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## TWO ABORIGINAL GEMS

In the "Australian Christian" for Feb. 19 there was a delightful story by David Lewin called "An Aboriginal Gem." The heroine of the story was identified in a footnote as Mrs. Atkinson of Mooroopna. We have since learned that this was an error and we have a correction to make.

There were two Mrs. Atkinsons and there were two Aboriginal Gems.

The story by Mr. Lewin concerned Mrs. Annie Atkinson, of Deniliquin, and not Mrs. Ellen Atkinson, the widow of Pastor E. Atkinson, of Mooroopna.

It was remarkably easy to make an error of identification. The ladies were cousins. They were brought up together at Cummerajunga. They were both widows. They were both fine Christians. They died within a very short time of each other.

So much that was said about Mrs. Annie in the story could also be said of Mrs. Ellen. David Lewin, in setting the record straight, wrote, "Whilst the article refers to Mrs. Annie Atkinson as the 'Gem,' the writer wholeheartedly refers to Mrs. Ellen Atkinson as a 'Gem' also—as a dearly beloved sister in Christ."

## WAR ON EVIL

The Anglican rector of Numurkah, Vic., reached the front pages of the nation's newspapers when he announced that he physically punished some boys for wrongdoing. It is easy to sympathise with him as he confronts the wickedness of his town. Many other ministers and youth leaders have found the same frustrations and feelings of helplessness as they have seen their young people contaminated by a society which commends, advertises and approves the very things that the rector condemns.

It is hard to believe that the rector will be permitted to mete out the physical punishment which he has announced for certain offences, and it is unlikely that he will be successful in his objective even if he is permitted.

Last Sunday, in a remarkable statement, Mr. Donald Gibson warned his young people that juveniles would be punished if they smoked, used filthy language, boozed, or possessed contraceptives. But he also made it clear that Numurkah has no more vice than other towns. He said, "Numurkah is a delightful and progressive town, full of delightful and progressive young people. But to deny that a social problem exists among our young people and those of every community is to close a blind (sic) eye to the facts. . . . Young people of this generation are no worse than those of previous generations. In fact, in many ways they are a good deal better."

That is to say that Numurkah is an ordinary country town with the virtues and vices of every other town and city. We worry and fret over the youth in our particular corner; we pray and agonise over them; we hold conferences and conduct educational programmes, and most of us finish up with the conclusion that you cannot make young people good by thrashing them.

Thrashing doesn't make older people good, either, but if a good spanking is to be handed out for moral laxity and irresponsibility, the spanking should begin with the adults who, according to Mr. Gibson, actually encourage their children in immorality. Adults also smoke, booze and swear. Indeed, indulgence in all of these is regarded as a symbol of the adult stature the youngsters are striving to reach before their years.

Neither precept nor punishment will be sufficient in themselves. An example is also needed. No matter how young people are taught nor how they are disciplined — they will keep on growing up just like their parents.

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The last of three articles on the FOURTH GOSPEL

We have already noted that John's Gospel is different from the first three Gospels. It omits much that is found in them, but it includes much that they omit. Apart from what we have already noted, that there are no parables, or accounts of the birth, baptism, temptation and the Last Supper of our Lord, the account of the ministry of Jesus is different in John's record.

Some modern scholars claim that the differences are irreconcilable and incompatible, and that we have to choose between the two accounts: John or the Synoptists! Maybe it is a question of adjustment rather than of judgment.

### Has John the Same Christ?

The late Archbishop Temple, in his Readings in St. John's Gospel, writes: "When all is allowed for, is the Johannine Christ the same person as the Synoptic Christ?" Has he the same outlook on the world? Has he the same conception of his own relation to God, and of his mission to the world?" The Archbishop contends that John's picture is basically the same as that of the other three Gospels, but that John was the first to grasp the significance of events.

The fourth Gospel contains very few incidents of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee, and passes over long intervals. For example: the period between the Feast of the Passover (6: 4), and the Feast of Tabernacles (7: 2), during which time it mentions that "Jesus walked in Galilee." This takes for granted an acquaintance with the other Gospels.

### Exclusive to John

William Barclay points out that, if John differs from the other three Gospels, it is not because of ignorance or lack of information. John alone tells of the marriage feast in Cana; of the coming of Nicodemus to Jesus by night; of the woman of Samaria; of the raising of Lazarus; of the washing of the disciples' feet.

In the first three Gospels (the Synoptics), the disciples are called from their fishing nets by the Sea of Galilee. In John, they are called while listening to John the Baptist beside the Jordan. There need be no discrepancy here. There was obviously a double call.

In the Synoptics the cleansing of the Temple took place at the end of our Lord's ministry, while in John it was at the beginning. There could have been two such cleansings of the Temple. Of the eight miracles recorded by John, five are peculiar to that Gospel, namely: the turning of the water into wine; the healing of the nobleman's son; the paralytic at Bethesda; the blind man at the pool of Siloam, and the raising of Lazarus.

It has been noted that the miracles recorded in John are followed by long discourses. After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus discourses at length on the Bread of Life (chapter 6); the healing of the blind man springs from the discourse on the Light of the World (chapter 9); the raising of Lazarus leads on to the discourse on the Resurrection and the Life (chapter 11).

To John, the miracles were not just events, they were illustrations, and insights into what God is doing in the world all the time: feeding the hungry; giving sight to the blind, and keeping the way open into Eternity.

John replaces the parables of the Synoptics with allegories such as we have just noted: the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Door of the Sheep; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the True Vine.

In James Stalker's words: the Synoptics supply the exterior life of Christ; John the interior. They tell of Christ's life in public. John deals with personalities, and the interviews of Jesus with individuals. They tell of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Fatherhood of God, while John discourses on his Messiahship; his Divine authority, and his relations with the Father.

It is in John alone that Thomas speaks: that Andrew and Philip become real personalities; and John alone tells of the carping criticism of a good deed by Judas Iscariot.

### Eyewitness

To quote Barclay again: John has little extra details which read like the memories of one who was there. The loaves which the lad brought to Jesus were barley loaves (6: 9); the disciples as they crossed the lake in the storm rowed between three and four miles

# John's Exclusive Information

By C. J. ROBINSON

(6: 19); there were six waterpots at Cana (2: 6). John only tells of the crown of thorns, and of four soldiers gambling for the seamless dress. He knows the exact weight of the myrrh and aloes used to anoint the body of Jesus. He knows how long it took to build the Temple. He has an intimate knowledge of the geography of Palestine, and many other details that show that he was writing as one who was there.

It is unfair to say that John wrote to supersede the other three Gospels. Rather would it be true to say that he interprets them. Writing at a later date, John could see beyond the historic events recorded by the Synoptics, to their application to life in the world.

John's purpose was to prove that Jesus was the Christ, and if the Christ of John's Gospel appears to be a different Christ from the other Gospels, it is simply that John was closer to the mind of our Lord, and had a clearer insight into the Sonship of Jesus. He had also a richer concept of the meaning of life in him. John stresses the pre-existence of Jesus: "Before Abraham was; I am." (8: 58). He talks of the glory he had with the Father before the world was, and again and again he speaks of his coming down from Heaven.

### Jesus of History

In conclusion, let it be said that John presents to us the Jesus of history, transfigured by the light of the Christian faith. He sets the events of time on the background of Eternity. He makes explicit what is implicit in the other Gospels.

It is clear from the words of the writer himself (20: 30-31) that the author of the fourth Gospel did not undertake to write a biography of Christ, but he selected certain significant aspects of Christ's ministry, for the purpose of bringing men to faith in him, presumably under the special difficulties and dangers of the period of heresies and persecutions. This accounts for the differences, and the unique character of John's Gospel.

# ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

BY DR. ALLEN G. ELLIOTT



1966 is a notable year.

It marks the introduction in Australia of Decimal Currency! It is also an interesting year in the English-speaking world, since it is the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings — 1066 — the one and only date in history that many people can recall!

But it is also a vital year among members of Churches of Christ. 1966 is the 25th year of the Bible College at Woolwich, where men are trained to present the New Testament gospel and principles of the Restoration Movement. It is also the 100th anniversary of the death of Alexander Campbell, that grand pioneer of Churches of Christ.

## Alexander Campbell —

He was born in 1788, the year Captain Phillip sailed into Sydney Harbour with the historic "first fleet" to establish a settlement in Australia!

He passed to be with the Lord he loved and served on March 4, 1866.

The Campbells, father and son, blazed the trail of Christian unity through the restoration of New Testament principles. Through the "Declaration and Address" of Thomas Campbell, and the forthright leadership of Alexander Campbell, the new movement made rapid strides. Their impassioned protest was made against the bitter bigotry and disintegrating disharmony of the 19th century Denominationalism. But their programme for unity was misunderstood. Far ahead of their time, they were looked upon as revolutionaries in the religious world.

## His Message —

Unity in Christ — is still our message today. Alexander Campbell, as preacher, editor, educator, and contender for the "faith once delivered to the saints," gave purpose and leadership to the rather loosely-knit fellowship of believers who, with Barton Stone, Walter Scott and other American pioneers of the early 19th century, were eager to follow the prompting of the Spirit of God in welding together the scattered, separated groups of his people upon the basis of the restored New Testament message and life.

The personality of Alexander Campbell was used by God to integrate all the minor movements toward unity and restoration into one co-ordinated whole.

This he did through the media of the printing press, preaching and debate. In fact, it was Campbell who gave to the early "Disciples" their sense of "brotherhood." And this is surely our message and our task today.

## His Method —

Restoration of New Testament principles — is also our method today. Campbell and his followers endeavoured vainly to avoid the formation of a separate communion. Yet, their passion for the "restoration" of the New Testament church, ironically enough, made it necessary for them to set up the Lord's Table, "every first day of the week," at Brush Run. Furthermore, the birth of Campbell's first child drove him to an intensive examination of the Scripture, so that infant baptism was rejected as contrary to Scriptural practice, and the "immersion" of believers accepted as the only valid, authoritative practice of baptism.

Eventually early congregations of Churches of Christ in Britain, with Glasite and Haldaneite backgrounds, came in contact with the Campbells in America, and immediately recognised their affinity in this "Restoration" fellowship. Then, in 1846, Thomas Magarey was intru-

mental in establishing a congregation of New Testament Christians in Adelaide, and from this small beginning our Australian Churches of Christ have developed.

## His Exaltation of Christ —

This must also be our mission, as it was his. For Campbell, Christ was the Living Head of the Church. For Campbell, Christ was the Living Creed of the Church. For Campbell, Christ was the Living Lord of the individual believer.

"The Lord Messiah," as he loved to call him in his writings in the "Millennial Harbinger," was supreme and final in all things. The authority of Christ in the Scriptures was always Campbell's touchstone.

One hundred years have passed since the Lord called his servant home. But the influence of his work and early leadership is still with us. Yet Campbell would have been the last to elevate himself. For him Christ was the Head, the only Head of the Church. And after 100 years this is still the programme of the Movement and the churches he helped to establish — Unity in Christ. Restoration of Christ. Back to Christ. Forward for Christ.

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# GIVE THEM A JOB!

FINDING AND USING TALENT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Of course you have to give people a job in the church to keep them interested. Once the power of the Spirit was such a dynamic in changed lives that those surrendered to God didn't have to be held in the church by being given a job. But this "modern sinful age," with all its "attractions," is even too much for God, so it seems. So to hold people we have to give them a job.

## A Job Will Hold Their Interest

A young girl has lost interest and looks like slipping away from God and the church, so we make her a Sunday School teacher, to teach all the things she has lost interest in. A lot of baptized people apparently didn't know that baptism means a death to the ego and a resurrection to life in Christ. Their egos still need fulfilment, and there is nothing like a job in the church for ego-fulfilment. A young person has musical talent on the "geetar." You run the danger of losing him to a folk group. So you use him to jazz up the hymns. As often as some one seems to be slipping, you think up an activity to anchor him in the church.

The time to give a person a job is when he has just come newly into the church, and is still feeling enthusiastic, and before he has found out that every one is not as enthusiastic as he is. Paul advised, "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

But that was before the age of "worldly attractions." Today you need to "lay hands on him" before he gets mixed up in something else. If you don't give him something to do in the church he might end up working on a school committee, in a trade union, or on a hospital auxiliary, and you might lose him.

## How to Recruit People for Church Jobs

When approaching some one for a job in the church, don't ring him up. He'll say "No." Arrange a deputation to visit him. This makes the job and him seem important.

See the "victim's" wife first and get her "on side." Then when he says, "Let me talk it over with the wife first," you say that you already have done so, and he's caught.

It is most important not to let him know the full implications of the time and effort that will be involved. Let him find that out for himself, but assure him that the job will not be very demanding.

Even if the work is menial let him feel that it is a prestige job. Dignify it with a high-sounding name, such as "custodian of the botanical box." If it is a door-keeper you want, tell him that King David said that he preferred to be a "door-keeper in the house of the Lord" than anything else in the world.

The perfect method is to tell your prospect that you have prayed about it, and that the Lord has led you to ask him. It is hard to say "No" to that one.

BY G. R. STIRLING

However, there are some who will not be trapped this way. They in turn will ask for time to pray about it, and come back and tell you that the Lord said "No."

## It's All Wrong

All of the above ideas and suggestions can be vouched for, as they are well tried and successful in large numbers of churches. The only trouble is that they are all wrong. They simply involve people in a bit of religious social apparatus, for the sake of holding them into that religious social apparatus, that exists for the sake of perpetuating that religious social apparatus as an end in itself.

A Christian is one who has died to self and come alive to God. The grace of God — which is another way of saying God's gift of himself — has entered into him totally. Being full of God, who is love, he is full of love and concern for people, for the church and for the world. He won't need a jobs convener to get him busy. He will be involved totally wherever he is.

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He knows that wherever he is, there is the church; and its work is concern and compassion and Christ-likeness at home, at work, in industry, commerce, the union, and in leisure. He will be part of the church's action twenty-four hours a day. If he is truly dead to self, and risen with the living Christ, and thus committed, God will give him talents and the outlet for using them in imagination-defying ways.

He will also know that the organised programme of the local church is important for maintaining its worship, witness, teaching and service. He will want to be involved. For him this will be part of his total activity of being the church wherever he is. He will know what time he can give, and he will want training to do his best under God.

To give a man a job in the church, either to keep him interested or to keep the organisation going, is to have him under false pretences; and he may very well be losing his soul while he thinks he is saving it. The Master made the threshold higher. He said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

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# IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

## IF OUR RESPONSE TO LIFE IS AFFIRMATIVE

Men and women who touch greatness are those who cultivate the affirmative attitude to life. Christianity is a positive way of life. Man is not a Christian because he does not swear, smoke, drink or gamble. The character of a man is not measured in terms of what he refrains from doing. Jesus affirmed that the fruitfulness of a man's life would be his character measurement. Christian discipleship is in terms of an affirmative witness translated into positive action. The story of the Good Samaritan verifies this. The Apostle James, in his letter, accentuates affirmative Christianity and rebukes the negative Christian.

Dr. W. E. Sangster's violent attacks on the immoralities that had overtaken England after the war aroused the criticism that his religion was a mere, "Thou Shalt Not." He counter-attacked by affirming ten new commandments:

"1. Thou shalt enjoy this lovely world which God has made: sun, moon, and stars; fields, flowers and trees, wind, warmth and rain, earth, sea, and sky."

"2. Thou shalt enjoy the gift of love from parents, sweetheart, wife, the love which goes on loving when you are unlovely."

"3. Thou shalt enjoy home . . . where you do not visit but belong; where your absence means a gap which no one else can fill."

"4. Thou shalt enjoy the truthfulness of little children and their adoring belief that there is nothing you do not know and nothing you cannot do."

"5. Thou shalt enjoy friends, their loyalty and fellowship, their constancy in sorrow, and their unprotesting acceptance of your timely help."

"6. Thou shalt enjoy wholesome laughter, the ludicrous incident, and the side-splitting joke."

"7. Thou shalt enjoy art, music, the cinema, literature, eloquence, animals, singing, rhythm, games."

"8. Thou shalt enjoy the privilege of helping others: the poor and the sick, the aged and maimed."

"9. Thou shalt enjoy peace. This peace shalt not attach only to your circumstances: it shall abide in your heart."

"10. Thou shalt enjoy God; the knowledge that he is there and that he is love; that he cares for all."

"Do this and you shall live" is the personal affirmation with which Jesus confronts his followers in every generation. What is our affirmative answer when tempted to take the way of least resistance? What is our affirmative answer when public opinion says, "Everybody is doing it"? What is our affirmative answer when our associates accuse us of being "chicken"? What is our affirmative response when the Church calls through its Service Departments? What is our affirmative answer when Sunday calls?

John Oxenham's poem, "Where are you going, Great-Heart" is a masterly and dramatic presentation of affirmative Christianity.

"Where are you going, Great-Heart,  
With your eager face and your fiery grace?  
Where are you going, Great-Heart?

"To fight a fight with all my might,  
For Truth and Justice, God and Right;  
To grace all Life and his fair Light!  
Then God go with you, Great-Heart!

"Where are you going, Great-Heart?  
'To lift Today above the Past;  
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## INTERSTATE NEWS

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

The following urgent matters need our earnest intercession:

1. All auxiliary leaders in our churches — as they plan and develop their programmes in 1966.

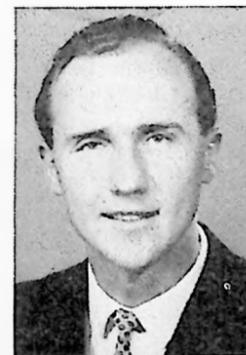
2. Miss Jennifer Smith, of Rockdale and Woolwich, as she returns to the New Guinea mission field.

3. The faithful witness of all the workers and the members of the church at Carnarvon Native Mission.

4. Those who have in recent days committed their lives to Christ in the mission at Penrith.

5. The Dept. of Christian Education, N.S.W. — in its "Dollars for Development" programme.

6. N.S.W. Annual Conference — March 26 - April 3.



MISSION AT THOMSON

(Latrobe Terrace-Thomson, Vic.). The Thomson chapel-hall, opened June last, had its first evening gospel meetings with an intensive evangelistic campaign conducted by Kevin Christensen, of Lismore, N.S.W. The fortnight's campaign

## N.S.W. BROADCASTS IN MARCH

Churches of Christ Broadcasts in N.S.W., through the co-operation of Station 2CH, Sydney, during March, are as follows:

Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m. — Wed., March 9: E. J. Plenderleith, B.D., of Loftus Park. Mon., March 21 — F. A. Elliott, B.A., of Caringbah.

Sunday Broadcast — March 27, 11 a.m., Lane Cove — Preacher: R. Elbourne.

### N.S.W. CONFERENCE

March 26 - April 3.

Plans are well in hand for the 81st Annual Conference of our churches in N.S.W. The main Conference Sessions are as follows:

Sat., March 26 — Youth Conference and Dept. of Christian Education Rally.

Mon., March 28 — Opening Business Session.

Tues., March 29 — Women's Day, C.W.F. Conference. Business Session.

Wed., March 30 — Missionary Rally (Overseas and Aborigines).

Thurs., March 31 — Ministers' Session. Business Session.

Fri., April 1 — Social Service and Boys' Home Rally.

Sat., April 2 — All-Day Business Session. Home Mission and College Rally.

Sun., April 3 — Service of Witness.

The Youth Conference will take place in the Assembly Hall, the Sunday afternoon Witness Service will be held in the Sydney Town Hall, and all other sessions will be at Enmore.

resulted in twelve first decisions and four reconsecrations. These are the first fruits of Thomson, where a vigorous B.S. has been established. A morning service has been conducted by J. Smail, of Belmont, for two years. It was felt a campaign to introduce the Sunday evening meetings was a necessity. Large crowds gathered every night, with nearly 200 present at the final evening. Baptisms were conducted at the Latrobe Terrace chapel. Delegations came from Geelong churches and Melb. Dr. Caldicott presented Kevin Christensen with books. The thankoffering exceeded \$400. Russel Banks, retired preacher, will begin a part-time ministry at Thomson in March. The Terrace B.S. has been running a bus to a new housing estate, resulting in averaging 35 scholars each Sunday. The Terrace chapel has been newly painted. Sympathy is expressed to George and Jean Vafiopoulous in their family bereavement; to the Anderson family, and to Jack and Gertie Ratcliffe.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Edith Gabb.

A member of the church at Earlwood, N.S.W., Mrs Edith Gabb died on Feb. 12, at the age of 87. The writer remembers when, 26 years ago, in Mr. Priestley's mission she, with her grandson, Bill, earnestly made the "good confession." Since that time she had the joy of seeing almost her whole family in happy fellowship and service of the church — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gabb, their daughter Shirley, and husband (Mr. and Mrs. Weidner, Wollongong), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker, their daughter Julianne, their sons Bill and Robert, with their wives. Also, Mrs. Selby, her daughter Bette, and son-in-law, John Werner. Today, six of her great-grandchildren are in the Bible School. They are — Jane, Mark and Amanda Werner; Peter Walker, Linda Walker, and Lynette Weidner. Her eldest great-grandson, Jeffrie Walker (16 years) is a member of the church at Earlwood. In the reclining years of her life, our sister was lovingly tended in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and their family. Mrs. Gabb was a true Christian, who loved the Lord deeply. She will be remembered, too, for her warmth of personality and friendliness. After a service, conducted by P. E. Thomas, N. Hodgekiss and N. Matthews, her earthly body was reverently laid to rest in the Moorfields Methodist Cemetery.—M.A. Cox.

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# Stronger Action Sought Against Smith Regime

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches today called upon all nations to sustain and intensify common measures of non-co-operation with the Smith regime in Rhodesia "in order to ensure there is no future for the policy of U.D.I. (Unilateral Declaration of Independence)."

The resolution adopted here (Feb. 16) by the W.C.C.'s policy-making Central Committee, declared that "the attempt to prolong indefinitely the political domination of the minority white community over the black majority is dangerous and deplorable and ought to be effectively resisted."

The five-point resolution said all parties in Rhodesia must accept as the goals "majority rule achieved by a franchise system not based on racial privilege, and of racial co-operation on the basis of civic equality."

It called for establishment of safeguards against unreasonable delay in reaching these goals as well as measures to protect against the future oppression of a minority on the other.

The original three-point resolution submitted to the Committee was amended to include two additional points on a motion of Pastor Jean Kotto, of Douala, head of the Evangelical Church of the Cameroun.

His points asked that companies and individuals having commercial relations or interests with Rhodesia reconsider their situation "for the sake of justice and peace," and that the heads of African states be requested "to use their wisdom and influence to find peaceful ways to solve the Rhodesian problem."

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The full text of the five points follows:

"In order that men may not be compelled to seek by force the only remedy of injustice the Committee urges:

1. That the community of nations, including particularly those who have effective contact with Southern Rhodesia, sustain and intensify their common measure of non-co-operation with the existing regime in Southern Rhodesia, in order to ensure that there is no future for the policy of U.D.I.;

2. That companies and individuals having commercial relations or interests in Southern Rhodesia reconsider their situation for the sake of justice and peace;

3. That the goals of majority rule, achieved by a franchise system not based on racial privilege, and of racial co-operation, on the basis of civic equality, be clearly accepted by all parties in Southern Rhodesia, and at the same time the necessary safeguards be defined against unreasonable delay on the one hand, or the future oppression of a minority on the other;

4. That keeping these goals in mind the leaders of the racial communities in Southern Rhodesia be prepared to work out together the adjustments on which the nation's future depends, realising that this will be possible only through mutual concessions;

5. That in view of the role that they have to play with regard to the problem, the heads of African states be requested to use their wisdom and influence to find peaceful ways to solve the Southern Rhodesian problem.—E.P.S.

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## BIBLE PRINTING PLANT OPENS

(Djakarta). The Bible printing plant of the Indonesian Bible Society was officially opened on Feb. 9, the 12th anniversary of the I.B.S. as a national society. For the opening ceremony, a special edition was printed of the Epistle to the Philippians in a new translation into modern Indonesian.

As a rule, Bible Societies do not have their own printing presses. The Indonesian plant was made necessary because of the ban on the import of books in Indonesian languages. The existing presses of the country were consequently so busy that it was impossible to guarantee sufficient Scriptures for Indonesian Christians.

The Bible Society printing plant is at present gaining experience by printing portions and New Testaments. It is planned that production of whole Bibles will begin in 1968, and that by 1970 a total of 100,000 Bibles will be produced a year.—E.P.S.

## 293,191 REFUGEES RESETTLED

(Geneva). During 1965, 10,404 homeless refugees and migrants in 38 countries were helped to emigrate to 21 other lands by the World Council of Churches' Service to Refugees, Miss Margaret Jaboor, Director of the Service, told the Divisional Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service during its recent meeting here.

This brought the total of those resettled by the Service between 1948-65 up to 293,191.

Under the individual integration programme, projects were completed and carried out in 1965 for 790 refugees in Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Latin America, the Near East, and Turkey, at a cost of \$343,995, of which \$260,329 was provided by the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, and the balance by the churches and their agencies in many countries.—E.P.S.

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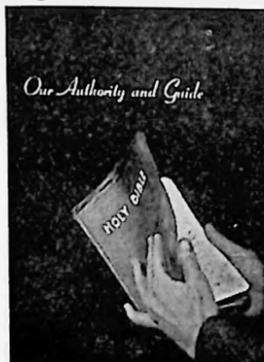
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## CHRISTIAN WELFARE

# FOSTER HOME IN W.A.

The Christian Welfare Centre in Western Australia has purchased a two-storied home in Canning Highway, Melville Heights, for the purpose of establishing a "Family Unit" Foster Home. Ultimately the Home will house the fostering parents and family, and ten teenage High School girls. These girls will be referred to the Welfare Centre by the Child Welfare Department.

The property consists of over a half-acre of land, and a spacious brick and tile residence which has extensive river and city views from the upper story. The Home comprises large entrance and hall, lounge (25 ft. x 17 ft.); dining room, kitchen, office, four spacious bedrooms upstairs, and one on the lower floor, modern facilities, workshop, garage, tennis court, well-established reticulated lawns and gardens, and a substantial area of native bush land to the rear.

The property is in excellent condition throughout. Purchase price, including carpets, venetian blinds, curtains, and a quantity of suitable furniture was \$26,000, and it is expected that another \$6,000 will be spent on furniture and necessary renovations. A generous donation of \$10,000 is to hand, with a further \$10,000 promised for July 1, 1966. The State Government has given a further grant of \$10,000, together with the promise of subsidy for each child under our

care, and free laundering of all household linen.

The Christian Welfare Centre is now inviting applications from interested members for the task of "fostering parents." Basically the conditions required are:—

(1) Both husband and wife to be committed members of Churches of Christ.

(2) The husband will continue in his secular employment.

(3) The wife, who will be employed by the Christian Welfare Centre, will be responsible for the conduct of the Home, cooking, and administrative details.

(4) Board and lodging for the fostering couple will be free.

(5) All heavy laundry will be carried out externally and when the number of occupants makes it necessary additional domestic labour will be employed.

(6) Fostering parents must be able to feel and show unselfish love for teenagers. They will need to identify themselves with the problems of young people and yet be able to retain the necessary family discipline.

Applications, marked "Confidential" should be addressed to: The Director, Christian Welfare Centre, 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A.

## FIRST RESPONSES TO W.C.C. FAMINE APPEAL

(Geneva). Within less than a week of the Central Committee's action endorsing appeals on behalf of famine victims in India and Africa, contributions amounting to \$165,860 have been promised to the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service.

Churches in Germany have pledged \$125,000 (half a million Deutsche Mark) for India, and \$12,500 for Africa. Switzerland has pledged \$23,000, New Zealand \$3,000, and Finland is sending \$3,000 worth of dried milk, of which almost unlimited quantities are needed for feeding programmes in India.

In France, the churches are planning a joint appeal, and have sent a delegation of representatives of voluntary agencies to New Delhi.

The W.C.C. is asking its member churches for \$3,000,000 for famine relief in India, and \$50,000 for Africa, as well as for such foodstuffs as rice, milk and vitamin tablets. It is also asking its related agencies to co-ordinate their appeals, wherever possible, with Roman Catholic bodies, and to work within the context of the world appeal put out by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.—E.P.S.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

In the early days of our movement elders did the preaching without payment. When did we change to a paid ministry?

At the beginning of the Restoration Movement in various parts of the world, it was common for preachers to give their services without remuneration. Quite often the congregation was not able to pay them, anyway. Some preaching elders went about their businesses and ordinary occupations day by day. On Sunday they would preach.

Although Matt. 10: 10 and 1 Cor. 9: 14 showed that there was plenty of scriptural authority for a paid ministry, there was something so free and stimulating in the mutual, unpaid preaching ministry that it is not so surprising that some read into the innovation a principle against the paid ministry.

Without ignoring the strong fact that our movement had leaders of great scholarship, it is also a fact that many had little formal education. But they gave themselves to a study of the word of God with such enthusiasm and diligence that they were able to give a good account of themselves in almost any company.

There is probably an account somewhere of the general acceptance of paid ministers, but I am not aware of it. It is reasonably certain, however, that as churches developed and men were called to devote their full time to the ministry, it became necessary to provide adequate remuneration. Again, as the value of training was recognised and facilities became available, a paid ministry became inevitable.

Alexander Campbell never had any doubts of the fitness of the paid ministry. Although he gave great credit to evangelists and missionaries who worked without pay, he strongly affirmed that this was not ordained by the Lord. In 1 Cor. 9, Paul said that, although he and others were not paid, but worked for their support with their own hands, the ruling principle was "those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (v. 14).

Indeed, Campbell said that Paul may have been even more helpful if he had not been so involved with labouring for his living. It would have been better if Paul had written a few more epistles and manufactured a few less tents! Campbell went on, "Would it not, however, be a very imprudent policy on the part of the Christian community to have its evangelists plowing, teaching school, making shoes or tents, when they ought to be, every day, working in Christ's vineyard, and winning souls to God, or preparing themselves for this great work?"

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## YOUTH AT MACKAY

(Qld.). Carol Steel, who has been living at Collinsville (180 miles away), has now gone to Brisbane, where she enters the Teachers' Training College. Meg. Grace, an active C.Y.F.-er, last week entered the same College. The church made a presentation to Trevor Meares, who commences his studies at Kenmore Christian College this year. Trevor preached at the morning service on Feb. 20. . . . The C.Y.F. is now completely recovered from an afternoon of skating at the local rink. Other activities have included a visit to the local Sugar Experiment Station, and a visit by an officer of the Fire Brigade.

## STEWARDSHIP

(Gatton, Qld.). A stewardship programme, introduced by A. McK. Surtees, Director of Home Missions, in Oct., 1965, has been a great blessing and challenge to the church. Despite the Christmas holiday period, weekly offerings have exceeded an average of \$2 per active member. The church has budgeted \$37 per week for brotherhood departments,

## MOVEMENTS

### NORTHAM COMMENCEMENT

(W.A.). W. Gaunson has commenced his ministry in Northam. He, with his wife Maureen, and 16-month-old son Russell, are from Glen Iris, Vic. An induction service was held on Feb. 17, led by T. A. Morrison, of the City Church of Christ. . . . 22 ladies attended the opening meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship. . . . Our ladies also shared in the Women's World Day of Prayer session at the Presbyterian Church on Feb. 25.

### CALL TO BURWOOD

(Vic.). The Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, in association with the church at Burwood, Vic., have pleasure in indicating that G. J. Lord, of S.A., will commence the first full-time ministry with the church in Feb., 1967.

### FAREWELL TO W. J. PHILP

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). Mr. Philp, after nine years' ministry in the circuit, preached his farewell sermon to a crowded chapel. A time of social fellowship was shared by many, after the service, to bid farewell to the Philp family, both halls having to be used for this purpose. The Mayor of Strathalbyn, Mr. E. K. Edwards, spoke of the good work done by Mr. Philp for the community. Other speakers were Rev. Milne (Pres.), Rev. Connell (Anglican) and Mr. K. Lamshed (Methodist). Mr. Connell presented a gift to Mr. Philp on behalf of the Ministers' Fraternal. Mrs. Grifpen presented a sheaf of flowers to Mrs. Philp on behalf of the Milang and Pt. Sturt ladies. Mrs. Bell also presented a book from the I.C.E. to Gaynor. Other speakers were Gordon Wilson (Milang), Graham Yelland (Pt. Sturt) and Ken Cross, Strathalbyn. All presented an envelope of notes, and Mr. Philp responded on behalf of his family and himself.

although heavy home commitments include \$15 per week repayment of manse debt. . . . There was an increase of 7 in the active membership in 1965, and services have shown a marked increase in attendances. The gospel attendance averages 50 per cent higher. . . . A young man was baptized on Feb. 20, when guest speaker was G. Poulton, of Fingal, N.S.W., with M. Venz, of Tweed Heads. A number of lovely instrumental and vocal items were presented during the weekend. Recent speakers were C. Sherman, Toowoomba, and P. Jauncey, Kenmore Christian College. Men from the church have helped in working bees on the Kenmore College extensions. . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. Morris were recently farewelled. They had rendered splendid service in Junior C.E. leadership. Mr. Morris has been transferred to school teaching duties at Bowen.

### VISITORS TO DALBY

(Qld.). A visit by Miss Fran. Woods, of Wycliffe Bible translators, was much appreciated. She spoke at morning service, and after evening service showed slides. The Qld. Police Christian Fel-

### TO SERVE AT RESERVOIR

(Vic.). A. W. C. Candy, at present ministering with the church at East Kew, Vic., will commence a ministry at Reservoir, Vic., in November.

### MERREDIN GIVES A WELCOME

(W.A.). The church rejoices at the arrival of Wally Hoffman to minister. On Feb. 18, Ken Patterson and George Smith journeyed to Merredin to officially induct Mr. Hoffman into the ministry here. Mr. Hoffman, and his son Ray, will be joined by Mrs. Hoffman next month. Both services were well attended on our minister's first Sunday with us. . . . During the past eight months we have been without a preacher, and local men have been of great assistance with preaching, also Mr. Sommerville from Mukinbudin, and the brotherhood have sent speakers from Perth when possible.

### START IN THE WEST

(Geraldton, W.A.). Allan Gordon, ex-Woolwich College, and his wife, commenced his ministry on Feb. 6. An induction service was held on Feb. 5, conducted by Ken Patterson, H.M. Secretary. . . . There was one decision of Feb. 6, with the baptism on the 13th. . . . At the first of our monthly youth services, on Feb. 20, four young people gave their lives to Christ. They will be baptized on the 27th. The young people conducted the service, with Mr. Gordon giving the message.

### TO CONCLUDE MINISTRY

(Bayswater, Vic.). Mr. Prime has not accepted the invitation of the church for a further period of ministry. The present term concludes in Jan. 1967. The church anniversary and Temple Day had as speakers, Principal E. L. Williams and Dr. K. R. Bowes, with guest soloist, Miss Jean Milne. Evening service was conducted by our minister, H. S. Prime, with Daniel Hills as soloist.

lowship took the meeting on Feb. 13. The speaker was Sgt. Castledine. . . . After the monthly youth service at a coffee hour, slides were shown by a member of the force. . . . Morning service attendances are very good, but concern is felt at the evening service attendance. Prayer meetings are having an average attendance of eight.

### Miss COLE AT HARLAXTON

(Qld.). Miss Frances Cole spoke to missionary meeting and her message was appreciated. . . . Three young men have been farewelled — Max Noble to Brisbane; Graham Large to Whyalla; Stephen Finger to Melbourne. . . . "Forward in Faith" stewardship campaign has been put into operation. Family dinner was held on Feb. 19. A. Surtees was guest speaker, supported by H. Christensen and F. Winter. . . . Men helped with working bee at Kenmore College. Fellowship tea was held on Aborigines Sunday. Mrs. Burdeu spoke and showed slides and crafts. . . . Ladies' Fellowship birthday meeting was held on Feb. 2. Harvest Thanksgiving service on Feb. 13.

### MINISTER WELCOMED

(Enfield Heights, S.A.). A welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards on Jan. 26. Mr. Edwards commenced ministry on Jan. 30. The Conf. Pres., M. T. Lawrie, inducted Mr. Edwards. . . . On Feb. 6, four young men who had been recently baptized were received into fellowship. Services well attended; keen interest shown at midweek fellowship.

### WELCOME TO ARARAT

(Vic.). On Jan. 22, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Paver were welcomed at a social evening, with the ladies again supplying a wonderful supper. The following day they were welcomed into the fellowship by the church secretary, R. J. Johnston, during an induction service ably led by the Conf. Pres., F. J. Funston. Mr. and Mrs. Paver are settling into the work and community very well. All auxiliaries are in a very healthy state. First year of Planned Giving programme averaged £81/4/3, 200 per cent increase, of which 1/10th has been forwarded to brotherhood departments.

### STUDENT BECOMES FULL-TIME MINISTER

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Induction of J. R. Welden to the ministry at North Williamstown was conducted by Vic.-Tas. Conference President (F. J. Funston) on Feb. 13. Chapel was well filled and numerous visitors were present. Social hour was held after evening service and a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. K. Duffey and family, who have taken up residence at the College of the Bible. . . . 78th church anniversary services on Feb. 20 were well attended. Guest speakers were G. A. Grainger (Moreland), and A. E. White, B.A. (editor, "The Australian Christian"). 120 sat down to family fellowship tea which preceded the 6 p.m. evening service. H.M. prayer rally was held in the chapel on 24th, with large number of ladies present in chapel for Women's World Day of Prayer session on 25th.

## BANKSTOWN'S END OF CHAPTER

(N.S.W.). Final services of the church at Bankstown were conducted on Feb. 13, prior to the membership uniting with the congregation at Wiley Park, and ultimately combining with them to establish a new church in the developing Greenacre district.

Dr. A. G. Elliott, from the College at Woolwich, conducted the concluding service, as guest preacher.

There are encouraging signs as the two congregations meet together temporarily at Wiley Park, that the new project will receive the blessing of God.

We give thanks to God for the many stalwarts who have faithfully served over the years, both at Bankstown and at Wiley Park, and pray that their efforts will be amply rewarded in the advances envisaged in future days.

### FIRST ANNUAL COMING UP

(Wembley Downs, W.A.). Meetings have now been held for five months, and church is preparing and planning for the first annual business meeting. Average number at communion is 25, and the B.S. had 25 scholars and 5 teachers. . . . First meeting of a Christian Women's Fellowship, on Feb. 8, indicates there will be about 12 women interested in this avenue of service. Office-bearers are: S. Walkington, pres.; N. Browning, vice-pres.; L. Black, sec., and F. Stewart, treas. . . . The church is now paying £77 per month toward the two blocks of land purchased for the future extension of work in area.

### GOVERNOR AT C.E. CONVENTION

(Launceston). The Governor of Tasmania, Sir Charles Gairdner, has accepted an invitation to be present at the 31st National C.E. Convention in Launceston. He will officially open the Convention and give a message of welcome. . . . The Convention, to be held May to 21, 1966, has 482 delegates registered. These come from W.A., 66; S.A., 116; Vic., 135; N.S.W., 60; Qld., 65; and Tasmania, 40.

### FOR ABORIGINES

(Grote-st., S.A.). The Aborigines Mission offering reached \$156. . . . The young people's sporting groups paraded on Feb. 20. . . . Valda Paddick has been elected C.Y.F. sec.-treas. in succession to Ruth Whyatt. . . . Mrs. David Eagling was guest speaker at the Women's Fellowship meeting. She showed slides of mission work in New Hebrides. . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Patterson and family in the death of her husband. . . . Church membership has been increased by transfers and by faith and baptism.

### 109th BIRTHDAY

(Milang, S.A.). 109th church anniversary held, with Mr. Burt, guest speaker. Choir conducted by G. Wilson. . . . Church mourns loss of an elderly member. . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer meeting was held in our chapel. . . . S.S. picnic held at Goolwa Beach in ideal weather conditions. . . . Membership joined in circuit farewell to Mr. Philp and family at Strathalbyn. . . . Church prayerfully awaits coming of Mr. Oke and family to minister in circuit.

## NEW BUDGET - NEW MANSE

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). A new Budget was presented at annual meeting and was well received. It was decided the present manse, which has been on sale for some time, be lowered in price to sell, and the possibility of the purchase of land for a new manse be investigated by the officers. It was also decided that quarterly socials be held to draw the auxiliaries together and to understand their function by a report from each in an informal atmos-

phere. The following were elected to office: elders, A. C. Popp, H. H. Oakley, C. W. Hammond, J. C. Ferguson. . . . Phyllis Harding was farewelled on leaving to begin study at Kenmore Christian College. . . . A young man made his decision on Feb. 20. . . . The minister, D. G. Nelson, has returned from leave in West. Aust. . . . S. Vanham, now ministering at Bundaberg, will commence a part-time ministry at Hervey Bay in Nov. next.

### INDIAN VISITOR

(Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.). The visit of Sister Wyn. Walker, from India, was much appreciated. The Wednesday afternoon meeting of combined women's groups was well attended. At evening service, Sister Walker showed slides and gave a challenging address. She also visited Dover, Copping and Tasman Peninsula. . . . The combined church and S.S. picnic was held at Snug.

### BOWL OFFERING

(Beulah-rd., S.A.). Our Christmas offering for the Bowl of Remembrance now totals £98. . . . We were pleased to welcome seven new members into fellowship on Feb. 20. . . . The members also extend a welcome to Miss Dawn Burdon, who has been transferred to Modbury, after teaching in the Alice Springs School for three years. . . . Bible studies on Book of Acts have commenced, with an attendance of 14.

### SERVING IN U.S.A.

(South Perth, W.A.). Geo. Wood, our minister, has been in the U.S.A. for four weeks, and we have received encouraging reports of the missions he is conducting there. . . . The pastoral work here in South Perth is being cared for by the associate minister, B. Wesley. Sunday services and the midweek prayer meetings are being conducted by Geo. Smith, Conf. Pres., Director of the Social Service Committee, and well known to thousands as "Uncle George" of Radio Sunday School. . . . the midweek has increased to over 60. . . . At the Australia Day tennis tournament, run by the Youth and Christian Education Committee, 7 of the 14 trophies were won by members of this church.

### CHRISTIAN UNION "RESPONSE"

(Melb.). In our issue of Feb. 12 we published a response to the Report of the United Churches.

This statement was prepared by the Dept. for Christian Union, after consultation with Committees and Groups in all States.

Arrangements are in hand for the publication of the Response in pamphlet form.

At the same time four studies are now being printed in booklet form. All these will be used this year in Victoria in a series of studies and are available for use in all States.

To facilitate the printing of sufficient copies, orders should be sent to H. F. Gross, Graham House, 76 Graham-rd., Highett, S.21, Vic.

### FEDERAL PRESIDENT IN SYDNEY

(N.S.W.). The visit of the President of the Federal Conference, S. Russell Baker, to Sydney, was a time of great fellowship, both from the viewpoint of our N.S.W. churches, and also the British and Foreign Bible Society. On Feb. 24, a reception-dinner was held in the Burwood School Hall, at which the State Conf. Pres., C. E. Bowser, and representatives of the N.S.W. brotherhood shared in a welcome to the Federal President, who brought information and inspiration in his graphic story of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Puerto Rico. The dinner was followed by a large Bible Society rally in the Burwood chapel.

On Feb. 25, Mr. Baker visited the Bible College at Woolwich, where he met members of the lecturing staff and spoke to the students, while at night he addressed a Bible Society gathering in the Ferguson Hall, St. Stephen's, Sydney. He preached in our Wollongong and Belmore churches on Feb. 27, and on the 28th shared with the ministers at our N.S.W. Fraternal meeting.

### NEWCASTLE CONVENTION

(Cardiff, N.S.W.). Doug. Holloway, new minister at Georgetown, was speaker at recent Newcastle and Northern Districts' Churches of Christ Convention, held at Cardiff. Mr. Holloway spoke in the afternoon concerning "Men and Women Christ Wants," and in the evening presented the gospel challenge with the theme, "In Times Like These." 60 attended the tea provided by the Cardiff church. At the tea, Bruce Armstrong spoke to Convention of the work of the Dept. of Christian Education, particularly highlighting the planned development of the new camp site at Swansea (Newcastle). R. J. Anderson, Convention President, led the meetings.

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## WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

BY K. G. BOYCE, B.Ag.Sc.

I have faith in the young people of our churches today. There are several aspects of the life of these young people that bring me to this belief. I don't claim to be original in these ideas, for you can see them if you look for yourself. I will be pleased if this article makes each of you rethink some of the sweeping generalities that you have perhaps made when talking about our young people.

I don't intend to make light the faults of our young people. They have plenty, and they are obvious, especially to those who are so willing to find fault. However, I will not dwell on these, but rather present the positive side. My intention is to strike an optimistic note to the pessimistic tune heard so often from adult church members today. They are asking: "What is to become of the Church of Jesus Christ in the future when our young people have rejected the traditions which have been passed down to us? They appear to be so incapable and inadequate to carry on the faith."

### Leadership

The first area that gives me faith in our young people is that of leadership. It always encourages me each year to hear of numbers of young men who, having heard the call of Christ, have entered our theological colleges to train for the ministry. This continual flow of young people, even if we do consider it inadequate, gives evidence for my faith in the committal of young life to leadership.

Young people of our own congregations, if given some encouragement, often show amazing leadership. How often we say, when an older person steps down from a leadership position, that there is no one who can fill this position adequately. Quite often we find someone if we have taken the opportunity to screen our young people by presenting the challenge of leadership to them in some small way previously.

I think it is to the credit of many young people that they have risen to the occasion when leadership needs are

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presented. Some take on considerable tasks with little or no support or concern from adult church members. Let this be a challenge to adults. Find out what young leaders are doing for your sons and daughters, and be prepared to encourage and support them when the opportunity arises! Your general concern is needed.

### Enthusiasm

I think there is one quality which is amply demonstrated in our young people today. This is their enthusiasm. A young person can get most enthusiastic about a multitude of things, e.g., modern music, a beat-up car, a new friend, or a new idea for the youth group. Have you ever bothered to cultivate this enthusiasm and direct it with your mature thought?

Perhaps their ideas are a bit astray; well, straighten them, don't squash and condemn. Their enthusiasm, even in our church services, is something to be nurtured if we are to truly place our young people on a firm footing in church life. This enthusiasm has so much potential, let us not waste it.

What would happen to a lot of our church evening services if you took the young people out of them? Perhaps they come for reasons other than primarily worshipping God, but they come.

### Faith

The main thing that impresses me about many of our young people is their faith in God. Those who have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord show a freshness in their faith which is invigorating. Perhaps that faith lacks maturity, but many times I have seen a depth and sincerity in their commit-

ment which would shame many adult members of our congregations.

It may be upsetting that as we grow older we come into contact with theological ideas which, in many cases, cast doubts on our faith. Even though the straightening of our theological concepts must occur as we mature in the faith, it is still enticing to see the simple trusting faith of many of our young people. It is perhaps this type of faith that influences young people in the expression we see of leadership and enthusiasm for life and for God's work.

One thing above all that gives me faith in the future of the church of tomorrow is seeing our young people accept the challenge of Christ to discipleship. This assures me that Christ is not out of date, even if we think parts of church tradition and formality are.

These three regions — leadership, youthful enthusiasm and faith in God, are, I think, the main things that are right with our young people today. I don't think young people are much different today in these spheres from what they were 10 to 15 years ago. Perhaps emphases have changed in some ways.

Today young people are subjected to pressures that parents did not find so overpowering. Probably the most insidious of these today is the push of the sex symbols and the sociological changes surrounding this. Other important ones are affluence, less parental discipline, and the drive to hedonistic living. If older people try to understand what all this can and does do to your children then perhaps you will be a bit more understanding towards the attitudes that our young people form.

I still have faith in young people, in their abilities and potential to living up to the high calling of Jesus Christ, and faith in this generation to make the church of tomorrow.

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# RETURN TO CERTAINTY

BY G. K. MOYES

Millions of people now living, aren't. Life for them is cramped, fearful and overwhelming. Like the prodigal lost in some strange land, their joy is gone, their spirits are broken, their resources are depleted and they have no one to turn to.

Visiting a young farmer recently, I watched him back his tractor with a rear-mounted slasher onto a hilly spur. The bracken fell beneath the tractor until suddenly the tractor slid backwards into a deep depression. On one side of the tractor was a steep gully, on the other a large log, and he could drive neither forwards nor backwards. "I've got no-where to turn," he said as he looked at his impossible situation.

His predicament was that of many people who slide into deep depression with fearful ravines on the one side, and immovable problems on the other, and they have no-where to turn.

There are times when we all come to the end of our tether without knowing where to turn. The Bible has a word for times like that. In John 6: 66-69, we have an account of many disciples leaving Jesus. Jesus asked the other disciples if they would also leave him? Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

### Many Desert Christ

"After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him" (v. 66). These people were believers, disciples who had followed Jesus, but who had now turned from him. There had been a deterioration in their faith and they had wilted because the way had become hard. There had been defection from the ranks because it looked like costing them too much. For these same reasons today, men still desert Christ.

The statistics of the church reveal this. "The Australian Christian" (12/2/66) reported that seven out of ten Church of England members confirmed in England are lost to the church each year. England's Methodist Church was losing members at a rate of 10,000 per year. In the past 10 years, the numbers in the Anglican ministry had declined 27 per cent, and in the past 30 years the Methodist lay-ministry had declined by 40 per cent.

Here, in Victoria, we have won for Christ 26,600 people in the past 35 years, but we have also lost in the same period, 26,400! Each year in our Victorian-Tasmanian Conference we read of an average loss of 1,450 people, one person

Mr. Moyes has just commenced a ministry at Cheltenham, Vic. This sermon was preached there on Feb. 13.

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in every eight members! For many reasons people still turn from Christ and no longer go about with him.

In a recent W.C.C. evangelistic survey it was said, "Christianity throughout the world is facing a crisis as great as any which has come upon it in the course of history. Large numbers of people in both East and West are convinced that modern man has outgrown religion altogether."

A new kind of secularism is developing which considers the Christian faith is outdated and irrelevant. Many consider this attitude a kind of liberation. Some put their hope in science. Others simply accept what they call the absurdities of life, and many are lost in meaninglessness and degradation. "Many are lost!"

### Some Remain Uncertain

Comes the wistful voice of Jesus, "Will you also go away?" (v. 67). He is concerned for you, for he knows that outside of him you have nowhere to go; outside of his friendship you have no one to turn to. In our uncertainty we look in many directions.

We have sought to hear the voice of the scholar. The last generation said that education would solve man's problems, that the sooner we were educated, the sooner would we find peace in our hearts and heaven on earth. Yet our growing knowledge has only increased our problems and our advanced abilities have only made our difficulties more complex and death more certain.

We have sought to hear the voice of the scientist. In this past quarter century the universal hero has been the scientist whose genius has put man into space, put T.V. cameras on the moon, but who has helped to put the fear of nuclear extinction into the hearts of men.

As T. S. Elliot has said: "The endless cycle of idea and action Endless invention, endless experience,

Brings us knowledge of motion, but not of stillness, Knowledge of speech, but not of silence,

Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word. All our knowledge brings us nearer our ignorance,

And all our ignorance brings us nearer to death, But nearness to death, no nearer to God.

Where is the Life we have lost in living?"

This uncertainty is seen among some of our ministers. One of our most respected older scholars recently said to me:

"Never in my experience have I known a time of so much searching and uncertainty among our younger ministers as now."

This uncertainty is seen among some of our church members. Glen S. Brown, in his Conference address in 1963, in the Melbourne Town Hall, told of a disillusioned Christian convert from India who toured churches in the United States. He had expected to find Christian people having a richer, more mature and a more zealous faith than the little church which was struggling for its very existence in India.

It would have been disillusioning enough if he had found simply a weaker faith. What he had heard from the lips of the American Christians shocked him. Everywhere he went he was repeatedly asked, "Do you think Christianity has anything to offer that is really better than what you can find in Hinduism?" "Whatever else this question means, it indicates widespread uncertainty concerning the validity of Christianity's claim to uniqueness."

"Will you also go away?" asks Jesus of minister and member, for there are still some who are uncertain.

### A Few Know Where to Turn

Peter represents these people as he asks, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life, and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." Peter was certain where he was to turn.

Jesus earlier (John 5: 25) had described those who were uncertain and unsure as being spiritually dead. With great sureness he promised that the dead would hear a voice that would wake them to life. But whose voice? The voice of the scholar? The voice of the scientist? Our Lord said, "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live."

Here is the promise for those who are uncertain. And it is a promise that can be claimed immediately. For he emphasised, "The time is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live." Peter and the few who knew where to turn when they heard that voice found Life. "We have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Note the progression. "We have believed," for they started in faith, "and we have come to know," for believing led to knowledge, "that you are the Holy One of God," and this knowledge of the Son of God brought them Eternal Life.

Millions of people now living, aren't. Many don't know where to turn. If you are hemmed in, frustrated, tired of life, unable to take it any more, fed up with as much as you can stand, and straining at the end of your tether, knowing that at any moment your nerve will break, here is the Word of God for you!

Like the lost prodigal in the far country listening for the still small voice, and saying, "I will arise and go unto my father." If you have nowhere to go, go to him. If you have no one to turn to, turn to him. "Will you also go away?" "To whom shall we go? You, Lord, you, Lord alone, have the words of Eternal Life!"

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Eric Lester, South Perth, W.A.  
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## ENGAGEMENTS

**COLE-PENG.** — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, 60 Adderton-rd., Carlingford, N.S.W., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their twin daughter Gwenyth to Bruce, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peng, Formosa.

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## DEATHS

**BRAMSTEDT.** — On Feb. 26 (suddenly), Charles Alfred, beloved husband of Maude, father of Norman, Joyce, Muriel, Marjorie, Audrey, Phyll, Bill and Russell. Aged 82 years.

**HUNT, Harry William.** — On Feb. 5, passed peacefully away at his home, 11 First-ave., Mt. Lawley, West Aust., dearly loved husband of Kit, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. Gazzard), Olive, Nell and Wilma (Mrs. Humphrys), fond father-in-law of Ted and Ian, loved grandfather of Graham, Warren, Susan and Ross. "Lovingly remembered."

## IN MEMORIAM

**HANCOCK.** — In loving memory of our dear father, Frederick James, who passed away March 5, 1958. "In God's care."

**HARVEY, Charles.** — Loving memories of Dad, who passed away March 4, 1963. "To be with Christ, which is far better." —Inserted by his daughter, Gladys.

**LACY, James Gee.** — In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our loved father, called home Feb. 24, 1965; also in memory of our loved daughter and sister, Marjorie, passed away Sept. 7, 1961. "Not only today, but every day, in silence, we remember."

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## SPEAKER FROM CANADA

(Box Hill, Vic.). Guest speaker on Feb. 20 was Norman Wyman, on furlough from Canada, where he serves the Open Air Campaigner cause. . . . Ian Mullen has commenced training at the College for full-time Christian ministry. . . . John Mauchline back after many months in hospital. Doug. Wall, victim of a serious accident at work, now home from hospital. It is regretted that Mr. Sutherland has had to relinquish teaching owing to prolonged ill health. Mrs. Peters is still very ill. . . . The church is preparing for visitation and other participation in simultaneous mission to Box Hill, sponsored by the Inter-Church Council, from March 27-April 3.

## STUDENT WELCOMED

(Tootgarook, Vic.). A welcome social was held for M. Arnot, on Feb. 12, prior to commencing a student ministry on Feb. 13. . . . The church is saddened at the passing of B. A. Cochaud. His sterling Christian service will be remembered. He was a foundation member, former secretary and till time of death was a deacon. The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Cochaud. . . . An excellent address from Mrs. J. Phillips, of New Guinea, was given to the ladies' meeting.

## "THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

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## LADIES TO MORWELL

(Moreland, Vic.). The C.W.F. paid a visit to Morwell for luncheon and afternoon meeting. Mrs. I. Dickson was speaker. . . . Recent speakers have included A. Jenkins and G. Harman. . . . B.S. teachers held luncheon meeting on Feb. 20. . . . The Shea family have moved from district.

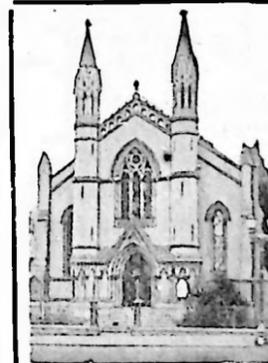
## VIC. - TAS. CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

(Melb.). For some years the Vic. C.W.F. Executive has graciously accepted the responsibility of providing hospitality for country and Tasmanian delegates and visitors to the Annual Vic.-Tas. Conference. For the 1966 Conference, to be held from Sunday, March 27 to Sunday, April 3, this splendid co-operation is again being given. Any who require hospitality in church homes for the Conference period are assured that the C.W.F. hospitality convener will be happy to make arrangements for them. Please contact, as soon as possible, Miss P. Ludbrook, 348 Whitehorse-rd., Balwyn, E.8. Phone 83-8639.

## ADDITIONS AT COLLINGWOOD

(Vic.). Five have been added to the church, two by faith and baptism, and three by transfer. A mother of two of our young folk confessed Christ as Lord on Feb. 20. . . . The minister, S. Wilkerson, has withdrawn his resignation after the members expressed their desire for his continued service. . . . Robert Street, a son of Harold Street, one of our ministers, is now the church organist. Attendances at Sunday meetings have been at an all-time high for many a year, and auxiliaries are well supported. . . . 14 Good Companions now meet on Saturday afternoons. . . . C.W.F. office-bearers are now: pres., Mrs. Benning; vice-pres., Mrs. Boyd; sec., Mrs. Haylock, and treas., Mrs. Wilkerson. . . . Sympathy is extended to the Wilkerson family in the home call of Mr. H. Wilkerson, senr. . . . Lanice Boyd topped the class in her nursing examinations. . . . Beverly Baker gave a testimony at the Y.F.C. Rally in the Melb. Town Hall.

**BALWYN.** Annual prizegiving brought many parents and added interest to work of S.S. Teacher dedication service led by elder Len Warmbrunn, followed, with guest speaker, Kevin Heath, B.A., school chaplain. . . . Church members entertained Balwyn Evergreen Club Elderly Citizens with P.S.A. . . . C.W.F. entertained inmates of Christian Guest Home.



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## OBITUARY

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That where there is doubt — I may bring faith,  
That where there is despair — I may bring hope,  
That where there are shadows — I may bring thy light,  
That where there is sadness — I may bring joy.

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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I hate to see them close. They were always SO considerate about soft-pedaling the mention of money."

### W.C.C. ON VIETNAM

(Geneva). The Central Committee of World Council of Churches today (Feb. 16) called for a stop to the fighting in Vietnam as "the most effective step" towards negotiation, and outlined a ten-point programme designed to bring the combatants to the conference table.

The policy-making Committee in annual session here, representing 214 churches in more than 80 nations advocated, among the ten points, another cease-fire, with a "cooling off period" adequate to test possibilities of negotiation, with a "considerably enlarged unit of International Control Commission (India, Canada and Poland) to ensure that cease-fire commitments are honoured."

It further called for a stop to bombing of the North, and to military infiltration by the North of the South. It urged the U.S.A. to announce its commitment to a withdrawal of its troops "phrased in accordance with provisions for peace-keeping machinery under international auspices," and said all parties should recognise the necessity of accord-ing a place in negotiations both to the South Vietnamese government and the National Liberation Front (Vietcong).

The Committee document noted the "continuing attention" given to Vietnam by the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. which, it said, "reflected widespread questioning of the wisdom and rightness of the U.S. government's present policy."

The Committee said that continued conflict is too costly for either side. For the U.S.A., and its allies, it will result in the increase of bitter racial and other resentments against it, and for the Vietnamese it means they are faced with the vast destruction of their people and resources.—E.P.S.

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# OPEN FORUM

We invite correspondence, but ask that letters be brief. If they exceed 250 words, the Editor reserves the right to reduce or reject. "Let thy words be few" (Ecc. 5: 2).

## FORCE IN RHODESIA.

To the Editor,  
Again it is necessary to challenge what seems an unchristian evidence of racist prejudice in the letter of John J. Alderson, "A.C." Feb. 19. My opposition to the use of force in Rhodesia, "A.C." Feb. 12, was to its use in any circumstances.

Your correspondent seems to infer support for the use of force if "blacks" are at the wrong end of the gun. Does this mean that he supports the moral right of 270,000 whites to "enslave" (without the exclamation mark, please), more than four million Africans?

If I correctly understand the exclamation mark, it surely indicates your correspondent overlooks much of the history of the cruel exploitation of the Africans through many generations past, and still continuing in many parts.

Although not from the same viewpoint, I agree with his second paragraph condemning the quick change of British policy. There was complacency about the condition of the "blacks" before the white revolution, which changed to a propaganda defence of same after the revolution. And, of course, we can agree that the main motive behind the Rhodesian education is the economic one.

But the last paragraph of the letter infers evidence that your correspondent has also overlooked much past history, and current activities, involving British policy, and others. Scarcely one of the "black" leaders with "unpronounceable" names (what an unworthy implication is shown in that remark) developed freedom for their people without stern struggle against many years of physical force applied by colonial power.

When will we Christian people acclaim, and show, to the coloured races that we have no part in the political and economic forces that deny them equality with ourselves, which they enjoy in the sight of our God?

—L. O. Collyer, Vic.

## FRATERNISING.

To the Editor,  
D. H. Paddon, of N.S.W., seems to be finding some difficulty in sharing fellowship with his own local ministers, and uses this disappointment in his area as a reason why we should shun our movement towards the Uniting Church

of Australia. I would, therefore, point out to Mr. Paddon that in the World Convention of Churches of Christ we are united with a wide variety of Christians with a variety of practices.

I fail to see where "total abstinence" comes into sharing Christian fellowship with my fellow ministers. Surely we must recognise that the marks of true Christianity are evident in a person, according to the extent of the man's Christian love, whether he drinks, smokes, dances, or plays some of the silly games we play at socials.

We have a very strong Ministers' Fraternal at Boondall-Zillmere. In this fraternal we have all denominations (except S.D.A., J.W., Mormons, and the like). On one occasion we enjoyed a wonderful debate on Evangelism, with a Franciscan. The Anglican curate and myself are working together in amongst young people on the streets, and the Salvation Army officer has had us both give our testimony to her young people. The Lutheran minister is helping the Assembly of God minister to ride to school, whereas he used to walk. I drive the Presbyterian deaconess around her four classes each Tuesday.

Perhaps Mr. Paddon should continue his attempts to form a local fraternal based on true Christian fellowship. Christian relationships go deeper than what is worn, swallowed or inhaled. Our depth of Christianity should be anchored in the depths of experience in Christ, which can be shared with our fellow clergy of all denominations.

—Ron Holt, Boondall-Zillmere, Qld.

## CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS.

To the Editor,  
I congratulate Keith Skillicorn on his recent article, "That They All May Be One," in "A.C." Feb. 12.

How we love to label people, and how we love to see ourselves as part of a group! It is probably the herd instinct coming out.

"I am a Conservative," or "I am a Liberal," you will often hear people say, with a touch of pride in their voice, and it is those same people who rejoice in placing somebody else in the same group as themselves, or in the opposite camp.

It doesn't matter a lot to me whether a person is one or the other; it only matters what he is as an individual. It

is best summed up in the statement of Ralph Waldo Emerson, when he said, "I can't hear what you are saying because what you are shouts so loudly."

But do not misunderstand me. I am not saying that a person should not have beliefs, whether they be Liberal or Conservative. By all means believe in something, but allow the other person the same rights without condemning him for believing in something that might be opposite to the views that you hold.

Among the most unlovely people in this world are religious bigots, and every church has their share of them!

For my part I have found some of the loveliest people within both schools of thought, and I am sure that these people would find a common ground which would be beyond theological differences. After all, God looks upon the heart of a person, and not upon the mind.

The cardinal test, after all, is our ability to "get along with" our fellow man, and a person with bigotry in his mind will have trouble having love in his heart.

—Donald Jefferies, Qld.

## ADULT COUNSELLORS' PROGRAMMES

(Melb.). A series of three Adult Counsellor Fellowship meetings have been planned for 1966. The first will be held on March 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harman, 27 Collins-st., West Preston. The speaker will be Rev. B. Silverwood, on the subject "War, Conscription and Our Teenagers." Valuable assistance will be given to counsellors for their discussion and guidance activities. An Asian supper will be served. Further information may be obtained from B. Sercombe, phone 89-7071 (Melb.).

## STRONG LINK BROKEN

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The first Brigade parade for 1966, on Feb. 20, was well attended. It was the last occasion Mr. and Mrs. George Glazier and family met with the church, prior to leaving for Bega. Mr. Glazier led the song service and was the guest soloist. His leaving the Hornsby church breaks a link of service and fellowship which goes back to the time his name was placed on the Cradle Roll. He will be greatly missed, but Bega will gain much.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# PEOPLE AND PLANS

### RETURNING TO NEW GUINEA.

It is expected that Miss Jennifer Smith will leave Sydney on March 1 for New Guinea. She returned to Australia in June, 1964, for medical treatment. As she was unable to return to New Guinea during 1965, Jennifer spent the year studying at the Woolwich Bible College. A telegram recently received from New Guinea advised that the airstrip at Chungribu was flooded, and would not be open for planes until Feb. 24, at the earliest. In 1964 the airstrip was closed due to flooding for several weeks. Miss Smith's departure for New Guinea may be delayed if the floodwaters do not subside.

### PATERNOSTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NEW GUINEA.

It was a pleasant surprise for John Bolton, our building supervisor, on returning to New Guinea to see the progress made in the erection of the Paternoster Memorial Hospital at Bunapas during his furlough. The work party from Victoria, L. Springbett, a voluntary worker from South Australia, and Graeme Sonsie, were responsible for the work achieved.

In forwarding a report, Mr. Bolton said that the out-patients' block was completed except for outside plumbing, building of cupboards and shelving and all internal painting and internal fittings. This is an 80 ft. x 30 ft. building. The general ward, which is also an 80 ft. x 30 ft. building, has advanced as far as assembling the steel frame and nailing the roof.

Before Mr. Bolton left for furlough the midwifery ward was completed, as well as staff houses and other out-buildings. The amount expended in erecting the hospital so far is \$17,177, and receipts for this purpose total \$17,360, leaving a credit of \$183. Any gifts forwarded for the erection of the hospital and schools in New Guinea are allowable Income Tax deductions. When forwarding a remittance for this purpose please request that the correct receipt is issued which will enable you to make a claim on your taxation return.

### GRAEME AND BETTY SONISIE IN ADELAIDE.

These missionaries from New Guinea will spend 1966 in Adelaide. Graeme will study at Saltash College and the Trades School. They are staying at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. Heaysman. The Heaysman's have served with the Administration in New Guinea for a number of years, and before they returned to the Territory, last November, they advised the Overseas Mission Board that their home and car would be available for any missionaries on furlough during the next two years. This generous offer is deeply appreciated. During January and February the Eagling family, from the New Hebrides, occupied this home. The Sonsie's address is 7 St. Thomas-st., Coromandel Valley, South Aust.

### BEVERLEY ASTBURY IN CANADA.

Sister Beverley Astbury, who served with our mission in the New Hebrides from October, 1964, until January this year, is now living in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Beverley left Vila by plane on Jan. 19. She is working in the surgical department of a 500-bed hospital. She served our mission well in the New Hebrides, and we pray for God's blessing upon her as she commences her work in Canada. She is staying with relatives, and her address is: 5 Manfor Apartments, 6230 Windcrest Terrace, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

### YOUTH CONFERENCE, NEW HEBRIDES.

A Youth Conference was held at Ranwadi on Pentecost Island from Jan. 17-21. Over 80 people boarded at the school—35 came from Aoba, 20 from Maewo, and 30 from distant villages on Pentecost. In addition, 20 people walked in from nearby villages each day. The Conference was a great success, and many were challenged to serve Christ more faithfully. There were 20 rededications.

### THIRTY-FOUR BAPTISMS.

Thirty-four people were baptized in the New Hebrides on Christmas Day.

25 on Aoba and nine on Pentecost. At the end of January two more people were baptized on Pentecost. We praise God for those who have come to Christ.

### Miss HAZEL SKUCE HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Miss Hazel Skuce arrived in Melbourne on Feb. 27, after completing another term of service in India. During this term Miss Skuce commenced the Bible Correspondence Course, which now has students enrolled from all parts of India and Malaysia. Miss Skuce will attend the Missionary Convention in Adelaide on April 2, but other than this will not be available for deputation work until May.

Arrangements are made for her to be in West Aust. from May 1-June 15; South Aust. from June 20-July 31; and Victoria during August.

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Be loyal to your chosen mate;  
Steal nothing, neither small nor great.  
Keep to the truth in work and deed;  
And rid your mind of selfish greed.

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"My goodness, you're pretty dirty, aren't you?"

"Yes, Miss Jones," replied the little one, coyly, "but I'm prettier clean."