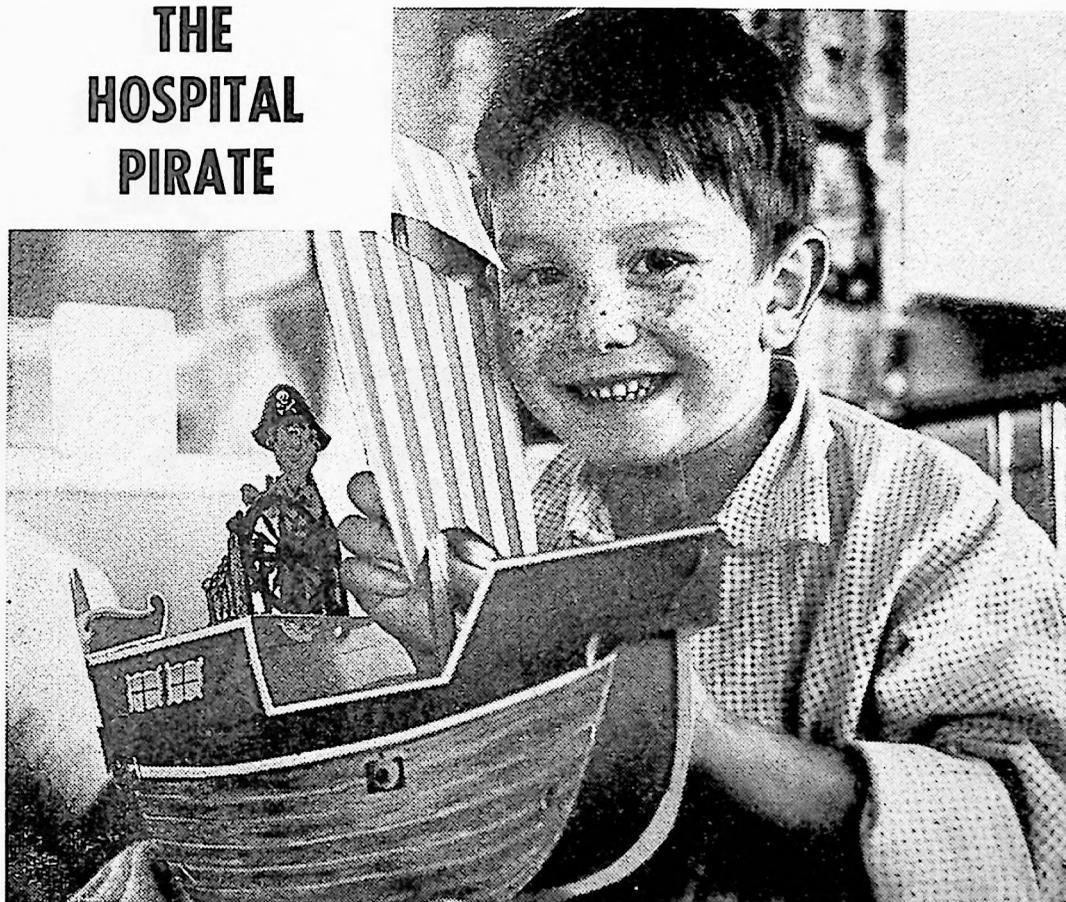


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THE PRESIDENT'S BOMBSHELL!

When U.S. planes bombed Hanoi and Haiphong last week the raids provoked a mixed response. All of the involved nations, except North Vietnam, thought it was a very good thing. The uninvolved nations, like Britain and Canada, openly deplored the bombing as an increasing threat to world peace, if there is such a thing as world peace.

The Australian P.M., Mr. Harold Holt, arrived in the U.S. while the explosions were still reverberating round the world, and said that he was prepared to go "all the way with LBJ." U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who thinks that LBJ has gone too far already, deprecated an action which could escalate the war.

All the world was waiting on China's reaction. China had already declared that the bombing of North Vietnam cities could bring her openly into the conflict. To remove all doubt as to the decision China would have to make, the U.S. followed with a second raid on Hanoi a day later.

There was no new principle involved in the U.S. bomb attack. The U.S. has been bombing military and communications targets in North Vietnam for months. On the day before the fuel storage tanks at Hanoi were bombed, U.S. planes had attacked fuel tanks further away from Hanoi, but this was hardly noticed. Petrol storage tanks, wherever they are, would undoubtedly be high priority objectives in any war. The U.S. regarded the Hanoi and Haiphong raids as simply a military response to the increased military threat posed by Hanoi in moving whole regiments of soldiers toward the battle area, some being stationed in the officially neutral States of Laos and Cambodia.

The rights and wrongs of the Vietnam war have not been made better or worse by the bombing. The conscience of the world is disturbed in exactly the same way as before — no more, no less.

Many of us are in agony over the Vietnam conflict. We are not able to endorse Australia's participation in the war and we absolutely reject as unfair, if not immoral, the present use of conscripts. Nor are we able to demand complete withdrawal. We are not sure that justice can be effected simply by withdrawal. Our indecision is not due to lack of interest, or information, but because the problems are so complex and we cannot see the way ahead.

We are in an agony of mind, not because Hanoi was bombed but because we are not sure that any part of North Vietnam should be bombed; not whether this or that area is a legitimate military target, but whether or not the U.S. or her allies should be there at all.

What is important at this stage is that we are told the truth about our real objectives in Vietnam; to be assured that there is a genuine attempt to bring all parties to the conference table, to satisfy us that the government of Air-Marshal Ky truly represents the people; and to tell us more clearly what the war means in terms of the men, women and children in whose land the fighting is taking place.

We are even more disturbed at the slightest suggestion that we need to be protected from seeing the film produced by Michael Charlton for the B.B.C. If it tells the truth, no matter how ugly it is, it will do us good. If it misrepresents the facts, then correctives can be made.

There is already a strong and responsible opposition to Australia's involvement. This opposition will grow if there is any attempt to hide the things we all should know.

FARMER'S AGONY ENDED

This heading is not about the life-giving rains. The Farmer in question is none other than Polly of that clan, and he is a very famous Australian Rules football captain. This makes him more important than the Premier and even more newsworthy than the Prime Minister.

Farmer's agony came because he was reported for striking an opposing player. He was found guilty, but reprimanded only and restored as a hero to his devoted followers.

Football is as healthy a form of recreation as any, and Australian Rules is better than most. It is not fair to make Polly the text of a protest, but what an indictment of our land and people! Out of all of the national and international events of significance on that one day, a newspaper with a circulation of over half-a-million made Polly's agony its main topic!

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THE MISSING LINK

BY R. B. EWERS



A Christian said to me recently, "I read my Bible each day, but it doesn't seem to make much difference to my life." This honest statement could be true for many Christians.

When we consider all that the Word of God claims to do in our lives we are amazed at so little benefit. Paul commended the elders "to the word of his grace which is able to build you up" (Acts 20: 32). Peter instructs us to desire it "that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2: 2). Timothy is reminded that all Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, instruction . . . "that the man of God may be complete" (2 Tim. 3: 15-17, R.V.). The Psalmist memorised the Word "that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119: 11) and claimed it to be the key to cleansing, guidance, enlightenment and obedience.

The Word of God Is a Sure Word

God means what he says. His Word is alive and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, indeed it is the sword of the Spirit.

Why then is there so little benefit from our intake of the Word, whether by hearing it, reading it, studying it or memorising it? There must be a breakdown somewhere, for the evidence is such, that on the part of many Christians, his commands are not obeyed, his promises not claimed, his warnings not heeded, his examples not followed. (I believe meditation on the Word to be the missing link.

What chewing and digestion are to the food we take into our mouths, so is meditation to the Word of God we take into our minds. If the Hebrew meaning of meditate is "audible thinking," then meditation on the Word implies thinking it over, and talking about it to God. This means, contemplation, with a view to application. Andrew Murray defines meditation as "holding the Word of God in your heart until it has affected every phase of your life." It therefore becomes a "bridge" between Word intake and obedience. When it is missing from our hearing, reading, studying or memorising the Scripture, the seed of the Word takes no root, so there is no fruit.

The Psalmist would teach us that our

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meditation must be personal. He speaks of "my meditation." Unfortunately, we often feed only upon someone else's meditation. Milk is food that has passed through the digestion of another. Thus we might describe many of the devotional books we so often read and rely upon for our spiritual growth. Do we decry these? God forbid. We establish them, but only in their place and purpose. If they come before our own personal meditation, they can become a crutch, which will prevent the spiritual exercise necessary for vital living.

Making Personal Meditation Practical?

Before taking in the Word, pray as did the Psalmist, "open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy Law" (Psalm 119: 18). Writing out a passage in your own words can be stimulating, as can be the asking of questions concerning its application for our own lives. The paramount motive behind whatever form by which we take in the Word, is the willingness to discover, "what is God saying to me personally, and what does he want me to do about it?" When God does speak from his Word, pray for him to work it into our life, resolve to work it out, and trust God to do it.

The physical enjoyment and benefit of food is but a faint illustration of the benefits found in meditation from the heart upon the Word of God.

The "young men" of 1 John 2: 14, and the "righteous man" of Psalm 1, testify that their spiritual strength is a direct benefit from meditation in the Word. Spiritual prosperity is the benefit guaranteed to Joshua, "this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and

night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success" (Joshua 1: 8). Spiritual satisfaction was the experience of Jeremiah, "Thy words were found and I did eat them and thy word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15: 16). Paul speaks of spiritual joy, as the overflow of "letting the word of Christ dwell in your hearts in all wisdom" (Col. 3: 16).

"O how I love thy law, it is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119: 97. For this to be a real experience in our lives we need to meditate upon his Word early each day, and apply, as did our Lord, the discipline of Scripture memory. Only as we bind the Word continually upon our hearts can it be said of us, "when thou goest it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest it shall keep thee; and when thou wakest it shall talk with thee" (Prov. 6: 22).

This "missing link" will not just fall into place. We need both to instruct, and to encourage our people how to meditate upon the Word of God. Such assistance needs to be personal, for only thus can we adequately fulfil the commission, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28: 20). It is not enough for us to be merely hearers of the Word, we must be doers of the Word.

We are commanded to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3: 18). Such growth, and such knowledge can only come from his Word, and requires a personal hunger to feed upon it daily. Meditation from the heart is the only guarantee that it will abide in us, and thus qualify us as true disciples, for Jesus said, "If ye continue in my Word then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8: 31).

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A CHRISTIAN VIEW

BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

In Colossians 4: 5-6, Paul suggests the attitude of followers of Christ in all matters that relate to others, whether they be believers or not, whether it be in the domestic, social, national or international sphere. He says,

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt . . ." or, as Weymouth translates it in modern idiom: "Behave wisely in relation to the outside world, buying up your opportunities. Let your language be always seasoned with the salt of grace."

A Christian is a citizen, a voter, an integral part of the State. Therefore he has every reason to be deeply concerned with matters that go beyond the immediate limits of the Christian community. The follower of Christ, like his Master, must involve himself in the so-called "secular" world. He must take Christ wherever he goes. He must live and witness in the world though not be of the world. He must be a vehicle through whom the Spirit of Christ breaks down the artificial distinctions between "sacred" and "secular."

Ronald Knox's rendering of this word from Paul is interesting. He puts it this way: "Be prudent in your behaviour towards those who are not of your company; it is an opportunity you must eagerly grasp." And just because of this, we need to be able to have an answer to problems that arise in the national and international sphere.

The problem of Communist infiltration and aggravation in South East Asia is therefore a vital one for all Christians in Australia. With the steady advance of Communism in Asia the doors of opportunity for Christian missions have been gradually closing. The years since World War II. have witnessed a steady decline in Christianity in Asia, and even despite the apparent resurgence of Buddhism and Mohammedanism — it is Communism that is really on the march. It is important, then, that we "buy up" and "eagerly grasp" every opportunity.

Recently the matter of Free Elections in Vietnam has become a vital issue in the news. Surely, say some, free elections, which were decided upon by the Geneva Conference in 1954, should be

permitted by the U.S.A.? This would give self-determination to the Vietnamese, would end this abortive struggle and solve all our difficulties. But is it as simple as this? What is really behind this cry for free elections? Ought we not to "walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time"?

It is perfectly true that after the French defeat at Dien Bien Phu, the Geneva Conference of 1954 did decide that free elections be held within two years to unify Vietnam, which had been temporarily divided at the 17th parallel. The Conference also brought a speedy end to hostilities by granting the Communists control of North Vietnam, while South Vietnam remained independent. Parties at the Conference table were Great Britain, France, Russia and the Vietminh (the revolutionary forces under Communist control). Neither America nor South Vietnam participated in the Conference and therefore had no direct obligations regarding the Geneva decisions.

In the months following the Geneva Conference, more than one million refugees left the Communist North and crowded into South Vietnam. This number of displaced persons has now increased to approximately one-and-a-half millions. But this still leaves the population of the North about one million greater than the South. Those who make the complaint that America should re-convene the Geneva Conference and hold free elections throughout Vietnam seem altogether to disregard the facts. The U.S.A. has never been a participant in the arrangements of the Geneva Conference. American intervention is solely designed to curb the spread of Communism.

Furthermore, the Americans appear to be right when they view, with scepticism, the suggestion that free elections be held throughout Vietnam. "Since when," they ask, "have free elections ever been held in Communist-occupied countries?" It is a well known fact that in all Communist-occupied areas elections invariably result in selected Communist candidates receiving approximately 99 per cent of the vote. Now the population of Communist-dominated North Vietnam is at least one million greater than South Vietnam. There-

fore, free elections for the whole of Vietnam would automatically give a deciding vote in favor of Communist candidates, even if everyone in the South voted against the Communists.

Hence, careful analysis of the whole matter seems to reveal the fact that the clamour for free elections is merely a calculated ruse whereby all Vietnam may be "democratically" voted into the hands of Red China's minions.

This situation only serves as one of many examples in which the Christian in Australia, who is zealous for the advance of missions, should pause and ponder the advice of the Spirit through the Apostle:

"Behave wisely in relation to the outside world, buying up your opportunities. Let your language be always seasoned with the salt of grace, so that you may know how to give every man a fitting answer."

In current affairs the Christian has an obligation just because he is a follower of Christ. And if a situation arises which tends, in his judgment, to thwart the progress of militant atheistic Communism — which has proved such a barrier to Christian missionary advance — then he is justified in making his voice heard in favour of such a situation.

In current affairs the Christian is surrounded with many difficulties. Yet he has a perfect right to make his contribution. Nobody knows all the answers. Nobody can possibly see all the solutions to all the problems. Being human and limited in our understanding, we are bound to make partial judgments. But, at the point where conviction, conscience, and devotion to Christ clearly show that his cause will be furthered and the forces of evil deterred — at this point the Christian must always act.

But whatever our viewpoint, there must always be wisdom, restraint, and understanding of the other fellow's approach, wherever this is possible. For only in this way will we be true followers of Christ. As Paul so aptly says, in the present-day idiom of Ronald Knox:

"Be prudent in your behaviour towards those who are not of your company; it is an opportunity you must eagerly grasp . . ."

• QLD. SOCIAL SERVICE

"FAIRHAVEN" NEARS COMPLETION

"Fairhaven" Aged Christians' Home, being built by the Church of Christ in Morning Street, Maryborough, is rapidly nearing completion. The first block, with accommodation for ten guests, has been completed, including the painting. Brickwork on the two other units is well advanced, and much of the internal work including the built-in furniture is already completed. The covered way linking the buildings together is under construction, and the roadwork within the grounds will soon be commenced.

The City Council has already agreed to form and seal Morning Street. All the furniture, curtains and linen has been ordered and is available for delivery immediately the contractors complete their work, about July 15. The first guests will be able to enter the Home early in August.

At the last Committee meeting, it was decided to instal telephones in each building for the convenience of the guests and staff, and provision was made for an initial intake of from 24 to 27 guests.

The Committee appointed Miss Mary Duggan, of Torquay, as the first Matron of the Home. Miss Duggan has had considerable experience in Homes in the Hervey Bay area, and the Committee are confident that she will be able to establish the Christian atmosphere in the Home which is such an important part of the whole project.

Other initial staff will consist of a cook and three domestics. The Committee has received a large number of applications from young girls within this area desirous of working on the staff of the Home. Many have domestic staff experience and are anxious to do this work because of interest in the care of the aged.

Miss Duggan will spend a week in Brisbane and Toowoomba, inspecting

church Homes in operation, thus gaining experience which will be invaluable to her as she pioneers the work in this area.

The minimum tariff for guests would be \$10 (or £5) per week, which would be all inclusive for accommodation and full laundry facilities.

The official opening of the Home will be September 24, and the Committee has invited the Federal Minister for Social Services, the Honourable Ian Sinclair, to open the first stage of this project.

The Committee are concerned that they will have to refuse many applications because the first stage will be for ambulatory guests only. The first stage has no facilities for trained nursing staff, but the applications reveal that there is a definite need for this type of Home in this area.

The number of applications also reveal that many will not be able to gain admittance to the first stage, and the Committee is faced with a decision whether to plan for the hospital section or further accommodation for those able to care for themselves.

The further needs of the Home will be decided by the response of the public

to the request for financial assistance in the capital costs of this project. To date there has been no response to the invitation to local people and businesses to endow units. In Bundaberg, businessmen and local residents accepted responsibility for individual units, and on the South Coast, a local Aid the Aged Committee has been established to help finance the capital cost for buildings.

So far the response from outside the church has been very small. This is in direct contrast with the heavy enquiries for admission to the Home, many of whom will have to be held over until the Nursing Home or Hospital can be built.

The Committee will receive no daily subsidy from either government for guests who are able to care for themselves, but a subsidy will apply when the Nursing Home or Hospital is built. The building of this Hospital would also assist employment of Sisters and Nurses within this area.

Some of the applicants are as old as 93 years of age, and many are well known identities of Maryborough and district. Many letters reveal the urgent need. An example being, "Will you let me know by return as to when I can come in as I am out of a home."

The Committee would be glad to hear from anyone locally who would like to contribute in any way in this worthwhile project. Enquiries can be made either to the Treasurer, Jim Ferguson, c/o Queensland Trustees (phone 3318), or the Secretary, A. C. Popp, Commercial Bank Building (phone 4539).

RHODESIAN METHODISTS CALL FOR AFRICAN RIGHTS

(Salisbury). The Rhodesian Methodist Conference, which represents about 35,000 members in 201 local churches, spoke out at its recent annual session for a peaceful solution to the Rhodesian crisis and for a government representative of all Rhodesian people, including the large African majority.

Meeting at the Nyadiri Methodist Centre, the 200 delegates, missionaries, and guests declared, in a resolution: "We distrust the granting of independence before majority rule and look for a constitutional settlement which will bring a truly democratic government."

The Methodist Church (U.S.A.-related) is one of the larger Protestant denominations in Rhodesia. Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, head of the church, was expelled from Rhodesia in 1964 as a "prohibited immigrant" because of his strong sup-

port for the African rights and has not been allowed to enter the country since then.—E.P.S.

CONCERN IN JAPAN

Leaders of the Japan National Christian Council and the United Church of Christ (Kyodan) have lodged a telegram protest with Premier Sato over a proposed revision of the National Holidays Law which would re-establish an old nationalist and militarist tradition. At issue is the perennial post-war Diet proposal to set February 11 as "Founders' Day." The date was celebrated until the end of World War II. as the "anniversary" of the mythical founding of Japan by the Sun Goddess Jimmu and served to reinforce the "divine" position occupied by the Emperor in Japanese thinking.—E.P.S.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINES AND YOGA

(Forestville, S.A.). The C.W.F. had a busy month, with a visit from Aborigines Committee, and a demonstration of Yoga. They also arranged a Kraft Foods demonstration and raised \$24 to clothe an Aboriginal boy. Tea towels were brought to June meeting for Christian Rest Home. . . . Y. P. activities included an evening hike to Waterfall Gully, and a Salmagundi night at manse. Minister has commenced a new series of studies on Thessalonians at prayer meeting. . . . Church picnic was held at Loftia Park on Queen's Birthday. . . . Mrs. Pearce, of Nailsworth, told the Y.P.S.C.E. of work amongst blind people. . . . Boys' basketball teams are enjoying a good season. "N" grade girls' team remains undefeated.

CHURCH BUILDINGS TO OPEN

(Adelaide, S.A.). Three churches in S.A. are preparing to open new buildings for worship. In each case necessity has been the cause. Naracoorte, in the south-east, sold its property and now moves into a commanding position in the town, with a brand new set of buildings. The minister, Allan G. Leane, is enjoying excellent results of his work as many decisions and baptisms have been recorded in recent months.

Blackwood church had to move out of its old, small chapel into the school hall to accommodate a rapidly growing congregation. Now a fine new chapel is almost ready for opening, and this will give the church a fine equipment. Harold Norris is giving an outstanding pastoral lead and with the advent of new families the church is growing.

Brighton Gardens will open a week after Blackwood, and their third building will be the chapel. Possibly no church has seen such rapid growth as this one. Commenced by Home Missions just over 10 years ago, it now has a great school and a growing membership. C. H. J. Wright is ministering.

YOUTH COMBINE

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). A group of young people from other church bodies in and around Victor Harbour joined with our young people for a combined service on June 26. It was wonderful to see our chapel almost full. . . . The S.S. have entered the Efficiency Campaign. . . . W.C.F. have as their project for this year — Milk for India.

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The addresses of the two shops are 44 Henley Beach Road, Thebarton, and

152 Payneham Road, St. Peters. Goods may be taken to the shops on Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays, or left at the Centre, 189 Gawler Place. There is tremendous potential in these shops. The income is determined by the amount of goods given. The goods are given by those who wish to help.

Enthusiastic support has been given by a few churches, which have appealed for goods and placed a large carton in the foyer. Others have appointed a collector, who has taken goods direct to the shops. We could open two more shops if we had dedicated workers and more collectors of goods.

You may see here an opportunity to help. If you do, contact the church office. Waste also includes rags and milk bottle tops and used stamps, which over the year returned us a further \$200. So be a helper of the Social Service work by saving your waste.

YOUTH LEAD SERVICE!

(Berri, S.A.). On June 26, the young people led the evening service. Pres. was Brian Chapple; organist, Pam Morrell; soloist, Judith Atkinson; Bible readers, Sue Wyatt and Robert Martin. Hymn singing, to popular tunes, was led by John Hunt. All youth groups were represented. A fellowship hour followed, featuring singing hymns, and supper. . . . The Upper Murray women's social was held in Berri on June 27. New officers for forthcoming year were elected.

BALAKLAVA ACTIVITIES

(S.A.). Four young men led the evening service on June 26. Jennifer Shepherd gave a short address on "Faith." The young people's choir sang two numbers and a musical item was given by Karen and Garry Cottle. A film entitled "Peter Collins" followed, and at close of service a young man made his decision. An after-service coffee hour was greatly enjoyed by young folk, Kadina young people supplying items. . . . Mr. Kilpatrick, officer with Dept. of Agriculture, was guest speaker at C.M.F. and evening service on June 12. Several new officers were elected at C.W.F. annual meeting. . . . The church expresses sympathy with the Smith family in the passing of a sister. . . . C. and L. Movement groups are meeting with Methodists in homes.

PROSPECT CELEBRATES

(S.A.). Homecoming and Thanksgiving Day, on June 26, was a day of rich fellowship. E. Stevens spoke at the morning service, and Eric Hollard compered the P.S.A., which featured the Burnside Ladies' Choir. The theme of the meeting was "Around the World in Music and Story." The P.S.A. was followed by a fellowship tea, and Mr. Hollard preached at night. Miss Shirley Alderton was guest soloist at both afternoon and evening services. . . . E. G. Norris addressed the church on June 12. The minister, E. Stevens, conducted a camp for Blackwood Y.P. at Longwood. . . . The ladies have been busy sewing for Overseas Missions, and they also arrange an offering for the Windsor Gardens church project. . . . The Y.P. Group is active and features after-church fellowships.

BACK HOME

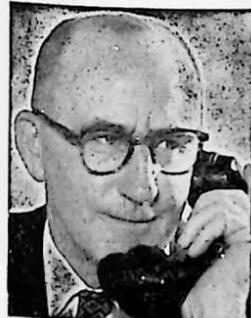
(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). The church rejoices that Kevin Harris is home after six months in hospital, because of serious burns to his legs and body. . . . Two young people have made decisions and been welcomed into fellowship in recent weeks. . . . B.S. met at after-church fellowship to say farewell and to express good wishes to Susan Mason, a teacher who is being married.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

MEN IN CAMP

(Newcastle Dist., N.S.W.). S. Reeson's holiday camp, "Halifax Park," Nelson Bay, was excellent venue for Newcastle's first Men's Camp. D. P. Holloway directed, and main studies were led by F. Ewers: "The Holy Spirit" and "Principles of Preparation"; Ray Roberts on "Winning Men for Christ," and J. McCosker on "A Christian in Business."

INTER-COLLEGIATE TENNIS

(N.S.W.). In the recent Inter-Collegiate Tennis Championships, the Woolwich College men participated with the other Theological Colleges in Sydney, being well represented by a team of six players, consisting of W. Flett, E. Holt, K. Farmer, R. Whan, R. Brown and D. Nutt. The Woolwich team were runners-up in the competition, being narrowly defeated by the Baptist College in the finals.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

(N.S.W.). Principal A. W. Stephenson, one of our representatives on the N.S.W. Council of Churches, recently presented a report as Convener of the Standing Committee for the Council on "Education." Attention was drawn to recent pressures made by certain official bodies from the Jewish Community and the Humanist Society in Sydney on the N.S.W. Minister for Education, to reintroduce the much-discussed "Wetherill Syllabus" of Religious Education in

Schools. Some time ago this "watered-down" syllabus was rejected on the grounds that it did not adequately represent basic Scriptural truth or the fundamental tenets of Christian faith.

The Council agreed to write to the Minister for Education, Hon. C. R. Cutler, M.L.A., commending him for his firm stand against any moves to weaken the present syllabus or to be influenced in any way by non-Christian pressure groups.

NEW MANSE

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). A brick-vener manse for the minister, D. O. Norling, has been erected adjoining the chapel, and the opening is set down for Sat., July 23, at 3 p.m. The new suburb of Cartwright, opposite, is rapidly nearing completion, and many houses have been occupied. This has led to the forming of an afternoon B.S. to supplement morning classes. It is hoped this growing outer Sydney area will prove a most fertile field for the gospel. The church gladly welcomed Conf. Pres., Charles Cole, who preached on June 19.

FIFTEEN DECISIONS

(Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.). "Crusade '66" with F. Leivesley and Bob Ferguson, resulted in four decisions at main meetings, and 11 at children's after school rallies. . . . Congratulations go to E. Blythe, who has been elected N.S.W. State Pres. of Primary Producers' Union, and to Sgt.-Apprentice, L. Baldwin, who won the Governor-General's medal as top graduating apprentice at R.A.A.F. Base. Both are regular worshippers and active in the church. L. Baldwin recently joined the church. Three others have recently confessed Christ.

"CHRISTIAN LIFE CRUSADE"

Excellent reports are coming in concerning the interest and enthusiasm which has surrounded the early weeks of the "Christian Life Crusade" in the churches in N.S.W. Several churches have not only been conducting Study-group sessions on Wednesday evenings, but have shared in "discussion-groups" in homes, on week-nights, as well as "lunch-hour" sessions.

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It has been urged by some who are keenly supporting this effort that if we are to be at all effective in our witness and influence of non-Christians in our community, we must first know our Bible and our own New Testament "Way of Life." Only then will we be able to present a positive application of Christian principles to the pressures and problems of this present age.

MIGRANT CHAPLAIN FROM N.S.W.

Mervyn J. Bedwell, minister of our Marrickville church, leaves on July 14, on board the "Castel Felice," sailing via the Far East and Suez, for Europe and Great Britain. In England Mr. Bedwell will transfer to the "Fairsky" to serve as chaplain to a large group of British migrants who plan to make their home in Australia. During Mr. Bedwell's brief stay in England he hopes to be in contact with some of our British churches.

In his work on board the "Fairsky," Mr. Bedwell will be representing the Churches of Christ Federal Social Services Department.

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WRIGHT THINKING

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT

Horizons of Eternity

We are not here forever. The future is not ours to arrange as we please. Each of us must come to terms with the fact of death.

There are two extreme attitudes we can adopt toward the ending of our lives. We can resolutely refuse to face the fact of death. An American psychologist advises, "Never allow yourselves a passing thought of death." Away to the other extreme is the attitude of Philip of Macedon, who employed a slave to break into his room daily, saying, "Philip, remember thou must die."

There is no need to develop the morbid habit of keeping watch beside our own death-bed. Yet, if we neglect too much the fact of life's uncertainty, we pass into sheer worldliness, loving that which will undoubtedly pass away. No one really hopes to avoid the end of life, but we can easily get into the habit of regarding it as indefinitely distant, and even practically negligible for our immediate concerns.

The New Testament constantly reminds us of our immortality — setting around our lives the horizons of eternity. If we accept the Christian view of life, the recognition of the shortness of earthly life will not fill us with pagan dismay, fatalism or despair. On the contrary, it will have these good effects:

First: It will inspire us with a strong desire to make the most of life. Although it is short, we must not disparage it. The very fact that it may end makes it all the more precious. Time is valuable because we have not much of it. Opportunity is sacred because it may never come again.

In Australia, during the last war, a young airman became convinced that he would somewhere in its course lose his life. One day he sat in a room and wrote a letter to his parents, with the instructions that the letter be opened when the end came. One day he was killed in his plane. Then his parents read these words, "As I sit in my room, I know that, sooner or later in this war, I shall lose my life. I am writing this letter to you so that it may be forwarded to you when the end comes. When you read this letter, please don't grieve. With the knowledge we have of Christ, death is not an ending, but a beginning. It is only when we begin to realise that death is a possibility that we fully appreciate life. I feel now as if I want to grasp all the beauty of the world, make the most of life, combat all thoughts of sin and ugliness, to live the cleanest life that I can . . . Be of good heart! I go upward, ever upward. I have the green light now." The nearness of death made him eager to make the most of life.

Second: It will encourage us to form the habit of keeping things in order. It is a good thing when a person goes on a journey, to leave things tidy be-

hind him, not in confusion and disorder. Some day we shall set out on a journey, not for another city, but for the eternal city of God — not for another country, but for another world; and it is imperative that we have things in order then.

George Whitfield, great preacher of John Wesley's day, once said, "When I go to bed at night I have not left even a pair of gloves out of place. If I die in the dark, all my affairs for time and eternity are in perfect order."

John Wesley himself wrote, "I considered what I would do if I were sure that I had but two days to live. All outward things would be settled to my wish, the deeds are in the hands of trustees. And what have I more to do but to commend my soul to the merciful and faithful Creator?"

• W.A. CHURCHES

THE LORD'S BLOCK

"We sowed the church block today." This was said in a matter-of-fact way by a quietly spoken farmer's wife. Let's look at what lies behind that statement. It referred to events one day in May, 1966, in the Northern Wheatbelt of W.A., near Morowa. It had happened about the same time each year for some years past, but this was the 1966 effort.

Commencing at 6.30 a.m., seven tractor-combine-cultitrash outfits, and several trucks, sowed with wheat 350 acres of land that had already been ploughed and followed by the same team of men who were on the job that day. Twelve men took turns driving the tractors and filling the combines with seed and super., which was carted to the necessary spots by three trucks. Due to the excellent co-operation and willing expenditure of skill and physical strength the work was completed by 4 p.m.

The Lord's block? It surely is, the whole 350 acres of it, for the profits from the anticipated crop is for the Lord's work

We should see to it that those who shall sorrow greatly at our passing shall not have the added grief which arises through things being in a muddle. Most important of all, we shall make our peace with God, so that the call, be it soon or late, will not find us unprepared, in confusion and shame.

Third: It will enable us to anticipate with assurance our departure from this world. The frailty of earthly life would be just exasperating but for our Christian confidence that there is a richer, happier life planned and prepared for those who love and trust Christ. Life here is the first chapter of the story, and out of it there result countless chapters yet to be. When our life here is ended, we shall be ushered into something surprisingly new and amazingly joyous.

One evening towards the end of General Booth's life, his daughter found him in his study. He was very weak and almost blind. Through the window could be seen a glorious sunset. "Can you see it?" the daughter asked her father. "No," he replied, "I cannot see it." She took him closer to the window, she held him up, but it was no use. Then he said, quietly, "No, my dear, I cannot see the sunset, but I shall see the sunrise."

in that area. The land was donated by one of the foundation members of the Morowa church who, though now aged 85, was present and taking a keen interest in this year's sowing. The men who performed the work are all members of the Morowa church. Some travelled 20 miles each way with their machinery.

The ladies of the church came along to support the men in their efforts. There were a number of visitors, including two Asian students from Perth. Some of the visitors assisted by filling the seed boxes and cleaning roots and rubbish from the machines. A highlight of the day was the inspiring atmosphere of Christian fellowship and service. One visitor was heard to remark, "What a wonderful spirit of Christian co-operation."

The two churches of the Northern Wheatbelt, Morowa and Dalwallinu, have supported the Geraldton church from its early beginnings to the extent of \$4.00 (£2) per week.



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A MODERN PROBLEM

Modern life has produced a new kind of loneliness. We are more lonely than our fathers were. In every nation, by the very processes of its civilisation, the soul becomes more and more sensitised, more complex and subtle and alone.

—J. A. Hutton ("The Weapons of Our Warfare.")

A TRAGIC FACT

In our day, and in our society, there are many old people who are wasting away in loneliness.

—A. Brian Dowsett (Morwell) in a sermon recently.

A PENETRATING IDEA

Loneliness is as intimate and as common to men as death. Loneliness does not respect persons, but afflicts all — men and women, those of status and the derelicts, the adolescents and the old people, the single and the married, the learned and the illiterate. It is an ordinary affliction, though perhaps more noticed and more readily admitted amongst some than others — amongst those, for instance, whose loneliness becomes so desperate as to be pathological, or amongst those forgotten by society — in prisons or hospitals, or amongst older or younger single folk. Loneliness is the most caustic, drastic, and fundamental repudiation of God. There is no man who does not know loneliness, yet there is no man who is alone.

—William Stringfellow in his statement "Instead of Death."

A CHALLENGING THOUGHT

At the Cross we have "an opportunity to face the lonely depths within our human life in company with Jesus, Man of God."

—Robert Dann in a newspaper sermon.

A GLORIOUS TRUTH

In the loneliness of sin Christ can find us, encircle us in the fellowship of grace, care for us, keep us — that is the Gospel we have to tell in the wilderness to everyone we find there.

—Max Warren in "Tell in the Wilderness."

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WITH

A. E. WHITE



What is a man's place in the home and in the church? Is it more important for a husband to help in church work than to help in the home?

It is fairly easy to give an answer in words, but I am well aware that there could be many difficulties in putting such words into practice.

The words are: a husband and wife are equal partners in the church and in the home. Their fellowship with Christ in the church should make their home relationships more significant and more enjoyable. Their fellowship with Christ in the home should enable both to worship and to serve joyously and effectively in the church in accordance with their opportunities and abilities.

In practice there are many difficulties which can only be resolved by finding a path together through all the pressures of the home and all church demands.

Some men neglect their church by over-involvement in the home. Others neglect their home by over-involvement in the church. Both extremes have un-Christian aspects.

Our Lord would expect us to render unto our families the things that belong to our families. This means that we must give to our families the time and the love that is rightfully theirs. It sometimes happens that a man, because of ability or opportunity, feels called upon to give a large amount of his time to church activities outside the home. This may only be possible if his wife and other members of the family accept greater responsibilities in the home. It must be obvious that such other members of the family have a right to be consulted, and to have a choice and a voice in what is being done.

A man should talk about his Christian service with his family. He should discuss with his wife his interests in the church and be a husband and father as well as a church worker. People often make jokes about a wife who talks too much, but it is no joke if a husband talks too little. The strong silent man who is too silent is dumb in another sense.

It is ironical that a man can sometimes be so busy seeking the good of others that he is unaware that the good of his own family is being jeopardised. By talking things over and sharing with the family, a man can find in his wife and children enthusiastic allies for Christ. Instead, a wife can easily regard herself as neglected and resentful of the church.

If we start off with the fact that Christ is Lord of the home as well as of the church, we shall probably avoid mistakes in both areas.



SPOTLIGHT ON VIC. . . .

CHURCHILL

This is the name of a new town being developed in Gippsland to keep pace with the rapid industrial growth of the Latrobe Valley. 3,500 acres have been set aside. An additional "green belt" of 2,000 acres surround it. By 1968 there will be 1,000 houses and a population of 6,000 by 1971. A unique church exists here.

Four communions, Anglican, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian, are united in "a co-operative venture of faith to establish the 'Body of Christ' in Churchill . . . to build the church and community together in such a way that church life may develop with the Churchill project under the Spirit of God . . . and express itself in serving the community as well as being the worshipping 'family of God.'"

This is not a new denomination. Existing communions are acting together.

It is not a "united church." Members of each co-operating communion remain such, though some accept the ministry of another communion. Ex-

isting denominational affiliations are preserved.

Nor is this a "joint congregation." It is several congregations co-operating and meeting for worship and other church activities.

From whichever communion its minister may come, he is free to fulfil his ministry according to his own ordination and communion. He brings in ministers of other co-operating churches as required for special ministries, e.g., baptism and marriage. An Anglican is the first minister — Rev. Peter A. J. Arch, M.A. Reports indicate he is ideally suited for this unique pastorate.

No commitment has been made for land and buildings as yet. But the Housing Commission has reserved a 2-acre site in a good position and has made available one of the first houses as a manse. Private homes will be used for most activities in the early stages of growth.

This ecumenical venture should have many advantages and should be watched with interest.

—W. W. Saunders.

FOLLOW-UP DECISIONS

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Following the Crusade, which concluded a week earlier, three men made decisions on June 5 . . . The minister, D. G. Nelson, has returned from Harlaxton, Toowoomba, where he preached several times at their 44th anniversary weekend. Four decisions resulted. He also went to Bundaberg, June 25, as guest speaker for a combined churches' rally . . . Qld. Temperance League led both services on June 19. J. Sherriff and B. Nowitzke were speakers . . . The quarterly social at Maryborough featured a buffet tea, followed by items, quizzes and competitions. Reports were also given by auxiliaries . . . A work bee of men cemented around newly acquired manse. A study has been added to the building . . . C.Y.F. journeyed by bus to Hervey Bay for a roller skating night on June 21. Programmes are designed to attract outsiders.

F. HUNTING IN HOSPITAL

(Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.). The minister, Frank Hunting, entered hospital for surgery on June 21, and is making favorable progress . . . Neil Thomas, of "Men for Missions," was speaker at Tweens and Twenties who meet on 2nd Sat. night each month . . . Young people gave a farewell tea for Patricia Allen, who commences Mother-Craft Nursing at Geelong . . . On June 19.

the men's tea was held at Mount Clear. Mr. Grieves, of Missionary Aviation Fellowship, was speaker . . . The Brougham St. ladies held their third birthday party, with 100 in attendance. Policewoman Low gave a most informative address, which was followed by many questions. A feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a cheque to Mrs. Hunting for the Food for India appeal, from the Brougham St. ladies. They made this gift instead of having an anniversary cake . . . Freedom from Hunger appeal was \$70, and Food for India, \$540.

FOR INDIA

(Dandenong, Vic.). Collector for the "Hunger Strike" for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign brought in \$267 . . . The time of the evening service will remain at 5 p.m. for the winter months. Discussions are being held at these services on the booklet, "Shall We Unite?" On June 19, at 5 p.m., Miss Pitts, a sister of Mrs. Haggarty, showed slides of her recent trip through Israel . . . 95 attended the C.W.F. (afternoon) 37th birthday meeting. A representative of the Y.W.C.A. was speaker, and \$17 was raised for this cause . . . The Youth Council organised a trip to Marysville on Queen's Birthday . . . Church parade of Scouts and Cubs was held on June 26 . . . Many of our members are attending study groups organised by the Church and Life Movement.

MINISTERS

DR. JONES FOR SYDNEY LECTURES

Dr. Lloyd Jones, minister of Swanston Street, Melbourne, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Joseph Whelan Lectures on Preaching, in Sydney, during early September.

TO CHAPLAINCY

(Adelaide, S.A.). On June 26, C. L. Badcock completed a very successful ministry of two years with the churches at Williamstown and Kersbrook. During recent weeks baptisms have been held each Sunday, and local youth have attended services in large numbers.

Through the period Mr. Badcock has acted as part-time Chaplain to the Woodside Military Camp, and now it is announced that he has been appointed full-time to military service. He will remove to the Military Camp at Enoggera in Queensland.

G. Setsman, of Gawler, will be helping until a minister becomes available to take up full-time duties.

Padre Badcock suggests that young men going to Qld. from other States, and belonging to our churches, might make contact with him as soon as possible. Church secretaries and ministers could also bear this in mind when young men are entering national service.

NATIONAL DIARY

JULY:

- VICTORIA**
- 19 - July 31—CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT GROUP MEETINGS. Nation-wide weekly broadcast. Associated programmes on Radio and TV.
 - 2-3 —C.E. Missionary Demonstration weekend.
 - 3 —Annual Offering — Overseas Missions.
 - 7 —Explorers' Practical Training Sessions commence (6 weekly sessions).
 - 8 —National Aborigines' Day Public Rally.
 - 10 —Churches observe National Aborigines' Sunday.
 - 15-17—Good Companions' Leadership Training Camp.
 - 18-22—Good Companions' Indoor Sports and Festival.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 5 —C.W.F. "Workshop" — continuing each Tuesday in July — at Rockdale.
- 8-10—D.C.E. First 1966 "Bible Study Camp," Camp Greenhalgh, Lake Illawarra. Theme: "Prayer." Leader: H. T. L. Davies, of Auburn.
- 9 —Engadine — Opening of New Church Building, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Speaker: David Mansell.
- 10-17—Engadine — "Teaching Crusade," conducted by Dr. A. G. Elliott.
- 25 —N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, City Temple, 10 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Alan Scott, B. & F.B.S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 10, 17, 24 and 31—B.S. Teacher Training, Christian Centre.
- 19-29—Mrs. J. Strack, Pres. Women's Conf., conducting Women's Evangelistic Campaign in city and country districts.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 8-9 —Youth Choir presents "Your Kind of Music," Willard Hall.
- 10 —Croydon Church Anniversary. President M. T. Lawrie to speak.
- 17 —Glendg Church Anniversary. President speaking.
- 22-23—B.S. Superintendents' Camp at Bala-klava.

PRESIDENT AT SEMINAR

(Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.). The final development seminar was held on June 26, with the Tas. Conf. Pres., A. R. Gilbertson, as chairman. Previous discussions were summarised and recommendations formulated for presentation to the church . . . The evening service, with the theme, "Quest for Life," was led by the youth, and featured a young people's choir . . . The church has forwarded \$92.80 to the Milk for India appeal . . . Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Woolley and family on the death of Kingsley Woolley, after a long illness.

EVANGELISM PROJECT

(Mitcham, Vic.). The Visitation Evangelism programme has begun well. On June 22, initial visitors met at the chapel for evening meal and briefing before visiting homes of contacts of the church. Most ladies visited their contacts during the day. Total number of homes visited was 110 — by 30 visitors — to give invitations to a special guest service the following Sunday morning. In faith, additional seating for 60 persons was provided and a public address system installed in an adjacent room. Kevin Harvey, of the H.M. Dept., was guest speaker, and Miss Jean Milne soloist. 190 people attended the service, with 50 children in the creche. The church is much encouraged by this effort.

ACCEPTED FOR THAILAND

(Balwyn, Vic.). Avril Morrow, who has had fellowship with Balwyn, ex-South Perth Church of Christ, has been accepted as missionary for Thailand with the China Inland Missions (O.M.F.). . . . Two of our eldest ladies, Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Hall, have celebrated their 94th and 95th birthdays . . . Freedom from Hunger appeal reached \$330.71 . . . Peter Johnston made his decision. Two youths baptised . . . Good Companions and Explorers growing in numbers and interest.

2nd VEHICLE IN WEST

(Perth). The development of the Christian Welfare Centre work in W.A. has necessitated the purchase of a second vehicle, which went into service in mid-June. It is a Volkswagen Combie Van capable of transporting furniture, goods and people, and is driven by Jack Stewart, who gives almost full-time to the Dept.

The diverse nature of welfare work is placing increasing stresses upon the existing staff, and as a result others are being trained for counselling and general work.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE CHURCH?

TO THE EDITOR.

Our minister has been saying a lot of scathing things about the church lately. I think that he means us!

He has been telling us that the old church structures have had it. They belong to the middle ages. He hasn't said anything about new structures to replace them yet. I asked him about it after church one day, and he said that the Holy Spirit would reveal the new structures. I said, "It looks as though we'll have to make the present structures work better until the Holy Spirit shows us the new ones. It's no use knocking things down until we've got something to take their place!" Someone else came to talk to him then.

I hadn't seen Charlie at church for two or three Sundays. When I ran into him the other day he said, "The minister has been telling us that the church has been cloistered up inside four walls for too long, when the real work of the church is out in the world. That's where I've been for the last three Sundays."

I didn't know there were so many things wrong with the church until the last few Sundays. I don't think the minister did, either! Perhaps he's been reading some new books.

I wonder if any other organisation in the world criticises itself as much as the church.

I notice that a lot of people even criticise editors.

TERTIUS.

ets and clothing has been made to our churches, and over Radio Sunday School and is bringing good responses of needed items.

The Centre interviews approximately 40 to 50 persons per week, whilst many others are contacted direct through home visitation and institutional work.

RADIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

(W.A.). Radio Sunday School broadcasts weekly over Station 6PM-AM from 8.15 to 8.45 a.m. It is now concluding its 22nd year of ministry.

From July onwards a number of new features will be introduced to this session, including "My Favourite Story," a series of talks being given by our ministers throughout W.A. Choral items from children's choirs and local quartettes have been recorded for replay, and a commentary on current news relating to young people will be given by "Uncle George" (Geo. Smith), and Miss Elaine Fallows, of the South Perth church, will commence as "Auntie Elaine"

YOUTH CHOIR AT BORDERTOWN

(S.A.). The S.A. Churches of Christ Youth Choir took the Circuit by storm on the holiday weekend. Under the leadership of John Hall they gave an outstanding concert on June 11, in Mundalla Hall. They featured the Gilbert and Sullivan story and the Rogers and Hammerstein story. They also staged "Trial by Jury." The critic of the local paper described the latter as being near professional standard. On the Sunday the young people from the choir filled most of the pulpits throughout the Circuit. They also took part in the launching of Church and Life Movement in Bordertown Hall on the Sunday afternoon. After a capacity house at Bordertown, on the Sunday night, when all the Circuit combined, a coffee hour was held. The singing of these young people, their enthusiasm and their deep love

to bring the Primary story. Miss Muriel Vincent has concluded six months on the programme, but owing to pressure of university studies and teaching has found it necessary to relinquish this ministry.

This Session costs the brotherhood \$21.00 per week, and any who wish to make a direct contribution to it may do so by forwarding donations to Box S1567, G.P.O. Perth.

YOUTH HOUR!

(Maylands, W.A.). The Youth Fellowship organised and conducted the fourth coffee hour or "Mocha Tavern," on June 19. The Youth Hall was set up with tables, covered with checked table cloths and lit by candle light. 90 young people from district churches were served by waitresses wearing check frilled aprons. The programme included popular choruses, accompanied by Kerry Smetherham on the piano, folk singing by Jan and Janet, with guitars, and a talk by Tony on the difference between love and infatuation.

for Christ will long be remembered. The weekend concluded with a barbecue lunch on June 13 . . . R. S. A. McLean recently spent a weekend here, giving firsthand knowledge of the Mission fields. S.S. arranged a missionary afternoon. Scholars took part and Mr. McLean addressed them. A youth tea was much enjoyed, and slides of the work in N.G. and N.H. were screened . . . The church has lost yet another of its dedicated young men in the person of Erol Carson. He has transferred, with his wife Gwen (formerly of Keith church) to Portland . . . Vic. Mathers is seriously ill in hospital in Adelaide . . . The choir will be repeating most of the concert, "Your Kind of Music," for Adelaide people on July 8 and 9, at Willard Hall. "Cox and Box" will be the operetta. This promises to be a great show for the whole family.

FROM THE ANVIL TO THE PULPIT

By an Obscure Disciple

The rain beat down, the tent top rose and fell, the sides of it flapped in the wind, and here and there some water stole inside, but the people, gripped by the powerful preaching of the missionary, noticed neither the cold nor the rain; and it was on this night, Tuesday, April 27, 1926, that I stepped down into the baptismal waters while the congregation sang,

"Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus."

As I was buried with Christ that night there was one sentence hammering at my mind and it became a pledge, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Little did I realise just where he would lead in the forty years now passed, neither did I know how stern the struggle would be, how many times I would be tempted to give up, how much and how often the ghost of the past would come to haunt me, and how un-Christian some Christians would be. But on the other hand, how rich and helpful throughout the years the friendship of thousands of members of the church, whose love and encouragement graced and blessed the path.

Recently I wrote to the man who was then my "boss" and who also that night accepted Christ as Saviour, and in the same hour was baptized. He sent me a copy of the handbill outlining the topics and announcing the closing of the Mission. In his letter he said:

"Forty years is a long way to look back, but we can still say, with every assurance, that God's love is wonderful."

To reminisce may be the sign of advancing years, but perhaps by putting pen to paper I may be able to write something which will be useful, even encouraging to those who today are trying to be worth while servants of a worthwhile Master.

And How Did It All Begin?

I was a godless young man convinced by a certain sect that church-goers were hypocrites, and the church a money-making show. I was a worldly wise young fellow with smart answers for the minister when he called on me at work and invited me to some mission services. But he never argued, he simply said, "Why not come and hear the man yourself?" And the boss had told me that this fellow can certainly preach.

I went to laugh, and I heard dynamic preaching. I heard a man say, with full confidence, that "the Bible is the Word of God." I heard him plead, "Give your life to Christ." People spoke of going and of being saved. I went every night from then on, wet or fine, and finally yielded and stepped forward.

The "Obscure disciple" is one of our well known ministers.

But What Then?

After my baptism I was taught nothing and knew nothing about the Lord's Supper, the church, giving, the brotherhood. But in the church were two young men who took me to their hearts and home. They gave me years of friendship, and their understanding of a young Christian's problems was wonderful. I found, too, that the supposed hypocrites in the church were genuine, friendly people struggling against un-reality and sin, and that the money-making racket was no less than sacrificial and free will giving to enable others at home and abroad to hear the Good News.

One day as I was going home from work a dear old soul with a Scottish accent stopped me and asked, "And do you think, now that you are a Christian, you could ever sin and fall away?" "Well, yes," was my reply, "I expect that's possible." "Then," she said, "you're no saved, you're no saved." How helpful to an unlearned disciple!

The depression years were crowding in and the church was facing hard times. In a few years four different ministers came. One of them deeply impressed me with his Bible knowledge and his personal work, and it was he who stirred, within the challenge of boyhood, a conviction that one day I would be preaching.

The Call

For a long time I had prayed, "Lord use me where you will and how, only don't ask me to be a minister."

About this time I was offered, on certain terms, some excellent farm land, and this I accepted. But on that same night, riding my horse home I was unhappy. In my room, and on my knees, I told the Lord I would go anywhere, even into the ministry if he opened the doors. I was financially "broke," my potato crop had failed, I had no money for College training. But again, the next night, after an Overseas Missionary meeting, a brother who had no time for trained ministers and colleges, asked me, "Have you done anything about going to College?"

I tapped my pockets significantly. "How can I? I'm broke." There and then he undertook to meet my first year's expenses at Glen Iris, on the one condition that I never ever tell a soul who was helping me. Thus began preparation for the ministry. Glen Iris accepted me, put up with me, encouraged me, and then sent me out to a lonely circuit where there were nine preaching points.

That's more than thirty years ago now. Thank God for patient congregations, encouraging elders and deacons, saintly

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aged people, and vivacious youth, and for the ones I couldn't get on with. But things didn't work out the way I thought they would.

The Reason Why?

During College years God honored my ministry with many decisions, and I promised him I would go into the evangelistic work such as I knew when I came to Christ. Immediately after graduation I conducted my first mission. It was thrilling to me and honored by God, and during it I was invited to full-time tent work in another State, but because I was committed to a Home Mission church, and because the Committee thought I ought to wait till I had more experience, I did not go.

Three times more, from different places, came an invitation to conduct missions, but each time the Committee refused my release on the grounds that I ought to get more experience. But they never said how I was to get it when they wouldn't set me free, or if I wasn't allowed to learn.

So there came the settled ministry. But still the conviction remains that these were neglected opportunities, there was a broken pledge. The fires of passion still burn, but the faces in the fire remind me of doors that God opened and through which I never passed.

The Years and Their Teaching?

They have been wonderful years, with ministries in country, town and city. There have been times of loneliness, as well as times of rich fellowship. Sorrow has come, sickness has been there, once death reached out its fingers, not to beckon me home, but to snatch me away, but God said "No."

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 32 — KINGDOM :: By R. T. PITTMAN

The Greek word for kingdom, *basileia*, was used in secular Greek primarily of dominion, royal power. It was used also of the territory ruled over by a king. In the time of the Athenian democracy it was used of the office of a special magistrate, without the sense of royalty.

In the Septuagint, where *basileia* occurs over four hundred times, representing several words in Hebrew, the ordinary uses of secular Greek can be paralleled, but there can be seen, particularly in the prophetic and apocalyptic writings, the beginnings of the concept "kingdom of God." See, for example, Psa. 103: 19; 145: 11; Dan. 2: 44; 4: 3; Micah 4: 8; Wisdom 6: 4; 10: 10. In a sense Israel was a theocracy, under God as King, but the fulness of the concept is realised in the Messiah.

In the New Testament, *basileia* is translated "kingdom" in the Authorised Version in all passages except Rev. 17: 18, where it is rendered "which reigneth" (lit., "having dominion"). Some translators have endeavoured to bring out shades of meaning by variants. For example, Dr. Moffatt has "realm," "reign," "rule," and the New English Bible has "appointed king," "kingly authority," "kingship," "reign," "royal house," "sovereignty," "sway," "throne."

Some matters of Text should be mentioned. The doxology at the close of the prayer in Matt. 6: 13 is not found in the oldest Texts. It seems to have been an early liturgy based on 1 Chron. 29: 11-13. It is found in "The Teaching of the Twelve" (8: 2). There are variants in Mark 1: 14, the Text behind the Authorised Version naming *basileia*. In Rev. 1: 6, where the Authorised Version has "kings," the Revised Version has "kingdom." This is also a matter of Text.

There are more than one hundred and twenty references to *basileia* in the Gospels, and over thirty in other New Testament books. Matthew alone uses the phrase "kingdom of heaven" or, more literally, "The kingdom of the heavens." Sometimes the Jews used the word "heavens" in reference to God, so that there is probably no difference between "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God." Perhaps Matthew was emphasising the heavenly origin and nature of the kingdom to correct

materialistic Jewish notions. Matthew also uses "kingdom of God" (Matt. 6: 33 and in some Texts, 12: 28; 19: 24; 31: 31, 43).

Other descriptions are: "The kingdom of Christ and of God" (Eph. 5: 5); "the kingdom of our Lord" (2 Pet. 1: 11; Rev. 11: 15); "the kingdom of the Father" (Matt. 13: 43; 26: 29); "the kingdom of his dear Son" (Col. 1: 13).

Many passages refer to the kingdom as in the future, immediate or remote. It is "at hand" (Matt. 3: 2), "nigh" (Luke 10: 9). There was a coming of the kingdom at Pentecost, but in another sense the realisation of the kingdom is associated with the coming of the Lord at the end of the age. In one sense the kingdom was present in the person of our Lord in his ministry (Luke 17: 21). It is a present reality for Christians (Col. 1: 13).

The parables of our Lord bring out various aspects of the kingdom — terms of entrance, nature and expansion, principles and blessings. Normally each parable has one great lesson. Some passages are difficult to interpret. For example, in the parable of the tares it is said that at the close of the age the angels will remove the tares (evil-doers) out of his kingdom (Matt. 13: 41). Evidently the kingdom here is used in a special sense — the kingdom in contact with evil which in some way got into the realm. Usually the presentation is that evil has no place in the kingdom.

There are significant phrases: the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 4: 23; 9: 35; 24: 14); mysteries of the kingdom (Matt. 13: 11; Mark 4: 11; Luke 8: 10); keys of the kingdom (Matt. 16: 19); sons of the kingdom (Matt. 8: 12; 13: 38); word (logos) of the kingdom (Matt. 13: 19). The kingdom does not come with display of outward signs (Luke 17: 20); rather is it the silent working of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14: 17). Disciples must seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6: 33). The least in the kingdom is greater than John the Baptist, in the privileges he enjoys (Matt. 11: 11). Although in one sense the kingdom has come, it is still fitting that we pray for its full realisation, as our Lord taught, "Thy kingdom come!"

FROM THE ANVIL TO THE PULPIT

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There has been hardship caused often by poor finance. My first ministry provided £3/10/- per week, with our rent to pay. The second was £4, out of which came £1 per week rent and all phone calls.

Once when things were desperate, with my wife facing major surgery and expensive hospitalisation, a humble Christian met all the expenses with the word, "My wife and I don't want you to have this added worry."

Yes, there have been difficult times and hardships, but there was always help.

"And the help each gave the other Was the strength that came from thee."

The Word for Today and Tomorrow

I see still a work for the tent and the tent evangelist, not as the only way of evangelism, but as a way which has won souls and produced ministers and missionaries.

I urge all to encourage the young men to do this type of work while they are fired with the ambition. Don't make them wait till they get experience and settle down. Shepherd, guide, encourage them.

Let every preacher, teacher, pastor, shepherd, call them what you will

continue to affirm confidently that the Bible is the Word of God, to exalt Christ as Saviour, to plead with men as his ambassadors, "Be reconciled to God." Invite people to come out for Christ. Teach them that baptism is an ordinance rich in meaning and commanded by the Son of God, let the new disciple know about the Lord's Supper, its meaning and place, tell them about the church which Christ purchased with his own blood.

Say a good word for the church, teach them to love the brotherhood, not criticise it, don't divide it by personal opinions, for there never was and never will

be a reason big enough to justify any man dividing the Body of Christ. Comfort the aged, the sick, the sorrowing; encourage the youth, give them your friendship and they will seek your advice. Heal the flock, don't hound them, teach them and they'll love you for it, advocate the plea which some seem to be forgetting.

Could I have my time again and benefit by my experience, I would be more aggressive, less concerned with what people thought of my preaching and more concerned about the opinion of the Master. I would use again some of the hymns which today are considered undignified, but which helped those whose true dignity rose from the soul.



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BIRTHS

TREWELLA (Coxhill). — Jeanette and Ernie happily announce the birth of Mark Jason at Jessie McPherson, on June 28.

FLETCHER. — On June 26, 1966, at "Yagaum" Lutheran Mission Hospital, Madang, to Margaret and Alan, a daughter — Judith Kaye.

LAWTON. — To Elaine and Richard, on July 4, 1966, at Canberra A.C.T., a son — John Scott.

DEATHS

FLOWER. — On June 24, at 31 Gingell-st., Castlemaine, Vic., Elizabeth Jane, loving mother of Arthur, mother-in-law of Gert, grandma of Neville and Ivy, Shirley and Allan, Beverley and Neil; great-grandma of Colin, Trevor, Stephen, Terry, Debbie and Rhonda. "The Lord is my Shepherd."

MARSH, James (Jim). — On June 24, 1966, loved father of Myrtle, father-in-law of Lewis, loved Pop of Irene, William (dec.), Stella, Sydney, Raymond, Lynette. "At rest with the Lord."

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LENG. — In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza, who passed away June 9, 1956; also our dear father, William, on July 5, 1962. "Always remembered."

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HIGHER BUDGET

(Mildura, Vic.). "Thanksgiving" was the theme of a recent service, when the amount pledged for the coming year was announced, the highest amount yet . . . At a Sunday afternoon church conference, two main questions were discussed—How can we make more effective use of our evening service? and Are we in favor of adopting the "Christians in Fellowship" plan? . . . Buronga and Mildura Sunday Schools combined and went to the camp site for lessons, worship and fun, finishing with lunch together.

CENTENARY PROJECT

(Bendigo, Vic.). A special Centenary church meeting was held on Wed., June 29. The minister, M. Drake, made a special trip from Melbourne, while Ian Andrews motored from Gunbower. Ron Lacy, Chairman of the Building Com., gave a comprehensive report of progress made to date, and the financial position was clearly set out with visual aids. The meeting decided to go ahead with the project as planned originally, with Preacher's Study, Office and Entrance Porch. Chairman, Ern. Duus, J.P., thanked all for their splendid co-operation, and appealed for wholehearted support . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, because of the sudden passing of Miss Emily Turner, of Olinda St.

DRAMA IN CHURCH

(Northcote, Vic.). Following a tea for B.S. scholars and young people, on June 19, about 24 of them took part in a play, written and produced by the minister, A. B. Withers, entitled "And It Was Night." The script was prepared from the Gospels . . . A very good congregation responded well to a service that was different in its presentation. . . . Miss D. Leitch was baptized on June 26 . . . Church sympathises with Mrs. Carpenter in the loss of her father. Mrs. P. Clark is still ill in hospital.

NEW YOUTH GROUP

(Knoxfield, Vic.). A youth group for those 12 and over has been commenced, meeting each fortnight, led by student minister, M. Gray . . . Members took part profitably in the Christian Union discussions in May . . . Most members are participating in the Church and Life study series . . . Mrs. Rankine spoke to C.W.F. ladies recently concerning Woman to Woman Evangelism . . . The B.S. continues to grow. 105 scholars now on the roll.

UNITY DISCUSSIONS

(Boronia, Vic.). Senior young people have been sharing in a series of studies about the Uniting Church of Australia. John Way led some of the studies; the concluding session was led by Victor Ryall, on June 19. All who shared now know a great deal about what is happening . . . Brian Collyer, previously reporter for "A.C.," has left for 12 months' stay in England . . . Four senior young people attended State Commission for C.Y.F. at Monbulk . . . The Shire of Knox is about to commence a Community Aid Service — the church is represented on the committee of this service.

OBITUARY

Martha Clipstone.

The final triumph of the faith and life of Martha Clipstone came on April 30, 1966, when she died suddenly in her 80th year. She was born at Drummond to Andrew and Isabella Gilmore, and at an early age gave her life for the service of Christ and the church. It was while H. M. Clipstone was serving as student minister with the church at Lancefield that they met. On Mr. Clipstone's graduation from College, and whilst he was serving with the Shepparton-Cosgrove circuit they were married. The late Thomas Bagley performed the ceremony at Kyneton in 1911. There followed 35 years of service in the ministry by this devoted couple — at Shepparton-Cosgrove, Castlemaine, Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, Bambra Road, Caulfield, and North Richmond. Throughout these ministries, and during H. M. Clipstone's year as Vic. Conference President in 1936, Mrs. Clipstone was loyal in her service and widely known for her interest in charitable work and institutions. She was possessed of a gentleness which won her many friends and influenced many for the cause of Christ. She was widely known for the skill of her hands and many an article from her fingers found its way into circles of mission and need. Mr. Clipstone predeceased her by 20 years and she lived alone in their home at Caulfield until her death. To her sole surviving brother, C. S. Bingham, of Kyneton, and a wide circle of nieces and nephews, sympathy is extended. The funeral service was conducted by R. N. Gilmore, a nephew, and the burial took place at the Box Hill Cemetery.—R. N. Gilmore.

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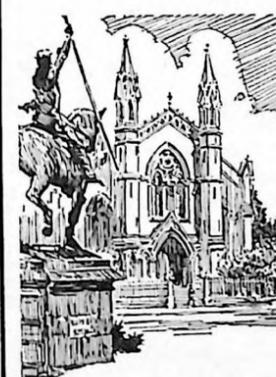
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VENTURING IN EVANGELISM

BY R. CLYMER.
Minister, Koongarra Park, S.A.

The church was greatly uplifted by the recent visit of Home Mission Field Officers, Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey. Their enthusiasm and zeal were greatly appreciated. The new concepts of communication they shared will be of lasting benefits for the church.

I like to think of the programme of evangelism as a workshop. As a congregation we are guided in "do it yourself" experiments which will help us to continue the concepts of the programme indefinitely.

Stage 1.

The first stages of the programme meant hard work. The organising of groups, compiling lists of prospects, arranging guest services and evenings of friendship visitation, plus the letters and follow-up, made us wonder at times. But in retrospect these all combined to get the machinery moving and were quite essential.

Stage 2.

The second stage of the programme was a time of exciting discovery. It included the following aspects. Training and visiting for commitment. Fifteen couples were involved at this level and the work brought real blessing and vision to all who participated.

Hostess Meetings opened a new area of witness and helped involve a lot of folk who find it difficult to express their faith through the normal channels of church life.

Letter Evangelism. The Post Office gained something from this programme too. Cultivation through letter writing helps one to cover more ground than is normally possible. People look forward to letters and we tried to satisfy them. We will continue to do so.

Prayer Workshops were a real highlight. It is hard to imagine that between 30 and 40 people will turn out each morning, at 7, for ten days, but

they did. This experience really bound us together in a fellowship.

Special services and meetings were a feature of the programme. 50 men attended a men's dinner and heard C. Riches, Speaker of the House of Assembly, discuss Christianity in daily life. At a family night, folk questioned a panel on issues of family life. A family barbecue and youth night endeavoured to speak to special needs. One Sunday morning worship service was completely built around hymns and prayers composed in a morning prayer workshop. The leadership in Sunday services was greatly appreciated.

There have been 25 additions to the church through initial decision and restoration since the commencement of the programme. The minister is at present counselling thirteen young people who are expected to make decisions within the next few weeks. There are also additional possibilities in the adult age group.

Stage 3.

Stage three has now begun. An under-shepherd programme of conservation is in process of implementation. Further Hostess meetings are being planned. The prayer workshops are continuing. Special attention is being given to our evening services. We feel equipped for work with a vision before us of what we can do as a congregation for Christ. We have been engaged in a programme that was not just "a mission" but one which has about it the continuing marks of "mission." Our hope is that others will see the abiding value of such an ongoing programme.

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HUNGARIAN CHURCH CRITICISES R.C. MIXED MARRIAGE RULES

(Budapest). Bishops of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church in Hungary have refused pastors of their church permission to address "words of blessing" after a mixed marriage wedding performed in a Roman Catholic Church.

The refusal is contained in a sharply worded pastoral letter which describes the new Roman Catholic instructions regarding mixed marriages as "the semblance rather than the reality of . . . ecumenical rapprochement."

It said the permission given by the Roman Catholic Church for Protestant pastors to speak to the newlyweds following the ceremony shows that they

are assigned "a secondary role and the acceptance of such a role . . . on the part of a non-Catholic minister is apt to obscure the real situation, specifically the fact that the new disposition is in conflict with the Second Vatican Council decree on ecumenism . . ."

The letter took issue especially with R.C. requirements that parties to a mixed marriage make a pre-nuptial promise that their children will be reared in the Catholic faith. This requirement, it said, "conflicts with every reasonable conception of religious freedom and freedom of conscience as well as with genuinely ecumenical thinking."

The bishops said guarantees must be established that children born to mixed unions follow, according to their sex, the confession of their respective parent. —E.P.S.

INSTANT MINISTERS

In South Africa there are almost daily reports of new sectarian groups. The development is particularly strong in the Transvaal, where urban sects are spreading rapidly into rural areas. One African pastor commented, "It can happen that one comes home to find a neighbour who has bought a 'dog-collar' in a department store and is preaching the gospel as a minister." —E.P.S.

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RHODESIAN TEACHER TRAINING.

To the Editor,

In the "A.C." for 29/1/66, on p. 16, a paragraph, headed "Smith Regime Cuts African Teacher Training," states, inter alia, that the Rhodesian government insists that Africans entering the United College of Education, Bulawayo, to train as teachers, must come in after primary education and not after secondary education as Europeans do.

This is not strictly true, and I should be glad if you would please publish this correction.

Students entering the College to train as teachers will do so after two years' secondary education, and not five, as is the case with European trainees. The reason for this is that there are so few Africans who have had five years' secondary education that it would not be possible to recruit from their numbers the thousands of teacher trainees that will be required every year to fill eventual vacancies in the country's rapidly expanding primary education system. The United College will, in fact, be the first college to train infant teachers above the post-primary level.

While not in favor of all aspects of the government's policy for the education of Africans, I do, however, believe that critics of it should get their facts correct.

The above statement was authorised by the Executive of the Governing Council of the College at its last meeting.

—A. W. Ladbrook, Chairman, Governing Council United College of Education, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

GRAHAM'S GOSPEL DISTORTED.

To the Editor,

I wish to make a very strong protest concerning a segment of the Mavis Bramston Show televised on July 2.

A vicious attack on Billy Graham and his work was made, with the full setting of pulpit, organ, and an actor portraying a seeming likeness to Mr. Graham himself. A very definite implication was made that these Crusades were only for wealthy countries, and that poorer countries had no hope of an invitation being accepted. Furthermore, a distortion of the gospel message was given.

It is high time that the Christian

church made some move to have such shows banned entirely. I would suggest that perhaps our Conference Executive might be able to make such a protest against such programmes which are definitely offensive to our Christian belief and living.

—Ern. F. Beament, Vic.

TERTIUS.

To the Editor,

My wife and I enjoy the "Letters from Tertius." Although I can't append a list of comments on the answers that so often he requires, we find ourselves challenged by the questions, and appreciate the thoughts contained in them.

—(Dr.) D. B. Reid, Alice Springs.

ORGAN GIFT

(Narembeen, W.A.). A gift of an electric organ has been made to the church. Following a day of meal fellowship and hymn playing, the youth conducted the gospel service on June 12, when the organ was used for the first time. The minister, Bryce Wells, has accepted a further two-year term of ministry at Narembeen-Bruce Rock as from the beginning of 1967. At Kellerberrin and Bruce Rock recently the church had fellowship with Sonny Graham and co-workers and missionaries from Norseman. Ann Thornhill, of Mukinbudin, is working at the local hospital. Mr. Wells attended the ministers' annual retreat, and on June 19 exchanged pulpits with Geo. Hughes. The Conf. Pres., Ray Vincent, was a recent speaker.

C. and L. BEGINS

(Whyalla, S.A.). Church and Life Movement leaders attended dedication service on June 19, when Rev. Graham Knill (Methodist), was guest speaker. Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary from India, spoke of work in India, on June 26. She also showed slides at a Saturday meeting. Three members attended Eyre Peninsular Conference, when D. M. Hughes was inducted as President. Four members of State Social Service Committee: Mesdames Wharton, Woods, Molloy and Willouby, visited C.W.F. on June 22 and spoke on their work amongst Morialta Homes, migrants, gift shops and Rest Homes. Supt., Mrs. Wharton, showed slides of their work.

SERMON IN THE NEWS

(Warwick, Qld.). The Warwick Daily News has made available 500-word space each Monday for publication of a Sunday sermon. We filled this space last week from the evening message on "Love of God Through Hosea." The church rejoiced to see a middle-aged woman make her decision for Christ. Our prayer meetings are well attended. The minister is E. Scott.

ADDITIONS AT THOMSON

(Vic.). Following the decision of Brian Ivory, his baptism took place at the Terrace church. Brian White, of Norlane, and A. E. Stevens, Manifold Heights, were guest speakers at the church anniversary held June 25-26. A tea and social evening was held on the Saturday night, when 130 parents and children sat down to tea. Nine have been received in by transfer over the last three weeks. The membership now stands at 44.

ECHUCA IN WINTER

(Vic.). On June 5, evening services commenced at 5, and will continue at this hour until Sept. 15 of Oakleigh C.Y.F. spent the last weekend in June at Echuca. At the morning service on June 26 the newly formed C.Y.F. choir took part. Miss Glenise Fordham, of Oakleigh, also sang a solo.

"SERIOUS OBJECTIONS" SEEN TO MIXED MARRIAGE LAWS

(Utrecht, Netherlands). Roman Catholic Canon Law on marriage is open to "serious objections" as infringing the rights of non-Catholics, the St. Willibrod Society, a national organisation for the spread of the Roman Catholic faith in the Netherlands, was told at its annual general meeting here.

Father L. G. Meyers, who holds a doctorate in Canon Law, said: "Two serious objections can be made against the ecclesiastical rules as regards mixed marriages. First is the fact that they restrict, without sufficient grounds, the liberty of a man to marry a partner of his choice. Secondly, the right of a non-Catholic to stand by his own convictions and follow the dictates of his own conscience is immediately infringed."

The priest also objected to the Canon Law ruling that requires a non-Catholic wishing to marry a Catholic to promise to have children of the union baptized in the Catholic Church and given Catholic education.—E.P.S.

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Wheat Arrives in India

BY R. VEAL

The big news you will be wanting concerns the arrival of the wheat. I received word that the ship arrived on May 31, so I went immediately to Bombay, only to find, as usual, that the ship had arrived in stream but had not yet berthed. I was able, however, to set the wheels of custom in motion. I went again to Bombay on Monday, and have just returned about an hour ago, after three days going through the usual procedure. But I am happy to say that everything went along without a hitch.

The wheat has arrived in good condition, has been cleared, and is now on its way here. Both customs officials and the railways personnel have been very obliging. I went on Tuesday to the Railways Manager and requested him to give us four wagons to ship the grain up country. Not only did he give the wagons immediately, but he ordered that all the wheat be shipped free! Besides, all local taxes — normally levied — have been lifted for this shipment. There will be some port charges and handling charges which will probably amount to little over one rupee per bag. I would estimate that the charges this end will be less than Rs. 1200 (approx. \$240.00). I think this very reasonable considering the quantity of wheat, and the value it will be to the people of India.

Although I had to spend a lot of time in Bombay, and lose a lot of sweat in the pre-monsoon climate, I was more than ever aware that this gift came with the love of our brotherhood, and also with a mighty backing in prayer. Because of this the usually exasperating battle

through customs became a pleasant voyage.

After the train arrives we will have the question of distribution. But this will not be difficult. The main thing is that the gift is here, and we will give it out with careful and prayerful consideration.

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Arrangements are being made to send to India 400 cartons, each containing 12 3 lb. tins of full-cream powdered milk, plus 20 cases of assorted milk, and 16 56 lb. bags of powdered milk. This shipment will leave on the "Straat Clarence" on July 19. The shipment may also include several hundred gallons of vegetable oil, as this is an essential part of the Indian diet. If possible, a further quantity of grain will also be forwarded.

MOTOR VEHICLE FOR INDIA.

The Overseas Board was delighted recently to receive advice from the Indian Government that permission has been granted to import a motor vehicle into India.

Last October the Glenelg church, in S.A., enthusiastically accepted the raising of \$2,000.00 for a vehicle, as a project, and this aim has been achieved. The S.-E. Women's Conference has also assisted, and have contributed \$473. We do thank our Heavenly Father for the safe arrival of the wheat, and the opportunity to send further food supplies and a motor vehicle.

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Dr. Clinebell will deliver five lectures at the International Life Line Convention. Other lecturers at the International Convention will include Dr. W. L. Carrington, of Melbourne, on "Marriage Counselling," Dr. D. O. Williams, of Trinity College, Auckland, N.Z., "Counselling the Psychologically and Emotionally Disturbed." Rev. Alan Walker, who founded the Sydney Life Line Centre in 1963, and Rev. Peter Storey, who has directed the work of the Sydney Life Line Centre for the past two years, will also lecture.

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