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THE DAYS OF OUR YEAR

1966 was the year of the individual — the focus on personalities. Perhaps this has been true of every year since those who appear on the front pages of our newspapers do so in a representative capacity. They are chosen as the representatives of crime, vice, beauty, wealth, skill, tragedy, power and, very rarely, goodness.

When news is printed about the masses we react statistically, but when an individual is set before us we see him emotionally. When a couple of thousand Indians die of starvation we note that this concerns a lot of people, but if one child in our city is starved or ill-treated there is an almost irresistible motivation for action. When the citizens are told that there are hundreds of pensioners in need, not much happens, but show a picture of old Fred in his cracked and leaking hovel, and the money of compassion comes rolling in. Given the news of a village in Vietnam burned with napalm the mind registers an objection, but show a photo of one little burned body and our hearts are sick with horror.

There were so many individuals on our front pages in 1966 that our emotional responses were working overtime: hating, loving, laughing, crying, fearing, exulting, and feeling compassion. These few comments are not a review of 1966 — they are simply a reminder of some of the people and events on page 1.

The year began with a B-grade suspense movie come to life in the Ryan-Walker escapade of terror in the streets. At the year's end the fate of Ryan, under sentence of death, was still to be decided by the politicians. The disappearance of the three Beaumont children in Adelaide was not only a family tragedy, it had all the ingredients of a permanent classic mystery. As the year closed a clairvoyant came from Holland to solve the case, and his failure brought a new wave of sympathy for the family which has to live with its sorrow.

Among the visitors who came to see us, the top place on the front page must be given to President Lyndon B. Johnson, whose coming far exceeded even the most fantastic anticipations of drama and excitement. His presence was a reminder that eventually all of the problems of the world will have to be evaluated in personal terms. L.B.J. was so much the top visitor that it is fair to say that very few of us even remember that Mr. Humphrey, the Vice-President of the U.S.A., came to see us in February.

We have not, of course, forgotten Prince Charles. He was very big news. He spent a couple of terms at Geelong Grammar and received royal and exaggerated publicity until Timbertop enabled him to enter the sheltered life of an abnormal schoolboy.

The stepping down of Sir Robert Menzies marked a political milestone, but before the year was done the nation showed that the party founded by Sir Robert could do even better without him. His successor, Mr. Harold Holt, seemed set for a long period of office.

The experiences of the opposition were not nearly so pleasant. Mr. Calwell survived an assassination attempt in June, only to be devastated at the polls in November. A. A. Calwell probably led his party for the last time. It was sad to see a man of such integrity rebuffed so strongly. His strongest convictions were not shared by the people. He was enthusiastic and determined, he was forceful and interesting in debate. But his cause was lost early and the people made it clear that they wanted neither Calwell nor a left-wing Labor Party to govern.

Another chapter in the unfolding story of the Sydney Opera House was opened when Jan Utzon departed. It was his dream to spread more white sails at the edge of one of the world's most beautiful harbours. It is not clear whether he left or was pushed, but there is no doubt that the principal opera house star was gone, although the show still goes on. Also, in the field of construction in 1966, the last shot was fired in the last tunnel of the gigantic Snowy River scheme.

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"And Jesus, answering, saith unto them, have faith in God."

—Mark 11: 22.

INVITATION TO FAITH



These words were spoken not as a command, but as an invitation in the truest sense of that word — and as an invitation it ranks with other great invitations of the Bible, such as: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Dr. F. B. Meyer once said, "I remember so well Hudson Taylor coming to my church the first time I ever met him. He stepped on to the platform and opened the Bible for the address, and said, 'Friends, I will give you the motto of my life.' He turned to our text, Mark 11: 22, saying, 'Have faith in God.'" That same Hudson Taylor comes down to us today known as "The man who believed in God."

Whatever we may call it, it is a great positive word that has gone around the world since the moment our Lord uttered it — to combat sorrow, trial, hopelessness, despair — encouraging and inviting faith in God.

A little girl who had been to Sunday School, where she had come into possession of a card with the text, "Have faith in God," going home on a bus, was involved in an accident, and was parted from her text. In consternation she cried, "I've lost my faith in God." Many people need today to get back their faith in God.

When the ship that was taking Paul to Rome got into difficulties, he was the one man who kept his head. His personality stood out like a great rock amid drifting tempest, imperturbable. It was he who saved the ship's company from disaster. His secret was that his own spirit was rooted in God. "Sirs," he said, "be of good cheer, because I believe in God." He had a peace which makes a man free from panic, and gives a courage that does not fear.

That kind of courage is the only kind which can really help others, for it springs from an inner peace. The root of peace, and the wisdom of courage that comes from it, is to have

faith in God, and it is to this faith that our Lord invites us now — saying, "Have faith in God."

1. An Invitation to Have Faith in God's Power

There is an epidemic of ambiguity and scepticism in many places today. Standing firm in the faith has given place to sitting loose. It is not fashionable to have firm beliefs about God. We are encouraged to stand around waiting for God, or trying to locate him. Our simple image of our Father is being replaced by the "ground of being," and much of the doctrinal

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structure of the Bible is being thrown overboard as luggage not wanted on the voyage.

The church, we are told, must abandon the supernatural and express itself in thoroughly secular terms. In other words, we live in a power age, whatever else this age may be called — electronic power, atomic power, nuclear power, jet power, and now cosmic power. We look up into the sky and see the cosmonaut stepping out of his craft in space, and actually walking twice around the globe in 2½ hours. He splashes back into the Pacific, safe and sound, and we say we have our "superman"! In plain words, we live in an age of man-power.

One morning a few months ago, in San Francisco, I read in a journal published daily, during the course of proceedings of an Electronics Conference at Cow Palace, just outside the city, an astonishing claim, "that one million new scientific discoveries were made every year." The journal was an American Aviation publication called "Missile Space Daily."

Do not think that each discovery that is unlocking the secret doors of this universe, and seeming to give more

power to man, is weakening God's power. On the contrary. Each new discovery is unveiling the greater glories of his power, and uncovering more and more of his vast and infinite wisdom. "In the beginning God"; that is still the order of it all. That is where all science is leading us. God is the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I invite you, therefore, in the words of our text, to have faith in God's power.

2. Have Faith in God's Providence

Today, this means, "God with us," and "ahead of us," in everything. Men are asking today, "Where have I come from?" "Why am I here?" "Where am I going?" God has not let us adrift. There is a kindly over-ruling providence. It is not fate which shapes our ends. The providence of God is the most comforting word in the Bible.

We walk by faith, and not by sight, and faith in God's providence is the warmth of belief, in loving protection and personal guidance. It gives the individual a feeling of transcendent security in the midst of necessities of nature and history. It sets a meaning to life when an individual can say, "I know not what will happen, but I am ready for anything that may happen." It is the conviction that within his personal relationship with God — God will protect and provide.

She was only a tiny girl, unused to travelling, and it happened that in the course of the day her train was obliged to cross two branches of a river and several wide streams. The water, seen in advance, always awakened fears and doubts in the child. She did not understand how it could be safely crossed. As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared and furnished a way over. Two or three times the same thing happened, and finally, the child leaned back with a long breath of confidence and relief. "Somebody has put bridges for us all the way," she

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Sermon preached at Cheltenham, Vic., by the Past President, Fed. Conf.

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said, in trusting content. And that is how we find it in life. God has built bridges for us all the way.

Unless providence is a vital doctrine in history and in your individual life, you will see nothing but chaos, for we live in a world where not everything is predetermined. But providence is a permanent activity of God. This is the providence that comes to us in our daily lives.

To put it in its simplest terms, it means that, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his will." As Archbishop Trench used to say, "Thou earnest not to thy place by accident. It is the very place God meant for thee." Hear, too, these words of Frances Ridley Havergal:

"Ask not how, but trust him still;
Ask not when, but wait his will;
Simply on his word rely,
God shall all your need supply."

3. Have Faith in God's Purposes

"God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

I wonder if you have ever looked at the First Epistle of Peter, chapter one, which leads you into what might be called a "great symphony." After there sounds forth the great word about our being "redeemed not with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ," there are these powerful words,

"That your faith might be in God."

The gospel of Christ is not a set of doctrines. It is a story — of big events that happened in Palestine nearly 2,000 years ago. It is told by those who had first-hand experience of the things they related about Jesus — how he lived, died, and rose again. As they saw those events and felt the power of Christ in their own hearts, there was only one way of explaining them. It was nothing less than this — that God had come to the world in Christ, revealing himself, showing us his true nature, offering us his friendship. But more than that, it is God's mighty act in Christ for us men and for our salvation.

It is on that story that our faith in God and in his purposes depend. "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." God's provision for our redemption and life everlasting is the great argument for faith in the purposes of God, as we see it in First Peter. We need this faith in preaching, that people's faith may rest not in our witness, "but in the power of God," as the apostle says.

If there is nothing beyond this life then there is very little in it. Its bliss is so brief and so brittle at best, so poor and so soon over. And if there is nothing ahead of us but oblivion, if life is just a pilgrimage to nowhere, then indeed life is "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

But there is something — let us rather say someone — ahead of us. There is an eternal Christ and the great good news of the gospel is that we can come into living touch with him — such are the purposes of God.

In the Churches of Christ we must toil on in the framework of the church, building up the church — in unity — and

in the bond of peace — making strong and effective her work and witness, as being within the purposes of God. The redemption of mankind is the purpose of God, and the church is enthused with the preaching of this gospel.

Many are troubled in these days of human uncertainty and upheaval, because God seems so far away, so little in evidence in the turmoil of our revolutionary world. But I believe that if we hold on to our faith in God's purposes the time is coming when we shall look back at these troublesome times, as times when God was most active in human affairs.

In our Christian life there is a beginning, a continuing and an ending. By the grace of God, let us see to it that once we have begun, that we do not stay in the same place, but that we walk with such faith in God that, in the end, we may reach the goal which is to be "forever with the Lord."

So, "The just shall live by faith." These words are quoted three times in Scripture. They are not Paul's own words. They were given to Habbakuk, and he little thought that they would be a most powerful force in history. They bore fruit, however, 600 years later in the life of Paul, and 1,500 years later in the life of Martin Luther, and through him, in the history of the world ever after.

As in our personal lives then, so in national and international developments, God works out his purposes — purposes which though often impeded by temporary setbacks, cannot ultimately suffer defeat.

The invitation of our Lord goes forth today — with all the relevance and meaning it had when first it was spoken, "Have faith in God," in God's power, in God's providence, and in God's purposes.

for her, so the mother's sister was obliged to take the child. Her husband said the father should pay for her keep, but he refused, and so the poor little mite has been given what was left after their own children had eaten their fill. She, with the foster-parents, is now here at hospital, and is one of eight children receiving a complementary diet.

I have loved helping Helen Jacobs with the women's meetings. Most of the women are illiterate, and are more or less just another of their husband's possessions. They have been "something nothing" for so long, and not having the opportunity to think for themselves, response to the gospel usually comes after, or at the same time as their husbands become Christians. We have a short devotional time, with usually an illustrated talk, followed by hand sewing.

We had our annual church meeting here last night, and it was reported that the membership of the Tung-Bunapas circuit is now 27 (including missionaries). The baptismal services are very impressive, and a real witness to those round about. They are held in a section of the Ramu River, which has been fenced off to protect from crocodiles. The area is always nicely decorated with palm branches and bright orange colored pods and other things from the bush.

• CALL FROM INDIA

"TELL US ANOTHER STORY!"

This was the message handed up to me on a cracked slate, written in barely legible Hindi. The writer was Hira, which literally means "Diamond," and this potentially precious gem of a lad is one of twelve who attend our thrice-weekly night school for literacy instruction.

Although these classes bite heavily into a busy schedule comprising Bible School, General Medical and Leprosy programmes, they nevertheless present a terrific challenge, for all twelve lads, whose ages range from 12 to 20 years, are from several non-Christian communities, and, along with Ruth's equally promising sewing group, have given us yet another foothold for Christ in this extremely backward village of Nawadih. The spirit of enquiry could be the beginnings of a new move forward and as such we need to be very cautious concerning our witness.

To Judge or Not to Judge

Some of the church problems we face today can be traced back to the beginnings of our witness in this hitherto unevangelised Sarguja District. In these days, the popular song amongst the Uraon enquirers was "Billi Mangar" (the Light has dawned since Jesus has come). Many of these tribal folk, some of whom today seem quite deluded about spiritual matters, could honestly say at the time, "We have seen the Light." But it is not enough to "see the Light" — at a distance.

In dealing with potential converts, extreme patience must be exercised, that the seeker may be able to approach close enough to the Light that in that light he (or she) may be

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able to see his own inner darkness and desperate need of a Saviour. Baptism symbolises the death and burial of the old man and the resurrection of the new (Rom. 6: 3-11). Only in his Light do we come to realise that without him we are as dead men, fit for the grave, ready for baptism.

Unfortunately, in its desire for "results," the church has often been guilty of terminating the seeker's progress towards that Light of the illuminating Christ; it has often failed to wait for his spontaneous confession of sin, and has told him, through hastily administered baptism, that he is "dead," before he has realised the fact in experience.

It is not for us to tell another that he is ready for the grave; we are not to judge (Matt. 7: 1). The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts of sin and judgment (John 16: 8), but he does it in a way that is all too often imperceptible for most of us. "The Father judges no one, but has given all authority and judgment to the Son" (John 5: 22), but Jesus emphatically refuses to judge in the manner generally conceived by our finite minds (John 12: 47). John also attests this fact of our Lord's ministry in 3: 17, where "krine" would better be translated "judge" rather than "condemn."

How then does judgment operate in relation to the sins of our day? The secret is revealed in a phrase in John 5: 27 — "because he is THE SON OF MAN," not "because he is the Son of God," although he is. Judgment is inherent in his Divine MANHOOD. It is the Word that judges (John 12: 48), not primarily the written or the oral word, for these bear true witness and are fully efficacious only as they are expressions of the Living Word, incarnate initially in Jesus Christ, and secondarily in the sanctified manhood and womanhood of every age, the "Living Epistles" of 2 Cor. 3: 2-6. In this sense we also share in Christ's ministry of judgment (1 Cor. 6: 2).

Contrary to many ideas of divine wrath and judgment, Jesus, like the Father, never "points the finger," but before his spotless manhood, we stand condemned until we surrender self. Such also must be the dynamic of our testimony.

Earn the Right to Be Frank

In all our avenues of witness I have stressed this point to our teachers, preachers and social workers, that while maintaining a fervent evangelistic zeal, we must never "force the issue"; we must never get in the Lord's way, for after all, he is the Evangel, we are only his ambassadors (2 Cor. 5: 18-20).

My beloved teacher, E. L. Williams, emphasised this point time and time again. "You must earn the right to be frank," he told us over-zealous student-preachers, and by that he meant that our verbal testimony must always be just one step behind the incarnate testimony — the spontaneous expression of the life of Christ himself in sanctified Christian living. He who has the Son, in all his spiritual content, has the morally authoritative testimony within himself (1 John 5: 10-12), and without our "pushing religion," out of our hearts will flow — quite naturally — rivers of living water (John 7: 38).

In our literacy classes, and in all aspects of our ministry, I have determined this very thing — never to get in the Lord's way, but rather just occasionally to make verbal mention of the things of the Spirit when the opportunity avails. Evangelistically "forcing the issue" is, as it were, to cast pearls before swine. The Lord incarnated himself only when the time was ripe (Gal. 4: 4), only when there was at least a minimum measure of receptivity, and this principle should also apply to our oral testimony.

After all, if, through the grace of Christ, we are in a right relationship with God and our fellow-men, then, without any conscious effort on our part there is a continuous outpouring of the life of Christ himself through our lives to other lives; this is the very essence of Communication. Preaching — "Kerugma." And so it is that, from time to time, along with instruction in literacy, village sanitation, agriculture and general knowledge, I have endeavoured to get across a little word for Jesus.

What a thrill it gives to see truth breaking through into minds that over the centuries have become insensitised by generations of poverty in body, mind and spirit, not to mention specifically the effects of habitual drinking of a variety of highly potent liquors. Not infrequently, the eyes of the lads bulge like organ stops as, for the first time, they see the value of contour ploughing, hear that the world is not really flat, and, wonder of all wonders — space-craft on the moon!

But this night was a thriller; it was not about such "trivial" things that the boys wanted to hear — it was about Jesus! I had been telling them simple gospel stories from a series of tracts that come monthly; these had greatly attracted their interest. "Tell us another story," is an appeal that could lead to great things here in Nawadih. In a literary sense, the boys are making much progress, and all can now read and write in some measure; one lad is on the sixth book in the Laubach series, and all this within a mere four months.

The Lord is with us, and we seek your prayers, that the tender lives of these twelve village herdsboys may be gently brought into the Light of Christ, and that in our leading, our voice may not be heard above that of the True Shepherd.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

TEN MONTHS IN NEW GUINEA

BY SISTER L. JOYCE.

The ten months that I have been here have passed quickly and eventfully. For the first few months I had the whole responsibility of the medical work at Tung, so was very glad when Jan Hunting returned from her furlough to take up the job again.

We have since moved the medical work to our new hospital at Bunapas. After the old bush timber buildings of Tung, the new hospital, with its cement floors, painted fibro walls, galvanized iron roof, 32-volt electricity plant, and various other amenities, seems to us, and the people here, the latest thing in civilisation, even if much of the equipment is what has been discarded by a hospital in Newcastle to make way for more modern equipment.

We are very thankful for this lovely building, and appreciate the efforts made by so many, both in Australia and here in New Guinea, to bring it about. It is not completely finished yet, a great effort has been made by John Bolton and his native workboys to finish the parts necessary for the commence-

ment of the work. When the whole building is completed an official opening will be held.

Not so much of my time is spent in the hospital, because I am doing the Infant Welfare work for this area now. This takes me away on patrols for 12 days each month, during which I travel over 160 miles on the river and walk about 40 miles through the jungle, and contact people from 47 different villages, most of which are Roman Catholic or Seventh Day Adventist controlled.

There are 1,114 children on the roll, and 30 ante-natal cases at present. I find some pathetic cases of malnutrition, which are often the result of laziness on the part of the parents, rather than lack of available food, or people having to care for the child of a deceased parent against their will. For instance, this week, when I was doing the Wasamabang Clinic, I found a two-year-old child who weighed only 12 pounds. She is unable to stand up, and sits in a slumped heap. Her mother died and her father was unable to care

HUNGRY CHRISTIANS

"I often set out to pray, but seem to end up saying prayers." "I can't seem to discipline myself." "Bed's so warm in the morning and I'm so tired at night, I'm afraid that I don't fit them in as often as I should." "With three young children it's awfully hard." "I've tried a dozen different devotional guides, but none of them seems to click." "I must admit we treat it a bit like one of the chores that must be done each day — like washing the dishes or something." "I'm on shift work and that makes it hard."

These comments on the subject of Private Devotions are typical of many people in the church today. When I was quite young in the faith I believed that all Christians set themselves a time for devotions, that they observed it religiously, and that they enjoyed it. I found it hard to muster the courage to confess that I had great difficulty in maintaining such a discipline.

When I did finally admit to my problem, I discovered that it was an issue which bothered not only me, but many others as well. It has since become obvious that a large percentage of Christians (perhaps a majority?) feel disheartened about this aspect of their lives. Far from being a source of strength, the devotional time has become a source of frustration to many well-meaning and devoted people. Why? Why should "Spiritual Food" (as we sometimes call it) become so indigestible and unpalatable to sincere, serving Christians?

Some Diagnoses

It could be that the diet is wrong. The devotional guide may not be the most suitable for the person using it. Some guides suit some people better than others. The diet could be at fault, but I am far from convinced that this is the seat of the trouble.

It could be that the time we choose for our personal devotions is not the best time. It could be. But again I am not convinced.

It could be that our "meal" is too hurried and it remains undigested — a situation which is bound to leave us uncomfortable! But this is a symptom rather than the cause of the trouble.

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It could be that we are not prepared to discipline ourselves to a daily routine, and there may be a measure of truth in that. But it is precisely among the well-disciplined folk that I discover the greatest frustration. The fact that the devotional period is treated as a duty militates against putting the best into it and getting the best out of it.

No Appetite

The common factor that is found among all those who are disillusioned is the lack of appetite. We realise that we should spend time with God; we realise that we should want to spend time with God, but the fact of the matter is that as much as we know we should want to, we still need to force ourselves. Instead of coming to this time as natur-

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ally and enthusiastically as a healthy, growing child comes to the meal table, devotions for us become a matter of will-power. As much as we would like to, we can't honestly say that devotional time is a time of "find or die" outreach to God. How then, can we develop an appetite?

One way is exercise! In the spiritual realm, as in the physical, hunger is related to exertion.

Exhaustion and Replenishment

The man in the street can manage his life reasonably well without Christ as long as he lives to himself. Because many Christians live to themselves they need little spiritual food until some crisis arises, then, finding themselves at the end of their tether, they discover that their private devotions have become more meaningful; they have exhausted their own spiritual reserves and God has replenished them.

It becomes apparent, in such circumstances, that man's extremity is God's opportunity, yet strangely enough we are likely to proceed to do our best to

avoid further extremities. We prefer to live in safety; we prefer to live to ourselves, and living to oneself is much less likely to lead to extremities than living for others. As long as a man lives to himself his communion with God can be kept to a minimum.

It is when a Christian carries a cross that he needs plenty of nourishing food to sustain him. And heaven forbid that we should think that the cross consists of taking a Sunday School class, attending prayer meetings, participating in visitation evangelism, doing the neighbour's washing when she is sick, fixing the neighbour's car when it breaks down, or doing good works ad infinitum. The Cross of Christ was not only a physically exhausting experience, it was spiritually exhausting. It was not only doing, it was being.

Emptied Through Effort

A young man found himself in the singular position of being able to help a middle-aged couple through their marriage problems. He was not in a position to dictate to these people or hand out advice; he could only work through the situation with them, he had to agonize with them, understand them, sympathise with them, become involved with them. Standing in the middle of the web of pride and half-truths, of hatred and envy; and endeavouring to perform a ministry of reconciliation, he found himself spiritually exhausted when he returned home after each visit.

"Prayer and meditation have never meant so much to me in all my life," he said, "It is at the end of my tether that I meet God." His personal devotions were now not only getting from God, but giving self to God. Paul Tournier says somewhere, "We are brothers in wretchedness and in blessing. One can only help others by giving them a bit of oneself." It is natural that when we do this, we begin to hunger.

Living an insular life does not make for spiritual hunger. If you are one of the many who find that they have little appetite for private devotions, ask yourself what spiritual exercise you are getting, if you are living the kind of life which makes the soul cry out for nourishment. And if you're not, try the Cross; it's heavy — but many have found it gives them an appetite!

• SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CHURCH IN FLOAT PARADE

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). A float representing the true meaning of Christmas was entered by the church in the annual Jaycee Christmas Parade in Murray Bridge . . . C.W.E.F. Christmas break-up had an international theme with focus on the customs of Holland and the Orient. Special project for the month was soft toys, to be given to various hospitals . . . C.W.F. break-up included various games and competitions. Mrs. M. Campbell sang Aust. Christmas carols, and a skit was performed by Mrs. Tuckwell and Mrs. J. Deed. K. H. Pitt led in devotions. Special project was food parcels for Social Services Christmas Cheer Appeal. . . . B.S. scholars raised \$15 for scriptures for India . . . Seven men attended Strathalbyn C.M.F. annual dinner . . . C.Y.F. travelled to Adelaide for film night. The C.Y.F. also held Country-Western break-up party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Klingbiel. Miss L. Hennig, pres., led in devotions.

STEWARDSHIP DISCUSSION

(Croydon, S.A.). More than 100 members took part in group discussion on Stewardship, and enjoyed fellowship at tea in church hall. There were two decisions for Christ at the gospel meeting . . . Bible School held successful anniversary. Speakers were D. Hutton, W. Philp, A. Griffiths, K. D. Horne and W. N. Bartlett . . . J.C.E. concluded year's programme with play, "God's Best Gift." Hall was decorated in colorful style, giving Hawaiian effect. Mr. Bartlett expressed congratulations to Society on behalf of 68 guests . . . Church had interstate tennis church parade on Jan. 1 . . . Our elder, D. J. Lawrie, is in Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

WAMPOONY'S BIRTHDAY

(S.A.). Church anniversary guest speaker was A. Leane (Naracoorte) who spoke to a packed church at afternoon service. Items were given by guest soloists, Mrs. D. Verco, Mrs. E. Wiese and B. Wills. After tea the service commenced with a sing song. Mr. Leane spoke on "Baptism," and the service was climaxed with the ordinance of baptism. . . . On Dec. 11, after the communion service, the Sunday School children presented a Christmas programme, including a play and cards. Gifts made by the pupils were given to their parents. At the end of the programme each child received a present from the Christmas tree. Party luncheon concluded the break-up.

PENSIONER GUESTS

(Ascot Park, S.A.). C.W.F. held Christmas meeting, to which the pensioners from the nearby flats were guests . . . Kindergarten held a Christmas party and trees . . . There was an after-church sing-a-long, led by R. Duffy, for the young people, and it was also the occasion to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Don McDonald before they left for England with their family. A presentation was made to them in appreciation of their work in the B.S., in the form of a spool of color film. They expect to be abroad on business for 12 months.

1967

WOMEN'S PROGRAMMES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Mrs. C. B. Reid, President, thanked 74 ladies at the December meeting. The devotional leader was Mrs. P. Armstrong (Past President). The Christmas theme, "The Walk of Joseph and Mary," was developed from Luke 2. The message in song by Mrs. George Smith, was "Because of Christmas Day."

The balance in hand was \$2,115. Budget, \$1,390.

Christmas Cheer for Welfare Centre, also Wooroloo and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals, was received.

The Prayer Committee and C.W.F.'s conducted Christmas services at the Christian Guest Home.

A welcome lunch for Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams, en route from the Indian Mission Field to Victoria, their home State, was held at South Perth church, Dec. 11.

Points for Prayer and Praise.

1. Accommodation needed for Aboriginal children who will be living in the metropolitan area during 1967.

2. For the staff of our Aborigine Mission Fields, as they take up new responsibilities, and especially for the new missionaries.

3. For the Bible class conducted by Mrs. J. A. Holloway at the Welfare Centre.

4. Thanks for young women who have claimed Christ as Saviour through contact of hospital visitors and "Karingal" Avenue of Service.

Foster homes needed at the weekends for girls from "Karingal" — ring Geo. Smith for further information.

Reminders.

1. Superintendents' reports and C.W.F. statistics to be sent to the secretary as soon as possible.

2. Missionary Convention will be held on March 18 at Bethesda Hospital.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION

(Forestville, S.A.). C.W.F. organised interesting Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition, including sewing, knitting, floral art, tapestry, crochet work, Christmas novelties, pottery, toys, stamps, Mecano and odds and ends. Mrs. W. R. C. Bell arranged a special display of craft work done by our Aboriginal children. Various people demonstrated how to do floral wire work, copper jewellery, cake decorating and Christmas decorations. Much interest was taken in the wool tapestry demonstration by one of our young men, who is working on a tapestry 15 ft. long, for a new Church of England. Standard of the oil paintings and art work was very good. The function raised \$40 for the Infirmary at the Christian Rest Home . . . Youth Club finished their year with 70 attending Barton Vale Swimming and Squash Centre . . . Combined gospel services were arranged with Black Forest Baptist church on Christmas and New Year's nights . . . Four Y.P. attended C.Y.F. Convention in Perth. The minister, N. Gavron, was principal speaker at a C.E. camp.

3. Contact, without delay, Mrs. L. W. Ladner, or Mr. T. Banks, re dates for the itineraries of Mrs. K. Ludgater during March, and Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode during April.—Dora Gordon, secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

(N.S.W.). As is the custom in December, the monthly meeting has a special Christmas feature, each year a different Fellowship being in charge.

Hurstville ladies presented a play concerning an average family who become frustrated over Christmas preparations because of lack of finance. The joy of Christmas was therefore lost to them as Christmas had become a burden. A Christmas visitor restores that joy by showing them the true meaning of Christmas. Solos were brought by Mrs. Souness.

This special feature was preceded by the business session conducted by our President, Mrs. Mackenzie. The prayer thought from the Prayer Committee was read. Intercessory prayer was given by Mrs. Rofe (Prayer Supt.), and special mention was made of the passing of Mrs. Nichols (the mother of Mrs. C. Cole).

Money for our Special Effort — College Stove — was received, over \$1,000 being received. Christmas hymns were sung throughout the meeting. 115 attended, representing 31 Fellowships. The theme of the meeting was "I can rejoice through Christ which strengtheneth me."

VICTORIA

The Christmas devotion, "God is Love," from the Federal C.W.F. Handbook, was presented to 126 delegates at the December Council meeting by members of the Evening Fellowship Committee.

Regret was expressed at the death of Mrs. George Mitchell, a former President, and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, and Will Newham were remembered in prayer.

Mrs. Betty Gillespie, the retiring treasurer, commended the new treasurer, Mrs. Allison, speaking of her ability and service. The President thanked Mrs. Gillespie for her years of devoted service.

Mrs. St. Aubyn outlined future plans of the Evening Fellowship Committee and presented the nominations for 1967 office bearers, which were approved. The October rally offering was \$864.79.

Camp dates for 1967 were announced: Missionary camps — Feb. 24-26;

Mar. 17-19.

Evening Fellowship — Aug. 18-20; Sept. 15-17.

Mrs. Win. Beale thanked everyone for the wonderful fellowship and for the use of Ludbrook House, and Mrs. Heard assured her of prayerful support as she returned to New Guinea.

The President thanked Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Wylie for the work they had done, and wished them well as they moved interstate.—F. Morris.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY — AND AFFLUENCE

(Chicago). "The ecumenical movement takes even more seriously than most of its critics the call to world-wide witness to Jesus Christ," Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary-elect of the World Council of Churches, told the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church meeting here, November 13.

The subject of Dr. Blake's address was "The Effect of Poverty and Affluence on the World Mission of the Churches."

Because the ecumenical movement is "essentially a biblically based movement," according to Dr. Blake, it has recognised from the beginning that evangelism is "the central activity of the Church."

He reminded his hearers that "the words we have to bring to all the world are not essentially words of exhortation but the words of revelation."

"The gospel is God's disclosure of himself in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Christians reject this good news, the Church has no real reason for its existence," said the W.C.C. leader.

Commenting on the "death of God" theology currently discussed in the secular press, Dr. Blake said: "If I understand correctly what some of this new school has been saying, namely that there never has been or is no more a transcendent God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, then I say such theology, if accepted, could mark the end of the Christian Church and not its renewal."

Turning to the effect of poverty and affluence on the world mission of the churches, he said: "The distortion caused by wealth and affluence is greater by far than even that caused by extreme poverty. Affluence in a world generally poor makes the rich afraid they will lose their comfort; it gives the rich a false sense of values, and a false sense of their own virtues."

"No hungry man, on the other hand, can listen to any gospel, other than that there is food that he and his family may eat."

"He cannot stand off and judge fairly what a wasteful, overweight rich man has to say even about Jesus Christ," said Dr. Blake.

This gulf between rich and poor — whether they be men or churches or nations — is so deep and wide "that God alone can bridge it," according to the speaker.

"We in the affluent part of the world can shout the gospel and even begin to live it out, but the poor cannot hear or see in us any true reflection of him who was rich and became poor for our sake."

Yet God can use "even us" to win men to Christ, noted Dr. Blake, "if we (in the affluent nations) have courage enough to risk our comfort to change the economic rules by which we are accustomed to live under which the rich are becoming richer and the poor poorer."

"Unless the American churches hear the voice of those angry young men who spoke to us (sometimes irresponsibly) at the World Conference on Church and Society in July, there is nothing that conservative evangelicals among us — even including Billy Graham and Carl Henry — can do to make the gospel heard," said the world church leader.

One of the chief services the World Council of Churches may be able to do for evangelism, according to Dr. Blake, "is to create a worldwide community of churches and Christians, rich and poor, who by the miracle of Christ will love each other enough to work and live and preach together in his name."

Acknowledging that the W.C.C. "is not yet fully such an instrument," he said: "It is our opportunity to let God through us make it become such a council and such an instrument."—E.P.S.

INTERSTATE NEWS . . .

NEW AREA CANVASSED

(Devonport, Tas.). The church has been intensively canvassing new housing area with a visiting team of missionary students from the W.E.C. Missionary Training College, St. Leonards, Launceston. The team has visited the Life Boys, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and conducted rallies, prayer sessions and Sunday services. Many young people have been counselled, some have made decisions and others have found deeper commitment. Each year teams of missionary students are made available for evangelistic outreach . . . Church was pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode, and little son, together with Miss Hazel Skuce, for a missionary rally. We were challenged by the consecration and devotion of these folk to the needs of the mission field.

TIME FOR REMEMBERING

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Ladies' Fellowship has donated toys for children at Special Hospital, Willowburn. Ladies' Fellowship visited Mt. Lofty Men's Home for Christmas service . . . Three young women baptized following confession of faith . . . New wing for Mylo Home being constructed.

OLD PEOPLE CONDUCT SERVICE

(Qld.). 11 members of the Aged People's Home, "Mylo House," were present at an evening service, and two, one a guest, and one of the staff, took part in the service. Percy Brock, the guest, read the scripture, Miss Carol Mellor, staff, sang "Let's Talk It Over," the Matron, Sister J. McCullagh, was present, and the chairman, N. E. S. Grenfell, presided. Guest speaker for the occasion was David Baker, Social Service Director.

ASSISTANCE AT BRIDGETOWN

(W.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Miellans have been welcomed into fellowship and Syd. has engaged in preaching here and at Manjimup. His wife, Dawn, has also helped by speaking to the children. . . . The C.W.F. ladies travelled to Klurup to Mrs. Quicke's place for their final meeting for the year. Christmas cheer was being sent to the Christian Centre in the form of money and groceries. The local hospital was also visited and cards and handkerchiefs distributed.

YEAR FOR EVANGELISM

(Grote-st., S.A.). Official Board has approved minister's plans for Special Evangelistic Emphasis in the coming year, with full programme to be presented to the church at a Loyalty Dinner . . . Mr. Mathieson, sec. of Prisoners' Aid Society, expressed thanks for donation of \$50, gifts of food for funds Christmas Cheer . . . Missionary Fellowship heard special report on progress at Carnarvon, and made special offering for Aborigines Mission . . . Church greets W. Maxwell, as church treasurer and expresses thanks to C. McDonald for services rendered in this position . . . Congratulations to the church organist, L. Hughes, as newly elected president of the Temperance Alliance.

"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?"

—WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

Every Christian has a duty to the community. This means every Christian, and it implies a Christ-like concern for individuals, for people — as well as for organisations and institutions. Too many folk are inclined to hide behind the organised body to which they profess to belong. The church, in general, as a whole, does this or that, but how many professing followers of Christ are merely "passengers"?

Someone has said that man is an institutional animal, and someone else has significantly remarked that the 20th century has seen the lessening of the influence of the individual and the reciprocal growth of the totalitarian "face-less" society which prostrates itself abjectly before the State as god. It

would seem that the days of the Roman Empire, with the cult of personality and the obligatory worship of the Emperor as god, are fast returning.

But whose fault is this? Why is it that in high places of governmental authority the influence of materialism prevails, and the message of Christ and the gospel is scarcely known or appreciated? Is not this very state of affairs due to the apathy of Christians, whose personal influence ought to be felt and known in all avenues of daily living, including the social and political spheres of corporate life?

In other words, have we not all failed our Master, have we not all failed to squarely answer the inevitable, persistent question: "Who is my neighbour?"

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

"LEAVE THE NATIVES AS THEY ARE"

To the Editor,

My brother Secundus knows it all. Our missionary box sparked him off. "I don't give to missions," he said. "I reckon it's best to leave the natives as they are. They are quite happy and contented before the missionaries get there. Why disturb them?"

He paused to let his wisdom sink into the thickened skull of his younger brother. But before he could go on, I said, "I once heard about a village boy who was poisoned, and hovered between life and death for days, and was sick for a year, all because of a family feud. Then his parents died and left him an orphan at the mercy of those who had tried to get rid of him. But the missionaries took him home and gave him both home and education. Do you think that he would have been better off left as he was?"

Secundus replied, "That's just a yarn missionaries tell to get mugs like you to part with their money!" I said, "But this boy was brilliant, so they sent him to university. After getting his degree he came to Australia for a theological education. He became a missionary himself, and now he is headmaster of a great school with over 1,000 children in it. As well as that, he is secretary of an Indian Christian Conference that runs a hospital and orphanages, and friendship centres, and a big programme of evangelism."

Brother Secundus still looked as though he didn't believe me. "I guess you know his name?" he said sarcastically. I said, "As a matter of fact I do . . . it's Waghmode. You can hear him up at our church on Wednesday."

Secundus doesn't subscribe to the "Australian Christian" either. He always picks up mine . . . to read the funnies!

TERTIUS.

• EDITORIAL — (continued)

Many people died, including the children of Aberfan, Dr. Henry Verwoerd, and Sydney Sparkes Orr. It was also rumoured that God was dead, but there was plenty of evidence at home and on the mission fields of the world to demonstrate that he is very much alive.

Two of the most important events of the year did not make the front page. One was a consideration of the church's role in modern society. This took place at Geneva in August. Then there was the World Congress of Evangelism at Berlin in October. Individuals were not featured at these assemblies in quite the same way as the front page highlights persons. But as the sole reason for these conferences was the value of the individual to both God and man, it could well be that the results of the conferences will affect what goes on to the front pages of the world's news in the future.

Dr. George McLeod, of Iona, urgently declares that "political concern should grow inevitably from the very nature of the gospel preached and the Bible interpreted . . . In industrial parishes the state of housing, the lack of playing fields, the economic plight of pensioners, Sunday work . . . all lead us into political issues . . . It is important not to pass them by as things incidental . . . So to pass by is merely to perpetuate the non-Biblical view of religion already too present in the mind of our people."

In this generation our "neighbours," to whom we owe Christian love and personal interest, are difficult to define or to determine. Yet, Jesus' concern for the outcasts of society, for the underprivileged, for the "publicans and sinners," and for the "man who fell among thieves" must still be our concern.

We are only Christian in the true sense of the word when Christ is actively reaching out, through our personalities, to those in need about us. And even though our neighbour be in Hong Kong or Carnarvon Mission, in Banmatmat or North Sydney, in Gympie or Glenelg — the challenge is just as imperative, just as vital, because it is the challenge of Christ himself.

"Which now . . . was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said: He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him: Go, and do thou likewise."

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;

Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,

Cords that were broken will vibrate once more."

But so often that "grace that restores" is CHRIST in YOU and IN ME. Today, in so many places of opportunity and spheres of influence the "loving hand" of the Master, that touches and comforts and heals, is none other than YOUR hand and MINE — as HE speaks and lives and acts IN US.

"GO," HE is saying, "and DO THOU LIKEWISE!"

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DEVELOPMENT AT FREMANTLE

(W.A.). Commencement has been made on extensions to the rear of the building to cater for expanding youth work. . . . Church profited from a Dec. Bible conference conducted by Dr. C. W. Slemming (England). His use of models made vivid the typological studies on "The Ark of the Covenant — Its Structure and Contents" . . . Virile J.C.E. has had over 80 children attending. Many juniors were present to sing at Youth Service, when 12 graduated to the I.C.E., and recognition was made of the services rendered by the leaders in both

THE CHURCH'S CROP

(Morawa, W.A.). C.W.F. final Friendship meeting for year took form of garden party at home of K. Wornes. Mrs. Wornes presented a challenging devotional. Ladies also took part in combined Christmas meeting in town which sought to put Christ into Christmas. Elders were ordained at special service. Film, "City of Bees," was screened at night service to a good congregation. Busy bee held to take off the church crop of wheat.

CONCERT WITH PURPOSE

(Southport, Qld.). C.Y.F. held a concert, at which \$21 was received and the proceeds went towards "buying a child." Some hilarious items were presented and thoroughly enjoyed. The C.W.F. enjoyed their breaking up picnic party, held at Point Danger . . . Ladies brought gifts which were given to inmates of "Greenhaven" at their Christmas party. . . . B.S. held their Christmas Tree. Interesting items were presented and each child received a gift from Santa before supper.

TAMWORTH EVANGELISM

(N.S.W.). At B.S. anniversary seven young people indicated their desire to claim Christ as Saviour. Speaker was K. Christensen, of Lismore. At church anniversary, five of our Aborigine Y.P. from W.A. featured in a "Christian Corroboree." Barry Benz was speaker. Ambassadors for Christ Aust. Director, A. Gardner, then conducted a series of studies and sermons over six days. I. Crawshaw, once a professional opera singer in N.Z., sang gospel songs . . . Mission Society films were screened in Dec. . . . R. N. Hawkins is interim minister.

ADDITION AT HAMPTON

(Vic.). One decision on Nov. 27. S.S. enjoyed picnic at Kalorama . . . 50 shared in progressive dinner on Nov. 19 . . . Ladies raised about \$800 for year, and gained two awards in a display at the opening of the new Community Hall.

"BORN A KING"

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). Special Christmas feature was the presentation of the cantata, "Born a King," by a local combined choir . . . Recent speakers were P. H. Morton, E. Oswald and J. Boswell. . . . Miss M. Riggall, a leader in the Girls' Brigade, has now qualified as a Lieutenant . . . D. A. Oldfield is the preacher of the church.

groups. A married couple, a young lady, and a girl confessed Christ following the address given by one of the J.C.E. leaders . . . Visiting speakers have included Alan Fletcher (New Guinea) and Bob Kingi (Maori evangelist working amongst our Aborigine people). They told of what following Christ involves for the people among whom they work. . . . Midweek Bible studies have been on Restoration Movement and the Uniting Church in Australia. Further study of these subjects is planned for the new year.

HELPING HANDS

(Taree, N.S.W.). While awaiting the coming of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wylie, in Feb., the church has appreciated the help of visiting ministers, C. J. Mackenzie, of Rockdale, R. J. Anderson, of Mayfield, F. Ewers, of Burwood, and P. E. Thomas, of Marrickville. Mr. Thomas also conducted two weddings. R. Whan, a third year student of the Woolwich Bible College, commenced a brief ministry in Dec.

AID FOR "MORIALTA"

(Lenswood, S.A.). The B.S. Christmas social included an offering in which \$14 was given for Morialta Children's Home. . . . The youth group went to Christmas in the Pines at Longwood . . . A. J. Ingham, the minister, has been re-engaged for a further year of service at Lenswood . . . Messrs. Rodgers and A. Frost, of Maylands, conducted a recent communion service.

MINISTERS

FAREWELLED

(Beverly Hills, N.S.W.). When J. Bacik, student minister, was farewelled, a presentation was made to Miss Pat James and him, and best wishes expressed for their marriage. G. Hopson will be the minister in the new year . . . All auxiliaries have co-operated in the raising of \$400 for Manse Fund . . . B.S. choir sang over 2CH's Sunday School of the Air . . . The C.Y.F. organised a successful concert to which all auxiliaries contributed . . . Several working bees have transformed the church grounds and alterations have been effected to the cottage . . . Miss Joan Walker has received her diploma in Hospital Administration from the Royal College of Nursing.

DEPARTURE OF MINISTER

(South Yarra, Vic.). R. L. Baxter completed his College course and has moved to Berri, S.A. An interesting feature of last year's ministry was the allotment of a flat in the nearby Housing Commission estate for use as a manse. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter left their rooms at the College and occupied the flat. Mr. Jackson, of W.A., will minister here this year. In the interim, preaching assistance has been given by Ran. Tippett, and Rev. Webber, Chaplain-elect of Wesley College.

BIBLE SOCIETY'S 150TH

The World President of the United Bible Societies, The Archbishop of York, Dr. Coggan, will visit Australia in March to share in the observance of the 150th Anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society's service in Australia.

To advance the work of the Society in scripture circulation, an appeal is being made for a Jubilee Fund of \$300,000 (Aust.) over and above the normal income.

ADDED AT HAMILTON

(N.S.W.). Ruth Carlin was recently baptized and received into fellowship. . . . End of year functions included the annual C.W.F. Christmas party, when the women of the church were guests. Kinders and their mothers were entertained around the Christmas Tree. The B.S. annual concert attracted a large number. Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser, of Georgetown, gave an illustrated address of their tour around Australia . . . David Brown is in fellowship again after recent illness.

SUPERINTENDENT FAREWELLED

(Rivervale, W.A.). John Sara has been accepted as a student at Kenmore Christian College, Qld., and he and his family were farewelled. Mr. Sara has given splendid service as B.S. supt. He has been succeeded by Perry Barnett . . . The most outstanding event of 1966 was the mission "Operation Go," and the church is greatly encouraged by the increase through discipleship and transfer. Ian M. Allsop is minister.

MINISTER FOR YOUNG CHURCH

(North Turrumurra, N.S.W.). Dec. 11 was a big day for this 16-month-old church. It marked the induction and commencement of the first full-time minister. Graham J. Warne previously the student minister, a graduate of Woolwich Bible College, was charged with the ministry of the church by C. G. Taylor (Chatswood), who had previously exercised oversight of the work. Mr. Wearne was recently married to Miss Jeanette Bullock, of Taree, and former Matron of Croydon Aged People's Home. A manse has been purchased at 34 Apps-ave. Turrumurra. While church is indebted to H.M. Dept for a capital loan in connection with the erection of the chapel, the ministry is being conducted without subsidy . . . The Sunday School is growing and the Girls' Brigade now numbers 29.

TO COMPLETE NINE YEARS

(Boronia, Vic.). It has been announced that our minister, J. Manallack, will complete his ministry with us in January, 1968, completing a nine-year term. . . . Next year the school hall will be used as a Kindergarten, and the local Shire Council has congratulated the Board on its decision . . . C. Ward addressed the church on the work of the Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism . . . A recent speaker was one of our members, S. Davey . . . One afternoon, 17 of the C.W.F. ladies met and prepared over 200 gifts for the hospital committee . . . In order to pay for the lining of the hall, the C.Y.F. ran a successful car trial and followed it up by a car wash service.

FRANK BEALE AT CHATSWOOD

(N.S.W.). Congregation greatly appreciated message of Frank Beale, pioneer of N.G. mission work . . . Special Christmas programme enjoyed at combined Dorcas - C.W.F. break-up, when offering was received for Social Service and Aborigine Mission. This occasion also afforded opportunity of saying farewell to Mrs. Peter Verco, sec. of Dorcas and C.W.E.F. The Verco family move to Taree early in new year . . . Members delighted that Dubois family have returned to settle in Chatswood area after almost two years in France . . . Presentations from Church, B.S. and C.Y.F. made to W. Whitton when he was farewelled as student minister . . . Sincere sympathy extended to relatives of late Mrs. Morris, especially her daughter, Mrs. O. Bloore, and sister (Mrs. Gigney) . . . Young lady made her decision and baptized at recent service . . . Mrs. Hazel Rushby is still in Royal North Shore Hospital, undergoing treatment.

BUDGET INCREASE

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). Our 1967 Budget has been accepted, representing 5 per cent over last year. C. Cole, Conf. Pres., was recent speaker . . . The senior ladies enjoyed a time of fellowship at a special Christmas afternoon, and each received a small gift . . . Our ladies presented the Christmas programme for the final meeting C.W.F. at City Temple. The Christian nurses from St. George's Hospital, including several of our young women, shared in a gospel service . . . Mrs. Main gave a challenging commentary, on slides, of her recent trip to India, at an after-church fellowship.

TARGET REACHED

(Carlton, Vic.). 1966 missionary appeal closed passing the target of \$3,000, thus making total given for missionary work over the past four years, \$13,000 . . . Church Christmas party attracted a large gathering to enjoy a varied programme.

NEW SECRETARY FOR INTER-CHURCH AID

Tasmanian Minister Appointed.

(Melb.). Bishop G. T. Sambell, Chairman of the Victorian Committee for Inter-Church Aid, announced that the Rev. Brian Walsh had been appointed Victorian Secretary for Inter-Church Aid. Mr. Walsh is at present part-time secretary of the Tasmanian Council of Churches and of the Tasmanian Inter-Church Aid Committee. This is in addition to his work as Presbyterian Minister of the New Town congregation in Hobart.

Mr. Walsh is 34, was trained at Ormond College, and has served the eight years of his ministry in Tasmania. He is married, with a young family of three children. His appointment will begin on Feb. 1, 1967. He will succeed the Rev. F. F. Byatt, O.B.E., who will work with Mr. Walsh until his retirement at the end of February.

BAPTISM AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). A young woman who recently obeyed her Lord in baptism has been welcomed into fellowship. Ian Berthelsen (Kenmore) was visitor to Inverell and shared news of the Qld. College . . . Combined women's break-up was held in the Anglican church. The C.W.F. Christmas party was held during the week . . . J.C.E. chose the baths for their tea and final meeting of the year, while the S.C.E. joined the Inter. and Church Youth Group in a hike and barbecue tea . . . Highlight of the year for the S.S. was the Christ-

mas Tree and arrival of "Santa." As in previous years, there were again two trees, one being to receive gifts for powdered milk for India . . . The Bible study group have decided to hold cottage meetings over the holiday period, when Mr. Hall will present tape recordings of various speakers, the first of which was a challenging message on the "Church in Korea," and of the way it is thriving under persecution . . . Monthly services held at Delungra have been most encouraging. 17 have been attending recent meetings.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SNODGRASS

News of the passing of Dr. Ray E. Snodgrass in U.S.A., on Nov. 28, saddened many of his Western Australian friends. Memories of the Snodgrass-Pollock mission in 1952 have remained with the Western brotherhood throughout the intervening years.

It was a major step for the Western brotherhood to accept an invitation to use this talented team as they travelled to World Convention in Melbourne. Perth Town Hall was booked for three weeks, and churches were geared in preparation for their arrival. The late Dr. Jesse Bader, in a letter to the Conference Secretary, introduced Dr. Snodgrass as a man with a great evangelistic record. He continued on to say that we would find him friendly and approachable, that we would take him to our hearts at once, and that he was worthy of our every confidence.

From the time Dr. Snodgrass stepped on to Australian soil at the port of Fremantle, Dr. Bader's assessment was proved over and over again. He was received with tremendous enthusiasm into the life of our movement. His

ministry of the preaching of the Word of God was powerful, sound and sincere, and his tirelessness in sharing with the churches in whatever they desired him to do stands clear in the memory of our movement.

It is considered by many in Western Australia that this combined mission in Perth triggered off a new spirit of advance in the West which has never ceased. It created a oneness of purpose and action which grew to such activities as the establishment of the Christian Centre, and to the development of many areas of our brotherhood work.

Dr. Snodgrass has been a friend to many Australians visiting his country since then, and all have been impressed with the power that this man had from God's own spirit in his pastoral ministry, in his influence over young students, and within the movement of the Disciples. He was a great man in stature and spirit, and in sanctified common sense. We mourn his passing, but rejoice at having known him personally.—G. Smith.

TEMPLE DAY OFFERING

(Edwardstown, S.A.). Temple Day provided gifts totalling \$530 towards reducing debt on chapel . . . A. E. Brown is continuing his interim ministry with excellent teaching and challenging gospel messages . . . Men are busy preparing new manse for the occupation by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis . . . H. Stevens (elder), M. Hay (treas.) and R. Pool were re-elected to office at recent elections . . . C.Y.F. Project '66 resulted in \$76, used to provide new fluorescent lighting in hall . . . Sunshine Circle and Christian Women's Fellowship combined in Christmas break-up, to which elderly ladies from church, pensioner's homes and other contacts were invited.

Shut-ins were also visited and each received a gift of home-made biscuits.

CHRISTMAS CO-OPERATION

(Dareton, N.S.W.). Methodist, Presbyterian and Churches of Christ congregations combined for a 9.30 a.m. communion service on Christmas Day. Rev. C. Barton presided over the communion table, and J. W. Lowrey (Churches of Christ was speaker . . . An elderly lady who some time ago made her decision, was baptized at a morning service . . . Over the last few months three families have rejoiced over the arrival of baby sons . . . Series of studies on worship, led by Mr. Lowrey, proved to be interesting, and already the general church worship has been improved.

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Do you really know how they feel about things? Some children, and not only children, live in a world which only hears them, but never listens to them, a world in which people speak to them but do not communicate with them, who demand from them but never give affection to them.

Many of the young girls and women whom society rejects because they are "unmarried mothers," feel they are living in this type of world. All their lives they have lived in relationship with men and women, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles; business men, professional men, and even ministers, who have heard them but not listened to them.

Suddenly, they have found someone who appears to talk the same language and to understand them. I say "appears," because they are hungry for affection and understanding and can be deceived into believing it is the real thing. Their crime is response!

Society brands them because they responded to affection which they should have received from society, beginning with the family.

Many people believe that these "unmarried mothers" and the boys and girls who make up the destructive gangs which roam the streets, congregate at the corner milk bar and beat up an old man, come from the poorer class of home in the slum areas of the community. This is not so. You would be surprised at the large percentage who come from families in the higher income bracket.

Parents can give their children everything they could possibly want, materially. They can have the latest car, TV, a swimming pool in the back garden; but nothing can replace the desire for a person to person relationship and the feeling of "belonging."

God created persons for personal relationship with one another and with him. He has given us the capacity within ourselves to use or misuse this gift. We misuse it and then throw the blame on others.

Then there are those young people who haven't had any real material comforts in life. The inner city youth, some living in hovels with drunken parents, who are either too drunk to know what they are doing, or have too big a hang-

over to care! Or children brought up in an institution, who don't know the meaning of a home and parents.

Many from this type of background are seen hanging around the dives and streets of King's Cross and similar places . . . long hair, hipster jeans and elastic-sided boots.

A few weeks ago, a "respectable" citizen remarked to me concerning conscription: "Why don't they round up those louts who roam the streets and leave the nice respectable boys alone."

What makes one boy a "nice" boy and another a lout? Only the unfairness of an unfair world and unhealthy human relationships.

BY BETTY DODDEMEADE

But there is an art to caring. "The caring art, needs a caring heart."

As I am writing this article, with particularly the unmarried mothers in mind, a number of whom I have lately had the opportunity to talk with, I would like you to ask yourselves honestly, what you would do and how you would feel if your own daughter was one of them.

We can't class them into a certain type. They come from all walks of life, all areas of living. I have talked with girls who are professionally trained, others from broken homes and others who had been brought up in orphanages. Some had money, some had none. Some very well educated, some not so well educated, but all had one thing in common. They were pregnant and needed help and understanding.

Although some girls will deliberately seek pregnancy as a state of femininity, and some are wild and irresponsible, others are taken advantage of by boys because they are either simple or craving affection. But then again, there are the young couples who truly love each other, but are too young to marry.

One sixteen-year-old girl told me how much she loved the boy, and wanted to keep the baby, but realised that the boy, who was nineteen, was not mature enough to marry and support a family. Also, they couldn't afford to pay for the clothes for a child once it had reached school age. She had decided to have the baby adopted and when she and her boy were older, and had saved enough, they would be married.

Another seventeen-year-old, when I asked her what she was going to do after her baby was born, told me she intended to go to night school and take a commercial course so as to equip her-

self for a better position. I believe she will!

A fifteen-year-old was going to put herself back to school after she had her baby.

But it is a battle for them. There is, on the whole, much feeling of guilt, a knowledge that there is a stigma regarding their condition, and a feeling of rejection.

All the organisations, clubs, fellowships, either social or religious, cannot overcome the loneliness of people, if we ourselves reject them.

When men and women become new creatures in Christ, they acquire new perspectives and new dimensions of understanding, both of God and of one another. This experience should deepen and enlarge their ability for friendship.

There are many people in Australia who haven't had this experience, and their eyes are still blind to the needs of others around them. They are the ones who reject their daughters and leave them to battle on alone. Where do these girls go, and to whom do they turn? There are just not enough homes and hostels, or private accommodation for them all. Recently I visited "Carramar," the Church of England Home for Unmarried Mothers in N.S.W., which is well run, spacious and bright. The 27 girls in residence at "Carramar" live in an environment of Christian compassion and security, but there are always others awaiting vacancies.

In all the States of the Commonwealth there are inadequate facilities for unmarried, pregnant girls, and we need to consider this and ask ourselves whether we can help in any way. By preventive measures, not by force, but by closer relationships with our children, or by providing accommodation, or finance for the purchase of more buildings, and assistance in staffing them.

To bring true love and the sense of belonging, maybe for the first time, into the lives of these young women, would mean much to Christ, for he has a caring heart.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 37 — LORD :: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN.

There are four Greek nouns translated in the Authorised Version by "lord":

(1) *despotes* in Luke 2: 29; Acts 4: 24; 2 Pet. 2: 1; Jude 4; Rev. 6: 10. This word is also translated "master" in 1 Tim. 6: 1, 2; 2 Tim. 2: 21; Titus 2: 9; 1 Pet. 2: 18. In English the word "despot" is derived from *despotes*, and is used of one who has absolute power. Common English usage, as with the word "tyrant," associates despot with one who abuses power, but in the Greek world there were good despots or tyrants as well as bad. In the Septuagint *despotes* is frequently used of God, and also of human masters. In the New Testament the word is used of God (Luke 2: 29; Acts 4: 24; Rev. 6: 10); of Christ (2 Pet. 2: 1; Jude 4, R.V.); and of earthly masters. The illustration in 2 Tim. 2: 21 refers ultimately to God. The Revised Standard Version and the New English Bible give "Sovereign Lord" in Acts 4: 24; Rev. 6: 10. In Modern Greek *despotes* is applied to a bishop or priest.

(2) *kurios* in numerous passages. This word, which is found about seven hundred times in the New Testament, is also rendered "master," "owner" (Luke 19: 33), "Sir." In one passage (Acts 19: 20), "God" is given as a translation of *kurios*. It is difficult to see why the translators did not use the term "Lord" here, as the Revised Version and other translations render the word. It is possible they were influenced by Textual variations, although the Received Text has *kurios* here. In the Codex Bezae there is a variant reading, "the faith of God," and the Vulgate has *Deus*.

In secular Greek, *kurios* was used primarily as an adjective, "having authority," but it came to be used as a noun applied to earthly masters or to Divine beings; in later times to deified rulers.

The concordance to the Septuagint gives over nine thousand instances of *kurios*, representing twenty-four Hebrew words and phrases. Sometimes it represents the most sacred name of God, the tetragrammaton (Jehovah or Yahweh), either by itself or in combination with "God" (*theos*).

In the New Testament *kurios* was used of persons in high position, especially of masters in relation to slaves. In many passages it is used of God, and, especially after the resurrection, it is applied to Christ (cf. Acts 2: 36).

In an important article in the "Vocabulary of the Greek Testament," the writer says, "It lies outside our immediate purpose to examine the Pauline use of *kurios* in detail, beyond remarking that while that usage was doubtless primarily influenced by the Septuagint, which employed *kurios* to render the tetragrammaton, there is good reason for finding in the apostle's insistence upon 'the name (of *kurios*) which is above every name' (Phil. 2: 9) a protest against the worship of 'the gods many and lords many' (1 Cor. 8: 5) with which Christianity found itself confronted. See especially Deissman's illuminating discussion in 'Light from the Ancient East.'" See also the comment by C. K. Barrett on John 20: 28.

Some special phrases may be noted: Lord of all (Acts 10: 36); Lord of glory (1 Cor. 2: 8); Lord of the harvest (Matt. 9: 38; Luke 10: 2); Lord of heaven and earth (Matt. 11: 25; Acts 17: 24); Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6: 15; Rev. 17: 14; 19: 16); Lord of Sabaoth (Rom. 9: 29; Jas. 5: 4). Concerning the last phrase, both references go back to Isaiah (1: 9; 5: 9), and the meaning is Lord of Hosts. There is also the phrase, Lord of the sabbath (Mark 2: 28; Luke 6: 5).

(3) *megistanes* in Mark 6: 21. This word is also translated "great men" in Rev. 6: 15; 18: 23. It was used frequently in the later books of the Septuagint. It was applied to the highest civil dignitaries. The Revised Standard Version and Phillips have "courtiers" in Mark 6: 21; the New English Bible "chief officials."

(4) *rhabbouini* in Mark 10: 51. There are variant spellings. In the only other instance of the word in the New Testament (John 20: 16) the Authorised Version gives "Rabboni" with the explanation "Master" (*didaskalos*, teacher). The word is Aramaic, a fuller form of "rabbi."

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For several years now the church in S.A. has maintained a Chaplain at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Mr. J. B. Baker has been serving here as the full-time Chaplain, helping patients, conducting services, and planning training courses for clergy.

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The Chaplain will also keep in touch with families of the sick, and will help them also in their time of physical need and mental strain. Mr. Baker feels that his work with patients must be continued, and so, as patients leave, the minister of their church in the locality where they live is advised, so that he may follow up the work begun in the hospital.

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George Brown, North Williamstown, Vic.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL DR. and MRS. DAVID MACE VISIT.

An invitation is extended to all who would be interested to hear Dr. and Mrs. David Mace. The Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria have organised a Seminar, the opening of which is an open session, to be held on Tuesday, January 17, at the smaller hall, Kew Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

ENGAGEMENT

ILLINGWORTH - COONEY. — Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Illingworth, 2 Bath-rd., Burwood, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Annette, to Dennis Brendon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Cooney, Walnut-st., Murrumbidgee, Vic.

SILVER WEDDING

NASH - WEST. — George and Dorothy announce, with pleasure and gratitude, the 25th anniversary of their wedding celebrated at the Church of Christ, Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., by the late H. M. Clipstone, on Jan. 10, 1942. Present address, 93 Golf-st., South Oakleigh, Vic.

DEATH

NICHOLS, Annie. — On Nov. 28, 1966, of 8 Edgar-st., Glen Iris, Vic., dearly beloved wife of the late James William, loved mother of Beryl (Mrs. C. Cole), mother-in-law of Charles, and darling Gran. of Gwenyth and Dorothy. In her 82nd year.

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BUCKINGHAM, Eddie. — Loving memories of my dearly loved eldest son, Edward Marcel, passed away (result of accident), Jan. 11, 1933, in his 23rd year. "Beyond the sunset."
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NASH. — Treasured memories of our dear mother and "Nana," called home Jan. 12, 1965. "Not just today, but every day."

— Loving son George, Dorothy and grandchildren.

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(Hamilton, Vic.). A new type of service was held successfully when the gospel service was combined with the annual prize-giving and promotion service at 3 p.m. Many parents were among the 150 who attended. A feature was the "Empty Christmas Tree," and all scholars tied their offerings to the limbs of the tree. The offering of \$22 will be forwarded to Inter-Church Aid . . . For the last six months, 12 ladies have met weekly for morning coffee and Bible study. The studies, taken from the C.W.F. Handbook, have been appreciated, and the group is eager to continue next year . . . Church was visited by Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd, Conf. Pres., spoke at night after meeting with the members at a fellowship tea.

BUS IN BUSINESS

(Horsham, Vic.). Recently acquired bus is proving a help in maintaining S.S. attendance . . . At Mission Band annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected: pres., Mrs. Morris; sec. Mrs. H. Butler; treas., Mrs. J. Harmer . . . Church enjoyed a visit by Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dumesny have celebrated their golden wedding . . . N. Fulton has been appointed church treas. to fill the vacancy caused by death of the late A. Cutchie. . . Newly built tennis courts are in service and are playing well . . . A carol singing service on Dec. 18 featured Cornish carols by the choir.

"AUNTIE RITA" FOR INDIA

(South Yarra, Vic.). Miss Rita Roberts, a stalwart of the church here, left on Jan. 7 to visit our Indian mission areas. She will be absent for two months. She is known to hundreds of girls of the Good Companions as "Auntie Rita." In business life she is a florist.

DECISIONS AT NORLANE

(Vic.). Church anniversary services had guest speaker, F. C. Hunting (Balarat). A youth tea was held, at which Mr. Hunting spoke. 50 teenagers attended . . . 44 people from the church attended Geelong special Christmas Y.F.C. rally in Plaza Theatre . . . Five people obeyed their Lord in baptism at an evening service and four young men made decisions. Two other young people rededicated their lives.

C.W.F. CHURCH PARADE

(Croydon, Vic.). C.W.F. held church parade, at which the speaker was Mrs. Amos, and soloist, Miss J. Milne . . . Explorer Club held a weekend camp at Somers, with 20 boys and 3 leaders . . . Young Marrieds held a barbecue tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara . . . Men's tea and business meeting has been held . . . C.Y.F. had a Christmas party, followed by a weekend camp at Wilson's Promontory, as end of year functions. . . C.W.F. held a progressive dinner as their break-up feature. Gifts were exchanged and presents were given for Children's Hospital . . . Kindergarten and Cradle Roll children had a visit from Father Christmas . . . C.W.A.F. visited Botanical Gardens for end of year break-up . . . Mrs. Sullivan is recovering from a heart attack.

PRAYER COMMITTEE CONDUCT MEETING

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). C.W.F. were inspired by C.W.F. Prayer Committee with group study on Mary and Martha . . . At kitchen tea for Miss Margaret Barnett and Jeff. Welden, presentations on behalf of the church and church school were made . . . C.W.F. held a Christmas luncheon garden party at home of Mrs. Milne . . . There was a baptismal service on Dec. 4 . . . A fancy dress evening for Kinders and Primary was held for Christmas break-up, followed by games evening for rest of the school . . . Ken Duffy (C.O.B.) and G. Aldersley were recent speakers. Church school teachers formed a choir for the evening service, when anniversary favorites were sung. Members of cricket teams also attended . . . A Christmas Tree at the front of building a week prior to Christmas, for the receiving of gifts for distribution to the Melbourne City Mission, was again supervised by Mrs. Dorgan . . . Sympathy of the church extended to Mrs. Brown and family in sudden loss of husband.

LATE CHANGE OF SPEAKER

(Morwell, Vic.). For the occasion of the church's 26th anniversary, we were sorry to hear that guest speaker, Dr. Keith Bowes, was indisposed, but were grateful to Councillor Harold Preston, Traralgon, for filling the vacancy so competently! A family luncheon was served by the ladies. Evening service was conducted by our minister, B. Dowsett. Highlight of the service centred on the baptism of five Y.P. . . Ladies combined for a picnic at Billie's Creek.



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PROFILE

No. 61

ARTHUR NEIGHBOUR

On the coldest night in the year of our Lord, 1914, in Goolwa, South Australia, there was added to the church by faith, and baptism at the hands of John Cains, a young man of 24, Arthur Neighbour. Now an elder, he has served his Lord for 52 years. "Never for a moment have I regretted it," he testifies.

"I started teaching in the B.S. immediately, and one Sunday soon after Jack Cains got me up on to the platform during the church service, and asked me to pray, although I had never said a public prayer before." Then Arthur added, "I got a lot of help from 'old' Jim Burgar. He was marvellous to me. I've worked more than 25 years in the B.S., most of the time Superintendent and Bible Class teacher. Mr. Burgar and I presided alternately for years—since 1915."

Mr. Neighbour was treasurer of the church for 14 years. This was a time of worry, for the poverty was so great that each member could only pledge one penny per week to pay off the Building Debt. One of Mr. Neighbour's memories is Mr. Verco, who did a wonderful thing. He raised the £200—equal to 4,000 dollars today!—for the original chapel. Goolwa people had to raise the repay-

ments (and although Mr. Verco gave a receipt he never took the cash, for the amounts went into the General Funds).

Arthur Neighbour was married, in 1918, to Miss Ivy Doddridge, a Goolwa girl. The family of three girls and a son, with nine grandchildren, are all active in church work, plus Stan Neighbour, the minister, who is a brother. The eldest grandson was baptized July, 1966.

Wise and witty, friendly and genial, our brother, who left school at 13, has worked at market-gardening and in the retail business, and still works day and night. Look at this list:—

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OBITUARY

Alexander Coad.

In the passing of Alexander Coad, the churches in the Kaniva district have lost their oldest member. He was born at Strathalbyn, S.A., in 1871, and at the age of 95 years he died in the Bordertown Hospital after a very brief illness. The funeral services at the Serviceton church and the Bordertown Cemetery were conducted by the writer and D. Oakes, minister at Bordertown. Mr. Coad came into the district as a very young lad and lived and worked on the same farm for the rest of his life, save the last year, when he lived with his daughter in Serviceton. It was during that year that he and his wife (nee Miss Ethel Cox) celebrated the diamond jubilee of their wedding. He was very well known in the district as a successful farmer, a thorough gentleman and a keen sportsman, but most of all, as a Christian who took his religion seriously. It was during the ministry of the late H. P. Leng that he came into the fellowship of the church and he remained, for the rest of his life, very regular in his attendance and generous in his support. His membership was first at Dinyarrack, then Lillimur, then Serviceton. He is greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all. His wife, a son, and two daughters are left with the choicest memories and an undying hope.—R. C. Bolduan.

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CRUSADE FOR WEDDERBURN

(Wedderburn - St. Arnaud, Vic.). The Ministers' Fraternal has planned an Evangelistic Crusade in Wedderburn, which will reach outlying districts also. After consultation with "Campaigners for Christ," the programme was fixed for April 2-16, 1967. John Robinson will be the speaker, and the Mechanic's Hall has been booked for the campaign. A planning committee has been formed. Prayer partners are needed to pray continuously for the campaign. Share Partner Cards are available also.

NEW SECRETARY

(Balwyn, Vic.). Vic. Gordon has taken over the duties of church sec. from Frank Evans, who has completed a term of 4½ years of consecrated service . . . Summer timetable is now in force, and evening services at 7.30 . . . C.W.E.F. journeyed to adopted C.W.E.F. at Ballarat for exchange visit . . . Christmas gifts given to hospitals and New Hebrides from C.W.F. . . . C.W.E.F. held church Christmas party, with repetition of enjoyable "In Balwyn Tonite." Book-stall did a brisk trade for Christmas giving.

CHURCH IN A DAY

(Black Rock, Vic.). The 30th anniversary since the building was erected in "one day" effort 1936, was successfully celebrated. A special welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. Bateman (snr.) . . . The Conf. Pres. and P. Thickens were speakers. A B.S. scholar made decision and was baptized the following Sunday . . . Young people's work has developed under leadership of C.O.B. student, D. Smith, who was farewelled at Y.P.'s "Hawaiian" evening (inc. Roast Pig's head!) . . . Congregational Church joined with us in Christmas morning communion service. Their minister, A. Searle, was speaker.

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(Melb.). The Council for Christian Education in Schools arranges an annual service for members of the Teaching Profession. The service is designed for teachers of both Independent and Departmental schools. The 1967 service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. The address will be given by Dr. A. H. Wood.

3 BAPTIZED AT DONCASTER

(Vic.). An adult son, mother and father, were baptized at a gospel service and a B.S. scholar made her confession of faith . . . the church welcomed Ralph Petty back after 10 months abroad, also Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams (India) as they commence furlough after five years on our Mission stations.

INDOOR PICNIC

(Berwick, Vic.). S.S. picnic, due to inclement weather, was held at local hall, with a barbecue luncheon. Prizes for the year were distributed after lunch. Business meeting was held recently, and with exception of two, all officers were re-appointed. A series of working bees have been held, resulting in improvements to buildings and grounds . . . \$18 was sent to Nurses' Home by C.W.F. A young man was baptized recently, and a young married man made his decision. . . . Midweek prayer and Bible study have increased in numbers. Barry Miller (C.O.B.) and Cyril Minns have been recent speakers.

FIESTA AT MILDURA

(Vic.). Church and S.S. anniversaries were held at which E. W. Heard was guest speaker at all meetings. "Fiesta 57" was conducted by the S.S. It was an informal night, with an exotic supper and items by the children . . . There have been two camps at our campsite recently by the Girls' Brigade and the Life Boys.

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A POSITIVE TRUTH

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan. —John Bunyan.

A DEFINITE WARNING

If there is any hope for the future; if there is to be any peace and happiness in our homes — then we, as a people, must return to God and the practice of daily family prayer. —J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I.

A STIMULATING THOUGHT

The call to practise the presence of God is a call to be aware of God in the very midst of the press and bustle of life. It demands of Christians some equivalent of the way the Muslim combines "prayers with affairs." One very practical way of doing this is to make your newspaper a prayer-paper. —Dr. Max Warren.

A SPLENDID PRACTICE

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be strong men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for power equal to your tasks. —Phillips Brooks.

A WISE ACTION

Bring intelligent planning to prayer. Most of us devote all the wisdom we possess to fashioning our business life, to ordering our home, or to thinking ahead as to how we shall spend our pleasure periods. Yet when we come to pray, we act haphazardly. It is a question of getting priorities right. Many of us claim we cannot find time to pray. **BUT IF WE ARE TOO BUSY TO PRAY, WE ARE TOO BUSY.** —Alan Walker.

A TRAGIC CONDITION

In these days it is increasingly necessary to find that quiet hour of meditation, yet ironically enough in these times it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a quiet hour. Meditation is not a time of idle indulgence but a time for thinking clearly and deeply and with measured purpose. —V. L. Gole, a former Conference President of Victoria.

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Presbyterian Assembly

Prior to the Assembly a group called The Association of Presbyterian Laymen, was formed to combat control of the church by "the excessively liberal-minded." The move resulted from a series of articles by Principal of Knox Theological College, which appeared in the Presbyterian "Outlook" — especially one relating to the Resurrection. The Association criticised the newly appointed director of Christian Education whose "first activity was to announce to the Press his radical theological outlook and declare his intention of training the young generation to be radicals and revolutionaries."

Chief spokesman for the group has been R. J. Wardlaw, of an advertising agency.

At the General Assembly a statement from the Doctrine committee which was designed to heal the breach between the differing groups was accepted with minor amendments. The Assembly affirmed that "while the Resurrection event is clearly affirmed, it is not described in the New Testament." Professor Breward added the following to the original statement of the doctrine committee: "It is clear from the New Testament accounts that there was undoubted continuity between the crucified Jesus and the glorified Christ. For the church of all ages, this has been one of the bases of the hope of resurrection."

No doubt the ferment of the debate will continue to spill over into the life of the church and community for some time to come. At least questions raised by theology were receiving attention in the press, on TV and radio and by the man in the street.

Haddon Hall Church of Christ

Auckland has plans to dispose of this church in The Auckland Professional Theatre Trust, which will convert it into an intimate theatre at a cost of £65,000. Already over £12,000 has been provided for its purchase.

Haddon Hall was bought and extended 17 years ago, under the leadership of Dr. Alex. A. Hodge, who had been minister of the Baptist Tabernacle. About 10 years ago, the congregation became affiliated with the Associated Churches of Christ Conference.

We understand that Dr. Hodge has concluded his ministry prior to undertaking an overseas visit. Future plans for the ongoing of the congregation have not been announced.

Centennial

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To the vain regrets of the year that's
past,

To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not-worth-while of the days
grown old.

To dare go forth with a purpose true
To the unknown task of the year that's
new;

To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good
cheer

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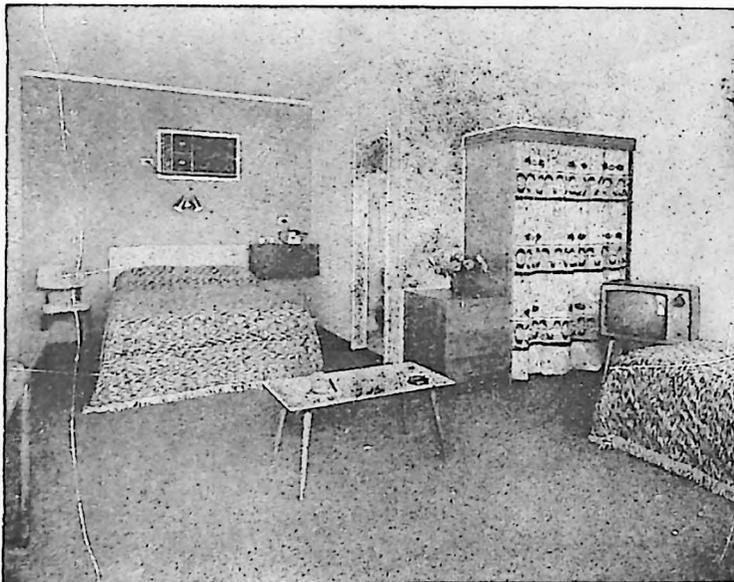
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