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REFERENDUM ON ABORIGINES

On May 27 two questions proposing amendments to the Federal Constitution are to be answered by all enrolled voters in six States. One question concerns the Senate, and the other deals with Aborigines.

On the face of it, there should be a unanimous vote of "Yes" to the amendment relating to the Aborigines.

It deals with two things. One is the repeal of Section 127 which reads: "In reckoning the numbers of the people in the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, Aboriginal natives should not be counted." Whatever reasons seemed good to our forefathers for including it, there is no longer any good reason for retaining this discriminatory position. Aborigines are entitled to vote in all States and Territories, and it is anomalous to accept as a voter a person who cannot be counted in the census.

The other part of the question relating to Aborigines is more complex. Section 51 prevents the Commonwealth from making special laws for Aborigines. The section reads in part: "Parliament shall have power to make laws . . . with respect to . . . the people of any race other than the Aboriginal race in any State."

One effect of this section is that it prevents the Commonwealth from complementing existing State powers. When it is repealed the Commonwealth will be enabled to grant financial and other assistance to State projects on behalf of Aborigines, and will be able to take a Commonwealth-wide initiative with respect to education and vocational training. Housing projects similar to those recently announced for migrants and refugees would be available for the old Australians as well as the new.

It must be frankly admitted that saying "Yes" to the Referendum will not in itself ensure that Aborigines will be counted and treated as real persons. It is possible to change the Constitution without changing the attitudes which have resulted in so much discrimination in the past.

But a "Yes" vote will be another step forward and our Christian conscience will surely demand that we work for its realisation.

FAIR PAY . . . HONEST WORK

When Philip Andrews, minister at Richmond, told the ministers meeting at the Victoria-Tasmania Conference that he was "overpaid and underworked," he startled the country with such un-Australian sentiment.

The newsmen took it all too seriously and chased around getting comments from church workers all the way from contented Salvation Army officers to Roman Catholic priests with their astonishing method of getting paid. A host of clerics felt obliged to inspect their time-sheets and pay packets. The reporters did not find anyone to agree with Mr. Andrews.

Maybe they were asking the wrong questions. Whatever Mr. Andrews did mean, it should have been patent to anyone that he did not mean what he said. It is always dangerous to spell out in public what someone else intended to say, but it seems certain that Mr. Andrews was suggesting to his brother ministers that the value of the routine ministry needs to be reviewed. The minister's task is to help people work out the Christian gospel in individual commitment and community living. If a minister was not giving this priority he was not doing his main job. No matter how well he worked at secondary tasks nor how long he spent in working, the church was not getting true value from its investment in the ministry. The minister was overpaid because he was being paid for the wrong things. He was underworked because he was unable to get at the things that should be his first concern.

It does not matter here whether Mr. Andrews is right or wrong in his assessment of what is significant. The point is that the ministers must continually evaluate their service in the light of Christ's commands and man's needs. It is clear that the journalists missed this point.

Of course, the journalists were at a great disadvantage. They have no previous experience with Mr. Andrew's genius for inverted aphorisms. But it should have been obvious to them that if he were really underworked and overpaid he could have got up a bit earlier in the morning to improve upon his present fourteen hours a day, and he could have returned some of his surplus salary. There is, of course, no precedent for gauging how a church would stand up to this kind of shock.

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BANDAGES

*Measure, tear, roll,
Measure, tear, roll,
Faster, please, faster . . .
The world is bleeding.
One wound seems staunched;
Others gap pitifully and flow.*

*As mother-hands work feverishly
And mother-hearts compassionately pray,
New wounds are opened.
Is there no sort of refuge,
Is there no transfusion for this deluge?*

*Yes, Isaiah tells us of One sent
To bind up the broken hearts.
To preach good tidings to the meek,
To proclaim liberty to those bound.*

*Will the world listen . . . or
Will we always
Measure, tear, roll,
Measure, tear, roll,
Faster, FASTER?*

—Leora Wilber Houston.



Christian education is concerned with more than imparting facts and stories from the Bible. Its task is like Paul's when he set out to help persons grow and mature in Christ. He said, "we proclaim Christ, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ" (Col. 1: 28). This same emphasis on maturity is made by Paul in his letter to the Ephesians when he speaks of "attaining to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Again, we find the apostle's concern for Christian growth when he says, "what we pray for is your improvement" (2 Cor. 13: 9).

Jesus said, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5: 48). Jesus himself "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2: 52).

Christian learning, therefore, ought to bring about change and growth.

It is not enough to "know the Bible." Christianity is not learned by rote. Christian learning takes place when the learner becomes more Christian in his attitudes and daily living.

The Bible is essential not only to Christian proclamation but to the content of Christian education. However, learning the content of the Bible will not be an end in itself. Rather, it will be to the end that the learner will become more like Christ. As James B. Miller has said, "It is hoped that, as a result of teaching in the church, persons will acquire knowledge of the Bible, of the traditions of the church, and of fundamental beliefs that are part of that tradition. Far beyond that, it is hoped that persons will discover personal

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meaning within this experience of arriving at knowledge and will even transcend knowledge as such, forming in their own life and personality the attitudes and behaviour that are the "fruits of the spirit." In short, "the church seeks to participate in the changes in human life that, taken together, may be characterised as Christian discipleship understood in the fullest sense."

Such learning comes about, not as the result of gathering information about God, but through personal encounter with God. Furthermore, it depends upon the learner's entering into an experience in the particular field of learning. We learn to love by experiencing love, for instance. Insight and understanding are basic to learning and these come through experience.

The church's task in Christian education today is demanding. No off-handed or amateur approach will do. This does not mean that it is to be left to the few. It does mean that we should see our task as being one in which we may provide a channel through which God may speak to the learner, and bring about a response which will lead to change and growth. It means, too, that we cannot settle down and be satisfied. The church is called on to be dynamic and living, ever growing, ever gaining new insights through a continuing encounter with Jesus Christ the living Word.

In other words, Christian education is for change.

Christian education cannot of itself effect in persons the restoration of a right relationship with God. It can, however, point to our need for such a relationship. It can help to provide the setting for man's response in faith and love to the seeking, forgiving God. The Holy Spirit, not the teacher, converts and transforms persons.

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LEARNING WITH MEANING



For over twenty years State Departments of Christian Education have co-operated in curriculum planning and the production of teaching materials through the Federal Board of Christian Education. At annual conferences of this Board representatives of State Departments have given thought and reached decisions concerning this important area of their work.

A statement of the basic concerns in curriculum planning appeared in the Board report to Federal Conference, 1966. This statement drew attention to objectives and principles which charted the direction for the Board's planning and production programme. In substance it said:

1. The task of Christian education is one of the functions of the church. That task is to share with all persons the good news of God's redemptive action made known in Jesus Christ. Christian education is the Christian community assisting persons to know God in Christ, to commit themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin and Lord of life, and to live all of life in the power of the Spirit of God. Christian educators have no objective that is not the objective of the church's total life and witness.

That goal can be stated as follows:

"The objective of Christian education is to enable all persons to be aware of God through his self-disclosure, especially his redeeming love as revealed in Jesus Christ, and to respond in faith and love; that as new persons in Christ they may know who they are and what their human situation means; grow as sons of God rooted in the Christian community, live in the Spirit of God in every relationship, fulfil their common discipleship in the world, and abide in the Christian hope."

2. A curriculum of Christian education having such an objective is more than printed materials. It is a living

experience of persons in the church, the community of faith, the local congregation, as they confront God and become aware of his redeeming love under the guidance of Christian teachers.

3. The Bible is the revelation of God to man and is the norm, the standard for what is taught and used in Christian education.

4. In the use of the Bible, due regard must be given to valid principles of interpretation, a realisation that from the Old Testament into the New there is a progressive revelation culminating in Jesus Christ, the living Word. Any particular part of the Bible is to be interpreted in the light of Christ. This is a Christ-centred theory of Biblical interpretation.

5. Knowledge of Biblical facts is important, but this is only one aspect of Christian education. The Bible is only really "learned" when we try to understand what God is saying to us in His Word — a very personal thing — and when we come to live the life it reveals in the Word made flesh.

6. Lesson materials must take into account the capacity of the learner to receive and understand Bible material. It is impracticable, if not impossible, to teach the same Bible passage to all persons whatever their age.

7. Two ways of studying the Bible are recognised in curriculum building and teaching procedure: One way is to approach the Bible as if to say, "Here is the Bible. Listen to what it says. Live accordingly." This is the deductive method. The other way is to explore some need or problem and then seek the help of the Bible. We approach the Bible as if to say, "Here we are with this problem of living. What shall we do? Let us see what help the Bible provides." This is the inductive method.

CURRICULUM CONCERNS

We need to provide learning situations in which the Bible, the Christian heritage and contemporary experience are related and interpreted in the light of the gospel.

8. In the educational ministry of the church the gospel must be so communicated through the curriculum that it will shed light on man's whole field of relationships. The whole field of relationships embraces the full range of man's needs and experiences and their expression in specific situations. The Christian faith is being Christian in the inward spirit (sonship) and living the Christian way (discipleship) in all the outward concerns of life, particularly as they are related to all the moral and ethical implications of the gospel.

The Federal Board of Christian Education sees its role as a specialised arm of the teaching ministry of our churches. The commission to teach is a central function of the church as a whole. This includes determining the content and method of curriculum. In assigning these functions to the Board,

the brotherhood recognises certain qualifications which enable the Board to exercise this ministry. At the same time, the churches, through Federal Conference, exercise ultimate authority and responsibility in the planning of the curriculum of Christian Education.

The production of curriculum materials is no easy task. However, concentrated studies have been going on in a number of countries for several years and now the insights gained are being used in the production of new curriculum materials. Your Federal Board of Christian Education is at work to provide the best possible materials in line with the best insights into curriculum building.

Departments of our churches must also work to ensure that teachers are trained to use these materials effectively, and to provide adequate resources to equip teachers for their ministry.

land (Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational). This lists a number of reasons for launching into a plan for a new curriculum.

TOWARDS A NEW CURRICULUM

First, the world in which we live is changing rapidly. The pressing points of growing up are different from what they were. People are asking new questions. We face both new opportunities and new problems. If Christian education is to equip persons to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in all of their lives it must take into account the changing situation in which children, young people and adults live.

Secondly, there are new thoughts in the churches. Our churches' understanding of their life and mission is being reshaped. Have we taken adequate account of biblical scholarship? Do we use the Bible in the most appropriate ways? Is the gospel at the heart of our learning programme? Does Christian education help to equip people to get on with the church's mission — or is it too inward looking? Is our learning adequately related to our worship? What should be the implication of the new relations between different denominations? These and other such questions need answering if Christian education is to be genuinely rooted in the faith and life of the church.

Thirdly, in recent years there have been substantial developments in our understanding of the ways in which persons learn. Children and young people are learning in new ways in our day schools. If we care about the ways in which learning can help persons to be aware of God's redeeming act in Christ Jesus we must give attention to contemporary understandings of the learning process.

Finally, there is widespread concern expressed by teachers, parents and ministers about the quality of what is now happening in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Adult Groups. There are so many drop-outs, and so few signs of important learning that affect people's lives, that the question is raised, "Is our present pattern the best the church can do to help people learn?"

We are not the only body planning a new curriculum for our church schools. Churches around the world are engaged in such a task. In this modern world it is evident that the old patterns are no longer adequate for our day. The statistics of the churches and the way in which the church seems to lack relevance for our time make this abundantly clear. This is no criticism of the gospel itself. The gospel does not change. But our understanding of the Good News ought to grow and our methods of teaching ought to be in line with the best scholarship in the field of learning.

Those involved in Christian education, therefore, face the facts of our time. In Australia and New Zealand, as in other parts of the world, Christian leaders are involved in a comprehensive plan to rethink the needs of the churches in the field of Christian education.

In line with this planning our own Board is working towards the production of a new curriculum for 1970. Reasons for such planning are well summarised in a statement of the Joint Board of Christian Education in Australia and New Zea-

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LEARNING FOR LIVING



Because the church's programme of education is Christian it is concerned with living. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10: 10).

We are commissioned by Christ to go and teach, that persons may learn to live. By learning we mean something much deeper than is ordinarily meant by learning. But it is learning.

This programme of Christian education is for people of all ages. At every stage of life there are things which need to be learned. Learning at any one stage is dependent to a large degree on earlier stages. Learning for living, therefore, is progressive through all stages of our lives.

Departments of Christian Education in each State are engaged in programmes for the three age levels of children, youth and adults. Space will not allow for any detailed coverage of their work, but here is a Federal panorama of programmed activities.

★ MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

1. Church School.

Conferences for superintendents and teachers; a steady flow of ideas and resources for church schools; research into the needs of schools; scholar drives and an isolated scholars and cradle rolls — these are some of the ways in which help is given to church schools.

2. Camping.

Camps are an important part of the work of Departments of Christian Education. Much valuable Christian learning takes place and many older children catch a vision of what it means to be a Christian.

3. Clubs.

Clubs for boys and girls provide excellent opportunities for Christian nurture and growth. Departments offer aid through literature, programme guidance, leadership assistance.

★ MINISTRY TO YOUTH

1. Christian Youth Fellowship and Christian Endeavour.

Within these movements young people engage in study, worship, recreation and fellowship and in training for Chris-

tian service. Here, too, Department personnel and organised forms of counselling in youth work are encouraging a varied programme.

2. Conferences.

Some of the finest young people in our churches have been inspired and encouraged through their participation in youth conference.

3. Youth Meets.

These take various forms, but they provide opportunities for young people to get together for fellowship, study and recreation.

4. National C.Y.F. Convention is conducted biennially by the Federal Board of Christian Education.

★ THE MINISTRY TO YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

is gaining momentum. Conferences, training groups, church life conferences, seminars on Christian education, and encouragement to adult learning are all examples of the way in which the ministry to adults is being carried out by State Departments.

★ ECUMENICAL

Staff members on the State Departments of Christian Education are often involved in ecumenical bodies such as the Council of Christian Education.

★ LITERATURE

Camp studies, programme ideas for clubs, manuals for clubs and youth work, teacher training notes, prepared by Departments, all contribute to the ongoing ministry of the churches.

Leaders in State work are: A. C. Male (Qld.); B. Armstrong (N.S.W.); R. V. Longthorp and J. W. Way (Vic.-Tas.); C. H. Dow, Director-Elect for S.A.; Miss M. Peacock (W.A.). The W.A. Committee announces the appointment of Brian Stitt, B.A., Dip.Ed., as full-time Director for W.A.

These persons are supported by committees and associated work teams which, over the Commonwealth, could be counted in several hundreds.

CHURCH AND FAMILY

Parents are the most important influence on the lives of their children. The church wants to help parents in this most important role of parenthood.

Something has been attempted through Cradle Roll, although in many places it would seem that the activities do not go beyond sending birthday cards to children on the roll, and an occasional Cradle Roll service.

The Federal Board of Christian Education now offers a programme which has the possibilities of much more significant service to families with very young children.

This programme provides a ministry to parents of children up to four years. Eight leaflets are supplied, and over a period of four years, the parents are visited at intervals of six months, and given a leaflet as follows:

1. The Meaning of Parenthood.
2. Parents are Teachers.
3. Conscience.
4. Talking with children about God.
5. Children's Prayers.
6. Talking with children about birth.
7. The Child in the Church.
8. Talking with children about death.

"Church and Home Leaflets" will be available from State Departments or our church bookrooms at 45c each set, plus postage.



3RD NATIONAL C.Y.F. CONVENTION CHOIR



The Third National C.Y.F. Convention, Perth, W.A., January, 1967, saw hundreds of young people (average age 19 years) at work in intensive and purposeful Bible study, and in related workshop groups designed to help them see the importance and relevance of the Christian faith for various areas of individual and corporate action. Worship and witness characterised other sessions. The whole programme was a challenge to Christian thinking, Christian living and Christian witness. One of the delightful features was the singing of the Youth Choir, pictured here with their conductor, J. Brown. Don Cook served as organist.

"Training to become a church of witnessing disciples requires thorough study of the Scriptures. For the Christian disciple must be armed with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, if he is to give a good account of himself in a non-Christian world. But such education will fail if it does not, at every stage, take careful account of all the factors that enter into the development of the pupil. The church consists of persons, and it is the growth of those persons from infancy to old age that is the concern of Christian education. But that growth is not merely in personal character, or in social responsibility, but into the faith and life of the church, which is the body of Jesus Christ. Within this larger context, it does mean, in the most decisive way, the growth of personal character and the awakening of social responsibility. But these are not left vague and undefined to be assimilated to some other context, such as bourgeois society, or the labour movement, or a national way of life. It is the character and the social responsibility of the disciple who knows himself called to serve Jesus Christ in the whole of life, and who takes his starting point and standing ground within the worship and fellowship of the church.

"It has been the lack of an adequate doctrine of the church that has left many things that belong together in Christian education fall apart. The separation of the church school from the church, and of Christian education from Christian theology, and of education in the Scriptures from education for living, all have their origin in this lack."

—James D. Smart in "The Teaching Ministry of the Church."

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INTERSTATE NEWS

TO TERMINATE MINISTRY

(Forestville, S.A.). It is with regret that the church announces that N. Gavros will terminate his ministry of seven years at the end of the year . . . A Youth for Christ team led the youth fellowship tea, and "The Simple Folk," from Nailsworth, were guest artists . . . "The Younger Set" had good start to club with 30 present at "April Fool's Night Social" . . . Girls' and boys' basketball clubs combined for church parade on April 16, to mark commencement of season.

GAINS AT NTH. TURRAMURRA

(N.S.W.). The annual business meeting reported a membership of 78, including 9 isolated. Average communicants, 60. Gains for the year included two by faith and baptism, and 18 by transfer . . . 113 were present on April 9, a.m., with 95 at night for a Girls' Brigade parade. . . . The church is entering into a programme of evangelism, led by Kevin Crawford, H.M. Director, culminating in a service of commitment on Sept. 24.

N.S.W. C.W.F. CAMP

Once again the setting for the 3rd Annual Camp, held March 31-April 2, was "Gilbulla." Situated in picturesque dairying country, only 40 miles from Sydney, this fine old mansion, built by Major-General Macarthur Onslow last century, now owned and used by the Church of England as a Conference Centre, provided a wonderful atmosphere of peace and relaxation for the 100 enthusiastic women who taxed its accommodation facilities to the limits.

These weekends have proved of tremendous value to our women, as we have all been refreshed in spirit, mind and body, and we express our thanks to our Camp Leader, Mrs. P. Henderson, our Camp Hostess, Mrs. R. Dickson and their committee, who worked unsparingly to make this camp a most blessed experience for all.

Bible studies around 1st Peter, under the most able leadership of Mrs. Chambers, were wonderfully helpful. Unforgettable too, were the times spent in prayer, the informal sing-songs around the piano, the bush walks, the fun of the concert, the unhurried meals, the grand fellowship and, above all, the communion service, led by our Federal C.W.F. President, Mrs. S. Bloore, in the Log Chapel.

Our State C.W.F. President, Mrs. F. Elsmore, was present and led us in our devotional service at the conclusion of the Saturday concert. Two of our New Guinea missionaries, Miss D. Catts and Miss J. Smith, were guests.—Gladys Mackenzie.

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S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Meets at Gawler Place, Adelaide, on Monday, May 1, at 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Miss Helen Caterer. Subject: "My Impressions of the Berlin Congress on Evangelism."

ACCIDENT TO MEMBER

(Asquith, N.S.W.). On April 6, while returning from prayer meeting, F. Harris was involved in a head-on collision car accident and was seriously injured. We thank the Lord for answered prayer for health and strength again. He has been discharged from hospital and we look forward to seeing him at church again. Miss E. Harris has been ill with bad heart. . . . 14 young people, and minister, attended Easter Camp conducted by the Dept. of Christian Educ., at Lake Macquarie. One boy made his decision. Recent speakers were B. Heatherington, G. Collins and K. Webb . . . The film, "The Wiretapper," was screened on April 16 . . . The C.Y.F. held a "back to childhood" social recently . . . The ladies had Mrs. Rofe as their guest speaker at their April monthly meeting.

ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

There is an alcoholic in every family. Is this so? You alone can speak for your family. If you cannot locate one or more such persons, how fortunate is your family group. Fortunate, because in Victoria alone, there are some 50,000 alcoholic men and women (Phillips' Report, 1965). These people must have help in the form of rehabilitation, if they are to recover, and they include husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, cousins, etc.

Every adult probably knows at least one person suffering from the sickness of alcoholism. Is this a fact? It surely is. You may consider the alcoholic you know to be past help, and so, in fact, tragically, he may be. However, with a Rehabilitation Centre in existence, many more alcoholic persons can be restored to useful, productive living.

Here is a situation where Christ calls us to fulfil his law, bearing one another's burdens. Some can do this through loving care of the alcoholic and his or her family, some through education of youth, or the motivation of the alcoholic towards self understanding, and then treatment. All can help by giving money to establish Rehabilitation Centres for alcoholics within our community.

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N.S.W. BROADCASTS

Daily Devotional Sessions, at 8.45 a.m., from 2CH Sydney. Wed., May 3 — Geoffrey Hopson, of Beverly Hills; Mon., May 15 — Roger Foletta, of Belrose-North Balgowlah. Fri., May 26 — Don Norling, of Liverpool West. Church Service, Sun., May 28, 11 a.m., Chatswood. Preacher, C. G. Taylor, B.A.

Mr. and Mrs. HAMMER IN N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer arrived in N.S.W., from W.A., on April 24, for deputation work on behalf of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. In addition, he will attend Qld. State Conference.

LADIES ASSIST TASMANIA

(South Yarra, Vic.). From a special effort by the Ladies' Fellowship, \$12 has been forwarded to the Tas. Bushfire Relief Appeal . . . Church is grateful for gift of legacy from estate of the late Fanny Eaton . . . Church gratefully acknowledges the gift of 80 Stackaway folding seats from the Malvern church . . . Continued support from Williamstown and Gardiner makes possible full complement on platform and similar support from Bentleigh is expected in future months.

Each year in Victoria, hundreds of alcoholics leave State and private institutions, having received excellent medical care and attention directed to the arrest in them of the disease alcoholism. In the succeeding days, the alcoholic must avoid reverting to his former drinking pattern, and at the same time re-establish social contacts, and find employment.

However, people who work among the tragic victims of alcoholism (and these victims include those unfortunates who suffer as a result of the alcoholics' distorted lives, as well as the problem drinkers themselves) believe that alcoholics can stabilise their situation, and lead normal productive lives. Many have done so, with help, but so many more have not through lack of help.

To this end the Alcoholism Foundation of Victoria is making a State-wide appeal in April, 1967, with the aim of establishing a Rehabilitation Centre capable of providing residential and non-residential rehabilitation for persons suffering from alcoholism. The target for this Appeal is \$200,000.

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April 29

• IN THE COLLEGE CHAPELS

DISCOVERING GOD

BY PRINCIPAL DR. JAS. H. JAUNCEY

The most vital factor in the success of a minister is his personal awareness of God, yet it is the one thing that a theological college cannot teach. At Kenmore we place great emphasis upon the highest standards of educational equipment and of practical training, yet these are very secondary.

In the academic pursuits we seek to bring out the maximum personality potential of which you are capable, but this will not make you a power among men. In the techniques of preaching pastoral psychology, evangelism and Christian education we want to make you master craftsmen, but this will not gain for you spiritual dynamic. Your people will not want a mere skilled professional, they want a man of God.

A Devotional Message to the Student Body of Kenmore Christian College by The Principal, Dr. James H. Jauncey.

No, I cannot give you this awareness of God. All I can do is to show you that it is the overwhelming atmosphere of my life as it has been for many years. This will not make you conscious of God, but it may convince you that God is to be found. Once you feel like that you will not rest content until you are experiencing that same kind of certainty.

Now I am not forgetting that you are already Christians and that you certainly believe in God. What I am bothered about is that this faith may be merely intellectual, or volitional, or emotional. What is true in our heads has to be realised in experience before it can move us and those we serve.

You will note that the Bible does not prove that God is. Also, the so-called philosophical proofs for the existence of God are faulty. The best they can do is to show that the theory of God is likely. It is like learning to swim. You can read all about swimming on the banks of the river, but you never learn to swim until you get into the water. The "helps" can never do more than act as a spring-board for faith. God is there to be found if we will seek him.

We have lost some students since we started here two years ago, but we haven't had any drop out because of academic failure. That is some-

thing we can take care of. The trouble has been lack of spiritual power to see the distance, to keep on plugging on when all the initial glamour has worn off. This comes from the awareness of God, and we can't give you that. It cannot come second-hand. You have to find it as a first-hand spiritual adventure.

It is heartbreaking that within the sound of our churches there are people with desperate problems that are driving them to despair. These could be solved if they would come to us, but they don't. They do not believe we have any God. They think we are just saying words. They will only come if we show them we have God, a God who can do things.

When we have this sense of the presence of God, we will expect God to speak through us in our preaching, and he will. This will save us from being academic, trivial and irrelevant. Our people do not want to be educated about world affairs or the social order, from ministers who are not qualified in these areas, anyway. They want to hear God speak. If he is already speaking to us, the voice of God will burn through us to others.

Kenmore is a restorationist college. God has raised us up to help renew spiritual fires throughout the Australian brotherhood and beyond. We long to have all our people regain the simple faith that made our founders such blazing fires for God. This will not be accomplished by blasting at those who have been so unfortunate as to lose something of that faith. I have never yet seen a liberal changed by argument or denunciation, but I have through a sudden breakthrough of God into the life. Many of them do not know anything beyond the human and natural. It is for us to exhibit the supernatural by our awareness of God.

There are no techniques for this God-consciousness. It comes from the jump of faith. To discover God we have to act as if he is there. This means a continual turning from the sin that appals him, and a constant dedication to the mission that consumes him. It entails an almost unceasing recognition of his presence with us. It involves expecting him to act.

He is out there waiting for you. Go out and find him.

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Two Christians had entirely different views on social questions at our annual meeting. Should the church bother with social questions at all? If your answer is yes, how does one come up with the right answers? (Part 2).

It puzzles some people that Christians can differ so strongly about social questions. Of course, they differ about other things, too. Christians can differ, and usually have differed, on almost every question that people ask.

If two men, each led by the Holy Spirit, can take opposing views on a major Christian doctrine, it is not too great a wonder that men should be in conflict on targets as well as ways and means in social issues.

Paul and Peter were on opposing sides in a church discussion. (See Gal. 2: 11ff). Peter's was a big name in the church, with all the prestige of his years of adventure with the Lord himself, but Paul thought he was wrong in one area — and said so. It seems obvious to us that Peter was indeed wrong, but not all would have condemned him.

In a similar manner, Christians today display differences of opinion on all kinds of subjects, including social questions. In our church meetings we are likely to hear strongly worded debates on alcohol, capital punishment, Sunday observance, gambling, censorship, etc.

The right answer in all of these things is not given to us. We have to find it, and sometimes it is found with great difficulty. We have to make the effort to read, think, and talk about the topic, and measure our answers and our attitudes against the life and words of Jesus.

Since no one person can have sufficient knowledge on all subjects we shall do well to read carefully the things acknowledged experts say in their own fields. We cannot accept, without question, the judgments they make, but they can be of tremendous help in assisting us to formulate our own decisions.

We shall sometimes disagree strongly, with one another, but such disagreements are a part of the process of moving towards maturity, a part of the cost of finding the right answers.

Since we cannot avoid the areas of controversy without denying Christian responsibility, we have an obligation to see that our discussions are honest and brotherly.

When my brother is wrong, he is still my brother, and I shall listen to him with care and weigh his words with justice. I will honor him for his convictions, and as I hope that my truth will conquer him, I must be ready to yield to the truth he shows to me.

OPEN FORUM

WAR GRAVES.

To Principal A. W. Stephenson, President, Churches of Christ in Australia.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is requesting churches of all denominations throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations to remember its work in prayers in every place of worship on Sunday, May 21, 1967, which will be the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Commission by Royal Charter.

In addition to honouring by name the memory of one and three quarter million men and women who died in two World Wars, the Commission has brought comfort to millions of bereaved relatives. It cares for over a million individual graves in one hundred and fifty different countries. The memorials it has built commemorate three-quarters of a million whose graves are unknown. These graves and memorials bear silent witness to the shameful cost of war.

It may be thought right to pray at the same time for the work of kindred organisations, both of countries which were our allies, and of those which were our enemies in war, and also, to remember in prayer the millions of war dead, to pray for their bereaved relatives, and for peace on earth.

Malcolm McCullough,
Chaplain-General (United Churches).

STIRLING EAST.

To the Editor,

The church at Stirling East, Sth Aust., is planning Centenary Celebrations for early 1968.

We are anxious to hear from anyone who may have information that will help us compile an accurate history. Someone may have old correspondence, news cuttings, photographs, or other material that they may be prepared to lend to us, or at least let us see. It could be that some may have memories that they would like to write to us or to talk to us about.

We would like also to hear from former members, or families of early members who would like to receive information concerning the actual centenary celebrations. Anyone wishing to contact us could write to Ivan Hull, 13 Chapman-st., Ros-trevor, S.A.

FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

To the Editor,

The Student Christian Movement has been part of Australian Universities since 1897. Its aims, as recently revised, are:

- to worship God and serve him in his world, especially among students;
- to follow Jesus Christ and communicate his gospel in word and act;
- to encourage radical testing of Christian faith and life;
- to strive for new truth and life within the academic community;
- to work for peace, justice and mutual aid among the nations;
- to share in the mission of the whole church and seek its unity and renewal.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

SENSE OF HUMOUR

To the Editor,

Some of us went to supper at the manse after church on Sunday night. Over the coffee the members and the minister began reminiscing. After all, he's been with us nine years! Someone reminded him how he used to pray that the doctors and nurses would have plenty of patience. But he made it sound like patients. The minister recalled how he decided to say the Lord's Prayer one Sunday night after the usual church prayer. Unaccustomed to it, the congregation were timid in joining in. This made him nervous, and half way through he forgot it. One of the elders recalled that our minister, after a series of late nights, fell asleep in the prayer meeting while everyone was waiting for him to finish off the season of prayer.

As story followed story, mostly at the minister's expense, the laughter became hilarious. Then I noticed something. The minister was laughing louder than all the rest . . . at himself. Then I noticed something else. The rest of us were not laughing at our minister. We were laughing with him.

I mentioned this to Will on the way home. He said, "Our minister has a sense of humour." I was silent. He went on, "That's what a sense of humour is, the ability to laugh at yourself." I found myself praying for such a gift from the Lord. My wife has been praying a similar prayer for me for years.

Editors must have a sense of humour, otherwise they'd look for something easier to do, such as lion taming.

TERTIUS.

The composition of the group writing this letter bears witness to the fact that the S.C.M. is a community which brings together not only undergraduates but also graduate students, chaplains and university staff.

We would be delighted to hear from any new students (or their ministers). We hope they will become members of one of the small groups which will be fundamental to our life in the University this year — groups of about eight students and seniors, meeting for a meal and for study.

We offer them a warm welcome, and we look forward to hearing from many students. The Rev. Warren Bartlett (Psychology Department, University of Melbourne, Parkville, N.2, phone 34-0484, ext. 2130) is convener of this welcoming committee and will be glad to receive information.

Gwynneth Hooke and Derek McDougall (co-Presidents MUSCM).

Duncan Watson (Presbyterian Chaplain).

Max Thomas (Anglican Chaplain).

Warren Bartlett (Senior tutor in Psychology).

John Howes (Lecturer in Philosophy).

WAR AND PACIFISM.

To the Editor,

C. R. Burdeu (1/4/67) should define "Pacifism" as used in his statement, "Pacifism is the case of all our international problems." He will probably find it impossible to provide any definition that would justify his sweeping statement. It completely ignores multitudinous causes of international problems leading to war and threat of war. We might even look at James 4: 1, 2!

I stated (18/2/67), "Pacifism, if it is adopted by the Christian, must be part of his total commitment to the will of God as he understands it in Christ; not from motives of prejudice, fear or personal ambition."

Christian Pacifism, as I understand it, is akin to the attitude of our Lord when he went to the cross. He resisted evil, not with its weapons, but with his. "He opposed evil to the death; but it was his death and not the death of the evil doer." (Leyton Richards).

C. R. Burdeu's choice of a Scripture passage, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," is singularly inappropriate for his purpose. His paraphrase, "without sacrifice there is no freedom," opens the way to ambiguity in the use of the word "freedom." Jesus was concerned that people should be free from the bondage of sin; more so indeed, than that they should be free from subjection to Rome. He used no physical force to free the Jewish nation from the Roman yoke, nor did he encourage his followers to do so. The passage comes from the writer to the Hebrews who contrasts the inadequacy of animal sacrifices with the sufficiency of the once and for all sacrifice of Christ for the remission of sins.

There is no justification for war in this passage; for personal sacrifice perhaps, yes. But war is not the only means of sacrificing oneself. Perhaps we need to explore the possibility of other means of personal, and perhaps national, sacrifice to help solve international problems.

Stan Neighbour, S.A.

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A REBUKE.

To the Editor,

Your recent editorial ("A.C." March 18) attacking the A.L.P., reflects no credit to responsible journalism. In fact it infers a political bias of which perhaps the writer did not intend. Unfortunately, the article contains some half truths and some falsehoods which infer support for the Liberal Party Government.

Your statement that the Labor Party has announced that it will make capital punishment one of the major issues in the election is untrue. At no stage has our Parliamentary Leader suggested this.

There are many more important issues on which the Labor Party intends to campaign, as will become obvious when the policy speech is delivered. The Labor Party advocates the abolition of capital punishment, and its support for a Royal Commission if it would expedite this goal should be obvious.

—I. Cathie, Administrative Officer,
Vic. State Executive,
Aust. Labor Party.

Editor's Comment: The Melbourne "Age" for Feb. 7, 1967, reported: "The Labor Party will attempt to make capital punishment a major issue in the State Elections set for April 29. The State Opposition Leader (Mr. Stoneham) said this yesterday after the Premier (Sir Henry Bolte) announced the election date."

"Mr. Stoneham said the feelings of a community outraged at the brutal hanging of Ronald Ryan would be reflected at the elections."

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to comment on matters affecting the well-being of society. Some of these issues are political, but I try to be objective and impartial so far as party politics are concerned.

Where I give my vote is my own business, but since the above letter suggests that I have a Liberal Party bias, I don't mind saying that in this election I shall be voting for the A.L.P. again — in spite of its somersault to enter the State Aid for Schools auction, and its apparent endorsement of a fragmented education system. (A.E.W.)

D.L.P. AUCTION.

To the Editor,

Your editorial ("A.C." April 15) is more than strange. Why take up different sides in Parties at present time in Victoria?

Over a number of years, under Bolte, family grocers have been turned into licensed strong drink shops, T.A.B. betting shops have been installed, hotel hours have been increased, and horse race gambling has grown to a staggering figure. We now have a drug menace.

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—W. Loy, 2a Duncan-st.,
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REMAINING IN ENGLAND

(England). At a specially convened meeting in February, it was unanimously decided to invite Stanton H. Wilson to continue his ministry at Evington Road, Leicester, when the initial period of three years concludes in the Spring of 1968. He was invited to remain for a further term of two years, with the option of further service after that, if mutually agreed.

In his reply, Mr. Wilson writes: "After prayer and consideration I am happy to accept this invitation. The past two years have been very happy for us in the fellowship of the church. We have been the recipients of many kindnesses and thoughtful considerations. The appreciation of so many has been a source of encouragement and strength."

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F. COUNCIL

The next C.W.F. Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Brotherhood Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb., on Friday, May 5, 8 p.m.

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EASTER CAMPS

(Qld.). Rev. Jenner, Mackay, assisted Barry Reid, Townsville, in conducting the Magnetic Island Camp.

Rob Holt, Marburg, led the Rockhampton camp, assisted by Ron Sansome, Rockhampton, at Emu Park. 39 attended coming from as far apart as Mackay and Maryborough.

153 attended the Caloundra Camp. Assisting the Director as guest speaker at the early morning services were: L. G. Armstrong, Ann-st., and G. R. Ellis, Kenmore. Phil Jauncey spoke on the Sunday morning, Greg. Haig, Kedron, presided, Ray Greenwood, Toowoomba, read the lesson, Graham Watson, Ann-st., was organist, and Kay Dean, Toowoomba, was soloist. This service was held at Foote Park at Buderin, high in hills overlooking Maroochydore. Electronic organ added to atmosphere of Easter morning.

"Easter Camp Champ" was won by Lyndall Ross, Camp Hill, and Doug. Baling, Ann-st.

Gillian Neil, Arana Hills, ably served as Director's assistant, and found time for counselling amidst a busy schedule.

DIRECTOR AT GLADSTONE

(Qld.). Alex. Surtees received the confession of faith of a teenage girl at Gladstone recently. Her mother and another teenage daughter had previously made the good confession on the visit of another Director. These three will be baptized when Mr. Surtees returns to Gladstone in a few weeks. While there, he is to speak at a combined churches fellowship and thus encourage interchange of Christian thinking between communions in this important alumina community.

"THIS IS IT!" RALLY

(Ipswich, Qld.). The young people sponsored the Youth Mission, "This Is It!", in Ipswich Town Hall, on two weekends March 31-April 2 and April 7-9. Excellent musical items were rendered by local and visiting artists. Capacity crowds heard challenging messages presented by Haydn Sargent. The programmes were compered by the minister, Bruce Roberts, and singing was led by Rob Holt. . . . The church has adopted a programme for financing and building a new chapel in the Ipswich suburb of Leichhardt. Construction will commence early next year. . . . Active membership is 214. N. Fawdry is Board chairman; A. Feldhahn, secretary, and H. Risson, treasurer.

CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Ann-st., Qld.). Elders and deacons are planning a Church Life Conference to be held at Caloundra Youth Centre, early in May. . . . A young man from Teacher Training College has been received into fellowship following confession and baptism. . . . Noel Culbert has begun National Service training. . . . Monthly after-church coffee-pot programmes are attended by about 200 and bring increased attendance at gospel service. . . . Jack Files (snr.) has been back in fellowship after many weeks of hospitalisation. Sympathy of church has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Vincent in loss of a twin son at birth.

TRAGIC DEATH OF DAVID BAKER



David Baker.

(Qld.). Returning to Brisbane after speaking at a Christian Businessmen's Association meeting at Gatton, on Monday night, April 10, David Baker, Social Service Director for our churches in Qld., was involved in a collision with a semi-trailer and was fatally injured. His daughter, Mary, is recovering in the Ipswich Hospital from injuries sustained.

David was Senior Vice-Pres., and was to have taken up Presidential duties on May 1.

An elder of the Annerley church, David had endeared himself to many Queens-

landers within the brotherhood and the community. He had made his mark through activities as Social Service Director and his consistent witness as a Christian businessman.

The message of tribute for his dedicated life was given by Alex. Surtees, and Haydn Sargent presided. The brotherhood prays for the upholding love of God to be the possession of Mrs. Baker and the family at this time.

An obituary notice will appear in a later edition.

WOMEN'S CAMP IN QLD.

96 ladies shared in this year's camp at Caloundra Conference Centre. Camp Director, Mrs. Potter, Ann-st., secretary Mrs. Cobins, Sunnybank, treas., Mrs. Smith, Albion, and Mrs. Connell, Kenmore, formed the executive planning committee. Studies were based on the theme of "The Role of Employed Women in the Work of the Church." Miss Helen Trudgian, B.A., B.Ed., Albion, senior lecturer at Kelvin Grove Teachers' College, introduced the subject, and papers were presented by Mrs. Miller, Dalby, Mrs. Sleaford, Rosewood, Mrs. Shepherd, Boondall, and Mrs. James, Albion.

Devotions on the "Vine and the Branches" theme were delivered by Mrs. Male, Camp Hill, Mrs. Wiltshire, Hervey Bay, Mrs. Armstrong, Ann-st., and Mrs. Lowe, Southport.

Saturday night was a variety night: Mrs. Green, Dalby, screened a movie film of a recent trip to the Holy Land. A concert unearthed some hidden "talent" and the World Women's Fellowship film strip was shown.

Sunday morning communion was conducted in the open-air chapel. The order of service was prepared by Mrs. Connell, Kenmore, and Mrs. Cassie Baker, Conf. Pres., presided.

It was a genuine women's camp, with men taking the role of chefs. Alex. Surtees, Home Missions, Jack Fraser, Boondall, Ray Carter, Southport, Reg. Boettcher, Annerley, Harold Plint, Redcliffe, and Jim Surtees, Albion, were the weekend kitchen staff.

CAMP HILL'S 4-POINT PLAN

(Qld.). The 4-point plan, Contact, Cultivation, Commitment and Conservation, is well under way at the Brisbane suburban church, Camp Hill. Directed by Allan Webb, B.A., minister of the church, using the slogan, "The Family Church," the outreach is being felt in the community. Advertising media, leaflets and personal witness is achieving results in larger attendances and great interest in the services. An Adult Bible Class has been commenced, and the young people are being trained in practical ways of personal witnessing.

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W.A. 62nd Women's Auxiliary Conference

The President, Mrs. C. B. Reid, presided over 289 at the Women's Conference on March 29, in the Christian Centre Auditorium.

Pink was the predominating color of the massive bowls of dahlias and gladioli. The floral convener, Mrs. E. F. Black, and Mrs. G. Molgnard were responsible for the arrangement.

"Walking with Jesus in the Holy Land" was the meditation brought by Mrs. G. A. Ewers, a Past President, in speaking of her recent overseas tour. Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. D. A. Ladbrook sang a duet.

"New" ministers' wives welcomed were: Mrs. L. P. Austin (Applecross); Mrs. A. W. Ladbrook (Harvey), and Mrs. A. J. Gordon (Geraldton). Missionaries: W.A. Women's Living Link, Mrs. K. Ludgater, New Hebrides; Mrs. A. Fletcher, New Guinea; Mrs. G. Croot, Norseman.

Front Line Workers.

It was a privilege to hear first-hand of the work that is being done on our behalf, from Mrs. K. Ludgater (N.H.), who thanked the sisters for providing 107 Londua Senior Primary School uniforms. Mrs. A. Fletcher (N.G.) thanked all for prayer and practical support. Mrs. G. Croot told of the cottage meetings of the Norseman C.W.F.

Matron Hill, of Bethesda Hospital, on behalf of the Board of Management, expressed appreciation of the loyal support of Mrs. T. Smillie, a member of the Board for nine years. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Smillie found it necessary to retire. Mrs. C. B. Reid presented Matron with a cheque for \$168.68, for the Bethesda Sanctuary, and to Mrs. Smillie, a brooch and posy, as a token of thanks and appreciation.

In the Social Service report Mrs. Miles Green, foster mother of "Karingal," told of the change Christ makes in the lives of girls. Miss B. Doddemeade, newly appointed deaconess, spoke of the new paths she has trodden in the fields of welfare.

Mr. Turnell, of York, gave a demonstration, and explained how devotional tape recordings were used in the Woorooloo Hospital in between regular visiting days.

Matron Rigg, Christian Guest Home, thanked all for their gifts and visits to the Home. Superintendents were proud to introduce those few who are doing so much for the many.

While Mrs. C. R. Johnson conducted the obituary segment, Mrs. L. Cutts arranged the rose bowl of remembrance. The message in song, "The Lord is My Shepherd," was brought by Mrs. G. Smith.

Veterans.

Twenty veterans, including "Granny" Sharp, in her 105th year, were honored and presented with a posy and hand-made souvenir book mark with the President's motto and autograph.

The duets, "Why Walk Alone," by Mrs. Hollet and Mrs. F. Drennan, and Mrs. W. A. Calladine and Mrs. D. K. Croot (mother and daughter) were much appreciated.

PLANNING FOR ADELAIDE

WORLD CONVENTION MEETING AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis. — The Executive Committee of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) held the best attended session in its history at the Thompson Retreat and Conference Centre.

In the absence of Sir Philip Messent, of Adelaide, Australia, President of the Convention, Raymond McCallister, pastor of Webster Groves Christian Church, St. Louis, first Vice-President, presided.

Among the twenty persons attending the three-day session were executive heads of the church's national organisations in five countries and leaders from two others.

Laurence V. Kirkpatrick is General Secretary of the World Convention which maintains its headquarters at the Inter-church Centre in New York.

As its final action, the executive com-

mittee issued "a most cordial" invitation to all to participate in the Adelaide Convention. It was expressed in a formal resolution which concluded:

"Therefore, we the executive committee of the World Convention extend an invitation to those Christians everywhere who have their roots and interest in the historic movement known variously as Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and Disciples of Christ, to begin at once plans for attending the eighth assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ at Adelaide, Australia, October 20-25, 1970."



OVERSEAS MEMBERS, WORLD CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO ATTENDED MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS.

(From left to right): Philip Morgan, the General-Secretary-elect of the Churches of Christ of Great Britain; Kingsley D. Dube, of Bulawayo, Rhodesia, a member of the United Nations' staff; Mrs. E. V. Lawton, of Adelaide, Australia, President of the World C.W. Fellowship; Peter Solomon, of Damoh, India; Jean B. Bokeleale, of Mbandaka, General Secretary of the Church of Christ of the Congo (Disciples); and Herbert Shirley, General Secretary of the Jamaican Association of Christian Churches (Disciples).

The closing afternoon exercise, arm-chair chat, "Creative Activities," was led by Mrs. F. Cooper

In a relaxed manner, Mrs. Miles Green, "Karingal," Mrs. Keith Ludgater, New Hebrides, R. H. Davey, Aged Persons' Homes Board, and K. J. Patterson, Home Missions, presented practical aspects of their work. A. W. Ladbrook and K. Turner were other guest speakers.

The Conf. Pres., R. Vincent, thanked the ladies for cheques received: Home Missions, \$917.02; Overseas Missions, \$1,197.28; Aborigines Missions, \$592.73; Social Service, \$184.10. He then took the opportunity to thank the retiring catering superintendents, Mrs. L. C. Peacock and Mrs. D. R. Pallot, and presented each with a cake dish on behalf of the various Conference Depts., and to Mrs. C. B. Reid, a Bible, in recognition of the work of the Women's Auxiliary Conf.

On behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. C. B. Reid presented Mesdames Peacock and Pallot each with a Ranleigh tray in appreciation of their services as

Catering Superintendents for 15 years.

The choral meditation, "Walking with Jesus," conducted by Mrs. L. A. Brigatti, was a special feature of the evening rally.

Mrs. C. B. Reid announced the newly elected office-bearers, and introduced the incoming President, Mrs. F. Newcombe, who gave as her motto, Phil. 3: 10, "That ye may know him and the power of his resurrection."—D. M. Gordon, sec.

SCARBOROUGH'S PRESIDENT

(W.A.). Our minister, T. D. Maiden, was elected State Conf. Pres. Past-Pres., R. Vincent, shared with us some of the demands and also blessings that this appointment will bring. The annual meeting of the church was held on April 6. . . . Three people were baptized and three others were welcomed into fellowship on transfer from other districts. . . . The Missionary Project offerings just failed to reach the target of \$1000.

QLD. CHURCH EXTENSION AND TRUST FUND

The Fund, presently known throughout our Queensland Churches as the Church Extension and Trust Fund, had its beginnings in 1919, when it was called the "Connexional Fund."

Some years later it became known as the Church Extension Fund and was under the control of the Board of Trustees — now the Property Committee.

During 1966, the Church Extension Fund was amalgamated with the Mutual Trust Fund to form the Church Extension and Trust Fund. Monies are obtained by way of deposit from members and churches (interest is payable at 4 per cent deposits on call, and 5 per cent deposits for terms of five years or more.) After allowing for adequate reserves to meet withdrawals, these funds are loaned out to churches

and committees to assist in their building programmes. In addition there has been an accumulation of funds over the years, mainly from the Annual Appeal made by the Committee.

Throughout the years more than 80 per cent of churches and several brotherhood committees have been assisted with loans totalling well in excess of \$100,000. Although still small by present day building costs, the Fund has been able to play a very useful and vital part in the expansion of our work in Queensland.

There is still an urgent need for more deposits. The Secretary of the Property Committee (A. R. Hilford, 6 Campbell-st., Redcliffe, Qld.) will be only too pleased to answer any queries or receive deposits for the Church Extension and Trust Fund. No amount is too small to be important and no amount too large to handle.

S. H. WILSON ON "A.C." STAFF

Stanton Wilson, minister at Evington Rd., Leicester, England, has been officially appointed an overseas correspondent for "The Australian Christian." He will continue to write "Lines from Leicester," a regular news feature, and will also supply news items about our churches in England and other matters of interest to all Christian people.

NEW MINISTRY APPRECIATED

(Harvey, W.A.). Church in good heart since welcoming Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ladbrook to minister here. Average attendance during March: a.m. 43; p.m. 32... Frank Stanford back from his stay in New Guinea with the Unevangelized Fields Mission. He is now supt. of B.S. . . . Lorraine Ottrey has been chosen head prefect of her school . . . B.S. scholars invited the Roelands Native Mission children to share in picnic at Binninup Beach . . . Miss Mary Woodier hospitalised for some weeks, and Mrs. E. Fryer in hospital after major operation.

THINGS TO COME

- APRIL: QUEENSLAND**
 28-30—State Conference.
 30 —11.00 a.m. Combined Communion Service, Festival Hall.
 12.30 p.m. Picnic Lunch, Botanical Gardens.
 2.30 p.m. "March of Witness."
 3.00 p.m. Conf. Youth Rally, Festival Hall.
 7.00 p.m. "Tweenagers" Train to Rockhampton.
- MAY:**
 1 —State Conference concludes.
 1-5 —"Tweenagers" Camp at Emu Park.
 6-7 —Launching Out Camp at Emu Park.
 13 —Rally No. 3 at Marburg.
- APRIL: NEW SOUTH WALES**
 15-30—Belrose Mission — with K. Christensen.
 16-23—Lidcombe Mission — with E. T. Hart.
- MAY:**
 5 —C.W.F. monthly meeting — City Temple, Sydney.
 7 —Director of H.M. and Evang. commences special effort at Liverpool West.
 13 —First Term concludes at Woolwich.
- VICTORIA**
 28-30—Good Communion — Senior Leaders' Camp.
 29 —Explorers' Hike and Barbecue.
 29 —Young Adults — "Foya."
 30 —C.Y.F. Leader Training for Executive Members.
- MAY**
 Explorers' Service Month.
 Seminar on "Christian Reading."
 C.E. Area Training Sessions.
 5-12—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
 7 —Annual Offering — Department of Christian Education.
 12 —C.Y.F. "Impact" (Dept. of Christian Educ.).

DEATH OF MRS. M. CROSSMAN

(Preston, Vic.). Church regrets sudden death, on April 1, of the mother of our minister, G. K. Crossman. Mrs. M. Crossman, of Pendle Hill N.S.W., was on holiday visit to her son. The funeral service, April 4, was conducted in our chapel by E. W. Roffey, of Ivanhoe, assisted by L. E. Dewberry, of Box Hill. Mrs. Crossman was the widow of W. J. Crossman, one of our ministers who served mainly in N.S.W. He was for many years Social Service Secretary in that State. He died in 1958 . . . A. J. Storay, West Preston, exchanged pulpits, on April 9, with Mr. Crossman.

SPRINGVALE MINISTRY

(Vic.). The appointment is announced of Kevin Turner as minister. With his wife and family, Mr. Turner will commence in Jan., 1968. Meanwhile we are enjoying the interim ministry and fellowship of Dr. and Mrs. Bowes . . . We have had Jack Edwards, from New Hebrides, and Bob Story, U.F.M., as visiting speakers recently. Mrs. Barbara Edwards spoke of New Hebrides work, and showed slides to ladies of C.W.F. A Missionary Convention, with special programmes, speakers and items is arranged for April 28-30.

C. G. FLOOD TO S.A.

(Hawthorn, S.A.). The church has announced that C. G. Flood will commence a ministry in Feb., 1968 . . . Westbourne Park Baptist members combined with us for an Easter service . . . C.W.F. will continue to make regular visits to the Home for Incurables. They are also preparing and serving lunches at Bedford Industries sheltered workshops . . . Ladies enjoyed an evening with Dr. Evans, when he spoke of his experiences with the Royal Flying Doctor Service . . . Our J.C.E. members attended a Ranch Night arranged by Southern Districts C.E. leaders.

MINISTRY COMMENCED

(Charters Towers, Nth. Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. R. Acland have been welcomed to the full-time ministry of the church. The induction service was conducted on March 11 by K. Burkhead, Qld. Conf. Pres. The church programme for the year has been outlined . . . A morning service has been commenced at Eventide Aged Home, each Tuesday.

INDUSTRIAL SUNDAY

The Inter-Church and Industry Mission suggests that Industrial Sunday be observed this year on April 30.

I.T.I.M. in Melbourne prepared a pamphlet, suggested orders of service, suggested prayers and other information.

INDUCTION AT REDCLIFFE

(Qld.). K. Burkhead, Conf. Pres., conducted induction service for P. Burnham, student from Kenmore College . . . Young People's Fellowship, on Friday nights, has grown in numbers . . . Mrs. Burnham assists as pianist at gospel service . . . 65 attended Easter morning service, including visitors. At night, Mrs. Plint and Mrs. Burnham sang a duet . . . Kedron C.W.F. visited us on April 6. They led the devotions and Mrs. Kollmai gave the message. Ruby Haigh conducted Bible Quiz. Helen Chapman rendered a poem, with three ladies singing a trio. Redcliffs entertained the visitors to lunch, and Mrs. Plint moved a vote of thanks to them.

BRIAN STITT NEW W.A. YOUTH LEADER

Appointed by Youth and Christian Education Committee.

It is with great pleasure that the Western Australian Youth and Christian Education Committee announces that Brian Stitt, B.A., Dip.Ed., at present ministering with the church at Bridgetown, W.A., has accepted a call to serve as the Director of the Committee's activities. Mr. Stitt will commence duties in January, 1968.

This will mean that the committee will be employing two full-time workers. Miss Merle Peacock, B.A., will continue to serve as Organising Secretary.

ENDEAVOUR SUCCESSES

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). The I.C.E. again won the efficiency trophy for their section for the year's activities. The Y.P. grade also won their trophy. The Junior grade were placed second. Many of our young people attended Easter camp on the new camp site at Lake Macquarie. . . . S.S. picnic was held on April 1 at Clarencetown . . . C.W.F. held an art and pottery display on April 6 . . . Several of our women attended the Women's Session at N.S.W. State Conference on March 14.

S.A. WOMEN PLAN FOR 1970

On March 15, the women of our churches held a Floral Art demonstration, trading table and morning tea, to commence a fund for the Flower Committee. This is for purchase of flowers when necessary for Flower Day exhibit, any brotherhood functions, such as State and Federal Conferences, and for the 1970 World Convention in Adelaide.

The function was well attended by members coming from most suburban churches, and as far away as Bordertown. Net profit was \$119.40. Thanks are due to Mrs. Jean Taylor, and several other State auxiliary ladies who organised this worthwhile project.

DOLLAR DINNER

(Unley, S.A.). Our first Dollar Dinner was on April 14. 120 sat down to a 3-course dinner. The aim was to interest people from outside our own membership. Church families with children could all use the one ticket — it was not meant as a fund-raising venture. Young people served at tables, and the men later cleared up the hall, etc. Our after-dinner speaker, Dr. Keith Crowley, showed films and spoke of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, in which he served as doctor to an outback area larger than all England . . . Our C.W.F. had a "Get-together" at nearest Congregational Church on April 4. Our minister, R. V. Holmes, spoke on "The Future of the Inner-Suburban Churches." Manthorpe Congregational ladies served supper. Folk were present from Malvern Methodist, St. Augustine's Church of England, Highgate Congregational and Manthorpe Congregational. Ministers from St. Augustine's and Manthorpe Congregational also took part in the meeting.

ROCKDALE SALE

(N.S.W.). Mrs. A. Copley is organising a regular monthly stall in Rockdale, selling anything and everything. All proceeds are to go to the Social Service Dept. for the proposed Geriatric Hospital at Pendle Hill . . . Recent visitors included the Caringbah Church of Christ cricket team, who led a cricketers' service in March. Other speakers were Hariba Waghmode, M. Bedwell, A. G. Elliott and R. Ewers . . . Mrs. Black, Mrs. R. Carson, Mrs. W. Copley, Mrs. B. Daniels and Mark Perryman have been hospitalised.

NINE DECISIONS

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Nine people have recently confessed Christ. A series of sermons on the Seven Last Words from the Cross, and "What Churches of Christ Believe" have aroused keen interest. D. G. Nelson was appointed Chairman of the Maryborough Ministers' Fraternal. Ray Veal and Hariba Waghmode gave informative discourses on the Indian mission work. A J.C.E. commenced, with 30 members . . . Baddow C.W.F. held a concert, with proceeds for Aborigines Missions . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Popp have returned from a Pacific and U.S.A. cruise . . . C.Y.F. averages 50 in attendance . . . The church at Hervey Bay, led by S. W. Vanham, is maintaining excellent attendances. The C.W.F. and mid-weekly meetings continue to prosper. A. McK. Surtees, H.M. Director, was recent speaker at Hervey Bay.

TASMANIAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The President, A. W. Gilbertson, led the meetings at Margaret St., Launceston. The next Conference will be held at Devonport, at a date to be fixed. Colin Orr is the new President, and L. G. Read, minister at Margaret St., is Secretary. C. Burt is Treasurer. Other appointments are: Pres.-Elect: L. G. Cooke. Vic.-Tas. representatives: A. W. Gilbertson and L. C. Moore. Committee: C. R. Edmunds, E. W. Knight, C. W. Lee, C. J. Heier and C. C. Neville.

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- H.M. and Evangelism: C. J. Orr.
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Lee, L. C. Moore, V. Ward, D. Burrows.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS.

The report of the H.M. and Evang. Committee was chiefly concerned with the problems of expansion moves in Hobart and Ulverstone. In the latter, the building limitations are aggravated by "takeovers" by new road constructions which makes our building an unsightly corner building. This offers a further challenge to the brotherhood.

Much progress was reported for the Bicheno Campsite, but there is need to push on, especially with the completion of the ablutions block, to comply with health requirements. Work camps and other voluntary work have produced almost all of the required number of bricks for this job.

Special mention was made of the Bethany Children's Home management and the work of Social Service, especially in the involvement of the latter in the recent bushfire disaster.

Guest speakers were A. Ross. Lloyd, President, Vic.-Tas. Conference, and V. Longthorp, Director of Christian Education.

DEVONPORT DECISIONS

(Tas.). Two married women made decisions on April 9 . . . The minister, E. W. Taylor, was guest speaker at C.W.F. on 4th . . . Devonport church needs a tent (seating capacity 150-200) in Feb., 1968, for mission with J. K. Bond. Pleare contact church sec., C. Burt . . . The Boys' Brigade conducted a Father and Son car trial, which attracted 14 fathers and 17 cars. This was followed by a barbecue. The chaplain, Mr. Taylor, led devotional service. 47 Life Boys, 25 from 1st D'port company, 12 from Smithton, and 10 from Ulverstone, with 8 leaders, were at weekend camp at Turner's Beach. Quite a few of the boys have indicated their desire to become Christians. Follow-up counselling is being given.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

(Taree, N.S.W.). The Taree church has launched a new building programme. This was endorsed late last year by members of the congregation. It will embrace a new Fellowship Centre in brick, with a two-storey imposing front to Victoria Street, and on the highway to Brisbane, on the North Coast. The project will include a modern manse, which will be built on the second floor immediately behind the front two-storey structure . . . The site will be on the grounds where the former manse stood, which has already been demolished. The project will cost in the vicinity of 40,000 dollars. Building will soon commence.

NOT ON SUNDAY!

In the last issue of "A.C." the Editor picked Allan Frost to play in the cricket match at the Melb. Cricket Ground between the two touring Australian teams. The news item was printed before the match was played.

The Editor was making his selection on ability and form, but there were other matters involved. He had overlooked the fact that the four day match included a Sunday, and Allan would not play for that reason.

Allan Frost, Brian Booth and Johnny Martin have strong convictions about Sunday sport, and they were not available for selection. We honor them for their stand against this unnecessary intrusion into the Lord's Day, and we are sorry that we gave the impression that Allan was playing.

\$1600 PAID OFF

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). It was disclosed at the last officers' meeting that \$1600 has been paid off the loan to build a new church hall . . . Fred. Brown has made a fine recovery after a long illness during 1966. His record as church sec. for 50 years is admired by all who know him . . . G. B. Davis is minister.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PROPERTY PURCHASED

(Colonel Light Gardens, S.A.). A timely Stewardship Programme was conducted by the minister, A. G. Mathieson. The dinner and discussion on Stewardship Responsibilities, along with an excellent series of addresses over some weeks, raised the giving of the church at the time when the Home Missions Dept. was requesting certain churches to go self-supporting. Our church was able to accommodate to this situation. The church has been able to purchase the house next to the property, and in Goodwood-rd., for a very generous price of \$6000. Included in this, the owner, Miss Hill, gave to the church several articles of furniture and crockery as a gift. The newly acquired manse will be let until required. Mr. Mathieson's leadership is greatly appreciated and is making an impact on the community.

VISIT FROM LIVING LINK

(Koongarra Park, S.A.). The church was visited by Jack Edwards, our Living Link missionary (New Hebrides). Several cartons of books have been collected to help with the school work. Missionary Boxes have been distributed to each family to remind them of their need to pray and give to the work. Harvest Thanksgiving saw a goodly amount of produce and groceries, which were later sent to the Morialta Protestant Children's Home. Six of our ladies represented the church at a recent brotherhood Women's Camp. The B grade tennis team won the 1966-67 premierships. 30 members went to Moana for Easter Camp.

McLEAN AT LENSWOOD

(S.A.). Easter services were held at Williamstown this year. Speakers were Mr. Setzman, from Gawler, and Mr. Bartlett, from Croydon. Harvest Thanksgiving, on April 9, had Ron McLean, Fed. Overseas Sec., as speaker. Mr. and Mrs. H. Francis (Bendigo, Vic.), took part in evening service. Proceeds went to Morialta Children's Home and our Rest Home. Our church secretary, H. G. Pollard, has been recently elected Vice-Pres. of the Southern Districts Conf.

Pres. is K. Pitt (Murray Bridge). Recent offerings: Aborigines Mission, \$46.60; B. and F. B. S., \$37.10; Tasmanian Bushfire Relief, \$43.00.

\$107 FOR TASMANIA

(Forestville, S.A.). A retiring offering was taken at Good Friday service for Tasmanian Fire Relief Fund. \$107 was received. Harvest Thanksgiving was held on March 12. Miss Gillian Lunnay was guest soloist. Perishable goods were given to Christian Rest Home at Everard Park, and Food for India gifts will be forwarded to missionaries. In addition, \$26 was given for missionary parcels. Dorcas group arranged a visit with Overseas Missionary Committee. A bus was hired by C.W.F. to bring ladies from the Salvation Army Rescue Home to their 9th birthday meeting. Building Ext. giving for year was \$112. Ian Gates is conducting a B.S. Teacher Training Course. Mr. Roberts conducted a hymnbook binding demonstration to interested members to enable us to repair own hymn books.

PRINCIPAL AS SPEAKER

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). A capacity crowd attended the Easter Sunday service, when Rev. G. Miller, Principal, M.B.I., was speaker. 32 members meeting in four groups are discussing "Operation Africa" (Adult Fellowship Research Into Christian Action). Minister elected Pres. of South Coast C.Y.F. (Methodist, Cong., Ch. of Christ). A Couples' Club commenced in March. Men's Fellowship travelled to Pt. Sturt on March 2 and April 6 to join in working bee. S. Riches, State Pres., was speaker at Temple Day and church anniversary on April 9. 150 attended a baptismal service at night, when two young men were baptized. Temple Day offering was \$170.

OPENING OF YOUTH CENTRE, POINT STURT, S.A.

May 6 will mark the culmination of several year's work and the fulfilment of a plan to establish a Youth Centre in the Southern Districts Conference area. The locality has an historical background dating back to the early years of the Restoration Movement in this State.

When the early settlers moved away from the Grote St. church in the 1850's, they took up land in the Lakes area and commenced meetings which became known as the Point Sturt church.

CHOIR SINGS "THE CRUCIFIXION"

(Maylands, S.A.). Stainer's "Crucifixion" was sung by church choir, with Robert Angove and John Mathieson as visiting soloists. Rev. J. Jarman spoke at the combined service on Good Friday. An Easter play, "The Second Death," written and produced by Chester Schultz, was enacted by young people. A garden afternoon at home of J. Hutchison, and conducted by C.W.F. day group, raised \$161 for Tas. Fire Fund. On church anniversary, an offering of \$276 was given for same fund. Two recent morning church services have been broadcast by Radio 5DN. Evening group C.W.F. elected the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Fletcher; sec., Mrs. Walton; treas., Mrs. Middlemiss.

COMBINED SERVICE

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). On Good Friday the church combined with Hampstead Baptist Church for communion service. The minister, K. B. Marriott, was leader of an Easter youth camp held at Balaklava. Merv. Scudds, of Kilburn, preached at both services on March 26.

GUEST OF THE HARVEST

(Loxton, S.A.). Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 19 had S. E. Riches, S.A. Conf. Pres., as guest speaker. Goods were displayed and later given to the Rest Home in Adelaide. A good gathering of the Upper Murray churches met to hear Hariba Waghmode speak on April 5. A film night was held by the C.W.F. on April 7, to raise funds for electric fans for the church. \$11 was raised. Three girls were promoted to pioneers on the first 1967 church parade of the Girls' Brigade.

For over a 100 years the church has continued an unbroken witness, although the numbers have now dwindled to a few.

It is on this spot that a Youth Camp has been established. Dormitories have been erected, ablutions block, spacious hall, and kitchen have been built. A special celebration will be held on May 6. The official opening will take place at 2.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., and a variety concert at 7.30 p.m.

FOCUS ON N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

"The things thou hast heard . . . commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also . . ." — 2 Tim. 2: 2.

In these words of Paul we may well describe the progress of the N.S.W. Bible College. Beautifully situated at Woolwich, at the point where the Lane Cove River enters Sydney Harbour, the College continues in the task of training men and women for the ministry of the Word, at home and abroad.

25 YEARS

Woolwich College has just completed 25 years of service and witness. In 1942, A. R. Main, M.A., after a long and honoured career at Glen Iris, Vic., became inaugural Principal at Woolwich. He was followed by H. J. Patterson, M.A., and then A. W. Stephenson, M.A. During the quarter-century, much development has been seen, with the erection of the E. C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel and the College Library, the purchase of Corlett Hall, and the building of the Vice-Principal's residence.

TRAINING FOR LIVING

Training for Living has been the major goal in College achievement. The Board firmly believes that only as men are wholly devoted to Christ in a personal, daily walk, will they prove effective pastors. Only men of strong conviction can be fully used by the Spirit in proclaiming the Life-giving message of Christ. To this end, while a high academic standard is required, the most important aspect of training concerns growth in Christian character and personal witness, with the Scriptures central in all things.

OFF TO CAMP

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The minister, Maxwell Hall, and several young people, attended the Easter Youth Camp at Lake Macquarie. C.E. members heard Mr. Gardiner, of "Ambassadors for Christ," at Graman. Two of our young people made re-consecration there. Mrs. Swaker was farewelled recently on leaving for England with her daughter, Mrs. Baker. A presentation was made on behalf of the members. The C.W.F. have begun a monthly visitation to elderly and sick members, and to contacts and parents of children attending S.S. Mrs. Boland showed slides of recent holiday to the Snowy, Canberra and Stn. coastal areas, to C.W.F. Four ladies attended the Baptist Women's anniversary tea at Glen Innes, on 14th.

N.S.W. C.W.F.

Echoes of both Conference Day and Camp were features of first meeting, in April, of Mrs. Marj. Elsmore's Presidential year. Devotions, led by Mrs. McLean, with soloist Mrs. Banner, and speaker Mrs. Wakeley, echoed the camp spirit, and an excellent summary of the teaching of 1st Peter, which was the camp study epistle this year.

Mrs. Rita Dickson, a Past President, was welcomed to the position of State Secretary. 104 women responded to her roll call, representing 28 Fellowships.

Mrs. Camlin spoke of other camp experiences, mentioning the quiet rest and peace of "Gilbulla," the prayer meetings, sing-songs, the memorable communion service in the little log chapel, and the fellowship which, she said, was "a recharging of our spiritual batteries," and summing up the Retreat as a "real treat."—Mrs. J. Henderson.

MINISTERS' WIVES' FELLOWSHIP OF N.S.W.

The Conference meeting of the N.S.W. Ministers' Wives' Fellowship met with Mrs. Stephenson, at Woolwich College. 36 ministers' wives were present. Guests were Fed. Pres., Mrs. S. Bloore; State Pres., Mrs. M. Elsmore, and Miss D. Catts, from New Guinea, who led the devotions, and Mrs. D. Hammer showed slides and souvenirs from New Guinea.

Mrs. F. Ewers, Burwood, was elected as new Pres., and Mrs. N. Hodgkiss, Earlwood, as Sec. Appreciation was extended to the retiring officers, Mrs. J. Henderson and Mrs. M. Bedwell.

The Fellowship is very grateful to the Stephensons for all they do in preparation.

The next meeting will be the Social, on June 23. The venue will be announced later.

MISSIONARY VISITOR

(Epping, N.S.W.). Milton S. Wayne, missionary to Japan, spoke at midweek meeting. Ian Titterton, first-year student at Woolwich, is assisting the minister, H. M. Long. Epping Rotary Club chose our chapel for its annual church parade. J. Henderson was guest speaker. W. E. Wilson told the church about work done by the Eastwood Community Aid Service in past year. This service is to be extended to Epping district. The C.W.F. par-

STUDENTS AND CHURCHES

Not the least part of student-preparation is the pastoral ministry in student churches. One of the reasons that prompted the establishment of the College in this State was the realisation that students might helpfully serve in weaker suburban churches — and this has worked out to the mutual benefit of both students and churches. 20 churches are receiving assistance from students.

LECTURING STAFF

The present faculty consists of consecrated men, and includes Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A.; Vice-Principal, A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), B.Sc., Dip.Ed.; F. L. Ewers, M.A.; C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed.; C. G. Taylor, B.A.; K. E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.S.T.C., and B. Armstrong.

LOOKING AHEAD

Recently, the pressing need arose for increasing accommodation for Married Students, and has been partially supplied by new additions and alterations. Much more, however, has to be done regarding Married Students' quarters, and the "25th Anniversary Appeal of the College" is designed to make known the need in this important area.

The future of the work at Woolwich is assured. As long as men need the gospel there will be a task to be done, a goal to be achieved — as young lives, in selfless sacrifice, prepare to proclaim "the Name that is above every name."

participated in the State House Party at "Gilbulla." The Epping midweek meeting combined with Telopea to hear Brian Willesdorf, of "Youth Crusades". The Epping Ministers' Fraternal has arranged combined churches' cottage Bible studies. The young people visited occupants of the Home Unit to invite them to one of the two combined Easter services. Rev. J. Gunson (Congregational), spoke at the Pres. Church, and H. M. Long at Methodist Church.

SPECIAL GIFTS

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Out of the faith offering, \$200 has been sent to Miss Hazel Skuce's Correspondence Course for the Bible, and another \$200 to the Federal Aborigines Missions Board. For a month, a special 6-7 a.m. prayer meeting has been held on Saturdays, in preparation for the Teaching Mission commencing April 11. Speakers will be A. W. Stephenson, F. L. Ewers and R. B. Ewers. Church regretfully farewells Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mason and family, who are moving to Doonside, and also Mr. and Mrs. Pesa Fekitoa, to Turrumurra. Both families will be missed by congregation at Kingsford. Ladies catered for the Loyalty Dinner. Guest speaker was Kevin Crawford; items were presented by Miss Jan McKirdy, and by Mr. and Mrs. Fekitoa. R. Murray, a deacon, is home after two visits to hospital recently. S.S. picnic was held at Clifton Gardens.

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DAVIES (Spokes). — Joan and Allan announce, with great pleasure, the safe arrival, on April 13, at the Maryborough District Hospital, Vic., a son — Allister John.

ENGAGEMENT

RAWLE - TIPPING. — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rawle, South Melbourne, Vic., announce the engagement of their daughter, Roselyn, to James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tipping, Port Melbourne, on April 19, 1967.

ROFFEY - BUTLER. — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roffey, 1098 Heidelberg-rd., Ivanhoe, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Butler, 52 Gilbert-rd., West Preston, Vic., happily announce the engagement of Margaret and Lloyd.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WRIGHT - FOOT. — The marriage of Anna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. J. Wright, Brighton, S.A., to Greg, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Foot, Launceston, Tas., will take place on Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m., at Brighton Gardens Church, S.A.

SILVER WEDDINGS

ADDICOTT - BRODIE. — Jean and Bob celebrated their marriage at North Richmond Church of Christ, on April 18, 1942, officiating minister the late E. McIlhagger. Present address, 6 Allendale-rd., Croydon, Vic. Best wishes from Graeme, Rhonda, Glenda and Philip.

DARBY - SCOTT. — Rupert and Isabel Darby happily announce the 25th anniversary of their wedding celebrated at the Collingwood Church of Christ by the late T. A. Fitzgerald, and the Rev. Thos. W. Darby, on May 2, 1942.

RUBY WEDDING

RATCLIFFE - DOWD. — Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Ratcliffe announce with pleasure the 40th anniversary of their wedding celebrated on April 30, 1927, by the late J. C. F. Pittman, at the Church of Christ, Moreland, Vic. "Thanks be to God."

EMERALD WEDDING

GREGORY - CROUCH. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gregory, First-st., Gawler, S.A., have pleasure in announcing their 55th wedding anniversary, solemnised by the late Pastor Dickson, at Chapple-st., Norwood, April 29, 1912.

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DEATHS

WEST Dorothy May, of Red Cliffs, Vic., on March 29, 1967, as result of accident at Mildura, beloved wife of Bryant, loved mother of Graham, Dennis and Helen, and mother-in-law of Maria and Margaret (dec.).

WEST (nee Mears). — Margaret Lesley, of Bayswater, Vic., on March 29, 1967, as result of accident at Mildura, beloved wife of Dennis William, loved only daughter of Lesley and Milsom, and fond sister of Geoffrey and Raymond. "With her Saviour and Lord."

SIMPSON. — On April 3, at Booleroo Centre District Hospital, Cecil Baden (Skip), dearly loved husband of Joyce M. Simpson (nee Treasure), and loving father of Doug, Iris (Mrs. Scholz), Newton, Gwen (Mrs. Dufty), and David; aged 65 years. "Rest after suffering. Sadly missed."

IN MEMORIAM

SCOTT - BROWN. — In loving memory of my beloved husband, Herbert, called home, April 28, 1966. "Ever remembered." — Florence.

WOFF. — In loving memory of my beloved husband and our loving father, William Lawrence Woff, who was called home on May 2, 1962. "Always remembered." — Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

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 3.30 p.m.—Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
 Speaker: E. Miles. Guest
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 5.15 p.m.—Fellowship Tea.
 7 p.m.—Gospel Service. Speaker:
 F. Youens. Guest Choir:
 Maryborough Ladies.

Final Day — May 7 —

Theme: "Visions of the Future."
 11 a.m.—Worship Service. Speaker:
 I. Mullen.
 3.30 p.m.—P.S.A. Speaker: K. Harvey.
 5.15 p.m.—Youth Tea.
 7 p.m.—Gospel Service. Speaker: M. Gray.
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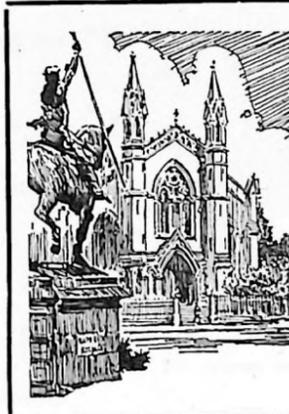
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MAY 7, 1967

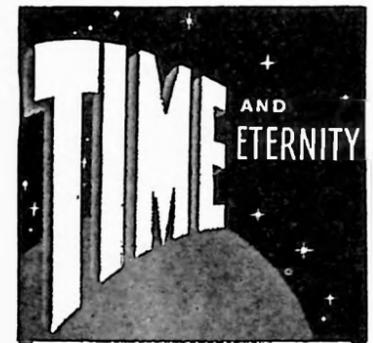
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
 Speaker: E. L. Williams.
 1 p.m.—Luncheon.
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The first Young Adult Easter Conference was most successful. Held at Monbulk, under the leadership of Dr. Geoff. Whiting, the Conference offered young adults studies in the O.T. prophets, Group Training, Training in Worship and Young Adult Programme Planning. The response to this Conference was so enthusiastic that it will become a feature in the Department's Camp-Conference programme.

The next meeting of FOYA (Fellowship of Young Adults) will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brough, 225 Elgar-rd., Box Hill South, on Sat., April 29, 8 p.m. Ian Smith, a brilliant young architect, will talk about "Your House and Mine."

BENALLA CAMPAIGN

(Vic.). Church enjoyed visit from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders, on March 12, prior to commencement of Fellowship Campaign conducted by A. A. Avery. Morning coffee and evening fellowship meetings were conducted in various homes in Benalla and surrounding country districts.

On Saturday afternoon there was a conducted tour of the Nillahcootie Dam site. The campaign concluded with a Sunday afternoon service at Benalla Memorial Hall, with visitors from Yarramonga and Wangaratta.

The church has decided to hold a trial period of alternate formal and informal Sunday services each fortnight. Although small in number, the church feels that there are good opportunities in store... Visitors to Benalla are invited to contact Mrs. Becroft (Benalla 62-1007) for further information regarding services.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

(Bayswater Vic.). Several folk took part in the Harvest Thanksgiving services. The Mitcham singers were guest artists. Fellowship at supper was the climax of a good day... The sympathy of the church is expressed to Mrs. A. H. Coleman the wife of the minister in the death of her father T. A. Fergusson.

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HOUSE CHURCH PROGRAMMES

(Glen Waverley, Vic.). About 100 members are sharing in stimulating house church programmes. They are held in several homes on Sunday evenings... Members have also enjoyed 7 a.m. Wednesday prayer sessions on the Easter theme... The S.S. picnic was held at Mornington... Presentations and expressions of appreciation were made to Angela and Fern Thoday and David Clarke, who have now left the district... Two young people were recently received into fellowship following baptism... The whole church is benefiting from new educational unit... A J.C.E. has been commenced by Mrs. V. Coutts. R. Hillier, minister, and members, give religious instruction in district schools.

SNAKE FOR BREAKFAST

(Belmont, Vic.). Senior Explorers enjoyed Adventure Camp at Woods Point over Labor Day weekend. Snake for breakfast was unexpected delicacy... Some young people are assisting with singing at evening meetings. L. Small has brightened singing with his song leading... At combined midweek meeting Latrobe Terr., on March 22... E. Lloyd, of International Society for Evangelization of Jews, gave challenging message... 400 attended combined service at Belmont Methodist Church for Good Friday morning... Final total for Tasmanian Bushfire Relief, \$113... Ian Redpath (Test cricketer) was guest speaker at cricket club's presentation night. Club finished third for season. 14 ladies shared with other churches in combined Missionary Rally at Manifold Heights on March 29.

EASTER CAMP AT DAYLESFORD

(Vic.). The combined C.Y.F.'s of Dunolly, Maryborough and Richmond churches, held an Easter camp at Daylesford, March 23-27. The ministers, R. Pfeifer, B. Heath, P. Andrews and D. Andrews were leaders, assisted by Richmond cooks. Situated in Victoria's Spa centre, the group of 40 was housed in tents, but had all the facilities of showers, gas cooking, hall, and kiosk available.

The theme of the camp was "His Cross and Ours." Personalities of the Passion—Peter, Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Calaphas, and Simon of Cyrene—were introduced, and through group discussion, reporting back, and dramatisation, a greater understanding of Easter, the Crucifixion, events surrounding it, and the meaning of the Cross for us today, was reached.

TEACHERS' SEMINAR

(Bentleigh, Vic.). On April 1, the S.S. held an informative seminar, when 21 teachers attended. Speakers were Mrs. L. Clency, J. Way, asst. Director of Chris. Educ., and B. Keyte, B.A., B.Ed. The theme was "Involvement of the Child." Rev. H. E. Knight, Home Director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship, spoke on April 2. Miss G. Lovett, a missionary candidate, gave her testimony... Mr. and Mrs. Rowbotham, home on furlough from Poona and Inland Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and family, Canadian missionaries from New Guinea working with Wycliffe Bible Translators, are fellowshiping with us... The A grade tennis team won the premiership.

IS TV A MENACE?

(Mildura, Vic.). On April 2, the monthly family service featured a discussion on the effects of television in the home—Menace or Ally?... Harvest Thanksgiving, on March 19, provided an opportunity to thank God for his goodness and to be challenged to share our prosperity with others... \$176 was given through the church to Tasmanian Fire Relief... Buronga S.S. held its picnic in March... M. D. Hamilton and J. Lowrey (Dareton, N.S.W.) exchanged pulpits on April 2.

EAST GIPPSLAND MINISTRY

(Melb.). The Victorian Council of Churches had been asked to set up a committee concerned with ministry to the East Gippsland area, said the Secretary, the Rev. A. D. Dargaville, recently.

In his paper to a group of ministers in Sale, the Rev. Alan Scott, Congregational minister, outlined their problems as they sought to minister to a population scattered through a number of towns in Gippsland, east of Sale. The resources of man power were generally concentrated on the larger town.

Mr. Scott also drew attention to the effect of opening up new timber concessions in East Gippsland. This would give rise to new communities to which the church must minister, he said. There were several possibilities of economical co-operation in the area where churches might combine to provide a single ministry. The meeting agreed to request the Victorian Council of Churches to set up an East Gippsland Planning Committee, in consultation with the relevant Departments of its member churches.—V.C.C.

MEN LEAD RALLIES

(Croydon, Vic.). Men's Fellowship conducted a weekend of inspirational rallies, March 17-19. Speakers Mr. Reid (Myers Christian Fellowship), A. Cant, Blackburn, and L. Barker, from Balwyn. Items were given by Myers group, Joy Keeble and Campbell Singers. One young man was baptized and received into membership... A combined service was held at Pres. Church on Good Friday... Men's Fellowship conducted a dawn service at Mt. Lofty on Easter Sunday, returning once again to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bullen for breakfast. C.W.F. conducted a film night on April 1. Ron Sterling showed slides of his recent trip to Japan. C.W.E.F. members attended a combined meeting at Pres. Church on April 5... Greg. Coghill is in Box Hill Hospital with a kidney complaint. Mr. Munro is very ill following his operation.

C.Y.F. WIDE REACH

(Nth. Essendon, Vic.). Senior C.Y.F., catering for teenagers 16-19, is presented with a challenge as 148 local teenagers have attended C.Y.F. functions this year. They meet twice weekly—Friday and Sunday nights. Recently they sponsored a Musical Service, on Sunday night. Music was provided by young people, and included a violin, clarinet and drums. Hymns, under the direction of R. L. Drayton, were sung to a modern beat. Sunday night programmes have included Question Times, when A. E. White, David Carter, John Birt, N. S. Moore and Counsellors have answered teenage questions... The front portion of our land on Kellor Rd. has been sold and our property widened by 40 ft. in Berry St.

RECORD S.S. SERVICE

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). After a record of 41 years' service, Mrs. A. Ross has retired from S.S. teaching... On March 19, Harvest Festival services had Ron Ayres, American evangelist, as special speaker... Three ladies attended C.W.F. Hall's Gap Camp... A. Avery and R. Bust were speakers on March 26... Mr. Stevens and 18 Endeavourers were at Easter Camp at Hall's Gap... On March 29, at morning coffee, Miss Dorothy Geyer spoke to the combined Mission Bands of Geelong churches... The annual tea and business meeting of the church reported steady financial progress.

WEST PRESTON YOUTH CENTRE OPENED

(Vic.). Many years of imaginative planning and constructive thinking bore fruit and ripened to a rich blessing on April 9, when the new Youth Centre was officially declared open by the Mayor of Preston, Cr. Young.

The minister, A. J. Storay, said that the new buildings had a two-fold purpose, i.e., the expansion of the B.S. facilities and amenities, and secondly, a club for young people, a place where they could belong and enjoy the facilities that were available. Wise counsel, guidance and encouragement would be one of the main aims.

John Way, of Dept. of Christian Educ., represented the brotherhood, and commended the church for the imagination and practical work in the building of the Youth Centre. It had an immense

potential for serving the community, and showed the concern for a person, and it behoved us to reach out further and show Christian love, and above all to maintain this love. The Mayor, Cr. Young, in declaring the Youth Centre officially opened, said that a building like this just doesn't happen, that hours, days, and months of work, and many anxious moments had brought a dream to fulfillment.

The new Centre includes a general lounge and quiet room, a coffee lounge and recreation area, with facilities for table tennis, billiards, TV and records. There is also a squash court. The Junior, Junior Primer and Intermediate Depts. of the B.S. are also accommodated.

Opportunity was taken during the afternoon to express thanks to all who had helped to bring the dream to reality.

CONGO VISITOR

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Miss Kathlyn Holmes-Libbbs, of the Congo, thrilled a packed church on April 2, in telling of her life in rebellious Africa, and of the need there of God's Word. Miss Nance Osbourne, a former "Sun" Aria winner, was guest soloist, and a dedication service for our 56 S.S. teachers was held. A moving and simple interpretation of the Last Supper was followed by communion on Maundy Thursday, at 8 p.m., in church lounge... Interview guests at evening services have been: Len Butler, sec., G. J. Coles, and Trustee of our Properties Corp; Andrew Augustine, a

solicitor, and Arthur Haskell, Managing Director of Austral Print. and Publ. Co. The minister, G. K. Moyes, was on GTV9 Epilogue, on April 10, 17 and 24. J. N. Ayers was also featured... Our new church football team played its first game... E. A. Le Page, M.B.E., was one of the guest speakers at opening of \$500,000 wing of Cheltenham Home for Aged... Ladies of the church preserved 600 lbs. of peaches for our Homes for the Aged... C.W.F. visited Chelt. Home for Aged and presented afternoon tea and entertainment... A missionary film of New Guinea, Paslya: A Man of the Gogodaras, was shown on Mar. 19.

STEPHEN CARR HONORED FOR BUILDING SERVICE

(Shepparton, Vic.). Stephen R. Carr was the recipient of a very beautiful Bible in recognition of his services as supervisor of the building of the Church Family Centre... Frank Harris was congratulated on being able to account for every cent of \$50,000 which passed through his hands last year, as church treasurer. The budget of \$8,977 for 1967 was approved—this covers repayments of loan on the Church Family Centre... The visit of Kevin Harvey, Field Officer of the Dept. of H. M. and Evang., was appreciated. All who attended the various meetings felt uplifted and helped. The attendance on the whole was disappointing. At the close of this week of meetings, three ladies rededicated their lives to the work of Christ... L. Croxford has offered to lead a new group of teenagers, aged 13-16 years. This group met for the first time last week... Norman Read spoke at both services at Wangaratta on April 16...

At the annual church business meeting, Len Clarke was elected to Board of Officers. New deaconesses are Mrs. A. Johnston and Mrs. Len Clarke.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOC. OF VIC.

(Vic.). The State Council of the Country Women's Assoc. of Vic. has again asked for the co-operation of the churches in arranging C.W.A. Sunday on May 7, 1967. The Council does not consider C.W.A. Sunday as a day on which the Association should receive special mention or glorification, but rather a day when, throughout the Commonwealth, every member is joined by an invisible link in the worship of God in her own church.

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OBITUARY

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After only a few weeks of sickness, Thomas Fergusson passed quietly into the night, fearing nothing, having a glorious expectation. He was indeed a Scot in whom there was no guile. He loved his fellowman, especially those of the household of faith. He loved the brotherhood and had a vision of the United Church.

He came to Queensland, from Glasgow, in 1927, as an electrician. He worked for the Electrical Authority at Toowoomba for some years. He married in 1928, his bride also coming from Glasgow. The enterprise of this couple in the land of their adoption has blessed and helped people wherever they have lived. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Fergusson, and three daughters, Mrs. Coleman (Ararat), Mrs. Coleman (Bayswater) and Mrs. Carr (Geelong).

Churches of Brisbane and Southern Queensland during the 30's and 40's,

especially Harlaxton and Ma Ma Creek, benefited by his able assistance, both from the pulpit and personal visitation, in which he excelled. Though he never passed through any theological college, he had been always a keen Bible student from an early age. He sought, in Brisbane, to pass on to other young Christians some of the Bible knowledge that he had acquired. The writer was in one of these classes for two years. He ventured into business of his own as an electrician, but the Lord's business always seemed to make it not highly successful. His confidence lay in the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore, I shall not want." He did amass quite a fortune in the way of friendships, and in this sense, died a wealthy man.

He was a versatile man. He played the organ and piano, sang, wrote verse, and was no mean author.

In the field of church finance, he sought to make Christians to be cheerful givers. The Centenary Hall at Geelong is evidence that he was successful in this regard.

Following part-time and interim ministries in Queensland, his full-time ministries were at Ipswich, Geelong, Shepparton and North Williamstown. For the last two years he was the representative of the B. and F. B. S. for the Western District of Vic.

The Fergusson home will be remembered as one of pleasant hospitality. His counsel was sought after. He was a wise man. His advice was always tempered with Christian common sense. His obvious serenity came from his ability to spend much time in prayer and meditation.

The service, held at the Latrobe Terrace chapel on March 29, was conducted by elder Joseph Small, a close friend, who also is a Scot of 40 years' living in Australia. Representatives from brotherhood Departments, the Bible Society and Geelong churches were present in a crowded chapel. The service at the Lawn Cemetery was conducted by Russell Banks.

He lived by faith. He died in the sure knowledge that the dead in Christ shall rise.—A. F. Gason.



Books for Information Inspiration and Pleasure —

RHODESIA By Judith Todd. 80 cents. Panther Books.

Meet An Angry Young Woman. Incensed by the injustice suffered by Africans in the present Rhodesian political situation, stirred with righteous indignation, and moved with compassion, and denied other mediums of protest, Judith Todd resorted to the pen to expose the racial fears that led to the Ian Smith dilemma and regime. The candid cover page summary is justified: "It is an angry, critical, important and often uncomfortable book by a courageous and highly intelligent young woman."

She writes as one experiencing the winds of racial fear and with an interior knowledge of the political situation — her father championing the cause of the Rhodesian Africans, lost the confidence of the European settlers, and consequently lost their support, after serving as Prime Minister for four years. Her compassion for the suffering Africans is more than emotional ferment. She has a friendship with many African leaders and knows the mental calibre and heart throb of such a man as Joshua Nkomo (the acknowledged leader of the majority of people in Rhodesia), and others confined to prison on the restricted area of Gonakudzingwa guarded by the army and police. Her own father's freedom and liberty is severely curtailed by the imposition of restriction to his own home.

New Zealand Churches of Christ have exercised a missionary influence in Rhodesia for over seven decades, and given such stalwart lives as John Sheriff, Leslie Hadfield, Walter Mansill (Glen Iris trained) and Garfield Todd and Ray Knapp. A lively evangelistic and educational work operates from Dadaya, and surrounding areas, conducted by a dedicated team of N.Z. missionaries and African co-partners. A. W. Ladbrook, well known in most Australian States, recently retired from his work there. Churches of Christ readers cannot afford to be ill-informed about the current Rhodesian situation. Judith Todd's book offers an up-to-the-minute schooling.

The family background of this unafraid authoress is of particular interest. Over the last fifty and more years no family has merited higher respect throughout New Zealand Churches of Christ than the Todd family. The pioneer par-

ents' home, known as "Belgravia," was on the outskirts of Invercargill. Australians who were favored with a visit to this home will recall the cultured and gracious sisters who were known to all as "Aunts." From this Todd background, Garfield went forth to Rhodesia to superintend the mission station at Dadaya. After ten years he chose to enter the political arena to foster and shape the welfare future of Africans. The continued and expanding Todd family influence is again apparent in the upsurge of this unafraid, angry young woman, Judith.

The extent of the Todd influence on the life of the churches may be judged by recounting a family get together in Nelson over the Christmas, New Year period. The members of Tom Todd's family (senior brother of Garfield) chose to return to honor their parents. In the group were four missionaries, Alan and wife, from Rhodesia, and Ann and her husband, Dr. David Coulter, from the New Hebrides. Others in the company held responsible positions in the church life, amongst whom was Jeff, treasurer of the Swanston St. church, and treasurer of the Victorian Dept. of Christian Education.

—Will R. Hibburt.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

By Robert G. Lee.

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This former President of the Southern Baptist Convention (U.S.A.) has written many books. This one is a collection of sermons, apparently printed in the form they were preached. They are conservative and evangelistic. There is no continuity of theme, but each has interesting features.

Dr. Lee is a gatherer of facts. He is keen on lists and has all kinds of series of things: some because of what they have in common, others because of what they have in contrast. He knows the value of pairing ideas not usually found together. In "I am with you," he toys with the what-might-no-have-beens. "No sun, no life . . . No Socrates, no youth of Athens roused . . . No John Knox, no Scotland saved . . . No Cromwell, no Parliament dissolved . . . No Jesus . . . no salvation from sin." In "Every Christian a Missionary" he lists missionaries from Livingstone in Africa, to Nicholson in Solomon Islands, and counts the world's religious populations to show that there are about 1,600 million people in the world with more than 1,000 million unsaved.

In "If I Were a Jew," which takes up more than one-third of the book, he has gathered some astonishing information about Jews, their influence and significance, what they have said and what others have said about them. Jews have been at or near the top in every form of art, profession, science and faith. And they had a hand in the achievements of many more, e.g., the mother of General William Booth was a Jewess. But the inclusion of Melba was a surprise.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

CONCERN FOR YOUTH

(Ararat, Vic.). The annual meeting was concerned at the increased facilities for young people to purchase alcoholic liquor, and has expressed this concern through the local press. Seven were added to the church by faith and baptism in 1967, making a membership of 79. In the past three weeks there have been seven more decisions. Of the \$9,050 received last year, \$700 was forwarded for brotherhood activities. The additional facilities for all auxiliaries have proved their worth. The minister is J. E. Paver, R. Johnson, sec., and H. Coleman, is treas. . . . Miss B. Foster is C.Y.F. pres. . . . 200 attended the combined Good Friday service in our chapel. Members of the Masonic Lodge paraded at a church service, at which the "Gospelaires" also took part. . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. H. Coleman in the loss of her father, T. A. Fergusson, and to Mrs. I. Reid, whose father, Mr. Cashmore, also died.

FAMILIES FAREWELLED

(Nollamara, W.A.). The church farewelled the Lake and Vinnicombe families in March. Due to vacancies left, Don Parker was elected church sec., Geoff Page, S.S. sec., and Frank Drennan as Boys' Brigade captain. Boys' Brigade band is appealing for band instruments not being used. The Brigade has a musical director and a group of willing boys, but very few instruments. . . . W. Paget has been the morning speaker during April. On 16th, Les Nixon, from Sydney, was speaker.

Y.A.F. ACTIVE

(Richmond, Vic.). The Y.A.F. group is active. 28 young people attended a social evening at a member's home. Y.A.F. and C.Y.F. groups combined for a barbecue on April 7. . . . On April 2, after an afternoon out with their teachers, pupils in the Church School attended a youth tea. This was followed by a film at night.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Worshipping together in devotions led by Cowandilla ladies, deliberating together on business; sharing the experiences of Miss Helen Caterer, who went as a press observer to the Berlin World Congress on Evangelism; offering special prayers for Mrs. Lawton on the last stage of her overseas journey. This was the April Conference meeting, attended by 211, including 159 delegates led by Miss Erica Hammond.

S.A. now has T.A.B. and soon will have a lottery. To Conference was read a letter from Mrs. Adelaide Green, suggest-

ing that Executive give serious consideration to advising the women of the church to refrain from patronising all shops where lotteries and/or T.A.B. agencies operate. Because of a notice of motion, this matter will be further discussed at mid-year Conference in May.

By Mid-year Conference time our President is due once more to lead us. The programme is planned to hear some of her experiences. Discussions are also expected on the new C.W.F. Handbook and the reviewing of leaders' allowances.—Alma Eagles, asst. sec.

GOOD COMPANIONS

Vic. North-Western Good Companions' zone held Choral and Drama Competitions in the Stawell Pres. Hall, on April 1. 150 girls and many parents attended. Clubs taking part were Ararat, Stawell, Horsham, Dimboola and Hamilton.

Mrs. Hillier, Stawell, as zone president, welcomed all and asked Mrs. Dot Reynolds to open the afternoon.

Many thanks go to all who helped and to the adjudicators: Mrs. Bailey (Salv. Army), Bible Quiz; Mrs. Cottman (Pres.), Choral; Mrs. Grant (Methodist), Drama; Miss McAral and Miss Murdock (Methodist), Verse Speaking; Brian Mason (Church of Christ), Art; and David Hillier (M.C.).

Dimboola seniors and Horsham juniors won pennants for their clubs. Mrs. Hillier and Miss Reynolds closed with devotions.

SETTLED IN NEW MANSE

(Edwardstown, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Curtis are settled in the new manse beside the church building. . . . Two S.S. scholars were recently baptized. . . . The choir, led by Trevor Meade, is much appreciated. . . . Good Friday service was combined with Edwardstown Baptists. . . . V. Lanyon, R. Sugars and J. Thomson have been elected as deacons. . . . Young people shared in evening service on April 2. . . . Girls' basketball club has entered nine teams.

WESTERN CAMPING

(W.A.). Four camps were conducted during the Easter holidays. 72 campers and leaders shared in the Youth Camp at Waterman's Bay, and studied either "Live It Out," by R. V. Longthorp, or "Unity? How and Why?" by Wendy Way.

Twenty-six people, including four children, managed to squeeze into the holiday cottage at Point Peron for the Young Adults' Seminar, and spent a profitable time of fellowship and study based on the booklet, "Twentieth Century Christians."

Seventy-five campers and leaders from the Eastern Wheatbelt and Kalgoorlie were at Bullfinch Town Hall. This camp was directed by Mr. Gaunson, of Northam.

A camp on Carslake's farm at Morawa was attended by 50 young people and leaders from Northern Wheatbelt and city churches. David Hammer directed the studies.

THANKOFFERING, \$663

(Gillandra, N.S.W.). The thanksgiving offering amounted to \$663.50. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Benz, and Ingrid, were welcomed home, after assisting with the mission at Naracoorte. . . . W. O'Keefe was a recent speaker, and young people conducted an evening service, with G. Bishop as speaker. . . . Town band assisted at an evening service.

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ARE SAYING

HAYLEY MILLS AND GOD.

Actress Hayley Mills tells of her Christian conversion at Billy Graham's 1966 London Crusade, in the Feb. issue of "Motion Picture." The attractive 20-year-old screen celebrity walked the aisle to respond to Graham's invitation at the Earl's Court meetings.

Later she said: "I was interested in the Crusade, but it wasn't until the last night that I went up to the rostrum when Billy Graham asked for volunteers to profess their belief in God.

"I feel that my life has taken on a deeper meaning than it had before, and I have found a new kind of happiness with my conversion."

Born into the Church of England, Hayley Mills now says she attends Baptist services.

—"Christianity Today."

LORD OF LORDS.

The character of the church is "prima facie" evidence of the quality of its confession of its Lord. The character of the church is determined by how much territory its Lord holds in "demesne." Its Lord's domain is its Lord's control and reveals his character as well.

Where the church is a fifth-rate power, its Lord is a fifth-rate Lord. Where the church is a humanist do-gooder, its Lord is the same. Where the church offers only a mild cathartic, this is all its Lord has got.

Where the church is spiritless, lost, side-tracked, left behind, conformist, stupid or blind — so is its Lord. The church is always like its Lord. Those who hear him as a long-ago teacher or prophet get all that a teacher or prophet can give them, but that is all and they ought not to expect more unless their Lord has more.

There is, then, no bigger question than the question, Who is your Lord? What is he like? This question the church



always answers in terms of its own character.

The political principle by which Germany was divided into Lutheran and Catholic territories applies as well here as anywhere else. They spelled it out, "Whose the region his the religion." And seventy mighty princes called themselves Lutheran Princes.

The same holds here, I say. Whose the region his the religion. Whose the Lordship his the church. Your church is like your Lord.—From "The Carpenter's Son," by Carlyle Marney (Abingdon). —"The Christian Century."

THE POPE'S APPEAL.

Thoughtful people are well aware that the peace of the world hangs precariously in the balance. Even if fighting in Vietnam were brought to an unexpectedly sudden end, this in itself would be no assurance of permanent peace. The vital question is whether there is enough wisdom and determination among men of goodwill to bring about a more equitable sharing of the resources of the world. The frightening contrast between the wealthy and the poor nations must be overcome to ensure a peaceful community of nations.

This is the burden of the latest encyclical of Pope Paul VI.

—"The Spectator."

VERBAL VIOLENCE.

There is no need for strong words not to be used in democratic argument. Satire, sarcasm, caricature, rhetoric — all have a proper place within Christian comment and argument. The stinging shaft that pierces to the heart of humbug, ecclesiasticism, pomposity, pretentiousness, is absolutely in order. The thrust that lays bare insincerity or hypocrisy is acceptable . . . as our Lord showed in his valid verbal attacks on the Pharisees. The imputation without

evidence, the assumption of lack of integrity, the refusal to accept the possible validity of another point of view, the outright denial of genuine, unselfish concern in an opponent — these are the things that make argument, "encounter," conversation, or "dialogue" impossible. This kind of verbal violence is the thing we denounce.

—"British Weekly."

MEANS TEST SHOULD GO.

Keen disappointment will be felt by many people at the miserly proposals by the Commonwealth Government for relaxing the qualifications which govern the granting of pensions to the aged. The Bill introduced into the House of Representatives early this month makes minor provisions for raising the income and property levels on which the means test is operated and will make the pension available to some now excluded . . . But it falls completely to deal with the greater need of thousands of people whose income, while high enough to bar them from the pension, is not nearly adequate to enable them to live on even a reasonable standard.

—"Presbyterian Life."

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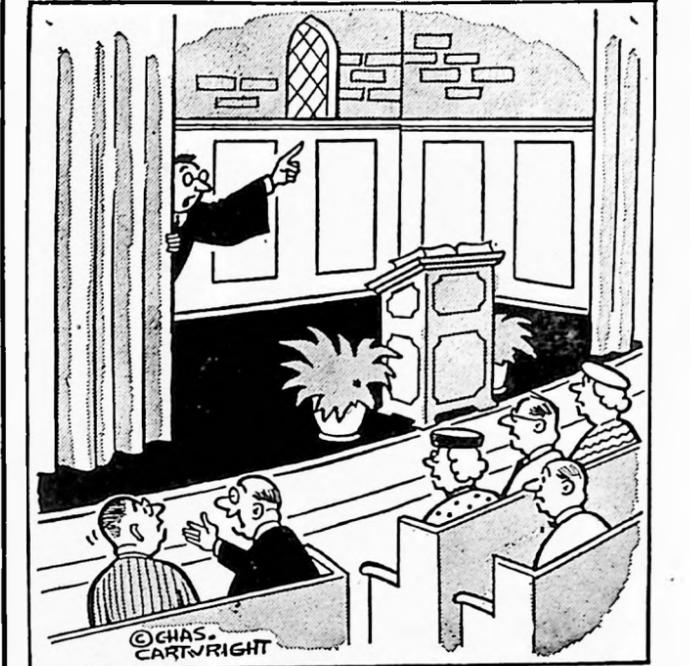
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CONFERENCES. Victoria. On Thurs., April 5, at 3 p.m., at College of the Bible, Glen Iris, there was held the President's Reception to Conference committees preachers, country and interstate visitors. The President was A. R. Main. Church membership 10,181. New President was J. Tully. Speakers included W. B. Blakemore, A. E. Illingworth, J. E. Thomas, Gilbert Chandler, A. J. Fisher and L. W. Baker.

N.S.W. The Conference was remarkable for the good attendances, dominant optimism, prevailing harmony and improved press notices. L. Rossell was President. Church membership was 3,937. The new President was H. G. Harward. Speakers included L. W. Baker, Dr. W. E. Bromilow and Thos. Bagley.

Queensland. 34th Conference held in ideal weather. The President was W. A. C. Wendorf. Church membership was 1,179. The new President was H. W. Hermann. Speakers included W. H. Nightingale, E. Davis and A. G. Day.

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GOD'S WINDOW AND THE PIGSTY

When rebuilding the cathedral of Iona, the workmen tried to use the same stones which had been employed in the original building. In combing the countryside looking for dressed stones, they came upon a carved bar of stone which was being used in a pigsty. This stone bar, it turned out, had been carved to serve as a mullion, or column in the stained-glass window over the high altar. The bar was taken from the pigsty and installed in the window for which it had originally been intended.

PROFILE
No. 62

Mrs. Clarice Digwood

To live a life packed full of service for Christ, and at the end to testify with joy to having loved it all, is surely to have lived successfully.

Mrs. Clarice Digwood, of Maylands, W.A., is known in our churches as one who has influenced hundreds, particularly women and girls, to follow the Christian way of life.

While on a visit to Collie with her late husband, in 1929, Mrs. Digwood attended the meetings of the Colle Church of Christ, and became convinced of the need for baptism. She returned to Maylands, was received into the church there, and has continued there ever since. She was a school teacher before she married her school teacher husband.

Mrs. Digwood's record of service is impressive. She was four times President of the W.A. Women's Conference, but presided over six Women's Conferences because twice, when she was a Vice-President, the President in office was unable to function. In 1948, she was the Federal Women's President, and from 1960 to 1965, a world Vice-President. In recognition of her services the W.A. Women's Executive conferred on her the honor of life membership of their Executive.

In 1939, Mrs. Digwood organised the first of a series of annual camps for country girls. She was at that time serving in her long association with the State Youth Committee, and when in 1945 the Committee commenced the Radio Sunday School (which, by the way, is still flourishing), Mrs. Digwood became "Auntie Ruth" and her camps became part of the Radio Sunday School ministry. While with the Youth Committee, Mrs. Digwood was in charge of the B.S. Correspondence lessons, and attended to the vast volume of correspondence involved.

For nine years Mrs. Digwood was a member of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, and in this capacity was a faithful and efficient propagandist for the spiritual and social welfare of our aboriginal people. She was active in the early organisation of the clothing scheme which has reached such excellent proportions among our women.

Generous visitation of city, town and country churches, and women's groups, has been a prominent part of Mrs. Digwood's service, not only when holding official positions, but whenever and wherever she could be of help. She presided over the inaugural meetings of the South-West and the



Mrs. Digwood.

Eastern Wheatbelt Women's Conferences, and acted as secretary for the Northern District Conference. As B.S. teacher, leader of women's groups and girls' clubs in the local church she has made a rich contribution. Her wise counsel and gracious personality have been of immeasurable value to the women of the churches.

Her husband passed away in 1960, and although the remainder of the earthly journey is lonely without him, she has continued to fill her life with those interests which benefit the lives of others. In talking of him she says that she could never have done all she has without the patient co-operation and practical help he gave her. Their home was "Open House" to any who needed hospitality, and scores of people, many of whom had little claim upon their friendship, found a welcome, and went away the better for a stay under the Digwood roof at 201 Whatley Crescent, Maylands. Her family consists of two sons — Frank, a dental surgeon, and Kenneth, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, both leading men in Perth in their respective fields.

This gracious and efficient servant of God had hoped to have attended the World Convention of our churches in Puerto Rico, but physical strength was not adequate. We thank God upon every remembrance of her. The very great number who have had the privilege of her friendship, counsel and help, and of being co-workers with her, will bless her name as long as memory lasts.—J.K.R.

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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

JACK SMITH RETURNS

Jack Smith, after serving for 22 years in the New Hebrides, returned to Melbourne on March 29. He commenced work the next day as Building Superintendent of Nicholas Buildings. Mrs. Smith will return from the field in June. The Smiths were not expected to return until 1968, but the immediate availability of a suitable position necessitated an earlier return.

As a brotherhood we are indeed grateful for the years of service rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They pioneered the work at Ramawat, on Pentecost Island, and over the years have transformed the jungle into a fine hospital and centre for evangelism. The position today is a far cry from the days when the Smiths lived in a small hut made of native material and ate their meals under a mosquito net.

The people at that time could be described as being "a sick people," as they suffered from T.B. and the ravages of malaria. Babies were born to die. Through their ministry of healing the people now enjoy good health. Expectant mothers have been cared for before and at the time of their confinement. They have been taught how to care for their little ones. Today the children are strong and healthy.

So much has been accomplished with so little. The churches have grown numerically and spiritually, as they have regularly been instructed in the way of the Lord. In all of this we acknowledge the work done by other missionaries, who have served as fellow workers with the Smiths on Pentecost, but tribute must be paid to the long years of service when the Smiths labored alone, but ever realising the nearness of the Master.

Please pray for Mrs. Smith, as she remains on Pentecost for a little longer, and for Mr. Smith as he settles into his new work.—R. S. A. McLean.

NEWS FROM NDUI NDUI

By KAY WILLIAMS.

This has been my third Easter. We had a special service on Friday morning, an Easter service at dawn, and the usual special service at 10 a.m. The people led the Good Friday service, with the doctor, Barry Pitt, giving a short talk. I led Sunday's dawn service.

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CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING, NEW GUINEA

By ROSALIE ROFE.

At the end of February we had our business meeting. 23 members were present, plus quite a few who are interested in becoming Christians. When it came time to appoint an elder and deacons we tried to impress on them the need to choose men who were really concerned for the Lord's work and had suitable qualifications. The usual tendency is to nominate someone because they are "sorry" for him because he is either new or hasn't held a position before. Mangga was appointed elder again, but we had great difficulty in obtaining four deacons — six were nominated, two of them declined to be nominated, leaving the four, which consisted of one man and three women.

We pointed out that this state of affairs wasn't quite right, since the women could be involved with family responsibilities at any time, and that the work of deacon should be mainly the responsibility of the men, not the women. They thought this over and suggested two further names. These two agreed to stand and, after voting, we now have three deacons and one deaconess.

The main item in the business was a discussion on Church Discipline. It was good to see that they were concerned for anyone who fell into "sin." They were concerned that in this kind of situation the name of Christ is "rubbed" by those outside the church, and that it should be straightened in the church as well as in the village situation.

WHO GOES TO CHURCH?

Recent Gallup survey findings in Great Britain indicate that only seven per cent of persons who belong to the Church of England attend church in an average week, compared with 20 per cent of non-conformists, and 23 per cent of Roman Catholics. Gallup-affiliated organisations in other European nations have reported the following figures of church-going during a 30-day period: Italy, 74 per cent; West Germany, 45 per cent; Norway, 21 per cent; Denmark, 20 per cent.—E.P.S.

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THE LAST WORD

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"Will he not much more clothe
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—Matt. 6: 30.

If God can make — of an ugly seed,
With a bit of earth and air,
And dew and rain, sunshine and shade—
A flower so wondrous fair;
What can he make — of a soul like
you,

With the Bible and faith and prayer,
And the Holy Spirit — if you do his
will,

And trust his love and care!

—A. D. Burkett.



It's not the coin I give you, but the
warmth it carries from my hand.

—de Unamuno.



I preached as never sure to preach
again,
And as a dying man to dying men.

—Richard Baxter.



Definition:

Fear: The tax that conscience pays
to guilt.



"I'm very fond of the human race. I
belong to it. All of my family belongs
to it. Even some of my wife's family
are members of it."

—Very Anon.



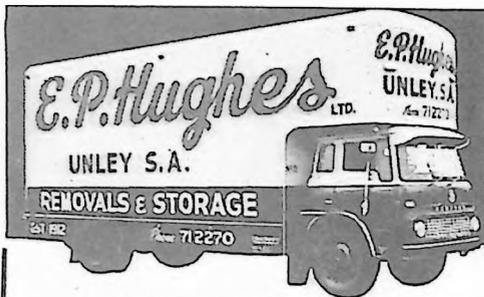
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