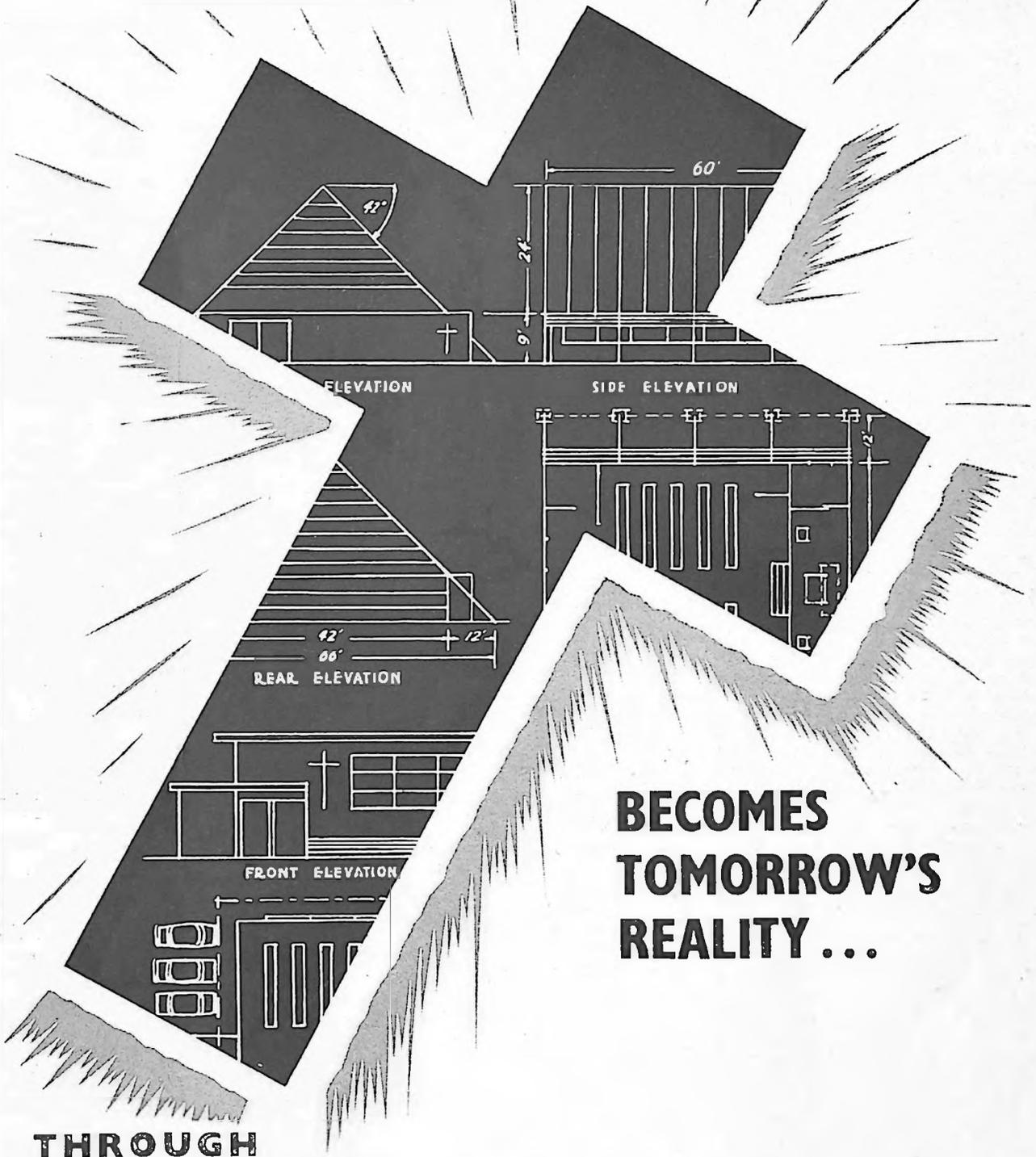


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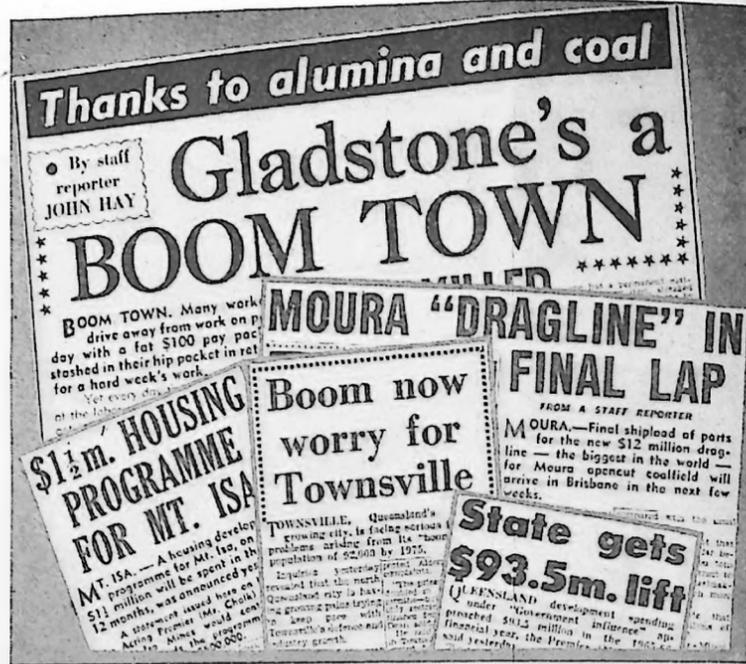
**THROUGH**

# HOME MISSIONS

**ANNUAL OFFERING NOVEMBER 27, 1966**

# QUEENSLAND GOES "BOOM"

BY A. McK. SURTEES  
(Home Missions Director, Qld.)



They are in the newspapers every day — headlines proclaiming the phenomenal growth of Queensland these days. Developmental projects involving millions of dollars — sometimes scores of millions — are an everyday topic.

And it's all happening before our eyes, as those of us know who are privileged to move round the State.

A couple of months ago I was in MOURA watching them at work building the new "dragline" on the site of the open-cut coal mines. This giant machine, when finished, will weigh 6,600 tons, and will scoop up 195 tons of rock and earth overburden at each bite.

The next afternoon, I stood on a hill in GLADSTONE, and looked across at the nearly-completed alumina plant that has set the town booming. Total cost is over \$100,000,000; already there is talk of doubling the size of the plant.

Three days later, in TOWNSVILLE, I saw incredible signs of expansion and realised what the newspapers meant by the "growing pains" of a city that expects to reach 92,000 population (from just over 56,000 in mid-1965) by 1975.

In four more days, I was in MT. ISA, and saw the new multi-million-dollar mine shaft project that will lift ore

production to 16,000 tons a day by next year.

And remember, just to visit these four places from our Brisbane Home Missions office means a round trip of some 4,000 miles!

Why was I there? Because our Home Missions aim in Queensland is to help the brotherhood grow along with the State. In each place mentioned above, as well as in many others, we are developing a cause. At the moment, these are in varying stages:

**TOWNSVILLE** is a well-established church, with B. Reid as full-time minister. The work is assisted jointly by Federal Home Evangelism and the State H.M. Committee.

**GLADSTONE** was commenced in 1953 and is maintained by a small membership. Industrial expansion in the town has posed a challenge, and we are busy with plans to provide a manse and start a full-time ministry. This poses many problems, especially financial ones.

**MT. ISA** meetings began round the Lord's Table in 1964. Though not yet affiliated, the small group there has established a foot-hold in an important centre 500 miles from our nearest church.

**MOURA** became a centre of interest when several families moved there as

mining activities developed. A matter of weeks ago, communion supplies were provided by the H.M. Committee, and it is anticipated that the Lord's Table will be set up.

While distant centres are on the move, progress is going on in Brisbane, too. At ARANA HILLS (a new suburb, where the first house was built seven years ago), meetings have commenced, together with a growing Bible School. Kenmore College is providing a student ministry; Stafford and Ann Street churches are providing general oversight, together with the H.M. Committee. Land in an excellent position has been acquired.

All this is quite apart from the regular demands of Home Mission activities, where churches are helped with evangelistic and teaching missions, stewardship programmes, evangelism seminars, financial subsidies, administrative advice and oversight, programming assistance, and many other aids to building and conserving church membership.

In all, it's a picture that is both rewarding and frustrating, exciting and challenging. Only the Spirit of God, through faithful brotherhood support, can help us — while the State goes "boom" — to share in the programme of "explosion."



Left: Arana Hills (Brisbane), where a new cause began last May, in home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson. Right: Mr. C. McCosker, student preacher, with (l. to r.) a visitor, Mrs. McCosker, and Mrs. Wilson.



## • SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# H.M. CALLS FOR 40% INCREASE

... as changes take place in personnel and planning. Ministries are being maintained, new men are to come to Port Lincoln (R. D. Sidler), Cheltenham (R. W. Saunders), Barmera-Moorook (R. Brown), and a New Director (K. D. Horne). An era closes as E. P. C. Hollard finishes his work. The Department stands poised for a new chapter in its long and thrilling history.



S. E. BECK,  
Chairman.

### "GOLD — IN THE SILVER CITY"

Experts say that the city's mines have a life-expectancy of at least 50 years. During October the 100 millionth ton of ore was mined; there seems no end in sight.

The municipality was only three years old when H. D. Smith organised the church in 1891, and when Broken Hill became a city in 1907, plans were being made for the first church building to be opened in 1909 by E. Tuck. Last year the interior was completely renewed to become a beautiful worship centre. Mining town churches generally have a colorful history, and the church here is no exception.

E. P. C. HOLLARD,  
Director.



### AFTER 15 YEARS

Some tasks demand that one grow into it, for few are ready made for the work in hand. This was my experience 15 years ago, in coming from New Zealand.

Now, as we prepare to move out, it is rewarding to see how the work of Home Missions in S.A. has responded to its own growth, and that of the Department and its officers as well.

Twelve new churches, 40 missions, six consolidation ministries later, we see that changes are most evident among our people. Some things held dear are now held loosely, new appraisals and new voices are clamouring to be heard.

### HEART OF OUR WORK

When Thomas Bagley called "Home Missions the heart of all our work," he stated a simple truth. The pulse of the brotherhood anywhere is the Home Mission Department. Building new churches, planning evangelistic thrusts, sharing church problems, encouraging ministries, makes the Department to be involved with all of the churches.

Home Missions simply cannot be done without, for it stresses the mission of the church at home. It is more than handing out subsidies, it is co-relating a mass of interests and activities. I am convinced that our churches must come to the conclusion that if their Home Mission Department is weakened, then the whole of our work will be affected.

It is the one Department which is able to keep the tension upon our Plea for restoration and unity, and prove that both are valid. Basically, Home Missions is the task of all our churches. If we fail there we fail everywhere.

I know I'd do it again, for it has been so rewarding in so many ways. My last word would be, "Keep the light shining brightly at home. Support Home Missions until it hurts."

### INCREASE NEEDED

The year 1966/7, without doubt, will be another year of opportunity for Home Missions and, as never before, it will be a time of financial responsibility. The brotherhood in S.A. is challenged to finance a record expenditure budget of over \$20,000. Of this figure, \$15,000 will be paid to churches by way of subsidies. This represents an increase of approximately 25 per cent.

Last year the offerings from churches reached \$9,500. This, with a credit balance at the beginning of that year of \$7,000, and legacies of \$3,500, enabled the Department to remain solvent during 1965/6. With \$3,000 less in hand to commence this year, and no guarantee of sizeable legacies this year, the churches are being asked to give \$14,000, over 40 per cent more.

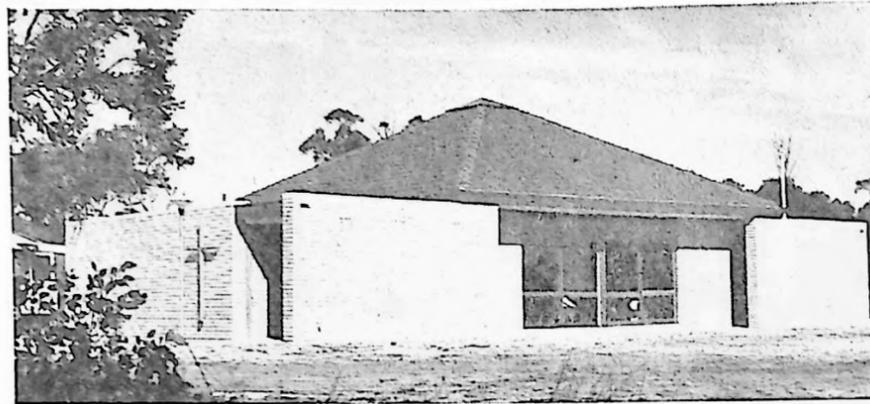
There are a number of reasons why subsidies to churches are expected to increase by 25 per cent. Firstly, Colonel Light Gardens, Cheltenham and Christies Beach churches will receive a full 12 months' subsidy compared with approximately half year during 1965/6. Secondly, it has been found necessary to increase the subsidies paid to three churches for building commitments and general increases in running costs. Thirdly, the recent increase in the basic wage and the Conference recommendations regarding ministers' conditions of service have resulted in higher subsidies.

If each member of our churches gave an extra one cent per week the additional money would be raised.

This is a very small price indeed to be paid for ensuring that there shall be no withdrawal of ministers, no closing of any church doors, no admission of victory to the forces of evil, and no refusal to accept opportunities to set up new launching sites for the preaching of the gospel. One or all of these possibilities must result if support falls short of the mark.



REG. C. SACK,  
Minister, Broken Hill.



ENGADINE — Opened July, 1966.

"Evangelism is not the only business of the church, but it is the church's first business and what Jesus Christ made primary, his church dare not make secondary. Evangelism is not an elective. It is a divine imperative. The church must evangelise or perish. There is no alternative. To evangelise is the greatest work in the world. What spring is to the earth; what sunshine is to the flowers; what a physician is to the sick; what a boat is to a drowning man, true evangelism is to a lost soul and a sinful world."

—Jesse M. Bader, "Evangelism in a Changing America."

Evangelism is a major responsibility of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. The basic principles on which we work are:—

1. Evangelism is not an occasional or spasmodic activity, but the primary and constant concern of the church.

2. The agent of evangelism is the church itself. Only an organised congregation is able to care for all the steps by which people become Christians, contact, cultivation, commitment and conservation. Unattached evangelism can be colorful and wide ranging, but unless it starts from the church and leads back to the church, its results are likely to be temporary.

3. Evangelism is to be integrated into each church's programme involving every member in this fundamental mission.

4. Evangelism involves going where people are. Our Saviour said, "Go ye," we dare not substitute "You come and hear us." Our going for Christ can be the most exciting adventure this life has to offer. It is available to any Christian who will take Jesus' command seriously.

#### ESTABLISHING NEW CHURCHES

One of our urgent needs is to move ahead with the establishing of new churches in strategic places, but in this field we are losing the race. New building projects, new housing schemes and new towns are springing up, presenting us with an unrelenting challenge. Increasing populations in many areas make it imperative that we secure new sites, erect buildings and provide an adequate ministry, lest we forever lose the opportunity of evangelising these areas.

Each new church established means more people won for Christ, more members conserved, and ultimately more personnel and finance for brotherhood development in all spheres.

At the moment churches are being established at Blaxland, Campbelltown, Engadine, Turrumurra, Dapto, Orange, Kingscliff and Liverpool West.

## N.S.W. BUILDING THROUGH EVANGELISM

o Evaluating the local churches' evangelistic programmes and making recommendations on outreach.

o Yearly Men's Camps, when leaders of our churches come together for discussions of vital themes such as:—

1965—"Evangelism through The Local Church."

1966—"Men — Fit for the Battle."

o Lectures at College on Evangelism.

#### DEVELOPING WITNESSING CHRISTIANS

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15: 16).

Our aim is to encourage Christians to live in obedience to the Great Commission.

We all need to learn ways in which we can witness for Christ and so assistance is given through:—

o Correspondence Course on "The Art of Personal Witnessing" and "Studies in Christian Living."

o Classes in personal evangelism.

o Preparation and distribution of material for evangelism.

#### DEVELOPING STRONG CHURCHES

We need strong churches to act as bases from which evangelistic outreach may take place, and through which new Christians can be helped to grow in Christ. Your Home Mission Department assists in the building and maintaining of strong churches in a number of ways.

o Direct financial subsidies. During 1966 the following churches have received subsidies:— Belrose / North Balgowlah, Broken Hill, Campbelltown, Liverpool West, Engadine, Murwillumbah, Narraweena, North Sydney and Penrith.

o Visitation Evangelism Programmes. These include training of members in friendship visitation, and visitation for commitment, and working with the local church during the programme.

o Weekend Missions. These are of two types, an evangelistic mission, or a mission to church members, sharing with them on how to win their friends to Christ.



MEN'S CAMP — 1965.

#### COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNICATION — By RAY VINCENT

All undertakings of the church are in reality "mission," and are directed to proclaiming the gospel — the good news of Christ. Certainly this proclamation is made in various ways. We proclaim the good news in the ordinances of baptism, communion and through preaching.

However, there is also a proclamation of the gospel through inter-personal relationships. The medium for this is the working fellowship of the church, which enables the members to carry the experience of Christlike relationships into the world.

It is one thing to be convinced that the good news should be proclaimed. It is another thing to do it efficiently and effectively. It is not being efficient if we proclaim without being heard. Today we face difficulty in communicating with people, so that they hear the word of hope. Accordingly there is need for sharing our thinking and resources on a State and Federal level, and then to act in a statesman-like way under the guidance of the Spirit of God. This is being done. Already blueprints have been, and are being drawn up, for future co-operative action.

THESE BLUEPRINTS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO



SUNDAY SCHOOL, CLOVERDALE, in "Belmay." Kindergarten commenced June, 1966.

ACTUALITY WHEN there is an adequate offering response for Home Missions.

Because of the rapid changes that are taking place in our Australian community we need to work together to fulfil our call to mission. The rapid increase in the mobility of the population results in the fragmentation of social groups — including the family. There are new and increasing pressures, due to technological progress. There is a growing sense of hopelessness in many. All of these factors, and many others, make communication of the gospel more complex. Note: It is not the gospel which is more complex, but communication with our fellowman.

As one moves among the churches as Conference President, one finds there is an increasing fellowship of concern. We know how much the message of hope is needed in Australia (our homeland), and in other countries. The truism is obvious, that mission to all men involves mission to those nearest to us. As we sense the mission of the church then — let us stand together to intensify our efforts at home to make known, in many ways, the good news of the coming of Jesus Christ into the lives of men.



ARCHITECT ON SITE AT ALBANY.

#### 1966 CENTRES OF HOME MISSION

**KALAMUNDA** — F. Griffiths began ministry, February. Manse purchased 1965, extended and renovated. Church grew in numbers and zeal. Church asked Home Missions Committee to divert subsidy to other work and is now fully self-supporting.

**APPLECROSS** — Purchased manse with loan from Mutual Fund. Much visitation by members of homes in district. "Operation Go" was focus of evangelistic work. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Green appointed to "Karingal." G. A. Harrison to conclude ministry at end of year.

**BRIDGETOWN and MANJIMUP** — B. Stitt energetically ministering as pastor, teacher and evangelist. Boys' Brigade successfully organised. Commenced weekly services at Manjimup. Planning a fortnight's mission, Manjimup, November 13-27. Bible study groups encouraged.

**EAST VICTORIA PARK** — I. E. Allsop's joint ministry here and Rivervale began in January. Industrial chaplaincy being researched. Planning for future team ministry. New Sunday School commenced at Belmay Kindergarten, Cloverdale. Dr. K. Collins, superintendent.

**RIVERVALE** — Church has grown quickly in members and experience from baptisms and transfers. Outreach through lively youth group. Intensive friendship programme associated with "Operation Go." Evening services attracting many invitees.

**GERALDTON** — A. J. Gordon began ministry February. Keen endeavours by church. Prayer and Bible study applied to specific tasks. Children's "Adventure Time" organised. Youths baptized this year becoming, with other youth mem-

bers, witnesses to community youth. Literature being distributed. Jenny Doye left for New Hebrides.

**MIDLAND** — E. B. Clapp to conclude much appreciated seven-year ministry — to be succeeded by M. Hodgson, 1967. Hills services weekly since June. Youth work in four centres continued. Local preaching talent used increasingly. Beth Clapp left for New Hebrides.

**CHRISTIAN CENTRE, PERTH** — Policies worked out. Administration effected. Federal Executive consulted on Albany development. "Operation Go" organised. Tent loaned to Nollamara and Bunbury. New church sites investigated.

**ALBANY** — Christians meet around Lord's Table each week in Spencer Park school. Extra lot purchased for future manse. E. B. Clapp to commence pioneer ministry early 1967. Architect, B. Kidd, of Inglewood, prepared master plan for site development. Preachers organised to make periodic visits to Albany.

**MANDURAH, NORTH BEACH, DIANELLA, WEMBLEY DOWNS, HILTON PARK** (latter also known as Hamilton Hill). These churches vary in situation, but are alike in having no full-time ministry specifically local. The latter three are suburban churches, not long established, showing vigorous life and witness.

Offerings to our God for Home Missions sustain present ministries, and if abundant can be applied to new pioneering ministries. Many new areas await the formation of churches and the provision of pastors and preachers.

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENT ROLE BY H.M.

Of 145 existing Victorian congregations, at least 120 have received Department financial assistance through the years. 10 of the 13 Tasmanian congregations have received similar help. Home Missions is at the heart of our brotherhood life.

### VICTORIA ADDS TWO NEW MAJOR PROJECTS

BURWOOD'S first full-time ministry commences in February, 1967. Pioneered by Hartwell, this church is experiencing continuing growth and awaits with expectancy the coming of G. J. Lord. A new manse is being erected.

MILLEARA awaits a full-time ministry. In 1966, C.W.F. groups shared their Golden Bag Appeal, and their strong support will make this move possible. North Essendon has pioneered this work.

### 22 CHURCHES

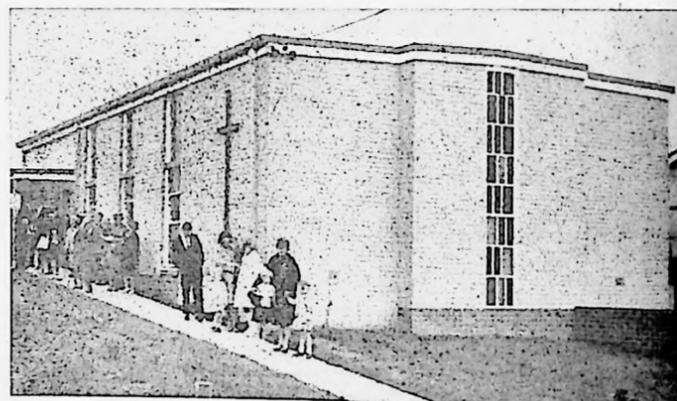
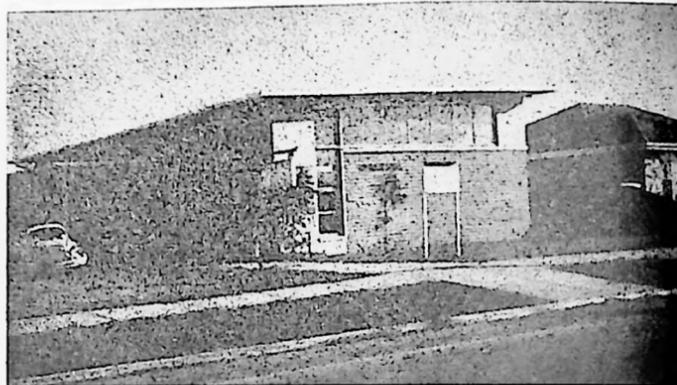
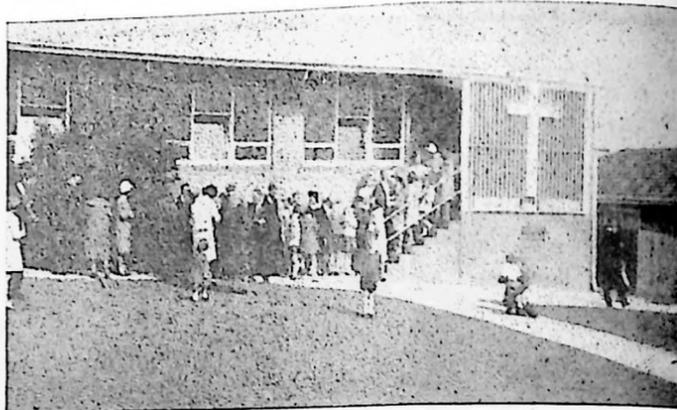
The current programme in new areas, inner suburbs, regional and rural centres covers 22 churches. Financial commitments exceed over \$300 per week, and constitute the largest development programme in the 93 years of Department service to the churches. Much more urgently needs to be done. Lack of resources has meant deferment of some important projects. PASCOE VALE - FAWKNER and TRARALGON await major moves. During 1966 assistance was granted for the first time to nine additional centres. Some requests have had to be refused altogether.

### NEW AREA CHURCHES

Work in centres such as BRIAR HILL and THOMSON has shown spectacular growth during 1966. Membership and outreach continue to expand. BENTLEIGH EAST, a major project for 1966 is responding well to the leadership of T. T. Robinson. NORLANE, under B. H. White's leadership has also grown in a most encouraging way. The church is set in what is one of the most densely populated Australian urban areas. Further extensive housing development will present a fresh challenge of a major nature. MITCHAM, under E. W. Heard's ministry, is close to self support. KNOXFIELD is being served by a College student, with BORONIA, the initiating church, giving oversight.

### RURAL CHURCHES

ROBINVALE has made good progress under E. K. Morrison. DARETON, with J. W. Lowrey, shares an overall development in congregational life and community outreach. ECHUCA is currently being assisted. D. J. Marr serves here. Each of these congregations is seeking to serve Aborigines in the area. G. C. Jackel serves at WEDDERBURN - ST. ARNAUD, and C. W. Jackel at CASTLEMAINE - HARCOURT. Self support is imminent here.



Top: BURWOOD; Centre: MILLEARA; Bottom: TRARALGON.

## ACTION IN TASMANIA

### ULVERSTONE APPOINTMENT

C. J. Robinson will take up the major development programme commenced here in 1963. He will be inducted to the ministry of the church on Nov. 20, at a service attended by D. H. Smith, C. J. Orr and other State representatives. During the interim period, N.R. Byard has conducted a helpful part-time ministry.

### AREA GROWTH

Ulverstone and district continue to develop, and members of the congregation look forward to the leadership and experience Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will bring into their midst.

### LARGE COMMITMENT

The subsidy granted to Ulverstone is the largest ever in Tasmanian experience, and over a period of several years current funds will

be completely exhausted unless giving increases considerably. Only as a vigorous home programme is established can our churches hope to develop.

### MANSE

The Victorian Properties Corporation has enabled the congregation to procure a most suitable manse, and this shall serve the project well in future days.

### HOBART MOVE

Early in 1966, Department representatives conferred with Hobart Board. Following careful consideration and planning by Hobart, negotiations are now proceeding in respect to a dual ministry. It is envisaged that such a venture will widen the evangelistic impact of the church and ultimately lead to the establishment of new work.



C. J. ROBINSON.

## Field Programme Gathers Momentum

During 1966, the demand for the services of Allan Avery and Kevin Harvey has continued to increase. Bookings are currently being planned for 1967 and into 1968. The major areas of work have been in Stewardship Promotion through Planned Giving Programmes, and more recently in Local Church Evangelism.

### PLANNED GIVING.

Department conducted programmes in some 50 churches have raised over \$1,100,000, and initial programmes have averaged an 80 per cent increase in giving. At the heart of this programme many churches and members have been able to discover new levels of commitment and discipleship. The leadership offered at this level must surely be some of the most significant and exciting in our history.

### EVANGELISM.

Increasing attention is being given to programmes of local church evangelism. Early experience in this field has been most encouraging and rewarding. The Department is now geared to offer a church an experience in evangelism which can become a continuing part of its life. The role of the outside leader is to train the congregation to fulfil its own evangelistic responsibilities in the community where God has set it. Already the programme has attracted wide national interest.

### WORKING TOGETHER IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

#### E. W. HEARD.

In 1963, the Planned Giving Programme led by Allan Avery allowed expansion into a new housing area. But the real gain was to lift the basis of giving from "duty" to enable us to see "the need of the giver to give to God." The gain was spiritual, emphasising total stewardship, preparing members through visitation to undertake the more difficult task of lay evangelism.

### 52 NEW MEMBERS.

Allan Avery came again this year to share in a programme of evangelism. The day after he left I prepared a list of 52 people who had responded during the programme. 47 of these were not previously in membership. This was a rapid increase for a church with a membership of only 118. It is significant that 36 of the new members were adults.

### MANY EVANGELISTS.

The Department's programme achieved these results through:—

- Four months of contact and cultivation of prospects.
- Involvement of ordinary members in the work of evangelism.
- Concentration with as many as possible with one aim.
- Training for commitment visitation by actual visitation.
- Undergirding through fellowship in prayer and sharing our personal faith.
- The use of intimate house groups with an accepting atmosphere.

### CONTINUOUS EVANGELISM

Our programme ended in August, but it has only just begun. The task of building a large group of people into the membership is equalled by the work remaining, that is to contact those who showed much interest, but did not make their commitment. The whole church has been inspired by the possibilities of continuous congregational evangelism. The aid of the Department has been invaluable.



A. A. Avery and K. J. Harvey.



J. G. SHAW.

Financially, we were sufficient. Offerings for general and building funds were received each Sunday, and brotherhood offerings in their turn. Missing was the equality of sacrifice and the lack of knowledge of our giving potential. The church faced the situation of increasing demands being made by the community.

The decision to go ahead with a Department conducted Planned Giving Programme was made after many months of prayerful consideration and discussion with the Department and other churches.

In September of this year Allan Avery moved in. The men of the church, in their own words, "Felt that the church needed some spiritual impact," and this it received. They were doing something together under God.

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

There was a deepening Christian experience in facing the meaning of the church and commitment. They grew in depth and understanding as their own anxiety and tensions became resolved. We discovered that there were men whom God was waiting to use. They found themselves and each other in deepening fellowship.

### TEAM

Can you appreciate some 30 committed men waiting together and embarking together on something that gave them a sense of mission? Something had to happen, and it did. One remarked, "That even if the giving does not increase, the effort is worthwhile for the fellowship."

The goal of the Programme was \$50,000 over a three-year period. As the men returned and reported they had a sense of joyous satisfaction. The result was \$59,300. This represented a minimum increase of 60 per cent through the pledged giving with the likelihood of an even greater overall increase.

The success of the Programme was due to the wonderful response of the church. "The Need of the Giver to Give" was the emphasis. It is intended to give \$4,000 a year to brotherhood work, \$1,000 for other appeals, and \$1,000 for special projects.

### LARGER CHURCH.

Planned Giving is not only for the smaller churches to enable them to meet their commitments, but also for the larger churches to enable them to meet something of the challenge the church must face in our day.

# FEDERAL CONFERENCE

## REPRESENTATION — RALLIES — RESOLUTIONS

### REPRESENTATION

The registrations for the 31st Federal Conference totalled 1,534. The following table shows State representation, with the figures in brackets showing those attending Federal Conference in Brisbane, 1964.

Western Australia 112 (123)	South Australia 164 (232)
Victoria 1016 (211)	Tasmania . . . 31 (23)
New South Wales 104 (110)	Queensland . . . 96 (440)
A.C.T. . . . . 7 (10)	Overseas . . . . 4 (4)

### PUBLIC RALLIES

The night rallies were well attended. Attendances and offerings were:—

Wed., Oct. 12 1800 (\$449)	Thur., Oct. 13 1100 (\$191)
Fri., Oct. 14 1200 (\$233)	Sat., Oct. 15 2400 (\$382)
Sun., Oct. 16 4500 (\$1378)	Mon., Oct. 17 1400 (\$313)
Tues., Oct. 18 1600 (\$339)	

The speakers were K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Vic.); H. G. Norris (S.A.); Geo. Smith (W.A.); H. M. Waghmode, B.A., B.T., M.Ed. (India); and K. E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.S.T.C.

Haydn Sargent spoke at the Youth Rally, and Geo. Wood preached at the combined gospel service on Sunday.

A Federal Focus was placed on "The Australian Christian." Overseas Missions, Christian Education, and Aborigines Missions.

The Federal Conference Choir, led by A. R. Haskell, sang each night, except Saturday, when the Campbell Singers were led by Ron Muller. Miss B. Winifred Lee, B.Mus., Glen Witham, A.A.S.A., and Jeff. Cheal, were at the piano and organ. Kevin Gluyas provided the amplification.

### RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions numbered 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19, were passed as printed in the Notices of Motion. No. 4 was withdrawn. The following information is given concerning some of the resolutions:—

#### Interstate Liaison, Christian Union (2).

This conference . . . instructs its Department of Christian Union to convene a Consultation on Christian Union at least once every two years, to assist the Department in determining future policy. (Five conditions followed.)

#### Conversations with U.C.A. (3).

That Churches of Christ remain in conversation with the Joint Commission on Church Union of the proposed Uniting Church in Australia, it being understood that by "conversation" is meant observation and exchange of views, not formal negotiation.

#### Limited Company for P.P.F. (6).

That Federal Conference agrees that a company limited by guarantee be formed and registered to take over the control of the Preachers' Provident Fund in Aust. (Board of Directors to be elected by Federal Conference).

#### A.N.U. (7).

That this Federal Conference approve the representation of Churches of Christ on the Council of the proposed Inter-Church affiliated College at the Australian National University, and that the Federal Conference invites State Executives to permit an appeal to interested churches and individuals for the building of the College.

#### Aborigines Mission Offering Date (9).

That the incoming Federal Executive be asked to confer with all State Executives to take necessary steps to rearrange annual offering dates to suit all Federal and State Departments, having special regard for the need to avoid an offering immediately after the January holiday period.

#### Funds for World Convention (11).

That the Australian Committee for the World Convention be authorised to approach the Australian churches requesting them to make an annual allocation from their budget, or church funds, for each of the next four years, to meet the expenses incurred in hosting the World Convention Assembly in 1970, the Committee to suggest an annual contribution from each church, such contribution to be based on numerical strength.

#### World Convention Sunday (12).

That the fourth Sunday in October be acknowledged throughout our Australian brotherhood as World Convention Sunday during the years 1967-1969 inclusive, for the purpose of focusing the attention of our people on our World brotherhood and the 1970 Assembly in Adelaide.

#### Consultation on Theological Education (13).

That this Conference request the Federal Conference Executive to convene a meeting of representatives from all States, and the Australian Capital Territory, to conduct a consultation concerning the relationship of theological education to Federal Conference and the Australian brotherhood.

#### War (15).

That this Conference deplores the participation of Australian conscripts in the war in Vietnam, and urges the Federal Government to persevere in helping to bring North Vietnam, South Vietnam, including the National Liberation Front, China, and U.S.A. to the conference table to negotiate a peace.

#### State Aid for Private Schools (16).

Whilst acknowledging the right of private institutions to establish their own schools, provided nothing less than the standards of education required in Government schools are maintained, Conference strongly opposes Government subsidies being paid to them, and urges the Government and all political parties to review this matter in the light of the principle involved, and not from the point of view of political expediency and advantage.

#### Aged and Invalid Pensions (17).

That, based on its experience with pensioners through its departments and ministers, this Conference is convinced that the legitimate needs of pensioners cannot be adequately met by the present pension rate. We, therefore, request the Federal Government, as a matter of urgency, to set up a permanent commission to continually review all pension rates in the light of the cost of living, and also conditions under which pensioners may secure suitable sheltered employment with adequate remuneration without affecting existing pension allowed.

#### Military Service and Conscientious Objection (18).

The printed motion became two motions, each commencing: "That this Conference, recognising individual freedom of conscience, pledges itself to support with its prayers and in any other needful way . . ." 1st motion:—"Those of its members who sincerely believe that they cannot do other than train for and participate in armed conflict." 2nd motion:—"Those who from conscientious objections refuse to be trained for participation in armed conflict."

#### Church Mission and Strategy.

That the Executive give consideration to a national study programme of Conference, covering all aspects of the national life of the Australian Churches of Christ and their mission and strategy.

#### Long Service Leave.

That this Conference recommends that the Preachers' Provident Fund Board investigate the matter of long service leave contributions by churches, and bring a recommendation to the 1968 Conference.

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS — continued from page 8

#### Mr. P. H. Morton.

That as P. H. Morton retires from the Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund, this Conference records with sincere appreciation its recognition of the many years of devoted service, and the practical contribution to the effectiveness of the Board in the brotherhood, which he has made.

#### "The Australian Christian."

The desperate condition of the "A.C." finances were reported to Conference, and it was clearly recognised that

continued publication depended on finding a way to meet the future regular running costs, and to meet the present deficit.

It was recommended that the Board of Management submit to each State Executive quotas for subscriptions by the end of six months in the expectation that quotas not reached would be a charge on the State Executives.

It was also recommended that all State Executives accept responsibility for the accumulated deficit on the basis of State membership.

Three additional co-opted members were to be appointed to assist the Board.



Mrs. DOREEN STRACK,  
President.

## WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE 1966



Mrs. MARJORIE CHEAL,  
Secretary.

A perfect day, a happy atmosphere and a gracious President, Mrs. J. Strack, greeted the 1,500 women who attended Women's Federal Conference in the Western Annexe at the Exhibition on Oct. 17.

Months of planning resulted in a well-balanced day, in which music, worship, fellowship and business all played their part. Devotional sessions were led by Mrs. O. Bloore, Incoming President, and Mrs. D. Sterling, retiring Vice-President.

During the afternoon session, a choral meditation on the theme, "Our Redeeming Lord," was presented by a United Ladies' Choir, and with Mesdames Gordon, Sharp and St. Aubyn, as narrators. Mrs. A. G. Elliott led a "singalong" in the morning.

Opportunity for fellowship was provided during the lunch hour, when a luncheon for 1,200 women was provided

in the Royale Ballroom. Miss Jean Milne entertained with a number of delightful solos. A special welcome was given to three missionaries, Miss H. Skuce and Mrs. Waghmode (India), and Mrs. F. Beale (New Guinea); also to Mrs. S. Graham, of our Aborigines work, and to Mrs. J. G. Bell, New Zealand delegate.

Business proceeded smoothly, and reports were given regarding the Executive (Mrs. Cheal), Publications (Mrs. White), Finance (Mrs. Allison), W.C.W.F. (Mrs. Lawton), and the Puerto Rico World Convention (Mrs. Wylie). Reports from the various State C.W.F.'s were presented in the form of a "highlight" session, with the President quizzing State leaders on interesting aspects of their work.

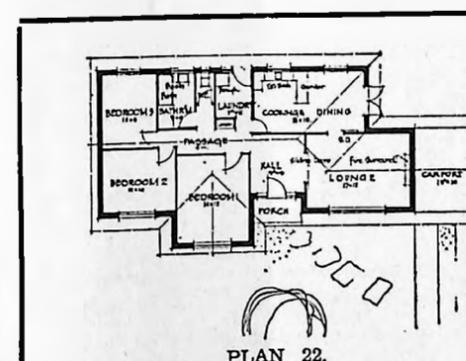
Some amendments were made to the Constitution, and the name was changed to Australian C.W.F. Federal Conference,

Churches of Christ. It was decided to increase financial support for the Federal Living Link, Aborigines Missions. Mrs. Strack will continue as Australian representative, W.C.W.F., until 1970.

Members of the new Federal Executive, located in N.S.W., were introduced to the Conference. They are:—

- Mrs. O. Bloore — President.
- Mrs. J. Dickson — Vice-President.
- Mrs. A. G. Elliott — Secretary.
- Mrs. R. B. Millar — Asst. Secretary.
- Mrs. F. Elsmore — Treasurer.
- Mrs. L. Wylie — Editress.
- Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie and Mrs. M. Taylor — Members of Executive.

Appreciation was expressed to the retiring Executive, and especially to the President, Mrs. Strack, who had been able to visit interstate, and had carried out her duties with dignity and Christian concern.



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## "THE PRICE OF COAL"

Stanton H. Wilson reports how the recent Welsh Coal Disaster has affected our Church of Christ congregation at Aberfan.

Welsh coal-miners are used to tragedy as part of "the price of coal," but this time it is different — it is their children who paid!

About 120 miles south-east of Leicester and across the Welsh border is the little village of Aberfan which, at five past nine on the morning of October 21, became the scene of one of the most heart-rending tragedies of our time. The facts of that calamity are graven too deeply on our hearts to need repetition in print.

Not all members of our Churches of Christ in Australia may know that there has been a Church of Christ in Aberfan since 1900. In fact, it is one of the most virile and best-respected congregations in the valley. There are 45 members on the church roll with an average attendance of 24 at the Lord's Table each week.

These lines are being written 48 hours after the tragedy. It is now known that four of our church families are bereaved as are also twelve Sunday school families. In all, about thirty of our Sunday school children are dead or missing.

The church has not had a minister of its own for some years, but three of our ministers have gone to Aberfan to comfort the bereaved and to assist wherever possible. From the combined reports of these brethren, and after a long-distance call to S. Mason, Secretary of our British Churches of Christ Social Service Department, I have gleaned the following information:

Money, at this stage, is not needed. The British Social Service Department has money on hand earmarked for immediate relief, if and when required.

(Any monies which our churches in Australia have received or may still wish to collect and which they would wish to be directed primarily to the needs of our own members and/or Sunday school families and/or to the church at Aberfan, could be transmitted to our British Social Service Department for this purpose through W. T. Atkin, Secretary, Federal Social Questions and Services Board, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, C.I.)

The church at Aberfan asks for our prayers that all who are bereaved may be comforted and sustained and that the church's witness in the midst of this great sorrow will be faithful and true.

Cyril Johnson, one of our active church members, is the village policeman. He has been on duty for 44 of the past 48 hours.

Harry Bell, a former minister of the church at Aberfan, who revisited the area yesterday, spoke of the courage of the villagers and added: "It looks as though half the Sunday school has gone."

Remember in your prayers your brethren and sisters in Christ in the brave little congregation that meets in Hope Chapel, Bridge Street, Aberfan, South Wales.

Mr. Wilson further said that Aberfan is the home village of Philip Morgan, of Leicester, one of the Presidents of the World Convention. None of his relatives now live there and accordingly were not involved. Fred. Rees, minister at Fremantle, W.A., came from Aberfare, the next valley.

## AWAY AT MISSION

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The minister, D. G. Nelson, led a mission at Toowoomba for one week. Speakers at gospel meetings have been Denis Usher, Kenmore, and John Allison, Gen. Sec., Oriental Miss. Soc. . . . The first meeting for Young Marrieds was held at the manse, in an informal atmosphere, with competitions, supper and devotions. It was decided to hold these on second Friday of month, using each couple's home in turn . . . A quarterly social, preceded by a basket tea, was well attended on Oct. 21. After tea, groups of ten were formed for prayer. Numerous slides were then screened. These were contributed by many of those who attended. Old and young united then in games programme . . . C.W.F. went to Gympie on Oct. 6 to share with Gympie and Nambour ladies . . . 20 Hawthorne (Brisbane) youth visited here on exchange, Oct. 1 and 2, and were billeted. They were taken on tours of city area by cars, and Hervey Bay by bus. Fellowship tea was held Sunday afternoon in church hall. Some assisted in meetings . . . Hervey Bay church is awaiting arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Vanham to commence ministry, Nov. 13. The Wiltshire family transferred from Ayr, N.Q. Mr. Wiltshire is the new Fire Chief at the Bay.

## SPECIAL GOSPEL SERVICES

(Beverley, S.A.). A special series of gospel services has been planned to last to end of year. Response has already been good for a discussion, and a guest service, at which Alan Fletcher, of the New Guinea Mission, was speaker. Miss Maureen Dobbin was soloist. A musical variety service followed the baptism of two B.S. scholars on Oct. 23, with items from the young ladies' choir . . . Songs at the B.S. anniversary were from Geoffrey Beaumont's 20th Century Folk Mass, and other modern tunes . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Paracombe Reserve.

## NATIONAL DIARY

### NOVEMBER:

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
19—Children's Fisteddod, 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.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**  
4-6—Home Mission Camp for Men — "Naamaroo" Camp Site, Lane Cove National Park, Sydney.  
11-13—Home Mission Camp for Men — Newcastle District Churches.  
5-14—Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode to N.S.W. Country Churches.  
18—Woolwich College Graduation Service — Enmore Tabernacle.  
26—N.S.W. Youth Conference "Outing."
- QUEENSLAND**  
5-6—Half-Yearly Conference — Bundaberg.  
19—"Morning with the Kinders," 9 a.m., Clayfield Demonstration Centre.
- VICTORIA**  
Throughout this month Good Companions conduct thanksgiving parties.  
5-6—TASMANIAN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.  
6—Explorers' Boys' Sunday.  
7—Explorers' Annual Meeting.  
12—College of the Bible Ordination Service and Final Session for 1966.  
19—Christian Endeavour — Party Time.

## IN TIMES LIKE THESE

(Morawa, W.A.). S.S. anniversary had theme, "In Times Like These," with programme arranged and directed by the minister, A. Anderson. At annual teachers' meeting, R. H. Carslake was re-elected supt., Miss L. Dayman, sec. . . . Annual meeting elected K. Wornes, J. Dayman, G. Barr and R. H. Carslake as elders. A. Anderson's term extended for another two years. Assistance with speakers given to Dalwallinu regularly. Congratulations to Barbara Carslake on gaining the gold medal for final year nursing at R.P.H. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. and G. D. Carslake attended Fed. Conf.

## DECISION AT STRATHALBYN

(S.A.). A young lady made her decision for discipleship on Oct. 9 . . . Guest speaker for C.E. rally was Mr. Chambers, vice-pres., C.E. Union. Different groups gave items . . . The Overseas Missionary Fellowship held all-day prayer conf., on Sept. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Don Brooks, missionaries from Malaysia, were speakers. Mr. Brooks spoke to church on Sept. 25. That night Adelaide young men took service, D. Meatheringham being speaker . . . The Men's Fellowship from Koongarra Park church took all circuit services on Oct. 2. Speakers were R. Clymer, R. Brown and T. Edge . . . B.S. anniversary guest speaker was Mr. Tuffin . . . The church offers sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Grosvenor and family in the death of Mr. Grosvenor's father.

## CONSISTENT GIVING

(North Willamstown, Vic.). Entering the second year of the Planned Giving review, offerings have been consistent. Five ornamental shrubs have been donated and planted following recent concreting of grounds . . . "Air N.Z." representative showed slides of Hong Kong and N.Z. at open night of C.W.E.F. . . . Good Companions and Boys' Explorers participated in outdoor sports day . . . Young people presented a dialogue on "Forgiveness" on Oct. 2 . . . Former minister, C. J. Mackenzie, now of Rockdale, N.S.W., was preacher on Oct. 16. Many of our people attended the combined service at Exhibition Building . . . 30 attended combined West. Sub. Dist. Rally on Oct. 27. N. F. White screened brotherhood film . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. Thomas in the sudden death of his wife.

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## CLOWNING AROUND

(N.S.W.). At Hurstville the ladies are making clowns for the second year, and business is even better this year than last. The enterprise began in Feb., 1965, when it was decided to make a dozen clowns for sale at the Boys' Home Fete. So many clamoured for the clowns that the fete never got them. They were sold — although the Boys' Home got the proceeds — the ladies have been making clowns ever since.

The clowns are made to a pattern, although they all look different. The arms and faces are made with poplin filled with washable flock. The bodies are of calico and nylon filling. If they could stand up, they would measure 2 ft. 6 ins. from the tops of their velvet hats to the soles of their velvet shoes. Their clothes are of bright, inviting material, topped with huge taffeta bows. Their

variable personalities just happen.

One man took a clown to work and came home that night with 47 orders. Red-faced, he went back next day to tell his customers he had made a mistake about the price. Instead of being 15/11, as he said, they sell at \$3 as his wife said. Only two cancelled.

Eighteen ladies have a lot of fun together each week working for good causes. Last year this bit of clowning around earned \$1200 which was shared between Social Service, Overseas Missions, Boys' Home, Woolwich College and others including the far-away C.W.E.F. "Fairhaven" project in W.A.

With Christmas coming on the grandmas, pensioners and housewives who comprise clowns unlimited are having lots of fun serving Christ.

## HELPING WORLD'S 13 MILLION REFUGEES

Twenty-three church leaders have united in urging the ministers of Victoria to bring the International Refugee Campaign 1966 to the attention of the members of their congregations, to help with organisation of the Appeal in their locality, and to do everything they can to help the organisers of the Appeal to achieve their Target of \$500,000.

The Australian target for the Appeal, launched on United Nations Day, Oct. 24, in 18 Nations of the World, is \$500,000. Victoria is asked to raise \$150,000 of this.

The Appeal will continue into November, and culminate with a house-to-house collection of wallets throughout the State

on Sunday, Nov. 6. The wallets are being sent to every home in Australia through the P.M.G.'s Home Delivery Service in advance of Nov. 6. They will carry a message regarding the Appeal, and cheques, notes and coins can be placed in slots provided for the purpose. Where collectors are unable to call, the householders are asked to leave the wallet at any bank, or to post a cheque to Appeal Headquarters.

Canvassers for Sunday, Nov. 6 are urgently needed, and R. N. Hughes-Jones, 386 Glenferrie-rd., Malvern, Vic. (phone 50-2898), will be pleased to put anyone willing to serve into touch with the organisation in his or her locality if they will contact his office.

## SPORTS AT ARARAT

(Vic.). The Wimmera and Western Dist. zone of Good Companions, held an athletic sports day recently at Alexandra Oval, Ararat. It was a grand time for all who competed, and competition between the nine clubs was very keen. A lot of hard work was put into the day by Mr. Paver, the club leaders of Ararat, and their team of very willing workers. Our thanks go to these people and to all who helped to make the day so successful. Results — Juniors: 1st, Ararat; 2nd, Haven; 3rd, Horsham. Seniors: 1st, Ararat; 2nd, Dimboola; 3rd, Horsham. Shield pennants and prize

cards were awarded to the winners. These were presented at the close of the day's events by Mrs. Paver, of Ararat.

## HOME MISSION POSTER

Kevin Barwick, member of the Murrarie church, Qld., designed the poster being used by Home Missions Departments throughout Australia. It depicts part of a blueprint, set in a cross. Kevin has his own printing works in the basement of the Brotherhood Centre in Ann-st., and his rare talent is displayed on many commercial billboards, as well as Christian posters that can be seen in and around Brisbane.

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# WOMEN

## N.S.W. . . .

The October C.W.F. meeting, at City Temple, N.S.W., was attended by 105 women, representing 29 Fellowships.

The theme, "I Can Work Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me," was introduced by the President, Mrs. Gladys Mackenzie, and developed by Chatswood C.W.F., through the message of the quartet, "God Himself Is With Us," and through Mrs. Rita Dickson's devotional, "We are able to work out all we have to do because God himself works within us."

Miss Hazel Skuce spoke of the work our missionaries are able to do in India, especially mentioning the new radio ministry and the outreach of the Correspondence Bible Study, stressing that the strength for effective loving service and witness comes from drawing nigh to God and knowing that the Lord himself is nigh.

Of absorbing interest was the talk by Mrs. Knoffs, of the Wayside Chapel at King's Cross, the cosmopolitan inner city area of Sydney. She told how she and her husband set up the chapel there in faith like Abraham's, not knowing whither they went, but only believing that God had sent them and that no human being is hopeless to the gospel. Mrs. Knoffs spoke of the "different" people of King's Cross — lonely people, young runaways from home, drunkards, drug addicts, and others, saying that the most unlovely are most in need of love, and telling how they come, and how miracles happen, in the "different" chapel with its symbol of Cross and Crown, open always to receive them in the love of Christ.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA . . .

With Mrs. E. V. Lawton presiding at the monthly meeting on Oct. 6, there were 149 present, including 125 delegates. Obituary report and prayer was presented by Mrs. O. Wright.

A letter was read from H. Cave, telling of his appreciation for the visit paid him by Mrs. E. Hollard, leader of the Hospital Department, during his recent stay in hospital. He commended all women who carry out this worthwhile work. This department would appreciate gifts suitable for distribution at Christmas, to be brought to the November meeting.

The Dept. of Christian Educ. Study Day was arranged for Oct. 25, at Longwood, 9.30 - 3 p.m.

Our President apologised that in her Presidential year she is to leave us for a trip overseas in her capacity as President of World C.W.F., to promote World Convention. Mrs. Simpson, Vice-Pres., assured her that our prayers and our pride in her will go with her in February and March.

Next meeting, Nov. 3, Social Service Rally.

Thought for the month: "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12: 2).—Alma Eagles, Asst. Sec.

# LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

## WHY DON'T PACIFISTS LOVE THEIR FRIENDS?

TO THE EDITOR.

*The son of a one-time neighbour came in from the country to stay with us. It turned out that he had come to the city to carry a placard in a series of demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. He was a very keen and brave young man. He took the few days' leave without pay. He was in grave danger of losing his job through this sort of protest. I can't help feeling that if ever the world becomes warless society will look back on such young men as this as the pioneers of the new day.*

*I asked him if his protest against the war was political. He denied this with great warmth, saying that his position was based entirely and only on Christ's principle of absolute love, even for our enemies. He said that he would die for the Christian principle of love, as Christ did, and I believe he would have.*

*This made it all the harder for me to understand the very many harsh things he had to say about L.B.J., Harold "All-the-way" Holt (as he called him), his own minister who differed from him, his friends who agreed with him but would not carry placards and sign letters to the paper, and a host of others whom he wrapped up in a comprehensive parcel labelled "warmongers." At times he was a very angry young man. I couldn't help thinking that if his life principle is Christian love, surely he might have learned to love those who differed from him, and to give them the credit of having an honestly held conviction as well.*

*He kept reminding me that the New Testament says, "Love your enemies." I felt a little sorry that it didn't say "Love your friends."*

*But surely the principle of Christian love covers everybody . . . even editors!*

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# INTERSTATE NEWS . . .

## MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

(Taree N.S.W.). The Taree church has profited by the visits of speakers representing three Missionary Societies all in a period of eight weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnston of America and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of the New Tribes Mission told of the advancement made in many fields of service. On Oct. 4 Miss Hazel Skuce challenged us with work undertaken by our Overseas Missionary work in India. On Oct. 16, Miss Elaine DeRussett told her graphic story of missionary experiences in the Congo during the uprising. She was also the guest speaker at a young people's camp arranged by the church at North Haven (a seaside spot 30 miles from Taree).

## GUEST AT ANNIVERSARY

(Balaklava S.A.). E. P. C. Hollard was guest speaker for the three church anniversary services. Local church choir assisted morning and evening and the Youth Choir from Adelaide were guests at the P.S.A. The family dinner proved a great success. Geoff. Smith was farewelled by church and B.S. He will be residing in Adelaide after his marriage. . . . The minister C. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts, and Miss Crawford, attended Fed. Conf. . . . A Chinese tea was highlight of recent I.C.E. meeting. Both I.C.E. and J.C.E. are preparing for C.E. rally . . . B.S. picnic was held at Watervale . . . Annual meeting for C.M.S. took form of training night for presidents, readers, helpers in church worship.

## ANNIVERSARY AND CONCERT

(Maryborough, Vic.). B.S. singing for anniversary was splendid under leadership of Miss J. Bartlett, and Mrs. D. Rowlands providing the music. David Marr, Echuca, was guest speaker. On Oct. 9, the Kinder and Primary held their anniversary, with Mrs. Titheridge, of the Salvation Army, as guest speaker. Scholars received prizes. Cradle Roll children received a book, with a spray for mother. The scholars presented their concert on Oct. 14. The Primary Dept. were awarded the shield for best item. Prizes were awarded to the scholars. . . . A. S. Dence spoke on Oct. 16. Mr. Pritchard attended Fed. Conf.



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## FUNDS FOR AGED

(Southport, Qld.). The B.S. held a social to raise funds to aid the Aged People's Home. Items were given by scholars and teachers. There were stalls and an offering of \$45 was received. . . . The B.S. held annual picnic at Burleigh Heads. Mrs. Kath Kerrish is again supt. of the B.S. after several months' illness. . . . Rex Ellis was guest speaker on Oct. 9. A tea was held in the afternoon, when Mr. Ellis showed slides of Kenmore College. A young man made his decision at night. Roy Acland is minister.

## ACCENT ON YOUTH

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). The accent was on youth on Oct. 16. Four of the young men were first-time speakers, Ian Cook giving the morning address. Evening service was taken by the young people. Neil Milne, Allen Marr and Alan Chiswell conducted the meeting, and each gave a short address. Items were given by male sextette, and a duet by Faye and Roberta Chislett. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marshall attended the Fed. Conf.

## HOME MISSION VISITORS

(Northcote, Vic.). On Oct. 9, D. H. Smith and A. A. Avery spent the day at Northcote, speaking morning and evening, and showing slides at tea, informing the members of the work of Home Missions. . . . On Oct. 12, the Dept. of Christian Union held meeting in our building, and the ladies of the church provided lunch. . . . On Oct. 16, Hariba Waghmode was speaker at communion service, after which the ladies provided lunch for visitors. During afternoon some went in private cars on a tour of the Homes. . . . A teachers' dedication service began B.S. day on Oct. 23. A Kindergarten demonstration in the afternoon was followed by a parents' and scholars' tea. Anniversary service at night, with slides, singing and dialogue entitled "With Jesus in Palestine."

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## SIX BAPTISMS

(Reservoir, Vic.). Six young people were baptized recently. . . . B.S. anniversary services had Dr. E. Berg as guest speaker. Cradle Roll and Kinder. presentation on Oct. 2. B.S. presented "The Living Book." Successful talent night held recently, with B.S. and auxiliaries taking part. . . . Thanksgiving day services were held on Oct. 23. . . . F. B. Alcorn concluded his ministry on that day.

## CHURCH IN TEA TREE GULLY

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). Sunday morning services are being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rushworth, in the Tea Tree Gully area. Attendance has averaged 17 over 12 months. . . . The B.S. camp at Longwood was successful. The B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 23. . . . Mrs. B. Kitto is pres. of the Ladies' Fellowship, and Mrs. J. Adams, sec. . . . The church elected H. Jacobs as elder. Deacons are I. Adams, J. Spencer and D. Rushworth. Deaconesses: Mrs. M. Lindsay. Mrs. D. Rushworth, Mrs. J. Follett and Mrs. H. Jacobs. Forestville church has given us 26 chairs, and Hampstead Gardens has passed on some church pews which originally came from Norwood. The Nailsworth, Croydon and Maylands churches, together with the H.M. Organiser, and his committee, have also helped us. We are grateful. . . . A. M. Norris is minister.

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Daphne Hudson, Linda Sleet, Fremantle, W.A.  
Wayne Neumann, John Coward, Ipswich, Qld.  
Mrs. Peisley, Wendy Jones, Swanton-st., Melb., Vic.

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R. Grayden, Reservoir, Vic.  
Ray Ablitt, South Melbourne; Miss Claringbould, North Williamstown, to Colingwood, Vic.  
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Wendy Carole Chislett to Harry Boram, Robinvale, Vic.

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Mrs. Lamshed, Strathalbyn, S.A.  
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Mrs. S. Anderson, Reservoir, Vic.  
Christina Maude Adams, Margaret-st., Toowoomba, Qld.

## COMING EVENTS

**CAMBERWELL CHURCH (Vic.). 50th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, NOV. 13.** 11 a.m., President, A. W. Cleland; Speaker, E. L. Williams, M.A. 3 p.m., P.S.A. 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea. 7 p.m., Speaker, Dr. K. R. Bowes, M.A. Hospitality for visitors. Please contact W. M. Fordham, 182 Prospect Hill-rd., Camberwell, Vic.

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**JONES.** — In loving memory of my dear wife, Freda, our mother and grandmother, passed away Oct. 27, 1961. "Forever in our thoughts."

—Inserted by her loving husband George and family, Ron, Pat, Christopher, Robert and Kathryn.

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7 p.m. — KNOW YOUR BIBLE COURSE.  
NOV. 6 — "WHAT'S TO SING ABOUT?" (Psalms).

(Outline Study Notes provided).

## VICTORIAN MINISTERS

The Victorian Ministers' Association will meet on Monday, Nov. 7, at the Brotherhood Centre, at 2 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. A. V. Maddick, Director for the Council of Christian Education in Schools. Lunch will be at 1 p.m.

## SWANSTON-ST.'s 101st

(Melb.). Homecoming services were held on Oct. 23. Morning service was largest for over 10 years. Hariba Waghmode was inspiring guest preacher for afternoon and evening meetings. Fine music was provided by Valentine Woff and the Choral Association, the Methodist Youth Singers and the Swanston St. Teen and Twenty Choir. In addition to record local and missionary giving this year a further \$1000 was given on this Sunday. The Annual Missionary Convention was held during following week with excellent displays from brotherhood and other Missionary Societies . . . Caretaker's quarters have been completely renovated and Mr. and Mrs. Goss have settled into new duties very quickly and are a vital part of the congregation . . . Large numbers of Conference visitors have shared in the church's worship recently. On Oct. 16 Sir Philip Messent and Harry Lyall read the scriptures at morning worship, the former as World Pres., and the latter as son of the Pres. of Melbourne's first Fed. Conf. 60 years ago, Robert Lyall . . . Church gives thanks for gradual restoration of the minister, Dr. Lloyd Jones, who is now able to preach at both Sunday services . . . Mrs. Peisley and Wendy Jones have both made decisions for Christ.

## 100 TOURISTS

(Swan Hill, Vic.). Church was host to 100 Federal Conference tourists on Oct. 23. Visitors from all States, and several from N.Z., were guests at the gospel service, and afterwards at a time of informal fellowship and supper in the Memorial Hall. About 190 attended. . . B.S. anniversary, on Oct. 9, had Malcolm Gray, of C.O.B., as guest speaker.

## MISSIONARY GIVING

(Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.). 1966 Missionary Appeal now stands at \$2250 . . . Church expresses loving sympathy to Mrs. Hattersley in the sudden death of her sister . . . An M.B.I. team conducted the gospel service on Oct. 23. Allen Baker was speaker . . . The B.S. anniversary singing was led by R. Ratten.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

When our minister overstayed his call, the church got rid of him by ignoring him and withholding support and offerings. How do we get rid of the members who got rid of the minister? (contd).

It looks as though you have all the ingredients for a first class mess.

When your church meets for communion does anyone realise what a gap there is between what is said and done at the Lord's Table and what is being said and done in the congregation? It is even probable that the Lord is not present at his table. How could he be there, in the presence of such bitterness?

In addition, the Christian message cannot have any real impact upon those outside the church, no matter how fervently it is preached. The Christian gospel should be a message of reconciliation, but when your church declares it, it preaches a divided Christ from a splintered pulpit.

So long as this struggle continues it will be Christ and the church which will suffer.

Apparently your minister was the cause, or at least he was made the cause of some of the unhappiness. The members got rid of him by unchristian means and probably nothing can be done now to put together the broken pieces relating to him. He would not desire any continuing dissension over him, but something must be done about those who remain.

There are two courses open. The first is to reconcile differences and find the oneness in Christ that should never have been lost. As a move toward this end, I suggest that the whole church meet together for 30 minutes each week for several weeks. It might help if the meeting were in complete silence, except to have someone read 1 John 1: 1 to 2: 17, and 1 Cor., chapter 1. The rest of the time should be spent in silent prayer. After some weeks the church could then come to the Lord's Table to seek and receive forgiveness. It might help if someone from the brotherhood came to preside.

The second way is to meet together in Christian love and seek to talk out the differences. I find it impossible to believe that any but a small minority would hold out against a genuine effort at Christian conciliation. If, after prayer and effort, that minority still sets its heart against the body of Christ, they should be asked to withdraw. The church would be far better off without them.

## OBITUARY

Lydia Buckingham.

Mrs. Buckingham died on Oct. 19, after many months of suffering from a painful ailment, which she bore with amazing fortitude and patience. She was baptized in 1905, being the first convert in the North Perth church. From the very beginning of her Christian pilgrimage she gave herself unstintingly to the service of her Lord. She served as a B.S. teacher, Kindergarten supt., B.S. organist and church organist, and was associated with every good work in the church. She adorned with dignity and grace every office she held. Fifty-six years ago she married Fred Buckingham, and together they rendered a wonderful ministry and were extremely happy. Two children were born to them, Mervyn, a fine lad who died at the dawn of young manhood, and Enid. The writer's association goes back to 1919, when they came to Brookton to take the oversight of the church. Their home was a benediction to all who entered it. Three great virtues characterised her life. Her simplicity of faith, her deep humility, and her capacity for friendship. A service was conducted in Malvern chapel, presided over by A. B. Clark. Others taking part were F. Youens, J. Holloway, T. Ede and the writer. Mrs. Lyle Williams sang "No Burdens Yonder." Tributes were paid to the life and ministry of this gracious Christian lady. Many glorious floral tributes expressed loving esteem. K. Macnaughtan and A. Pigdon shared the service of committal at the New Cheltenham Cemetery. To her husband and daughter, we tender our deepest sympathy.—E. J. Miles.

Mrs. Christina Maud Adams.

Born at Dandaroo, Qld., 76 years ago, Mrs. Christina Maud Adams (nee Rosenberger), died on Oct. 22, 1966. She was married in 1913, and in 1926 became a member of the Granville Church of Christ with her late husband, who predeceased her in 1951. For 22 years they were members of the Granville church. She and her husband ministered with the Loftus Park church for four years. With her husband's death in 1951 she moved to Toowoomba. She was president of the Ladies' Fellowship, 1953-1960. She and her husband were actively engaged in many brotherhood activities. They were associated with the Woolwich Bible College during its establishment, and Mrs. Adams shared

in the establishment of the Kenmore College. Her interests in every mission field brought many missionaries to her home. In 1965, she entered Mylo Home and was cared for till she passed on. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters.—H.J.F.

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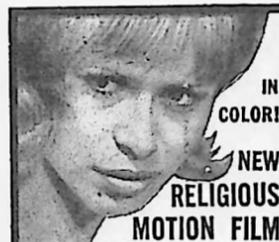
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**HERE AND THERE.** The mission at Unley, S.A., with L. W. Baker as speaker, closed with 22 decisions . . . Queensland has nine brethren engaged in preaching, six are Glen Iris men . . . H. Kingsbury has accepted an engagement with Dansville, Kentucky, U.S.A., one of our historic churches . . . Chas. Reign Scoville writes: "We had the greatest year of our lives last year. We held two Union Soul Winning Campaigns, in which over 4,000 came forward, and one with 3,500, and two others with about 2,000 each coming forward."

**FROM THE FIELD.** Maylands, W.A. C. Burkett was killed in action and Gordon Wedd reported missing. Owen, S.A. Sgt. V. H. Richards was killed in action. Norwood, S.A. Good-bye and God-speed was said to Sgt. O. R. Redman, who leaves for the war zone tomorrow. Dandenong, Vic., John Milne has been reported missing at the front in France.

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## OPEN FORUM

### TERTIUS AND TURBULENCE.

To the Editor,

Please pass on to your correspondent, "Tertius," my sincere appreciation of his letters to your paper. His "Church and World," like his other letters, was timely, tinged with humour, and packed a punch line that is always appreciated by the great majority of your readers.

May I also refer to "Atrocities." Nobody will deny folk the right to vehemently protest about Vietnam. Some may even admire their display of courageous conviction. I hope those who disagree are equally sincere in the stand they take. Such people who disagree are not necessarily weak, uninformed or deluded.

There are some things we all need to remember (angry young men are included):

(1) Every man must make his own decisions according to his own estimate of conditions and consequences.

(2) Not every issue is clearly black and white. There are some situations where the "lesser evil" and the "greater good" issue is posed. Pacifists, as much as anybody else, need to remind themselves that absolute negatives and absolute affirmatives alike have the neurotic character of falsifying complex realities.

(3) The large Press or TV coverage of an event does not necessarily indicate "considerable concern." Extremists will always get space and the "off-beat" is always news.

(4) When people get angry about a particular issue it can sometimes become an obsession, and an obsession can become a cataract restricting to our vision and affecting our balance. I would hope that the people who get angry about Vietnam are equally angry about "Starving India," "Australian Aborigines," "Evangelism," "Pastoral Concern," and a dozen other issues.

Finally, the comment about "safe editorials" is both unfair and unfortunate. Your correspondent mentions the fact that there is a "good deal of divided

opinion," but he does not appear to be able to accept this fact.

Let us all remind ourselves that the "A.C." has to serve the whole Australian brotherhood, and most of us believe that the present Editorial policy is doing this very well.

—Keith Horne, S.A.

### IS GOD DEAD?

To the Editor,

The latest copy of the Current Affairs Bulletin is called "The God is Dead Debate." It is written by a well known Australian scientist, so comes to us a lot more readable than many of the theologians who are discussed in it.

If anyone is looking for a concise introduction to what is being said, and by whom, then I commend this pamphlet. Naturally the treatment is skimpy in parts, but this is unavoidable in what is meant to be only an introduction. The writer finishes on a positive note concerning the inherent values in the "new reformation" theology.

—Alan Cant, Vic.

### LETTER TO TERTIUS.

Dear Tertius,

I was at Fed. Conf. that first night and, like you, was almost in tears. I have known the "A.C." for nearly three score and ten years, that is, or was, considered a normal life span.

In these days of longevity I cannot believe that such a vital organ of our church life should cease to function. At present the only way I can help is by paying my subscription, and in that respect have, like you, a clear conscience.

Soon I will be returning to my native State, and am sorry I have not met your friend, the editor. He was so much in demand that I kept away, and then, the only time he passed near me, unattached, I had my mouth full of grilled cheese sandwich.

However, I have been thinking much, and praying much, about the unhealthy financial state of the "A.C." — I have been that way myself so often, I can sympathise with those whose responsibility it is to keep the circulatory system "in the clear!"

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Before the plane arrived, the pressmen and women were herded into the press enclosure, where they discussed this and that. "What's the town like here?" asked ABC, New York. "I wouldn't know, bud," replied Detroit News, "I haven't seen it. Its over there someplace." He pointed roughly in the direction of Mt. Macedon.

CBS News asked USIS if he were going on to Manila. "No," replied USIS. "Hank'll take over there. I've got to go back through India."

Newsweek squinted at your reporter's Press Card, "Who're ya with, bud?" "The Australian Christian," said AC. "Never heard of it," said Newsweek. "You wouldn't," said AC, "it's kind of exclusive to the brethren."

"Chuck," called out UPI, "find out who that guy is with all the braid . . . no, not the doll, the bird in uniform!" AC volunteered, "Actually, he is only an ay-de-com. The quiet guy next to him is much more important. He is the distinguished Governor of Victoria." "Hey, Chuck," called UPI, "skip the bird of paradise, and get a pic. of the professor type."

The security men got thicker. Some wore little white badges and some wore little red badges. AC asked one of the little white badges, who were the little red badges. "Haven't a clue, mate! I only hope they're on our side. They're closer in than we are!"

The great Boeing with the seal of the President of the United States of America painted on its side taxied to a stop in front of the press. The door at the front opened and the gangway rolled into position. There was some scurrying up and down — then two guards, as spick and span as any aide-de-camp, came magnificently down the steps — one was a negro. Behind them came the President and his lady.

A great cheer came from the waiting crowd, but none from the pressmen.

They are too used to famous people to spend any emotions of their own. They report only on the emotions of others. They surrounded the famous couple and AC was only two feet away from the most powerful man in the world. That is what he is sometimes called, and he was certainly the tallest man on the tarmac. But he appeared to be a very human kind of bloke.

His lined face was grim until he looked at the crowd. Then the wrinkles round his eyes — no doubt caused by holding his eyes half shut against the strong sun of Texas — fitted easily into the pattern of the smile that grew bigger and bigger as he waved to the many thousands gathered to welcome him. They were there to welcome a visiting President. Your reporter was there to welcome a distinguished member of our National City Church in Washington, D.C.

Not all were there to honor. Some of the placards which had been held up read, "Go home, Yank." "Why die for Ky?" "Home Rule for Aust." "Bobby for 1968." "Lousy Lyndon." They had looked pathetic in the middle of a crowd that was obviously friendly and warm for Lyndon. But even the placards were not visible when the President waved his greeting.

For the benefit of the ladies who are interested in such things, Mrs. Johnson was wearing a brownish hat, and a bright red coat, or something. She is too young, too pretty, and too small to be the mother of all those millions of Americans. She was friendly, unpretentious, and unspoiled by the awesome office held by her husband.

There was not much delay now that the chief members of the cast had arrived. The President entered his car (Number plate: Washington, D.C. 183-614) and drove away, preceded and fol-

lowed and flanked by motor-cycles, cars, flat tops, and buses filled with pressmen, white and red badges, police, and noise. In a few moments the motorcade moved out of sight on its way to its momentous meeting with the citizens of Melbourne.

Your reporter went back to finish his shopping.

P.S.—AC was back again at night to see the President off. While Gordon Stirling reflects upon his casual, instant interview at Canberra, he might like to spare a thought for those who served mostly by waiting. The Queen's appointed representative, Sir Rohan, and his lady, the people's elected Premier, Sir Henry, and his lady, and the editor of the "Christian" with no lady waited for two hours on the cold tarmac while the common people talked at the roadside with the world's most sought-after man.

There is probably a moral there but it all added up to a wonderful welcome.

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 Come now, let us reason together.  
 —Isa. 1: 18.

Where the war drum throbs no longer  
 and the battle flags are furled  
 In the parliament of men, the Fed-  
 eration of the world.  
 —Kipling.



I slept and dreamed that life was  
 beauty; I woke and found that life was  
 duty.



Let us be thankful for the fools; but  
 for them the rest of us could not suc-  
 ceed.



A politician thinks of the next elec-  
 tion, a statesman of the next generation.



Come to think of it, you're dreadfully  
 like other people.



This is the sort of English up with  
 which I will not put.  
 —W. S. Churchill on margin of  
 State document.



The eye doctor patiently tried lens  
 after lens on an elderly woman who  
 wanted to buy some glasses.  
 "Now don't become discouraged," the  
 doctor reassured her. "It's not easy to  
 get just the right glasses, you know."  
 "It certainly isn't," the woman replied,  
 "especially when you're shopping for a  
 friend."