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THE VITAL GENERATION

N.Z. statistics show there is a marked decline in church participation of those between 15 and 35. It is probable that a survey in Australia would reveal a similar frightening position.

It is almost certain that the majority of those referred to are people who have made commitment of faith and have become church members. In other words, we can win them, but we can't hold them. What we point to in Christ is convincing and they follow him into the church as their Saviour and into the world as their Lord. But what the new members find in the church and life does not, apparently fulfil the promises made.

More attention must be given to the conservation of Christians. If it is easier to gain a personal decision for Christ than it is to hold a disciple, then, obviously, we must be prepared to spend at least as much time, effort and money on conservation as we do on evangelism. Yet we know that it is easier to gain support for an evangelistic programme than it is to get effective support for a programme of conservation.

We teach the young and we comfort the aged. Without neglecting these areas, the present emphasis within the church must challenge the young adult to responsible witness and to show that the continuing Christian walk is as interesting as its beginning.

U THANT DECIDES

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has announced that he will not seek re-election to the high office he has held for five years.

This is not unexpected, although it is most regrettable. It is not unexpected because he has been struggling with problems that have made his life a nightmare of frustrations.

He referred to three areas of difficulty when he sent in his letter of resignation which will take effect in November this year. One difficulty is financial. One might think that the U.N. would be the last place to find unfinancial club members, but some nations had real difficulty in paying their way, some could but didn't, and some powerful nations aggravated the position either by delaying or by withholding payment of dues because they did not approve actions proposed by the U.N.

A second problem was the continued absence of China from the U.N. — and it is absurd to think of "two" Chinas in our world! The presence of China, already powerful and destined to become even more significant, is essential if the U.N. is to be truly representative. No matter how difficult she proves to be at the forum, it is far better to have China there than to treat her as an outlaw among the nations.

But the greatest factor influencing U Thant's decision is undoubtedly the international situation, especially the conflict in Vietnam. He thinks that events there are leading us remorselessly to a major war, and the sufferings of the people are "a constant reproach to the conscience of humanity." It was a tragic error, he added, to rely on force in "the deceptive pursuit of peace."

No one believes that Vietnam can be saved by military force alone, and U Thant has been calling on both sides of the dispute to respect the principles agreed upon at Geneva in 1954. He does not think that he can justify his place as a leader of the world's nations if he cannot command respect for the steps he believes are essential for world peace.

It is understandable, therefore, that he should resign, but it is regrettable. He assumed office in the face of some opposition, especially from Russia, but he has won the high regard of all nations for his impartiality and genuine concern for humanity. He would probably receive unanimous endorsement if he did offer himself for re-election.

Who will be the next Secretary-General? He will certainly not be American, Russian or British. He will have to come from a smaller nation, but small nations have provided some very big men to lead the United Nations. Trygvie Lie came from Norway and Dag Hammarskjöld from Sweden. For the past five years Christians throughout the world have been praying that God would guide U Thant, a Buddhist from Burma.

The next man, whoever he is, will also require our continuing prayer support. He will have problems to solve that will be beyond man's wisdom, and he will have burdens to carry that will be beyond man's strength.

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THINKING CHRISTIANS

Christian thinkers around the world today are testing out a whole range of new ideas concerning the dimensions of the Christian faith. As our probing of the physical universe proceeds we realise how inadequate so much of our terminology has been. Someone once said, "Christianity always mistakes what it says for what it means; and rationalism runs after it, pointing out that what it says is not true." That too is an exaggeration, but there is much truth in it.

I

For example:

The Bishop of Woolwich, John Robinson, may be wrong in many places, but he is certainly right when he says that it is misleading, to say the very least, to speak of God being "up" in heaven, when 12 hours later what we described as "up" would now be "down."

Far more important than the question as to whether God is "up" or "down" is the current interest in the question, "What is God up to?" in his dealings with the human race. Anyone who believes that God is still alive, and vitally interested and active in the sphere of human life, must be asking, "Where is the hand of God to be discerned in the upheaval of peoples and cultures taking place today?" Something of the scope of the canvas can be suggested by the titles of two study programmes recently sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

The first is called "Creation, New Creation, and the Unity of the Church." The second is "The Finality of Christ in an Age of Universal History." Dietrich Bonhoeffer claimed in 1944 that mankind no longer wanted the tutelage of the Church, and perhaps no longer needed it. As churchmen we resist the implication that we are redundant. But let's face it. We are entering an entirely new era as far as the relationship of the Church to the world is concerned. Will

BY HAROLD F. GROSS



our ecclesiastical prophets of doom prove right? Will a civilisation that has repudiated the authority of the Church go down to destruction? Or is the world-society now so salted by God's truth that we should be looking for God's action in all sorts of unlikely people and places?

If man's wrath can praise God, how much more the sacrifice of those who serve, although they know not the God whom they serve? It is important that we do not so misread the evidence of God's activity as to dismiss such people merely because they "follow not with us."

II

Colin Williams has upset a great many people by placing a large question mark over the institutional life of the Church — its ecclesiastical paraphernalia; its boards and committees; its constitutions and conferences; its auxiliaries and training courses; and even that most fundamental unit, the "local" church itself. Because, he says, localities (in the sense of places where people happen to sleep) are no longer important. Perhaps he, too, exaggerates for effect. Many people still do live out many aspects of their lives in one geographical location, and so far no real alternative to the parish which has been suggested as the focus of the life of the Christian community can be said to have established itself as a satisfactory alternative. But if the New Testament church did indeed contain in essence all the elements which constitute the Church, it is a healthy corrective to be reminded that we can still have the Church when it is stripped to the bone organisationally, and even when it doesn't possess a building it can call its own, as was the case in those days.

III

"Demythologising" is a word to terrify the timid, but it, too, "speaks to our condition" today. Rudolf Bultmann, its chief exponent, stresses that it is merely a method which attempts to discern the true message of the Bible behind the thought forms of the times in which the writings of the Bible originated.

This school of thought asks the question, "To what extent does the Word of God in the Bible come to us clothed in language that reflects outworn and discarded views of God and the world?" No reader of this article, for example, will call for an exorcist to cast out a demon from a sick child. We don't live in that world any more.

The Bible itself engages in a mild form of "demythologizing." Peter, on the day of Pentecost, quotes from the prophecy of Joel. The things foretold in that prophecy, he said, have come true today. What things? Amongst those he mentioned were darkening of the sun and turning of the moon into blood. Now the moon did not turn into blood on the day of Pentecost. What Peter meant was that the spiritual revolution that was taking place with the availability of God's Spirit to all men everywhere was as great an upset in the realm of human

affairs as it would be in the realms of nature if the rocks of the moon were to be dissolved and changed into blood. Peter was demythologizing Joel by penetrating to the spiritual truth and ignoring the literal meaning of the prophet's words.

Bultmann's demythologizing is much more far-reaching than the translation of poetry into prose, which may be all that Peter was doing. He claims that we must expect the action of God in and through the events of our common life, rather than through miraculous intervention.

Most of us can accept that without entirely eliminating the possibility of the miraculous, as he is inclined to do. He goes further, so that any historical element in the Gospels at all seems to be in question and Christianity becomes almost gnostic again in his hands. But Bultmann does us a service in warning us against mere credulity.

IV

If we are to avoid the excesses both of fundamentalism and of contemporary existentialism and liberalism, we are most likely to find sanity with those who have a sound appreciation of the wholeness of the Church. The Anglo-Catholic scholar, Eric Mascall, is a healthy corrective to Robinson, Bultmann, John Knox and van Buren. His recent book, "The Secularization of Christianity," opens with a fine chapter entitled "The Changeless and the Changing."

Mascall says, "How then is the theologian to maintain his loyalty to the revealed gospel, while at the same time making every effort to express it in terms intelligible to its hearers, and to help them to see its implications for their particular circumstances and situations?"

It is, I suggest, by forming a deliberate habit of loyal submission to Christian tradition, while at the same time bringing to bear upon it all the critical and interpretative gifts which God has given him . . . (Theology) does not depend primarily upon his personal mental agility, but upon his union with God, who is the Truth itself. Theology is thus in its essence a function of the Church as the Body of Christ, and the theologian is a man to whom the exercise of that function has been specially committed.

M. Gilson has remarked that the ideal theologian needs two intellectual qualities whose combination in the same mind is rather rare: a perfect intellectual modesty and an almost reckless intellectual audacity; and Fr. Charles Davis has well commented that, while the combination which is urged seems impossible, it becomes feasible if the audacity is referred to the work of understanding, and the modesty to the claim of certitude . . .

"He may indeed hope that he will make his own contribution to the great body of Christian thought within which his own thinking is set. He may at times have a painful suspicion that the tradition, as it has been presented to him, is, in this or the other respect, distorted, unbalanced, stunted, fossilised, forgetful of its own past achievements or insensitive to the needs and demands of the contemporary world . . .

"What, I would maintain, he must and can be convinced of is the truth
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THE CHRISTIAN FARMER

BY WILF. GORDON

For many years I have tried to be a Christian and claimed to be a farmer.

1. The Christian Farmer Looks at Nature

To farmers long ago in the Jewish dispensation there were issued some rather striking words of promise and warning. These are found in Deut. 11: 13-17. "And it shall come to pass if you hearken diligently to my commandments... that I will give you the rain of your land in season... but take heed to yourselves... lest you turn aside and serve other gods... and lest you perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you."

Many will say that the Old Testament is out-of-date today, and that present-day farmers are not affected by ancient promises and warnings. I may go to church every Sunday, but Joe Smith works all day Sunday and never goes near a place of worship, and he may grow as good, or better, crop than mine. Are we not told that the rain falls on the just and the unjust?

But such a philosophy does not take everything into account. All about us, if we have eyes to see, the hand of God is working through Nature. It is literally true that on the land today, as we sow, so do we reap. For instance, in my district we have destroyed far too many of God's factories, the trees, by which means the soil is aerated and the underground saline springs kept below the surface. We pay for our folly by increasing areas of salty ground which would not feed a rabbit. Again, scientists tell us that it takes a thousand years to make a half inch of top soil which can be blown away by a few months of foolish farming.

2. The Christian Farmer Views the Political Scene

I make no apology for referring to the political angle, because it closely concerns the Christian farmer. Some people maintain that we should not sell our wheat to Communist countries because they are our enemies.

Although the reasoning of such people is superficial, they are, perhaps, more consistent than governments which are busily blasting and burning Communists in Vietnam, and at the same time building up an increasing trade in wheat with Communist countries.

I do not mind selling wheat to Communists, or those of other political bents. The command is "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." Moreover, world trade in desirable commodities is a God-given

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means of binding the nations together, helping them to know each other better, and, by increasing the sense of mutual dependence, lessening the danger of war.

3. The Christian Farmer Assesses His Place in Life

By his occupation, the constant need to adapt activities to the recurring seasons, the farmer becomes a part of, and attuned to, the rhythm of the universe as expressed in Gen. 8, "While the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest... and summer and winter... shall not cease."

C. J. Dennis expresses this well in his poem on "Wheat" —
When the setting sun is getting low
above the western hills,
When the creeping shadows deepen,
and a peace the whole land fills,
Then I often sort of soften with a
feeling like content,
And I feel like thanking Heaven for
a day in labour spent.

For my father was a farmer and he
used to sit and smile,
Realizing he was wealthy in what
makes a life worthwhile.
Smiling, he has told me often, after all
the toil and heat,
Lad, he's paid in more than silver, who
has grown one field of wheat.

Wheat! Wheat! Wheat! when it comes
my turn to meet
Death, the Reaper, and the Keeper of
the Judgment Book I greet,
Then I'll face them sort of calmer,
With the solace of the farmer,
That he's fed a million brothers with
his wheat, wheat, wheat.

ANY POINT TO VIETNAM?

BY G. SETSMAN

One may ask, as well as in Vietnam, was and is there any point in the war in Korea, and in any war at all? It has been suggested that one must know the background history of Vietnam. One must be aware of social and political movements in order even to comment, leave alone forming a judgment.

I disagree. Yet I would not resort to argue from ignorance. Rather may we look upon the conflict in Vietnam in a general and comprehensive way.

One leading reporter and visitor to Australia from India said that all wars are ended at the conference table. No matter how long the war continues, the war ends at a conference table. It may be added, and I think this of even greater significance, that every war begins at a conference table.

India, China, Vietnam, and others of our Asian neighbours, are engaged in an economic struggle of survival. Overpopulation, lack of land and industrial know-how, political and religious strife, are all thrown together in a ferment. This ferment breeds poverty, disease, fear and insecurity. The question arises of what may be the best way out of it, or of what may be the best answer.

Communism and Capitalism are seen confronted in the war in Vietnam. For the sake of brevity, we may present things rather simpler than they are. America and Australia are in the fight because Communism forced its help upon Vietnam. We disagree with the ideas of Communism, which may enslave the whole world if left unchecked.

The so-called Free World may see Vietnam as a stepping-stone by which Communism hopes to advance a step further. Because of this, and only because of this menace of Communism,

may we say that there is a point in what is happening in Vietnam. We may regard our hand as being forced. When Hitler's Germany swallowed up neighbouring countries, engaging in a total warfare, disregarding international human rights, someone had to be "His Brother's Keeper" and defeat Hitler.

However, Korea, and now Vietnam, are not on the same scale of affairs. Both are, or were, involved in internal conflicts. Eisenhower's crusade in Europe may pass as such, but an American-Australian crusade in Vietnam may assume too much.

Simple calculation will make clear that men, money and material, spent so far by America and Australia in Vietnam, would be more than enough to have monopolised the greatest aid scheme ever undertaken. Keeping in mind that no war is declared, the Free Nations would have won respect and love had they built up Vietnam as an industrial country.

What has been happening, and is happening in Vietnam, may not have been and need not continue. Every effort ought to be made to go back to the conference table. We cannot ignore, nor do I think that we can abruptly withdraw, from the war in Vietnam.

However, we should always remember that "war is a judgment upon us because we have been beaten in the handling of human affairs." Or, as Pascal said, "Because men do not fortify justice, they justify force." Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." May we learn.

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• RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (No. 4)

MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

Alexander the Great gave one of his servants the exclusive job of greeting him first thing in the morning with the words, "Alexander, one day you must die." Perhaps it was because he lived with this sobering truth ever before him that his short life was a miracle of adventure.

Of all creatures, man alone seems to be aware of his mortality, but this very fact, paradoxically it seems, gives living its significance and vitality. Jesus had much to say and demonstrate about living, about dying and dying in order to live.

And through its programme of Christian Education, the church must constantly interpret to all, the significance of our living and our dying, so that through all our experiences, Christ's Lordship is constantly affirmed.

1. A Film:

"Requiem for a Heavyweight"

This movie film can form the basis of a discussion on the meaning of life. This Columbia production is available on 16mm. Starring Anthony Quinn, Jackie Gleason, Jack Dempsey and Mickey Rooney, it tells of a "has been" boxer who, in loyalty to a friend who is a boxing promoter, agrees to stage a come-back, to save his friend financially... and from a beating up. The fighter's defeat and breakup of his personality is unrelieved pathos. The final scenes, where he engages in a sham wrestling match, has the epic quality, worthy of Lear, or the Mayor of Casterbridge. There are no garlands or kisses. Just a man trying desperately to discover life.

It makes a good "starter" for a discussion series which would consider inter-personal relationships, loyalties and self understanding.

Especially suitable for young people's and young adults' studies, as well as for adults.

Obtainable from 16 Millimetre Australia in all capital cities. \$12.00 rental, running time 1 hour 24 minutes.

2. A Book:

"Life, Death and Destiny"

by Roger Shinn. Layman's Theological Library, 90c. 92 pages.

Roger Shinn is one of the ablest and easiest to read among the younger generation of Christian Educationists. He has written a book which has helped to make the Westminster Layman's Theological Series, one of the best sources of material for leaders of Adult classes. Here is doctrine without tears.

The book expounds the great themes of the Bible on the meaning of life, eschatology, human destiny, providence, fate, eternal life... all the vast problems of existence. A recent book by Paul Tournier suggests that man is chok-

ing with claustrophobia in his little world. This book, which bids us to reach out to wider dimensions, will be a help to many.

This book is for Adults and Young Adults. I doubt if our teenagers would read even Shinn's jaunty style — we will need to work one step back on this topic with the young people. But the Adult class should enjoy every minute of it. It should be taken over at least seven weeks. Read a chapter a week (no effort) and then share questions drawn up by the leader.

3. Two Pamphlets:

"Interpreting Birth to Children"

"Interpreting Death to Children"

These are reprints from the International Journal of Christian Education, especially published by the Australian Council of Christian Education. Available from all Departments of Christian Education at 5c a copy.

The pamphlets are quite modest in size, only five pages of well spaced print.

Very useful for special meetings of Bible School Teachers, parents, groups, Men's and Women's Fellowship Groups.

FIRST QUARTER CENTURY

New Zealand Council of Churches

(Christchurch). The 25th anniversary of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand was marked by a two-day consultation to consider the state of the church and society.

"The ambulance mentality shown by the churches to society" was criticised in a provocative address by Dr. W. B. Sutch, who described himself as a sympathetic observer of church affairs.

"Christians are too busy picking up the casualties to do any real research into the causes of society's evils," Dr. Sutch stated.

"The clergy are avoiding their responsibility in social witness," he charged. "The church stands for everything and marches for nothing."

A statistical survey by Mr. Alan Edridge showed a marked decline in church participation by those between the ages of 15 and 35.—E.P.S.

KENYAN ANGLICAN EDUCATOR

(Nairobi). The death of Kenya's great Christian educationist, Edward Carey Francis, on July 27, at the age of 69, brought moving tributes from the leaders of this nation.

The House of Representatives stood in silent tribute to his memory — a mark of respect normally reserved for its own members and for heads of state.

Carey Francis had been the Headmaster of two of the country's best known secondary schools. More than half of the

Schools may distribute them to parents of scholars as a special service to the home.

4. A Book of Prayers:

"Prayers of Life"

by Michel Quoist. \$2.15.

This book of prayers is all excellence. I have used them in both Adult groups and with young people, and the response was worship at its best. They are hardly "set prayers" in the usual sense. They are rather meditations on life, helping the reader/hearer in his dialogue with the ever present Father.

These prayers come from everyday experience and they help us mightily to sense the action of God in all of life. Readers of David Head's book of prayers, "Stammerer's Tongue," will have some idea of the style and approach of this book.

But be careful to judge those with whom these prayers are offered. Best use them with groups of mature Christians, or with "core groups." As a sample, here is a phrase from the prayer entitled, "The Funeral"—

"Yes he had finished the last rehearsal, but the eternal show was just beginning.

The years of training were over, but the eternal work was about to commence.

He had just been born to life,

The real life,

Life that's going to last,

Life eternal."

—R. V. Longthorp.

members of the present Cabinet are graduates of Alliance High Schools, which he led from 1940 to his retirement in 1962.

Attending the funeral service at All Saints Cathedral were a number of government ministers. A special message was read by the Minister of Education, on behalf of President Jomo Kenyatta, who recorded his own appreciation of the great work which Mr. Francis had done for the people of his country.

Carey Francis was a servant of the Church Missionary Society, and perhaps one of the most remarkable men that this Anglican Society had ever sent to Africa.—E.P.S.

THINKING CHRISTIANS

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of the great Christian tradition, even when he is in the humiliating position of not being sure that he or anyone else has yet adequately understood its content or seen it in its true proportions."

V.

With Mascal, I am far too cautious and conservative to be a whole-hearted disciple of Robinson, Bonhoeffer, Williams or Bultmann. But I am grateful to them for drawing our attention to the need to be constantly thinking about our faith.

Such men are good for us. Many of their conclusions will undoubtedly be discarded. But they themselves will be satisfied if they have stimulated us to wrestle afresh with the task of translating the eternal gospel into an idiom that will speak to men and women today.



Ray Vincent, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.

Ray Vincent, President of Conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia, has had a lifetime association with our churches. He was baptized at the age of 9 by Dr. A. C. Garnett, in the Grote Street church, Adelaide.

Following his graduation at Glen Iris he commenced his first ministry with the churches at Fremantle-Palmyra in 1935. Later he served at Inglewood and Bunbury. During the war years he acted as chaplain in a Hospital Unit in Queensland and Borneo. Upon demobilisation he was, for five years, minister of the Prospect church in South Australia. During his stay in Adelaide he qualified as a Social Worker, then joined the Commonwealth Government to work among newly arriving migrants to Western Australia.

In 1958, a transfer was made to the Department of Territories and centred in Darwin, he filled the position of Administrative Officer for Child and General Welfare in the Northern Territory. His work included the liaison between Government and Church Missions, which

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IN THE WEST

were subsidised to care for deprived children. In 1962, he returned to Perth, and is at present employed as Rehabilitation Officer for the Repatriation Department.

Though not serving in the full-time ministry in W.A., he has served an interim ministry in many churches, more particularly with the City Church.

During 1965 he attended the World Convention in Puerto Rico, with his wife and son (16). He was away from Australia about eight months and attended seminars on Social Work both in England and America. This included working with our American churches, and a four months' stay in Kentucky. Philip represented our Australian youth at Puerto Rico, and Mrs. Vincent exercised her platform ability on numerous occasions.

The other members of the family are Helen (wife of Dr. Donald Reid, of Alice Springs), and Muriel, a trainee teacher and organist. The family here attend the Subiaco church.—J.W.G.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Newsletter From Dhond

BY DICK and JOY WILLIAMS

Our annual conference was held Aug. 2-7, in Dhond for the first time in many years. Looking at the books at this end of another year, it is interesting to note that there has been a further rise in all figures, leaving us without any doubt of the value of the medical work.

We sometimes wonder just how valuable the hospital is for evangelistic purposes, but it certainly gives opportunity for witness, and we now have a full-time evangelist, as well as two Bible-women moving among out-patients (often a two to three hour wait), and speaking daily with all in-patients. We cannot estimate what seed has been sown or how the Holy Spirit may work in the hearts of those who have heard.

We average 75 out-patients each day,

25 in-patients. Our staff consists of two trained double certificated sisters, Sister Groves and Sister Hivale, a national; two nurses midwifery trained, and another five girls untrained except what they have learned from us. We are not a training hospital. We have two compounders (dispensers), one lab. technician, and two clerks-come-drivers and one odd-jobs man, plus other cleaning staff, etc. We miss Sister Walker, but until December we have another double certificated Indian Sister working part-time till she goes to join her husband, who is studying in America.

There has always been a small leper colony in Dhond, and recently they were moved from their old dwellings to live right outside our fence. Many of them

have it very severely and are presenting a challenge. T.B. is also prevalent, and we wonder if a speciality in that line would be best. Meanwhile the present hospital set-up keeps Dick fully occupied, and Thornley hopes to expand village work, but that has had to come to a standstill during the holiday period of both doctors, and now an even longer delay because of Thornley's illness. There is no limit to the physical and spiritual needs and we pray for guidance as we consider where it is God's will to have us expand.

Yesterday a very poor lady came to the women living in "shanty town" (the hovels beside our fence next to the leper colony). She was carrying a tiny baby and leading a two-year-old child who had only one eye. Most likely she had breast fed him till the new babe arrived recently, and now as she couldn't afford to feed him she asked them if they would buy him. They, who live from hand to mouth anyway, had to refuse, so she offered to give him to them. Again they had to refuse, and so she went off down the road, and I saw only her re-treating figure and heard the story.

One lady asked if he could have been taken into our Boys' Home, as they were sure that the mother would just leave the child to die or wander in the streets and get whatever he could to live. Our Boys' Home in Baramati takes only school-age children, and I know it is full to overflowing already, so I suggested they take the child to the local remand home where the government looks after such children. So one old woman picked up her sari and ran (a rare sight in India) to catch the desperate mother to give her my suggestion.

Children from remand homes are taken into our children's homes when vacancies occur. The desperate plight of this woman is not uncommon and our institutions are like a drop in the ocean — but every little helps. Giving of relief food helps too in a crisis, but more effort must be made to help India to help herself, by the use of fertilizers, irrigation and better farming.

Now that the monsoon has come the Bima River is a raging torrent just behind our bungalow — all this life-giving water is rushing down to the sea taking soil with it. We have had reasonable rains so far this year, and hope that they will continue.

Continue to pray for Indira Gandhi, our Prime Minister, in her leading role; that poverty and illiteracy will be overcome, and that the Indian church will be revived. We know that Christ is India's answer.

A SISTER FOR MARK BOLTON.

Congratulations to John and Joyce Bolton, missionaries in New Guinea, on the birth of Linda Joyce on Aug. 19. Both mother and daughter are well.

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The keynote of "Crusade '66" was prayerful expectancy, with a desire to see Christ uplifted and young people brought to know him as a personal Saviour. At Enmore Tabernacle, Aug. 23 to Aug. 27, attendances totalled approximately 2,300.

Challenging messages were delivered by the guest evangelist, Des. Nelson, of Maryborough, Qld., the songleader was Bruce Armstrong, Director of N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ., and delightful music was provided by the "Crusade Youth Choir," under the direction of Franklyn Elliott, with Warren Murray at the Hammond organ. Additional musical support was also given by various well-known Christian vocal and instrumental groups.

Ray Ewers, of Belmore, led the team of counsellors, and a major emphasis in the Crusade was the prayer-support of young and old. In particular, the Crusade Committee is to be commended on their efforts to deepen the prayer-life of our youth groups and to engender an on-going concern in evangelism and in follow-up among the young people of our churches.

Eleven young people committed their lives to Christ publicly, two for re-consecration and one for full-time service.

May God continue to use the N.S.W. Youth Conference and the young folk in youth evangelism.

DES. NELSON ON C.B.A.

(Sydney). During the visit of Des. Nelson to Sydney for "Crusade '66," he was invited to share in the Christian Broadcasting Association programme, "Cavalcade," relayed over a large network of stations through 2GB Sydney. On this Sunday evening programme, Mr. Nelson was interviewed for C.B.A. by Vernon Turner. While in Sydney, Mr. Nelson also spoke on the 2CH programme, during a special feature of the Crusade.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

"HIS RIGHT HAND ME EMBRACES"

TO THE EDITOR.

I am bewildered . . . a state of mind my wife things I am in all the time. It's going to church that disturbs and bewilders me. Take last Sunday. The president started with that magnificent passage from Philipians 2 that talks about Christ emptying Himself and becoming a slave. The New Testament reader read Paul saying, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Christ and Him crucified." The minister was digging us out of our self-centred complacency from the start. He told us that we must die to live, and quoted from Jesus, "Deny yourself," "Lose yourself." He got very personal and asked us how much good our baptism did for us. He said, "Wasn't baptism supposed to be a death to self and a new life in Christ? How come so many of your egos are still alive and kicking?" It was quite a service, all except for the hymns that seemed to be saying something quite different from the rest.

In every hymn the operative words were "me" and "my" and "I". One blatantly asked God for private blessings. One asked to be hidden away from the knocks of life, privately, with Jesus. One in rather indifferent poetry said,

"His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline."

I am bewildered. Is it wrong to be materially self-centred and right to be spiritually self-centred? Is it wrong to live in a little selfish box regardless of a hurt and needy world, and right to live in the same little box with Jesus?

Mr. Editor, if you can throw any light on this it "will be glory for me!"

TERTIUS.

LECTURE ON CHILD CARE

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Dept. of Social Service has been conducting special classes for young people of our churches in various aspects of Marriage Guidance. Held each week at City Temple, these have aroused considerable interest. A special lecture on "Child Care" will be delivered by Wilfred Jarvis, of the Dept. of Psychology at the Univ. of N.S.W., on Sept. 13. This lecture will be held at City Temple and is open to the general public.

WINGHAM GIRLS' BRIGADE

(N.S.W.). The First Wingham Company of the Girls' Brigade recently conducted a very successful display evening in the Church of Christ Hall. Eighty witnessed a demonstration of drill and gymnastics. The Leader, Mrs. Captain E. Bullock, thanked all concerned for co-operation during Brigade Week, when the girls made a special effort to raise

funds for the Brigade. Half of the proceeds go to Girls' Brigade Headquarters in Australia, and the other half to the local Company. The special project for which the local Company is working is a new youth hall . . . The Girls' Brigade Chaplain, D. H. Paddon, pastor of the Wingham church, presented a gospel address.

The First Wingham Company has just won the National Girls' Brigade Trophy, awarded for the highest average collection of funds for the year. This is the second consecutive win for this Company.

Miss Julie Miller has just been commissioned as Lieutenant. Miss Margaret Miller has received her certificate for the rank of Warrant Officer. Four senior girls of the Company have been successful this year in passing the prescribed Bible Knowledge examinations.

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DRIVING SAFELY

BY KEVIN GLUYAS

Victoria, as a State, is not at war, and yet 980 of its citizens were killed last year, the greater percentage young people. Road deaths exceed losses during two world wars. For every person killed on the roads, twenty-five are injured, some maimed for life. The situation grows worse every year.

For some time now the alarming road toll has caused great concern to our Police Force, the Australian Road Safety Council and many community-minded people. Amongst this last group is L. J. Spjuth, General Manager of Ansvar Insurance Company. With the co-operation of the Victoria Police, Mr. Spjuth arranged a course in advanced driving for a selected group of young men. The course was directed by Sgt. Mason and conducted by Constable Soderstrom, with assistance from other instructors of the Police Driving School at Brunswick. Lectures totalled 28 hours, plus 10 hours of practical driving. It was my privilege to participate in the course.

The basic structure of the course was as follows:—

1. Mechanical Theory — how a car works.

2. Road Law — taught us more fully the laws to which we should be driving. This proved embarrassing. Although we held driving licences there was much of the road law we did not know.

Try these two examples yourself —

(a) When may you turn left from the second lane of traffic?

(b) Can you be in the wrong if another vehicle hits you when you are travelling through a green light in your favor?

(Answers at end of article. If you were wrong a copy of the Road Laws is 10c at newsagents and Police Stations.)

It was also clearly shown that knowing the laws is not sufficient. Every user of our roads must apply them consistently and conscientiously.

3. Road Craft — safe driving and minimisation of wear and tear. This was a subject new to us all. Its aim was intended to develop a technique of

driving so that the driver is always in complete control of his vehicle. We were taught the necessity of constant concentration to observe every detail of the road ahead, and assess potential dangers, mental and physical fitness, and a mechanically safe car.

These lectures could be summed up in a "golden rule" for driving: "Be in the right position on the road, travelling at the correct speed, with the correct gear engaged." These were the most important of our classroom lectures, and the above is a very brief summary. However, copies of the Road Craft Manual are available from technical bookshops or the government printer at 45c.

4. Practical Driving — putting our lectures into practice. This proved much more difficult than anticipated, because we had many bad habits to break. We broke many traffic laws. All of us went through a certain flashing red light. We were late in braking. We changed gears while travelling through intersections. We depended too much on the other driver doing the right thing.

5. Assessment — we were examined on Road Law and Road Craft, and our driving was given an overall average mark.

Of the 20 or so people who started, about half finished and passed. We are now more aware of our responsibilities on the road. As Christians, we must be an example to all who drive, and do all we can to make our roads safe. We must endeavour to pass our knowledge on to other young people, helping them toward safer driving, so that they will not become further cold statistics of this seemingly one-sided war. 1966 will probably claim more lives than 1965. War has been declared. It is time we commenced fighting back.

Answers: (a) When the inside lane is marked, "Left turn only — either by arrows or a sign.

(b) If the vehicle hits you from your right you are both in the wrong. The Road Law states that you must give way to the car on your right at any intersection if there is danger of a collision. Tough, but true.

RE-BAPTISM CONDEMNED BY CATHOLIC PAPER

(Toulouse). The "Semaine Catholique" published the following notice in its June 26 issue:

"In order to prevent any doctrinal or pastoral errors in our attitude towards those who have been baptized in the Reformed Church, we draw attention to the following points:

"When a Christian belonging to the Reformed Church asks to become a Catholic one must reflect with him about this step, confirm it, and if necessary purify his motives. Furthermore, his entry into the Catholic Church must not lead him to deny the truth whereby he lived before; it must only help him to accomplish it . . .

"It must be borne in mind that baptism, even when administered outside the Catholic Church, is an act of Christ . . . there is no reason to baptize again, even if certain conditions are imposed. That constitutes a doctrinal error (Council of Trent), a canonical error (Code, Canon 742), a pastoral error (Inst. of the Holy Office, 1833), and an ecumenical error (Parole et Mission, July, 1963).

"Lastly, we stress the necessity of referring every case to the diocesan bishop." —E.P.S.

JAPANESE CALL

Largest Christian Denomination Calls for Halt in North Vietnam Bombing.

(Tokyo). The United Church of Christ (Kyodan), 198,000-member Japanese denomination affiliated with American Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Church, and Reformed groups, has appealed to President Johnson for an immediate halt to the bombing of North Vietnam.

Asserting that attacks on the neighbourhoods of Hanoi and Haiphong have "trampled under" the desires for peace "of not only the intelligent and well-wishing people in Japan, but of all Asia, and of all other parts of the world," the statement charged President Johnson with having "destroyed by your own hand the possibility of talking peace in spite of all your official statements."

The letter asked President Johnson "unconditionally, please, to bring the bombing of North Vietnam to a halt at once, and continue to use all possible means to bring about peace talks with North Vietnam and the Viet Cong." —E.P.S.

BEHIND PRISON WALLS

WHAT CHRIST

MEANS TO ME

BY A. R. JONES, A.U.A.,
Chaplain, Yatala Prison.



Rockie has been a Christian since January. His new found faith is only a few months old, but it's very real. He finds great strength and comfort in his prayers and a secret joy when asked to help someone else. He is slow in his speaking, but sure when he answers.

One day at the work bench the prisoner next to him asked, "What does believing in Christ mean to you?" "You've put me on the spot," Rockie replied, "just let me give a little thought to it." Later Rockie came up with a note and gladly handed it to his enquirer. It read, "You asked me what I got out of believing in Christ. This I hope will help you understand. What you can expect when Christ comes into your life to stay!

- a new freedom.
- a new courage.
- a new hope.
- a new confidence.
- a new joy.
- a new peace.
- a new faith.

Christ said, "Behold, I make all things new. Only have faith in him. Christ Jesus, an all powerful friend." Matt. 28: 18; Isa. 63: 1.

Rockie doesn't find it easy to put his words together, but he didn't have to look up books to find this answer. He didn't have to ask anyone else. It was something he had found himself. Like Paul, he could say "I know."

Could you give an answer like this and give it out of your own experience and speak with assurance? When you can it really means something to you. It meant so much to Rockie, and it meant something to his enquirer, because he passed the note on to the chaplain and told how much he appreciated the testimony of Rockie's life, and how he hoped that he could find the same experience himself. He's on the way now and, in the meantime, Rockie is looking for his next opportunity, and asking God to bless the lives around him and convince them that Christ is real to him.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE DISTRESS W.C.C. Member Churches Asked to Give \$100,000 for Turkish 'Quake Relief

(Geneva, Aug. 22). Members of the World Council of Churches have been asked to subscribe a minimum of \$100,000 for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. The money will be used to help in the repair and rebuilding of wrecked village homes.

Meanwhile, J. E. A. Bazalgette, the W.C.C.'s Senior Field Representative in Turkey, has left for the stricken area to formulate, in consultation with the local authorities, specific projects that the Christian churches can best undertake in the emergency.

The World Council of Churches has cabled to the Turkish Prime Minister expressing the heartfelt sympathy of its members for all those who have suffered so grievously in the disaster.

QUESTING

WITH
A. E. WHITE



My daughter has started going out with her first boy friend. What can I say to her to help her keep her friendship wholesome? (Part 2).

As indicated last week, the important thing for your daughter is to have a set of standards that will guide her through all of life. If she has these, her own ideals will support her in the new, exciting, and natural world of boy-girl friendships.

Here are a few general Do's and Don'ts that you may care to share with your daughter:

1. Do keep with the crowd. A young couple, developing a strong friendship, will feel the urge to be by themselves. It is far better to stay with the group. There's a lot of fun to be had with the gang, and there's safety in numbers.

2. Don't gush or fuss at all, and don't flatter too much.

3. Do keep the standard of conduct high. There are varying standards in a group. You can help to make them higher — or lower.

4. Don't let your date spend too much money on you. Boys like to pay their way, and yours, too, and he might try to impress you with big spending! If you go to see or do something expensive, insist on sharing the cost.

5. Do invite him home to meet your parents. Your parents should be neither too warm nor too cool. They should treat him with the friendliness and respect they expect in his treatment of you.

6. Don't lead your friend to believe that he can take liberties with you. To do so is to invite trouble, and you will be almost certain to get it. The way a boy behaves on a date depends very largely on what the girl will permit or not permit.

7. Do observe the deadline for coming home. If your boy friend has any real respect for you, he will want also to respect your parents' wishes. Of course, your parents will have to use common-sense in setting the time for being home.

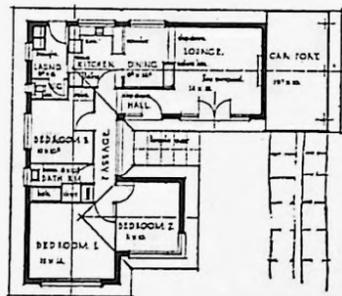
8. Don't try too hard to be popular. The kind of popularity you win by friendly and cheerful good company will last longer and mean more than any other kind.

9. Do be a good talker, but a better listener.

10. Don't look bored and act as though you would rather be somewhere else. Next week you will be!

11. Do keep appointments and be punctual.

12. Don't worry if your first boy friend doesn't last. Sometimes personalities don't "click," and no one is to blame.



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VICTORIAN CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

SUMMER 1966 - 67

The Victorian-Tasmanian Department of Christian Education announces dates and details for the following Camps and Conferences. Details will be sent to churches in the near future. Immediate enquiries for any of these experiences will be welcome.

ADVENTURE CAMP — BANKSIA (Lake Victoria - Gippsland) — December 26 - January 2. For 16 years and over.

"GRAMP TRAMP" — GRAMPIAN MOUNTAINS (Out of Doors 8-day

150 LADIES AT LUNCH

(Mile End, S.A.). Women's Fellowship annual Luncheon was a happy occasion, when 150 ladies from various churches sat down to a midday lunch. Miss Pike, of the Presbyterian Missionary Union, led the devotions, and Blackwood Methodist Concert Party entertained. Offering of \$38 was divided between Missionary Aviation Fellowship and Food for India. . . . E. P. C. Holland addressed the church on Aug. 28 . . . B.S. delighted to hear Mile End has won the Efficiency Campaign for the first time.

GUEST NIGHTS

(Grote-st., S.A.). Guest nights on the first Sunday in each month, with after-church fellowship, are proving popular among members, with good programmes. . . . C. Burford has been in hospital for surgery, among others inactive due to sickness. Church extends sympathy to the family in the death of Miss Baker, also to Mr. and Mrs. Tune, in their bereavement . . . The minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh, have resumed after annual holiday in N.S.W. . . . Young people's basketball teams, boys and girls, have had a successful season.

INDUSTRIAL THANKSGIVING

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). On Aug. 28, a special service of thanksgiving was held, recognising the place of industry in our age. A display of tools of trade, and pictures of assembly works added interest to the service . . . Girls of the church won the basketball premiership.

CHAPEL ALTERATIONS

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). Chapel alterations have commenced and services are held in the hall. S.S. anniversary services on Aug. 14 and 21, had Messrs. G. Setsman, E. Ots and K. Pitt as guest speakers. Nine young people made decisions for Christ . . . The annual business meeting, on Aug. 7, was preceded by a church luncheon. Max Thompson was elected sec.; A. Kilngblel, B.S. supt.; Mrs. J. Deed, Kinder supt. . . . Mrs. H. Grundy is in Royal Adelaide Hospital, following a fall which resulted in a broken hip . . . C.Y.F. held family-concert social, with the theme of "A Journey Through the Years" . . . Mrs. A. Reu gave a talk on "Millinery" at

Hike) — January 3-10. Males only, 18 years and over.

FAMILY CAMPING - CAPE EPPALOCK (Central Victoria - near Bendigo) Open to all families for holiday purposes — December - January.

TEENS CAMP - HALL'S GAP (Grampians - Western Victoria) — December 26 - January 2. 14 to 16 years.

CHRISTMAS "OUT OF DOOR" CAMP AND TRAMP - LAKE EPPALOCK — December 26 - January 2. 16 years and over, mixed.

—R. V. Longthorp, Director.

the last C.W.F. Evening Group meeting. Several ladies presented a dialogue, which was prepared by Mrs. E. V. Lawton, World Pres. of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Churches of Christ . . . Several members attended Sthn. Dist. Conf. at Aldgate Valley, on Aug. 27, with H. G. Norris as guest speaker . . . The Grade "B1" basketball girls reached the grand finals, but were defeated by the Salvation Army team.

NORTHAM DECISION

(W.A.). On Aug. 21, there was a confession of faith at the gospel service. The 75 min. film, "Souls in Conflict," was screened. Visitors from Toodyay, who came for the youth tea, were also present. A coffee shop proved popular after the service . . . Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gaunson on the safe arrival of their second son, Darren Scott. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin have returned from Carnarvon, where Mr. Martin's sister, Miss Hilda Martin, has retired after 19 years of service at the mission station . . . A special "Mother and Teacher" evening was held by the Primary Dept. on Aug. 22. The guest speaker was Miss Merle Peacock, Organising Sec. for the Youth and Christian Educ. Dept.

BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

(Devonport, Tas.). The Boys' Brigade standard is high. The 18 boys have not looked back since visit of the 15th Sydney Coy. of Burwood Church of Christ. Since then the boys have acquired a gymnastic spring-board and vaulting box and are building up their band equipment. Present courses include building a 12 feet boat, semaphore, physical training, marching, and Company Bible Class. They recently went on a march, working from a contour map and compass. . . . 27 boys and 18 adults attended the Life Boys' "Father and Son" night. A splendid feature of this work is the contact with parents . . . The Girls' Brigade is strong, with 54 girls and 4 officers, with up to 10 additional helpers for special courses and projects. "The Supreme Secret" was screened for their end of term film night . . . The Wed. night meeting, with bright and interesting studies, averages 23 . . . The S.S. continues to grow in numbers and interest . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. F. Townsend and family in the sudden death of Mr. Townsend.

MAN FROM THE ISLANDS

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). Bill Heath showed slides of missionary work in New Hebrides. He spent six months there doing voluntary plumbing work . . . W.E.C. held an all-day prayer conference. At night there were slides shown of Ghana, and a missionary speaker from the Congo. . . . At women's evening fellowship, Mrs. Beckman demonstrated mouth to mouth resuscitation . . . "The Little Lie That Grew" was shown at J.C.E. film night. An offering was received for Longwood chapel . . . Reports were duplicated and handed to members prior to annual meeting. The present Missionary Project has been completed, so another was planned for the Pt. Sturt camp site. The aim is for \$300 in six months . . . Miss H. Skuce spoke to the Ladies' Auxillary and J.C.E. . . . The church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Keast, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Maddan, and Mr. White, in the death of loved ones.

FREMANTLE AS HOST

(W.A.). Dr. Alan Cole was speaker at the combined Scripture Union Rally held in our church. Our young people presented a drama . . . The B. and F.B.S. was featured in the film "Indonesia Today." The Deputy Gen. Sec., Rev. R. Hickin, told of the Society's work . . . Mrs. J. Toms, of the Christian Welfare Centre, told C.W.F. of the vigorous Social Service work . . . C.W.F. Fed. Pres., Mrs. D. Strack, spoke to the church on July 31, as she concluded the Woman to Woman evangelistic programme in this State . . . The church, with the young people, has been active in prayer, particularly at Hilton Park. The B.S. there reached a record attendance of 100 on Aug. 21, and two girls confessed Christ at the Fremantle service . . . The minister, F. Rees, is currently assisting the campaign at Applecross as song leader. Musical assistance was similarly given to the mission at Rivervale church.

SERVICE EXTENSION

(Qld.). Ron V. Holt, minister of Boondall-Zillmere circuit of our churches, Brisbane, since February, 1964, has accepted the circuit's invitation to extend his term from three to five years, ending February, 1969.

NATIONAL DIARY

SEPTEMBER:

VICTORIA

- 12—Explorers — Worship activities commence.
- 16—Christian Youth Fellowship "Impact."

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 12—N.S.W. Dept. of Men's Work ANNUAL DINNER at Belmore.
- 15—State C.W.F. "CONVENTION DAY" at Wollongong.
- 17—Dept. of Christian Educ. "Field Day", St Luke's Oval, Concord.
- 25—"STEWARDSHIP" Sunday in N.S.W. Churches (sponsored by F.C.C.).
- 30 - Oct. 3 — BIBLE STUDY CONVENTION — Camp Greenhalgh, Lake Illawarra. Theme: "The N.T. Preaching of the Cross." Lecturers: Dr. A. G. Elliott, Rex Ellis, B.A.

MINISTER ASSISTS MISSION

(Morawa, W.A.). A. J. Anderson, the minister, is at present at Kalgoorlie as songleader for the J. K. Bond mission. . . . The S.S. picnic, on Aug. 27, was at the Gutha Oval. A full bus load of children turned up, even though the day was showery. There was much excitement as races were run, prizes were won, and good food filled hungry boys and girls.

FETE AT DONCASTER

(Vic.). Despite shocking inclement weather, the annual fete was a success, and yielded \$600 profit . . . The church welcomed into fellowship Mrs. Betty Small . . . A number of visitors shared in hearing Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary on furlough, tell of her work on the Indian field, to the C.W.F. . . . Former minister C. Lang, and his wife, were recent welcome guests.

TO STUDY UNION

(Maylands, W.A.). On Aug. 26, a Christian Union dinner was held to explain the Study Programme for the church to understand our faith in relation to the N.T. and the Uniting Church of Australia. Over 60 were present, including representatives of other churches and the secretary of the W.A. Council of Churches . . . The church has been greatly saddened by the death of Roy Jones. He was a valued member for over 40 years . . . There were two decisions on Aug. 14 . . . On Aug. 18, the Ladies' Fellowship entertained the ladies of the Harvey and Inglewood Fellowships. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea were served. The Harvey ladies conducted the morning devotions, and the Inglewood ladies the social programme in the afternoon . . . About 50 members took part in the C. and L. Movement group meetings, and action to be taken as a result is still being worked out . . . The minister is G. E. Powell.

OVERSEAS OFFERING

(Lenswood, S.A.). The Overseas offering was \$261.89 this year . . . The church celebrated its 33rd anniversary on Aug. 14. Speakers were E. P. C. Holland and Albert Anderson . . . F. E. Archbold, from the Sudan United Mission, gave a talk and showed slides on Africa . . . Guest speaker on Aug. 21 was Vick. Cotton, from A.B.I.

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GOOD COMPANIONS' STANDARDS

(Vic.). In connection with the preparation of Standards material, the Good Companions' Executive reports that there will be four standards — "Christian Development," "Intellectual," "Citizenship" and "Recreation." A badge will be awarded when the girl passes tests for each of the Standards; upon passing further tests, "bands" will be awarded accordingly.

The areas of work, skills and testing have been agreed upon and the Standards Book which embodies these is now

VISITORS

(Narembeen, W.A.). Mr. Gaunson (Northam) was guest preacher at large fifth Sunday meetings in July . . . John Brighton (J.E.W.) and R. Devenish (Borneo Evang. Mission) were recent speakers . . . The church released N. B. Wells, to be evangelist at Rivervale mission . . . Mr. Stuart was preacher at the large youth meeting with young people from Kulin, Kondinin, Bruce Rock and Narembeen . . . There are increased attendances at S.S. . . . Ladies were entertained at tea by Bruce Rock C.W.F., prior to hearing Mrs. Strack. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Cosh, and Thelma, were farewelled on departure to Busseton.

DORCAS SAYS "THANK YOU"

(Vic.). The General Dorcas Society would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make their annual "Bring and Buy" day a success; \$150 was realised. This is the Society's main source of revenue, so this result is very encouraging to our many workers in the country and city. We go forward confident that so many realise this is God's work we seek to do.

NEAR 100

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). Mrs. Mott, who celebrated her 99th birthday in July, is now in hospital . . . Women's Fellowship held their 38th anniversary service, with Mrs. Fewchuk, a former missionary in Argentina, as speaker . . . Over 40 scholars sat for the recent State Scripture examination . . . Junior C.E. has given \$20 towards food and general work in India . . . 11 members of Girls' Brigade received promotions as a result of recent N.C.O. exams. Jeannine Kemple was presented with Queen's Badge and citation by Lady Casey, at Admiralty House, Sydney . . . Pam. Jones and

being prepared. The badges have been designed and approved.

The Standards will be officially launched at the Annual Leaders' Meeting in February, 1967.

These developments should come as good news to all club leaders, girls and parents, because it means that Club programmes will now become even more purposeful and girls will have more definite incentives for working at the kind of skills which will help them in their Christian life and service.

Neville Farmer, from Bamba Rd., Caulfield, Vic., were recent visitors . . . A number of young people joined with youth groups from Kingsford and Telopea for a weekend at Lawson, Blue Mountains . . . A new brick toilet block has been added to church property.

N.S.W. HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE AT MAYFIELD

Half-yearly Conferences were resumed in N.S.W. after some years, under the leadership of Charles Cole, as Conference President, from Aug. 19 to Aug. 21.

The Newcastle Convention, under the leadership of Jack Anderson, as President, and Jack Barry, as Secretary, received the visitors with well planned hospitality and meal arrangements, and a splendid array of local talent provided the special music and items. All this made a fine setting for the challenging messages presented by David Mansell, on the Conference theme, "The Church Concerned, Committed and Commissioned."

Mayfield church was the centre for the meetings, and a crowded Youth Service, led by Bruce Armstrong, with Don Craig as quiz master, set the key note for the adult sessions of the Conference, which continued on Sat. afternoon and evening, and on Sunday afternoon.

Among visiting groups from the Sydney churches were the various representatives of the Depts. of Conference, as well as the President of the State Christian Women's Fellowship, Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, who was assisted by Mrs. R. Single, and shared in the presentation of reports and the challenge of future activities.

Sydney ministers were guests in all Newcastle church services on Sunday, and the richness of the fellowship ensured that the Half-yearly Conference will be a regular feature of our work.

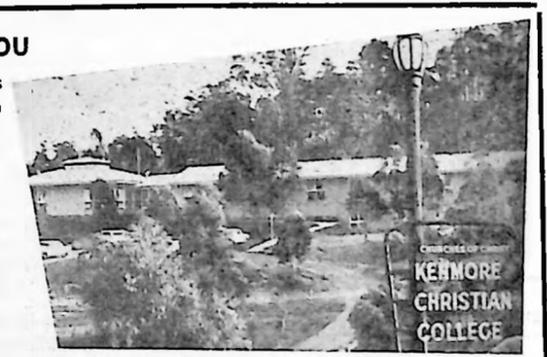
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VICTORIA

SEVEN DECISIONS

(Burwood, Vic.). Attendances averaging 50, with increased interest, followed the winter change of the gospel service to 4.30 p.m. There have been seven decisions by B.S. scholars during these meetings. September services revert to 7 p.m., followed by discussion groups on our attitude to the Uniting Church discussions. . . . The Explorers' Club has been busy with an outing to the Locomotive Museum, a church parade, and participation by Midgets, Juniors and Seniors in the indoor sports.

MINISTER TO RESUME

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The minister, E. J. Miles, is gradually recovering from surgery and is anxious to resume his duties. Recent speakers have been F. Mathieson, J. Clark, K. Masterton, H. Miller, J. Randall, D. Skewes (asst. minister), H. Farmer (Bambra-rd.) and R. V. Longthorp (Dept. of Chris. Educ.) . . . Local Girl Guides attended a recent gospel service. . . . Three members, Mrs. Dunse, D. Fraser and J. Kay are in hospital undergoing surgery. . . . Men of the church have painted the Kindergarten hall and kitchen in readiness for the church anniversary. A number of special services have been planned, leading up to the 50th anniversary day, Sept. 25. A special book has been prepared by Ray Skinner, outlining the history of the Oakleigh church from the very beginning.

OFFERINGS INCREASE

(Chelsea, Vic.). The first day of special giving for our "Forward Move" resulted in an increase of 52 per cent over previous Sunday for Local Needs, and an increase of 130 per cent for "Others." The Temple Day offering reached \$768. . . . 92 girls and ladies were at the Girls' Sunday tea. V. Longthorp was speaker. . . . Chelsea Explorers came first in Junior Zone Sports, and second in the Seniors. Many boys are in camp for school holidays. . . . Mrs. V. Morrison, member of the panel selected to organise and conduct Woman to Woman Evangelism, outlined plans for Chelsea's programme at an afternoon meeting. . . . Mrs. C. Thomas is in charge as Pres. of Chelsea Steering Committee. . . . Four teams from the tennis club were successful in reaching the finals of the winter season. . . . The C.W.F. enjoyed a Floral Art demonstration by Mrs. Hughes, of Chelsea. . . . C.Y.F., with Mr. and Mrs. E. Page as counsellors, continue to be active. A tape recorder is used for presenting the devotional segment of their meetings each Sunday night after church, in some church member's home. Each C.Y.F. member takes a turn at this, recording thoughts, readings and prayers for a running time of 5 minutes.

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PROGRAMME OF EVANGELISM

(Mitcham, Vic.). The programme of visitation evangelism at this church began with a Commissioning service on Aug. 14.

The fortnight of intensive activities was led by Allan A. Avery, Field Officer of the Dept. of H.M. and Evang. A men's dinner heard Senior-Const. House, Ross Oakley, St. Kilda footballer, and Dr. Peter Fensham, lecturer in chemistry at Melb. Univ., discuss their personal faith. Three church members effectively witnessed to their Christian allegiance at a church fellowship tea. Two house parties and six morning coffee sessions gave further opportunity for personal fellowship and sharing.

68 young people joined a hayride and fellowship during which they faced up to their relationship with Christ. 15 indicated their desire to make decisions of faith. Parents joined B.S. scholars for morning worship on Aug. 21.

The Hostess Coffee Mornings culminated at a luncheon attended by 50 ladies for evaluation and summary of their programmes.

Since Sept., 1965, the church has been engaged in a visitation programme involving 150 homes, under the leadership of W. G. Ogden, Chairman of the Programme Committee. People connected with the church were visited and friendships cultivated. This was climaxed by a week of commitment visitation by members engaged in lay evangelism.

The whole programme was strengthened by prayer, particularly in early morning workshops, which provided opportunities for deeper levels of prayer experience.

On Aug. 28, Mr. Avery spoke to a

OPENING AT MORWELL

(Vic.). On Aug. 26, 150 witnessed Merv Little, an elder of the church, perform the opening ceremony of the first part of the new building project: the Utility Block. This will provide much smoother running for all church activities. The evening took the form of a family social, each club and auxiliary contributing to evening's entertainment, which provided a varied programme catering for all tastes. Supper was served from the well equipped kitchen.



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crowded meeting. J. L. Binney led in a moving communion service. The names of 11 persons who had made commitment to Christ were read out by E. W. Heard, the minister. Fourteen others came forward for recommitment to Christ. Eight new residents were welcomed by transfer. The total added to the church during the programme was 37.

During the final two weeks, Mr. Avery was assisted by Miss Joan Seamer, and other young people from the Springvale church. The contributions of several guest artists were appreciated.

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QUEENSLAND

FIRST FOR NEW HOME

(see Cover Picture).

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). First inmates of "Fairhaven" Aged Christians' Home, entered on Aug. 22.

The cover photo shows, from left to right — Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Alcorn, members at Maryborough church (Mr. Alcorn was for many years a deacon of the church); Matron Mary Duggan; Mrs. M. A. Deighton (another member at Maryborough for many years), and H. A. Damm, of Pialba.

Although there were few in the first intake, there is increasing interest, and when the Home is officially opened on Sept. 24, many more are expected to fill the two buildings housing them. How soon extensions will be made depends on the need of people. The minister, D. G. Nelson, is in Sydney for "Crusade '66," conducted by Woolwich College. He will speak each night.

DR. JAUNCEY RETURNS

(Albion, Qld.). Dr. Jauncey has returned after fulfilling a number of speaking appointments in U.S.A. In his absence, services were taken by Kenmore College lecturer, Rex Ellis, and student preachers, Ted Watson and Trevor Meares. . . . Vacation B.S. and "Happy Hours" attracted a number of children, including some not previously associated with the B.S. Tuesday evening Bible lectures by Dr. Jauncey and Rex Ellis continue to attract audiences of about 60. . . . Preparations for the teaching mission commencing on Sept. 11 are well advanced. . . . Dr. Jauncey's addresses on "A Quest for Certainty in a World of Science," is attracting much interest.

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The 16th annual meeting took place at Burdeu House on August 13. The report showed much expansion, and indicated that the Committee's future plans would be more in the direction of consolidation.

The appointment of David Baker as Director was announced, and the principal speaker was C. R. Burdeu, who was, at last State Conference, unanimously elected as a lifetime member of the Committee. A Victorian by birth, with a cosmopolitan knowledge of all capitals, Mr. Burdeu finally adopted Queensland as his home State.

This Christian brother lives a full life in every sense. A soldier with Active Service in France, a Civil Servant who directed State Activities for a Federal Government Dept., and but for a desire to enjoy some sunshine, would have occupied the No. 1 position for the Commonwealth. In any case, much of the benefits enjoyed by returned men has been as a result of his forming the original Repatriation Benefit Act.

In brotherhood work he has served as Chairman of various Committees, in the capacity of Conference President, and

as a never failing champion of the underprivileged, as well as our Aborigines brethren. Together with Will H. Clay he ranks as a pioneer of Social Service work, as a Church Historian he no doubt still holds the 10/- note paid as option money on Burdeu House, the initial venture into Old People's Welfare in Qld.

Mr. Burdeu has been most fortunate in that there has always been, at his side, a partner who shared his passion and enthusiasm for brotherhood work. In the present position as resident executive officer of Kenmore College, he has been joined by Mrs. Burdeu, who cares for the creature comforts of students. One of Mr. Burdeu's sparetime jobs has been the building of a cairn with local stone, on which is placed a plaque bearing tribute to the pioneers — who better could do such a job?

—P. C. Williams.

A SHERIFF AT CHURCH

(Gatton, Qld.). Guest speaker at both services and fellowship tea on Aug. 21 was F. Little, Sheriff of Murwillumbah, N.S.W. Mr. Little told of many intriguing experiences in his life as a sheriff during his talk at tea, and related them to the wonderful way in which God is ever at hand to help those who are dedicated to him. . . . Recent anniversary services were voted the best ever. 140 attended the Sat. anniversary tea, with more at the rally which followed. Visitors were present from a number of surrounding churches. The Risson sisters, of Ipswich, delighted with their singing, and were ably supported by the Gatton choir. The Ma Ma Creek congregation joined with Gatton for the Lord's Day services. Guest speaker for all occasions was Graeme Chapman, of Kedron. . . . Visiting speakers have been H. Walmsley (Leprosy Mission), and J. R. Story (U.F.M.). Mr. and Mrs. K. Morris have been welcomed

home from Bowen during school vacation. . . . The minister, M. H. A. Pieper, is doing extensive deputation work on behalf of Kenmore Christian College. . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Gwen Mutzelburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Buhse.

YOUTH ACTIVE

(Kedron, Qld.). Highlights from the 36th annual business meeting were the vigorous condition of youth activities. C.Y.F., led by B. Chisney, averages 25; B.S. has reached 60, the best for some time. R. Smith is supt. . . . The ministry of G. L. Chapman has enriched the spiritual life and worship of the church and has extended to brotherhood interests and assistance at Kenmore College. The church has invited minister to extend his ministry indefinitely. L. Thomas, N. Monson and J. Bailey are new members on Board of Officers. . . . Women's Fellowships have continued to give faithful support.

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MARRIAGES

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Margaret Jenkins to Allan Morgan, Malvern, Vic.

DEATHS

R. Harvey, Moreland, Vic.
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SEPTEMBER 18, 1966

11.00 a.m.—Worship and Communion
3.45 p.m.—A visit to Briar Hill.
5.00 p.m.—Fellowship Tea.
6.00 p.m.—Films — "A look into the past."
7.00 p.m.—Gospel Service.

Guest Speaker: H. W. STREET
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1966

11 a.m.—COMMUNION SERVICE.
Speaker: A. E. WHITE, B.A.
Soloist: Miss M. Marshall.
Fellowship Luncheon.

2.45 p.m.—PLEASANT HOUR OF MUSIC
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4.45 p.m.—Tea-Table Fellowship.

7 p.m.—PRAISE and THANKSGIVING.
Speaker: G. K. MOYES, B.A.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BARNETT - WELDEN. — Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Barnett, 5 Allen-st., Highett, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their third daughter, Margaret Dawn, to Jeffrey Rex, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Welden, South Australia.

O'BREE - ROGERS. — Mr. and Mrs. H. A. R. O'Brien, Piangil, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter, Marjorie Lorraine, to Robert Hurtle, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rogers, 106 Curlew-st., Swan Hill, Vic.

VICKERS - GRAHAM. — It is with pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. W. Vickers, 40 Batman-st., Essendon, Vic., announce the engagement of their only child, Judith Lesley, to Lance Wesley, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham, 3 Greville-st., North Essendon, Vic.

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Carnegie Explorer boys won both the Junior and Senior Section, the runners-up being Chelsea in the Junior age group, and Cheltenham in the Seniors.

The 32 event programme was compiled by George Beard, Chief of the East Zone of Metropolitan Explorer clubs.

Six records were broken during the programme: The Baton Relay record was broken by North Balwyn Midget explorers, and in the Minute Skip the three Carnegie Juniors amassed a record aggregate of 595. The best skip rating was earned by a Cheltenham Senior with 220 skips per minute. Carnegie also established a record time of 24.2 seconds for the Junior Tunnel and Straddle, and 20.6 seconds for the Senior-age group of the same event. In the Block Race records were created in both the Junior and Senior sections, again by Carnegie Explorer Club.

STAWELL, Vic.

60th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1966.

11 a.m. Worship and Communion.

Speaker: G. MARSH (C.O.B.).

2.45 p.m. — Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.

5 p.m. — Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m. — Evening Service. Speaker:

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(Blackburn, Vic.). Church and Life Thanksgiving and Dedication service held on Aug. 7 . . . Calisthenics' Club paraded on 14th . . . Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. H. Miles and family in their recent bereavement . . . B.S. scholars were successful in several sections of area competitions held by B. and F. B. S. . . . Indoor painting of manse by men of church almost completed . . . Leadership training classes for men were held on Aug. 21, followed by a tea and service with the theme, "What Jesus Christ Means to Me in My Vocation" . . . Four study sessions on Christian Unity have been held over past two weeks.

MALVERN IS 77

(Vic.). The 77th anniversary on Aug. 21 had A. Ross. Lloyd, Conf. Pres., as guest speaker. On Aug. 20, 100 sat down to an anniversary tea, and heard a fine musical programme provided by the choir and visiting members . . . Mrs. Samlyn Crockett has resigned as supt. of the Kinders, and her place has been taken by Dawn McGregor . . . The ladies gathered a fine parcel of clothes and articles for the Aborigines . . . The film, "Churches of Christ," was screened by the Men's Fellowship in aid of Temple Day. . . . C.M.F. had an interesting meeting, "Stump the Experts" . . . Youth group conducted the service on Aug. 14 . . . Among those who have assisted in song are Hugh Walpole, Mrs. Frances Bennett, Mrs. Joy Keeble, Margaret Marshall, Keith Thomas and Val Woff. The choir also have greatly assisted in the evening service.

BIBLE WEEK

(Robinvale, Vic.). A successful district Bible Week was held. There was a display of Bibles at local newsagents, Ken Geyer spoke at various meetings and centres, and S. R. Baker, Fed. Conf. Pres., spoke at combined rallies, church services, including own communion service. Approx. \$200 worth of Bibles and literature were purchased . . . Annual meeting re-elected all office-bearers. Three men attended the annual Sunraysia Men's Camp, led by D. H. Smith, of the H.M. Dept. . . . Robinvale Benevolent Society annual meeting appointed E. K. Morrison as vice-pres. and re-appointed G. S. Cameron as treas. . . . A happy weekend of fun, fellowship and laughter came with the group of North Balwyn young people. Family fellowship included in the visit took the form of a three-dimensional

full colored TV programme for all the family. President and two readers supplied by Nth. Balwyn Y.P. for communion service. Three officers attended Unity talk by E. L. Williams, in Mildura, and returned home impressed with the immensity of the present-day situation. . . . A group of C.E.'s attended Northern Dist. Half-yearly Convention at Nullawil . . . Mrs. E. W. Heard and Mrs. V. Morrison attended C.W.F. and spoke at combined meeting that same night. Visitors from Red Cliffs, Mildura and local Guilds attended.

CAMPBELL SINGERS

(Bayswater, Vic.). We were inspired by the Campbell Singers, who conducted the entire evening service through the wonderful medium of song . . . Our minister, H. S. Prime, has accepted an invitation to Flinders Park, S.A.

ALL-AGE PROGRAMME

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). All-age Christian Education programme embracing weekly fellowship teas and discussion groups have helped to stimulate feeling of togetherness within church . . . Mrs. F. Chipperfield addressed C.W.F. on her experiences during recent trip overseas. C.W.F. visited Christian Guest Home, where Miss Hazel Skuce showed slides of work in India . . . Members participated in door knock appeal for Austin Hospital . . . Cottage prayer meeting held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Darby . . . C.M.F. enjoyed night of carpet bowls in hall . . . Three tennis teams playing in finals.

FIRST WEDDING

(Briar Hill, Vic.). Church had its first wedding, there being two in August . . . C.W.F. sent food parcel to Ruth Roberts in India . . . 70 attended evening service on Aug. 14, hearing excellent address by David Cummings, of Summer School of Linguistics . . . Special business meeting discussed auxiliary work of church.

MORELAND ADDITION

(Vic.). Miss Linley Goldsworthy was welcomed into church after baptism on Aug. 21 . . . Five C.W.E.F. ladies attended camp at Monbulk, Aug. 19-21 . . . Several members are back after having gone walk-about to Qld. for holidays.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Eileen Enchelmaier.

Two hundred came to the church at Kedron, Qld., on Aug. 11, to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mrs. Eileen Enchelmaier, and to rejoice with her in the final graduation. Within two weeks of detection, cancer had claimed her body. That she had been spared so long to those who loved her was due to the loving providence of God. In the final two weeks she was cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Helen Rigby, and her husband, Eric Enchelmaier who, during this period was himself involved in a traffic accident. The courageous and dignified bearing, coupled with the loving ministrations of the family, was in itself an inspiring sermon. There was never a hint of any complaint with God; only the constantly reiterated "God has been so good to us." The triumph of faith was very much in evidence, and set in more definite relief by the love of the members of the family for each other. Many preachers and friends to whom this home has been a haven, will feel the loss. From 1926 to 1961, Mrs. Enchelmaier was associated with the church at Albion, in Qld., and from 1962 till her death, was with her husband in membership with the church at Kedron. Lloyd Read conducted the service at the crematorium.—Graeme Chapman.

Roy Jones.

Roy Jones made his decision and was baptized at Fremantle, W.A., under the ministry of W. R. Hibbert. A few years later, in 1922, he moved to the Maylands district, where he was received into the fellowship of the church. During the next 44 years, except for a period in the services during the war, Roy was a member of the church at Maylands and served in many ways. His real joy was among the young people, and particularly the Boys' Club, which he led capably for many years. Mr. Jones also served as doorman at the church, offering a word of friendship to all who came to church. His service was of a very practical nature, and he was always one of the keenest at working bees and anything else connected with the men's work. Those who have known Roy Jones will remember his patience in suffering, he was afflicted with ill-health for a number of years. They will remember his kindness. He was always kind and ready to believe the best of people. They will remember his devotion to his Lord,

he was always keen to do anything that would advance the Kingdom of God.

The greatest tribute to Roy Jones is his family — three sons and two daughters, all devoted followers of Jesus Christ. He died at his home in Ferguson-st., Maylands, on Aug. 2. The church at Maylands feels a sense of loss with Mrs. Jones and family.—George E. Powell.

Mavis Lawrance.

The church at Kilburn, S.A., has lost a friend and servant in Mrs. Frank Lawrance, who died on July 31, after a sudden heart attack. Born at Bridgewater, on Aug. 7, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Nichols, she attended Stirling East church. Commencing as a S.S. scholar, then as a teacher, she accepted Christ during ministry of J. Wiltshire. In 1932, she was married to Frank Lawrance by E. J. Paternoster, and made her new home at Lenswood. She was a foundation member of the Lenswood church, and active in S.S. work. During the Second World War years she moved to Adelaide, where she and her family had short but happy memberships with the Beverley and Prospect churches. In the developing area at Kilburn the need became urgent for S.S. teachers, so the family's church activities transferred there and they were foundation members of the church started there in 1946. During the ensuing 20 years she has been church organist, S.S. teacher, and active Women's Fellowship worker. She cherished the opportunity of assisting at the Social Service Centre in Adelaide, being ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress or need. She was laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery, A. R. Jones officiating. The church, her husband and two children, Dean Lawrance and Glenda (Mrs. K. B. Purdie) cherish fond memories of a devoted wife and mother and a friend to all.

Miss Margaret Osborne.

In the death of Miss Margaret Osborne, on July 23, at the age of 63, the church on earth lost a very choice member. From the time of her baptism by J. E. Webb, in 1923, at the Kellems-Richards Mission in the Exhibition Building, Adelaide, she devoted her life and talents to the Lord. Confined to a wheel-chair through infantile paralysis, she yet managed to witness effectively for Christ. Even the later development of diabetes did not prevent her from teaching in the B.S. at Croydon for many years, or from writing scores of letters and making many calls commend-

ing Christ to others, and encouraging Christians in their work. To set an example as well as to receive a blessing she attended brotherhood and Conference gatherings. She held the office of Chaplain in the Beta Club, and was a member of the Dorcas Society at Croydon. The words of her mouth, the use of her pen, the tidiness of her person, and the godliness of her life exercised a big influence over many lives. Circumstances compelled her to transfer to Unley about three years ago, but she did not cease to meet with her brethren at the Lord's Table and gospel meetings till a stroke confined her to bed. Her faith never wavered. Hers was a life lived victoriously — a testimony to the presence and power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. A brother and sister, and their families, are the nearest relatives to mourn her loss, but they are joined by a great company of people. The church commends them all to God for his heavenly comfort.—W.N.B.

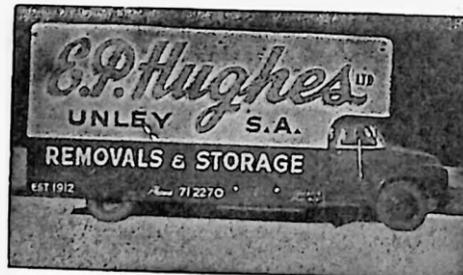
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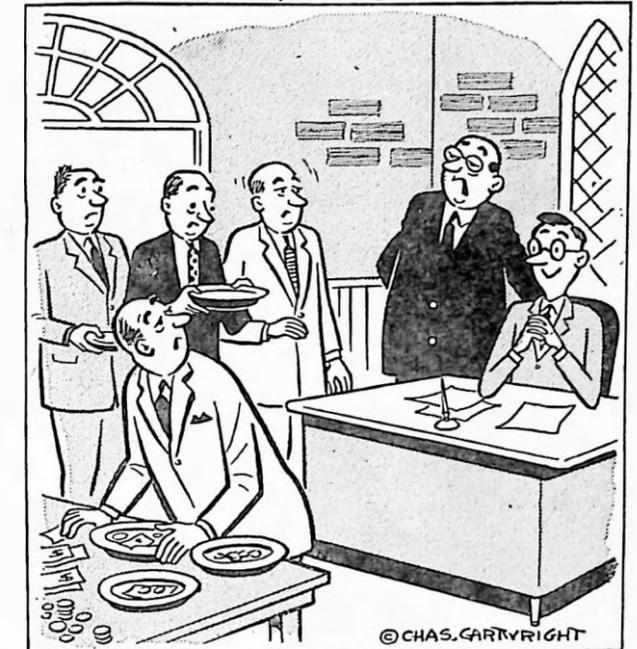
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METHODISTS.

To the Editor,

It was good to read Dr. Elliott's comments about three great Methodist preachers ("A.C." 20/8/66).

However, while we are prepared to acknowledge their preaching ability in our national paper, and even admit that they have been used by God, I can't help wondering how many of our Australian Churches of Christ would accept any one of them into membership.

According to some of us, they're not even saved.

—Dot Bennett, W.A.

CHILD IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor,

To my great surprise, the Church and Life Movement has left with me a strong awareness of the need in our brotherhood for a ceremony to identify young children with the church.

This in no way proscribes immersion or rejects the efficacy of identifying the believer with Christ in baptism. Rather it fills the need of the young child to belong, and commits the parents and the church family to a promise to bring them up as a child of God — the inheritance of all mankind — and a believer in Christ, the Way.

As a Christian parent, I have been vaguely and uncomfortably aware of the feeling that my children are rather "suspended in space" until they are ready to decide for themselves whether they will believe and follow Christ or go their own way.

As a result of reading "Man's Need and God's Action," this uneasiness has manifested into a need for a ceremony to give the children a definite relationship and place in the church. To say that we are bringing our children up as Christians, and there is therefore no need for ceremony or promises, negates the need for sacraments at all, and this would place us in a ridiculous position. The ceremony seals the promises and provides a criterion, as well as providing for the basic human need for positive action and discipline.

The shallow view of salvation which we seem to use as a yardstick just does not come into the feeling of need in this matter. It is not to assure our children's salvation that the need is felt for them to be identified with the church at an early age, but rather their need to belong, to have a definite place therein, and our needs for committal as parents.

This may seem heresy to many people, nevertheless it is a disturbing thing

to me, and needs to be said. Stalwarts can take heart from the fact that I found many opportunities in the group to point out the shortcomings of denominationalism, in itself partly a result of stubborn views on sacraments.

—Lois Snibson, Vic.

[Ed. Many of our churches regularly use a service of dedication for parents and children in church families.]

CORRECTION.

To the Editor,

The news item about the Waghmode family was incorrect in some facts. Mrs. Waghmode's name is "Shalini." The two Waghmode children have been staying with Mrs. O. I. Jackel, of Wangaratta, for nearly two years.

Olive I. Jackel, Vic.

[Ed. We apologise for the errors.]

"THE WORLD COURT."

To the Editor,

Article 7 of the United Nations Charter established the International Court of Justice as one of "the principal organs of the United Nations" similarly to the General Assembly, Security Council, etc.

Article 92 states that the Court "shall be the principal judicial organ of the United Nations . . . and form an integral part of the present Charter."

Article 93 states "all members of the United Nations are ipso facto parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice." (A publication by Rotary International from U.S.A. comments in respects to this "any state, whether a member of the old Court or not, could submit a case to the Court" which suggests conflict with the judgment declaring Liberia and Ethiopia were not competent to plead.)

Article 1 of the Charter states, inter alia, "The Purposes of the United Nations are — to maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take . . . measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression . . . and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice . . . settlement of disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace."

While the recent judgment may be strictly legal, it departs very radically from the spirit of the above, and is, therefore, to be seriously deplored.

We accept the imperfections of many aspects of "law," and readily accept that "it cannot substitute for concern and love," but in view of the continuing international anarchy it is regrettable that the Christian church should be led

to accept that the Court, which is such a potentially important organ of the United Nations, "does not count."

The U.S. Charter is a quasi-legal attempt to regularise international contacts, it contains significant ethical and humanitarian objectives. If the church with her unsurpassed avenues for moral education diligently advocated the spirit of the Charter, crowning it with the basic teaching of our Lord, the peoples of the world could be awakened from their complacent submission to the current anarchy with its dangers to their physical, moral and spiritual well-being.

—L. O. Collyer, Vic.

VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

L. O. Collyer ("A.C." Aug. 13) thinks that it is remarkable for a member of a brotherhood "pleading the N.T. Christianity," to appeal to the O.T. standards for Christian citizenship, but to what does he appeal for the standards expressed in his letter? Certainly neither the Old nor the New Testament.

The O.T. is a revelation of the will of God before Christ, and upholds war on a national basis, as a punishment for evil nations, and the N.T. is silent on the matter.

Mr. Collyer's standard appears to be based on pro-communist propaganda literature. He appeals to the social conditions of people under "Western Freedom" to those under Communism, with the suggestion that these favor the Communist countries. This is very doubtful, but material standards are not the important standards of the Christian, which are spiritual.

No enlightened person can claim that Communism, which in all these countries is anti-God and anti-Jesus Christ and in which the State is supreme and above God, is spiritually uplifting. It is the duty of all Christians to unite against this system which is trying to impose its atheistic ideas on other nations, before we become like the voice of the peoples of Hungary, which were silenced by Russian tanks, or like those trying to escape over the Berlin wall from this tyranny.

All Christians should obey the N.T., even above the authority of governments, but on this subject the N.T. is silent.

Mr. Collyer suggests that the opponents of Communism refuse to discuss what they oppose. Well, this is what we oppose: The determination of Communists to destroy our "Freedom of religion," our "Freedom to choose our own government," our "Freedom of speech," in exchange for which they offer a very, very doubtful "Freedom from want."

—R. D. Clark, Qld.

FACES AND PLACES

PROFILE
NO. 58

E. ROSS. MANNING

At the age of 87, E. Ross Manning is still a tower of spiritual strength to the church at Grote Street. As far as health permits he is at every service, he makes a point of speaking to as many visitors as possible, always with an encouraging word. From a special roll he, and daughter, Mrs. Joy, send out "The Grote Street Messenger" to all absentees, as well as seeing that the preacher knows of those who are ill.

His mind is keen, and he participates in the prayer meeting discussions. His voice is strong and his prayers at communion and in prayer meetings are an inspiration.

He is a mine of information concerning the early work at Grote St., and he has a keen memory for people, especially scholars in the school when he was superintendent for 33 years.

Ross Manning was baptized and received into fellowship with the Park St. Unley, Church of Christ, Dec. 21, 1899, during the ministry of J. C. Dickson, and transferred to Grote St. in 1892.

In 1897 he became Secretary of the Y.P.S.C.E. and Secretary of the B.S., 1898 to 1904, during the superintendency of Wm. Clark and of Richard Verco. In 1904 he became supt. of the B.S. and continued in this position until 1937.

Mr. Manning has always been missionary minded, and this was emphasised in the B.S. by the Missionary Birthday Box, when those having birthdays contributed one penny per year of their age for Missions. The missionary spirit was very active in the school. Miss Rosa Tonkin was a teacher of the Young Ladies' Bible Class before she went to China. Miss Elsie Caldicott was both a scholar and a teacher in the school before going to India.

During his superintendency the two story building was erected to provide needed accommodation for the Bible School, Kindergarten and Youth Clubs. J. E. Thomas was then minister. The upstairs hall was named Magarey Hall

in memory of devoted services of the Magarey family.

Upon retirement from the B.S. he was presented with an illuminated address, signed by Chas. Schwab and Alf. Mercer, who continues as the present supt.

Mr. Manning served the church as deacon and elder, as well as being on the committee of the Boys' Club. He gave his first address in Gillies St. Mission Hall, at the age of 19 years, and later became a frequent speaker at Henley Beach church, when J. W. Cosh was responsible for arranging the plan for voluntary helpers. He also took meetings at Milang, Pt. Sturt and York churches.

He served on the new building committee as secretary from July, 1919 to September, 1926. The building, with extras, was built and furnished for about £7,000, and a few years later was free of debt.

He was S.A. State Conference President, 1941-1942, and visited many suburban and some country churches.

In 1902, Mr. Manning married Ethel Ransley, daughter of Mrs. Mercy Dumbrell, by H. D. Smith, in the old church building. This partnership was broken by the home call of Mrs. Manning in 1960. To Mr. and Mrs. Manning were born Ross James, Frank Herbert, Dulcie (dec.), Mavis, Mrs. H. J. Neulung, Jean (Mrs. Joy), and Ralph. Ross and Frank both trained for Christian service at Glen Iris Bible College, and served as missionaries with R.M.B.U. in Belgian Congo. After 25 years in the Congo, Ross is now organising the National Bible Society of Nigeria.

Frank, who married Helen Wiltshire, is now Australian Secretary for R.M.B.U. and lives in Victoria.

We pay tribute to a man of outstanding witness and influence for the Lord, a man of faithfulness and loyalty. We feel sure that many are serving their Lord more earnestly because of his inspiration. May there be many more who will "follow in his train."

—R. G.

"BLACK POWER" IN U.S.

(New York). "Black power," which has replaced "Freedom now" as the chant of frustrated Negroes in the ghettos of U.S. cities, has brought expressions of distress from whites and some Negroes.

Responsible churchmen, commenting on the "black power" slogan, appear to agree on several points: an explosive situation exists; the frustration and even desperation of the Negro masses is real; if white had realised the seriousness of the situation sooner, current widespread unrest might have been averted.

Dr. Martin Luther King, in a seven-column advertisement in the "New York Times," appealing for funds for his Southern Christian Leadership Conference, reported that millions of Negroes are frustrated and angered because "extravagant promises made less than a year ago are a shattered mockery today."

When the 1965 Civil Rights Act was passed, it was proclaimed as an open door to freedom, King noted. But the smallness of the gains made in both Southern States and Northern ghettos led some Negroes to believe violence was the only method to shock the white majority and press it to come to terms with social evil of staggering proportions.

"Black power" was an expression of desperation which would vanish, King said, when the Negroes were effectively organised. Negroes had to acquire a share of power, he stated, and the vast majority would continue to go about getting this without violence—"if white America will meet them with honest determination," King concluded.—E.P.S.

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