. president, Mrs. G. Muirhead, was back at church after three weeks in hospital.

## MRS. SNODGRASS DIES

News has been received from the U.S.A. announcing the death of Mrs. Dorothy Snodgrass, following a stroke. She was in Australia with her husband, when Dr. Snodgrass and Ralph Pollock conducted evangelistic missions in 1952.

## INDIAN ACQUITTED

(Bihar, India). Keith Skillicorn advises that his colleague, Zackariya, who earlier this year was jailed in connection with the murder of four of his relatives (see "A.C." Jan. 22), has been fully acquitted. . . . Mr. Skillicorn also states that the number of leprosy patients is 300, and "the Leprosy Mission is training one of our teacher-evangelists to help in ministering to them." They have also sent a Leprologist to spend four days advising on diagnosis and treatment. "Bacilli negatives" are coming up regularly under microscopic skin tests, and "we are now beginning to see real fruit in this work which, if it continues in this way may someday warrant a doctor." Ruth Skillicorn has a rewarding ministry through 17 Hindu, Muslim and Animist girls who come for sewing lessons. Three nights a week there are a dozen for adult literary classes.

## CIRCUIT YOUTH CAMP

(Morawa, W.A.). 47 attended the Youth Camp at R. H. Carlslake's property. They came from Geraldton, Perth and Morawa. J. K. Bond loaned a good-sized tent, which was a great boon. . . . W. R. Holmes, of Perth, spoke at Easter services. . . . A tape was used at prayer meeting recently, entitled "The Faithfulness of God," by Sydlow Baxter. . . . At last women's meeting, Mrs. J. Harris showed movie films of her trip to Puerto Rico, and the World Convention.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

TO THE EDITOR,

*The other Sunday the deacons circularised us to see if some of us couldn't be a bit more active in the church. It was a real public relations job on art paper and little questions with boxes on the end where you can put a tick if you are interested in a certain church job.*

*They'd taken so much trouble with it that I had a bit of a conscience on it, and decided that I would put a tick in one of the boxes. The first was "Will you be a teacher?" I didn't want to be tied down every Sunday, so I skipped that. The next was "a visitor?" I wouldn't know what to say, so I read on. "A helper?" That was too general, and you wouldn't know what you were letting yourself in for. The jobs I could do were running out as I scanned the list. But at last there was the job that suited my talents. "Will you be an administrator?"*

*That would suit me fine. I placed a tick in the square. This would mean thinking up things for other people to do, and I was good at that. It sounded pretty important, too. After all, there's no point in a church job if it goes unnoticed. An administrator. . . that was me!*

*I was so pleased with myself that I settled down after dinner to enjoy the scripture passage my wife always insists on reading. I didn't enjoy it, though. She read about some chap called "Diotrophes who loveth to have the pre-eminence." So I haven't sent the form in yet.*

*Do you think there might be a vacancy for an editor?*

TERTIUS.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

WHEAT FOR INDIA — PERMIT GRANTED

BY R. S. A. McLEAN.

It is with thanks to God that we report that the Government of India has granted us a permit to import 80 tons of wheat for distribution amongst needy people in the famine-stricken villages in our mission area. The shipment left Adelaide on April 27 and will arrive in Bombay at the end of May. It will be available for distribution when the famine is at its most critical stage.

Churches throughout Australia have responded in a wonderful way to the appeal for finance to make the shipment possible, and the amount required to land the wheat in Bombay will soon be on hand. Any amounts received in excess of this will be used to transport the wheat to our mission area which is 150 miles from Bombay, assist in the costs involved in distribution, or be used for a further shipment of food.

Recovery following the drastic famine will be slow, and this will necessitate continued relief assistance. Recent news from India advises that the weather remains hot and dry. The well at the Shrigonda Girls' Home has run dry, and it is feared that the well at the Baramati Boys' Home will be dry within a month. While people suffer as a result of the famine we must continue to do all we can to show our concern by sharing with them the good things God has given to us.

On behalf of every man and woman and child that will receive a ration of food from our gift shipment of wheat the Overseas Board says "Thank you" to all who have given to make the shipment possible, and we assure churches and individuals still wishing to assist that your gifts will be deeply appreciated.

NEW GUINEA MAIL

While the weather is hot and dry in India, there has been an abundance of rain in New Guinea. The flood waters at Chungribu are beginning to recede, but it may be several weeks before the normal fortnightly M.A.F. service is restored. Mails will therefore be irregular because of the condition of the airfield at Chungribu, which was damaged during the flooding.

MISSIONARY TO ENGLAND

The Methodist Church in Pakistan is sending one of its leading pastors to England as its first foreign missionary. The Rev. Eric N. Daniels, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Karachi, will serve as missionary to the 200,000 Pakistanis in England.—E.P.S.

A YEAR'S GAOL

The Rev. Nemecio Garcia, one of 33 Baptist leaders to be imprisoned in Cuba on Good Friday, last year, has now been released. It is hoped that this action may indicate the forthcoming release of the other pastors.—E.P.S.

FISH FROM THE AIRFIELD

BY NOELA MOBBS.

During this last month all our normal activities have had to be rearranged because of the flooding of the Ramu River. On the first day that the water went into the Chungribu village we all walked down to have a look. Two days later the water began to trickle down around our houses from the swampy area which lies between us and the river, so now we don't have to go any further than our windows to see the flood-waters, and walk down our steps into four inches of water.

Many of the villages around have had a couple of feet of water in them, and most of the gardens have been ruined by the water. This excess of water, in such contrast to the drought conditions in Eastern Australia, which we have heard about in letters and news broadcasts, has brought with it many problems — the first one was the closing of our airstrip. At the peak of the flood the whole strip was covered by water, from half an inch in some places to ten inches in others. We had several meals provided for by the fish which the school children just caught in their hands on the airstrip.

The two schoolrooms, which only have dirt floors, were the next affected. Soon one of them was unfit for use. Children from all except the two closest villages were unable to come. As a result, Rosalie decided to go to Grengabu, which is the biggest of the villages cut off from us, and hold school there for at least some of the children, whilst Diana taught those who were able to reach Chungribu.

The one occasion when I have really appreciated the wet season was when it was my turn to go to Pakingabu to have a Sunday service. Instead of the usual 1-1½ hours walk, depending on the state of the track, I was taken in a dugout canoe right from the edge of the mission station to the steps of the house where we were to have "lotu" (Pidgin for worship). It was quite strange to glide along with the lower branches of trees just above our heads, and realise that in some parts that the track that you are accustomed to walking on is about ten feet below you.

Jenny Smith has returned to the field and will be teaching at Tsumba, where the Beales are also stationed. As our strip was closed the M.A.F. plane brought her to Aioime, which is a government patrol post about 40 miles up river, bringing also supplies and mail. From

there down to Chungribu it is two hours' walk, plus three hours in a motor canoe. There have also been two airdrops of supplies carried out by M.A.F., and more are planned.

David and Lynne Hammer have joined us here at Chungribu, and also Diana Catts. It is David's aim to do extensive evangelistic work in this area, going out on patrols to all the villages. There is a large area here open to us to go to and witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Since the water has been high I have been doing the medical work on the verandah of our house. Only small numbers have been coming on some days, but as they are likely to arrive at any time of the day it meant several trips a day to the Aid Post through all the water. This means that things are cramped and inconvenient, so I am looking forward to getting back to normal.

Just recently, Ere, one of our older schoolboys, collapsed just after I had given him an injection of penicillin. I was able to give him adrenaline immediately, but knowing that this type of allergy can be rapidly fatal, the next few anxious and prayerful minutes, before he showed any improvement, seemed like hours.

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N.S.W. NEWS

ADDITIONS AT EPPING

(N.S.W.). On April 10, there was one decision, and three young people were baptized . . . The minister, H. M. Long, has been elected Vice-Pres. of N.S.W. Conference. Mrs. M. Elsmore is Pres.-Elect, N.S.W. Women's Conference . . . Two united Easter services were held on Good Friday at the Baptist and Congregational churches. The second service was broadcast over A.B.C. Station 2FC . . . The young people conducted the gospel service at North Sydney, and the following week conducted our own gospel service.

OPEN AIR

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). On April 17, we combined with the Salvation Army for an evening open air meeting . . . Several women attended C.W.F. Women's Retreat at Gilbulla Conf. Centre, Menangle, where rich time of fellowship was enjoyed . . . David Eagling, missionary from New Hebrides, was speaker last Sunday night, and at after-church fellowship he showed slides of newly-formed Bible College at Banmatmat . . . At C.W.E.F. anniversary the speaker was Mrs. D. Verco.

ARTHUR BAKER APPRECIATED

(N.S.W.). Arthur Baker, now in retirement from the ministry, and living at Ettalong Beach, N.S.W., has been giving valued assistance to the congregation at Wyoming, in the Gosford district, for some months during the period they have been without the services of a full-time minister, and his faithful efforts and wealth of experience have been greatly appreciated . . . Wyoming church is at present being assisted by student-minister, W. Harrison, of Woolwich College.

EXTENSION LECTURES

(N.S.W.). Woolwich College Extension Lectures commenced for 1966 on Thursday evening, April 14, at the Burwood church. Subjects dealt with in this year's sessions will be New Testament, Preparation - for - Preaching, Evangelism and Church Administration, and the lecturers will include F. L. Ewers, B.A., K. E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.S.T.C., R. B. Ewers, and Dr. A. G. Elliott. There is still opportunity for late enrolments.

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RETURN TO THE ISLANDS

(N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling and family had a very busy round of engagements among the churches in N.S.W. during the last weeks of their stay in this State. They departed from Kingsford Smith Airport on April 14. Travelling via Noumea, they expected to arrive back in Banmatmat on April 16.

B. H. WHITE FOR TeloPEa

(N.S.W.). The church has announced that Brian White, minister at Norlane, Vic., has accepted an invitation to commence at the end of this year. Meanwhile, J. P. Henderson, well-known for his social service interests, and work in Child Welfare with the N.S.W. Govt. Dept., will continue his part-time ministry until the arrival of Mr. White.

INTERIM MINISTRY AT TAMWORTH

(N.S.W.). Ray Hawkins of Carramar, N.S.W., will leave shortly for Tamworth, where he will engage in a short ministry with the church for a period of three months to help to consolidate the gains in the recent evangelistic campaign conducted in the district by Doug. Willis.

FOLLOW-UP WORK AT PENRITH

(N.S.W.). Under the direction of the minister, Mr. Sedman, a period of consolidation and follow-up continues at Penrith as a result of the recent Crusade conducted by the Jimmy Adams Team. 22 primary decisions and 18 re-consecrations were recorded, making a total of 40 decisions in all. The church has been strengthened and stimulated and a strong witness has been made in the town.

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WOOLWICH COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS

(N.S.W.). The annual tea of the Woolwich College Ex-Students' Association took place at Enmore on the Friday night of Conference. The tea table fellowship was followed by a brief session under the direction of the Pres. of the Association, H. T. L. Davies, at which the Principal and the Vice-Princ. were welcomed and greetings were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rex. Ellis, recently returned to Sydney from W.A. David Eagling then gave an address on his work in the New Hebrides which was challenging and much appreciated.

JIMMY ADAMS AT AUBURN

(N.S.W.). An enthusiastic opening to the Adams campaign took place in the Auburn church on Sunday, April 17. The Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party, with gospel presentation in melody, song and preaching of the Word, will continue at Auburn Road until May 1. More than 20 decisions were registered during the first week of meetings.

MISSIONS AT FIRST HAND

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). Visit of Sister Win. Walker from India, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Saxby, and Mrs. Watson, of Lane Cove, was much appreciated. Mrs. Walker and Mr. Saxby brought messages and films to the church in Gilgandra, and Mr. Saxby visited the B.S. at Balladoran. . . . Gilgandra's Wheat for India offering has now reached \$303.87.

Miss SKUCE AT KINGSFORD

(N.S.W.). Miss Hazel Skuce, home on furlough from India, and whose work we are supporting, was a recent speaker. So was Lance Fisher, Supt. of Carnarvon Mission . . . Speaker at Y.P.C.E. was Alan Nutt, of the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship in New Guinea . . . C.W.F. has supplied the communion table with new collection plates . . . The Kingsford-Paddington stall at the Boys' Home Fete realised \$150 . . . On March 18, the ladies catered for the golden wedding anniversary of our secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith. 70 relatives and friends attended, and the evening's entertainment was largely provided by the grandchildren . . . The newly-formed choir, led by Miss Nance Marley, added to the atmosphere of the Good Friday service with its rendition of "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Crimond) and "The Old Rugged Cross."

# PERSONAL

## DISCIPLESHIP

Ron Lucas, Dareton, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff. Potts, Castle-  
maine, Vic.  
Mrs. Frowen, Miss Cherie Khoo,  
Mrs. Hepworth, South Perth, W.A.  
Bruce Cook, Ivanhoe, Vic.  
Mrs. Hardy, Maryborough - Bad-  
dow, Hervey Bay, Qld.  
Christopher Barrot, Cheryl Pearce,  
Irene Titter, Noble Park, Vic.  
Roland Edwards, Clovelly Park, S.A.  
Christine Fix, Mrs. Shirley Wheeler,  
Ascot Park, S.A.  
Tina de Leeuw, Heather Furbrough,  
Graham Skilling, Subiaco, W.A.  
Gloria Thompson, Bronwyn Ken-  
nett, Leanne Wheaton, Kaniva,  
Vic.  
Mr. Smith, Southport, Qld.  
Jeffrey Blakemore, Murray Bridge,  
S.A.  
Peter Pfeifer, Malvern, Vic.  
Mrs. Woolcock, Miss L. Ruglen,  
Allan Neale, Ronald Preston, Black  
Rock, Vic.  
T. Hillman, Mt. Gambier, S.A.

## DEATHS

E. J. Buckley, Bordertown, S.A.  
Mrs. A. Dau, Maryborough - Bad-  
dow, Hervey Bay, Qld.  
Reuben Hall, Castlemaine, Vic.  
Mrs. E. Butler, Hartwell, Vic.  
A. Cutchie, Horsham, Vic.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

F. D. Craig (part-time minister,  
Charlestown church, N.S.W.), 72 Lamb-  
ton-rd., Waratah, N.S.W.  
G. R. F. Ellis, Kenmore Christian  
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ton, Vic.  
Mrs. Rusden, Richmond to Balwyn,  
Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stevens, and Miss  
Rae Stevens, Edwardstown; Mr.  
and Mrs. R. D. Scudds, Chelten-  
ham; Mrs. W. D. Messent, Unley  
- to Glenelg, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Davidson, Pen-  
rith, N.S.W., Baptist.  
Mrs. Smith, Murrarie; Mr. and Mrs.  
Henderson, Moorooka - to South  
port, Qld.  
Mr. and Mrs. Graham Williams,  
Gardiner and Burwood, respec-  
tively; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Fisher,  
Frankston; Mrs. Holland and Joan,  
Croydon - to Boronia, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Rowe, Sunshine,  
Vic.; Mrs. Ross Martin, Unley, to  
Clovelly Park, S.A.  
Miss Margaret Hammer, Robert  
Hammer, from Maylands, S.A., to  
Perth, W.A.

## MARRIAGES

Joy Cooper to John Brittain, South  
Perth, W.A.  
Lois Trickey to David Crawford,  
Balwyn, Vic.  
Elenora van Aalst to Robin Blakers,  
Kalgoorlie, W.A.

## IN MEMORIAM

FLOWER (William James). - In lov-  
ing memory of my dear husband and our  
father and grandfather, passed away May  
3, 1961. "Ever remembered."  
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daughter-in-law, Arthur, Gert and family.  
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Peter Ronald - on April 26, at Box Hill,  
Vic.  
WITHERS (Vines). - On May 2, to  
Jill and John, a daughter - Rebecca,  
at Diamond Valley Community Hospital,  
Vic.

## ENGAGEMENTS

RAINEY - DRYSDALE. - Mr. and  
Mrs. E. Rainey, Mahoney's-rd., East  
Burwood, have pleasure in announcing  
the recent engagement of their youngest  
daughter, Grace Rosalea, to Lyle David  
Drysdale, second son of Mrs. J. Drysdale,  
5 Normandale-rd., East Bentleigh, Vic.  
SANDERCOCK - GAUNSON. - The  
engagement is announced with pleasure  
of Rosemary Patricia, younger daughter  
of Mrs. R. Sandercock and the late Mr.  
R. Sandercock, 6 Berwen-ave., Chelsea,  
to Bruce Alexander, youngest son of  
Mrs. D. Gaunson.  
TURNER - GIBBS. - Mr. and Mrs.  
L. B. Turner, 9 Power-st., Hawthorn, Vic.,  
have pleasure in announcing the engage-  
ment of their younger daughter, Jeanette,  
to Graham, only son of Mr. and Mrs.  
W. J. Gibbs, Rose-st., Sandringham, Vic.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

ROSEWARNE - MATHIESON. - Mr.  
and Mrs. A. J. Rosewarne, 83 Anglesey-  
ave., St. Georges, S.A., announce with  
pleasure the forthcoming marriage of  
their only daughter, Margaret Jean, to  
Raymond John Mathieson, to be solemn-  
ised at the Col. Light Gardens Church  
of Christ, Goodwood-rd., at 5 p.m. on  
May 14. G. M. Mathieson will officiate.

## DEATHS

BUTLER. - On April 24, at Will H.  
Clay Nursing Home, Emily, beloved wife  
of the late Frank, loved mother of Len  
and Thelma, grandma of Heather (Mrs.  
Mansell) and Trevor, great-grandma of  
Pamela, Robyn and Peter, dear sister of  
John Tinkler. "At home and reunited."  
HEWSON. - On March 9, at Sandring-  
ham, in her 92nd year, Annie, dearly  
loved wife of Thomas (dec.), loving  
mother of Horrie, Jess (Mrs. Chilvers),  
Will (dec.), Dorothy (Mrs. Richmond).  
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st., Glen Iris, Vic., on April 30, loved  
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the Secretary of the Victorian Com-  
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## DARETON ADDITIONS

(Vic.). Three young ladies have been  
welcomed into membership and one  
young man made his decision . . . Prayer  
and Bible study meetings continue to  
be well attended. Young people at-  
tended Easter weekend camp at Mil-  
dura, and on the Anzac weekend camped  
with the Barmera and Mildura C.Y.F.,  
with Mr. Cant, T. Lawrie, Mr. Creeper  
and Mr. Lowrey as their leaders . . .  
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## COMBINED SERVICE

(St. Kilda, Vic.). The church com-  
bined with Baptist and Methodist churches  
for Good Friday service at the  
Balaclava Methodist Church. Rev. Wat-  
son (Meth.) led the service, Pastor Baker  
(Baptist) read the scripture lesson, and  
A. M. Norton (Church of Christ) was  
speaker . . . Parents of Sunday School  
children were invited to a family ser-  
vice the first Sunday in April. A. B.  
Clark (Malvern) conducted the meeting.  
The church is anxious to contact  
members who may have moved into  
St. Kilda area.

## THREE SISTERS BAPTIZED

(Blackburn, Vic.). The B.S. held an  
enjoyable picnic at Ferny Creek on April  
17 . . . Tennis club held a social night  
in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Minahan,  
on 22nd . . . Junior teams of basketball  
club had a church parade at gospel ser-  
vice on 24th, at which three sisters were  
baptized . . . C.W.A.F. entertained ladies  
from Emmaus at luncheon on 28th.

ILLNESS OF MINISTER

(Sunshine, Vic.). Deep regret felt  
with minister, V. Quayle, and family, on  
his admission to Gresswell Sanatorium  
for medical treatment over several  
months. His ministry since February  
has proved most helpful. A. O. S. Baker  
has accepted an invitation to conduct  
interim ministry from May 22 . . . Reports  
presented to church half-yearly meeting  
showed genuine concern for ongoing of  
Lord's work. Members were delighted  
with new carpet purchased by Ladies'  
Guild, and repainting done by them.  
Concern was expressed for greater sup-  
port of gospel services. Offerings aver-  
aged \$73.50, but considerable deficit was  
anticipated in budget presented . . .  
Several Y.P. and Explorers' Club have  
shared in camps at Bacchus Marsh, Ches-  
hunt, Dromana and Belgrave Heights.  
District churches Y.P. group is active  
in combined discussions and planning.

## PYE FAMILY FAREWELLED

(Boronia, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. J. Pye  
and family have left by air for California,  
U.S.A. Mr. Pye has obtained 12 months'  
leave of absence from the Walter and  
Eliza Hall Institute, where he is engaged  
as a research scientist. He will carry  
out similar work at the Stanford Uni-  
versity, which is near Palo Alto, about  
30 to 40 miles south of San Francisco.  
Both Mr. and Mrs. Pye have given loyal  
support to the church at Boronia, and  
have been very valued workers.

Mr. Pye has served the church as  
deacon, Sunday School teacher and as  
organist. He has also given excellent  
assistance on various sub-committees. He  
made an outstanding contribution to the  
Eastern Dist. Conf. as secretary.

Mrs. Pye has also served for many  
years as S.S. teacher and has given  
valued service to the Women's and Youth  
Auxiliaries. She has also been one of  
our choristers. After completion of his  
appointment at Stanford University, Mr.  
Pye expects to visit other places, while  
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Current Topics. We are a nation faced with a most pitiable spectacle in the history of so-called civilised nations. Germany seems to have gone blood-mad . . . they are seeking any way possible, however inhuman, and unjust, to kill someone. The latest Zeppelin raids have been specially fiendish and vindictive. To think of men using scientific means to murder helpless women and babes is a most revolting spectacle.—J. E. Thomas. Church Finance. A country preacher announced that the sisters in his district were going to set apart for Home Missions the eggs which their hens laid on Sundays. Vic. Conf. One committee had done nothing during the year, in fact, did not even meet. R. Lyall moved that the Committee be reappointed with power to act! Church with Faults. It was a splendid structure, yet had a few faults: 1. It was impossible to see in it; 2. It was impossible to hear in it; 3. It was impossible to breathe in it. Chaplain V.C. The V.C. was awarded to Rev. E. W. Mellish, Church of England army chaplain, for repeatedly crossing ground swept by enemy shell and machine gun fire. He brought in ten badly wounded soldiers of whom three were killed while he was dressing their wounds. Next day he brought in another twelve.

## 470 CONGREGATIONS IN CHURCH AND LIFE

More than 470 Victorian congregations have registered in the Church and Life Movement group programme.

By June, the Victorian Panel hopes to have 800 congregations taking part in the programme which aims to bring church and community together to examine vital issues of everyday living.

The secretary of the Victorian Panel, the Rev. R. H. Sunderland, said that congregations should not delay in registering, so that there may be adequate time to relate each congregation to the local planning committees which have been established in every community.

It is hoped that every person selected to lead one of the house-groups would be given the opportunity to attend a local training session. These are being arranged by the thirty metropolitan and twenty country Regional Committees operating under the Victorian Panel, in consultation with the Church Departments of Christian Education.

Most registered congregations have now distributed the enrolment forms on which church members indicate their desire to take part in the group pro-

gramme, and the day or night when they would be available.

These forms, and other promotional material, are distributed to congregations as they register. Mr. Sunderland said that samples of each of the items to be used by churches are available in a C.L.M. Kit, or sample bag, which can be obtained from the V.C.C. Office, 6th floor, 37 Swanston-st., Melb. (phone 63-2736).

## MISSIONARIES LEAVING BURMA

(New York). Protestant, Anglican, and R. C. missionaries are preparing to leave Burma in compliance with a recent edict of the country's government that all foreign missionaries who have entered the country since 1948 leave by May 31 at the latest.

"The departure of these missionaries from Burma marks the end of an era, but not the end of Christian work in the country," said Addison J. Eastman, a director of Missions for the National Council of Churches in U.S.A. "There is now in Burma a Christian church of approximately 600,000 members, and it is growing rapidly in some parts of

the country. This church has itself become a missionary community and has developed a strong indigenous leadership."

Missionaries throughout the years had founded educational, medical and social service institutions in Burma. Most of these have been taken over by the government within the past few months.—E.P.S.

## TEENAGE MISSIONARIES

(New York). A team of five High School students from Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, and West Pakistan began a two-month tour of seven American cities to discuss the role of youth in world crises with American teenagers.

Seven seminars on that topic will be held in various cities.

"The primary purpose of those seminars is to stimulate the thinking of High School age youth about the role of youth in peace building around the world during this time of world crisis," said the Rev. Kyoji Burma, director of the commission's Office for Youth Relations.—E.P.S.

## RHYME . . . AND REASON

### APPETITE

By Kelly O'Neill.

When our appetites keep growing, With no other purpose showing

But to eat up all the food and drink the wine, And our one concern for easement is our bodily appeasement,

Then we're just the same as any other swine.

We go struggling to the feed mill, Making life a weary treadmill,

Mindful only that we get our ample share.

We build vast machines to vend it, Draft great armies to defend it,

But the things that really matter are not there.

It's a strenuous endeavour, Seeking brutish bonds to sever,

'Till a race that's truly human shall emerge.

Appetites will always bind us, but some day God's way will find us,

For he's planted in our hearts the longing urge.

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## OPEN FORUM

### THE BIGGER ISSUES.

To the Editor.

Amid the preoccupations of the unfortunate and regrettable stir over the Conference Handbook, two writers have put forth some really creative ideas, but have been as voices crying in the wilderness. It behoves us to give them our attention lest we be guilty of straining out the gnat but swallowing a camel.

The two articles in mind are, "Parish in the Sky," by Alan Matheson (March 26), and "Community Christian Service Centres," by "Frontiersman" (April 23). Alan Matheson confronts us with a very serious social and religious problem created by the multi-storey flats being built in inner suburbs. This is not the responsibility only of the churches in those areas — already weakened as they are by transfers of members to outer suburbs — it is the task of all the churches in one united mission to these people.

"Frontiersman's" ideas could be most readily put into effect in these areas where the need for Christian Community Service Centres is most urgent. What troubles me particularly is the need of young people in this respect. What opportunities are there in these flats for teenagers to engage in hobbies, etc.? It is a life-saver for a boy to have a bench and workshop where he can develop creative skills, besides youth programmes, libraries and other such activities.

Unless something like this is done without delay we shall have to deal with

hordes of teenagers, bored, and with nothing to do but to get into mischief. This alone makes the effort worth while, but, of course, the Christian church, with a true sense of mission, has even greater and more far-reaching motives and aims as an incentive. If the church gives leadership and financial support it would be reasonable to expect liberal subsidies from the government, which has created the situation.

—A. O. S. Baker, Vic.

### "THE OLD FAITH IN A NEW DAY."

To the Editor,

With reference to the letter "From Lygon Street," in the "A.C." it might seem that concerning the above I did not make myself clear, and so, in the mind of some, "hold doctrine so loosely." But I said, very clearly, that "He alone makes atonement." Keeping that in mind, I also said that we, the body of Christ, bear each others' sins with him.

Now may I submit that to affirm this is not holding doctrine so loosely. Dr. Denny, eminent scholar of a bygone generation, said in his "The Doctrine of Reconciliation" (p. 256) that "he bore our sins as he bore our diseases on his loving heart" (cf. Matt. 8: 17). Now, we also bear each others' diseases and suffer with them.

W. N. Clarke, in his very well known text-book, "Outline of Christian Theology" (pp. 358, 359) said, concerning the church, "The men who are thus 'In Christ' do truly constitute the New Humanity" . . . "The crowning glory of the new humanity is that when it comes to its own true humanity it is a redemptive humanity. How could it

be otherwise, when it is formed by spiritual union with a redemptive Christ, who is the expression of a redemptive God? The new humanity is one that joins with God in sin-bearing. Like him it seeks to save and is willing to work and wait and suffer that the great end may be gained."

Mr. Faull may perhaps think these eminent scholars also are in their dotage and "hold doctrine loosely."

If the Report Book had been read one would have known who furnished the cover. The reference to "a trail" sounds like a hunt of some kind, and I had thought that heresy hunts, among brethren especially, a thing of the past.

I still believe the Book Cover, and its teaching, as enunciated, holds tremendous value for all who will open their eyes to see.—H. J. Patterson, Vic.

### THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

In your comments on the letter from C. W. Lyster ("A.C." 23/4/66) you say, "The only question is: what is the role of the church?" and later, "Unless we identify ourselves with Christ in sacrificial love, how can we point men to Christ? And if this is not helping the Christ bear the sins of the world, then what is it?"

You had already stated that Jesus alone saves, and yet by your questions you infer that the salvation is not complete, but in this day we can "help Christ bear the sins of the world." Isaiah 53: 6; 1 Peter 2: 24; Heb. 9: 26, 28 — all clearly indicate that the Lamb of God has completed the transaction once for all. This act was unique and no sinner can possibly have a part in the "bearing of sin," "we are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

The role of the church is to present to the world a Saviour who has completely accomplished the salvation work. In doing this we must certainly bear the burden of a deep concern for those who still reject this salvation, and in sacrificial love yield ourselves to Christ that the Holy Spirit may convict them and bring them to faith in him. Our faith will certainly be shown by our works and this must lay a burden upon our spirits, but I affirm that this is not "helping the Christ bear the sins of the world."

—Frank Manning, Vic.

[Ed. There seems to be no difference at all between us. The list you have emphasised is exactly the point I was trying to make. Unless the church has this deep concern, no one will be able to share in the finished work of Christ.]

### NEWS AND REPORTS

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### U.T.S.R.C.

(Sydney). The students of Woolwich College, N.S.W., have always taken a prominent part in the Inter-Collegiate activities of the various Theological Colleges in Sydney affiliated with the Universities. Our Woolwich men have more than held their own in the Annual Debating Competitions, frequently carrying off the prizes. In the sporting fixtures, too, in athletics and football, our College has featured prominently, while trophies have also been won at tennis and squash. These activities enlarge the horizon of the student-body and provide keen rivalry and also helpful and profitable fellowship with the men of other communions.

Not the least of the important Inter-Collegiate gatherings is the Annual Lecture on Theology arranged by the Union of Theological Students' Representative Council. The lecture was held this year on April 12 at the Baptist Church, Concord. The speaker was E. A. Judge, M.A., of the Congregational Union of N.S.W., who presented a very interesting lecture dealing with some aspects of the background of the life and organisation of the churches in the New Testament.

### CHRISTIAN UNITY PUBLICATION

(N.S.W.). "Finding Purpose Today" is the title of the booklet released by the N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee. Various aspects of the contribution of our churches to Unity in the present-day situation are presented, the writers being Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., F. L. Ewers, B.A., and C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed. 1,500 copies have been published in the first draft, and it is anticipated that many more churches and individuals will be ordering supplies.

### AEROSPHERE AT TAMWORTH

(N.S.W.). Doug. Willis reports good meetings and an encouraging response in the Crusade at Tamworth. During the first fortnight more than 90 non-members shared in the gatherings, and "Daybreak" prayer meetings averaged 25. Dennis Foletta and Max Harrison journeyed from Sydney to assist, and Max Hall, of Inverell, and Barry Benz, of Gilgandra, have also rendered valuable aid and have headed delegations.

### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

1. The N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship — and Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, the newly elected President, the members of the Executive, Superintendents and Committee members — in their work for Christ.

2. The Pendle Hill Boys' Home, "Dunmore House" — that the Lord will continue to use and to bless the efforts of Mr. Dalton, Matron Wylliams, and the staff as they care for the boys.

3. The faithful door-keepers in all our churches — that the Lord will use their cheery greeting and handshake especially in influencing strangers and infrequent attenders.

4. The Woolwich College students — as week by week, in their student-churches, they are used of God to gain experience and understanding in the pastoral shepherding of needy souls.

5. The quiet but effective work of the organisers of the League of 1,000 — that by this practical means, our new causes may have the financial backing necessary to erect buildings in strategic areas.

6. The local planning in our churches for the forthcoming "Christian Life Crusade" — June 22 to July 27 — that group leaders may be well prepared, and that God will use the discussions and our personal contacts and outreach for his glory.

### MEN'S WORK IN N.S.W.

Christian Men's Societies and Fellowships in N.S.W. are doing helpful work. Reports of the Men's Work Committee at the recent Conference showed considerable activity in local Fellowships. The State Chairman, Norm. Edwards, has been ably assisted by other members, including the Vice-Chairman, Eric Wade, and the energetic Secretary, John Hoppitt.

The Men's Work tea, during Annual Conference, was well attended, and David Mansell, minister at Wollongong, delivered a very challenging and pertinent message . . . This year's Indoor Bowls Sports Competition has been subdivided into two sections, with teams from the Northern Suburbs and the Southern Suburbs. Another Men's Camp is also being planned in conjunction with the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism.

### N.S.W. BROADCASTS IN MAY

Daily Devotions — Saturday, May 7, 8.45 a.m., R. B. Ewers, Belmore. Thursday, May 19, 8.45 a.m., K. E. Crawford, H.M. Director.

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A special leaflet entitled "Are You Really Concerned?" has also been prepared for use in churches, and was made available at the recent Conference gatherings.

### BAPTISMS AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). Two young people were baptized on April 17, also two other young people made decisions . . . 15 members of the C.E. journeyed to Keepit Dam and joined the Tamworth and Gilgandra young people at Easter Camp . . . At a Bible study meeting during the month, Miss Carter, a rep. of the Lebanon Evangelistic Mission, showed slides and brought a challenging word on this work. . . . The C.W.F. held a garden party at the home of Mrs. Boland on April 6. Competitions, novelties and a "mock art gallery" provided a delightful afternoon. . . . The ladies are experimenting for three months with a series of night meetings, to be held once a month. The first, on April 13, had as guest speaker, Mrs. Major Crown, of the Salvation Army, who spoke on Social Service work done by the Army in various centres.

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Feed Them.

"They need not go away; you give them  
something to eat."

—Matt. 14: 15.

Yet would I rather act,  
Plough with an iron fact,  
And earn at least some harvest that  
is bread,  
Than rich and popular  
In gay Imposture's car.  
Dazzle mankind and leave them still  
unfed.

—R. C. K. Ensor.

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If a man doesn't make some mistakes  
he isn't trying hard enough.

—Roy Howard.

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Worry is like a rocking chair. It  
gives you something to do but doesn't  
get you anywhere.

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Wear the old coat and buy a new  
book.

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. . . another reason you can't take it  
with you is that it goes before you do.

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Definition.

Poverty: The only thing wrong with  
the poor.

—G. B. Shaw.

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A very unpopular cranky old woman  
was bitten by a mad dog and was  
advised by her lawyer to make a will  
because there was a possibility of rab-  
ies. She demanded paper and pen and  
wrote furiously for two hours.

"It looks like an unusually long will,"  
her lawyer said.

"Will? Who's writing a will?" she  
snapped. "That's a list of people I'm  
going to bite."