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FIRE AT THE "BOOTH"

When last I visited the William Booth Memorial Home it was to see one of our own church members. Like most others I took for granted the service the Salvation Army gives to the homeless in our cities.

Through the fire and smoke that claimed the lives of thirty men, there came a new awareness that the Army is the servant of all the churches in its ministry of Christian concern.

This awareness made us one in sorrow through a major disaster — it can also make us one in the work of rebuilding. The Army should be able to look with confidence to the support of the whole community, and especially the Christian community, as it builds a new home of compassion.

GUIDELINES (9)

Baptism

It has been fairly easy for our people to win arguments and debates about baptism, so far as the mode and subjects of baptism are concerned, for our position has strong biblical support.

We could and did attack with success the baptism of infants and the practices of sprinkling and effusion, but we were almost as often under attack ourselves for having an extreme sacramental view of baptism.

Some churches hold the view that baptism produces a change of nature; it is the means to new birth for the youngest child or the oldest sinner. Alexander Campbell, who was so often quoted as our representative, took the position that baptism does not change the nature of the subject, but does produce a change of state. Nature is changed through faith and repentance; our relationship is changed through obedience.

The difference between these positions is not always easy to define and the "change of state" was taken to mean that the water of baptism is an essential means to the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. So we were charged with accepting baptismal regeneration — new life through immersion.

The language of our pioneers in trying to be true to the scriptures did sometimes seem to suggest that water baptism was as important as faith and repentance, but this position was categorically denied by Campbell: "Who is a Christian? . . . Everyone that believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys him in all things according to the measure of knowledge of his will. . . . It is the image of Christ, the Christian looks for and loves; and this does not consist in being exact in a few items, but in general devotion to the whole truth as far as is known." (Alex. Campbell, 1837.)

This has always been our general position, and it is summed up by Principal E. L. Williams: "We repudiate (the error of baptismal regeneration). Neither do we speak negatively, saying that those who are not baptised are not saved. This is something we must leave with God. Our emphasis is upon a positive message. We are commissioned to say that those who accept Christ in faith, repent of their sins, confess him, and are baptised into him shall be saved. We dare not and do not preach less." ("A Biblical Approach to Unity," p. 155.)

It is Christ who saves — not baptism. We have been far too ready to stand aloof from those who have not been immersed — even though their lives show genuine faith and true repentance.

Within our churches we have tended to make much of the external witness and to place less emphasis upon the faith and repentance which must precede baptism if the latter is to have validity. We can write down a time and place for baptism but the pre-requisites — faith and repentance — are not so amenable to bookkeeping.

Immersion in water cannot mean much unless it also means immersion into Christ. All of our logical arguments based upon scripture will fail to persuade unless they are supported by a new life in Christ. As baptism points to forgiveness of sins, we should live as redeemed. As baptism points to the gift of the Spirit, we should show the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Baptism will commend itself as Christ's way, if the immersed show themselves to be Christ's people.

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WRIGHT THINKING

"For heaven's sake, let's have a bit of peace and quiet!" That is a familiar request in the rush of modern life. Some people only want to be left alone. But salesmen, the radio, television, neighbours, noise, all combine to see that we are denied the peace and quiet we crave.

A young woman told a real estate agent who was trying to sell her a house, "A house? Why do I need a house? I was born in a hospital, educated in a college, courted in a motor car, and married in a church. I get my food in restaurants and delicatessens. I spend my mornings at golf, my afternoons at bridge, and my evenings dancing and at the movies. And when I die I will be buried from the undertaker's. All I need is a garage."

We are hurried through life at a rapid pace. A young Sydney resident was entertaining an Indian student. They came at peak hour to Wynyard railway station on the city underground. Whilst they were traversing a labyrinth of escalators and passages there came the rumble of an approaching train. The young Sydneysider seized his guest and whirled him, at a giddy rate, through the remaining corridors on to the platform, where they hurled themselves through the closing door, and then lay, breathless, as the train roared on its way. When the young host could speak he gasped out triumphantly, "Just saved two minutes!" To which the bewildered guest panted in reply, "What are you going to do with it?"

A quiet Quaker once said, "Our lives are so little, our ambitions so mean! We are always so thronged and encompassed about with ant-like, hurrying activities!" Many of us seem to be living in that kind of anthill, rushing about with tremendous activity, but far too busy to ask ourselves just where we are going, and why at such breathless speed.

This is also happening in the church. "Is it true," a woman asked her minister, "that heaven is a place where there are no more partings?" The minister replied, "My idea of heaven is a place where there are no more meetings!" It is not only the minister who feels that, the layman feels it too.

A research director in New York recently made a survey of 4,000 church members. Among other conclusions, he found "that the main stream of Christian laymen viewed the church as a busy round of meetings, committee work, telephone calls, planning programmes, more of an organisational activity than a spiritual or intellectual experience."

Maybe it has not reached that stage yet in our country, but sometimes one feels we are heading that way. If religion, as someone has said, is what a man does with his solitariness, then religion is not getting much opportunity with our ant-like hurrying activities. Granted that the Bible is full of challenges to activity — building, fighting, marching are constantly recurring words.

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT

TAKE IT EASY

But equally constant are words like waiting, resting, abiding. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Be still and know that I am God." That is the Old Testament, and when you come to the New Testament, you hear Jesus saying, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile."

During Christ's earthly life, his day was full of strenuous activity, but the evening, or the early morning, was often spent alone among the hills. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Most of us, facing the demands of modern life, feel we have to do it all

ourselves, struggling and straining, when we should be resting in God. Housewives and mothers, business men, faced every day with all the tasks to be started this morning and finished tonight, should rest back more. Deliberately make time each day when you can stop and completely relax in God. Let yourself go, breathe deeply, smile, read over a hymn, a prayer, a psalm, a passage from the Gospels — you will find that in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

You won't be wasting time. It will be like putting the pendulum back on the clock. You know what a clock is like which has lost its pendulum, just a mass of whirring wheels. But attach the pendulum, and the result is a movement which is peace — stable, restful, calm, purposeful. You see the law of gravitation has come into play, and that little clock has been taken up into the mighty movement of the universe, the movement which rules the tides and the stars. When we rest back in God, our lives are taken up into the rhythm of the universe and given a new poise and peace.

"THE LORD IN HIS BEAUTY"

Reviewed by D. B. McINTOSH.

Viney Longthorp, Director of Christian Education in Vic.-Tas., has given us, in his latest pamphlet: "The Lord in His Beauty" (Provocative Pamphlet No. 136) what has been buzzing about in his busy mind for some time now — an appreciation of the vital contribution that the Arts make to the visual and emotional expression of Christian conviction.

Viney, himself highly creative, makes a gentle but convincing plea that we end our neglect of the Arts. He urges us to enquire how we can effectively and properly employ the Arts in their various forms — paintings, poetry, drama, music, architecture, in the service of the church, and provides us with an interesting list of books to set us on our way.

The Christian churches are passing through a time of searching self-criticism, and there is a real danger that this can cause loss of confidence and faith. The intelligent use of the Arts, with their non-critical and aesthetical interpretation of religious themes, helps to restore the balance.

A good example of this is to be found in a recent book by the former Minister of Education in Britain, Lord Eccles, entitled, "Half Way to Faith" (Bles), in which he tells how his father's devotion to fundamentalist religion and his mother's tragic inability to recover her faith after losing her two eldest sons at the war, drove him to complete agnosticism. Eccles goes on to state that by looking at the Evangelists as artists, he has been moved to declare that he is on the road to recovering a faith in God. This response to the artistic content of the Gospels, he says, is the fruit of the labors of an old Headmaster, who taught him how to respond to the work of some of the great painters. It is this kind of experience that Viney wants us all to discover in the best of Christian art.

Coventry Cathedral, England, must be the kind of visible expression of Christian conviction that Viney hopes we will begin to employ. At least that is the feeling one gets in reading the moving account of its conception and construction, written by the architect, Basil Spence, and entitled, "Phoenix at Coventry" (Fontana).

A quiet beginning was made at Shepparton, Vic., last Easter, with the use of the color filmstrip, "The Life of Christ in the Masterpieces of Art," together with the World Record Club release, "For He Is Risen," and printed responsive devotions, which were used for half-hour devotions each evening from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday. The local Board of Officers requested that this become a yearly event in their congregation.

CHRISTIANITY'S 1,000 YEARS

(Warsaw). The 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland was commemorated at a series of special services held in the new chapel of the Baptist Church.

Participating in the initial service were representatives of the Polish Ecumenical Council, including members of the Reformed, Methodist, United Evangelical, Adventist, Orthodox, Old-Catholics, and the B. and F. B. S. Five hundred persons attended.

A representative from the Orthodox Church noted, the changed ecumenical atmosphere which made it possible for him to enter a Baptist Church. This, he said, would not have been possible a few years ago.

A feature of the celebration was a Sunday worship service at which Dr. Gordon R. Larson, of Geneva, representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies in Europe, preached. —E.P.S.

SIGNIFICANT PREACHERS OF OUR DAY

DR. A. G. ELLIOTT
Part 2

Preachers of past 20 Years (continued)

Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones, now ministering at Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, is a prince of expositors. This trenchant, forthright Welshman still continues to hold vast congregations in thrall. He gave up a brilliant career in medicine while still a very young man, to become assistant to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, and has followed him in his pulpit. Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones, in these days of scrappy, ten-to-fifteen minute "evaporations," still regularly preaches for almost an hour to some 2,000 people every Sunday morning and night. In addition, approximately 1800 eager, note-taking students hang on his words each Friday night. And the secret — the Word of God, wonderfully, yet simply expounded.

James Sidlow Baxter, who enjoyed a remarkable ministry of 18 years with the largest Baptist congregation in the British Isles, at Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh, is another expositor with tremendous personal gifts of oratory. He is now in California, and is regarded in the U.S.A. as one of the outstanding Bible teachers of our generation.

Townley Lord, formerly of Bloomsbury Baptist Church, and George Beasley-Murray, Principal of Spurgeon's College, are other English Baptists in the front rank among preachers, while John Stott, of All Saints, Langham Place, London stands high as an evangelical Anglican with a message to proclaim.

When we cross the Atlantic, however, the most notable American herald of the gospel, of course, is Dr. Billy Graham. Although there are those who decry him, his record in the field of mass evangelism is unsurpassed. Dr. Graham's preaching is simple, clear, and powerful, in the strict apostolic sense of the word. He frankly declares that "prayer" is the secret of his preaching and its results. Furthermore, tens of thousands can testify to the saving grace of Christ received through the preaching of this Spirit-filled champion of the Word of God.

Among other North American preachers of our day, who might have been more prominent but for the towering figure of Graham, is itinerant evangelist, Leighton Ford.

But What Is Significant Preaching?

It is preaching in which the Christ of the Scriptures is lifted up. It is preaching that is a "sign" — a sign for men and women of today. It is preaching with perspective, purpose and power.

churches today, when he says the pulpits declare how "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a Kingdom without judgment through the ministration of a Christ without a Cross."

This kind of thing, of course, is not preaching at all. A man without conviction may be a competent speaker — but he is no preacher. There is a wealth of difference between "speaking" and "preaching." As the present Archbishop of York, Dr. Coggan, has well stated, a Christian preacher is "a trustee of the Gospel of Christ in his presentation of the Written Word."

Such presentation of the Written Word implies presentation of the Living Word, which was the purpose of preaching in the New Testament Church. Peter and John, Stephen and Philip, Paul and Barnabas, as seen in action in the Book of Acts, proclaim the wonder of the Risen Lord, the Messiah, in fulfilment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. The victory of the Risen Christ is their victory too. The glory of the Lord is their glory also.

When most of us were still very youthful, men like H. G. Harward, A. G. Saunders, James E. Thomas and Jabez Wiltshire stood in our pulpits and our Australian brotherhood responded with unwavering assurance to the trumpet call of the Lord through their faithful ministrations of the Word. But as Paul truly says, "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" The Holy Spirit is the secret of purpose and authority in the pulpit.

Power in preaching, too, comes from the Spirit, in the Word. From a wealth of experience, Dr. F. B. Meyer urges us to "Preach the Word, that you may have power." Meyer tells us that following his experience with D. L. Moody in the American's first campaign in England, his preaching was never the same. A new note began to be sounded out. For, in addition to the power of the Word he proclaimed, Meyer believed he also had, in a new way, the answering power of the Spirit within.

The Holy Spirit is always the preacher. Men are merely his chosen channels; and this is what makes for Significant Preaching.

(*4) Edmund P. Clowney: "Preaching and Biblical Theology."

Perspective in preaching implies, as Clowney (*4) says, the proclamation of "the fullness of the gospel in a new situation." This is relevance in preaching. This is what the preachers of the New Testament Church were constantly called upon to do.

It has been said that no institution of modern times demeans itself so much as the Christian Church. It is also asserted that this degeneration is largely the work of undermining and destructive criticism of preachers.

The pulpit, too, has been accused of furthering division in the church. In fact, it has been urged that had it been left to the occupants of the pews, simple practising believers in every congregation — denominational differences would have disappeared long ago.

Whether this be true or not, the modern disparagement of preaching is all too evident. It is openly alleged that the days of preaching are over, that preaching is no longer relevant to the needs of men, and even some preachers are beginning to believe this. Yet no one has come forward with anything to put in its place. But this too is not surprising, for the true preaching of the Word will never be outmoded. The Scripture has the answer for every generation.

Purpose in preaching means preaching for a verdict. This is authoritative preaching, for whatever the theme, theological, ecclesiological or evangelical, it must be a proclamation of the Word of God, or it is not preaching at all.

The propagation of the results of so-called liberal scholarship, with the accompanying inclination to disbelief of the Scriptures is a veritable prostitution of the pulpit. Professor Richard Niebuhr has aptly satirised what goes on in many

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NEW ZEALAND NOTES

Overseas Mission Resignations

The Overseas Board has announced the resignation of several staff members. After almost 16 years in Rhodesia, most of it spent on the African Reserves, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ladbrook have decided to retire at the end of 1966. They will be returning to Australia to live. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Scott will return to N.Z. at the end of the current school term. Mrs. Scott is suffering from an eye complaint which has severely affected her vision. Mrs. I. Knapp sailed for Rhodesia, after furlough, on Aug. 7.

Fiji Youth Camp

20 young people spent from May 6-24, in Fiji, sponsored by the National Council of Churches at the first overseas ecumenical youth camp run from within N.Z. They assisted in building six 20 ft. x 10 ft. houses, which completed 22 of a total of 55 involved in the scheme. The participants paid their own fares and accommodation costs, and included one of our own young men, Rex Heyworth. 70 applications were received for this special service project.

Here and There

Mrs. Joyce Carter has been received by transfer from Mitcham church to Dominion Road, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schwass and family, of Palmerston North, have left for Thailand, where Mr. Schwass is undertaking a special assignment in agricultural work on behalf of the Government; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chapman have returned to N.Z. after three years in London; David Bell, of Christchurch, is the first male tutor nurse in general nursing in N.Z.

Golden Bay Crusade

Ross Heyward held meetings in the Rockville and Takaka areas, with 18 persons making initial decisions, including six young people visiting Takaka for holidays.

Around and About

First Presbyterian Church (Dunedin) and Moray Congregational Church have announced that they are engaged in discussing union. The Congregational Church has 100 members, and First Presbyterian 600. In Wellington, St. Ninian's Presbyterian Church, Karori, and the Karori Congregational Church are anticipating merger as a result of present plans. St. Andrew Street Church of Christ recently held a baptismal service, when Congregationalists joined in the service. Observers from the negotiating churches attended a baptismal service held at our Moorhouse Avenue Church, Christchurch.

Clergy v. Broadcasting

A basketball match was held at Grey-mouth between ministers and broadcasters, in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Ponsonby Road

The congregation has been holding discussions with St. John's Methodist Church, resulting in united services once each month. T. Bamford is minister of

Auckland United Church of Christ, which consists of Ponsonby Road, Pt. Chevalier and Mt. Albert.

Overseas Visitors

These have included Dean Montlefore, who spoke at Universities by arrangement with the University Chaplains, and Professor Howard Clinebell, of the U.S.A., who is from California, where he is located in a training institute underwritten by Methodists and Disciples of Christ. Prof. F. F. Bruce is due in New Zealand shortly.

Shared (Hospital) Chaplains

Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and ourselves have agreed to a joint form of chaplaincy at a national and district level. Rev. A. Dixon is now officially recognised by the four churches as their representative at Oakley Psychiatric Hospital, Auckland. In addition, the Auckland churches have agreed to recognise one another's ministries as the chaplains serve in Auckland, Middlemore, Greenlane and National Women's, and Cornwall. A special service of recognition for this new development was held on Aug. 14, in the presence of representatives of the hospital boards, staffs and churches.

International Affairs

The 25th anniversary of the National Council of Churches was observed in July. In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Council a Consultation on Confessing the Faith in N.Z. was arranged.

Colombo Plan Students

These will total 232 in N.Z. for coming year, with students from Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Malaya, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Churches have been asked to help with accommodation.

Christchurch

The Rt. Rev. A. K. Warren, Bishop of Christchurch, is to be succeeded by the Very Rev. W. A. Pyatt. Both are active in the work of the National Council of Churches, with Bishop Warren being the only N.Z. member of the Central Committee of the World Council.

"Religion and Race in New Zealand"

A research study, sponsored and published by the N.C.C., with Hans Mol as author, at 15/-.

Publishing Event

The "Torch," published weekly by the Wellington City church, has entered its 44th year of service. The June 12 issue was Vol. 44, No. 1.

Bond Mission

The Nelson District churches are planning for the J. Bond Mission in 1967.

Fraternal Delegates

Delegates to Federal Conference in Melbourne will be Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell, of Auckland.

—B. Burn.

SPAIN REFUSES TO RECOGNISE EIGHT PROTESTANT CHAPELS

(Madrid). The announcement here of a proposed law providing for religious liberty in Spain has coincided with the news that legal authorisation has been refused by the authorities for four Protestant chapels in Murcia and four in Alicante. In Madrid, the Protestants were told that legal recognition would not be granted for any further chapels.

Protestant circles in Madrid are hoping that the new law, when promulgated, will end the incongruous situation in which Protestant chapels are permitted to open — and then refused official authorisation.—E.P.S.

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MEET THE PRESIDENTS (2)

"MRS. WORLD C.W.F."



Mrs. Kath. Lawton.

If "family" means anything at all, then Mrs. Kath. Lawton qualifies for the above title on two counts. First, she was elected to the position of World President of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Churches of Christ, and this is where democracy beats "family" hands down!

On the other hand, with Campbell and Magarey family roots then among many women she would have a claim to some recognition. And the women of the World Brotherhood did a fine thing when they elected her as their President.

To introduce Mrs. Lawton to a wide circle is quite a task, for her interests and claim to our attention are many and varied. As a mother she qualifies for the love of a wonderful family. There are six children, and all active in the Kingdom of God.

Dr. John Lawton, violinist, medical man, singer and University evangelical leader, is well known. Tina Lawton, is a national figure as a folk singer. Mrs. Max Myers (Jo.) is a missionary with M.A.F. in New Guinea. Nan, or Mrs. Philip Messent, is a doctor's wife also and now daughter-in-law of the World President, Sir Philip Messent. Lindy, or Mrs. Peter Lawrie, was a pharmacist and now a housewife, whilst Julie is at Teachers' College. This is quite a family!

Within the church, Mrs. Lawton is quite active. She is incoming President of the Women's Conference in S.A., President of the Evening Group among the ladies of Unley church, sings in the choir, appears on the A.B.C. in devotional sessions, was one-time President of the World Day of Prayer Committee, is active in Women's United Church Committee, and sundry other community concerns. This is quite a full life!

The obvious question is, "Is she ever at home, and what kind of a

place must that be?" The answer is, that at 3 Hilda Terrace, Hawthorn, one meets a most gracious and charming lady, whose welcome is always sincere and pleasant. One is a friend as soon as the door opens. This is quite a home!

Some of our readers will recall the wonderful discovery of the now famous Campbell documents in Adelaide a year or two ago. Mrs. Lawton is the one in whose family these were discovered. She presented them to the World Brotherhood at Puerto Rico last year.

Her great-grandfather was Thomas Magarey, who came from England to Nelson in New Zealand, and thence to Adelaide, where he was the founder of our work in this country. There has always been a Magarey associated with the churches since that time, and now one of them assumes high office and recognition in a Movement which has moved into the nations of the world.

Little did Thos. Magarey realise the implications of his witness in the city of Adelaide so many years ago. And when World Convention comes to Adelaide in 1970, one in the direct line of descent will be there to greet the assembled hosts from around the world. It is fitting that it should be so.

One other person rates a mention! Edgar Lawton is a deacon at Unley, member of the Home Mission Dept., active in Men's Work, Rest Home Board Chairman, Managing Director of Birks Chemists, father of the Lawton family, and husband of Kath! A slight reversal of the quip which says something about "behind every good man there is a good woman!"

Come to Adelaide in 1970, and meet the Lawtons. You'll like them!

—E. P. C. Hollard.

PAST PRESIDENT HONOURED

(Ascot Park, S.A.). At first C.W.F. meeting held since annual meeting, Mrs. U. Wright was in the chair. 25 women attended. A presentation of a leather writing compendium was made to Mrs. Outlaw, Past Pres., for her five years of faithful service . . . Temple Day offering is now \$100.

"LIFE IS WORTH LIVING"

(Maylands, S.A.). This was the theme of a winter series of seven gospel services conducted by J. W. Lewis, assisted by John Mathieson, song leader, and Miss Dawn Chivell, elocutionary items, and soloists. An engaged couple made their decisions . . . At the conclusion of the Church and Life campaign, 100 participants met in the Maylands church for a combined dedication service. Plans are in hand to continue similar discussions . . . A successful discussion session was held at the July C.W.F. (Day group) meeting. Officers are: pres., Mrs. J. Edwards; vice-pres., Mrs. J. Lewis and Mrs. J. Skurray; sec., Mrs. N. Marsh, and treas., Mrs. A. Jones . . . Y.P.S.C.E. have been visiting the aged and "shut-ins" . . . The young people are in charge of the Sunday evening coffee hour each week, with a monthly "sing-along." Our own young people supply a band.

MUCH FROM THE FEW

(Owen, S.A.). The Owen Ladies' Guild is a small group of ten ladies meeting monthly in a country church. Their main interest has been for welfare of others, thus enriching their own fellowship and justifying their existence as an auxiliary of the church.

Their service during the past year has included:—

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Overseas Missions: \$20 for Milk; \$15.50 for Wheat. Living Links, \$22.

Home Missions, B. and F. B. S., Prisoners' Aid: \$18; donated material has been made into new clothes; seven cartons of used clothes.

N'hern D. Women's Conf.: \$25.

Church Building Fund: \$100.

League of 2,000: two calls.

Local Church: electric jug, curtain material for S.S. Special Purpose Fund, \$36.



NEW SOUTH WALES

VARIETY NIGHT

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The boys' Brigade conducted well attended Variety Evening on July 30 . . . All the girls of the Girls' Brigade who sat for the District N.C.O. Exam. passed. Of these Miss R. Lyons came 1st, and Miss L. McGill came 3rd in the district for Corporals, and Miss D. Dallinger came 1st for Sergeants . . . For August and September the gospel services will commence at 5 p.m. The change is being well supported. Speakers on Aug. 14 were Mr. Ellerby and Mr. Bartholomew.

INTO FELLOWSHIP

(Mosman, N.S.W.). Two young ladies, one transfer, and one re-consecration, were received into fellowship on Aug. 14 . . . E. T. Hart, representing Social Service, was guest speaker on Aug. 14 . . . Ralph Nelson, N.S.W. Director of Child Evangelism Crusade, was a recent guest speaker on a Sunday morning.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). Guest night service, on Aug. 14, took the form of "Question and Answer" time. The minister, C. G. Taylor, is now on annual holidays. . . Artists from home and far afield presented items of a high standard at musicale organised by C.W.F. . . A grand time of fellowship was had by all who attended the church picnic with Nth. Turramurra, at Prospect Reservoir ground. . . Car trial, arranged by C.Y.F., was voted a great success. . . Miss H. Rofe presented interesting details of Mission work to the B.S. . . Dorcas Fellowship has despatched many articles for Overseas Mission boxes.

LINEN FOR MISSION

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). The C.W.F. ladies have sent a 60 lb. box of new linen to the Church Mission Hospital at Ndui Ndui . . . We were visited by the N.S.W. Conf. Pres., C. Cole, and secretary, E. T. Hart. These two dedicated servants of the Lord were able to bring us up-to-date with church activities "down South." It is a great satisfaction to us country people to see and hear men like Mr. Cole and Mr. Hart using their talents for the advancement of the church. Temple Day offering reached \$400.

"CRUSADE '66" - N.S.W.

The opening meeting of the "Crusade" was at Enmore, on Aug. 23; with Des. Nelson, of Qld. as evangelist, and Youth Director Bruce Armstrong leading the singing. The Crusade Choir is under the direction of conductor Franklyn Elliott, and organist Warren Murray, and a number of prayer preparation gatherings are organised in various centres. The Crusade Committee seeks the earnest prayer of all supporters in this venture in youth evangelism.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CRUSADE

(N.S.W.). The formal gatherings, in home-meetings and group-discussions in connection with our N.S.W. churches' "Christian Life Crusade" is over, but the crusade in interest and concern still goes on. A number of our churches indicate that the "Crusade" continues in various "follow-up" activities in prayer groups, Bible study units and discussion cells. All-age Bible Schools were active in incorporating the study materials into their programmes.

MISSION AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). The "Aerosphere Crusade" began in Inverell on Aug. 12, and attracted much interest in the town. The messages presented each night by the evangelist, Doug. Willis, have been forthright and challenging, presenting Christ as the answer to the overwhelming problems in the lives of people today . . . A "Happy Hour" is being conducted in the Aerosphere for school children each afternoon by Trevor Mears, a student from the Kenmore College, and Miss Jenny Kent, from Nambour, Qld. The response has been gratifying, with numbers increasing daily. "Uncle Trevor" has intrigued the young people with his talking doll "Ernie," and his display of musical talent on his instrument (own invention) called a "hose-a-phone." . . . The minister, Maxwell Hall, has recovered from a recent appendix operation and is acting as songleader for the Crusade.

VISITORS TO EPPING

(N.S.W.). At the Youth Fellowship tea, special speaker was Dr. P. Gill . . . The Inter. C.E. was in charge of gospel service and presented thumb-nail sketches of the 12 Disciples. Col. Wrigley, leader, brought a challenging finale . . . C. D'Evelynes, of Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship, brought a very challenging message . . . E. J. Sewell, of Bassendean, W.A., shared in the gospel service. . . C.W.F. (Evening group) had a gardening evening sponsored by "Yates" representative.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). The minister, W. Howard, is home from hospital. Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Roberts have also returned from hospital . . . Guest speakers have assisted church during Mr. Howard's absence . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frecker and W. Piddington have been received into fellowship . . . There was a big attendance on July 24, when we had a big delegation from the Church and Life Movement.

ANOTHER EARLY SERVICE

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). Our gospel services have been held at 5 p.m. during July, and have been so successful that we are continuing for August . . . 20 ladies are still sewing rag clowns, and having fellowship twice a month . . . The young people had a "gardening" day to raise money for Mission work.

MISS HARRIS IN SYDNEY

(N.S.W.). Miss Esma Harris, who has served for many years with the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade in Japan, and is a member of Churches of Christ in S.A., has been having fellowship with our Sydney churches. Miss Harris was one of the special speakers at the W.E.C. Annual Rally, held in the Congregational Church, Burwood, on Aug. 20, and has a wonderful story to tell concerning Christian outreach in missionary venture in Tokyo.

ON RESTORATION MOVEMENT

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). Over recent weeks the minister, D. O. Norling, has been giving splendid teaching on the Restoration Movement . . . Mrs. W. Carlyon back with us again following surgery, but Mrs. Phipps and Mr. and Mrs. Middleton still seriously ill . . . The church is most appreciative of the service rendered by College students, Bob Whan and Rhonda Mudford over the past two years.

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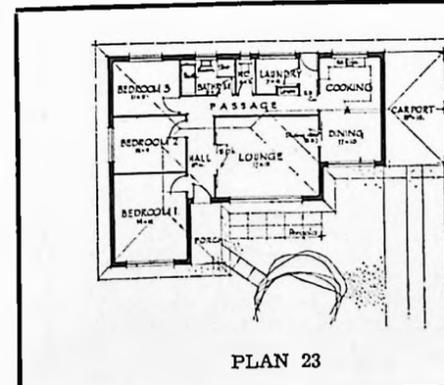
S.A. NEWS

GIVING AT FORESTVILLE

(S.A.). Overseas Missions offering was \$800 . . . Mrs. C. Wood raised \$32 at a games afternoon, and \$16 was raised when Mr. Harris showed slides of recent trip to Japan. All money is for C.W.F. Rest Home Infirmary Project . . . C.W.F. ladies enjoyed an evening of slides when Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard told of world tour

and Convention. Dorcas ladies brought gifts for New Hebrides Mission parcel. . . Miss Esma Harris, missionary in Japan with W.E.C., spoke to I.C.E. on July 17 . . . Y.P. activities included progressive supper and a "sing-a-long" and tea, with the film, "Peter Collins." Mr. and Mrs. De Wildt (Windsor Gardens) sang at "sing-a-long" and youth service which followed . . . Successful 45th B.S. anniversary services on July 31-Aug. 7, had J. P. Ellidge, D. L. White, M. Wilkes and N. Gavros as speakers.

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— WOMEN —

In Tasmania . . .

The August newsletter tells of a variety of activities. Devonport ladies, under the guidance of Mrs. Bruton, were profiting from the Ephesians studies in the C.W.F. Handbook. All groups have been working in a practical way for Aborigines Missions. Camp will be held Sept. 23-25, with Mrs. Helen Hall as leader.

In Tokyo . . .

The Third Asian Church Women's Conference was held in Tokyo during July, and the Australian representative was Mrs. D. G. Badger, with Rev. Winifred Kiek as observer. Mrs. Badger tells of days and nights filled with study, activity and fellowship. She says, "The feeling of fellowship and friendship is very warm and genuine. I am sharing a room with an Indonesian woman, a delightful person. My group for study is the Church and Society. We are 20 people from 12 nations, which makes it very interesting; mostly everyone is contributing something to the discussion. We are using, for our vesper service, the order of service prepared for Fellowship Day."

In India . . .

The tragic death is reported of Mrs. Deborah Peters, the W.C.W.F. representative for India. In trying to relight a kerosene refrigerator her clothing caught alight and she was so badly burnt that it was impossible to save her.

In Western Australia . . .

The President, Mrs. C. B. Reid, welcomed 82 to the August Auxiliary meeting. Mrs. E. Collins, Past Pres., led the meditations based on the President's text for the month, 1 Thess. 4: 1, "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." Mrs. George Smith sang "The Love of God Is So Wonderful." Mrs. C. W. Digwood was welcomed back after an absence through illness.

Financial Statement — showed balance in hand, \$1,590.11.

Reports.

Mrs. C. B. Reid reported on the Women's Evangelistic Campaign, with Mrs. J. A. Strack, of Melbourne.

Aborigine. Mrs. J. L. Pallot expressed thanks for the palms and curtains for the Carnarvon Christian Centre. 50 women from the Reserve attend the conducted sewing classes.

Overseas Missions. An "open house" morning tea will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ladner, on Aug. 20, to welcome to Australia Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode, en route from India to the Eastern States.

Prayer Requests.

Aborigines Missions — for the health of missionaries — sickness is prevalent.

For Bob Williams, as he ministers to his own people. The Carnarvon Christian Centre church during this period of adjustment, also the S.S. and the Women's Meetings.

Home Missions — for the Missions at Applecross, with Bruce Clapp, until Sept. 4; at Scarborough, with Tom Morrison, from Sept. 11-25.

Overseas Missions — for Miss Ruth Edgell, of Kalgoolie, missionary-elect to New Hebrides.

Guest Speaker, George Smith, Director Christian Welfare Centre, briefly traced the work of Social Service in W.A. during the past 50 years. For 35 years the work made little progress, and it is interesting to note the tremendous growth of the work in the last 15 years — the prosperous post-war years. There are at least ten avenues of service in this developing field. Attention was drawn to the need of support of C.F.A.—Dora Gordon, Secretary.

In South Australia . . .

Two hundred and six attended the August Conference including 151 delegates. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. O. Wright, prayer by Mrs. C. Curtis.

Annual State Conference will be held on Sept. 8 commencing 10 a.m. Country groups please advise names of delegates to Conference. Luncheon tickets will be reserved for country delegates, and will be available from ladies in charge of country rolls, before 10 a.m., and at lunch time. Suburban groups please forward delegates' names for new Conference year.

Hostesses for Women's Conference Day are Mesdames Fax, Hollar, Matheson. They will be wearing mauve badges and be ready to help with enquiries.

President's thought for the month: "Among you, whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whosoever would be first must be the willing slave of all." Matt. 20: 26, 27 (N.E.B.).

Aborigines Dept. Rally. This took place following business session. Mrs. Bell, leader of Dept., welcomed special guests: D. G. Hammer, Alan Bonney and Sonny Graham. Musical items were presented by Alan Bonney and Sonny Graham, the

latter also leading devotions. An address was given by Mr. Hammer. From his wide experience in the work with the Aborigines, Mr. Hammer spoke of the work in different centres, mentioning personalities who have contributed to its progress. Mrs. Watson thanked Mrs. Bell and our guests for their share in the programme.—M. Wright, Asst. Sec.

In Victoria . . .

The Catering Committee provided a welcome cup of tea for 200 ladies as they climbed the stairs to the Reception Room at the Brotherhood Centre, on Aug. 10, for the Annual Missionary Rally.

Mrs. Candy, Supt. of the Missionary Committee, welcomed all present, especially visitors from Ballarat, Geelong, Ararat and Mildura.

Leading the devotions, Mrs. Joyce Jenkins centred our thoughts around the words, "What does the Lord require of thee."

Mrs. Dorothy Langford, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Hazel Grimstone, delighted with two messages in song.

Using as their theme, "A Great Past and a Great Future," a panel of six Home Mission personnel — Messrs. B. J. Combridge, R. A. Banks, B. H. White, T. T. Robinson, A. A. Avery and D. H. Smith — each gave a thrilling story of Evangelism and Church Extension through Home Missions.

The C.W.F. Conf. Pres., Mrs. D. Heard, presided at the afternoon session. She welcomed all, especially mentioning the Lady Mayoress of Maryborough. With Mrs. June St. Aubyn as her accompanist, Miss Margaret Marshall sang delightfully.

Miss Hazel Skuce, home on furlough from the Mission field in India, touched the hearts of all as she spoke of the work being done amongst the people of India, and brought before us the urgent need for increased support, both spiritually and materially.

Mrs. Barnett, of the Aborigine Committee, told of the help being given by our Missions in W.A., especially to the Adult Aborigines through the Christian Centres at Norseman and Carnarvon. Mrs. Barnett expressed her joy and thanks for the lovely parcels of clothing received for the work in W.A.

An offering, taken at each session, to help purchase a vehicle for Field Transport at an Overseas Mission Field, realised an amount of \$98.—Joyce H. Sharp.

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The World Court Does Not Count

BY DR. DESMOND CROWLEY

It is a healthy sign, I think, in a journal like the "Australian Christian," when the Editor and a contributor disagree. I disagree with the Editor about the World Court's judgment on the South West Africa case. He seems quite het up about it; I disagree — I think it doesn't matter much.

People who place high hopes on the development of a system of world law as a means of promoting world peace and justice among the nations are making a mistake. A system of law, as Jesus pointed out, is an unsatisfactory way of governing human conduct even in a small community. And we know this from our own experience.

In its very nature, law attempts to go beyond spontaneous feelings of what is right and wrong and establish impersonal principles. But, humans, being as complex as they are, it must always be crude and unsatisfactory. Law and justice are two different things. Try constantly as we should to improve it, law will always be a primitive approximation to justice and fairness, and often will work out badly, even in a small community. It cannot substitute for concern and love.

At the international level, it is even less satisfactory. We accept law, and make it work well enough, in our national community because, generally speaking, we are a community. Most of us

don't want to trample all over our neighbours.

At the international level, on the other hand, no one has been able to persuade the nations yet that they shouldn't each pursue their own interests with a total disregard for those of other nations. And there won't be an effective system of international law until they — and that means the citizens of the nations — learn this lesson.

At the moment the nations view the World Court with extreme suspicion. It took six years to reach its present decision — on only the first step of the case — largely because each nation had to be given the chance to prepare a long submission on the matter and which is complicated in law, if not in morality — and to argue it out before the judges. And each nation was diligently studying the case, not from the viewpoint of justice, but from the angle of how its own interests might be affected.

The Suez dispute was an example of the inadequacy of law. Britain had a treaty — a contract if you like — with Egypt, which still had ten years to run and therefore was legally binding. But it had been signed when Egypt was helpless, and was no longer just.

An effective system of world law will come about after the nations learn not to insist on the right to trample on each other, not before. It will come when the world is a community — when we all think of ourselves as world citizens.

CHICAGO RIOTS UNDERLINE URGENCY CHURCH AND SOCIETY TALKS

By Vaughan Hinton, Secretary for Public Relations, Aust. Council of Churches.

(Geneva). The man who could not come became a dramatic symbol of the world's search for new freedom and a truly human society at the World Conference on Church and Society.

The man is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., U.S. Civil Rights leader and Nobel prize-winner, who was forced to make a last-minute cancellation of his visit to Geneva because of race riots in Chicago.

"If the church does not participate actively in the struggle for peace and economic and racial justice, it will forfeit the loyalty of millions and cause men everywhere to say that it has atrophied its will," he declared in a sermon filmed in Chicago and seen by millions in Europe over television.

Civil rights and the social revolutions of these times, peace in a nuclear age, man's search for a new cultural ethos, and the growing gap between the rich and the poor: these were the concerns of the conference.

410 participated from every Continent; laymen from the fields of science, edu-

cation, industry, research, politics, plus church leaders and theologians.

The possibility before them was shown by Dr. King when he said, "If the church will free itself from the shackles of a deadening status quo, and, recovering its great historic mission, will speak and act fearlessly and insistently in terms of justice and peace, it will enkindle the imagination of mankind and fire the souls of men, embuing them with a flowing and ardent love of truth, justice and peace.—E.P.S.

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WITH

A. E. WHITE

Will our minister be helped to do his best if he is reminded, at every opportunity, of the methods and achievements of his predecessors?

Fortunately, I have never suffered from this kind of nostalgic persecution which measures the present against the past. I have heard enough about it though, to be thankful I've missed it.

To criticise a minister and to judge him against yesterday's methods and achievements is both unfair and unjust — and that makes it un-Christian.

The position is made worse in that some critics tend to polish up their memories of the past while they dull with depreciation the work of the present. Antony said, "the evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones." In many cases, however, it is the weaknesses that are forgotten and the virtues are multiplied.

Furthermore, when a church has had a number of ministers, it is probable that they were of different types, each with his own particular strength — maybe one excelled in the pulpit, one an assiduous visitor, one with a flair for youth leadership, one gifted in public prayer, and another with a fine teaching mind. It is possible for the present minister to be effective in all of these areas, and still fail by comparison with the one special talent of each of his predecessors.

Then, methods and customs change. The things that brought a response a couple of generations ago would not necessarily work today. Sermons were longer, gospel services attracted larger audiences, and youth work was much more strongly supported by the home influence. Even the extremely emotional hymns and songs of a few years ago do not carry the same appeal for today. You can't regain yesterday's passion by singing yesterday's songs, and today's minister could no more imitate all of his predecessors than he could successfully wear their clothes.

None of this is intended to suggest that there is no room for constructive discussion, or even criticism, so long as it is offered in love.

A successful ministry depends not only upon a man dedicated to his Lord, but also upon a congregation committed in loyalty and love for Christ and the church. Such a congregation can make its minister strong.

Where the past has been good, folk should be grateful for it, but we should not use it as a whip to flog the servants of today.

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CHARLES DOW FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

as their minister and a member of the Youth Department Committee.

From here he went to further his studies in the U.S.A., and after study at Bethany College (Ohio) and Butler University (Indiana) he graduated M.A. and returned, in 1965, to serve with the church at Coburg (Vic.).

Since his return he has served as a member of the Federal Christian Union Committee and for a period on the Victorian Home Mission Committee. He was Chairman of the National Youth Consultation, sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education in Jan., 1966. In this role he not only revealed his wide understanding of the Christian Education programme of the church, but also his warm understanding of people and the practical implications of the church's teaching ministry.

Mr. Dow will take up his appointment late in 1967, and the S.A. Department is making arrangements to handle its extensive programme in interim period. Announcements regarding this will be made in the near future.

In commending Charles Dow to the S.A. brotherhood, the Department is grateful to God for guidance in these last months and believes the prayerful support of the churches will mean that the changes now taking place will be for the good of the churches and the further extension of the Kingdom.

The S.A. Department of Christian Education is happy to announce that it has extended an invitation to Charles Dow, M.A., to be the Director from the end of 1967, and they will be submitting his name to General Conference for its approval.

Mr. Dow is well equipped for the position for which he has been nominated, and will bring many splendid qualities that will not only endear him to South Australians, but also enrich the work of the brotherhood in many other areas.

The Director-elect is a man with wide experience in many fields. Upon his discharge from the R.A.N., in which he served on a mine-sweeper, he went to work on a farm at Kaniva (Vic.) and was married to Jean Williams in 1951. They have two children, a son Peter, and a daughter Robyn.

After studies at the College of the Bible, Charles Dow graduated and went to Inglewood (W.A.), where he served

"BACK TO WEMBLEY"

(W.A.). In response to invitations to a "Back to Wembley," many couples who were married at this church attended a special service. Geo. Smith spoke on "The Home: a Community in Miniature." After the service many friendships were renewed over a cup of tea . . . B. and F. B. S. representative, Mr. Wilkins spoke to the Ladies' Fellowship. On another evening, R. Boyd entertained the ladies with his Hammond organ . . . The Youth Rally, arranged by our young people, screened film, "Beloved Enemy." Coffee and scones were served later . . . The church heard Miles Green speak of the exciting development of the Karingal foster home for teenage girls. The church was challenged to share in this venture . . . The C.E. visited local hospitals on Orange and Flower Sunday.

WOMEN IN EVANGELISM

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). C.W.F. ladies of Bruce Rock were hosts at the Woman to Woman campaign. The team leader, Mrs. Strack, Vic., Mrs. Reid, W.A. C.W.F. Pres., and Mrs. Lake, soloist, conducted the service. Bruce Rock church was the only one Mrs. Strack had seen with curtains of lace at the windows . . . On July 31, our 5th Sunday was held in a crowded church at Naremben. Mr. Gaunson, Northam, was speaker afternoon

and evening. Attendance from the five churches — Corrigin, Merriden, Mukinbudin, Naremben, Bruce Rock — also visitors from Kellerberrin and other towns — involved some in travel of over 100 miles . . . Mr. Wells is conducting a mission of two weeks at Rivervale.

GUIDE SERVICE

(Bridgetown, W.A.). 30 local Girl Guides and Brownies, with their leaders, met for morning worship at our chapel on July 10 . . . B. Stitt, our minister, was speaker. Mrs. B. Stitt had the honor of presenting the Nursing Certificates. . . "Woman to Woman" was privileged to have Mrs. D. Strack (Fed. Pres., C.W.F.) on July 21. Although a cold, wet night, and many affected with the "flu," 50 enjoyed the warm fellowship. Mrs. Strack spoke on "Choosing a Way." . . . A. Johnson, Collie minister and Pres. of South West churches, spoke on July 24. He spoke at Manjimup, and after basket tea at Bridgetown, addressed the church again. Many young people were present and the film, "Does Christ Live In Your Home?" was screened . . . On July 31, Mr. Stitt spoke at the 2nd United Service, held this time in the Anglican Church . . . 28 ladies enjoyed a music afternoon at Mrs. Ogan's home. Rugs are being made for Carnarvon and Norseman Mission by ladies.

CENTRAL/NORTHERN DISTRICTS HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

(Vic.). Nine churches were represented at the Half-yearly Conference at Kyneton, on Aug. 6. It was a thought-provoking and rewarding day of fellowship. The theme was ". . . that they all may be one . . . that the world may believe."

E. Mott welcomed Dr. K. R. Bowes and J. Shaw, who, together, directed the afternoon session. Topic, "The Uniting Church of Australia." We were divided into groups and, after a general background study, discussed and exchanged our reactions and thoughts on this topic. At the close each group presented conclusions and the panel was questioned.

The evening session followed tea prepared by the Kyneton church. This was a bright "sing-a-long" and worship service, at which Mr. Shaw gave an excellent message on a personal level.

BOARD ENLARGED

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). Membership is now 68, with average attendance of 61. Weekly offering is 52 dollars. In July, the annual business meeting expanded the Board to consist of 4 elders and 8 deacons . . . The minister, A. M. Norris, has accepted a further term of two years from Jan., 1967 . . . A family tea was held in August, at which E.P.C. Hollard showed slides of Puerto Rico World Convention and other interesting places . . . The B.S. teachers have attended a series of lectures. The supt. is D. Mortimer, and the school has had a very successful year.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). This year's Missionary Convention and Exhibition opened on Aug. 14. Guest speaker was R. S. McLean, sec. of Aust. Overseas Mission Board, who spoke on "Fellow Workers." Mr. and Mrs. Colin Saxby were also present. To date, over \$600 has been distributed to Miss Hazel Skuce's Bible Correspondence Course, and to the General Fund of Federal Aborigines Mission Board. The goal for the Faith Offering to Missions is \$1,050 . . . A gift parcel of food has been sent to Roger and Betty Ryall, at Baramati, India . . . Sincere sympathy is extended to deacon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray, on the sudden death of their son, Bruce.

NATIONAL DIARY

AUGUST:

VICTORIA
29-Sept. 3—Explorers' Senior Camps — Monbulk and Hall's Gap.

NEW SOUTH WALES
28-Sept. 4—BIBLE SOCIETY Week in N.S.W. Churches.

29-Sept. 1—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Refresher, at Pendle Hill. Joseph Whelan Memorial Lecturer: Dr. Lloyd Jones, B.A., M.Th.

QUEENSLAND

SEPTEMBER:
3 —Young Adults/Young Marrieds at Caloundra.
4 —Scripture Examination Day. (Y.&C.E. Dept.).
8 —Ministers' Fraternal — Brotherhood Centre 1.30 p.m. Study Leader: Rex Ellis, B.A.

AUSTRALIAN BOYS' CHOIR

(Vic.). Auditions to fill vacancies in The Australian Boys' Choir will be held at the Choir School, in Armadale, on Sat., Sept. 24, 1966. Boys born in 1957 or 1958 are invited to contact the Secretary, Miss W. Everett, Box 2390V, G.P.O., Melbourne, for an appointment.

One of the three choirs of the Australian Boys' Choir will leave Melbourne on Aug. 27 on an extended concert tour of 14 cities and towns in Queensland, under the auspices of The Arts Council of Australia. Two of the other choirs are giving a concert in the South Melbourne Town Hall, on Aug. 20, tickets available by phoning the Ticket Secretary, at 89-8674 (Melb., evenings).

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

(Bundaberg, Qld.). The Qld. Half-Yearly Conference will be held here, Nov. 5-6. Early registrations to Conference Secretary will assist Bundaberg folk in their catering and billeting arrangements. A grand time of fellowship is assured.

S.S. SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

(Ipswich, Qld.). Four sections: Churches of Christ Lessons, Administration, Superintend Successfully, and Kindergarten, were covered on the day. This afternoon, arranged by the Youth Dept., was voted extremely worthwhile by all who attended. Plans have been made for a Bible Workers' Camp in 1967. Bruce Roberts, minister at Ipswich, assisted in conducting the afternoon, as well as members of the Christian Educ. Com.

PUBLISHER DIES

B. D. Zondervan, senr., co-founder with his brother, P. J. Zondervan, of the Zondervan Publishing House, died on July 4. The firm began in the back bedroom of his parents' farm house, 35 years ago, and he saw the company grow into one of the world's major Christian publishing firms. B. D. Zondervan served as an officer and director of eleven major corporations, including Zondervan Publishing House, Family Book Stores of America, WJBL, AM and FM Radio Station (Holland, Michigan), and Sing-spiration, Inc.

DIRECTOR IN NORTH

(Qld.). Home Missions Director, Alex. Surtees, is visiting North Qld. as part of a drive to contact isolated members in this State. Four main centres in particular to receive attention will be Cairns, Mowra, a coal mining centre, west of Gladstone, Gladstone — an important Alumina complex, and Mt. Isa. Members en route along the coast between Brisbane and Cairns will be visited as part of this fellowship plan.

YOUTH COMBINE

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). At a combined churches' youth tea, L. Wilkins, B. and F. B. S., screened a film. A large number of the after-church meeting saw the film, "Indonesia Today" . . . K. Westbrook, from Cundelee Native Mission, spoke one Sunday, while the minister, Mr. Carslake, spoke at a Presbyterian S.S. anniversary at Boulder . . . The youth group's interesting programmes included a car trial/treasure hunt . . . Doug. Clews is now working in N.Z. John and Val. Elsbury have been transferred to Kalgoorlie. Counselling and Question and Answer sessions are being

CHURCH GOES SECOND MILE

(Nollamara, W.A.). Twelve months ago the church was challenged to its second year of "Faith Missionary Giving." Promises from members totalled \$4600. This is a contribution over and above the systematic weekly giving of the church, and is dependent on God's extra bounty. Those who promised are simply "available to God for him to provide the extra means" for financing mission work for the twelve months' period.

A Missionary Convention week, Aug. 7-14, completed the year. Missionary interests were represented at successive meetings, both with slides and addresses. Speakers were Miss Thea Lake and D. G. Hammer, Roy Roberts, Mr. Bell, G. Wood and others. At the close of the Conven-

held mid-weekly prior to the Bond Mission . . . The Young Marrieds group has had a variety of evenings, including badminton and an apron parade . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Carslake, Mr. and Mrs. J. Denn and K. Smales are planning to attend Federal Conference.

"GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

(Rosewood, Qld.). 250 people, young and old, attended the Youth Department's social night, with the circus theme the focal point. Rosewood identities, Wal. and Dot. Sleaford, Mrs. Shiela, and many other willing workers provided stalls for the interval. A sawdust ring, crepe-paper tent top, a correctly uniformed ring-master, two clowns and a magician, and local and visiting artists, providing an unusual programme, made the night a huge success. After devotions, led by the minister, Steve Rogers, a lad made his decision for Christ. This was the Department's second quarterly rally, the final for the year will be held at Gympie on Oct. 29.

VISITORS TO KEDRON

(Qld.). Alan Webb, minister of Camp Hill church, and lecturer at Kenmore Christian College, was guest speaker on July 24. Evening service was conducted by George Haigh . . . E.W.F. held a very successful "bridal" parade on July 23, and Mrs. Payne's visiting concert party provided enjoyable items. A hot buffet supper was served. Taffs Sweets Factory was visited by E.W.F., July 27. Miss Frances Cole spoke, at missionary night, of the work being done in the New Hebrides . . . Members of the Teachers' College Christian Fellowship conducted p.m. service on Aug. 7, after which the young people conducted their "Hideaway." . . . The sympathy of the

tion the missionary giving from the church and auxiliaries totalled \$5008.

A big group of missionary interests will benefit from the available money, including our work in India, New Hebrides and New Guinea, as well as Aborigines work at Carnarvon and Norseman.

Promise slips were distributed on Aug. 14 to church members to launch the 3rd year of "Faith Offering for Missions." J. K. Bond spoke to a capacity congregation, urging even a greater response for future.

Other major work carried out by the church during the year were a four-week tent mission effort and the completion of a fine brick youth hall, measuring 70 ft. x 30 ft., which will give a big boost to church activities.

church was extended to Eric Enchelmaier in the death of his wife.

SERIES REPEATED

(Ipswich, Qld.). The colored films and addresses on the theme, "Christ Is the Answer," used at Ipswich, are being repeated at Leichhardt. The topics include gambling, immorality, drinking, smoking. . . . Don Rissori led the Leichhardt S.S. anniversary. A. C. Male, Youth Director, was speaker . . . Young people continue with their monthly after-church programme, "Sound of Music." Recent guests were Bob Burgess, with his guitar, and a Salvation Army group . . . The Junior Fellowship from Ipswich and Leichhardt have made up a parcel to go to Kelth Ludgater's schoolboys in New Hebrides.

MILE END ACTIVITIES

(S.A.). The annual business meeting elected H. White and R. Spencer as elders. M. Palmer and L. Price were re-elected as deacons. K. Averay is sec. and R. Spencer is the new treas. Deaconesses are Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Guest. . . . Girls from Tanderra Hostel were guests on Aug. 7, at B.S. tea, and sang at evening church service . . . At the combined boys' and girls' basketball parade, on Aug. 14, young people from the clubs gave items . . . New scholars are being added to B.S. as result of visitation campaign, although most of the homes surrounding this area are occupied by Italian and Greek families.

FORCED REST

(Melb.). Dr. L. E. Jones, minister of Swanston St. church, Melbourne, has been forced to cancel preaching engagements temporarily. He is suffering from a virus infection.



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THE SCRIPTURAL DOCTRINE OF AUTHORITY

BY REX ELLIS

The word "exousia" is used 104 times in the New Testament. It basically means "authority" but is often translated as "power" or "right." There are three facets to its meaning.

- It denotes the authority which decides.
- It shows the authority which legislates.
- It describes the freedom to act.

The Authority of God

Perhaps we ought to speak of the authority of God, because it rests on the fact that he is Author or Creator of the Universe. Romans 9: 21, Luke 12: 5, and Acts 1: 7 show this. These three verses well illustrate the three aspects of authority outlined above. God is the ultimate source of all authority, but he grants the authority to decide, to legislate, and the freedom to act to others.

- To governments. Romans 13: 1-3, John 19: 11.
- To Angels. Revelation 14: 18.
- To Satan. Acts 26: 18; Colossians 1: 13; Luke 4: 6, 22: 53; Rev. 13: 28: 18.
- To Christ. John 5: 27, 17: 2; Matt. 28: 18.
- To the Apostles. 2 Cor. 10: 8, 13: 10; Mark 13: 34; Matt. 10: 1.

The Authority of Christ

The universal authority of Christ needs re-affirming today. This means that there is no salvation outside of him. God, in commending Christ, said, "Hear him" (Luke 9: 35).

The Authority of the Holy Spirit

The normal situation seems to be that the Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. There are times though, when he exercises authority apart from the Scriptures (but never in contradiction to them). Take the case of Philip, in Acts 8: 28, or of Paul, in Acts 20: 22. But this is clearly the abnormal. This authority is, however, too often claimed for what contradicts Scripture.

For us, the authority of the Holy Spirit simply means that we must be guided by him in every facet of our life and yield all allegiance to him. Notice the authority of the Spirit in the life of Jesus himself. In the light of the authority of the Holy Spirit, in evangelism, we must beware of thinking that because we build a mission station in a certain spot, or organise special meetings, that he is bound to act.

The Authority of the Apostolic Band

References have been given above. Their authority is, though, a delegated one, and thus cannot be passed on by them to others. A careful reading of Acts 1: 15-26 makes it clear that God chose Matthias, not the other apostles. Only the One who gave them their authority could give the same authority to another. There is nothing in Scripture to suggest that God has arranged a succession of apostolic authority; on the contrary, there are indications against this.

The Authority of the Eldership

Note 1 Thessalonians 5: 12, 13, 1 Timothy 3: 5, 5: 17, Hebrews 13: 17, Acts 11: 30, 15: 4-6, 20: 28. These references show the authority of the elders over all aspects of the work of the local congregation (even distributing famine relief!). No authority is given to deacons (or deaconesses), committees, conferences, the congregation itself, or local or world councils. Deviations from this would include any exercise of authority over more than one congregation by any person, persons, committees, conferences, or any exercise of authority in a congregation by anyone apart from the local eldership.

Questions Which Must Be Answered by Churches of Christ

- Should deacons sit on the church board?
 - Are church business meetings Scriptural?
 - May we delegate authority to any standing committee or conference?
 - Can our Conference, by a majority vote, bind a congregation to something against its will?
 - How far should we go in organising missions, especially the type associated with an elaborate station on the overseas field?
 - Must a Christian submit to the authority of an atheistic or corrupt government?
 - May a congregation elect its elders by a majority vote? If not, how should they be appointed?
 - Are we splitting hairs with questions of this sort, or are we allowing tradition to guide us rather than Scripture?
- There is a need for a restoration movement in every generation!

IS CHRISTIAN UNITY OVER-RATED?

To the Editor,

There is much in Mr. Pigdon's article in "A.C." Aug. 13, with which all would agree, and it is an important contribution to the internal "conversation" which we must engage in. There is need, however, to make a few comments on the questions raised at its close.

The doctrines of conversion and the new birth are held in common by all Christians, and we could all name those in other communions who believe and preach them. We are not always in agreement as to how the Holy Spirit does his work in the lives of those who are Christians, but that he is at work creating new men in Christ Jesus, none will deny.

Churches of Christ give special emphasis to the "decision" and believers' baptism as integral elements in the conversion experience. We would find it impossible to enter a union in which the freedom to preach and practise what we believe on these points was not granted, or in which we were obliged to baptize infants.

However, our presentation of these truths would be tempered by an acknowledgment that walking to the front of a church, and immersion in water, are not in themselves the essence of conversion. They have meaning only in as much as they are the outward manifestations of an inner acceptance of, and submission to the Lordship of Christ.

The question of "re-baptism" is so very explosive because to some it would seem that to insist on adult immersion is to deny what they know Christ has done for them already. As Luther used to say, when faced with decisions which touched the very heart of his Christian obedience, "I am baptized." He was baptized into Christ, but certainly he had not been immersed as an adult. He could not belong to Churches of Christ.

The conscience of the individual to follow Christ as he feels called must be respected, but our presentation of the Scriptural ground for believers' immersion would be such as to keep it in balance with other Scriptural doctrines and commandments.

Many matters would be left to the decision of local congregations and individual ministers, if union with other Christians could be achieved. The frequency of communion might be such a question, although it should be noted—

(1) There is a world-wide trend to more frequent observance of the Lord's Supper, seeing it as the central act of worship for the weekly gathering of God's people.

(2) The Church of England would certainly insist, with us, on weekly communion.

The use of the clerical collar and the term "Reverend" would not be an issue important enough to keep Christians di-

vided, and no one is likely to lay these things down as requiring uniformity of practice. Our ministers would no doubt continue to do what they have always done.

The question as to who conducts the communion service is one of the most open questions for discussion between the various communions. Our attitude will be more defensible when we exercise much greater care than we do now over the manner in which we conduct the service. No one has a right to conduct communion; and the church has an obligation to call only those who maintain the highest standards in leading the most sacred act of Christian worship.

Finally, Mr. Pigdon asks about "our standards of social behaviour." I would make two comments.

1. In Churches of Christ such matters have always been left (theoretically at least) to the conscience of individuals, as no doubt they would be in a united church.

2. In so far as they represent the readiness of Christians to be disciplined soldiers of Christ, such "standards" are to be welcomed. But other Christians find other ways of expressing this self-discipline.

Many of the questions raised by Mr. Pigdon cannot be answered satisfactorily until we are so serious about the question with which his article begins that we go to our brethren in Christ to discover for ourselves whether we really do need to stay apart.

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BILLY GRAHAM SEES NEW ECUMENICAL SPIRIT

(London). Dr. Billy Graham, the American evangelist, said here that he sees a new spirit in the world which he believes can be attributed to the ecumenical movement. He spoke to the concluding session of the summer meeting of the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service (DICARWS).

Dr. Graham had been conducting a month-long evangelistic campaign in London, at which he had preached to congregations totalling one million people. The DICARWS meeting coincided with the end of the campaign.

"There is a new spirit of working together in the world, and this is true of my own relationships with the churches," Dr. Graham said. He told the committee that he was a man with an evangelical message and an ecumenical heart.

Dr. Graham recalled that he had attended the WCC's Third Assembly at New Delhi in 1961, and he hoped he would have the privilege of being at the Fourth Assembly at Uppsala, Sweden, in 1968.

In reply, Dr. L. E. Cooke, Director of DICARWS, and an Associate General Secretary of the WCC, mentioned some great evangelical campaigns of the past, particularly that of Moody and Sankey, and the effect these had had on such men as John R. Mott and Wilfred Grenfell in matching men and service.

Dr. Cooke said he had learned that in his present campaign their guest had been similarly concerned to convert men to Christ and to send them to work on the frontiers of God's Kingdom in his service. This was something that DICARWS was also concerned with.

"We are engaged," he said, "in encouraging people and churches to go into the service of Christ by serving those in need. Our discussions in these meetings have been about aid to be given to those suffering from famine in India, to refugees from the Sudan, and elsewhere, and the like."—E.P.S.

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PETRIE. — Treasured memories of my dear husband, Frank Ernest, called home Aug. 27, 1962; loving father of Donald and Kevin. "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day." Loving wife, Nell.

LEWIS, Ethel. — Called to her eternal home from Horsham, Vic., on Aug. 18, 1956, where she waits the return of Jesus Christ and we will meet again.

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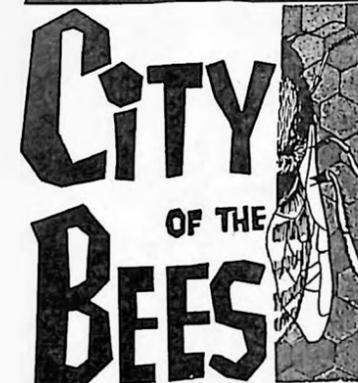
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C. and L. DEDICATION SERVICE

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). More than 200 people attended the Church and Life Movement dedication service in the Brim Town Hall on Aug. 7. Representatives from three areas — Warracknabeal, Brim, Brim-East and Beulah, spoke on the feeling and findings of their groups, Rev. C. Trott (Methodist) from Beulah, led the service, and Brian Snoxall was speaker. Already members of the 14 groups are participating in community projects . . . First guest services for the Evangelism Programme have been held, with great success, at W'beal and Brim. The Maryborough Choir was not able to be present in full strength because of influenza, but the trio that came were enjoyed. Mrs. M. Wardle also sang at both places. Three laymen spoke on the theme, "How Can the Church Be More Effective? . . . On July 24, Scripture Union was the theme for the Circuit Rally. Don Kulse was guest speaker. He also brought his electronic organ and played for the hymns, as well as giving a recital. Film strip, with tape, "The Book That Came Alive," was shown.

RESIGNATION

(Footscray, Vic.). It is with deep regret that the church has received the resignation of E. G. Kernick, minister. Doctors have ordered Mrs. Kernick to a warmer climate and they will return to Queensland at the end of the year . . . S. Russell Baker spoke at a recent evening fellowship meeting on his visit to Puerto Rico . . . At annual business meeting, Max Carter was elected sec., and E. Ashlin as new B.S. supt . . . J. McCredlin and A. Kimber have been newly appointed to the Officers' Board.

HOST TO TEACHER TRAINING

(North Fitzroy, Vic.). On July 31, an all-day Teacher Training Conference was held at Nth. Fitzroy. 250 teachers were present for training and worship from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. . . . Girls' Sunday observed with Good Companions at evening service . . . The B.S. held open day for parents, followed by a family service, on Aug. 14, at beginning of Education week . . . The church is saddened by the passing of one of its most

devoted and loyal members, Mrs. H. Trotter . . . Church and Life Movement groups from three churches combined for final meeting. It has been decided to continue as a group and meet regularly for discussion . . . Following a youth tea, a Y.P. service was conducted by youth . . . Women's Fellowship had Brenda Armstrong, from C.O.B., give an illustrated talk on New Hebrides Mission Field . . . C.M.S. had discussion on the effects of the 10 p.m. closing of hotels.

EVANGELISM EMPHASIS

(Parkdale, Vic.). Over 100 adults shared in a friendship dinner, which was a recent highlight. A. Avery spoke on a Planned Programme of Evangelism. The church appreciated the assistance of helpers from Black Rock and Chelsea on this occasion. B. Crowden attended a week's seminar on Teaching Method, conducted by the Aust. Council of Christian Educ. at Clevedon Conf. Centre at The Basin . . . Mrs. B. A. Sterling, from Ascot Vale, was guest speaker for Girls' Sunday service. Good Companions formed the choir . . . On Aug. 7, Princ. E. L. Williams spoke to the church concerning the College of the Bible . . . Church shared in pulpit exchange with other of our churches. C. Smith, from Hampton, spoke on Aug. 14, and B. Crowden went to East Bentleigh.

BILLY GRAHAM . . . THE PASTOR'S DILEMMA

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Alfred Beaumont Cairncross.

Mr. Cairncross died, suddenly, on July 23, leaving a sorrowing wife and four children, Cyril, Clifford, Noel and Gwen (Mrs. K. Sturgess). With his wife, he had joined Churches of Christ about 48 years ago at Brighton, and had been in membership with the churches at Surrey Hills, Hampton, Balwyn and Parkdale. He, at times, had served as a B.S. supt. and as a deacon. He was always a man of excellent character, splendid husband and father, and as a carpenter tradesman it was said of him that he felt he should strive to excel at his work as his Lord himself had done. A service at the Surrey Hills church was conducted by the writer, and this was largely attended as a tribute to our brother's memory and life; and from there the company proceeded to the Burwood Lawn Cemetery. Sympathy is offered to the widow and family in their loss.—H. J. Patterson.

W. A. Machin.

For 23 years a member of the church in Ipswich, Qld., where he was greatly esteemed, and for many years an elder, mentor and guide to the young cause at Redcliffe, W. A. ("Arny") Machin was a beloved figure amongst the churches of Queensland. His death, at the age of 70 years, brought sorrow to a wide circle of friends and relatives. So closed a lovely life, strong in its simplicity and meekness, and rich in its service. He was an utterly selfless man, knowing nothing of the arts of self-advertisement. But he did know the significance of a life invested for the Kingdom of

God, and in that service he found a greatness that only the simple and pure in heart can know. Following major surgery more than two years ago, he lived his life under a cloud. His reserves of strength were slender. Yet no man so gloriously "redeemed the time." If ever his friendly ghost should walk again the familiar places we would expect to see him, hammer in hand, driving the nails, making the cupboards, strengthening the roof supports that were to serve God's house for generations to come. The day came when he could work no more. For nine months he languished, with a body that grew weaker, and a faith that grew stronger until, with scarce a sigh, faith became perfect sight. He was buried from the Ipswich church, Mr. Read and Mr. Roberts officiating. To his beloved widow, "Nellie," the close relatives and friends, we offer this further token of our sympathy.—L. G. Read.

Lily Watson.

Many who were students at the St. Arnaud church, Vic., in 1917 to 1919, will remember the fellowship at the home of Mrs. L. Watson. She was baptized at St. Arnaud by John Marrows, after the Chandler-Clay Mission there in 1917. Till 1920, her home was always open to students, as well as to the young people at the church. In 1920, she moved, with her husband and family, to Merbein, where again her home was an open house for all. In 1942, they went to Malvern-Caulfield for a short while, and then to South Yarra. There Mrs. Watson was an active visitor to the old, the unwell and those in hospital. Those at South Yarra have referred to her as our "beloved Mrs. Watson." Age and ill-health forced their removal to Flinders, to live with a daughter, Mrs. W. Torney. After a year, Mrs. Watson went to Emmaus and the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, and remained there till her death. To her five children still living we offer our prayers and sympathy. With them we rejoice in the faith and witness of Mrs. Watson.—M.D.K.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, Glen Iris, Victoria HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS HONOURS LIST

Prep. Greek: C. Clayden, H. Clark, B. Mann, B. Miller, C. Muller, K. Turtmann; 3 others passed.

Practical Church Work I: C. Clayden, D. Good, B. Mann, G. Marsh, B. Miller, K. Turtman; 7 others passed.

Practical Church Work II: M. Arnot, B. Jenkins, A. van Leen, D. Nancarrow, W. Thornton; 5 others passed.

New Testament Exegesis: M. Arnot, C. Bray, B. Jenkins, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 15 others passed.

New Testament Introduction: C. Bray, B. Jenkins, E. Keating, A. van Leen, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 11 others passed.

New Testament III: K. Maddern; 2 others passed.

Christian Education I: C. Bray, K. Maddern; 4 others passed.

Christian Education II: W. Compston, E. Kernick, G. Smith; 1 other passed.

Greek I: R. Cook, B. Mann, B. Miller, K. Turtmann, A. van Leen; 7 others passed.

Greek II: M. Arnot, B. Jenkins, E. Keating, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton, 3 others passed.

Greek III: K. Maddern, 2 others passed.

World Religions: B. Armstrong, M. Arnot, A. Coleman, B. Jenkins, E. Keating, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 5 others passed.

Church History I: R. Cook, N. Graham; 11 others passed.

Church History II: E. Keating; 8 others passed.

Biblical and Historical Theology: G. Smith; 8 others passed.

Ethics: 4 passed.

Homiletics I: B. Armstrong, N. Graham, G. Marsh; 8 others passed.

Restoration Movement: A. Coleman; 6 others passed.

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Supplementary Statement. We cannot regard Acts 2: 46 as proving a daily celebration . . . But if we leave this now an open question, all that it would mean would be that either a daily or a weekly celebration had apostolic warrant; there would be no authority for less frequent observance.—A. R. Main.

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OPEN FORUM

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor,

I would take opportunity to add praise for our excellent periodical. I cannot understand why its circulation is not much larger among our people.

I was surprised recently, at our weekly devotional meeting, when one person handed the previous week's copy of the "Christian" to a friend, saying, "Give it to Mrs — when you have finished." My query as to why Mrs. — did not purchase one for herself received only an embarrassed stare; for Mrs. — is well able to afford the annual subscription.

Name supplied.

ALICE SPRINGS.

To the Editor.

I refer to "A.C." July 16, where mention was made of the John Flynn Memorial church in Alice Springs.

I feel constrained to draw attention to a slight difference in wording concerning those associated with this church.

It should read "A co-operative movement of the Australian Inland Mission (Presbyterian), Methodist Overseas Missions, the Federal Methodist Inland Mission and the Congregational Union of Australia. In association with the Salvation Army, and welcoming other denominations in fellowship."

Whilst working in Alice Springs for ten months during last year it was a joy to attend this church, and although belonging to one of the "other denominations" I felt at all times "one" in spirit with the worshipping congregation.

I here express my appreciation of the worshipful atmosphere which prevailed at both morning and evening services, and the thrill experienced in meeting with Christians.

With these feelings predominating, I must admit that I did not "miss our own simple morning service."

—Moya McCrackett, Vic.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Bruce Gaunson, in "A.C." commends, for our consideration Romans 13: vv. 2 and 5. As a general rule, all Christians will accept the injunction to be "subject to the governing authorities," but to take these verses as the absolute word of God to each and every specific situation is going beyond what Paul meant and indeed further than Paul himself was willing to go.

If Mr. Gaunson had witnessed Paul's display of disrespect for "God ordained" local authorities when he had to choose between their decrees and the demands of the gospel, he would be equally disappointed with such a public example of a minister of the gospel. But Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, nor in becoming a fool for Christ's sake.

In this regard Paul followed the example of Jesus in defying the authority of government when it conflicted with the authority of God, and church history is filled with examples from every generation of Christians who have done the same.

How can a faithful Christian soldier in a war situation such as Vietnam wit-

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

IT DOESN'T MEAN WHAT IT SAYS

TO THE EDITOR.

I'm all mixed up about Vietnam. There is so much said on both sides that I am not sure whether we should be there or not!

But our elder is sure. He says that we ought to be in there fighting the Communists as hard as we can because they are a pack of atheists and because they kicked the missionaries out of China.

I asked him, what about the Bible passages that tell us to love our enemies and do good to them that hate us? I asked him how he would explain the words of Jesus, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword!"

He said to me, "Tertius, my boy, you are not a very good Bible student. Those passages have to be interpreted. They don't really mean what they appear to say."

I said to him, "Does that also apply to the passages about baptism? Do they have to be interpreted, and do not really mean what they appear to say?" Then a spirit of mischief got into me. I said, "Perhaps the passages about the eldership don't mean what they appear to say, either!" He glowered at me. "Tertius," he said, "the Bible says, rebuke not an elder!"

I said, "That passage probably doesn't mean what it says."

Do editors mean what they say when they write those indignant editorials?

TERTIUS.

ness to a gospel of reconciliation when he is trained by propaganda not to see others as brothers, but as enemies; to a gospel of love when they are taught to hate and hearts are hardened by brutality; to a gospel of peace when they are taught to kill; to a gospel of salvation when they are part of a savage machine of destruction; to a gospel of justice and mercy when they inflict the greatest amount of suffering, terror and atrocities upon the innocent?

—Philip Andrew, Vic.

VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

Strange reasoning by Dave Allison, "A.C." July 30. By dumping unco-operative suspects out of planes, by withering awesome fire-power, by using high explosive bombs, napalm and toxic sprays, the U.S. is equally as murderous as V.C.

U.S. has been as stubborn in rejecting peace talks with Communists, on their terms, as the Communists have been in rejecting U.S. terms. Until recently Tibet has always been considered part of China. Recent neutral visitors to Tibet have reported improved living conditions there.

The "free" West can't plead brainwashing as the frightening exclusive tool of Communism. Pressures to conform with the State are very strong in the "free" world, e.g., McCarthyism in U.S. and school teacher, William White.

Dehumanisation of ordinary folk by U.S. supported dictatorial government of Sth. Viet. is the main reason for the powerful revolt. Freedom of speech, press, worship, election, even of habitat, has been ruthlessly denied.

Mr. Allison's reasons for Australia being in Vietnam are equally as strong for us to fight against the U.S.!

It is simply because the complex issues in Vietnam cannot be distilled into "goodies" and "badies" that the W.C.C., U.S. National Council of Churches, A.C.C., the Pope, U Thant, etc., have repeatedly called for a move from the battlefield to the conference table.

Christians in Australia should be calling loudly on their Government to show more initiative in peace making, to bring about a cease fire and enable nationwide elections to be held under strict international control.

—Richard Sercombe, S.A.

MISREPRESENTATION.

To the Editor,

Your comments on my letter to Open Forum, published in "A.C." 4/8/66, were unjustified and unnecessary.

I have not misrepresented the "American attitude to free elections" in Vietnam. I have offered my own opinion on an issue on which there is much divided opinion.

I stand by what I said in the last sentence of my letter. I read Dr. Elliott's article several times before writing to "Open Forum." If the position I personally reject as a Christian is not essentially Dr. Elliott's, then it is his own article which has misrepresented him, not I.

It seems to me that readers of "Open Forum" may have sufficient intelligence to judge misrepresentation for themselves without the need of editorial comment.

Surely the "Open Forum" is provided for the free expression of personal viewpoint.

—Peter Downard, Vic.

SACRIFICIAL RESPONSE

(Sth. Yarra, Vic.). Miss Hazel Skuce was once a member of the Y.P.S.C.E. at Sth. Yarra, and recently shared in a meeting with her old society. Chatting with the group, she told something of the need in India, and the Endeavourers, in a spontaneous gesture, decided to make their own individual response at their monthly consecration meeting. The response was magnificent. Fourteen members have given \$211 for India's hungry.

• SEE COVER

OPENING AT NARACOORTE

(S.A.). Opening of New Chapel and Christian Education Block at Naracoorte, S.A., was performed by I. J. Chivell, State Conference Secretary, on Aug. 6. This was 61 years to the day from the early beginning of the church. The brotherhood was also represented by K. D. Horne, Youth Director, and A. R. Jones, Social Service Director.

500 attended, and visitors came from Adelaide, Balaklava, Barmera, Berri, Murray Bridge, Victor Harbour, Strathalbyn, Portland, Edenhope, Mt. Gambier, Keith, Bordertown and near towns.

Greetings were brought to the church from the Mayor of Naracoorte, and the Chairman of the Ministers' Fraternal. Greetings were also received from past preachers of this church who are now residing in distant parts of Australia and New Zealand. Ministers of churches in Naracoorte added their support.

The service was conducted by A. G. Ieane, who introduced the guest speaker, Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., of the Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W.

It was indeed fortunate that a loud speaker system had been installed, as the gathering overflowed into the hall.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

FUTURE OF ASAU

BY ALAN FLETCHER

The future of Asau, in New Guinea, is difficult to predict. As a mission station there will always be a need for medical and educational facilities. It is centrally located between a number of Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist villages, numbering about 500 people, and provides their only present medical care. Later, cases requiring hospitalisation will be sent on to Bunapas — but there will always be the need for an established aid post here.

There will always be the need for a primary school. Numbers are constantly increasing. The time will come when the number of classes is more than one teacher can cope with, yet not sufficient pupils to warrant two teachers.

There is a steady response to the gospel, and a small church now established. Pastoral care will be needed for a long time to come. As past experience has shown, this is more readily accepted from men than from women. The outreach here is limited because of firm religious affiliations of surrounding villages. The hope is that native Christians will have more acceptable access and that the outreach will extend through their efforts.

With church services, all-age Sunday Schools, prayer meetings, discipleship and literacy classes provided for, and the medical and educational work, there is more than one person could cope with, yet not really enough to extend a married couple.

About 350 stopped to tea, provided by the ladies of the church, and although this was more than anticipated, everyone was able to obtain their fill with enough over for supper.

The evening service was crowded. Wonderful fellowship was experienced by all who attended, and this fellowship flowed over into the Sunday morning's service when again seating was taxed to the limit.

Our sincere thanks go to all who assisted in any way towards making this opening day one never to be forgotten. The floral decorations were a delight. The surrounds of the church have been gradually changing over the past weeks by a large group of eager workers, and the result is most pleasant and tasteful. Whilst it was sad to leave behind many memories in our old chapel, we all look forward to mighty things in our new buildings for the Lord.

A week of meetings followed, with Principal Stephenson as speaker. Special guest artists attended, and with the bright singing was assisted by the new Hammond organ.

TOURING CAMPBELL COUNTRY

Twenty-eight persons, representing nine States, left New York the end of July for a three-week visit to the Campbell country of Northern Ireland, and points of interest in church history in Scotland and England. The tour, led by Dr. Lester G. McAllister, of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, is under the joint sponsorship of Christian Theological Seminary and the World Convention.

The group visited Dublin, Armagh (near Rich Hill and Ahorey, scene of the labors of Thomas Campbell) and Belfast and Ballymena in Ireland. In Scotland they visited the Iona Community, St. Andrews (beginning of the Scottish Reformation), Glasgow and Edinburgh. They worshipped with the Dalkeith Road Church of Christ in Edinburgh. In England, the Lake District was visited, as well as Birmingham (headquarters of the British Churches of Christ), Stratford-on-Avon, Coventry and London. In London they worshipped with the Hornsey Church of Christ. The party then returned to New York and home. —World Convention News.



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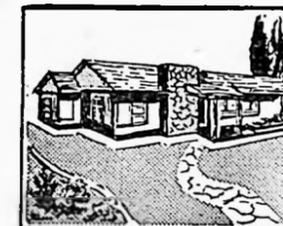
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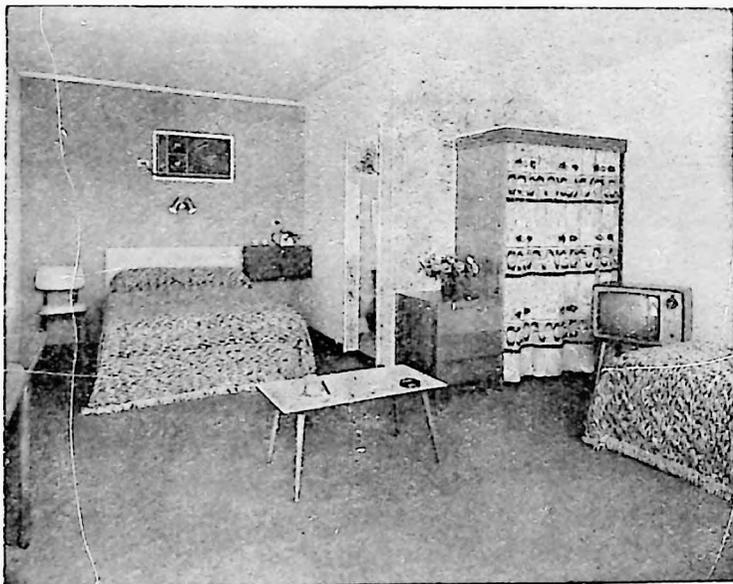
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God said, "Let us make man in our image."

—Gen. 1: 26.

Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we
come
From God, who is our home.

—Wordsworth.



It may take forever to win men's
minds by persuasion, but that's quicker
than you can do it by force.

—F.C.



If all the year was playing holidays,
to sport would be as tedious as to work.



The most difficult part of getting to
the top of the ladder is getting through
the crowd at the bottom.



Said one executive to another, on
watching repairs being made on a com-
puter: "How human can a machine get?
It's got a screw loose!"



After burying the hatchet, don't mark
the spot.

—English Digest.



Motorist: "How far is it to the next
town?"

Farmer: "Two miles as the crow
flies."

Motorist: "How far is it if the crow
has to walk and roll a flat tyre?"