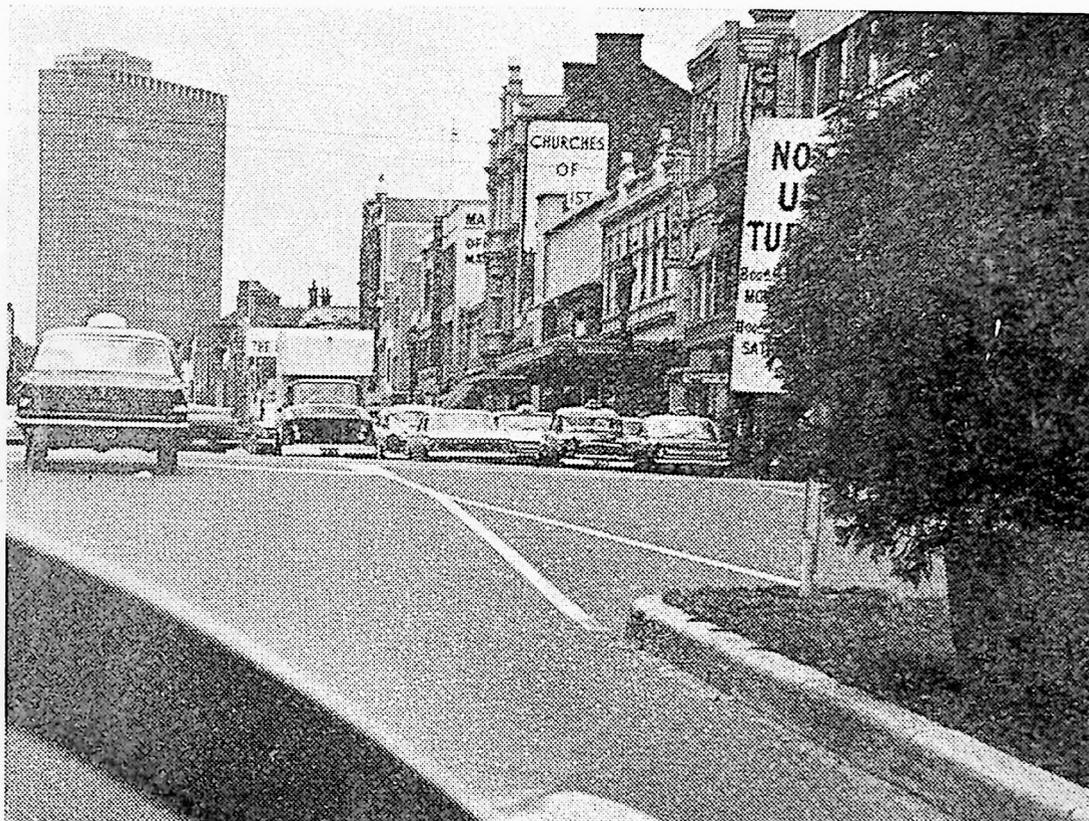


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IN THE MAIL

Every now and again the mailman brings me a letter from India soliciting my help in caring for orphans and in fighting communism.

These letters may come by mistake, but my view is that they are sent to every Pat and Mick, and every Tom, Dick and Alf on the scatter-gun hope that some letters may strike a sympathetic target.

There is plenty of sympathy for the orphans, and from what we hear about Portuguese Goa, the orphans there are probably in as desperate need as any orphans could be.

The letter, however, reminds me of the great dividing doctrines that mark us off from Roman Catholics, and also of the way those doctrines are built into the practical daily responses of Catholics.

"This card comes to you from Goa, where we have the incorrupt Body of St. Francis Xavier." The enclosed medal is TOUCHED to the BODY of St. F. Xavier." Here is the suggestion that the body of the great missionary priest has been miraculously preserved from the normal process of dissolution, and that the little metal disc, which came in the envelope, has absorbed some holy significance because it has been brought into physical contact with the saint who died in 1552.

My donations, "by cheque, P.O. or M.O.," are invited for the orphans, masses and missionaries, and there is a provision for a list of my "Intentions" — which list will be placed on the tomb of the saint if I send it, and the orphans will pray daily for my desires.

I am also invited to build a wall against communism. There is a drawing of a wall being built by the orphans with stones marked "Hail Mary." The notice says, "All you have to do is to say a 'Hail Mary' each day during one month of 1966 or 1967." "Remember: only 30 Hail Marys!"

The current change in relationships between Roman Catholics and Protestants is something to make us all rejoice. There is a great deal of sincerity on both sides and it is a great advance to be able to talk about our differences and even to find points at which we can co-operate in fighting the evils of our day.

Then, too, a doctrinal counter-reformation is not beyond the reach of our imagination, however remote any practical results may seem. Where Christians have moved away from the truth of God, they can move back, even if slowly. To think otherwise would be to deny the continuing efficacy of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men.

My letter from Goa, however, reminds me that among the many major doctrinal differences that separate us from the Roman Catholic Church, none is a greater obstacle than the place the virgin Mary has in the worship of ordinary Catholics.

Whatever is being done about building a wall against communism, there is no doubt that the Catholics have built a strong, high wall against Protestantism by the worship they offer to Mary.

I wish Father Joseph well in his concern for the orphans of Panjim, and shall make a small donation for them, but that is as far as I can go.

STATE AID AND THE A.L.P.

The decision by the A.L.P. Federal Conference to lift restrictions on State Aid for denominational schools was to be expected. Even though the decision was made by 19 votes to 17, this smallest of majorities is likely to stand.

The Menzies' Government opened the door to a little State Aid when it provided help for science departments. The N.S.W. Liberals forced the door open much wider by making election aid promises that undoubtedly attracted many votes.

It would be unrealistic for opponents of State Aid, for whatever reasons, to expect the A.L.P. to continue its restriction upon such aid. Labor has so many obstacles in the way of becoming the Government that it would be naive to imagine that it could allow State Aid political inducements to remain a Liberal-Country Party monopoly.

The D.L.P. is likely to suffer most from the A.L.P. decision. Whatever its declared policy, there is no doubt that the D.L.P. gained its greatest strength from Roman Catholics who sought relief from the double educational burden imposed upon them by their Church.

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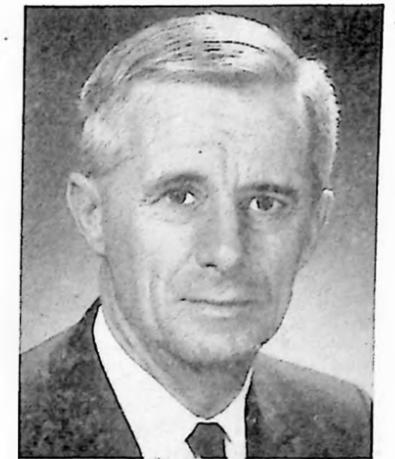
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• THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

DOES OUR PLEA NEED REVISION?

BY G. R. STIRLING



Our plea, is for the unity of the Body of Christ by the restoration of New Testament Christianity. It is not a general summary of beliefs and practices of Churches of Christ. It has always been a plea to all churches that Christian Unity is possible by restoring the Christianity of the New Testament.

The plea does not need revision. Rather we need to make up our minds what we mean by the restoration of New Testament Christianity. Many ardent supporters of the plea mean quite different things.

For some the practice of New Testament Christianity means the painstaking copying of everything in the New Testament. This would include having seven deacons and no more, and married at that. There must be the singing of a hymn immediately after the Lord's Supper. There must only be one cup. Women must not be "suffered to teach."

To press all this to its logical conclusion we should "greet one another with a holy kiss." We should "break bread" on Saturday nights, for this is what was done in the oft-quoted Acts 20: 7. They met at night, and the only way to meet at night on the first day of the week in those days, was to meet on Saturday night, for the first day of the week commenced on Saturday at sundown, and ended on Sunday at sundown. And indeed the Greek New Testament says plainly that it was Saturday night.

For others, practising New Testament Christianity is also refraining from doing anything that is not in the New Testament. This involves, of course, abandoning Sunday Schools, hymnals, organs, conference committees, church buildings, wedding services, and even the reading of the New Testament in worship.

Some, desiring to restore New Testament Christianity, have seen practising believers' baptism, the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, the ministry of the laity, the use of elders and deacons, and the wearing of a divine name for the church, as the important things. In all other matters they would practise the principle of expediency. If something has no clear New Testament pre-

cedent, either for or against, it is in order to practise it, if it is not out of harmony with the spirit of the New Testament.

Others again have argued that what is to be restored is what is plainly connected with salvation. They would allow wide freedom of practice in everything else.

Other religious bodies have also claimed to be churches after the New Testament order, and quote chapter and verse for their practices. For example, the Anglicans point to Acts 8: 14-17 in support of confirmation.

We have also tended to assume that there was an ideal New Testament church. There was not. The Epistles make this very clear. We might, with profit, ask ourselves which of the New Testament churches we wish to restore. Corinth, with its shaky morals? Galatia, infected by an ancient form of seventh day adventism? Laodicea, the comfortable affluent church?

What is New Testament Christianity?

New Testament Christianity is not a set of doctrines.

New Testament Christianity is not a way of church government.

New Testament Christianity is not a set form of worship.

New Testament Christianity was something that happened in the lives of some New Testament persons.

New Testament Christianity Cannot Exist Outside of Persons

A person becomes a Christian (New Testament Christian if you like) when he dies to himself and with joy receives the freely given grace of God. (Note that the grace of God is actually God giving himself into our being). He accepts with delight the living Christ who comes to abide in him in the power of the Spirit. This changes his very nature, until he becomes a "new man in Christ." A new man in Christ is so much outside

of himself, and so full of a newly-given love, that he is completely devoted in love and concern for people. He is humble, long suffering, loving, understanding. His passion is to share the new life with others, and to heal and help and lift and serve wherever he can.

For the New Testament Christian, faith is not assent to articles of belief so much as commitment to a living person. For him, baptism is not an initiatory rite, not something to earn the freely given grace of God, not something to appease an indifferent God, not something done because it is right. It is a way of declaring to all the world that he has died to himself, and come alive with the living Christ, under whose authority he has gladly placed himself.

New Testament Christianity in this sense is the true basis for uniting the Body of Christ. Churches may unite on agreed formulae and thus eliminate wasteful competition and present a united front to the world, but still not have a true unity of the Spirit, unless this basic Christianity is there as well.

Christianity, in this New Testament sense of what God has done in Christ to persons, is the way to true unity. When such persons from all churches come together in love and concern for one another, and in devotion to the Risen Lord, they will find the unity that Christ wills for the church. In coming to know the mind of Christ more clearly, they will discover true doctrine. They will find ways of worship that are truly to the glory of God. They will work out ways of church organisation that are best suited to the fulfilment of the church's mission of evangelism and service in this modern age.

Christianity in this sense is a rare thing in modern churches, including our own. Our plea for its restoration is not outdated. We simply need to take it seriously by being willing to die to ourselves and our own little schemes and prejudices and traditions, and receive with enthusiasm the self giving God who comes to us in Christ, to change us and to make us truly new men in Christ Jesus.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IS BEING OVER-RATED

BY A. R. PIGDON

The most pressing internal problem of the church today is: How far can an individual Christian or a denomination associate, worship and witness together with other Christians, without compromising the supreme loyalty he or she owes to the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Ideal Association

Our Lord intended his disciples to associate together for worship and witness at the local level and wherever the church existed. The Lord's Supper implies this, and the term "brethren" suggests a parallel with family life. The existence of congregations which are in full association with each other undoubtedly represents the ideal pattern of church life.

The Christian world of our day is being challenged to restore this ideal. Yet this attempt is causing deep unrest in all denominations and tending to further disunity. Why should this be so? It is because there is another ideal in the heart of Christ's disciples which commands a higher loyalty. It was faithfulness to this higher loyalty which created our divided Christendom through the centuries, and which now refuses to make the challenge to unite an over-riding principle of action.

The Reason for Dissociation

The cause of dissociation and division between Christians lies at the very heart of the church's nature, for the church is an association of persons whose supreme loyalty can never be an organisation, but lies outside it, and is vested in a person, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is inevitable that loyalty to the Lord and loyalty to a particular Christian leader, congregation or denomination should at times be in conflict.

This clash of loyalties sometimes becomes so sharp that some have felt it necessary to dissociate from fellow Christians in order to remain true to the One whom every Christian worships supremely. I believe that such dissociation is sometimes unjustified, and sometimes premature, but I understand and respect the motive which prompts it.

The Tragedy of Dissociation

Dissociation of Christians, whatever the cause, is a tragic experience for those involved. The division within families in a certain sect in recent years is a case in point. Such breaches of Christian fellowship do untold harm to the individuals concerned and to the cause of Christ generally.

Within our own brotherhood indi-

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revealed a great readiness to work together in evangelism. The regular conventions on the Keswick pattern, and movements such as Youth for Christ, achieve a high level of witness with fruitful results.

Inter-church unity discussions and study programmes such as the Church and Life Movement, are further instances of co-operation. But when the churches and persons who engage in these activities seek complete association in organisation, worship and witness; then the higher loyalty that a Christian has raises a barrier.

Unity — A Policy of Expediency

The present call to unity is a policy of expediency. Its noble purpose may be to expedite the salvation of men, but it still remains only an expedient, a means to an end. Both unity and disunity are relative and contingent. For this reason it is wrong to classify division as a sin. It is an effect, not a cause, and only causes are of the nature of sin. The fact of repeated divisions throughout the whole history of the church clearly demonstrates that the verdict of history is that the unity of all believers is not an absolute which men must maintain at all costs. Let us keep our values right in this matter. If Christian leaders persist in exalting unity to the level of an essential they may do more to hinder their objective than to achieve it.

The Movement Towards Reassociation

Accepting, as we all do, the ideal of full association of Christians mentioned earlier, we cannot ignore any honest attempt to bring this about; but accepting also loyalty to Christ and the Scripture as our supreme duty, we have limitations in supporting reunification of church structure.

There are already large areas of association between Christian communions. The Billy Graham Crusade in Australia

Limits of Association

The limits of association between Christians ultimately becomes a matter for the individual conscience. There is a wide diversity of response to current proposals for unity. The present conversations between our brotherhood and the Uniting Church of Australia should prove valuable in making us re-examine our present beliefs and practices in the light of Scripture, but it would be quite

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES

TO THE EDITOR.

In our church there are some who call themselves liberals and some who call themselves conservatives. The liberals are cynical about the conservatives and think the minister is too conservative. The conservatives are horrified at the liberals and think the minister is too liberal.

Both liberals and conservatives are certain that the future of the church depends on everyone thinking as they do. The liberals say that the conservative view is closing the doors of the church to honest, thinking, educated people. The conservatives say that the liberals are undermining the word of God and shaking the faith of the people. Both claim that their view is the only valid defence of the Bible.

The rest of us seem to be in the middle of the road wondering what on earth they are arguing about. Incidentally, in our church the middle of the roaders do all the work. The conservatives are always too busy rushing round to hear speakers who support their view. The conservatives don't have their feet on the ground long enough to be nailed down to do anything but talk.

It occurs to Tertius that, human nature being what it is, there will always be liberals and conservatives, as there always have been. It is a matter of temperament. But if only they would learn to love one another!

My wife thinks that Tertius is only the editor using a sneaky way of putting across his pet ideas.

TERTIUS.

W.A. HOME MISSIONS

ACTION IN THE WEST

Sunday School's Flying Start at Belmay

Under the auspices of the East Victoria Park church and Home Missions, a new S.S. commenced on July 10. It is being held in the Belmay Kindergarten, corner of Sydenham and Daly Sts. This is at the border of the south-east suburbs of Cloverdale and Belmont.

Rivervale, the nearest church, reported that only five scholars from this new area attended at Rivervale. Dr. K. E. Collins, of Cloverdale, member at East Victoria Park, and formerly of South Australia, saw the need in the neighbourhood and inspired the move. The attendances for the first three Sundays were 25, 50 and 65.

Congratulations to all involved on a splendid move to meet a real community need! Ian E. Allsop is minister, serving with both East Victoria Park and Rivervale churches.

Rapid Development of Church at Kalamunda

So rapid has been the recent all-round growth of the Kalamunda church that she has resolved to take the total financial responsibility of the work of the church upon herself.

R. G. Liddle, church secretary, writes: "The brethren here would sincerely thank the Home Mission Committee for its assistance over the past 13½ years, both in financial and other ways. We trust that the committee will be assisted in spreading into other fields because of our move."

It was also reported that the communicating membership for many weeks now has not been less than 50.

This quick move to self-support had not been anticipated by the committee, which will thus be enabled to plan for other growing areas.

Thanksgiving Service and Inspection of Kalamunda Manse

To be opened on Sunday, August 14, at 3 p.m., the recently purchased and greatly extended manse, at 15 Railway Road, not far from the church, is the result of much careful planning and hard work. Members from all churches are invited to share in the giving of thanks and the initial inspection. The splendid local effort, with special mention of the building skills of Mr. Liddle, senr., reduced costs substantially. The occupants of the manse are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffiths and Beryl.

Hilton Park (Hamilton Hill) S.S. Has Attendance Record

After just over four months in operation, Hilton Park school posted the record attendance on July 24 of 96. Departmen-

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tal superintendents are J. Sonsee, Mrs. Val. McConkey and Mrs. Jan Ashworth.

This new cause is a joint venture by Home Missions and Fremantle church, the management and oversight coming from Fremantle. F. Rees, the minister, is providing considerable drive.

Three members of the new school were baptized at Fremantle last month.

Hills Meetings Now Held Weekly

Weekly meetings are being held at Mt. Helena/Wooroloo, twice monthly in the morning, and twice monthly in the evening. The meetings previously held fortnightly were commenced by the Midland church in April, 1964. A S.S. has been conducted at Mt. Helena for many years. E. Bruce Clapp is minister.

Big Meeting at Bridgetown

Under the banner of Woman to Woman Evangelism, and on the occasion of the visit of Mrs. J. Strack, Federal C.W.F. President, 60 women met in the Bridgetown church. Most were from the Bridgetown-Manjimup districts. The Bridgetown women are to be congratulated on the excellent response to their invitations, and the activity involved in personal and group preparation. This will be better appreciated when it is mentioned that the Bridgetown church has a membership only a few over 20.

Sunday Services at Manjimup

On June 12, regular services began in Manjimup. These, for the present, are being held in the R.S.L. Hall. Manjimup is one of the larger towns of the State, with a population of about 3,500, more than half as large again as Bridgetown, 22 miles away. The churches of the South-West Conference are co-operating in spotlighting outreach into Manjimup. The president, also minister of the Collier church, Alex. Johnston, has spent some time in Manjimup with the Bridgetown preacher, Brian Stitt, in visitation.

Secretary and Architect Visit Albany

B. Kidd, architect, member of the Inglewood church, has been instructed by the F.M. Comm. to prepare a master plan for the proposed church buildings on the corner of Campbell Rd. and David St. The site was purchased by the brotherhood three years ago. It is

an appropriate distance from the other churches of the town, but truly central for the Albany of the future. Mr. Kidd said he was very impressed with the site potential.

It is hoped to build a small initial segment as soon as possible to enhance the work of E. Bruce Clapp, minister-elect, and the church. Additional sections will be added from time to time with the growth of the church's activities.

July 9 was the date of the site inspection and consultation with local members. Frank Hunt, secretary of Albany church, says, "There have been many enquiries as to when we are going to build, and promises of attendance . . . Our concern grows daily as we see the population increase, the housing areas filling up with new buildings . . . There are towns in the southern part of this State which could be evangelised once we are established here . . . The 'on the spot' impressions of us all here are, that when the Lord opens the way, with a building and a minister, and all led by the Holy Spirit, a wonderful impact for Christ will be felt in this town."

Western Australia greatly appreciates the financial assistance which has come from the whole Australian brotherhood through Federal Home Evangelism to augment W.A.'s funds and thus make this big venture possible.

"Operation Go"

This programme is operating as a focus in evangelism for the Western Australian churches this year.

The sub-committee on evangelism of the H.M. Committee, headed by Kevin Turner, minister at Inglewood, has prompted three churches to share in a co-operative venture. "Operation GO" is inspired by the commission of our Lord.

"Operation GO" has emphasised preparation and the training of the disciples. "In any battle we need intensive training . . . If we are to face men's complexities and dilemmas we need to be aware of both the problems and the solutions."

Prayer, concentrated prayer for particular people; Bible study, study which seeks the mind of God for men in these days; counselling classes which prepare the disciples to face the enquirer with a sensitivity to his needs; visitation which offers fellowship and friendship; invitations to luncheons, coffee hours which break reserves; all these have been undertaken to set the fortnight of special meetings on a base of all-year-round evangelism.

The preaching services in the respective churches are:— Rivervale, August 7 to 21, with Bryce Wells. Applecross, August 21 to Sept. 4, with E. Bruce Clapp. Scarborough, Sept. 11 to 25, with Tom A. Morrison.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ELDER APPOINTED

(Nailsworth, S.A.). The annual business meeting appointed F. J. Oxenberry an elder. F. Davies added to panel of deacons. Financial support to Windsor Gardens church will be continued. . . . A fund has been established to build up to 1969, when Nailsworth will celebrate its jubilee. . . . Two young married couples have resumed fellowship with the church after having been resident in Darwin, N.T., for some time.

"WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN"

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). At a youth service on July 10, Desiree and Ross Martin and Ross Holland spoke on "Why I am a Christian." . . . Visiting speakers at B.S. anniversary were R. Greenhalgh, K. D. Horne, C. H. J. Wright and W. Philp. . . . The Officers' Executive is: chairman, J. Coventry; sec., W. James; asst.-sec., D. Messent; treas., A. S. Page. . . . Following a gospel service, E. P. C. Hollard showed slides and told of his visit to the Holy Land. . . . Senior and Junior Depts. of the B.S., with their teachers, attended a tea on July 24, and provided a choir at evening service. . . . Miss Hazel Skuce visited the C.W.F. and showed slides of the Indian Mission work. She also attended a midweek meeting, and a helpful time of Questions and Answers was held. . . . The C.Y.F. held a film evening for Longwood Camp Chapel Fund and raised \$12.

BUSINESS DINNER

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Members brought their lunch and stayed for the annual meeting on July 24. D. McDonald presided. Reports were duplicated and taken as read. Although the financial position had deteriorated over the year, there had been a recent encouraging improvement. L. Simpson was re-elected as elder, to serve with Mr. Outlaw and Mr. Magarey. Deaconesses are Mrs. Outlaw, Mrs. Minter, Mrs. McAllister and Mrs. Wilkinson. . . . Robin Frost was soloist on July 31.

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MISSIONARY UPLIFT

(Bordertown, S.A.). The church had a weekend of wonderful fellowship when Sonny Graham, Allan Bonney and D. G. Hammer, all of Norseman Mission, and Hazel Skuce, India, visited here. Sonny Graham addressed the church on "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." His message was challenging and inspiring. In the afternoon, Mr. Hammer presided and told of the work being done on all Native Mission fields. Musical items by Allan and Sonny delighted the church, packed to capacity. Then Hazel told of some of her experiences in India. At a tea she met with the women of the church, this being followed by slides and a talk prior to the night meeting. At gospel service, Mr. Hammer showed slides

of the work at Norseman. Of particular interest were slides of Sonny Graham baptizing white people, something possibly unique in Australia. Both boys delighted the large meeting again with their items. Allan's playing of the gum leaf was of particular interest, especially to the young folk. The church says "Thank you" to God for these two lovable committed boys; they would challenge any church to a greater work for their Lord. . . . Peter Collins was welcomed into fellowship at morning service, after having made his decision, and has been baptized. . . . The minister, Don Oakes, was guest speaker at the Preachers' Fraternal in Adelaide, telling of his work in a rural area.

THE CHURCH AND MAYOR

(Cowandilla, S.A.). The Mayor of the City of West Torrens, invited 25 members to attend a Council meeting on July 26. It was a night of gale force winds and rain, nevertheless 24 members braved the elements. The Mayor welcomed us, and then continued with the business of the city, after which we were entertained at supper by the Councillors and their wives. During supper the Mayor said he fully recognised the value of the church in the community, and hoped that we would continue to work together in the future.

EDUCATION DAY

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). K. D. Horne spent a Sunday here, speaking at both services, and leading a S.S. Teachers' Discussion Hour, before a tea with S.S. staff. . . . The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Ian Schultz, and children, and presented a gift. Both have been very active members, enthusiastic and capable, and we part with them reluctantly. . . . At C.W.E.F. annual meeting, a mannequin parade was followed by a paper by Mrs. Klingbiel, depicting C.W.E.F. at a wheel, with Jesus as hub, leaders as spokes, and members as rim, all part of the whole, and each necessary. Mrs. Bywaters presided over elections. Mrs. Pitt is Pres; Mrs. Watts, sec.; Mrs. Klingbiel, vice-pres., and Mrs. Hennig, treas. A gift was given to Marj. Schultz. Display of goods made for Carnarvon was very attractive. . . . Mr. Bywaters is in hospital for surgery.

LOXTON ANNIVERSARY

(S.A.). The 15th anniversary of the church was held on July 24. H. Greenwood, of Berri, was guest speaker. A fellowship tea was held before the evening service, with the church men waiting on the tables. A special offering for the work of the church amounted to \$183. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cave were able to meet with us for this special service. Mr. Cave is well on the road to recovery after hospitalisation. . . . Merle Higgins has returned to the Norseman Mission after spending her holidays at home. With her were two small girls from the Mission.

"LOOK AT YOURSELF!"

(Long Plains, S.A.). "Take a Look at Yourself!" Sunday was held, in which members examined their Christian lives and the life and future of the church. . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. Carslake were farewelled and given an electric clock in appreciation for their faithful service for eight years at Long Plains. They are retiring to Victor Harbour. . . . Two of the church members led four groups in the Church and Life Movement between them each week. There are six groups in the Long Plains-Pinery district. . . . The annual general business meeting was held on July 21. Membership is now 28 active, plus three inactive and one isolated. One, Doug. Good, is at the College of the Bible. Officers recently discussed searching questions regarding the Officers' Board and the Northern Dist. Conf., and their efficiency. . . . Recent visitors have been M. Lawrie, S.A. Conf. Pres., and Ray Burman, of B. and F. B. S. Our thanks also to Balaklava men who take preaching appointments. . . . The I.C.E. Committee has taken responsibility of the programming quite well. They recently arranged a skating night, at Elizabeth. . . . The manse has been painted, the cost being met by members' donations.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

LEADER FAREWELLED

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). At a special after-church fellowship, on July 24, the church honored Mr. and Mrs. Russ Bartholomew for their service to the church at Hornsby. Mr. Fennell made presentation to Mr. Bartholomew on behalf of the Boys' Brigade, and J. V. Ellerby, church sec., made a presentation to both on behalf of the church. The B.S. honored them on July 10. . . . Guest speaker at 11 a.m. on July 24 was C. Wheat, of Padstow. Mr. Oldfield was preacher at Padstow.

RON S. McLEAN IN N.S.W.

The Sec. of the Federal Overseas Mission Board, Ron S. McLean, has recently been among the churches in N.S.W. He met with the N.S.W. Committee and visited Bexley North on the occasion of their "Christmas Box" Display. On July 31, he preached at Belmore, and in the evening at Rockdale. He also made contacts with Taree and the churches in the Newcastle district.

Mr. McLean anticipates making further visits in Sydney metropolitan area, on his return from Queensland, and in particular he will have a part in the "Missionary Rally" at Kingsford church.

WORKING HOLIDAY

(N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. Will Fraser, Georgetown church, N.S.W., have left for an extended stay at Carnarvon, W.A. Mr. Fraser is on long leave from his place of business, and he and his wife have planned a "working holiday" at the Native Mission Station. They will be able to see the activities at first hand and also share in the task wherever this may be possible.

Miss EDNA LINCOLN HOME

Miss Edna Lincoln, who has served so faithfully for a number of years among the native people at Carnarvon Mission, W.A., is enjoying a well-earned rest back home in N.S.W. She plans to return to W.A. on Aug. 17. Miss Lincoln is a member at Beverly Hills. She recently addressed a meeting of the student-body at the Bible College, Woolwich.

C.C.E.S. CONFERENCE

(N.S.W.). A special Christian Educ. Conf. was held at the Methodist Youth Centre, Elanora Heights, Sydney, July 29 to 31, by the N.S.W. Council for Christian Educ. in Schools (C.C.E.S.).

The Conference consisted of 60 representatives of the various Christian communities concerned in the programme and policy related to Religious Educ. in Schools, and including various consultants drawn from the Universities, Teachers' Colleges and Theological Colleges. The relationship between Church and State in matters of Education was considered,

NURSE FOR CARNARVON

(N.S.W.). Nursing Sister, Agnes Bake-well, from the church at Wingham, N.S.W., has been accepted by the Federal Aborigines Mission Board for service at our Native Mission Station, Carnarvon. She will be leaving for her work in the West within a few weeks.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

We invite your daily participation in, prayer on behalf of:—

1. B.S. Teachers and Supts. in all our churches, especially in new expanding districts.
2. The Musical Ministry in our churches — those who serve as organists and pianists, those who lead choirs, those who assist as soloists or in vocal groups.
3. Woolwich College students, in their faithful, regular weekend ministries in small fields.
4. The wider work throughout Australia among our Aborigines — in the Mission stations in W.A. — also in our own State, particularly at Balladoran.
5. All country ministers and all country members — that churches in country areas may be as "a city set on a hill."
6. "Crusade '66" - August 23-27, with Des. Nelson and Bruce Armstrong.

BIBLE SOCIETY WEEK - N.S.W.

The special speaker at the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, in July, was Rev. Alan Scott, of the B. and F. B. S., N.S.W. Branch. He was able to put our ministers in the picture regarding plans for the forthcoming "National Bible Society Week," Aug. 28-Sept. 4. The theme will be "Sounding Out the Word of God," and most of our churches, both in the Sydney area and in the country centres, will be deeply involved in Bible Society activities. N.S.W. churches are represented on the State Council of the Bible Society by Principal A. W. Stephenson and W. H. B. Palmer.

together with aspects of the nature of Christian Education in schools. There was considerable discussion on problems arising from recent research in educational fields bearing on major issues in theology and methodology.

The Conference was presided over by the Chairman of the Council of Christian Education in Schools in N.S.W., Canon A. A. Langdon. Churches of Christ representatives were B. Armstrong (Director of Dept. of Christian Educ.), C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dr. A. G. Elliott, F. A. Elliott, B.A., and J. Morris, B.A., Dip.Ed.

GIRLS ON DISPLAY

(Warrawang, N.S.W.). Our Girls' Brigade — 1st Warrawang — gave a demonstration for all District Brigades on July 22. . . . Both C.W.F. and Bible Class meets in homes. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Main have left on a visit to Indian Mission field. . . . The church made a presentation to Miss Mary Grainger, prior to her marriage with Tom Van De Kooie. The S.S. picnic was held on their property at Appin. Miss Grainger has served faithfully as organist and Kinder. Supt.

BURWOOD MISSIONARY RALLY

(N.S.W.). The All-Age Christian Educ. programme at Burwood was combined with the C.W.F., on July 27, for the Annual Missionary Rally and Display of goods for the Mission boxes. Special speakers were Miss Gail Thornton, of Norseman and Woolwich College, and T. W. Bagley, who spent a voluntary period of service in the New Hebrides.

ABORIGINES IN TRAINING

(N.S.W.). The Secretary of the N.S.W. Aborigines Mission Committee, T. Garrett, reports favorably concerning five young people from the Norseman and Esperance centres in W.A. who last year volunteered for full-time Christian service and are at present in training at the Aboriginal Christian College at Singleton, N.S.W.

These devoted young people, who may some day be used to take the message of the gospel to their own folk, are Misses Norma McKenzie, Hilda Barnes and Ethel Rundle, from the "Fairhaven" Home, Esperance, and Max Wright and Rod Beasley, from the Norseman Mission.

C.W.F. MISSIONARY PARCELS

(N.S.W.). Planned by the State C.W.F., the second "packing day" for food parcels designated to missionaries and their families on our New Guinea, Indian and New Hebridean fields — was held at Burwood on July 11.

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EMMAUS LODGE

Another Achievement of Concern

The Churches of Christ Department of Social Services, Vic., now has another Home for the Aged to its credit — a block of 10 flats for women pensioners.

It is at the corner of Murrumbena Rd. and Perth St., Murrumbena, Vic., and was opened on July 31, with a service of dedication.

There were three hundred members and friends at the service in the nearby Baptist Church, when A. Ross. Lloyd, Conf. Pres. of Churches of Christ in Vic. and Tas., offered the prayer of dedication. Others taking part included Mrs. E. W. Heard, Pres. of C.W.F., and W. T. Atkin, F. M. Combridge, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Department of Social Services.

The Home will be known as Emmaus Lodge, dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Alice G. Robbins, whose son has given \$18,000 towards the total cost of \$72,000.

The Chairman of the Social Service Committee, Ralph V. Amos, acknowledged the gift and, in responding, H. Wilbur Robbins said that he regarded himself as a recipient rather than a donor, because of the strong Christian influence of his mother.

The Commonwealth Government made a grant of \$33,200 under the Aged Persons Homes Act.

The residents will pay only a small weekly amount, and will not be asked for any other contribution.

The flats are beautifully finished, having a large living-bedroom, kitchenette, toilet and shower recess, and are fitted with built-in electric radiators, thermostatically controlled by the residents themselves, for use all the year round.

Individual storerooms are provided for their surplus personal possessions.

The Home is two streets away from the Emmaus Rest Home, where any of the residents, if they become ill, or unable to care for themselves, will be transferred.

Churches of Christ, which pioneered this field of service to the aged with the Christian Guest Home, at Oakleigh, in 1938, also has the Will E. Clay Nursing Home for 25 bed cases at Murrumbena, the Emmaus Rest Home at Murrumbena for 51 women, four self-contained units on the opposite side of the road for married couples, bringing the total of aged men and women in its care to 166.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IS BEING OVER-RATED

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wrong to consider any form of unity that did not permit full expression of our faith as we understand it.

It may be helpful to point up the whole issue raised in this article by asking some questions concerning the minister's position in such a proposed union:

Would we be able to preach the necessity of conversion and the new birth to persons who had been taught that they were in a covenantal relation to Christ through infant baptism?

Would we be required to administer infant baptism?

Would we be forbidden to baptize a person following conversion if they had already been "baptized" as an infant?

Would we be able to ask people to come forward publicly to receive Christ in a church service?

Would we be able to observe the Lord's Supper as the central act of worship every Sunday?

Would we be expected to wear the title Reverend, and to adopt the clerical collar?

Would the lay members of the church be permitted to conduct the communion service?

Would we have to change our standards of social behaviour in any way?

Our understanding of God's will, as revealed in Scripture, presents us with an absolute standard which cannot be sacrificed. Complete association with all other Christians in unity of organisation, is a scriptural ideal, but must always remain secondary. Like marriage, it can only come as the final covenantal act of persons who have reached a state of mutual trust and affection after a proper period of close friendship.

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The film is, I believe, a very sincere attempt to depict the life of Christ. It's in good taste too — probably too good to be really true to the times it shows. For instance, James the less, at the call of Matthew, says of him with unfeigned horror, "He drinks and swears, and gambles you know, as well as collects taxes."

Though sincere, the film is very uneven.

On the credit side: the story of the Nativity is convincingly done and with fine imagination. Many individual sequences are most satisfying, and the wide lens is used to perfection; one thinks of the moving lights of the band coming out of the city to arrest Jesus; then Simon of Cyrene — a jet black negro helping to carry the cross. Claude Rains' portrayal of Herod is a masterly mixture of fearful superstition and ruthless cruelty. Charlton Heston is a vital and muscular John the Baptist. For

the sake of the film, the producer should have kept him alive a little bit longer.

This brings me to the debit list, which is a lot longer. Why did Mary, the mother, have to look like a girl still, when her son was a grown man? Why could not the grouping in the Upper Room have followed Jewish customs instead of copying Da Vinci's painting? If the trial scenes had followed Mark more, they would not have been so diffuse. Also, had the Gospels been followed more carefully, in the incidents surrounding the death of John the Baptist, many annoying inaccuracies would have been avoided. Besides the Gospel record gives any producer a perfect opportunity to present a rip-roaring Bacchanalia. But we suspect that Hollywood felt such goings on would have detracted from the "nice religious atmosphere."

The Disciples were as anonymous as cars on an assembly line. From the film alone, no one could have guessed exactly why Judas betrayed Jesus. But the worst feature was the unreal picture of Jesus himself. One could not imagine why men of flesh and blood followed him in the first place. As shown, he was hardly the type who presented a menace or threat to the rulers of the day; certainly he was not worth crucifying. He seemed hardly to belong to this world at all; in fact, the film could be accused of "visual Arianism" no less!

All this raises a deeper question for the Christian film-goer: has such a film any real religious value? Sunday School teachers and their pupils will certainly get vivid and quite accurate impressions of life in New Testament times. But how far films, as such, can mediate the stuff of which Faith is made must be open to question.

Whilst the words which tell what Jesus said and did are in the Scriptures, it is human life which is the main illustrative commentary on the Scriptures. The Scriptures are a compound of faith and history, as one Biblical scholar put it, they are "confessions of faith rather than biography." The unblinking, roving eye of the camera cannot present the "Christ in Us" — the Christ of Faith.

Paradoxically, Hollywood has served the cause of Faith, Humanity and Values better in such films as "Death of a Salesman" or "Paths of Glory." These invite us to wrestle with life and so shape a faith which can interpret life.

With all their technical and imaginative resources it should not be beyond the ability of Hollywood to give us a life of Christ which relates him to where he rightly belongs, in the secular world of real life and death issues. And instead of attempting to evoke a phoney "religious atmosphere," they could rather invite persons to look and make out of it what they will. Only thus can faith truly operate and you then would have a true "religious film." —"VIDEO."

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

If John the Baptist was baptizing people who repented of their sins, why was Jesus baptized?

The baptism of Jesus was not a baptism of repentance, but a baptism of identification with those who needed to repent. However, it was certainly not simply a gesture of conformity.

His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry and it also demonstrates his mature, deliberate submission to his Father. The incident marks the "before" and "after" of his service for man on behalf of God.

Before his baptism he had been living in an obscure town. Although we are not told of any specific incidents of his youth and manhood, from the promise of his life as a boy, as shown in Luke 2, and the absence of any criticism of Jesus the man, it is clear that he walked with God as all other men could walk — but none ever does.

Even at the age of 12 he was moving towards a climax of commitment. That climax was long deferred but now the time had come and it came when Jesus publicly committed himself to his ministry and submitted himself to God's agent in the person of the Baptist.

From the moment of his baptism Jesus was fully conscious of the divine power in his life. This was an inward experience. The coming of the Spirit is spoken of as though it were an outward physical gift from God but there is abundant evidence that it was a spiritual inward consciousness of the Spirit of God.

When we say that "he was a man like other men" we do not mean that he failed like other men and needed to come to the baptism of repentance to which John pointed. Instead, he came to identify himself with those who needed to repent. At the River Jordan he surrendered to the waters of mankind's penitence, so at Calvary he surrendered himself to death for mankind's sins.

Jesus told John to baptize him because it was necessary to fulfil all righteousness. He would not ask us to do anything that he had not already done himself.

During the Nazi occupation of Holland the Jews were ordered to wear the Star of David so that the despised people could be easily identified and as easily persecuted. In some places, Christians also wore the Star of David. They deliberately chose to identify themselves with the Jews, even if it meant that that they would suffer with the Jews.

Jesus identified himself with all mankind at his baptism.

CHRISTIANS STRONG IN BURMA. SAYS EXPELLED MISSIONARY

(St. Paul, Minn.). The expulsion of foreign missionaries from Burma will not end Christian work there, according to the Rev. Herman Tegenfeldt, an American Baptist who spent 25 years there. Mr. Tegenfeldt, one of the last two Protestant missionaries to leave Burma, said the Burma Christian community of 600,000 is strong enough to carry on by itself.

The Burmese government gave no reason for its expulsion order, but he felt it was part of the desire of the Burmese "to stand on their own feet completely." Burmese Baptists have had responsibility for denominational work in Burma since 1958, he reported.—E.P.S.

Y.M.C.A. WORLD CONFERENCE

(Stavanger). "The greatest experience of my life." This was the comment of one of the teenage delegates to the YMCA World Youth Conference held in the Norwegian Naval Camp near the historic city of Stavanger, Norway.

Some 250 youth between the ages of 14 and 19, representing 27 nations on all the continents of the world, took part in the 10-day event which ended July 7.

The conference theme, which was "I Want to Be Free," was unique in the fact that it was run by young people through a Steering Committee representing the various delegations. There were only three adults related to the Committee and they were present in an advisory capacity.—E.P.S.

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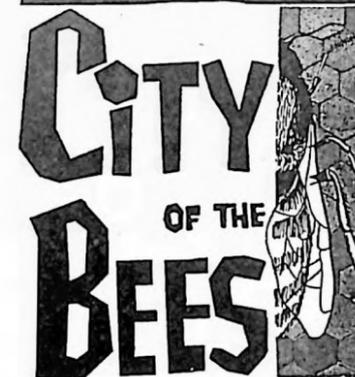
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UNITY FORUM HONOURS APOSTLE OF UNITY

Alexander Campbell, 19th century forerunner of the Christian unity movement, continues to influence several millions today who desire the reunion of the branches of Christendom. So proclaimed members of the Baptist Church, Church of Christ, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at a Centennial Unity Forum, July 1-4.

They gathered at Bethany College, in West Virginia, the school Campbell founded in 1840, gave his money and 1,500-acre farm to, and served as president until his death on March 4, 1866.

They came from as near as West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. They came from as far away as Arizona, Massachusetts, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, and Maryland.

Twenty-five speakers paid tribute to the heritage left by Campbell, a Christian reformer, educator, celebrated debater and journalist.

Many of them, as well as other participants who spoke from the floor, stressed that the reformation he and others have sought, a return to New Testament Christianity, is unfinished.

Campbell was one of the principal founders of America's largest indigenous religious body. Its branches are esti-

mated to number about 5,000,000 adult members throughout the world.

"The spirit and soul of all reformation is free discussion," Campbell once wrote. This was one of his principal affirmations. During his lifetime, publications edited by Campbell created a continuing forum for the constructive exchange of ideas and insights.

He edited two magazines, "The Christian Baptist," during 1823-1830, and "The Millennial Harbinger," from Jan., 1830, until his death. These publications had a religious perspective, and Campbell's writings provided comment on the important questions of his time.

Campbell preached before thousands throughout the country — in churches where they were available and in fields where they were not. He stressed an individualism and also the need for persons to live in unity — and to witness for their faith throughout the world.

Men from throughout the U.S.A. came to Bethany on July 4, 1866, to hear a eulogy on the contributions of Campbell. A century later, men came to Bethany on July 4, 1966, to attend a Centennial Unity Forum — to honor and remember Campbell, the spokesman who still challenges them to extend the brotherhood of man. —World Convention Release.

DONCASTER MAN AT KINGSTON

Kingston (Jamaica, Aug. 5). Australian foil champion, Rus. Hobby, suffered a deep gash on the little finger of his right hand during his first bout in the individual event of the Commonwealth Games fencing today against Canadian Gerry Wiedle. He returned after medical treatment and won 5/4.—("Age.")

Rus. is a member of the church at Doncaster, Vic.

SEPTEMBER CAMPING IN W.A.

Four camps will be conducted by the Youth and Christian Education Committee during September.

1. Senior Students' and Teachers' Camp, Sept. 5-7 — Waterman's Bay. Study: "Unity, How and Why?"

2. Junior and Intermediate Boys' Camp, Sept. 12-16 — Waterman's Bay. For boys in Grades 5 to 7 at Primary School, and Years 1 and 2 at High School. Juniors and Inters will be separated for sleeping and study sessions.

3. Adventure Camp, Sept. 14-18. For boys in Years 1 to 4 at High School. Under canvas — Mystery site.

4. Youth Leaders' Camp, Sept. 30—Oct. 2 — Waterman's Bay. Topic: "Out-reach to the Teenager."

Application forms for the first three camps should be available in all local churches. These must be returned to the Youth and Christian Education Office by August 22.

Further information regarding the Youth Leaders' Camp will be sent to churches in the near future.

STATE C.M.S. DINNER

(Flinders Park, S.A.). 184 men from the metropolitan area, and near country churches, came together for a dinner in the Flinders Park church hall, on July 11. The guest speaker was Mr. W. A. Scales, former Magistrate of the Juvenile Court. His subject was "Service to Youth" . . . Bob. Hocking, C.M.S. Pres., chaired the meeting, and Graham Molyneux, sec., headed up the arrangements. The Flinders Park ladies provided a splendid dinner. This is the C.M.S. Central Committee's second dinner, with more to come.

N.S.W. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

At the recent annual meeting of the N.S.W. Council of Churches, Dr. D. B. Knox, Principal of Moore College, was re-elected to the position of President of the Council, with Rev. Bernard Judd as secretary. Special mention was made in this year's report of the increasing interest in various programmes conducted under the auspices of the Council through Sydney Radio Station 2CH. Such programmes are widely influential in maintaining standards of public morality, and in Christian concern for the welfare of the community in the fields of education and the combat of social evils.

A further important activity of the Council has been the preservation of Protestant truth, especially in the annual observance in Sydney churches during October of "Reformation Sunday."

Representatives on the Council have been Principal A. W. Stephenson, Dr. A. G. Elliott, Charles Cole and Eric Hart.

TRANSFERRED TO HAMBURG

(Qld.). Gail and Rod Bateman, former Queenslanders, have returned for a short holiday in Brisbane, prior to Rod's taking up the position of Assistant Trade Commissioner in Hamburg, Germany. Mrs. Bateman was formerly Gail Neil, daughter of Lindsay and Mrs. Neil, of Albion church. Rod's mother is a member at Annerley. Beth, born June 5 this year, is a much travelled babe. She was born in N.Z., where Rod worked as Asst. Trade Commissioner. In preparation for the trip to Hamburg, young Beth has had to endure all the necessary injections along with her mother and father.

MINISTERS

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER

(Ashburton, Vic.). The resignation of the minister, P. Andrews, was received at the annual business meeting . . . Thirty people from the church have been taking part in the Church and Life Movement . . . On Girls' Sunday, Good Companions' clubs had a tea at their club leaders' homes, then attended church. . . . During July the morning sermons have dealt with the prophets Amos, Isaiah, Micah and Hosea, and the evening services have taken the form of a short sermon on a basic doctrine of the church followed by a discussion on the sermon . . . The church's two junior basketball teams have entered the semi-finals of their competition.

CROSSMAN TO PRESTON

(Vic.). G. Crossman, of Puckapunyal, has accepted a call to minister with the church, commencing in Jan., 1967. On July 6, C.W.E.F. held birthday meeting. . . . Girls' Sunday, on July 24, saw morning service being conducted by P.B.P. club, with Mrs. Barnett giving address. Evening service conducted by minister, G. W. Barnett, assisted by Good Companions. C.W.F. was visited by representative from Jack Davey Guide Dog Centre, on July 27.

NATIONAL DIARY

- AUGUST:
- 20 — VICTORIA
 - 20 — Explorers' Sports Final.
 - 21 — Annual Offering — Dept. of Social Service.
 - 27 — Eastern Suburban District Conference — Quarterly Meeting.
 - 29-Sept. 3 — Explorers' Senior Camps — Monbulk and Hall's Gap.
 - NEW SOUTH WALES
 - 13 — D.C.E. Bible Elstedford.
 - 19-21 — N.S.W. HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE, Mnyfield, Newcastle. Speaker: David Mansell, of Wollonfont.
 - 20 — N.S.W. Youth Conf. Soccer Match. Also Inspection Lake Macquarie Camp Site.
 - WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 - 13 — "Youth Meet," organised by the C.E. Council, Christian Centre.
 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA
 - 11 — Christian Unity Conference at Unley. Speaker: Dr. K. R. Bowes.
 - 14 — Brighton Gardens opens new buildings.
 - 21 — Blackwood opening new church building.
 - 25 — Tennis Association Annual Meeting.

MISSIONS MONTH

(Busselton, W.A.). A feature of "Missions Month" in June was a challenging set of slides on "The Church in Korea." Special missionary speakers included Miss Pat Burvill, of O.M.F., and Miss Joan Harris, of Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea . . . The church was recently saddened by the death of H. Cooper . . . Young Marrieds' Fellowship meeting on July 23 had good attendance and good programme . . . About 30 women attended a special evangelistic meeting recently. Mrs. Strack, Federal Women's Conf. Pres., was speaker. This was part of a State-wide Woman to Woman evangelistic programme.

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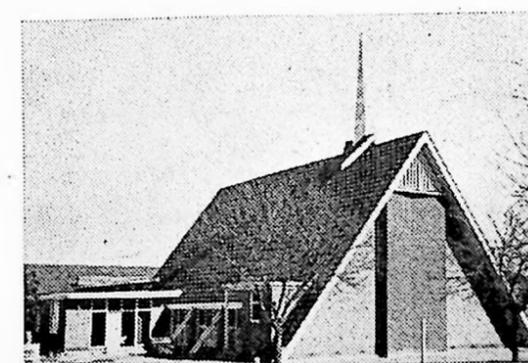
(Kalamunda, W.A.). The church continues to grow and is now financially able to support the local work, thus allowing the greatly appreciated Home Mission subsidy to be channelled to another work. There is also evidence of increase and interest in the S.S. and young people's groups. The S.S. anniversary on July 3 and 10 was well received. The school also received the award for earning the highest percentage in a recently conducted State-wide Efficiency Campaign . . . In recent weeks there have been five baptisms . . . Two Y.P. confessed Christ on July 24. An Intermediate C.E. has been formed. Extensive additions to the manse have just been completed, mainly through the medium of working bees.

WOMEN'S EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

(W.A.). Over 700 women throughout the State heard the gospel message proclaimed by Mrs. J. A. Strack, of Melb. The 10 days' campaign covered a distance of more than 1,000 miles . . . Mrs. Strack's fine example of joyful Christian living challenged women to "gossip" the gospel in their daily walking and talking with friends and neighbors — that all might know that Christ in the individual is the meeting place of God and self.

Miss FARRELL SPEAKS

(Nollamara, W.A.). Miss Monica Farrell addressed a capacity congregation on July 24, following a baptismal service for a young man. At a church fellowship hour, Miss Farrell answered questions and gave helpful information on unity moves among denominations . . . Girls' Brigade featured prominently in a district rally in our new hall, which, big though it is, was taxed to capacity by an audience of supporters of the District Brigades . . . Growing interest is evi-



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ent in the J.S.C.E., particularly at the camp-fire meeting on July 17, when 24 shared in a novel meeting addressed by Mr. Bond . . . Balga Sunday School, with an average attendance of 35, is under the superintendency of G. Smith. Visitation in the district is planned to consolidate the work in the homes and to increase enrolments from the rapidly-filling housing area.

YOUTH DIRECTOR AND TEAM

(Redcliffe, Qld.). On July 17, the Youth Direc., Alan Male, Helen Trudgian, Ann Morgan and Eric Pitman, visited Sunday School, afterwards speaking to S.S. teachers. Fellowship tea held at 5 p.m., over 40 attending. After tea, Alan Male showed film, followed by bright song service, with young people taking part in gospel service. Alan Male speaker at both services . . . Church has purchased two dozen new hymn books . . . S. Smith, and a group of young people from Boondall, visited Young People's Fellowship. . . . Mrs. Oakes and Mrs. E. Brooks, from Victoria, have been recent visitors. Mrs. Plint has been in hospital some weeks and is progressing slowly . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Arn Machin, on June 24.

CALOUNDR A CLEARED

(Qld.). A Council grader for five hours, a front-end loader for two hours, 36 keen workers, and the Youth Centre at Caloundra, on the Sun Coast, is a site worthy of the name of Churches of Christ. A quantity of mattresses, some pillows, a carpark, sports area, courtyard and a fence are some of the many and varied improvements made. The grader opened up the length of land along the southern boundary of 13½ acres, to reveal the faith and foresight of men such as H. E. Greenwood, who led the committee in purchasing the camp site 20 years ago.

C. R. BURDEU HONORED

(Qld.). This month C. R. Burdeu will receive recognition for his unselfish and dynamic leadership in the field of Social Service. He will be appointed first Life Member for Social Service in Queensland. "C.R." has been a driving force in this area of the Lord's concern and has done much to extend the "Horizons of His Love" in Queensland. He made the first donation to commence the fund for the Home in Gregory Terrace which appropriately bears his name. Queensland salutes his example and offers its congratulations on an award well deserved.



VICTORIA

MUSCLE FOR MISSIONS

(Bayswater, Vic.). Christian Youth Fellowship members are burning up their energy, washing and polishing cars, repairing toys, etc., for nominal charge, which will be donated to Missions . . . Thanksgiving and dedication by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mounsey for baby son, David Craig . . . After taking part in service for Girls' Sunday, Good Companions invited all to family tea . . . Church and Life study groups are showing keen interest at meetings . . . F. Combridge (Social Service) was guest of C.W.F.—slides were shown of the work. A number of cartoons of clothing were accepted by Mr. Combridge.

\$1000 REACHED

(Maidstone, Vic.). Our church started new financial year on a bright note. Our missionary appeal is now at \$1000 mark. . . Several members are affected by illness. All church activities have continued as usual, Boys' Club, Basketball and Teen club, leader Mr. Westaway . . . C.W.F. held a successful Dalton ware afternoon . . . The local Freedom from Hunger campaign fell far short of its target.

DECISION AT DUNOLLY

(Vic.). The church rejoiced at the decision of a local lady, subsequently baptized by the minister, R. Pfeifer . . . The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: sec., F. A. Robertson; treas., M. R. White; officers: Messrs. A. Spiker, J. Cole, R. Scott and Mesdames R. Freemantle and A. Cole . . . The S.S. picnic, combined with Bet Bet S.S., was held at Cairn Curran Reservoir . . . Gifts from the Harvest Festival were given to the C.O.B. . . . The Ladies' Guild, in co-operation with Maryborough church, presented a variety concert in the Town Hall. Proceeds were for new church furniture — pulpit, communion table and chairs, which are now in use. The ladies are now preparing a food parcel for India . . . A C.Y.F. has been formed, meeting monthly after the gospel service, with up to 26 Y.P. attending.

RESERVOIR CELEBRATES

(Vic.). The 32nd anniversary of the church on July 24 was addressed by L. G. Crisp, of Thornbury, who spoke on "The Church in Your House." Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis were welcomed in during morning service. At the afternoon service, N. White screened a film on brotherhood work through the years. An

QUESTION NIGHT

(Pyramid Hill, Vic.). On July 17, the evening service took the form of a Question Night. The minister, C. G. Henderson, answered the following questions by members:—

Why does the Old Testament teach Saturday as the worship day, and the New Testament Sunday?

What are our minister's views on Church Unity?

Apart from a common Christian faith in family life what do you consider essential things to happy home life?

anniversary tea followed for 90 members and friends. Miss Jean Milne rendered some lovely musical items. Evening worship was addressed by Conf. Pres., A. Ross. Lloyd, who spoke on "Expanding the Horizons of Love." Miss Jean Milne was soloist. Past members, A. Bagot and G. Johnson took the readings in anniversary services . . . Approx. 12 teachers from B.S. attended North Fitzroy Training School on July 31.

SPEAKERS AT COLAC

(Vic.). On July 10, Mr. and Mrs. Smalle, from Belmont, came to Colac, and Mr. Smalle gave appreciated messages. A. Ross. Lloyd, Conf. Pres., gave a challenging message on July 17 . . . R. Banks, of Thomson church, visited members during the week . . . The ministry of A. Van Leen, of the College, is appreciated.

IVANHOE - BRIAR HILL

(Vic.). Ivanhoe: Church appreciated message from K. J. Clinton, following recent return from U.S.A. . . . Following fellowship tea, 1096 Y.P. Club assisted in evening service as part of Homecoming celebration . . . Ivanhoe Protestant churches combined for service of witness in Heidelberg Town Hall. Dr. A. H. Wood, Principal of Methodist Ladies' College, was speaker . . . J. Turner, B.A., addressed C.M.F. on his work as Chaplain for Inter Trade and Industry Mission . . . Strong team of teachers attended Northern Dist. Teachers' Conf. at North Fitzroy on July 31 . . . Club 13 were entertained by Brotherhood of St. Laurence at fancy dress evening . . . Church hopes to achieve budget target with a little extra "for others" . . . At Vision 66 meeting, John Robinson, Campaigners for Christ, was speaker. There was one decision. H. Earl, sec., has been granted two months' leave of absence owing to illness. Briar Hill: Membership and offerings steadily increasing . . . 40 ladies attended first birthday of C.W.F. Working bees being held to improve property. B. Jenkins re-engaged as associate minister for 1967. Church partici-

Was the wine Jesus drank intoxicating or not?

What is the difference between Eastern Orthodox Churches and their comparison between the Roman Catholic Church and Protestantism?

Is it our responsibility to visit people who once came to church and have now left?

Is there any difference between a black and white lie?

Do you believe those who believe they are living as God wants them to will reach the Kingdom of Heaven irrespective of what religion they are?

pating in Church and Life Movement in private homes.

C.E. ORCHESTRA

(Box Hill, Vic.). Intermediate C.E. recently formed a small orchestra and brought joy to folk at Christian Guest Home . . . J. McCormick, minister at Wattle Park, was guest speaker on July 24 . . . Many Box Hill ladies attended the Social Service luncheon in the Lower Melb. Town Hall, and were rewarded with Christian fellowship and enlightenment of the work done in our Homes and Hospital . . . A Salvation Army Songster Group provided afternoon programme for C.W.F. . . . Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Blake on the sudden loss of Mrs. Blake's mother, Mrs. Petty . . . A Salvation Army officer was guest speaker at tea on Girls' Sunday. The Good Companions' Clubs participated in the evening service, during which there was a baptism . . . Mr. Hammond was welcomed back after his overseas business trip . . . Group Fellowship in recess till end of August instead of September school holidays.

PUERTO RICO SPEAKER

(Croydon, Vic.). Mrs. Foote, of Mt. Evelyn, showed C.W.A.F. members slides of her visit to Puerto Rico. Ladies are busily collecting items of clothing for an Aboriginal boy . . . Sincere sympathy is expressed to Mrs. S. Lacey in the death of her mother . . . A combined auxiliaries' parade was held on July 3 . . . The C.W.E.F. held a musical evening at the home of Mrs. Galletly . . . C.Y.F. attended an inter-church youth camp at Olinda, with the minister, A. J. Lloyd, leading the studies. Six members joined Eastern Dist. C.Y.F. for a snow trip to Mt. Bulla . . . Young marrieds met at home of Joy and Noel Burnell.

5 P.M. ON TRIAL

(Moreland, Vic.). The 5 p.m. evening service is on three months' trial . . . Good Companions assisted in Girls' Sunday service. They gained prizes at Arts and Crafts competition . . . Members are saddened at the death of C. Latimer, who served here as minister . . . Explorers gained 2nd place in both Junior and Senior sections at Indoor Northern Sports, July 21 . . . C.W.F. held successful progressive dinner, July 23, proceeds to provide anodised communion glasses for Tung, New Guinea . . . Much interest is shown in Church School competition. Kindergarten also has competition.

N.S.W. NEWS

EVANGELISM RESULTS

(Georgetown, N.S.W.). A married couple, and a man, the first-fruits of Ray Roberts' ministry at the City Mission, were baptized recently. We have enjoyed fellowship with the Roberts family, and Mr. and Mrs. Glass and family, of Houston, Texas . . . C.W.F. held a successful display of garments prepared for Carnarvon and Esperance. Mrs. Roberts showed slides of Aborigines work. Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser are planning a working holiday at Carnarvon in Aug.-Sept.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST "RECORDING"

Two of our Churches of Christ artists who are making a tremendous contribution to Christian work are featured in a special R.C.A. "Recording" which is being prepared at the studios of the Christian Broadcasting Association, Five Dock, Sydney. The record will feature Max Harrison, soloist, and Warren Murray on the Hammond Organ. Mr. Harrison serves in our Belmore church, and Mr. Murray is organist at Mosman. Both men have been prominent in musical and evangelistic rallies in the N.S.W. brotherhood. The recording will be available shortly and will sell at \$3.50, the proceeds being devoted to brotherhood work.

BAPTISMS AT EARLWOOD

(N.S.W.). All auxiliaries of the church are working well, particularly among the youth. "Christian Life Crusade," under the leadership of Mr. Hodgekiss, assisted by Mr. Morris and Mr. Small, has been very helpful, and discussion-groups have proved profitable. A ladies' group has been meeting during the week at mid-day.

Two of our young people, Miss Diane Sulpharo and Stephen Watson, who have come up through the school and youth auxiliaries, have recently been baptized and welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

Church elder, N. H. Matthews, was recently honored for his faithful service for Christ in this district over many years.

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PRELIMINARIES FOR N.S.W. "CRUSADE '66"

Following the recent Youth "Barbecue Sizzle" at Lane Cove National Park, another Crusade preliminary gathering took the form of a Youth Rally at the Carramar church, on Sunday afternoon, July 24. A further preliminary to the Crusade will be the "Prayer Breakfast," at the Bible College, at 7.30 a.m., on August 20.

The Crusade Committee is working hard on publicity, and the Crusade Choir has already commenced practices.

NEW SYDNEY ARCHBISHOP

The election of Bishop Marcus Loane to become the new Archbishop of Sydney has been welcomed by most Christian people in N.S.W. Bishop Loane has served the Christian community in Sydney in many ways, and from an interdenominational point of view his path has frequently crossed those of many others of like mind. Formerly Principal of Moore Theological College, he will be a scholarly and forthright representative of the Christian faith, and of the Christian viewpoint that regards the Scriptures as the basis of all its undertakings. The strong evangelical emphasis of the Sydney Anglican diocese, which has made co-operation from other communions of like mind so much easier, will undoubtedly be maintained by Bishop Loane in his new sphere of activity.

At many levels, in educational, inter-church and other activities, Bishop Loane has had association with representatives of our own churches and our Conference in N.S.W.

N.S.W. HOME MISSIONS

Director of Home Missions and Evangelism in N.S.W., Kevin E. Crawford, is leading in the various aspects of Personal Evangelism being presented in our churches. The E.M. Correspondence Course in the Art of Personal Evangelism is being made readily available. In addition to this, Special "Evangelism Week-ends" have been planned each month, with country centres sharing, and with visiting teams from the city bringing information and encouragement. A recent gathering of this nature was conducted by Mr. Crawford and Ray Ewers at Gilgandra.

WEST LIVERPOOL MANSE

(N.S.W.). A representative gathering shared in the rejoicing of the folk at West Liverpool in the opening of their new brick-and-tile manse, on July 23. H.M. Director, K. E. Crawford, presided over a Thanksgiving Service. Greetings were brought by representative speakers, including State C.W.F. Pres., Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, and Conf. Pres., Charles Cole, addressed the gathering. The minister, D. O. Norling, is now in residence with his family, and R. Whan, of Woolwich College, is serving as student-assistant.

WILEY PARK - BANKSTOWN

(N.S.W.). Since the amalgamation of the congregations at Wiley Park and Bankstown, the work has been carried on from Wiley Park chapel as centre. The student-minister, Dennis Nutt, of Woolwich College, gives pastoral oversight. Youth activities are on the upgrade, and plans are well in hand for the ultimate transference of the base of work to the Greenacre district which adjoins the present location. Land has been purchased on the main road in the Greenacre shopping centre and building of the new chapel will commence shortly.



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MEMBERSHIP

Rosalie Fleming, Cudgee-Nullawarce Baptist to Ararat, Vic.
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Ian Cousin, Doncaster to Red Hill, Vic.
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WESTBURY. — To Glennys and Douglas, at Winchelsea, Vic., on July 25, 1966, a son — Timothy Norman, Playmate for Ralph; brother for Kerry, Linda and Sally.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

SEMMENS - BOYCE. — The marriage of Julie Eleanor, younger daughter of Mrs. A. S. Semmens, 37 Derlanger-ave., Collinswood, S.A., and the late Mr. D. S. Semmens, to Kevin Gilbert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Boyce, 7 St. Lawrence-ave., Edwardstown, S.A., will be solemnised at Church of Christ, Nailsworth on Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, at 5.15 p.m.

DEATH

RICHARDS. — On Aug. 3, at her residence, 29 Grange-rd., Lower Mitcham, South Aust., Mary Richards (late of Alma and Owen), wife of the late Lance-Corporal Raymond Richards, 48th Battalion, 1st A.I.F., loved mother of Ann, Jessie and John (Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hemen), Gladys and Walter (Mr. and Mrs. W. J. B. Goodall), loved grandma of Janet, Christine, Alison, Donald and Marion — 83 years.

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER. — In loving remembrance of our beloved parents, who were called home — mother, August 14, 1965, and father, Dec. 17, 1965. "Beyond the sunset."

—Loving parents of Jack, Dorothy, Elsie, Ruby and Ada.

JENSEN - JAMES. — In loving memory of my dear husband, who was called home on Aug. 15, 1961. "Treasured memories will remain" with his wife, Violet May.

TIPPETT. — Fond memories of Daryl, loved son of Randolph and Gwen, brother of Rodney, Pamela, Barbara and Ian; brother-in-law of Jennifer. With Christ, Aug. 18, 1962.

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VIC. MINISTERS' WIVES

(Melb.). Vic. Ministers' Wives' Association meets at Brotherhood Centre, Mon., Aug. 15, 11.30 a.m. Speaker: Mrs. Waterman.

MINISTER BACK

(Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.). F. C. Hunting is back again, after being in hospital and then a period of convalescence in Adelaide . . . J. Byrnes, asst. minister, has been filling appointments while Mr. Hunting has been away. . . . On July 10, Conf. Pres., A. Ross. Lloyd, preached at Brougham-st., Dawson-st. and York-st. churches . . . In evening services, C.E., Boys' Brigade and Good Companions have been taking part.

BERWICK BAPTISMS

(Vic.). On July 24, four B.S. scholars were baptized at the morning service. At p.m. service the film, "Encounter," was shown . . . On July 31, Mr. Spurgeon, resident Baptist minister, was speaker.

SPECIAL COMPETITION

(Frankston, Vic.). All departments of the S.S. are sharing in a competition in which children are encouraged to attend church services and take part in some special activity outside S.S., such as a party, barbecue, outing, etc. . . . C.W.F. members were challenged by the work of the Dorcas Societies, as outlined by Mrs. Hayden. Interest and enthusiasm has already resulted in cartons of clothing being donated to Dorcas, and the ladies are continuing with sewing efforts. . . . Church members have been participating in the C. and L. M. . . . Plans are under way to purchase a nearby property for later extensions to church buildings.

UNITING DISCUSSIONS

(Swan Hill, Vic.). During July special emphasis was given to the Uniting Church of Australia, with group discussions in lieu of the usual evening service. The sessions proved worthwhile and challenging. . . . Monthly Saturday Evening Fellowships have re-commenced. . . . G. J. Andrews, B. and F. B. S., was a recent speaker at a church broadcast over Radio 3SH. Church was represented at Kyneton meeting of North Central Dist. Conf. on Aug. 6.

VIC. ADULT COUNSELLORS

(Melb.). The Adult Counsellors' Fellowship will meet on August 17, at the Fellowship Room, Cheltenham church. Topic: "Young people and the Drink Question." Speaker: E. S. Sanders.

THREE ADDITIONS

(East Bentleigh, Vic.). Three young people were welcomed into the church recently. They are Dianne Rees, Julie Walley and David Clement . . . 85 attended a tea to celebrate Girls' Sunday. Girls took part in the gospel service, including a Good Companions' choir. Mrs. Clencie was speaker.

FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

(Maidstone, Vic.). Alan Westaway and Heather Savery have been accepted for training at New Tribes Bible Institute, Sydney. They will be married before commencing training. . . . The young men are doing a wonderful job at presiding at morning service, whilst the girls supply musical items at night.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

(Hurstbridge, Vic.). A very successful "July" Christmas party was held by the B.S. when scholars, Guides of the district, and friends, placed gifts on a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, for our missionaries. . . . Two working bees have been held recently to connect water and beautify the building and grounds.

M.B.I. CHOIR AT BENTLEIGH

(Vic.). On July 24, at the evening service, the M.B.I. choir rendered the missionary cantata. R. C. Davis was speaker.

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FOUR BAPTISMS AT DONCASTER

(Vic.). Four young people have been baptized. They were senior scholars from the Church School . . . Recently, Mr. McKeown, secretary of The Mission to the Lepers, screened the film, "Day of Good Tidings" . . . The C.W.F. have sent another three parcels to India for the missionaries. At their birthday meeting, Federal Conf. Pres. S. Russell Baker, showed slides of Puerto Rico and the World Convention . . . The Christian Men's Society recently visited Mount Royal Home for the Aged, with magazines and oranges.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY — MELBOURNE

Every Rally in the Town Hall is always crowded with teenagers, and at the last Y.F.C. Rally, the Melbourne Town Hall was literally packed, with nearly 3,000 people, and over 400 being turned away.

The next Town Hall Rally, on Saturday, August 13, will be crowded as usual. Already hundreds of seats have been reserved and many church and youth groups are planning to attend.

Essendon League Vice-Captain, Johnny Birt, will be participating in the programme, and a tremendous line-up of music is being arranged.

Ever popular yodeller, guitarist, Richie Gunston, will, by popular demand, be returning to the Youth for Christ platform. Melbourne's famous tenor, Victor Franklin, will also be participating. The Dingley Girls' Trio and the Gospel Guitars, will also appear.

Dr. E. H. Watson, Chairman of the N.S.W. Baptist Dept. of Evangelism, will be coming to Melbourne especially for this Rally. His message will have particular appeal to teens.

The Rally will be compered by Olive Stebbins, with Brian Tizzard leading the singing Len Wallace at the electronic organ, and Kelvin Green at the grand piano.

The Rally commences at 7.45 p.m., and admission is free. Seat reservations for groups of 15 or more can be made by contacting the Youth for Christ Office, 747 Burke-rd., Camberwell, E.6. (82-1528 or 82-6971).

Maurice Readhead.

Maurice Readhead died at the Base Hospital, Ballarat, Vic., on April 1. Joining the church at Bet Bet as a young man, he was employed by the Govt. Railways. He was associated with the churches at Merbein, Wodonga, Geelong, Warrnambool, Warragul, and on his retirement, came into fellowship with the York-st. (Ballarat) church. In 1927, at Geelong, Maurice was united in marriage with Lillian Combridge, whose family is well known and honored among our Victorian churches. Maurice Readhead, like Barnabas, was a good man. Quiet and unassuming, he manifested a sincere loyalty to Christ and the church and won the esteem and affection of those who knew him. A service at the York-st. chapel, conducted by the writer, assisted by Cecil Jackel, was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, and the beautiful floral tributes were a testimony of the esteem in which our brother was held. The burial was in the Ballarat Cemetery. We commend his widow, son

PARENT AND CHILD SERVICE

(Dandenong, Vic.). The Officers' Board and a cross section of the membership met, on July 30, to look at our programme and the possibilities of improvement. Every member has been asked to undertake a campaign of personal prayer that this church will more adequately fulfil its mission . . . Approx. 90 young people from six churches joined with our C.Y.F. in a games night on July 2 . . . The church is continuing to send food parcels to India regularly, also a food parcel has been sent from the C.Y.F. to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas at Dhond . . . The minister, A. Ross. Lloyd, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. H. Freeman, of the Methodist Church, on 31st.

"IN BALWYN TO-NITE"

(Vic.) C.W.E.F. birthday celebrations with above topic, entertained 130 ladies, including 12 from Ballarat, with excellent programme . . . Recently Mr. Searle, of O.M.F., gave a talk and audio-visual of Mission work. Miss Avril Morrow, as out-going missionary, gave inspiring testimony . . . Girls' Sunday was celebrated, with Good Companions taking part in gospel service . . . Mrs. Amos gave thoughtful address on "Census of Christian Living" to ladies at Shoppers' Service.

Raymond, daughter Laurice (Mrs. Beyer), Glenda (Mrs. Geisler) to the "God of all comfort."—H.W.S.

Arthur Stanley Ashley.

Arthur Stanley Ashley, "friend of all," and foundation member of the Wattle Park church, Vic., died suddenly at his home on July 17, after a wonderful day with friends in the snow at Mt. Donna Buang.

His Christian life began with the young people of the Bayswater church, and led to his marriage with Mildred Legg. However, the war intervened and he saw service with the army in New Guinea. This served to deepen his faith, and on his return, less than twelve months after coming to live in Stott-st., the first Sunday School met in his home in August, 1948. The first communion service was held on Oct. 1, in the Chipperfield home until the next year, when they were transferred to 8 Stott-st. The growth of the B.S. necessitated larger accommodation. The residents in Stott-st. assisted in the erection of a marquee in 1951, supplied by T. R. Morris. This was the church home until the opening of the present chapel in 1954.

After a brief time as one of the foundation members of the Board, Arthur was appointed secretary in 1949, a post he held until the death of his wife, ten years later. He continued to serve as Board member until his sudden passing.

Arthur was active in many quiet and unassuming ways, and was greatly loved by all sections of the community. Many stories of his kindness and unheralded assistance have come to light. "Ashley Hall" was part of the tribute of respect in which both he and his wife were held by the congregation. For this service, however, the chapel was inadequate to accommodate the workmates and friends who came to pay tribute to one of "God's gentlemen." Those who were not able to share are invited to a memorial service on August 14, at 3 p.m. Members of the church have taken a practical interest in the future of Peter and Dianne.—J.Mc.

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OPEN FORUM

WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS.

To the Editor,

The letter of D. Allison, "A.C." July 30, amply illustrates the dangers of proof by scriptural quotation, for he apparently overlooked the one from Matt. 5 — "You have heard it said of old 'you shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you . . ."

Jesus never failed to reject the accepted majority or traditional view of things (and what else are the laws of a democracy?) if it were at ends with the deeper morality of human need.

Nor would the Christ be an accessory party to that of which he disapproved, as Mr. Baxter (July 30) and Dr. Elliott (July 9), would have us be, whatever the ends.

The Fuehrer's genocide broke no law in Germany. Law abiding Germans did not challenge it. They share a common guilt.

Is Mr. Allison sure that no guilt for murder, brainwashing, dehumanisation or megalomania pertain to us? Did he not see Michael Charlton's TV film, or the Canadian "The Mills of the Gods," nor read Gerald Stone's "War Without Honour"?

The Lord promised us a narrow, rocky track. Therefore we must reject Mr. Holt's abdication of responsibility to L.B.J., Sir Percy Spender's run for the cover of points of law over S.W. Africa, and the temptation to keep ourselves square with the law at all costs.

The position of man caught between the wisdom of the established order and erring on the side of humanity is delineated by Morris West in "Daughter of Silence" and "The Ambassador."

—F. G. Morgan, Vic.

N.S.W. BOYS' HOME.

To the Editor,

Whoever wrote the Editorial in the "A.C." July 30, made an "awful blue," for we have had established in N.S.W. a Boys' Home for over FORTY YEARS. It commenced in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, at Tempe, and later moved to Dundas, under the capable leadership of Matron Mackenzie.

The Boys' Home Committee showed much foresight in purchasing the present property, Dunmorehouse, at Pendle Hill. But for this the following may not have been possible — Ashwood House for our Elderly Sisters, conducted by the sisters of our churches; Pendle Hill church; the Duplex Homes and block of Flats supervised by the Social Services Committee, and now the Nursing Home

soon to be erected by our Social Services' Committee.

The Boys' Home Committee is also responsible for the good work of the Young Men's Hostel in Sydney.

Let us take off our hats to this Committee for their excellent work.

—C. T. Garrett, N.S.W.

[Ed. I am deep in shame at the slip of memory. I've been to Pendle Hill and add my word of appreciation for long and valued service.]

NON-COMBAT NO ANSWER.

To the Editor,

Ernest Baxter ("A.C." 30/7/66) suggests that we be positive in our objection to war by joining medical units and serving, rather than refusing to take part at all. Refusal to take part is not a selfish or negative attitude, provided that one is not only thinking of saving one's own life, it is a declaration that war and/or a particular war is unjust and un-Christian. Serving in a medical unit on the field is still helping in the total war effort, and this is in itself an approval of the principle of war.

He goes on to point out that the Government has provided a way for young men to gain total exemption on the grounds of conscientious objector. Those seeking this exemption must state their reasons to a Stipendiary Magistrate, who then asks such questions as, "If this country was invaded by an enemy, and your mother was about to be killed, what would you do?" ("Herald," 28/7/66).

This type of question is unrelated to the issue being fought at present, i.e., the clash of ideologies, and the answer could surely have much bearing on this one man's decision. Would an application for exemption be granted on the grounds that war, the Vietnam war, and killing are against Christian principles when the church is at present divided as to whether these things are against Christian principles?

—W. H. Morris, Vic.

VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

The letter of Mr. Allison, "A.C." July 30, contains an appeal to the O.T. as the standard for Christian citizenship which is remarkable from a member of a brotherhood "pleading for N.T. Christianity."

A few comments are offered on the points taken by Mr. Allison —

Murders. — One requires authoritative substantiation of the statement of 400 by Viet-Congs — when, and what period? Facts overlooked are that U.S.A. assisted France to kill Vietnamese from about 1951, and that President Diem, a

puppet of U.S., imprisoned and killed many fellow nationals before any widespread retaliation by the Viet Cong.

Tibet — for centuries was Chinese territory, and before its recent liberation was ruled by an evil dictatorship.

Brainwashing. — This smear word is common, in varying degree, to all modern political and economic propaganda, especially under war conditions.

Dehumanisation. — Have Mr. Allison and others endeavoured to compare the social conditions of the masses of the people in different areas of the world. For example, Latin America, the Philippines, U.S. negroes, South African natives, Portugal, the millions of India, and our own Aborigines, all controlled for centuries under Western "freedom"; with those of Russia, Eastern Europe and China relative to their economic and cultural condition before acceptance of Socialism not yet fifty years ago?

The whole argument of Mr. Allison is predicated upon the anti-communist slogan upon which the Western peoples have been "brainwashed" since 1917; then, by Hitler from the early '30's; softened from mid-1941 to 1945; revived by the Churchill-Truman doctrine of 1946; continued by the Dulles policy of "world domination to contain communism"; adopted by the Vatican and other church institutions as their major political interest, but accompanied by refusal to discuss objectively what is opposed.

Rarely is any warning regarding this reactionary attitude to be heard, so it is good to note a recent example in the request of the U.S. government by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches "to review and modify its policy of containment of communism."

—L. O. Collyer, Vic.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

C.W.F. ON AOBA

BY SHIRLEY LUDGATER.

A memorable meeting of the Aoban women was held when 105 women assembled for the first combined business meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and officers were elected to bring into operation — A Women's Council.

It was truly a thrilling time sharing with these women in their first attempts at elections, explaining some of the "mysteries" of a council, and the services to be carried out by its officers. I expect many of our methods and ideas are not strictly in accordance with Australian constitutional methods, as the missionaries, as well as the island women, have much to learn, but at least we have made a beginning. Many have prayed for our early attempts at organisation and we can testify to a sure sense of the Lord's presence and guidance as we have gone ahead a little blindly but in faith.

So we now have a — Council Committee of nine members, including women from Longana and Lombaha at the north and middle of the island. The women asked that a missionary take the position of President for the first year so that they could see what was expected. Mrs. Isobel Toka is the Vice-President, and Miss Nellie Sese, a very capable secretary, who has been to Vila Teachers' College and knows how to type and write minutes. In addition, we have a Kai Committee (catering) of seven, and they have already proved their work at the Easter kai which was held on the following day.

Dorcas. Mrs. Coulter's women's sewing groups have now taken the name Dorcas to make them part of C.W.F., and each Dorcas woman from now on is to try to make one article of child's clothing per month, to be included in Christmas boxes to be sent to our isolated villages on the islands of Malo, Tutuba, Mafea and Santo. I wish you could have seen the display of sewing laid out at our Easter meeting — beautifully worked cloths, smocked frocks and patchwork which would be a credit to any women's group.

The Future. Already some of the C.W.F. committee members have been having meetings apart from the monthly meeting to find ways they themselves can serve village women, and the Longana women have planted a yam garden to help pay for boat transport to and from council and special meetings. Can you catch some of our joy and optimism about these things, and will you share with us in prayer for the future?

WHEAT FOR INDIA — GIFT FROM C.W.F. - NEW HEBRIDES

The C.W.F. on Aoba, New Hebrides, has collected \$240.70 towards the Wheat for India Appeal. In advising that the money was being remitted, Miss Nellie Sese wrote, "In sending this money we also send our prayers for the millions in India who are suffering from the famine. More than anything we pray that many may learn about the One who is the Bread of Life through the food that is given."

\$74.00 was raised by the women cleaning and working in gardens, and the balance from offerings and general funds.

GEORGE AND SETH

BY JACK SMITH.

"One by one we cross the river." This closing of earthly lives goes on here on Pentecost, the same as in the rest of the world. These past few months have seen the passing of two of our older brethren on this island. George Buly Woot, the brother of the teacher, David Buly Caso, died just before last Christmas. For many years George led the singing in all the church activities in the middle area of our work. Because of the onset of old age he finally had to relinquish this work he loved.

Seth, the head teacher for Pentecost, who died last week, was a school boy in the very early days of our work here with Frank Filmer. In 1940, Seth was appointed head teacher, and for many

years did his work faithfully, regularly visiting the outlying villages. He gradually became too old to do this work, but kept in close contact with the villages in the northern area.

Seth, too, has "crossed the river." The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Edwards. A launch load of people from the Ranmawat area attended. Samuel Buly led a memorial service in the largest church in that area.



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right arm
Is near to me, and thus they walk
about
Mailed in full proof of faith, and bear
a charm
That mocks at fear, and bars the
door on doubt,
And dares the impossible.

—Anonymous.



What can be more foolish than thinking that all this rare fabric of heaven and earth came by chance, when all the skill of art is unable to make an oyster?

—Jeremy Taylor.



Get your facts first; then you can distort them as much as you please.

—Mark Twain.



Fashion Note: There will be little change in men's pockets this year.



A married woman who is still pretty at forty is the achievement of her husband's love.

—W.F.C.



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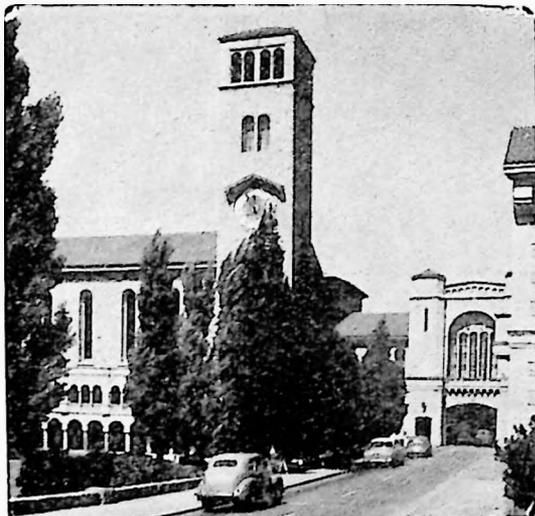
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