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FEDERAL CONFERENCE

In a few days, the 31st Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia will commence in Melbourne. There are 132 official representatives and 1,450 other members of Conference from all States and the A.C.T. Overseas delegates will be present from India and New Zealand.

Every Conference has its own importance and its own significant issues to confront. The 31st Conference will find its moments of high testing, not in the establishment of new ventures or the forging of new agencies of co-operation, but in maintaining or even recovering, the unity of our brotherhood. Our world is more indifferent than hostile to the gospel and, for this very reason, we dare not add to the divisions between the churches by being weak within our own.

The business sessions are open to all, although the responsibility for achievement in the areas of missions, ministry, education, union, world concern, and communication, will rest largely in the minds — and hearts! — of the official representatives.

The public rallies, however, are also a vital part of our Conference and their success will not depend only upon the visiting representatives and members. The church members within the city of Melbourne and nearby country areas will have it in their hands to make our Conference strong. The public meetings are listed on page 11.

The objectives of every church Conference should be to seek the will of Christ and to find the way of Christ. It is sometimes easier to know his will than it is to find the way of accomplishing it in the maze of world confusion.

Those who come together in Conference will need the goodwill of all, and all our prayers that the Holy Spirit will lead into the will and way of our Lord.

"Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus."

EXPORT ACTION

Australians on tour have always had a reputation for unconventional behaviour. They were noisy, unimpressed with tradition, and even slightly irreverent in the presence of ancient relics. But for all that, the travelling Aussie was regarded as kind of cute and he was welcome. His odd ways were put down to his kangaroo or wombat ancestry.

What happened in Munich last week, however, exhausted the toleration of the Munich authorities. According to news reports, for the second year in succession Australian young people have been responsible for brawling, rowdiness, insulting behaviour, and a lot of other things that prompted one newspaper editorial headed "Help! the Australians are coming!"

Many Australians abroad are there for genuine holidays or for a serious purpose, working, or studying, or serving. Some of our young people have given splendid service in post-war Europe in work camps, refugee children's service, and a host of other demonstrations of goodwill. Much of the recent trouble has come from a minority of "deadbeats who drift around Europe with no job, no money, and who just cadge a living."

We are not, of course, endorsing the beer festival where the disturbances took place. It is reasonable to expect some trouble wherever there is encouragement for over-drinking. But each country is liable to have enough problems with its own hoodlums without importing any from other lands.

Unfortunately, the undesirables will be remembered longer than the rest. For the sake of Australia's reputation and for the protection of those who play the game decently, those who act badly should be brought home, and kept home. In many ways, Australia may be better off without them. Such folk would be a nuisance at home. But they are our responsibility and they are quite the wrong kind of export.

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**TWO YEARS
ON GOD'S
MOUNTAIN**

BY JAMES H. JAUNCEY



Dr. J. H. Jauncey, Principal.

It hardly seems two years since I took possession of this mountainside in the name of the Lord and as leader of a great new venture. Even then, when the campus was just virgin land, there was a sense of mystery about it. It is a supremely beautiful spot, but there is much more, a quiet sense of the Presence of God, as if he himself has chosen it for a special work.

It has been a miracle of faith all through. From almost nothing we have a property that must be worth \$100,000. Back then we wondered where the students would come from, now we have 30 dedicated young people preparing for the greatest of all vocations. In August, 1964, Kenmore Christian College was a mere name. Now it is a power for God felt throughout the whole Queensland brotherhood. "What God hath wrought . . ."

This constant reliance on faith, this being thrown back upon God, has done wonders for me spiritually. For years I have been *talking* about what God can do, now for two years I have been *experiencing* it. God has always blessed my work far more than I deserve, but since coming to Kenmore the spiritual impact of my ministry has enormously increased. In this last visit to the States, the crusades seemed supercharged with the power of God and the response left me staggered, but very grateful to God. So great was the blessing that

brethren there are already preparing expectantly for further missions next year.

What is even more important, the students are beginning to catch the vision of what God can do. Who knows where the blessing will end as these young people are set on fire for God and sent out!

I have always considered my writing ministry to be vitally important. The written message now reaches all round the world and in several languages. I have never been to South America, for instance, yet "*SCIENCE RETURNS TO GOD*," printed in Spanish is exercising a great influence for God. In addition, my articles reach hundreds of thousands through many magazines. "*MAGIC IN MARRIAGE*" is just out and is already ministering to a very needy field. All this is an extension of the work at Kenmore.

Bearing in mind our traditional Churches of Christ position on unity, I have worked closely with God's people everywhere. I have conducted all-denomination crusades, addressed Keswick Conventions, C.B.M.C. groups, ministers' conferences, youth camps and the like. Organisation mergers do not interest me, but I am all out for the spiritual unity of all God's people.

So God's wish on this mountain continues, its influence spreading in ever widening circles throughout the world. I am most grateful to God to be a part of it.



G. R. F. Ellis, B.A.,
Lecturer in New Testament.

AT WORK ON HIS WORD

BY REX ELLIS

The experience of students and lecturers at Kenmore Christian College runs very closely parallel with that recorded in 2 Kings 22 and 23.

The New Reformation

The thing that is striking in this account of the young King Josiah is that he started the reform movement when he was twenty-six years old. It was after he showed his desire to know God, that the Word of the Lord was found and recognised. Jesus said, "Whosoever has the will to do the will of God shall know whether my teaching comes from him or is merely my own" (John 7: 17, N.E.B.). Just how a person gets to the point of wanting to do God's will doesn't matter very much. The important thing is to want to.

Students are impelled to come to Kenmore for many different reasons — probably as many reasons as there are students. Our aim as a brotherhood is to make the environment at Kenmore such that they will discover the Word of God in all its richness and potency.

It Hurts

The students, like Josiah (2 Kings 22: 11) find that when they get to work on God's Word, it gets to work on them. When Josiah heard the words of the re-discovered book "he rent his clothes."

It is a shattering experience to come to grips with God's Word, as we find out at Kenmore. All sin must go. Pride, all our accomplishments, ambitions, personal desires and plans — all is torn from us like Josiah's clothes.

The College Plays Its Part

Josiah called in help. He wanted to know how best to do God's will, so he sent to Huldah, the prophetess who "dwelleth in Jerusalem in the college" (2 Kings 22: 14). We have no Huldah in our

college, but we try to achieve the same result. Is the Bible really God's Word? We are convinced of this, but nowadays many people are not. So we examine the Scriptures in their historical setting. We look at the literature and thought of the ancient world and see in stark contrast the Bible. The Bible, as a historical writing, engages our attention and we thrill at God's excursions in history as he meets with man. We sharpen up our own thinking by looking at philosophical thinking. The Bible is so far out in front. It is in a class of its own — a class we call "inspired." We groan under the burden of learning Hebrew and Greek, but with this study God's Word comes with deepening freshness and power to us, and through us.

Sharp Knives Are More Useful

Yes, all of this helps us, like Huldah, to understand and appreciate the Word of God. Any knife, blunt or sharp, will cut butter, but it takes a sharp knife to cut wood. So our lives are sharpened in our contact with God's Word, particularly in its original languages, and as we hone ourselves with the discipline of other related studies.

In And Through

Josiah "made a covenant before the Lord" (23: 2), and then led the people in the same covenant. He was so affected by God's Word, and his experience with the Lord that he wanted to, and did, pass on the will of God to his people.

College must not be just an intellectual experience, but one of Spirit, at depth, so that the impression made by the Holy Spirit has its expression in the world. God's Word is lost to this world. Our task as a brotherhood, as lecturers, as students, is to re-discover it for ourselves, and to pass it on to those in the world who stand in such awesome need of Jesus Christ.



KENMORE STUDENTS, 1966. Back row, left to right D. Usher (Qld.), P. Jauncey (U.S.A.), G. Chambers (Qld.), G. Risson (Qld.), D. Stewart (Qld.), T. Meares (Qld.), B. Johns (N.S.W.), C. McCosker (N.S.W.). Middle row, left to right: R. Feldhahn (Qld.), B. Hinrichsen (Qld.), T. Holmes (Qld.), B. Cutchie (Vic.), W. Chapman (U.S.A.), J. Friebe (Vic.), D. Thorpe (Qld.), L. Van-Laar (Qld.), I. Berthelsen (Qld.), L. Berthelsen (Qld.), G. Poulton (N.S.W.). Front row, left to right: Miss M. Baker (Qld.), Miss P. Harding (Qld.), Miss M. Holt (Qld.), E. Watson (Qld.), Dr. J. H. Jauncey (Principal), A. Risson (Qld.), Miss D. Feeny (Qld.), Miss E. Harris (N.S.W.), E. Scott (W.A.). Absent: D. Armstrong (W.A.), A. Griffith (Qld.).

OF MAKING MANY MINISTERS . . .!

—By A. L. Webb, B.A.

It has been said that it does not take much of a man to be a minister — it takes all of him.

The course at Kenmore is designed to emphasise the "many sidedness" of the Christian ministry and to give practical, experimental training in the making of the total man of God.

Recognising the importance of Paul's injunction to Timothy, "take heed to thyself and to thy doctrine," particular emphasis is given to the guiding and developing of each student's personal relationship to Jesus Christ.

Considerable emphasis is also given to the importance of the preaching ministry. Thus various aspects of sermon preparation and delivery are discussed, practised and evaluated, and each student is given many opportunities to develop his potential in the preaching of the Word.

The pastoral ministry is given specialised attention. Up-to-date counselling techniques are learned and students from time to time are given the opportunity to use and develop these in practical situations.

The course is also related to the special fields of Christian education, evangelism, psychology, radio and TV broadcasting, Christian journalism, etc.

The many sidedness of the Christian ministry

is thus recognised and provided for. However, neither Kenmore, nor any other such college, can "make" ministers. At best we can but teach, train, build, and mould. Jesus said, "Come unto me and I WILL MAKE you fishers of men."

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE!

—By M. A. H. Pieper.

"WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE!" Over and over again in the last two years or so God has taught us that this two thousand-year-old proclamation is still valid in the twentieth century.

Kenmore stands as a witness to this!

When we needed the financial means to start this great venture, God gave it to us. When we needed a Principal to lead us, God gave him to us. When we needed another full-time lecturer this year, and we couldn't see how it was possible, financially or any other way, God gave us Rex Ellis and the finance.

The woods are pretty thick in some places still, especially in the financial field. But we have had such unmistakable evidences of God's hand upon Kenmore that the Queensland brethren rejoice with all those who have shared, and WILL SHARE with them as they go forward in the faith that "WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE!"

"OPERATION SPONSOR" AND KENMORE

A. McK. SURTEES
Director of Home Missions.

When the idea of "Operation Sponsor" was conceived by the Ann Street church about 18 months ago, and when this was developed by the formation of the "Operation Sponsor" Committee, Kenmore College took up the matter with vision and enthusiasm.

Aim of the programme is to channel the resources of stronger churches into small and needy causes, the former "adopting" or "sponsoring" the latter, and in particular seeking to sponsor new causes in appropriate circumstances.

Kenmore's record in this connection is already impressive.

In July, 1965, within the College buildings, meetings were commenced that quickly became established as the now-affiliated Kenmore Church — a vital and growing congregation providing a witness in a centre hitherto untouched by our brotherhood. It was hoped that under the hand of God a similar new cause could be started under the College auspices each year.

This year, just a few months ago, a new work has begun at Arana Hills. This is a new suburb of Brisbane, again in an untouched area as far as our witness is concerned. Opportunities in the area were brought into focus by the small church at Stafford, and im-

mediately Kenmore College made available a student's services (at that time free of cost) to help develop a cause there. Since then, others have joined in sponsoring this new work, but its future still revolves round the student ministry being provided.

These are only two examples; throughout Brisbane and near-country centres, student ministries and student work-teams are helping to strengthen small churches, with evident success.

The brotherhood owes a debt to the College for its support of the "Operation Sponsor" principle, and its practical efforts to make it work.

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

C. R. BURDEU

There are many centres in and around the city of Brisbane which are now being served by students from Kenmore.

But the ministry of the students, and thus of the College, has reached **Beyond Our Borders!** We have been very happy to co-operate with churches in northern New South Wales that have sought such help. In particular, these have been Lismore, Goonelebah, and Bangalow. This has provided a real link between the work in Queensland and New South Wales. Students shared in the recent Atmosphere Crusade at Inverell.

Kenmore has also been "put on the map" through a very well-produced students' magazine, which has created great interest throughout Australia and in the United States.

We are especially grateful too, for the tremendous ministry in preaching and writing that is being conducted by our Principal, Dr. Jauncey, which is even reaching **Beyond Our Borders** in the English-speaking world. We praise God for the evident blessings resulting.



KENMORE COLLEGE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Left front to back: D. Baker, Mrs. D. Baker (Vice-Pres., Women's Conf.), J. Clark A. McK. Surtees, J. Christensen, M. H. A. Pieper (Secretary). Centre: C. R. Burdeu (Chairman). Right front to back: A. L. Webb, D. Cranston, J. Fraser, Dr. J. Jauncey (Principal), C. J. Connell (Treasurer), Miss M. Skennerton (Minute Secretary). Absent: Mrs. N. Machin, Prof. A. F. Wilson.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

TO THE SNOWY

(Epping, N.S.W.). Young people enjoyed a weekend bus tour to the "Snowy" and had fellowship with Canberra church . . . Ken Williams of W.E.C., missionary from Sumatra, Indonesia, brought news of the work in that area . . . C. Nutt, of C.R.M.F., from New Guinea, was special speaker at the Youth Fellowship tea, and then spoke at the gospel service . . . Principal A. W. Stephenson told the church of the work of the College . . . Inter. and Y.P.C.E. combined consecration meeting, and had Kevin Crawford, Director of H.M. and Evang., as guest speaker . . . Men of the church conducted gospel service on Father's Day. Ken Oliver brought the message.

ALUMINIUM ROOF

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The exterior of the chapel and hall has been greatly improved with the completion of the new aluminium roof . . . Recent speakers were J. Bacik, third year College student, representing the Woolwich Bible College, and Mr. Brown, student preacher at Asquith. D. A. Oldfield, Hornsby's minister, was at Asquith . . . At the recent Brigade church parade, a number of the boys received an additional stripe to their present rank. During Aug. and Sept., the gospel services have commenced at 5 p.m., but reverted to 7 p.m. from Oct. 2.

QLD. SPORTS DAY

Although rain spoilt the organisation of this year's Sports Day, there was much lively competition in all events. Winners of the both sections, juniors and seniors, were the team from Marburg, where Rob. Holt is minister. The "Mar-

YOUNG PEOPLE HELP

(Maidstone, Vic.). The young people of this church teach in Bible Class, help at communion services, also bring musical items at evening services . . . All our other clubs are busy — Boys' Explorers, Girls' gymnasium and also young people's club . . . D. A. V. Thomas was in charge of district churches camp at Parkdale, Vic.

THEATRE NIGHT

(Williamstown Nth., Vic.). The Church School held a Theatre Night to see "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Proceeds for urgently needed new equipment to cater for growing attendance. C.W.F. accompanied by Maidstone C.W.F., provided entertainment and afternoon tea for guests of Emmaus Rest Home. Two rugs and number of pairs of bed sox donated to the Home . . . Cricket club held a mystery car tour, resulting in \$23 toward funds for equipment. . . Three Companies and 4 Brownie Packs were present for District Girl Guide Movement church parade on Sept. 18 . . . College of the Bible "Field Day" had Carl Clayden lead the evening meeting, and Adrian Deane gave the address. Young people

burgers," their C.Y.F. name, also took off the Senior Girl Championship, Cynthia Nahuysen, and the Junior Girl Championship, Lyn. Kirkbusch. Ken. Slater, of Kedron, was the Junior Boy Champion, and Arthur Davis, of Chinchilla, won the Champion Senior boy trophy.

ALCOHOL TEACH-IN

A "Teach-In" about alcohol and related problems will be given by leading doctors and teachers at a course on six Mondays, from Oct. 10 to Nov. 14, at 8 p.m., at Willard Hall, 48 Russell-st., Melbourne.

Among the lecturers are Dr. L. R. H. Drew recently returned from an overseas study trip; Dr. Phyllis McMahon; Mr. Wesley A. Young; Miss Elma Brown; and a doctor from the Mental Hygiene Authority.

Youth leaders, teachers, ministers, housewives, students, business men and women, and all interested, may obtain an Invitation Programme from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 48 Russell-st., Melbourne. Phone 63-6375, during business hours.

TAPES EXCHANGED

(Hopeland, Qld.). The Ladies' Fellowship exchanges tape-recordings of meetings with Padstow ladies in N.S.W., where former minister, H. C. Wheat, is serving . . . Two students from Woolwich College were recent visitors . . . Young people entered, for first time, in Annual Youth Dept. Sports Day, and gained third place in senior division. . . The church was well represented at Western Churches Fellowship at Kingaroy and Murgon . . . A successful Fathers' Night was held . . . The young people enjoyed a visit from their Director, A. C. Male.

then joined in District C.O.B. Rally at North Essendon . . . Western Sub. Churches' Camp at Parkdale was attended by 15 Y.P. One man made his decision on Sept. 25.

RECORDING VISITOR

(Colac, Vic.). Among those recently at Colac was R. A. Banks, who visited members and recorded messages for Radio 3CS on behalf of church. A. E. Stevens, of Manifold Heights, preached on Sept. 11, and Barry Miller, of C.O.B., took both services on Sept. 18 . . . The Overseas Missions offering closed at \$98.

PARABLES ENACTED

(Northcote, Vic.). After completing a series of sermons on "Disciples from All Nations," from the Acts, the minister, A. B. Withers, has commenced a new series on the Parables, with some of the Y.P. acting the parts of the characters. . . Two choirs were used on Sept. 18 for special evening service, the extra choir being formed of young people. G. Smith, of College of the Bible, was speaker at 11 a.m. . . The B.S. has completed third year of "Plan of Development."

TWELVE DECISIONS

(Wollongong, N.S.W.). There have been 12 decisions over the last three weeks, many of these being adults and older young people. Youth attend the evening service in large numbers. Decisions are being made by young people who were contacted through the Youth Swing-along during February, and who, at first, were on the fringe but now are taking a real place in the life of the church. Our young people gained 4th place in the combined sports carnival in Sydney. All phases of youth work are expanding. The church now has two small buses for collecting Bible School scholars . . . The church sec., Frank Rose, has been transferred to Newcastle.

"WOMAN TO WOMAN"

(Ormond, Vic.). A "Woman to Woman" evangelistic campaign was held, Sept. 13, 15 and 18. Mrs. Armstrong, wife of Springvale minister, was speaker, and Mrs. Ghys, Caulfield, song leader. Items were given by Helen Walker, Lois Sutton and a trio: Mrs. Ghys, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Youens . . . All members were invited to discuss church membership and reasons why it has not increased . . . B.S. activities included concert on Sept. 23, and anniversary on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Laurie North was song leader. Speakers were Messrs. Steward, McCormick and McKenzie, and Mrs. Holt . . . After two years in Physics Research at Univ. of Illinois, Max Thompson has commenced at Yale Univ. in the Linear Accelerator Laboratory . . . The minister, R. McKenzie, has completed a chaplaincy course at Alfred Hospital . . . Women's programmes included a conference at Cockatoo, a Floral Art Demonstration for E.C.W.F., a luncheon for C.W.F. members, and M. Jacques organised a cooking demonstration . . . The ladies visited the Will H. Clay Hosp. on Sept. 20 to entertain staff. Mrs. File has celebrated her 90th birthday.

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OPPORTUNITIES AT SHRIGONDA

BY R. POWELL.

Today is Independence Day, and I have just returned from attending the Civic Function with Pastor Dongre. Following the flag raising ceremony there was opportunity for informal talks with Government and semi-Government clerks and officials. Some of these young men have been asking a number of questions about Christianity, and we seek your prayers for them and for ourselves as we endeavour to point them to the Saviour.

Since our arrival at Shrigonda I have been challenged more and more with the opportunities which exist here in the realm of evangelistic outreach. At times one wishes he could chop himself into a dozen pieces to be in that many places at once.

As I write this article, Mrs. Powell and the Bible women are distributing the wheat sent by the Australian churches. On Mondays, distribution is made to the poor and needy from surrounding villages, and on Fridays to people from Shrigonda itself. For the distribution, Ray Veal had special ration cards printed, on the reverse side of which are four Bible verses — "Labour not for bread which perishes . . ." "Jesus said, 'I am the Bread of Life.'" "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus . . . you will be saved." "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life."

Then, before the distribution, each morning the Bible women and evangelists have a brief opening devotional time, consisting of a hymn, prayer, and five-minute message, and during the distribution, Bhigaji Shindi (our evangelist who is in charge of the Friendship Centre in Shrigonda) moves among the people, talking to them and distributing tracts.

Also, from Shrigonda, we are supervising two relief works, a road construction project at Dhorja, and a water supply project at Kampti. The workers on these projects are paid in food grain, instead of money. This grain is being supplied by the Committee of Gift and Relief of the World Church Service Division of the World Council of Churches.

Saturday was a "red letter" day, as the long awaited tractor arrived on the farm at Shrigonda. It is a Ferguson 35 diesel, with trailer, seeding attachment, mouldboard plough, and offset disc harrow. This should help greatly in saving time and expense, as well as increasing output of the farm here, as well as be a service to Christian farmers in the district for whom we will also do contract work.

Another milestone laid last week was the erection of electricity poles on the mission property. The Electricity Dept. has promised electricity for the

irrigation pumps at our wells by the end of this month. To the school, boarding, and houses, as well as Friendship Centre in town, connections should be made by about Christmas.

Because of the food position, and non-arrival of rains, irrigation is being given first priority. The rains last month only replenished drinking water supplies and helped a little for irrigation. Rain is now needed before sowing crops.

Word has now been received from Far East Broadcasting Company of their acceptance and approval of our sample two Marathi Christian Radio programmes. This coming weekend we plan to record the next four. Dr. Paul White has given us permission to use "Jungle Doctor" story material on these programmes. Our production team now consists of Balu Bhonsle (our Bombay pastor) as storyteller, Shantiram Thorat (member of Shrigonda church and compounder at nearby Govt. Beggars' Repatriation Home hospital) as violinist, and his brother from Poona, on the drums. Both are professional musicians and regularly appear on the Poona Station of All India Radio.

At present recording is being done in a room of the Sisters' bungalow at Dhond Hospital, but with electricity coming to Shrigonda we hope to establish a proper studio here. Jan and I have been praying about the matter of equipment, and then during Conference a letter came from Ron McLean to say that a member of one of the churches had offered a tape recorder for the work. Furthermore, it was the very make which we had finally decided would be

best for the work, and to that time we had not even written to Ron McLean or anyone about this make.

This is a truly wonderful answer to prayer and provision of the Lord. In so many ways like this he has shown his hand of approval upon this new outreach of Radio Evangelism. We earnestly solicit your prayers for the continuing of this radio work, for the team, for those who hear the programmes, for the follow-up work to be handled by the Bible Correspondence Course Dept., for construction of a Recording Studio here at Shrigonda, and for Govt. permit to bring the tape recorder and equipment into India.

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The Spirit at Work

CARNARVON NATIVE RESERVE

BY D. G. HAMMER.

The Thursday night meeting was somewhat special. There were several interstate visitors from our churches present, and Bob Williams and Bob Kingi had just returned from their trip north. When the song service commenced there were few present, but the sound of the singing brought the Christians in twos and threes — husbands, wives, and babies as well. Bob Kingi and one of the native brethren played guitars to provide music, and Ray Schmitt stood by the piano, in case that was needed. Lance Fisher welcomed the two brethren home from their trip.

Bob Kingi showed a few pictures of the trip through the inland and back to the coast, via Marble Bar. He told in passing how that one day they needed fresh meat for the evening meal. They tried unsuccessfully to shoot one of the many kangaroos they saw. When they came to a station at the end of their unsuccessful day, they found that the manager was one who had heard Bob Kingi preaching a couple of thousand miles away, at Esperance. This man loaded them with an abundance of fresh steak, and tomatoes picked from the homestead garden. The two men felt that the Lord did not want them to bother with a kangaroo, as he had already made far better provision for their needs!

Bob Williams told of one small group of Aborigines which they met. The leader was a man who had previously opposed the gospel. He lost no time in attempting to drive them away again. He accused them of being Christians who had come to disrupt their lives, make trouble generally, and break down respect for Aboriginal tribal law.

The two evangelists patiently told him again that this was not so. Jesus had not come to destroy, but to fulfil. As this enemy of the gospel continued to blaspheme, Bob Williams told how there was a sudden silence. The man seemed to be struck dumb, as Bob firmly believed, by the power of God. The two men then continued speaking, made their farewells, and drove away in the land-rover. When they looked back towards the little group of natives, they could

see the leader, who had opposed the gospel, still standing silent, with bowed head, in the centre of his people.

Before the meeting closed, Bob Williams reminded the people how he had been ill before going on the trip. He said that God allowed him to be put into hospital, but even after coming out he was no better. This, he said, was God's punishment for secret sin. He had tried to be God's man, but he had not completely given up his old practices. He had given up smoking because he felt that God wanted him to do so, but he continued to chew tobacco behind the door. When he confessed this, and gave the habit up, Bob says the Lord made him well again.

It was only when fully surrendered that he could be God's man. "How many of you men here in this mob," he challenged, "are only partly Christians? Will you give up all your sins and be wholly given to Christ?"

Several of the people then had a few words to say in praise and thankfulness to God for what he had done for them in Christ. As they spoke, one could recognise the presence of the Lord. Then one old man stood up, and with realistic gestures as he talked, thanked the Lord that when the police took him in for being drunk, he gave them more than they gave him! He wasn't really drunk, he said, but he got in some good kicks and punches! Everyone laughed.

But Lance Fisher was equal to the occasion. Walking out to the front, he put his arm around the old rascal's shoulders. "All this makes you seem like being a pretty good fellow, doesn't it, Tom?" "Yes." "But you're not really such a wonderful fellow, are you?" "No." "And you know what is wrong, and how to make it right, don't you?" "Yes." The old man was a little more subdued when he sat down. The meeting went on without missing a beat!

May I say that the simple faith and the joyful testimony of those young converts made me feel that I still had much to learn of the power of the Spirit of God?

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WITH

A. E. WHITE

In visiting churches, not ours, I saw recently the monograms PX, IHS, and INRI. Could you tell me what they mean?

The early church used many monograms to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and the three you give are three that are often found in Christian art, in church architecture, and on church furnishings.

The PX usually appears as an X superimposed on a P. Actually, the letters are XP, the Greek letters called Chi and Rho, pronounced Ky Ro (rhyming with high and low). They are the first two letters of the title "Christ" or "Christos."

Constantine the Great, the first ruler to be converted, probably engaged in a little double meaning when he used the Chi Rho sign on the banners carried by his Roman cavalry. It was a clever adaptation of an old Roman ensign. This bore the portraits of the Emperor and his sons, with the Chi Rho monogram placed at the top. Originally, however, the Ch and the R stood for the first two letters of the Greek word "Chrestos," probably meaning "good" omen. The Christians would thus relate the monogram to their Lord, while pagans could give another interpretation.

There is a well known story of Constantine seeing the monogram in the sky, along with the words, "In this sign conquer." This is supposed to have given inspiration to the Christian soldiers in the battle in which Constantine defeated Maxentius in Rome, in 312, A.D.

"IHS" is a modernised form of IHC, the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus. Usually, there is a small cross standing on the horizontal bar of the letter "H." The English equivalent of the Greek capital "H" is "E" and "C" is an old form of the Greek capital letter "S" or Sigma. There is no letter "J" in the Greek alphabet, with "I" being used instead.

The letters INRI should be shown as I.N.R.I., as they are the initial letters of the Latin words "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" (Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews). This was the superscription placed on the cross in Greek, Latin and Hebrew, by Pilate, when Jesus was crucified. "I" is the first letter in the "Jesus" in both Latin and Hebrew.

Our churches have not made much use of the monograms of the early church, although they sometimes appear on markers for pulpit Bibles. Many of our American churches use the Chi Rho name and monogram for an intermediate age group youth activity.

103rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

(Doncaster, Vic.). Good attendances marked the anniversary services. J. G. Shaw spoke at both services, and the choir, under Mrs. Gordon Crouch, assisted in morning and evening services. At night, Jeff Sheldrick was baptized. . . . During the past two weeks Doncaster has been meeting with Allan Avery, who is directing the Planned Giving Programme. It has been a great spiritual experience and the programme is now reaching its peak week in a family dinner.

MINISTER RETURNS

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). After several weeks of illness, W. D. Howard has resumed his pastoral duties. . . . The Northern Dist. C.E. held their annual sports day recently and again we had successes in all grades. . . . The 43rd anniversary of the church was celebrated on Sept. 24 and 25. The guest speaker on Sat. night and Sunday morning was Fed. Conf. Pres., S. Russell Baker, who delighted members with his illustrated address of his recent visit to the World Conference. Rev. Chedwiggen, of Newcastle Methodist Mission, spoke at gospel service. The church choir was led by N. Fraser.

BLACKBURN'S TEMPLE DAY

(Vic.). Dr. K. Bowes was speaker at both services on Temple Day, Sept. 25. Mrs. D. Willing was guest soloist. Temple Day offering of \$1506 was towards the Manse Improvement Fund. Opportunity was given to members to inspect manse prior to arrival of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cant. At night, on 25th, opportunity was taken to farewell Dr. K. Bowes, after an interim ministry of eight months. G. Scambler, chairman of Board, on behalf of church members, spoke and made presentation to Dr. Bowes. . . . At gospel service on 18th, C.Y.F. presented the religious drama, "The Prisoner". . . . Annual dinner of C.M.F. held on 26th, with the catering done by ladies. Sergeant A. Coysh spoke and illustrated work of Accident Appreciation Squad.

LOSS AT ST. ARNAUD

(St. Arnaud - Wedderburn, Circuit, Vic.). The church suffered a great loss in the death of Miss Elizabeth Dixon, of St. Arnaud, on Sept. 20. Although she had not enjoyed good health, she was most regular in her attendance on Sundays, and most concerned for the life of the church. She will be greatly missed. . . . 90 in afternoon and 70 at night attended the S.S. anniversary. The items were of high standard. Mr. Graham, of Ballarat, gave excellent messages. The monthly combined services are continuing satisfactorily. The time for worship is still 9.45 a.m. at St. Arnaud.

VISIT FROM MISSIONARY DOCTOR

(Melb.). Dr. Kenneth M. Scott, the Director of Ludhiana Christian Medical Hospital, is visiting Australia to increase interest in this North Indian medical work.

Dr. Scott was born in China to missionary parents, and has had extensive medical and missionary experience in Asia. He was formerly Professor of Surgery at Yonsei Univ. Medical College

LOSSES AT KINGSFORD

(N.S.W.). The church extends sympathy to deacon K. Larcombe and family in the passing of his father, A. Larcombe, of Paddington. K. Larcombe has relinquished position of S.S. supt., and is succeeded by John Love. . . . The church presented a Thompson's Bible to Heather Bourne and Ben Briguglio on the occasion of their marriage. Their removal from Kingsford represents a loss to the S.S. and the Boys' Club. . . . Recent speakers at midweek meetings have been Miss Thornton, Woolwich Bible College, and Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary on furlough from India.

COLLEGE VISITOR

(Mackay, Qld.). On Sept. 25, M. H. A. Pieper spoke at both services, and screened slides in connection with the Kenmore Christian College. Mr. Pieper's message to the C.Y.F. in the afternoon was also much appreciated. . . . Sept. 27 was a big day for two families, when Jack Bell and Eric Nielson underwent surgery. . . . A constant stream of visitors from the south have been enjoying our northern warmth and hospitality.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS

(Maylands, S.A.). Girls' basketball teams completed a successful year by winning the premiership in both E and J grades. . . . The church re-elected as deacons: J. Dunkley, L. Hudd, W. Heath and M. Winch; W. Heath as church sec. and J. Dunkley, as treasurer. D. Beasley is now agent for the "Australian Christian." Recent speakers have been I. J. Chivell, A. R. Jones, E. P. C. Holland and A. J. Ingham. Soloist on Sept. 11 was Mrs. Heather Crowder.

3rd TAS. WOMEN'S CAMP

On Sept. 23, a record number of 35 women settled into camp at Kelso, a beautiful spot at the mouth of Tamar River.

Mrs. Helen Hall, from Vic., was again camp leader, and the studies were based on the booklet "Saints - But No Haloes." The focus was on 1 Corinthians, chaps 1 and 13, and, as usual, the women were reluctant to wind up the discussions.

The early morning communion on Sunday has become a feature of Women's camp, and was a most meaningful service.

Camp memories include walks on the beach, quiet times of meditation, barbecue tea, Helen Hall's "footy fever," a mad gay concert, and - food.

We laughed a lot, ate too much and didn't sleep enough, but we all agreed that it was a most worthwhile weekend.

Our thanks go to the organising committee, and to those who held the fort at home.—N. Neville.

in Seoul, and a Director of Korea Church World Service Tubercular Control project.

Ludhiana Christian Medical College is within the Univ. of the Punjab, and has been training men and women for over 70 years.

In Melbourne, Dr. Scott may be heard on Oct. 8, 8 p.m., at Y.W.C.A. Hall, Russell-st.; on Sunday, Oct. 9, at St. Mark's Church of England, Camberwell, at 11 a.m.; P.S.A., Wesley Church, 3 p.m., and Scots Church, 7 p.m.

FREE OF DEBT

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). The church is pleased to report that the S.S. hall is now free of debt. A special thanksgiving service was held. S.S. anniversary had as choir leader, Miss Helen Sinkinson, with guest speaker, R. V. Holmes. A young married couple were baptized on Sept. 25.

DARETON'S FOURTH

(N.S.W.). On Sept. 4, the church's 4th anniversary was celebrated. W. W. Saunders, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec., spoke at both services. . . . The 25th was B.S. anniversary day, and many parents and children were able to enjoy this time. . . . The Women's Group recently shared an evening with all the women of the district. This has become an annual event for all denominations at Dareton.

CHANGE AT TORRENSVILLE

(S.A.). S. E. Matthews will terminate a three-year ministry at the close of the year. A. E. Brown will commence a part-time ministry early in 1967. . . . Although Torrensville is being regarded as an inner suburb, youth constitute a large percentage of the congregation. There were three baptisms last month. . . . The B.S. gained 2nd place in the Department's Efficiency Campaign. . . . The Wed. evening group is studying the "Basis of Union," as proposed by Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. . . . Bob Anderson is now leader of youth group. . . . Ross Minnear has recovered sufficiently for officers' meeting to be held in his home.

NATIONAL DIARY

OCTOBER:

- NEW SOUTH WALES
- 7—State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple, Sydney.
- 9—WOOLWICH COLLEGE Sunday.
- 22—C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. Anniversary — Manly Music Bowl. Speaker: Bruce Armstrong.
- 29—D.C.E. Post-Crusade Rally — Enmore. State Scripture Examination and "Field Day" presentations.

VICTORIA

- 12—FEDERAL CONFERENCE BEGINS AT EXHIBITION BUILDINGS.
- 22—Good Companions' Indoor Sports. Midlands District Conference Half-Yearly Meeting — Dunolly.

NOVEMBER:

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- 19—Children's Eisteddfod, Christian Centre.
- 19—Special Men's and Women's Basketball Exhibition at Perry Lakes to raise funds for Point Peron Camp Site.
- 25—Aborigines' Christmas Tree and presentation of the 1966 Youth Project money.

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MONBULK CHAPEL OPENING

October 29

The Dept. of Christian Educ. of Vic.-Tas. announces that the Opening and Dedication service of the Chapel at the Waterman Memorial Conference Centre, Monbulk, will be held on Saturday, October 29, at 2.30 p.m. The Pres. of Conf., A. R. Lloyd, will officiate.

A cordial invitation is extended to all churches to be represented on this occasion. The service will include an item from the Youth Choir, the "Campbell Singers."

FEDERAL PRESIDENT ON AIR

S. Russell Baker, Pres. of Fed. Conf., will be the preacher at Cheltenham, Vic., in a service to be broadcast over 3AR on Oct. 9, 11 a.m. G. K. Moyes will preside.

C.E. ACTIVE

(Launceston, Tas.). To raise funds for "Project 67," members of the Junior C.E. Society presented a programme in the school hall on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18. Included was the play, "A Sure Word," written by Supt. of the Society, Miss Doris Allen. A highlight of the afternoon was the duet by Jennifer and Rosemary Younger. The offering was \$23. . . . The Inter. C.E. Society have plans to raise project funds by lawn mowing, window cleaning, etc. They will also hold another "Pet Show" in the near future. The Intermediates have also given good service in checking and repairing church hymnbooks. . . . John Harrison, a member of the Y.P.S.C.E., has been chosen as a member of the 1967 work party to go to New Guinea to erect a hospital at Chungribu. . . . No less than 24 ladies of the congregation will take part in the Annual State Church of Christ Women's Camp at Kelso.

COMB. MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(Port Lincoln, S.A.). On Sept. 11, the minister, A. J. Storay, was at Conference. Mr. Barton spoke at the communion service. At 4.45, the Men's Fellowship met with the Methodist men for fellowship and tea. Guest speaker was M. Irving, Chief Quarantine Officer, who showed a film on Foot and Mouth Disease, and its consequences. Evening service was led by F. Reid. A film on "Family Worship" was shown.

WEEK OF MISSIONS

(Bentleigh, Vic.). A week of missions commenced on Sept. 11, with curry tea. R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Missions, spoke at the tea and gospel service, and afterwards showed slides on missionary work at New Hebrides and New Guinea. Other speakers during the week were: Mr. Clack, from M.B.I., on the New Guinea Christian Leaders' Training College; Kevin and Heather Woods, from Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship. They spoke of the Mt. Hagen area of New Guinea. Heather also told of her work at the Summer Institute of Linguistics. On Sept. 16, B. Tyson, of Poona and Indian Village Mission spoke. All the missionaries brought their work closer to us by illustrating it. . . . On Sept. 18, W. Compston, student minister at The Patch, was speaker at the morning service.

★ "OUR REDEEMING LORD" ★

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★ PUBLIC RALLIES ★

EXHIBITION BUILDINGS: WESTERN ANNEXE

WED., OCT. 12, 7.45 p.m. — GREAT INAUGURAL RALLY.

Subject: "THE REDEEMING LORD IN RENEWAL."

Preacher: K. J. CLINTON, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip.R.E. (Vic.).

THURS., OCT. 13, 7.45 p.m. — Subject: "OUR REDEEMING LORD IN UNITY."

Preacher: H. G. NORRIS (S.A.).

FRI., OCT. 14, 7.45 p.m. — Subject: "THE REIGN OF THE REDEEMING LORD."

Preacher: GEO. SMITH (W.A.).

SAT., OCT. 15, 8 p.m. — YOUTH RALLY.

Compere: Alan Rowe. Campbell Singers.

HAYDN SARGENT to speak on "CHRIST, THE LORD."

SUNDAY, OCT. 16 — GOSPEL SERVICE 7.15 p.m.

Melbourne churches will be closing for this Combined Service of Witness.

Subject: "CHRIST THE REDEEMER."

Preacher: GEORGE WOOD (W.A.).

MONDAY, OCT. 17, 7.45 p.m. — Subject: "OUR REDEEMING LORD IN MISSION." Preacher: HARIBA WAGHMODE, B.A., B.T., M.Ed. (India).

TUES., OCT. 18, 7.45 p.m. — Subject: "OUR COMMITMENT."

Preacher: K. E. CRAWFORD (N.S.W.).

★ TWO LUNCH-HOUR MEETINGS ★

Collins St. Baptist Church, 1.10-1.45 p.m.

THURS., OCT. 13 — Subject: "EAST IS EAST."

Speaker: C. L. FITZGERALD, J.P., B.A., Dip.Ed. (S.A.).

FRI., OCT. 14 — Subject: "THE CHURCH AND POLITICS."

Speaker: The Hon. G. J. FOOT, M.L.C. (Member, Legislative Council, Tasmania).

★ BUSINESS SESSIONS ★

Western Annexe: Exhibition Buildings

OCT. 13, 14, 15, 18 — 9.30 a.m. to 12.25 p.m. OCT. 13, 14 — 2 - 5.20 p.m.

★ OTHER ACTIVITIES ★

OCT. 12 — PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, The Royale Ballroom, Exhibition Buildings — 5.45 p.m.

OCT. 17 — WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE, Western Annexe: Exhibition Buildings — 9.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

OCT. 17 — MINISTERS' SESSION — Swanston St., Church — 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

OCT. 17 — MEN'S MEETING — Swanston St. Church — 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.



QUEENSLAND

DECISIONS AT CAMP

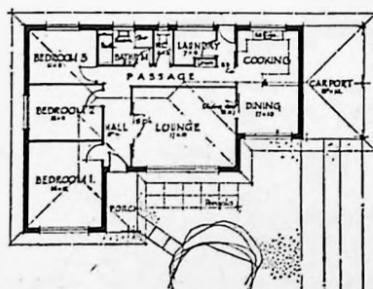
(Townsville, Qld.). 111 were at evening service on Aug. 7 for B.S. anniversary, following Kindergarten session in afternoon . . . Vacation Camp for Juniors at Magnetic Island saw two decisions recorded . . . C.Y.F. farewelled Sister Elsie Lawson, to Brisbane, to further her nursing career . . . Women's Fellowship conducted birthday celebration on Sept. 3, with Dr. Laura Ward, former missionary to Borneo, as guest speaker. The C.W.F. made a token gift to Mrs. Giezendanner, of Charters Towers, upon her departure to enter Hillcrest Home . . . The minister, B. R. Reid, appeared on local television on Sept. 11, supported by a choir of the young people, presenting a programme concerning "God's Wonders" . . . Young people's activities include Boys' Explorers, weekly C.Y.F. meetings, monthly "Sugar Shack" and tennis. Recent visitors included members from Annerley and Ferntree Gully, Vic.

QUEST FOR CERTAINTY

(Albion, Qld.). The mission, "A Quest for Certainty in a World of Science," has had a spiritual impact greater than anything that the church has known previously. In addition to good support from local members and from other churches, people with no previous contact with Churches of Christ showed great interest, sometimes travelling long distances to hear Dr. Jauncey. Although this was not an evangelistic mission, there were initial decisions as well as a number of reconsecrations.

PANEL ON ONE THEME

(Harlaxton, Qld.). During September, visiting speakers have spoken each Sunday night on "What Christ Means to Me" . . . Combined fellowship tea, Sept. 11. Mission to Lepers programme was given by H. Walmsley and Mr. McKeown. Following evening service, Sept. 11, Kenmore College slides were shown by M. Pieper . . . Mrs. Virgen, elderly associate of Harlaxton church, died on Sept. 23.



PLAN 23

QLD.'s "FAIRHAVEN" OPENED

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). 600 people, including many from other parts of the State, saw Ian Sinclair, Minister for Social Services, officially declare "Fairhaven" Aged Christian Home open, on Sept. 24. The minister, D. G. Nelson, chaired the meeting. Others to speak were the Mayor, Ald. Stafford; D. Baker, State Director of Churches of Christ Social Service; D. Price, representing the Price family and the late Alan Price, after whom the main block was officially named by Mr. Sinclair. K. Burkhead, as State Conf. Pres., offered the prayer of dedication. A. Popp, Secretary of "Fairhaven" Committee, gave a brief outline of the Home's history, after which an offering was received.

After the official proceedings the pub-

lic inspected the buildings. Afternoon tea was served and the Ladies' Fellowship conducted a large and successful stall.

One building, housing 14 guests, is full, and other guests, next week, will commence to use the second building, which houses 10. Many enquiries were made during the opening concerning entry.

On Sept. 25, Mr. Burkhead spoke to the church at Maryborough. Ted Watson, of Kenmore College, was speaker at the combined B.S. anniversary.

On Oct. 2, the B.S. conducted Promotion Sunday. On Sept. 12, C.Y.F. hiked between three homes on a progressive supper, at the end of which Mr. Tucker, who is the church's Hospital Chaplain, gave a devotional message.

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE IN BUNDABERG

This year's Half-yearly Conference, to be held at Bundaberg, Nov. 5 and 6, will provide stimulating fellowship. The Bundaberg brethren are keen to have a large number to share their hospitality. The theme is "The Power of God," and the programme includes reports of brotherhood activities and four main rally services. Ron Sansome, minister at Rockhampton, will speak on the "Compulsion of the Gospel." On Sunday morning, A. C. Male is to speak of the "Commitment of the Gospel." A film rally in the afternoon will be followed by the night's service, when Rex Ellis, B.A., will speak on "The Content of the Gospel." Bundaberg is expecting your company. Registrations should be forwarded to the Conf. Sec., Kevin Ludgater, 51 Manstead-st., Wellers Hill.

OLD. CAMPING SEASON

Four young people from Qld. C.Y.F. groups are featured on the publicity form for the coming camping season. Photos of Maureen Flett (Chinchilla), Noel Culbert (Ann St.), Denise Wissman (Gympie) and Janice Guyatt (Roma), adorn the information form. Cyril Minns and his Guide-Dog, Shaun, are always to be seen on this form. Cyril is from Berwick, Vic., and will be special guest at this year's Senior Camp at Caloundra. Boys' Week begins the day school breaks up, Dec. 9-15. Girls' Week, for similar ages, 11-12 years, Dec. 15-22.

Seniors, 15½ plus, Dec. 26-Jan. 2. Tween-agers, 13, 14 and 15 years, Jan. 2-10, and a "Midget" camp for 10 years, Feb. 3-5.

ANNERLEY ON TV

The service at Annerley, Qld., was telecast by A.B.C. on Sept. 18, and made an excellent impression. W. W. McDowell presided, and Haydn Sargent preached the sermon. The programme may be seen in other States: Adelaide, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.; Hobart, Oct. 23, 11 a.m.

DALBY MISSION

(Qld.). With H. Davies, Auburn, N.S.W., as missionary, the church completed a fortnight's mission, with the theme of "Christ Is the Answer." Whilst no decisions for Christ were made, there are those on whom the Word has made an impact, and the members spiritually blessed and uplifted. Thanks are extended to all the visiting artists and the local members who contributed musically . . . A men's team has been entered in the cricket competition . . . A number of members shared in the Western Churches' Fellowship at Murgon and Kingaroy.

SHADES OF "TERTIUS"

Under the title, "Flavius," a column has regularly appeared in the Ann St. "Mini-Messenger," the local C.Y.F. fortnightly paper. Like his Federal counterpart, "Flavius," with incisive phrases and penetrating insight has caused much comment on important matters within the youth group.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOMES FOR STH.-WEST FOLK

(W.A.). The Bunbury Project is now well under way and first group of 12 self-contained flats should be ready for occupation late February, or early March, 1967.

The earth-moving contractor commenced clearing on Sept. 12, and more than half of the total site area has been cleared of timber and levelled ready for building.

The contract has been let to Messrs. Preedy and Edwards, who expect to commence building early in October.

Each single bedroom flat has a 16 ft. x 11 ft. lounge, 11 ft. x 11 ft. bedroom, and 16 ft. x 7 ft. kitchen, front and back verandah, refrigerator, stove, room heater, large china cabinet and wardrobe. The residents meet portion of the cost, and the balance comes from the Commonwealth Government Subsidy on buildings, and the State Government contribution for furnishing.

A weekly maintenance charge is made and this covers all maintenance costs, as well as the continuous hot water supply, insurance on furniture and personal belongings, radio and TV licence. Only other cost is for electricity and gas.

The one qualification is that applicants should be of pensionable age, or in the case of married couples, either husband or wife of pensionable age.

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Adventure Camp

In August, 1965, Jack Stewart, a retired member of the North Perth church, was invited to act as a leader at the Intermediate Boys' Camp at Waterman's Bay, and had his first experience of camps organised by the Youth and Christian Education Committee.

Mr. Stewart enjoyed this experience so much that he suggested he would like to take another group of Intermediate boys on a camp under canvas.

In 1966, an "Adventure Camp" for lads in First to Third Years at High School was advertised within the churches. Eighteen lads applied to attend this camp, and on Sept. 13, set off in the Welfare Department's Kombi van for the "bush" in the Wanneroo district, about 20 miles from Perth.

The lads had to clear the thick scrub chosen as the camp site, and then erect a tent from large pieces of canvas. Each boy had to build his own fire and cook his own food for the five days of the camp.

During the day the boys went on long hikes, and were taught how to use a compass and other aspects of "bush craft," and then at night they would sit around the camp fire and discuss their problems and the Christian faith with their leaders, Mr. Stewart (Direc-

CAMPING IN THE WEST

tor), Mr. Croot (Chaplain) and Messrs. John Brigatti, Avon Moyle and John Patterson.

The boys saw snakes, centipedes, emus, kangaroos, and one lad had the rather terrifying experience of being mauled by an excited kangaroo. Two leaders who went to the lad's rescue received deep wounds to backs and arms, and eventually the animal had to be destroyed.

When the Organising Secretary visited the camp for tea, on the last night, she was met by an excited group of lads who chatted on and on and on! As they want another camp, and this time a fortnight in length, this type of camping was apparently appreciated.

Boys' Camp

While the "Adventure Camp" was in progress, 85 Junior Intermediate boys and leaders enjoyed a more conventional experience at the "J. Rhodes Camp Site" Waterman's Bay. Mauri Hodgson minister at the Busselton church, directed this camp, assisted by seven young men from five metropolitan churches, and Mrs. Mill ("Mother"). The studies conducted at this camp were entitled "Getting to Know the Bible."

The catering was carried out by Mesdames Toms, Thomas and Farrow.

CONSTRUCTIVE TOGETHERNESS

(W.A.). The Conf. Pres., R. Vincent, visited the Eastern Wheatbelt Conference at Merredin, Sept. 18, as the guest speaker. The communion service was a highlight. The president at the table was G. R. Banks, of Merredin. His guidance of thought was worshipful and stimulating. Mr. Vincent's addresses were entitled, "At the Crossroads — the Church," and "At the Crossroads — a Person." . . . The E.W.C. President was J. Somerville, whose constructive lead was followed with brief but useful and forward-looking expressions from the floor during the business session. Mrs. C. B. Reid and Mrs. J. L. Pallot added their reports of brotherhood enterprises to those of Mr. Vincent . . . Some discussion of broadcasting techniques (the E.W.C. has a regular session from Merredin) was very valuable . . . An excellent tone of fellowship characterised the Conference.

in which the knowledge of the common mission of our brotherhood and our togetherness in the work of the Master in general, and in the E.W. area in particular, were well forward.

OUTREACH AT NORTHAM

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NELSEN - TAYLOR. — The marriage of Nancy Joy Taylor, only daughter of Mrs. E. Taylor, and the late Syd. Taylor, to Alan Albert Nelsen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelsen, was celebrated at the Northcote Church of Christ, Vic., on Sept. 24, 1966.

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OBITUARY

John Frederick Baker.

John Frederick Baker, son of the late J. W. Baker, long-time minister of the North Fitzroy church, Vic., died at the age of 74, after a long illness. He was a devoted husband and father, a warm-hearted and kindly neighbour, a loyal and worthy citizen, and a faithful follower and servant of Christ and his church. For 50 years, Mr. Baker was employed by one firm and, because of pressure from his employers, he continued beyond the accepted age of retirement. The furnishings in the Ringwood chapel memorialise his designing and creative skill. He was invalided home after active service in the first World War. John Baker gave over 50 years' devoted and active service in the churches at North Fitzroy, Black Rock and Ringwood. He ministered faithfully as elder, deacon, church secretary, organist, choir director, S.S. teacher and C.E. leader. He gladly used his fine voice in ministry. When ill-health forced him to resign from active leadership the church honored him by appointing him elder-emeritus. Many brethren and friends have joined in expressing sympathy to his widow (nee Florence May Grace), his son Jack (minister and hospital chaplain), and his brothers, in their loss.—W. F. Nankivell.

Geo. H. Horsey.

An old soldier laid down his arms to enter the presence of the Captain of his salvation, on August 27. He was 74 years of age. He joined the church at City Temple, 1913, and was baptized by P. A. Dickson. For the whole of his working years he was employed by the Dept. of Road Transport and Tramways where, in his last 10 years he attained the position of staff manager. Dept. representatives were at the funeral. He was amongst the first to respond to the call of his country in World War I, and served with 14th Battery, 2nd Div., 5th Brigade Artillery, A.I.F., in 1915. He rose to the rank of sergeant. Some of the major action in which he figured was at Bullecourt

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and Polygon Wood, where he was wounded. An award was made for "Meritorious Service." His hearing was partially impaired by the percussion of the big guns. A number of his fellow-comrades attended the funeral service. The casket was draped with a Union Jack.

In the first wedding in the present chapel, in 1923, he married Agnes Little. Joseph Whelan officiated. They had two sons, Clifford and Eric, and it is to them and the widow and the family connections that we extend our Christian condolence. From Greenwich, where they lived, they attended the North Sydney church for 20 years, where our brother served as deacon, B.S. supt. and treasurer. They worshipped for 10 years with the church at Lane Cove, where again he served as Deacon and treasurer. The remaining years were spent in the fellowship of Epping congregation. Mr. Horsey loved his Bible and he loved "the Old Paths." He was most loyal at the midweek meeting, and we always appreciated his leading us in prayer at the Lord's Table. He leaves a real gap in our ranks.

Mrs. E. Hunt.

Mrs. Elsie Hunt died on Sept. 16, 1966. A very large congregation at the Karakatta Crematorium testified to the love and esteem in which Mrs. Hunt was held. She is remembered as one whose close walk with Christ shone in her face, and as one who had an outstanding capacity for kindly Christian friendship. She came to W.A. in 1942, with her husband Charles, who pre-deceased her in Jan., 1963. Mr. Hunt ministered at Kalgoorlie, Cottesloe, the Eastern Wheatbelt Circuit, Fremantle, North Perth, and as Conference Secretary-Organiser. Mrs. Hunt enriched all her husband's ministries by her gracious personality and practical assistance. They truly labored together, often under difficult conditions, giving 33 years of full-time service to our W.A. churches, the longest continuous period of service that this State has known. It is our Christian certainty that they are together once again in the presence of the Lord they loved and served. The Women's Auxiliary of our W.A. churches

received loyal support from Mrs. Hunt, and she served as President of the Women's Conference in 1931. Many women in the churches look back with gratitude to their younger days when they came under Mrs. Hunt's influence and guidance. We commend her children, Marjorie (Mrs. Robertson), Irene (Mrs. McLaren) and Allan, and their families, to the comfort of our Heavenly Father in the strength of the hope which she inspired in so many others—J. K. Robinson.

Albert Larcombe.

Albert Larcombe died on Aug. 23. Until some five months ago, when he suffered a heart attack, he had not experienced a day's illness in his life. He was brought up in the Rookwood district and was baptized by Thomas Hagger at the age of 14. He served in the old Rookwood church (now Lidcombe) and in 1923 married Nell Brown, daughter of pioneer evangelist, G. H. Brown. Subsequently the couple transferred to City Temple congregation, where they served for eight years before removing to Paddington, where the name of Alb. Larcombe became a household word. He served with great faithfulness and loyalty as an officer and church treasurer for nearly 35 years. He enjoyed many memorable associations in the work of Christ with men like Thomas Hagger and Roy Greenhalgh. He was highly respected, and well known in the business world for his integrity. The keynote of his life was loyalty. He was devoted to his home and family. Forthright in all he did, and a lover of simplicity, for him Christ and the church always came first. Much of his good work, particularly as it concerned the local congregation, and the N.S.W. brotherhood, was done in the background. A tribute to the esteem in which Mr. Larcombe was held was the large gathering in the Paddington church, when the service was conducted by the writer, assisted by student-minister, R. Taylor. To his wife Nell, his sons Keith (Kingsford church) and Laurie (Epping church), and his daughter Joy (Mrs. J. Cooke, Caringbah church), we offer sincerest sympathy and Christian love.—A. G. Elliott.

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Need for Change. Dr. W. B. Selbie, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, said that he was afraid that the churches would continue on the same old lines after the war. If that was true they might as well retire from business. The churches were going to meet a changed world and they would require a changed church. The standard of admission ought to be altered from one of intellectual attitude to one of moral conduct and spiritual reality.

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OPEN FORUM

"THINKING CHRISTIANS."

To the Editor,

I question the virtue of "demythologising" Scripture, as mentioned by Harold Gross in "A.C." Sept. 10.

The word indicates that the Bible may be partly mythical and partly truthful, which is only a stage beyond thinking that some parts of the Book are not authentic, but merely serve to illustrate a point in the contemporary idiom of an era.

This latter teaching has succeeded in weakening many Christians who, after years of living a life based on what they have found and believed in a Book, are led to sort out which sections of that Book may actually be relied on.

It is particularly unfortunate that the writer illustrates his point with Peter's message, in Acts 2. Joel's prophecy refers to the "last days" and not only to the day of Pentecost. Here, in Acts, a prophecy hundreds of years old was starting to come true, heralding the commencement of an era, the age of the "last days." The Lord continues to pour out his Spirit widely, so we still live in that "age." But what of the "signs . . . blood, and fire and vapour of smoke, the sun turned into darkness, and the moon into blood . . ." is this myth or fact?

The horror of atomic and nuclear warfare and thoughts of mushroom clouds of vapour darkening the surface of the earth come to mind. Thoughts of the space race and the reports that nations are already disagreeing about who will own what on the moon within a decade make me wonder if soon the moon will be turned to blood as Vietnam is being turned to blood in 1966. Then, says the prophecy . . . "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"; let us thank God for that fact.

—Michael North, Vic.

VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

Apropos A. B. Clark's letter, Sept. 24, there are two sides to every question. When I read of the Victorian ministers' action over Vietnam atrocities I felt disgusted. I thought of all the atrocities at home that they don't see.

Now I read the Notices of Motion for Federal Conference and notice a lot more pacifist propaganda. The vast majority of Christians are not pacifist. The vast majority of young men I have met in the call-up are proud to serve. They are not afraid, though they know the risks.

For many years I planned peace moves and received practically no support whatever. Why should brethren go to Federal Conference to be upset and our brotherhood shown up in the press by our discord and arguing on hot politics? The church has usually been wrong when she spoke on politics for centuries, but she can't be wrong when she sticks to the Word of God.

Surely there are enough subjects of a spiritual nature, church efficiency and how to overcome the shocking loss of members in every denomination and in

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TO THE EDITOR.

When our minister talks about the Church he seems to assume that it consists of pious knights in the shining armour of purity, able to conquer the world forthwith, if only we would get out into the world and get started. Last Sunday he talked about the Church Militant consisting of completely committed Christians.

I looked around the congregation. I saw old Joe who, by the grace of God, beats his grog problem about sixty per cent of the time. Behind him was Joan, who has ten children and as disorganized a home as you would ever see, who comes up for air at church each Sunday to get a little more strength to go back into the mess again. Allen's wife nags him into the ground, and he looks pathetic meekly following her into the service; but as I caught his expression I could see that he was feeling a lot bigger in the presence of the Father who accepts him as a child of God. I noticed that Mary had made it this morning. She spends fifty-two weeks of each year resolving that she will get to church. She makes it about ten times. My mind wandered from the sermon, thinking that all of us in church last Sunday were pretty weatherbeaten and dusty travellers, at various stages along the road with God. I don't think any of us qualified as a knight in shining armour. I wondered if we were part of what the minister calls the Church Militant. But I know that we are all mighty glad that in the Church we are getting something that helps us all to fight it out each in his own way in a tough world.

Mr. Editor, would you say that the Church is a club for saints or a hospital for sinners?

TERTIUS.

our own midst. Preachers quote texts to justify their view, but did you think of the O.T. and N.T. texts, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

Think of the Korean War, and the wonder of South Korea now. Then Coral Sea, Japan and Hitler, etc. Vietnam will bring us freedom from the deceit and bondage of the atheistic nations. Remember that the neutralism of America, the disarmament of Denmark, Norway and Sweden are the cause of our troubles today. For preachers to lead in pacifism is unfair because they are exempt anyway.

—C. R. Burdeu, Qld.

CAUSE FOR WAR.

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Bringing the subject to our own hemisphere, by 1970 50 per cent of the world's population will be in the southern half. The dependent children of such nations (those under 15) will equal the total population of the more developed and prosperous nations in the northern half of the planet by 1975.

What can one expect to be the reactions of these vast numbers of young

people who will grow up with a knowledge that they possess possibly less than one-sixth of the world's goods and services? Will they be content to live in a bi-polarity of a world of the "haves and have-nots?"

Australia is a comparatively wealthy nation with vast tracks of land with an occupation rate of less than four per square mile, compared with the Asian rate of about 150. We have got to the stage of spending up to seven per cent on weapons of war, but less than one per cent on economic aid. It is inevitable that backwardness and violence will go together. We ignored the meaning of the "Winds of Change," are we going to be similarly indifferent to the "Cauldrons of Change"?

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TRIBUTE TO TREASURER

(Chatswood N.S.W.). Yelverton Marsden Middleton has resigned as treasurer of this church. What's news about that? Simply that he began to serve in this way on Feb. 25, 1918, and up to the day when his resignation came into effect (Sept. 25, 1966) he had been in office for exactly 48 years 7 months. What's more, in all that long period, he missed only one officers' meeting, when he was absent in the country.

Chatswood thinks this is a record unique in the history of our Australian churches. Mr. Middleton's many friends would have liked to see him continue in office and reach the 50-year mark, but though he still has remarkable health and vigour, and is regularly in his front pew on Sunday mornings, he has made what he admits was a hard decision. His keen sense of duty and love of the church have impelled him to avoid any risk of lowering the high standards he has always set himself as treasurer.

On Wed., Sept. 21, the Chatswood Fellowship Hall was crowded for a church family dinner in his honor, prepared and served by the ladies. C. G. Taylor, the minister, presided, speeches of appreciation were made by E. T. Hart (N.S.W. Conf. Sec.), B. E. Perkins (Board Chairman) and F. Woodward, and items rendered by A. Fax and W. N. McCann. Mr. Perkins presented Mr. Middleton with an easy chair, after which the guest of honor replied in typically humorous style, including excerpts from the "dossier of doggerel" he has compiled about church members over the years. Orchids were presented to his wife by the ladies, and other members of their family were also dinner guests.

It was one of the happiest nights in the church's history, expressing thanks to God for a life which for so long has made the office of treasurer both a skilled and joyous ministry.—C.G.T.

C.W.F. CONVENTION DAY

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. C.W.F. Convention Day for 1966 saw 220 women packed into the Wollongong Church of Christ.

The large majority travelled by buses and cars from the Sydney churches — Bowral and Warrawong also being represented.

The women of the Wollongong Fellowship were hostesses for the day, and appreciated the help of the Warrawong ladies in the preparation of the buildings and flowers.

Conf. Pres., Mrs. Gladys McKenzie,

presided, and the theme was "The Hospitality of the Kingdom." A devotional play was presented by the N.S.W. Execu. Highlights of "Workshop Studies" at Rockdale were given, and helpful talks on Hostessing and Catering for both home, church and Conf. were appreciated.

The climax of the meeting was an inspiring time of prayer. This was the first Convention held outside the city area, and those present felt the extra travelling well worth while.—S.M.M.

SCHOLARS PRODUCE FILM

(Telopea, N.S.W.). Highlight of the month has been the production of a color movie film of "Pilgrims Progress," by the S.S. scholars, for screening at the anniversary on Sept. 25 . . . Church sec., M. McArthur, and family, are visiting W.A. . . . C.W.F. is taking as its theme for the year, "The Art of Living With Others," and are having discussions with specialists in the fields of the mentally ill, handicapped children, prisoners and migrants.

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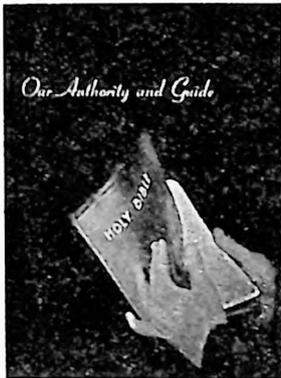
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