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## THE CROSS-ROADS OF DESTINY

Many of the sweeping changes which have taken place in the last decade in India have been due to or accelerated by her independence and struggle to find her identity. We can visualise great changes also taking place in our other mission fields in New Guinea and the New Hebrides as pressures increase there for home rule, independence or self-expression.

If we knew what big changes were to take place, what present open doors might close, what existing opportunities may desert us, we would probably make better use of our present facilities. Since we do not possess that kind of prophetic vision, it is foolish or criminal to waste any means for advancing the Kingdom of God.

More than ten years ago an Indian Christian said of his country, "India is standing at the cross-roads of her destiny." This kind of thing could have been said by anyone, anywhere, at any time since then. The whole world is standing at the cross-roads of her destiny!

But it is so much more obviously true of India. Economically and politically, India is vulnerable to the point of calamitous explosion. Never a stranger to famine, Indians today are hungrier than any other people on earth. Always faced with problems beyond counting and beyond solving, India has lost her one apparent strength and hope — the stable democratic government created and led by Pandit Nehru. Nehru has been gone such a short time, but stability went with him.

With starving millions, ignorance and superstition, religious divisions, and social conflicts, the church in India is also facing its moment of destiny. And the church in India is very small. Of fifty Indians, thirty-six will be Hindus, twelve will be Muslims, one will be a Sikh, and one will be Christian. It is through that one in fifty that the Christian missionary and the Christian church will have to work and witness.

There is little the Christian can do about the political situation. Christians throughout the world have done a great deal to feed India's millions, and will have to do a lot more. But there is an area in which we can still work and into this area we are called to offer material and spiritual resources.

The Christian church is in India to win people for Christ: to attest that Christ is the Answer to the deepest needs of every person. Non-Christian India looks upon the church as an aid in health and educational services. Gandhi once said, "Christian missions will render true service to India if they can confine their activities to humanitarian service without the ulterior motive of converting India."

Christian missionaries cannot deny the compulsion they have to convert India to Christ, but it is not an ulterior motive. It is a declared primary purpose.

Nevertheless, the self-help projects, the wheat and milk supplies, the care of the body and the concern for the mind, are not simply means to an end. They represent the total Answer of Christ as teacher and healer as well as preacher. The "humanitarian service" cannot be divorced from the mainspring of our missionary work.

There is no "carrot-Christianity" about Christian missions with bonuses to converts in the form of schools, doctors and food. The appeal is not to the stomachs or to the minds, but to persons. When making that appeal the hungry and needy will be fed and helped regardless of whether the person is Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Christian.

Let us make the best use we can of our restricted opportunities in India, and let us make continued use of the unrestricted opportunities still ours in New Guinea and New Hebrides. On July 2 we shall stand again at the cross-roads of our destiny. We can still choose the road of the Cross.

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## PAIN

*Lord, take away pain from the world  
Thou hast made  
That it love Thee the more!  
Then answered the Lord to the cry of the  
world,  
Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away love that redeems with a  
price  
And smiles with its loss?  
Can you spare from your life that would  
cling unto mine  
The Christ on His Cross?*



Having spent four and a half years in India, it is difficult not to be pessimistic about the nation's future. The late Prime Minister Nehru himself, in a moment of doubt, spoke of India as "A sluggish stream flowing slowly through the accumulations of many dead centuries." Arnold Toynbee saw India as "A society of the same magnitude as our western civilization . . . a whole world within itself."

India's population approaches the 500,000,000 mark at the frightening rate of 12 million every year. Austerity is real, taxes are high, present comforts are sacrificed for future prosperity. Government swings between an emphasis on agriculture and heavy industry, and has gone in for long term planning.

But in spite of substantial achievement the nation still faces a crisis. The land is overworked and overpopulated; fatalistic elders resist change, and inertia and apathy and indifference seem to tower like the Himalayan peaks over the land. The pessimist feels that the odds are against the survival of freedom and democracy. But are we also to be pessimistic?

Has Christ an answer to India's problems? We certainly believe he has. He did not commission us to go and tell the world that there is no hope. Nor does he lead us to believe that the whole world shall repent and believe. What he does make clear is that we are engaged in a fight for survival. A fight in which we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers . . ."

In India we are seeing his victory as every day the gospel is being proclaimed, and India's millions are being challenged to "behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." It is Paul who gives us such practical advice as to how we are to present ourselves in this great conflict. We are to put on the whole armour of God.

1. Because the devil is a liar we need "The Belt of Truth" (John 8: 44). There is not a lie that the devil has not told about the person of Jesus Christ. In India it is lied around that "all religions are true and will lead us to God." Therefore, conversion from one religion to another is unnecessary and undesirable. Believing as we do that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that no man cometh

## CHRIST IS INDIA'S NEED

BY RAY VEAL

many have embraced the Christian faith. Or if they have, many have been destroyed by the fiery darts of the Destroyer. A leading Indian churchman feels that "at the present time the Indian Church is not spiritually ready to take over, and fit to discharge its evangelistic responsibility to the nation

We need to pray even more earnestly that our Indian brethren in Christ may stand firm in faith and that they will withstand the evil one.

5. The devil is a tempter, therefore we need "The Sword of the Spirit" (1 Thess. 3: 5). There is no need to enter here in a debate on the authority of the Word of God. The fact that there is a church at all in India is proof of the authority of God's Word. We will leave the critics to delete chapter and verse as they wish, until they are left with a "mini" Bible to their liking. Meanwhile we will rejoice to see souls saved as they read his Word — even these discarded verses. We will thrill to see hundreds of souls daily "receive his Word gladly."

6. The devil is a murderer, therefore we need "The Helmet of Salvation" (John 8: 44). A visitor to India would see that this "battle" is being fought on many fronts. Education, social work, medical work, farming projects, and direct evangelistic efforts. All these efforts are necessary, but our one abiding and essential task is to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation.

When we see all the poverty, disease and suffering of the people of India, it is hard not to feel that we are "wrestling against flesh and blood." We want to do all that we can for the physical needs of these people. This is good. But it would be tragic if we did this and neglected the spiritual need of India's millions. Top priority in all our giving, praying and planning must be to the end that souls will be saved.

A young University student, after listening to a radio broadcast beamed into Asia, wrote to the sponsor, "It seems to me that sin has reached its peak. Can you please tell me where to find the headquarters of Jesus Christ?" He knew that Christ was the Answer to his need. But where to find him! In the Hindu scriptures is recorded the hope that God is soon to make himself known to man in a final revelation of the Pure One (Nishkalungi).

Here then is our commission spelt out. We are to tell that lad where to find Jesus. We are to tell the people of India that God has revealed himself through His Son. Can we then be pessimistic when we have all the armour we need, when we have the message they need, and the promise that the victory is already ours?

unto the Father but through him, we cannot compromise in our preaching. This is the Truth, and this is our message.

2. The devil is an accuser, therefore we need "The Breastplate of Righteousness" (Rev. 12: 10). A Westerner could not be in India for even five minutes, without feeling a sense of gratitude that God has blessed our land so abundantly. By grace, the West has received the gospel, and we can testify that "righteousness has exalted our nation." Today, however, one feels that our righteousness is a thing of the past. An Indian student gives us cause for alarm when he asks of a missionary, "Why do you preach Jesus to us when your own people do not reverence him?"

3. The devil is a hinderer, therefore we need the "Sandals of the Gospel" (1 Thess. 2: 18). Someone has given a rather interesting twist to this phrase by saying that we need to put on the "marching boots of the gospel and trample the devil under foot." The gospel has already brought about many reforms in India, but reforms are not enough. So many of the blessings and benefits that the people of India enjoy today have come about as a result of the preaching of the gospel.

India's women enjoy today privileges unknown to the previous generation. The caste system is legally abolished. Many ill practices that once existed in Hinduism have gone, and the religion has seen tremendous reforms. But recent Government legislation seems to indicate that we may not have the same freedom in future to proclaim this gospel.

It states, "missionaries will be admitted into India . . . if they possess outstanding qualifications or specialized experience in their line." No definition is given as to the meaning of "specialized experience," but it almost certainly does not mean evangelistic experience. This could mean that we, the missionaries, may have to write with Paul, "I would have come again unto you, but Satan did hinder me."

4. The devil is a destroyer, therefore we need the "Shield of Faith" (1 Cor. 10: 10). In India there are 400 million Hindus, 50 million Moslems and 12 million Christians. Half of these Christians are Roman Catholics. If statistics indicate anything, they indicate that not

**WHO HAS  
\$158,650.00  
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MISSIONS?**

If anyone replies "I have," their cheque will be gratefully received. If no one is able to say "I have," then as a brotherhood we can say unitedly, "We have."

\$158,650.00 is required from our churches during the 1967/68 financial year for our Missionary Work overseas.

The Overseas Mission Board believes that the Australian Churches of Christ, on July 2, and during the new financial year will say, in reply to the question, "Who has \$158,650.00?", "We have, and more."

If more than this amount is given, it will be possible to send forward additional workers and new equipment.

In recent years a number of volunteer workers have assisted in our missionary work. They have paid their own travel expenses to and from the mission field, and have spent from several months, up to a year, serving the Lord overseas, receiving no salary at all.

If they could serve 52 weeks without receiving a cent, surely we could give a week's salary for OVERSEAS MISSIONS on SUNDAY, JULY 2. Will you consider this prayerfully?

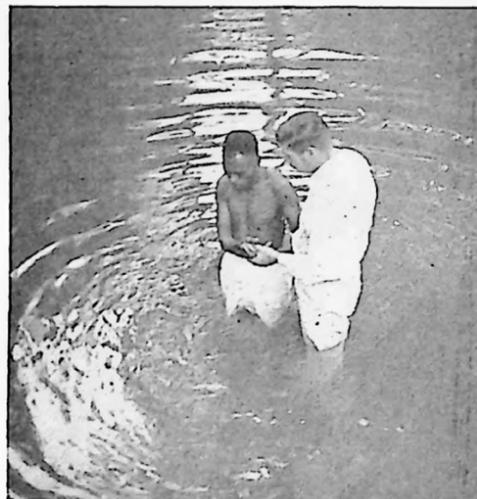
The photos. on these two pages show ways your gifts to Overseas Missions are used in helping people in their physical need, and in revealing to them that "Christ is the Answer."



Pastor GAIKWAD Preaching the Gospel in INDIA.



STUDENTS, BANMATMAT BIBLE COLLEGE, NEW HEBRIDES,  
Back (l. to r.): Simeon Aru, James Casper, Jacob, August, James Banga.  
Front (l. to r.): Samuel Vusi, John Liu, Alec Vuti, Dick Lala.



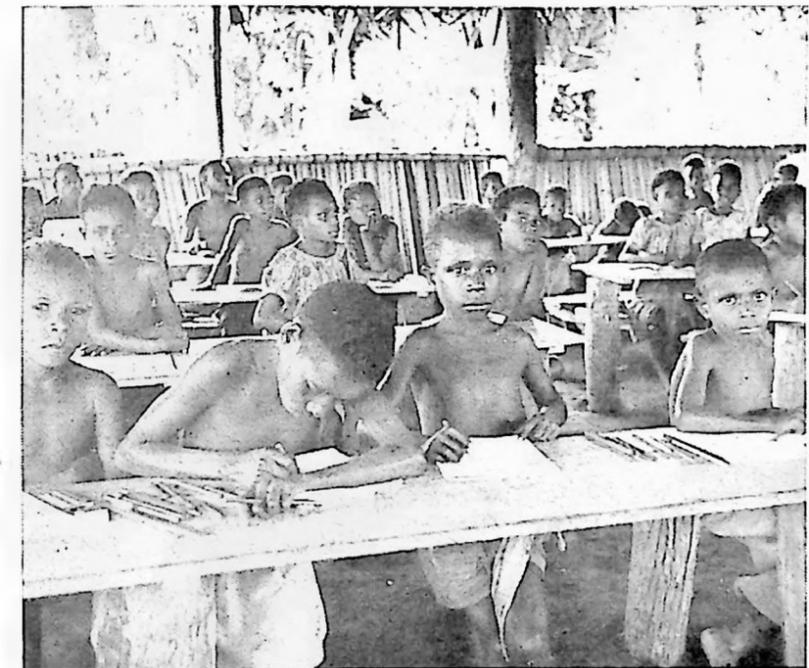
BAPTISMS IN NEW GUINEA.



REX CHAMBERLAIN opening New Hospital Wards, BUNAPAS, NEW GUINEA



Sister RUTH ROBERTS treating badly burnt patient, DHOND, INDIA.



SCHOOL CHILDREN, NEW GUINEA.



Mrs. B. VEAL distributing wheat during famine.

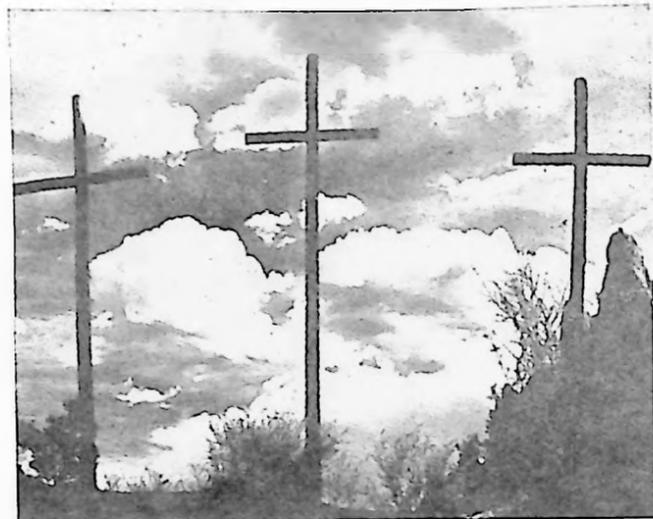


JANIE — loved and cared for by missionaries, NEW GUINEA.

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Healthy Mother and Child — NEW HEBRIDES. A tribute to medical missionaries.



# CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

FOR THE NEW HEBRIDES BY M. LUHRS

"The Christian faith is that, in the Cross of Jesus Christ, God made a gift of love. God came to men in love and suffered for them so that they could be united with each other and with him." "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor. 5: 9). God saw the sinfulness of man and God's answer was Jesus Christ. Christ is still the answer to man's need today.

But, you may ask, who will accept the overwhelming responsibility of telling out God's message of reconciliation through Christ? — to whom shall it be told? — how is this message to be made known? Jesus has given us the answer to these questions.

Some years ago I personally accepted this challenging responsibility, and for the past fifteen months have had the privilege and joy of joining with others here on Aoba in proclaiming to these our people that Christ is the Answer. There is no limit to the ways in which we can make known God's love. As a medical missionary, most of my time is spent in the hospital, where we seek to show, by our witness of love and caring with concern, that Christ is the Answer.

However, man's need is not just physical. We recognise that our gospel must be for the whole man — body, mind, and spirit. Perhaps I could point out a few ways in which we seek to point men and women to Christ, who can meet their deepest needs . . . In the hospital —

- o By seeking to relieve pain and suffering.
- o By the witness of Christian lives and love.
- o Training young men and women to become Christian nurses and dressers.
- o Through the spoken Word, across language barriers.
- o In chapel services for patients, relatives and staff.
- o Through fellowship in devotion and worship.
- o Through the written Word, Christian literature, and preaching.
- o On medical patrols.

These stories illustrate the truth that Christ is the Answer: One woman had been lying on the dirt floor of her small, dark, two-roomed house for two years. She was unable to walk, and was dependent on occasional visits from other villagers. We found her, on a medical patrol, brought her to the hospital in the Land Rover, and diagnosis of tuberculosis was confirmed. Today, after months of treatment and intensive care, she is a changed person, well on the way to walking again.

A young dresser succumbed to the temptations of alcoholic liquor, but since a real encounter with Jesus Christ, he is now a strong witness in the hospital. Another young man contracted tuberculosis. After being cured, he felt called of God to serve as a dresser. His gentle, loving care of his patients daily expresses the reality of his complete committal to Christ.

But what of a young girl, recently brought into hospital seriously ill, after having been maltreated by some young men? Will she and her parents find their needs met in Christ? This is our prayer.

Christ is the Answer, but to proclaim this message effectively here, we need consecrated people to come and help us —

TO SEND TO WORK TO GIVE TO PRAY

FOR NEW GUINEA BY JOYCE BOLTON

The people in New Guinea need Christ, the down-trodden women need him to give them self-respect and some meaning to life. The non-educated man needs him to show life is more than avoiding the displeasure of evil spirits. The educated man needs Christ to help him reconcile the new knowledge with the old customs.

The children need him to teach them love and companionship, and to help them grow into meaningful adulthood. Modern ways of the white man can help the New Guinea people in so many ways, but Christ is the only Answer to most of their needs and problems.

Christ is the Answer to Soma, who must once again forgive his wife, who has succumbed to the weakness of the flesh. To Ana, who was the shining example to nearby women of what the Lord can do, only to fall once again into sin and shame. Christ is the Answer to Brengabem and Korone, who for years have been confused by Roman Catholic teaching, and who now have seen the light of his gospel. He is the Answer to Legum, whose temper caused her and her husband to be cast from their village, and often endangered the lives of her children. The amount of self-control this woman has gained since accepting Christ as her Saviour is a miracle. To Barnawi, who is a 12-year-old orphan boy, and was sleeping under the village houses and scavenging for food, now he lives with a Christian couple who daily witness to him the saving life of Christ.

Christ Jesus is the Answer to missionaries, who came full of zeal, dedication and desire to do God's will, to find people who will drain you of all spiritual and physical strength and still expect you to go the extra mile. Without Christ one just could not stay and live here.

In Australia people often ridicule superstition, which controls many lives. Here the hold of evil over the people is a very real and frightening thing. The spiritual warfare that Jesus himself spoke of is experienced every day by Christians, black and white, in New Guinea.

Yes, modern times have helped the New Guinean, he now has schools, medicines, modern industry, better agriculture, and many other advantages, but only Christ can give him Salvation, Love, Joy, Inner Peace, Contentment, Compassion, and real understanding of their fellow men. Are not these the most important of all? Will you help us to reveal Christ to these people?

FOR THE WORLD BY DOROTHY SMITH

The year 1966 saw a net increase of 62 million in the world population. If we are to evangelise the world, in order to keep pace with this phenomenal increase in population, 128 persons must be won to Christ every minute. The world is struggling with problems men cannot solve, but we have the answer in Christ Jesus.

We are living in the most wonderful times the world has ever known. God has given to this generation, more knowledge, better facilities for communication, education, and more money. To whom much is given much is expected and required. Our responsibilities as Christians are greater than ever before.

Jesus said, in Acts 1, verse 8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." He didn't say, "Ye may be" nor "Ye must be". He didn't give us a choice, nor did he compel us to go, but that when the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us we cannot help but be witnesses unto Christ. If we withhold anything from Christ we are disobedient to him.

Missionary activity is hampered by lack of finance. Why should this be? Never before have we had so many missionaries on the field. Never before has there been such a response. Doors are opening everywhere. God is opening them. Are we close to them? The responsibility is ours and we must face up to it.

Are we giving as we should? Are we living as we should? Are we willing to go? Are we willing to send? Are we willing to go on sending? Are we willing to keep it up? Let each Christian prayerfully consider his own circumstances, check, and see what more can be done.

God is not dead as some say, he is gloriously alive! He has known from the beginning what would happen today and has already made provision for the gospel to be proclaimed to this generation. He has all the power, and we can do all things through him. What was not possible in the days of the apostles, is possible today, if every Christian goes about the task with the same zeal as the early disciples. Christ is the answer. He calls us to go, and to send.

Twenty years ago we were told it was impossible to do anything with the women of Pentecost, New Hebrides — their heads were wooden! Christ was the answer! He entered into the lives of these women and today we have a Women's Conference, women active in the church, a girls' school of 150 pupils. One girl training to be a teacher, one girl in secondary school. Not much you say, but it is, for wooden heads!

Yes! Christ is the answer. And at the end of this year the first Banmatmat Bible students will graduate, and next year go out to preach the gospel of Christ. We cannot fail them. Missions cannot operate on a shoestring budget. Each individual in the church is responsible.

Remember, to whom much is given, much is required. Prayerfully consider this, the fields are white unto harvest and never were instruments sharper nor more efficient than today.

FOR NEW GUINEA WOMEN BY REX CHAMBERLAIN

The examination results would tell, or so we thought. The six teenagers — two girls and four boys — in standard five, were allowed to go to the Christian Missions to Many Lands (Brethren) Mission, if they passed the entrance examination, to do their standard six and final primary school year prior to going to high school.

We checked again with the parents. Yes, the boys were able to go. One girl's family repeated their assurances that she could go. But the father of the other girl didn't answer (verbally anyway). The non-answer we knew meant "No." She was a girl, as yet to reach the stage where she was to become initiated a young woman. She had to stay in the village to learn the art of cooking for her already planned husband, to be confined in a house so that her body would become fat and strong enough (probably essential medically) to bear the children for the planned husband. She dare not be allowed to go away from the village, or she may marry someone from another place. That would be disastrous, as long before a delicately balanced match-making arrangement had been made, of which she was a vital part.

The entrance examination results came through. Two boys and the two girls were able to go. One girl was already not allowed. A final check with the other family, only to find a complete reversal of the previous position — not allowed to go, for the same reasons as the other girl.

There is a great difference between male and female here in New Guinea. When our daughter Jeanette was born, an elderly friend in the village responded, "A boy would have been better."

Our preaching is directed to both men and women. Christ is able to save and forgive women as well as men. He is the Answer to each individual's need of salvation, as they continually commit themselves in faith to him as their risen Lord. We thank God that individuals are finding Christ as the Answer to their own needs of forgiveness and acceptance by God as his children.

We also pray for the time when Christ's Spirit will be able to transform the attitude of the community so that women will receive the same opportunity as the men. Such a miracle of transformation can only be possible through Christ. Such transformation lifts the worth of the individual value in the community's eyes nearer to that which God places on each of us.



Your opportunity to share in making known that Christ is the Answer for India, New Guinea, New Hebrides, The World — OVERSEAS MISSION OFFERING — SUNDAY, JULY 2.

## No Problem He Cannot Solve

BY K. WILLIAMS

There is not a problem of the human soul that Christ is not able to solve. Work and life at Ndui Ndui has posed many problems during my stay here, but Christ has been and is the answer to each of these problems.

Three months after I took over the work at Ndui Ndui District School, in 1964, one of our teachers had a problem, one that is common to many folk — the problem of drink. He had been influenced by a group of friends, and had joined with them a number of times. As we want all our teachers to be able to present Christ by the way they live, as well as by their teaching, we prayed about and discussed the matter. The teacher wanted to continue with his teaching, and as it was almost Christmas we decided to make this a matter of prayer and make a decision in the new year.

In 1965, this teacher again joined the staff. A little later he re-dedicated his life to Christ after a special gospel service. Last year he went to Kawenu Teachers' College in Vila for a year's training, and we were thrilled to hear that he was meeting regularly for prayer with another Aoban lad from the Apostolic Church. This year he is back with us at Ndui Ndui, and we rejoice that the Lord has been the Answer to his problem.

Another problem, of a completely different nature, is now being solved by the wonderful workings of our Lord. This is the problem of teaching 220 children in three rooms. We have a double classroom, of European style, which had to accommodate 180 children and four teachers last year. The remaining 40 children had classes in a native style classroom approximately one quarter of a mile away from the main building. It was felt that the Mission Board, owing to the more important needs and limited finance, could not help in the building of a further three classroom unit. The British Government was approached for a grant, and even though it is against their policy to give grants to Junior Primary Schools, the fact that we have Grades 5 and 6 in our school moved them to give us a \$2,000 grant.

The men here gave \$1,000, which, considering their limi-



KAY WILLIAMS and NEW HEBRIDEAN TEACHERS.

ted income of approximately \$200 a year, represented a real sacrifice. The Aoban C.W.F. promised to give \$400, \$200 of which has already been received. The women raised this money by working in gardens, cutting copra, having sales of work, and through special offerings. They hope to have the remaining \$200 by the end of May.

## Village Preaching New Guinea

BY F. BEALE

The service was held by the banks of the Keram River, under the coconut palms at Bramfito, after the village headman was assured that a falling coconut would not hit me on my head. All the village people were there, seated in up-turned canoes or bits of palm bark, the women in a row on the left, the men in front and to the right, the children behind. Visitors from a village over one day's walk away were there specially for the occasion. The sermon was translated later by one of the Christians from the village who has been baptized last August.

A one and a half-hour's walk upstream the scene is later repeated, only this time it is a smaller village, and the 60-70 people crowd into a house which, during the sermon, nearly collapsed with the unaccustomed crowd. Again the sermon was translated by another local Christian baptized last August. A day and a half away to the South-West some more villages are waiting for the day when they will receive a visit. They asked for one month ago, but with the demands of teaching school, and other functions, it is only possible to fit in occasional visits to the far away places.

Why all this interest, and ready response? It is easy to say — Christ is the Answer, and they have now found the Answer. But to what questions is Christ the Answer?

There are two big questions that are being asked in this area. One is how to come to terms with the European, material business world that has shattered the old New Guinea customs. The other is, how to combat sorcery. The New Guinea answer to the first was to invest in so-called "Cargo Cults." These have been operating in various forms, under various men since the end of the war in New Guinea. But to date nothing material has been achieved yet in the absence of any other system intelligible to the New Guineans they continue. The answer to the second lay in pay-back reprisals, or else running away to other areas, thus making it difficult to build a stable community.

Christ's answer was hours spent in the sun and rain and mud, stumbling over fallen trees to help set up economic crops of coconuts. Where before they had been told to plant, and left to go ahead in ignorance, Christ's answer was a fellow human with some "knowhow," willing to work alongside and to share it.

The second answer arose out of the first. The New Guinean knows only too well that all the labours would be valueless unless the rampant sorcery could be stifled. But then humans had proved ineffective in combating it. The Government established peace only increased it because there was no other way to pay back a real or fancied wrong.

But when humans fail then fact can work. As Jesus on earth defeated Satan in all his spiritual power, so now he can be the spiritual force to defeat Satan's hold on the people.

Christ is the Answer, but only if men will be used by Christ. Christ is the Answer, but only as men will let their bank books be used by Christ so that men might be used by Christ.

There could be so many more services held under the coconuts, or in rickety houses when people could find an answer to their needs — if the Church was absolutely committed to Christ, for Christ alone can deliver us from the burden of our wealth and our complacency.

## A COLLEGE TEAM ON DEPUTATION

It was 11.20 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, when two cars lined up in front of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., and the ten occupants received a farewell of good wishes, cookies and pasties, plus filled flasks, as they set out on the first stage of a journey to Western Australia.

By lopping a week off the second terminal vacation, and adding it to the first terminal vacation, three weeks were made available for eight students, under the leadership of E. L. Williams and K. J. Clinton, to engage in a goodwill mission to our churches in Western Australia.

Saturday afternoon saw both parties visiting our Aborigines at Norseman, and one car-load stayed over the weekend and participated in the Sunday services.

### "WILD, INACCURATE" TEXTBOOK

(Cape Town). Two ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church have condemned "wild and inaccurate" statements in a civics textbook approved for circulation in South African high schools.

The book was unfit for use in schools, according to Prof. Ben Marais, of Pretoria University's Theological faculty, and Dr. J. P. H. van Rooyen, of the Parkhurst congregation in Johannesburg.

Singled out for special criticism was a statement that 7,000 ministers in the United States are Communists. The book also claims that the World Council of Churches "is infiltrated by Communists who have virtually gained control of the modern ecumenical movement."

Prof. Marais, who has visited the U.S. several times in recent years, said that nothing remotely approaching the infiltration described in the book had ever happened, "even during the late fifties, when Communist infiltration in American churches reached its peak."

Dr. van Rooyen said the statement about 7,000 American Communist ministers had been taken from the magazine, "The American Mercury," where it was made by J. B. Matthews in 1953. He said that Dr. Matthews was an assistant to the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, and that "an American President personally intervened because of this statement and Dr. Matthews was forced to resign. He later became a leader of the John Birch Society and died last year."

"South African parents should be greatly concerned that these distortions by right-wing American groups have now penetrated our schools," he said. —E.P.S.

### Y.W.C.A. NEGRO LEADER

For the first time in its 109-year history, the Young Women's Christian Association in the U.S.A. has elected a Negro as its National President. She is Mrs. Robert W. Claytor, of Grand Rapids, Mich., wife of a surgeon. —E.P.S.

The other car-load shared in the Sunday services at Kalgoorlie. On Monday morning the cars linked up and sped on to Perth.

From Tuesday to Friday the two teams of five led eight group meetings in the Perth churches. The four students in each team talked on various aspects of College life — Why I Came to College; Life in College; The College Course; Devotional Life and Service in College — with Mr. Williams and Mr. Clinton leading in worship and adding information concerning the College.

On the Saturday night the whole team participated in a "Youth Meet" in the Centre, when information, appeal and challenge were brought to 250 young

people. This kind of meeting was conducted on the next Saturday night for group meetings in Northam and Merredin.

The Eastern visitors met the ministers in Perth on Monday morning, when E. L. Williams addressed the assembly, with questions following. On the following day, Tues., May 23, the two cars headed for the country to visit churches as far north as Geraldton, and as far south as Bunbury. They finally met up in Merredin after services at Narembeen, Mukinbudin and Merredin on May 28, and set out on the homeward journey at 10.30 p.m.

All were greatly encouraged by the warm response to the visit, and presentation of the College through a team of students, together with Faculty members. A strong appeal was made to young people to commit themselves in full-time service to Christ and to accept the discipline of training for ministry.

We express deep appreciation to our Western brethren for their warm hospitality and look for a good contingent of students from the West in 1968—E.L.W.

## MEMO TO CHURCH LEADERS

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## OPEN FORUM

### ACT OF COMMITMENT.

To the Editor,

Even though we may be late in expressing ourselves, I am sure that our Christian love and prayerful concern will be with our N.Z. brethren in their moves towards Unity. There was evidence of a refreshing attitude towards Christian Union in the article "Act of Commitment" ("A.C." June 10) by Ron O'Grady.

Our N.Z. brotherhood is presenting us a challenging torch to carry, in their faithfulness to our Lord's prayers for Unity, in John 17, by their participation in this "Act of Commitment," which has found our brethren faithful at a vital frontier.

May we be challenged to follow their example in attitude and participation. Congratulations, New Zealand Churches of Christ!

—Ron V. Holt, Qld.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor,

No completely effective offensive will ever be launched by the embattled forces of Christianity until they make the most use of mass media. The ministry of Jesus was not confined to the four walls of any buildings.

As individuals many of our churchmen are fully aware of the effect on juvenile, as well as adult minds, by continual pressure through TV and radio. They show faith in the "big" men of the commercial world, but not the same faith in the "little" men who consider these matters in the brotherhood.

The greatest impact on the public mind is being made by the picked men the R.C.'s use on TV here and overseas. In this State, a frequently used speaker,

a priest, was once an alcoholic, and their star in the U.S., Fulton Shean, is a bit of a non-conformist, nevertheless their value is recognised and exploited.

In the case of Churches of Christ the allocation of free time has been the source of continual argument. In Qld. we shall probably see our best exponent on TV lost to the brotherhood.

Without sacrificing our freedom is it not possible to sink individual differences and interests in the common cause of obtaining the maximum exposure for the greatest sales story ever told?

—Percy C. Williams, Qld.

### NO IMPACT.

To the Editor,

As a teenager, C.Y.F. member, and one who has attended most "Impact" meetings, I would like to comment on this venture of the Dept. of Christian Education. I feel it has no right to i's name, insofar as it fails to "give honest answers to some of the vexing questions facing teenagers in society," which, according to the "A.C." (June 10), is its aim. This is especially exemplified by its latest endeavour, "Morality for Moderns."

(1) "The Groop" provided the only impact.

(2) The taped "interview" was simply the reading of a biased, and hardly typical, statement.

(3) The film was irrelevant to the question of teenage morality and pre-marital sex, being suitable for a "Father and Son" night for 11-year-olds.

(4) The "discussion" was pitiful, in its shortness; lack of reasoned statements; and uninformed panel (one member admitted having no facts; but was adamant that another statement was incorrect).

(5) The Rev. Walker's case breaks down for the case of two people who truly believe they are in love, and mutually

wish to express this, even if only partially, by having sexual intercourse within the protection of The Pill, which is 99 per cent sure of preventing conception. And most young people for whom this is an issue would, rightly or wrongly, place themselves in this group. The church's teaching, "Thou shalt not" is not followed (15,531 unmarried mothers, and an unmentioned number of pregnant brides), and would thus seem to be unapplicable, unconvincing, or wrong in its present form. Surely this is the cause of this "vexing question."

May I suggest the following replacement for pseudo-discussions and lengthy "sermons": a discussion/debate between two informed sides of experts who would present both sides of the topic. In "Morality for Moderns," the panels could consist of doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, teenagers with experience in pre-marital sex, etc., who believe in their respective opinions.

With a good compare; limited time for each side to present and refute arguments, and an atmosphere of open discussion, a balanced presentation of facts would be provided, rather than a one-sided "argument."

—Peter R. Clark, Vic.

### LESSON MATERIALS.

To the Editor,

Could I respectfully suggest to your correspondents of May 13 and June 10, that the real point at issue is that a great number of our N.S.W. brethren are unhappy with a significant number of lessons published by the Federal Board of Christian Education. A recent conference between the Board and representatives of N.S.W. apparently did not satisfy a large number in N.S.W.

If we were a bigger and richer brotherhood we could carry more than one system of lesson materials. As it is, the introduction of another system would make it almost impossible for the Australian brotherhood to continue issuing lesson materials at all. If N.S.W. proceed to produce lessons of any kind, others will no doubt want to buy them, either for reasons of theology, or for the reason that many would think that any lesson system is better than the one they have been using for so long. N.S.W. would be forced by economic factors to encourage such sales. We would find ourselves with two competing systems of lessons. This would seem to be bad stewardship, almost to the point of sin.

Surely the Christian thing to do is for the Board and N.S.W. to keep getting together until a compromise is reached. If necessary, the matter could be referred to a wider representation still. If there is still a deadlock it will be the responsibility of Federal Conference to take steps towards a reasonable and Christian solution. N.S.W. will need to have the Christian grace to understand that they cannot have all their own way in a common lesson system. The Board will need to have the Christian grace to understand N.S.W.

After the previous conference of the two groups concerned, it was reported to your paper that there would be another such conference. Could I respectfully suggest to those concerned that the holding of such another conference is a matter of urgency.

—G. R. Stirling, Canberra.

### VIC. - TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, July 7, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Keith Bowes, from the Dept. for the Promotion of Christian Union.

### VIETNAM ISSUES

United Meeting at St. Paul's.

The Rev. Harvey Perkins will address a general meeting convened to consider the issues facing the churches in Vietnam. Entitled "Vietnam Report," the meeting will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral Chapter House on Monday, July 3, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Perkins, who has been in Vietnam this year, is Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid. He will be reporting on the relief work carried out by the refugee service teams organised by the East Asian Christian Conference. Nine Australians are now in Vietnam working through Asian Christian Service among refugees at Tuy Hoa and Cai Be.

The meeting, which is being organised by the Victorian Council of Churches, will consider implications of this situation for Australian Christians. All churches are being invited to attend.

### INVERELL ADDITION

(N.S.W.). At the youth service on June 11, a young woman made her decision. . . . Speakers during minister's absence at Austral Crusade were Jon Friebel (Kenmore) and Mr. Jones (Baptist). . . . The film, "Mid-Century Martyrs" was screened recently. An attractive display, showing the results among the Aucas after 10 years, created much interest. . . . C.E. visited Ashford on June 12, inspected the powerhouse, visited limestone caves, and enjoyed barbecue dinner. . . . Church was saddened by the tragic death of Mrs. Ivy Newman, in a car accident, near Scone, on June 15. Her radiant, loving personality was an inspiration to all who knew her. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Arthur, daughter Phyllis (Mrs. John Roberts), of Newcastle, and son Dennis (Inverell).

### N.S.W. BROADCASTS IN JULY

Daily Devotionals over 2CH Sydney: Sat., July 1, 8.45 a.m., F. L. Ewers, M.A. (Burwood). Wed., July 12, 8.45 a.m., C. Cole (Social Service Dept.); Mon., July 24, 8.45 a.m., R. M. Wilson, B.A., Dip.P.A. (Kingsford).

Sunday Service: July 2, 7.15 p.m., Church of Christ, Caringbah. Preacher, F. A. Elliott, B.A.

### ANNUAL OFFERING OVERSEAS MISSION SUNDAY — JULY 2

The Annual Offering for Overseas Missions will be received on July 2. On June 14 it was reported that there was only \$600.00 in the general account of the mission. This was after all salaries had been paid for the month. At least \$12,000 is needed each month to maintain the work. Please pray for a generous response on July 2.

### C.E. AND C.Y.F. — NEW GUINEA WORK PARTY

There will be great excitement at Essendon (Vic.) Airport, at 7 a.m. on Sat., July 1, 1967, when a work party representing Vic.-Tas. Christian Endeavour and Christian Youth Fellowship, is farewelled by their fellow-members. The team comprises nine men from our churches at Briar Hill, Brighton, Gardiner, Launceston, Manifold Heights, Robinvale and Springvale. They are going to Chungribu, on our New Guinea mission field, to build a hospital, build a road through the jungle to the airstrip, instal two diesel electric generating plants and the necessary electrical wiring for the hospital.

The leader of the team will be Frank Richards, of Gardiner. The rest of the team, save one, are under the age of 25 years. Six of the team will be paying, out of their own pockets, one-half of the expenses involved. One is being partially financed by his church. Another — a married man, with a family to support — worked at a second job to save enough to pay his way.

The team will be on the field for from six weeks to three months. They will fly to Port Moresby, spending a little over two days there, and then will be flown to our mission station by the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Two will

drive a tractor from the coast through the jungle to the field. There are three carpenters, a builder, a plumber and an electrical mechanic in the team.

Over a recent weekend an orientation school was conducted at Avonsleigh so that each member of the team might be fully briefed on the work programme, the high standard of Christian witness required, the conditions, the native people and their customs, the missionaries and their work, travelling arrangements and equipment. Prior to this many hours have been spent by the team pre-fabricating the hospital building, which has been sent on ahead to the field.

We rejoice in the self-sacrificial service being rendered by the members of the team, and in the splendid example of practical Christianity being set by them. We trust that they shall find much joy in the knowledge that they are so creatively endeavouring to further the mission of the church in the world.

The team comprises: Earle Chislett, Robinvale; Robert Edgar, Springvale; John Harrison, Launceston; Colin Lewis, Brighton; Frank and John Richards, Gardiner; Ron. Sutherland, Manifold Heights; Howard Weedon, Briar Hill; Noel Wolstencroft, Brighton.

### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Councillor John Williams, a member of the North Essendon (Vic.) church, is not the first Church of Christ man to serve his community as Mayor, but he does hold the distinction of being the youngest-ever Mayor of Essendon. He is also unique in having inaugurated the first Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Australia. This will be held in the Essendon Town Hall, 7.15 to 8.30 a.m., on Sat., July 1, 1967. Guest speaker for the function will be the Hon. L. H. S. Thompson, M.L.C., Minister for Education in the Bolte Government. Attendance is by invitation.

It is hoped that the Mayor of Essendon's Prayer Breakfast will result in other Mayors conducting similar functions in their cities. The purpose of these breakfasts is to make it possible for community leaders to get together to further the cause of a spiritual awaken-

ing throughout the land, and to encourage citizens to think about and preserve the heritage which God has bestowed on this nation.

We congratulate Mayor Williams on his Christian witness and leadership and trust that his Prayer Breakfast will achieve the aims which prompted it.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

To the Editor,

I was bull-dozed into taking the Bible Class while the leader was on his honeymoon. Any week away from some of those kids would be a honeymoon!

One of the questions was, "What is a Christian?" I dutifully used the blackboard as the lesson writer told me (he called it a chalkboard!). I wrote what the class told me. It turned out that they thought a Christian was some one who says his prayers, reads the Bible, goes to church and behaves himself. I said to them, "Is that all?" Their gloomy consent was, "That's all we can think of!"

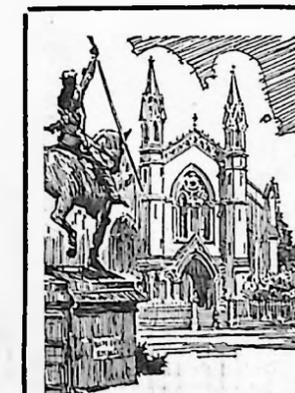
Is that why we lose so many from church and Bible Class? Personally, I couldn't think of anything more dull than to pray and read the Bible and go to church and behave myself in order to qualify as a Christian.

Is there no way of getting across to these itchy, lively, excitement-seeking, rebellious young people that Jesus Christ is alive and active in his world, and that he will come to them and involve them in a fascinating adventure of revolution and service, and Kingdom building, and adventure in dangerous praying, and practical Bible study, and thrilling commitment to the mission of the Church?

I'm sorry I got so eloquent in that last paragraph, because it occurs to me that perhaps they look at church members like me, wistfully hoping to see a little exciting Christianity, and they don't see it.

Do you find editing a Christian journal exciting? (If so, don't say so or they might reduce your salary for having fun while you are working.)

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## FOCUS ON QLD. SOCIAL SERVICE

The more Christlike a person is the nearer to the ideal social worker he could be. No formalist or clock-watcher could possibly fit in. This law is formal and fixed. That is why the social worker is needed. He must be loving and firm (Rom. 11: 22). The Queensland Social Service Committee has succeeded over the years because it could claim to have satisfactorily helped every worthy social problem submitted by the brotherhood.

The Committee is not an employment agency, but if a person is difficult to place through the normal channels, the Committee has felt obligated to find him suitable work. If a business needed help the answer was found. If a youth was delinquent or disgraced, stabilisation was set in motion. The selection of a vocation, a home required urgently, or professional assistance found necessary, these were found. There were regular hospital and prison visitations.

Don't think the leader was superman, but he must be a super spirit, for he has to find, by God's guidance and his own initiative the ways and means.

Of course, there are Homes for the mobile aged and chronically ill. In Brisbane, "Burdeu House" is located in one of the finest positions anywhere, and has become one of the selected city sites. In the suburb of Annerley is

"Hillcrest." "Mylo House" overlooks the city of Toowoomba, nearly 100 miles west. "Fairhaven" is at Maryborough, 200 miles north. Plans for another set of Homes are in hand for Southport, 50 miles south on the Goldcoast.

Hand in hand with the Committee over the years has been the co-operation of the Women's Committee.

A Hostel for 28 girls at Kedron, next to the church and manse, is splendidly located close to the High School and Teacher Training College. Qld. State Conf., on May 1 last, approved the building of a Hostel for Delinquent Girls, and a Home for Aboriginal Children. The latter will be unique in Queensland.

The whole community is conscious of our brotherhood's efforts. The Hon. C. F. Adermann, M.P., has been in the forefront since we commenced the Homes. Other leaders have been C. R. Burdeu, the present chairman, Henry Curtis, past chairman, Stan. Chalmers, secretary or superintendent for 30 years. Beryl Wiltshire, the present secretary, has for a number of years given valuable leadership, especially during the administrative changes, and recently when there has been no Director in the office since the tragic death of David Baker.

—C. R. Burdeu.

## "LAUNCHING OUT" CAMP

(Qld.). The Department's first "Launching Out" Camp was held over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Attendances were affected because of excessive rain, but the programme was of great benefit to all campers. Studies on the "Launch Out Into the Deep" passage, Jesus being "farther out" in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the disciples "toiling in rowing for the wind was against them," were the bases of the experience. Spiritual challenges in the form of prayer cells, creative and counselling sessions, proved worthwhile. Two campers registered commitment to Christ. . . . Paulette Pittman, 22-year-old secretary to the Reggie Thomas Mission Team attended the camp. During a short fine spell campers played ball games on the beach, and one of Paulette's contact lenses was lost. After aimlessly searching, we prepared to return to camp, when it was suggested we should comb the area shoulder to shoulder. So 20 campers went down on hands and knees and sifted through sand for over 100 yards — then Paul Hoskins, the one who had suggested combing the area, found the minute contact lens! Campers agreed it was a miracle. . . . A letter the campers wrote to themselves, honestly, and with personal frankness, will be posted to them at the end of the year as a reminder of their experience at "Launching Out."

## Miss GEYER AT SOUTHPORT

(Qld.). Miss Dorothy Geyer, from India, spent a week at Southport and showed slides of Baramati. . . . The fifth S.S. anniversary was addressed by the student minister, E. Watson. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Midwinter have moved by caravan to Northern Qld., after being with us 17 months. . . . Mrs. Carter has commenced a fortnightly "Friendship Hour," to which all women are invited.

## NIGHTINGALES SETTLE IN

(Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. Will Nightingale are now living in their home at Wellington Point, Qld. They have enjoyed fellowship with Brisbane, Annerley, Hawthorne, Ma Ma Creek, Nambour and Wynnum churches. Mr. Nightingale is busy with hospital chaplaincy work.

## NEW WING AT "MYLO"

(Qld.). In inclement weather the opening of the Finger Wing of "Mylo" Home for the Aged, Toowoomba, was performed by the Pres. of the Qld. Conf. of Churches of Christ, M. H. A. Pieper, on June 10.

The chairman, N. E. S. Grenfell, and H. J. Finger, one of the Home chaplains, led in devotions. Dr. Ross Green, of Dalby, Home Pres., took charge of the meeting. He read greetings from the Mayor, Alderman N. Robinson, Mr. R. Swartz, M.H.R., Minister for Civil Aviation, Mr. P. Wood, M.L.A., Fairhaven Home, Maryborough, Ray and Mrs. McKenzie, first chaplain of "Mylo."

Apologies were received from C. R. Burdeu, Chairman of Social Services in Qld. Churches of Christ, Lloyd Martin, Vice-Pres. of Conf., and Mrs. May Pascoe, Ladies' Committee.

Dr. Green paid tribute to the work of the Committee, Don Cranston, architect, Messrs. Christensen and Scholl, builders, Messrs. Chalmers and Baker, Organisers, and Matron and Staff, Toowoomba Business Services, and Miss Bev. Grenfell, for programmes.

J. H. Curtis, Vice-Chairman of the Social Services Committee, responded to the welcome and then announced to the meeting that Eric T. Hart was to be the new Director for the Social Services Committee, commencing duties in September. Mr. Hart is well and favorably

known in Toowoomba, having been a minister at the church.

Mr. Pieper referred to the ministering of healing body and soul that could take place in such Homes as "Mylo." He officially named and opened the Finger Wing in honor of those who have served their Christ and his Church so faithfully, and who soon will return to the Mission fields of the New Hebrides.

The prayer of dedication was then offered by the Home Chaplain, Dr. A. C. Caldicott.

A basket tea was prepared by the Ladies' Committee and enjoyed by many. The night finished with a film of a recent trip to the Holy Land by Dr. R. Green and Mrs. Green.

## QLD. C.W.F. CONFERENCE

At the first monthly meeting since State Conference, 28 ladies, representing 11 churches, were present. The President, Mrs. Baker, welcomed all and led in a devotional period, challenging all women to be motivated by love in their Christian service. Superintendents of committees gave a brief resume of their plans and activities for the year. Emphasis was placed on the Overseas Missionary Rally, to be held at Ann St. on July 4, also the monthly prayer meeting at Murarrie on June 22.

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## FOCUS ON W.A. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

Sixty-one years ago the women of our churches formed themselves into a Women's Auxiliary Conference. Through two world wars, and depression years, the women have faithfully maintained the work and steadily built upon the solid foundations which were established. Many splendid leaders were developed. We have profited much by the fine example of Christian living and words of encouragement that have been given.

Today the statistical table shows the total number on day and evening C.W.F. rolls as 910.

The theme for the 1967 Conference Year is "Outreach — A Year of New Horizons." With Mrs. F. Newcombe, South Perth, as President, we believe that the work will develop even more:

### Through Prayer:

At home, practising the quiet time.

In the local C.W.F., by setting aside five minutes each meeting for prayer, for the few who "go," for the many.

Abroad, by becoming prayer partners for Home, Aborigine, and Overseas missionaries, including National workers. Also remembering W.A.'s hour for prayer — the first Wednesday in each month at 11 a.m.

### Through Activity:

In Finance — Women's Auxiliary Outreach Aim (budget) of \$3,000, to be allocated to Conference Committees.

Proceeds from sandwiches sold at the Women's Auxiliary meetings to "Radio Outreach" for Radio Sunday

School, Norseman Broadcasting and Radio Manilla.

Project, Missionary Outreach — for Medico Evangelistic Tours in India.

In Inspiration — Evening meetings to be held. An "Inspirational Rally," followed by an "Outreach Workshop," a "Harvest Thanksgiving Service," and a "Sacred Concert." A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon for those with over 42 years' church membership, and a Christmas Service will also be conducted.

In Fellowship — A "Four Seas" Cruise on the Swan River will be arranged in January, when the missionaries and children from our Aborigine Mission Stations will be our guests.

Brooch-style name holders are to be used by the women at all meetings as a means of identification.

"1967 Messenger" is the title of the Women's Auxiliary booklet containing information concerning the workers and work of our Conference. It will also be a means of introducing the State work to new members.

100 Home Prayer Cells are being formed, and women are being encouraged to become Prayer Hostesses and Prayer Partners, in preparation for the Billy Graham Crusade, to be held in W.A. from March 31 to April 6, 1968.

The President encourages Western women to "Strip off anything that slows us down, or holds us back, especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up."—Heb. 12: 1. (Living Letters). —D.M.G.

## DEATH OF RALPH SUTTON

The Rev. Ralph Sutton, Superintendent of Perth's Central Methodist Mission since 1953, died in May. The Mission made great progress under his leadership and he sponsored many programmes to aid aged and handicapped people.

## GONE VISITING

(South Perth, W.A.). One evening in May, 53 members had dinner together and then went visiting. Over 150 homes were visited. Someone from each home had some connection with the B.S. or church. The next Sunday, "Visitors' Night," there were 320 present, and four decisions. . . . Misses Dawna Noble, Mara Drummond and Lynette Mowron, ex-Carnarvon Native Mission young people currently doing nursing training in the city, conducted the devotions, Dawna giving her testimony at the evening meeting of the Women's Fellowship. There was an audio-visual about Aborigine Mission responsibilities. An offering for the Mission clothing parcel was received. . . . The church combines in sympathy with elder W. Samuel and his family in the death of his wife.

## 260 AT WOMEN'S RALLY

(W.A.). The Conf. Pres., Mrs. F. Newcombe, presided over the first of three evening meetings designed to enable mothers of young children, and business women, to share in Women's Fellowship and service was held in the Christian Centre on May 30. The theme was "New Horizons."

Geo. Wood spoke on "Anywhere — So Long as It's Forward." He reminded the women to beware of giving less than their best to God. Spiritual dissatisfaction is the result of a busy life which bears no fruit. The sin of disobedience will cut us off from God. Disobedience causes Doubt and Disloyalty that inevitably leads to Devastation in the individual Christian and the church.

Fellowship opportunity came when the "share a sandwich" supper was served.

## WOMEN OF THE WEST

(W.A.). Mrs. F. Newcombe presided over the June auxiliary meeting for 100 ladies. The leader of morning meditations was Mrs. June Toms, of Subiaco.

The balance in hand was \$1,136.16.

Mrs. Newcombe, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, presented Mrs. E. F. Black with a gift in appreciation of the many years of faithful ministry as Floral Convener. Mrs. G. Moignard will succeed her. Name holders were available and the women will wear these at all meetings.

The "1967 Messenger" was distributed. This booklet is designed to give information concerning the year's programme, work and workers of the Women's Auxiliary Conference.

A tape recording was made of the Inspirational Rally held on May 30. It is now circulating throughout the country and will include the mission stations at Esperance, Carnarvon and Norseman. A creche is available at Auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. D. G. Hammer reported on the Aborigine deputation to the Eastern States by Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer,

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### Aborigine Prayer Request:

Praise God for — inspiring testimonies of God's grace given by adult Aborigines.

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Pray for the completion of the Norseman Christian Centre. — D. M. Gordon, secretary.

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## STH. MELBOURNE CENTENARY

(Vic.). The modern chapel of the South Melbourne church was packed for all of the services that were part of the church's Centenary Thanksgiving, on June 11. The re-unions, the fellowship, the meals prepared by the ladies of the church, the worship services and the encouragement given by past members and friends, all contributed to make the Centenary Celebrations of the small church a day that will not be forgotten for a long time.

At the Youth Club reunion, on June 9, 140 met to remember old times. They remembered so well that a programme that was planned had to be abandoned because of the many spirited conversations. Many generations were represented, the ages ranging from the early 20's to the late 70's.

Principal E. L. Williams gave the address at the morning communion service,

at which R. Tyler, a former member, now at Hartwell, presided. T. Turriff, also a former member, and R. Ball, a member since 1918, read the O.T. and N.T. lessons.

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was chaired by J. Tipping, church secretary. Miss J. Milne sang three delightful solos, and Dr. K. Bowes, a former minister of the church, held the congregation in rapt attention as he outlined many of the interesting features of the church's history.

The electronic organ, loaned for the occasion, adopted a syncopated beat, accompanied by the drums of David Nancarrow, as the congregation shared in some hymns that have an appeal particularly for youth, at the evening service. Members of the Young Adult Fellowship shared in the service, at which E. Keating, the present minister, spoke.

## ROTARY HOE FOR Aoba

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). A rotary hoe left for Aoba, New Hebrides, on May 27, in response to a request from Keith Ludgater. It will be used at Londua Training School for cultivating vegetable gardens, hitherto tilled by hand. . . . A much needed dental chair has also been sent to the Ndui Ndui Hospital on Aoba. . . . Dr. Caldicott, of Toowoomba, conducted the funeral service for Mrs. Merle Dickfors, who died recently after a long illness. Sympathy is extended to her relatives. . . . Our C.E. and Camp Hill young people, led by D. Cranston, held a barbecue at R. Metcalf's home on May 27. They then attended the mission at Gatton, where Des. Nelson was speaker.

## YOUTH ACTIVE

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). Several new young people's groups are functioning at Warracknabeal and Brim: Teens' Times: this is a club for teenagers, meeting on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m. Includes hobbies, educational, social and service activities, as well as devotional period. Advertising Committee: this small group prepares pamphlets advertising other groups, posters are made, letters are typed and announcements prepared. Brim Youth Club: Methodist and Church of Christ young people meet on alternate Fridays for a four-square programme. Two counsellors representing both churches are present on alternate club nights. Discipleship Classes: Held at Brim for young people who desire training for church membership, each Tuesday, at 4.30 p.m. . . . Two young people recently made their decisions at a morning service at Brim.

## S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Next meeting of Fraternal will be held on Monday, July 3, 10.30 a.m., at Gawler Place. Speaker, S. Thomas (Pt. Pirie). Subject: "From College to Chapel."

## REGGIE THOMAS TEAM ARRIVES

(Toowoomba, Qld.). Dr. Caldicott met Reggie Thomas and his team at Brisbane Airport. On June 24, the team will commence a fortnight's mission. This will be preceded by a 24-hour day of prayer. . . . Pledge of \$1,000 by Y.P. for New Hall Fund is being helped by members going all the way, from car washing, through potato digging to vegetable selling. . . . Asst. minister, Philip Jauncey, has terminated his ministry at Crown St. Adrian Risson will continue as Kenmore College student-minister. . . . Project day, by Harlaxton, Margaret St., and Crown St. Bible Schools attracted 600 entries. Walls of Margaret St. hall were completely covered with entries. The C.E. Gray Memorial Shield was retained by Margaret St. . . . Members attended the Neil Macaulay and Team meeting on June 7.

## BOYS' DAY

(Bridgetown - Manjimup, W.A.). On enrolment day for Boys' Brigade, 50 boys were honored by Mr. Hearman, M.L.A. Boys from Fremantle and Bunbury were present, and the visiting team from Kensington provided the band. 200 heard W. Semple give the address. . . . Mr. and Mrs. I. Morgan, of Manjimup, have been baptized and, with another young man from Manjimup, have been received into fellowship. . . . Mr. and Mrs. P. Kiehar, treasurer, and leader of the S.S., have been farewelled. . . . Mrs. D. Mielens, Bridgetown, was inducted as president of S.W. churches C.W.F.

## TWO BAPTISMS

(Maidstone, Vic.). Two young people were baptized recently. . . . The Explorers' club held a film night. . . . Girls' basketball club held a bazaar in hall. . . . A teacher from the School for the Deaf was guest speaker at youth tea.

## THINGS TO COME

**JUNE: NEW SOUTH WALES**  
30 - July 2—Counselling Training Camp — Preparation for CRUSADE '67. Conducted by Youth Crusade Committee.

**JULY:**  
2 —60th Anniversary Services — Kingsford.  
2 —Crusade '67 Training Seminar concludes.  
3-7—"Lay Institute" Sessions — Hurstville.  
7 —C.W.F. Monthly Meeting — City Temple.  
12-26—Reggie Thomas Mission at Wollongong.  
14-16—Teen and Twenty Mission.

**JUNE VICTORIA**  
30 —Explorers: Deadline for Knowledge Project.

**JULY**  
2 —Annual Offering, Overseas Mission Dept.  
5 —H.M. and Evangelism — Prayer Rallies.  
6 —Adult Leaders' Training Course commences (D.C.E.). Also 13th, 20th, 27th.  
7 —Good Companions' Worship Services.  
9 —National Aborigines' Sunday.

**JUNE: SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
23-25—West Coast Conf. at Ungarra. Seminar on Evangelism.

**JUNE: QUEENSLAND**  
24 —Rally 9 at Kenmore.  
26-30—Happy Hours at Camp Hill.

**JULY: WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
11 —Women's Second Outreach Rally, 8 p.m., in the Christian Centre. Theme: "Witnessing Workshop."

## COMMENT

### HIGH COST OF SMALL ILLNESS

Last week I spent a couple of days in bed with a virus which turned out to be better company than the radio.

Being intensely interested in the Middle East battles, it was not enough to wait for the normal news sessions. I switched to a commercial radio station which I thought had a brief news-cast every half-hour.

A man and a woman were chatting. I had no idea who they were. They began a long dialogue, the point of which was the similarity of sound between "lavy" and "levee." There was a levee for men only at Government House, and this made possible a seemingly endless stream of plays on words associated with toilets and parties.

As though this were not enough for one morning, almost immediately they went into a long discussion of some American legislation concerning "topless waitresses" with huge busts. This started the woman off giggling uncontrollably about the size of her own. There was a repetitive use of the phrase "divine right" in an obviously sexually suggestive way.

All the time the two announcers were jittering like a couple of fourteen-year-old school children toying with their first smutty joke.

Now I am far from being an extreme supporter of censorship. In a community as varied as ours it would be foolish to expect that our radio programmes be cleared for listening by Junior Bible School children, but the kind of stuff presented on 3UZ on that occasion was not the sophisticated humour of a frank and grown-up society. It was, I imagine, what might be expected of fourth-rate comedians at a third-rate night club.

On reflection, the worst thing about this sorry business is that radio stations appear to think that this is what the public wants. I do not believe that the stations are right in holding such a belief. If they are right, then society is sicker than I was. In the absence of further evidence, my view is that it is the stations which are sick.

Incidentally, there wasn't any news session!

## WORLD CONVENTION DEFINES PARTICIPANTS

When the Executive Committee of the World Convention of Churches of Christ met earlier this year, one of the important matters discussed was the purpose of the Convention and who would share in its Assemblies and programmes.

Although there are many different points of view within "Churches of Christ" there is a common link with the pioneers of the Restoration Movement, and it was felt that the World Convention must make it possible for all sharing this common heritage to meet in full fellowship.

Accordingly, the following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee: "Whereas, the World Convention of Churches of Christ has as a primary purpose the fellowship of Christians representing many nations and many points of view, and

"Whereas, the Assemblies seek more fully to show the essential oneness of the Churches in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to promote the ecumenical concern of the Churches,

"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, Disciples of Christ to begin at once plans for attending the Eighth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held at Adelaide, South Australia, October 20-25, 1970."

## W.C.C. ASKS FOR \$2,000,000 FOR WAR VICTIMS

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches has appealed for an initial \$2,000,000 to aid war victims throughout the Near East, and to restart compassionate work among the distressed of all nationalities and religions in every country affected by the conflict.

The appeal is being sent out to member churches in all parts of the world, including those in Eastern Europe. It is the most widely circulated emergency appeal that the World Council of Churches has ever made.

Funds or pledges of contributions should be sent to the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, Geneva, which is also investigating what channels are available for sending material aid supplies needed for programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction in the war zones.

## PHILIPPE MAURY DIES

(Geneva). Philippe Maury, Director of the Dept. of Information of the W.C.C., died in Lyon, France, on June 6, aged 50. He had undergone major surgery, but suffered a relapse.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft, retired General Secretary, said that in his position, "he showed a unique combination of openness toward all trends of thought in the world and of firm Christian conviction. . . . For all who have worked with him, the death of this devoted layman who had a great capacity for friendship, was a serious loss."

Dr. E. Carson Blake, present General Secretary, said, "His friends will remember him chiefly for his pure joy of the gospel."

## HOLIDAY MISSION

With mission work teams becoming more familiar, and indeed, more necessary, another missions contact has been developing over the years. These are cruises to mission lands. They give people an opportunity to use holiday time for a significant purpose, or for church people to see, at first hand, the planting and the harvest of missions. One such cruise is being provided by the Methodist Overseas Missions. See details on page 22 of this issue.

## VISITORS TO COLLINS ST.

(Hobart, Tas.). Among recent interesting speakers have been Ray Veal, from India (he also visited Copping, Nubeena-Highcroft and Dover); Pastor Doug. Nicholls; Miss Susan Sandral, of Overseas Missionary Fellowship; and Peter Pitt, attending the C.E. Convention. Church ladies helped to cater for 250 C.E. delegates over the long weekend. . . . The W.E.F. held a "soup and sandwich luncheon" at "Bethany," the proceeds of which were given to "Bethany" and New Guinea Hospital. Miss Shirley Byard was elected W.E.F. President.

## NURSES IN UNIFORM

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). A Florence Nightingale Memorial Service was held on May 7, with a good number of nurses, in uniform, attending. . . . W. Taylor, minister at Devonport, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Read on May 21. . . . A new church publication, "Ministers' Supplement," is now available at regular intervals. . . . Church members were saddened at the sudden death of Miss A. Victory, one of the eldest, and a well loved member. . . . David Davis, General Sec. of the Y.M.C.A. was special speaker at Men's Fellowship.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE COMING UP

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). The officers are making arrangements for our Diamond Jubilee services and functions, to be held October 22-29. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sedman and family are living in our manse until they take up ministry in

## MEN AT WORK

(Mooroopna, Vic.). On June 3, T. O. Turriff organised a team of five men for work at Mooroopna. They were Ron. Johnston and Wally Wigney, who supplied the know-how; V. Philpott, who supplied transport; and Bill Jones and George York, who did what they were told.

They arrived at Mooroopna at 8 a.m. and, after a "cuppa," set to work to fence in the church property. Of course, Roy Clydesdale already had the post holes dug and the timber on the site.

Four men were available from Mooroopna and Shepparton churches, and after lunch the work force grew to 17

another church. . . . At the yearly Youth concert we raised almost \$40 for sale of sweets, and our folk played a big part in the programme. . . . Guest speaker at the C.M.S., Mr. Perrett, told of the work amongst Lepers in India, Nepal and New Guinea.

## HONOUR FOR CHURCHMAN

(Nth. Essendon, Vic.). Stan. G. Blythe, one of our esteemed members, received the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. A high technical officer in the P.M.G. Dept., Mr. Blythe has had a major responsibility for P.M.G. publications. He has given distinguished service to his country both in war and peace. For his army service he was awarded the Military Medal.

## CAMPAIGN BEGUN

(Carramar, N.S.W.). Dan Wakeley has introduced many new incentives that have resulted in a forward movement which began on June 18. . . . A Boys' Club is planned, and a painting, mowing, gardening and cleaning programme will be conducted.

## TEN FOR TODAY

(North Perth, W.A.). 30 young people studied the Ten Commandments in camp at Kalamunda, with their minister, J.K. Robinson. . . . Two B.S. scholars were recently baptized. . . . Morice Arnot, a member of the College of the Bible team, was a recent speaker. . . . The church welcomed back Mrs. M. Michael, after a long illness, and Kim Stephens, who is back from Darwin.

## "LIONS" STAMP DESIGNER

At the bottom of the new 4 cents postage stamp issued in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the foundation and work of "Lions International," there is a name which may not have registered with some. We have pleasure in introducing the designer of the stamp which bears his name — Max Ripper — as a member of the Burwood (Vic.) church. He is a teacher of advertising art at Prahran Technical School. For the past four years he has used his talent in the interests of the brotherhood by designing the art work for the Vic.-Tas. Conference Handbook in illustration of the Conference theme. We congratulate him on having his "Lions" stamp design chosen by the postal authorities.

Further congratulations are in order in that Max is also the designer of the special "Christmas 1967" stamp to be issued toward the end of the year.

men. 292 ft. of 6 ft. paling fence was erected by 4 p.m.

The value of the labor amounts to approximately \$90. Half of this will be refunded to the Aborigines Missions Board by adjoining property, whose portion of fences were put up by the team.

Ladies provided morning and afternoon tea. At the close of the day (which had begun in Melb. at 5.30 a.m.) the team formed a circle and Mr. Philpott led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

It was a good day to remember that our brotherhood has such strong bonds that men will express their faith through hard work.



**SUPPORT FOR D.C.E.**

(Grote-st., S.A.). D.C.E. offering was \$97.28 . . . Mrs. Lawrance Hughes and Claude Burford have entered hospital for surgery . . . B.S. anniversary had very successful sessions. Thanks to Trevor Meade, Edwardstown, who trained the children. 80 sat down to B.S. family tea . . . Roger Blackey has been appointed "Christian" agent, and R. Greenhalgh, reporter . . . Church has two men's basketball teams and four table tennis teams in winter competitions.

**MINISTERS' FAMILIES' SOCIAL**

(S.A.). The annual social evening of the S.A. ministers, wives, and families, was held at Grote-st. on May 26. M. T. Lawrie was in charge. Mrs. P. R. Whitmore, Pres. of the Ministers' Wives' Association, welcomed the Conf. Pres., S. E. Riches, and Mrs. Riches, and those present for the first time: Mr. and Mrs. W. Compston; Mr. and Mrs. H. Prime and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tippett and family; and Virginia Thomas (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thornley Thomas, of India). Items were given by John Mathieson, Miss Moira Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Marriott. R. Holmes entertained with his magic. Mrs. John Mathieson was pianist. Best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marriott and family, who leave for U.S.A. soon.

**FOOD FOR INDIA**

(Grote-st., S.A.). The Food for India offering on June 4 was \$298 . . . The secretary, R. L. Packer, and Mrs. Packer, also Mrs. Doris Brealey, have left on world tours . . . C. McDonald is acting sec. . . The choir presented the cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!" on June 18 . . . Attendances average 130 communicants.

**LONG SERVICE**

(Kensington Park, S.A.). The annual meeting honored elder G. Simpson, who retired after 33 years' service . . . Temple Day service, on May 21, was followed by lunch. During the afternoon church and life activities for the year were reviewed . . . The Temple Day offering reduced the Manse debt by \$463. Guest speaker was Keith Horne . . . Evening services will be held at 4.30 p.m. until August.

**CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE**

(Whyalla, S.A.). K. D. Horne, H. M. Organiser, conducted a Church and Life Conference, and addressed Sunday services. Other recent speakers have been N. Bradley, manager of Radio Station 5AU, and R. S. A. McLean . . . Mrs. Leggo, and Bronwen, who have been with us for 16 years, were farewelled on leaving for Adelaide. Presentations were made . . . The minister, D. Hughes, and young people, travelled to Tumbly Bay for opening of Redcliffs Camp. Mr. Hughes, as Eyre Penins. Conf. Pres., visited Eyre churches on June 4. At youth night at home one B.S. scholar made her decision.

**MINISTRY EXTENDED**

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). Mr. Pitt will extend his ministry for a further 12 months when his term expires in January, 1968 . . . On Mother's Day, ladies of the Women's Fellowships took part in the morning service. At night, two young people were baptized, and an after-church sing-song was followed by the film, "Experience With An Eel" . . . The 55th church anniversary services had C. E. Watson (Director-Chaplain with the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission) as guest speaker . . . Men's Fellowship, on May 9, was an "Impromptu Evening," and included a talk by E. Long, and a film.

**ASIANS LEAD SERVICE**

(Beverly, S.A.). The Asian Overseas Christian Fellowship used "The Peace of God" as their topic when they conducted the guest service on June 4 . . . At an earlier meeting, C. Hutchens, M.P., brought the gospel message . . . On Mother's Day a family service included a film. The girls' club invited mothers to a social evening . . . Ray Veal, on furlough, gave an illustrated talk on India . . . The B.S. and youth clubs conducted a weekend camp at Longwood. Two B.S. scholars have since made decisions . . . To raise money for club activities the young men's basketball club held a film night and barbecue.

**EVANGELISM PLANNED**

(Ascot Park, S.A.). K. D. Horne addressed a church tea, on June 11, on Planned Evangelism, and later gave the gospel message . . . Mrs. U. Wright presided when 16 churches shared in the C.W.F. 7th birthday. Miss Hammond, Conf. Pres.-Elect, was speaker. A birthday cake was presented to aged pensioners, and \$16 was received for a needy family.

**GOOLWA BAPTISMS**

(S.A.). The minister, H. E. Greenwood, baptized three young people from the B.S. on June 11 . . . This is the only church between Pt. Elliott and Strathalbyn holding regular evening gospel services. A special effort is being made to increase interest as we continue to keep up a strong witness in this area.

**BRUCE MARRIOTT FOR U.S.A.**

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). K. B. Marriott and his wife and family will be leaving in July for the U.S.A., where Mr. Marriott will further his studies. This will terminate 5½ years of a happy and useful ministry. The prayers and interest of the church will be with them . . . A fancy dress frolic was arranged by the S.S.

**CALL TO F. B. BURTT**

(Croydon, S.A.). The church has invited F. B. Burtt to commence a ministry early in 1968 . . . On Mother's Day, Mrs. H. Brand and Mrs. Lange received posies for the oldest mothers present at our gospel service . . . A concert was given by the Salvation Army in our hall . . . Miss R. Roberts and Shantabai Choudhari were entertained at luncheon on their arrival from India . . . Our young people conducted splendid services on Youth Sunday.

**FAMILY BAPTIZED**

(Flinders Park, S.A.). A family of four were baptized on June 11 . . . Church is in the midst of a Stewardship and Evangelistic Campaign . . . Ray Veal visited the church on May 30 and showed slides of Indian Missions. . . Boys' Brigade camped at Moonta on Queen's Birthday weekend.

**CANBERRA'S GAIN**

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). It was with sincere regret that the church received the announcement of the termination of Mr. Wright's ministry in Dec., 1968, having accepted a call to the church at Canberra . . . Two young people confessed faith at the May youth service. The guest singers were "The Union Four" . . . June is Friendship Month. All members will be issued with an attendance roll, and encouraged to know the growing number of worshippers. A picnic was held on June 12 . . . The C.W.F. have Community Aid Abroad as their project this year, and are holding fortnightly morning teas, with guest speakers, demonstrations, and trading tables . . . The church was saddened by the sudden death of one of the foundation members, Eric Docking.

**TWO DECISIONS**

(Lenswood, S.A.). Two decisions for Christ were made in the past month . . . Recent offerings have been: Leprosy Mission, \$36.03; Chris. Educ. Dept., \$42.68.

**S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

At the June monthly meeting, at Grote St., 171 were present as Mrs. Lawton especially welcomed Mrs. Veal and Mrs. Waghmode, both soon to return to India, and also Mrs. Harry Manning, recently moved to S.A.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Bull, representing Christies Beach.

Both Mrs. Waghmode and Mrs. Veal brought greetings, the latter thanking all for their prayers, letters, food parcels and clothing. "What a joy to be able to hand out a warm cardigan on a chilly morning," she said.

After business, reports were received from the Overseas Mission, Aborigine, H.M. and Social Service Departments.

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**Word Studies in the New Testament**

No. 42 — NEW :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN.

The English adjective "new" is related to words which can be seen in many Indo-European languages, especially Greek neos, Latin novus. There are several words in Greek from other roots, however, which must also be considered. In the Authorised Version "new" is a translation of

(1) agnaphos in Matt. 9: 16; Mark 2: 21, the only passages where the Greek word is used in the New Testament. The word means "unbleached" or "uncarded," that is, new, in relation to wool or cloth. The noun gnaphous means a "cloth-dresser." As the a in agnaphos is a negative, the adjective describes cloth which has not been put through the process of dressing.

(2) kainos in Matt. 9: 17; 13: 52; 26: 28, 29; 27: 60; Mark 1: 27; 2: 21, 22; 14: 24, 25; 16: 17; Luke 5: 36 (three times), 38; 22: 20; John 13: 34; 19: 41; Acts 17: 19, 21; 1 Cor. 11: 25; 2 Cor. 3: 6; 5: 17 (twice); Gal. 6: 15; Eph. 2: 15; 4: 24; Heb. 8: 8, 13; 9: 15; 2 Pet. 3: 13; 1 John 2: 7, 8; 2 John 5; Rev. 2: 17; 3: 12 (twice); 5: 9; 14: 3; 21: 1, 2, 5. The word is always translated "new" in the Authorised Version of the New Testament. In Matt. 26: 28 and Mark 14: 24, "new" is omitted in the Revised Version and other translations, although Phillips retains it. It is a matter of Textual authority. It is present in 1 Cor. 11: 25, the earliest account of the Lord's Supper.

The "new commandment" which Jesus gave (John 13: 34) was not new in the sense that the commandment to love had never been given before. See Lev. 19: 18, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." cited by Jesus as one of the two commandments upon which "hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 22: 29, 30). But the new commandment given by Jesus was given specifically for his disciples and was based on the relationship of Jesus with the Father. As Dr. William Temple said, "This new commandment, to love as Christ has loved, is the impossible thing, except so far as we are 'in Christ.'"

(3) neos in Matt 9: 17 (twice); Mark 2: 22 (three times); Luke 5: 37 (twice), 38, 39; 1 Cor. 5: 7; Col. 3: 10; Heb. 12: 24. This word is also translated "young" in John 21: 18; Acts

5: 6; Titus 2: 4, 6; "younger" in Luke 15: 12, 13; 22: 26; 1 Tim. 5: 1, 2, 11, 14; 1 Pet. 5: 5. In Acts 16: 11, "Neapolis" is from two words meaning "new city."

Comparing neos and kainos, the former denotes that which is new in time, whereas the latter includes reference to quality. In the Koine Greek, "Papyrus usage hardly tends to sharpen the distinction between kainos and neos." It is of interest to note that both adjectives are applied to "covenant" and to the Christian as a new man.

(4) prosphatos in Heb. 10: 20. This is the only occurrence of the word in the New Testament. It is found in the Septuagint in Num. 6: 3; Deut. 32: 17; Psa. 81: 9; Eccl. 1: 9. An adverbial form is found in Acts 18: 2, where the translation is "lately." The adjective is called a "problem word" in Moulton's "Grammar of New Testament Greek," Vol 2. The problem relates to etymology. The word is divided prosphatos, the "second element of which is an isolated by-form from the root of pthano, 'I come before, arrive.'" Others divide the word pros-phatos, and claim that the original meaning was "fresh-killed," but add that the word came to be used quite generally of what is new or recent.

There are other words which express the idea of "new." In 1 Pet. 2: 2 the word artigenetos is used, the only place in the Greek Bible. The passage relates to 1 Pet. 1: 23. In Rom. 6: 4; 7: 6, Paul uses the word kainotes. This word was used in secular writers of something fresh, novel, but Paul used it of the new kind of life in Christ, the life of the Spirit. In Acts 2: 13 the word gleukos appears. It is used only here in the New Testament, but it is found in secular writers and in Job 32: 19. Authorities speak of it as "must," a new wine not completely fermented. The Greek medical writer, Galen (129-199 A.D.), applied the word to "grape-juice." However, the reply of Peter shows that he took the mocking charge to be that the recipients of the Holy Spirit were intoxicated. In Col. 2: 16 the word noumenia (in some Texts the uncontracted form noemenia is given) appears. It is used only here in the New Testament, but in the Septuagint is applied to the Feast of the New Moon.



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**\$1,000 DONATED**

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). Mrs. E. Morris, snr., has made a generous donation of \$1,000 to the Building Fund . . . Fellowship with D. Hammer, S. Graham and J. Ranger was enjoyed and they showed pictures at both Gilgandra and Balladoran.

**MAYOR AT TEA**

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). When the church celebrated its 74th anniversary at fellowship tea, the Mayor and Mayoress of Marrickville, Ald. and Mrs. Carr, congratulated the church, and Mr. Bedwell, for the social work in the community. H. M. Long was guest preacher . . . The Mission Committee has sent out work-sheets to mobilise workers for the Mission to Marrickville, July 9-16, and questionnaires designed to reorganise and improve All-Age Programme for the School . . . The C.W.F. has visited and conducted devotions at Croydon Guest Home . . . Tom Benson is overseas on business, and E. Francis is ill in the Mater Hospital.

**N.S.W. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Caricature faces of different types of women displayed around the room set a "different" note for a meeting with 102 women from 34 Fellowships, at the June C.W.F. "Are You Fun to Live With?" from the Federal Handbook, was the theme, and with this thought uppermost, 1 Cor. 13 was read by Mrs. Hopson (Beverly Hills).

Pertinent questions were discussed by a panel, led by Mrs. Bedwell (Marrickville). Three told of amusing home incidents; some husbands' suggestions

were noted; a short dialogue dealt with women's problems; and Mrs. White (Telopea) brought a brief message on everyday happiness within the family. Items by Epping C.W.F. Choir, and Mrs. Ray Baker, also emphasised the theme.

Mrs. Elsmore, President, reminded the meeting that the venue for July is to be Caringbah church, and not City Temple. Kevin Crawford, H. M. Director, will speak on "Personal Evangelism."—P. Henderson.

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## THANKS

JENNER. — The brothers and sister of the late Percy M. Jenner desire to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent loss of their beloved brother, also to F. A. Youens and W. W. Saunders.

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## DEATHS

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MARR (nee Smith). — To Pauline and David, at Echuca Dist. Hospital, Vic., on June 15, 1967, a daughter — Jennifer Anne.

SMITH (nee Hook). — To Ailsa and Colin, a son — Peter Jon — born June 10, at Balaklava, Sth. Aust.

WILLIAMS (Bean). — Shirley and Roy welcome with love, Craig Andrew. Brother for Rohan.

STEWART. — To Glenys and Malcolm, of 35 Phillip-rd., East Keilor, Vic., at Essendon Hospital, on June 19, a son — Wayne Malcolm. Both well.

## DEATHS

NORMAN. — On June 8, Hilda, of 7 Lees-st., Northcote, Vic., dearly beloved wife of Henry James, loved mother of Jean, fond mother-in-law of Cliff, devoted grandmother of Paula and Joy. "The long day closes."

POWELL. — On June 2, at Boort Hospital, Vic., Fred, dearly loved husband of Thelma, loved father of Alan, loved father-in-law of Joy, dear granddad of Jan, Thelma and Rhonnda. "In heavenly love abiding."

SQUIRES, Herbert Erasmus. — At Red Cliffs, Vic., on June 12, 1967, husband of the late Mary Ann, dearly beloved father of Eric; Roy (dec.); Pearl (Jardine); Lorna (Chislett), and Clarice (Chislett); dear grandfather of Lyle, Valda (Oldham); Roselea (Freeman); Janice; Kevin (Jardine); Pamela (Rose); Beverley (Bennett); Lynette (Milne); Valerie (McManus); Wesley Chislett, Gail (Davy); Glen, Robyn, Earle Chislett and Wendy (Boram); great granddad of Mandy and John Squires; Kayleen, Roy and Christopher Oldham; Jeanette and Geoffrey Rose; Wayne and Kerri Bennett; Douglas, Brett, Heather and Ruth Milne; Jan, Russell and Neville McManus; Sandra Davy; Lindee and Scott Chislett. Peacefully taken home in his 95th year.

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## ENGAGEMENT

FRIEBEL - HARRIS. — The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Elsie Harris, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, of Newcastle, N.S.W., to John Harold Friebel, elder son of Mrs. C. Friebel, of Horsham, Vic., and the late Mr. Harold Friebel. Evelyn and John are theological students at Kenmore Christian College.

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 —His loving wife, Nell.

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 That links us till we meet again."  
 —Your loving wife Elsie.

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SUMPTON. — A loving tribute to Frederick Joseph, a devoted husband and father. "Beautiful memories of our loved one."

THOMSEN. — In loving memory of my dear husband, Chris., who departed this life June 29, 1954. "Down the lane of memory the lights are never dim."  
 —Inserted by L. Thomsen, Ascot Vale, Vic.

HILLBRICK, Harold. — In loving memory of my dear husband, who was called home on June 28, 1965, loving father of Neil and Joy (Mrs. Fiedler). "In heavenly love abiding."

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## VICTORIA

### YOUNG CHURCH AIDS MISSIONS

(Toora, Sth. Gippsland, Vic.). Meetings continue to be held in Toora Hall, with attendances slightly increasing . . . Members are financially supporting a Bible student in the New Hebrides . . . A number of church members have been contacted in the district during recent months. A good number of visitors has shared in fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. G. off. Reed (Anne-st., Brisbane, and Ivanhoe), have moved into the Leongatha district and are in active fellowship . . . The secretary would be glad to hear of any church members who may be moving into this district. Regular prayer and Bible study meetings are being held in members' homes.

### SIX MORNING BAPTISMS

(Chadstone, Vic.). Following six weeks' series, "Christian Faith for Busy People," six senior B.S. students were baptized at morning worship on June 4 . . . Officers and deaconesses are assisting in pastoral visiting . . . Minister and laymen are sharing pulpit in "I Believe" series . . . Third Planned giving programme being maintained at a good level . . . Explorers camped at Somers, also entertained boys from Salvation Army Home . . . Concert held in aid of Organ Fund . . . Children's choir formed. . . 50 members shared in recent Day of Prayer.

### MINISTER TO REMAIN

(Hampton, Vic.). D. R. Olafsen is to continue ministry after College course is completed . . . Plans have been accepted for alterations to interior of chapel, work to begin soon . . . Church family dinner, on June 2, marked conclusion of Planned giving programme, but it will be continued for a further three years.

### TEMPLE DAY

(Carnegie, Vic.). A. R. Lloyd, former minister, preached at anniversary services. Ladies catered for 160 at lunch, and afterwards Mr. Lloyd spoke on "Highlights of a President's Year." The Campbell Singers sang at night. Temple Day offering has reached \$940 . . . Chapel re-building third stage was completed with the construction of a glassed-in foyer. The ladies met the cost of the parquet flooring, and of the carpets in "cry room" and minister's study. They also provided a new table, all adding to the dignity of the remodelled sanctuary. . . . The minister, R. E. Hillbrich, will conclude his ministry at end of 1968.

### SERVICE CHANGES

(Wedderburn - St. Arnaud, Vic.). Worship services have now been changed to: Wedderburn, 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m., S.S., 11 a.m.; St. Arnaud, 11 a.m., S.S. 10 a.m. Evening service first Sunday every month, 7 p.m. . . . Chapel at St. Arnaud is looking most attractive after being painted. This was the gift of a member and his family.

### THREE BAPTISMS

(Reservoir, Vic.). There were three baptisms on May 28 . . . The minister, A. W. C. Candy, and Mr. Crossman, of Preston, recently exchanged pulpits . . . A tennis club has been formed . . . Explorers recently enjoyed a weekend camp at Yarra Glen property of Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Bishop . . . Wendy Cunningham has been in hospital . . . A new Organ Fund has been started.

### JOHN WAY AT SWAN HILL

(Vic.). J. Way (Christian Educ. Dept.) conducted B.S. teacher training in May. Mr. Way also shared in Saturday night fellowship and church on Sunday . . . Boys' Club, for 8-12 years, has been formed . . . Miss Val Hetherington is C.F.A. agent.

### P.S.A.

(Ararat, Vic.). A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held, during which Dr. D. Mansell gave an address on "University Life from Within." Items were given by the Ararat City Band and "The Everleagues" . . . A large number of the members attended a church luncheon on May 21 . . . We were part of about 50 at a men's breakfast at the Presbyterian Church to hear a talk on Migrant Work, given by David Cox. Our church was host for one of the visiting migrants . . . The C.Y.F. has again started after-church fellowships. These are proving very popular.

### TEAM TEACHING SUCCESS

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Team Teaching, a new method of teaching, has been used with success in the Intermediate Dept. school . . . Inter. classes toured Social Service Homes . . . Following success of pledged giving, \$1,000 has been sent for the outreach work of our churches. . . . "Acne" is title of a new monthly youth paper edited by C.Y.F.'ers . . . Men held working bee, preparing Primary Hall floor for sanding . . . Explorers completed day of service tasks around church building. C.Y.F. screened cancer film on May 21 . . . The church is participating in the 1968 Billy Graham Crusade . . . Recent evening service guests have been Miss Jean Milne, Miss Liza Pham Thi X.H. of Vietnam, and A. E. White.

### BROWNS FAREWELLED

(Footscray, Vic.). Mrs. Glen Brown and David were farewelled in May as they prepared to move to Woomera. Glen Brown was morning speaker. In the afternoon a communion service was held for elderly members unable to attend in the morning. Deaconesses served afternoon tea . . . A Hobbies' Exhibition, arranged by the Evening Fellowship, raised \$25 . . . 32 food parcels have been sent to Indian families so far this year.

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### INVITED TO STAY

(Warragul, Vic.). T. V. Weir has accepted an invitation to continue his ministry for a further period of two years from the conclusion of his present term in Feb., 1968. He is presently serving as Pres. of the Ministers' Fraternal . . . Church was host to United Service. Rev. R. Elliot, Anglican rector, was speaker. The church has purchased a new spirit duplicator . . . The church expresses sympathy to W. Elder and family, and L. Richards and family, in recent bereavements . . . Reg. O'Connor suffered a severe tractor accident on June 7, and is a patient in West Gippsland Hospital . . . After-church Bible study for youth group is being conducted in home of Jack Austin . . . The church is participating in "Warragul for Christ" campaign being conducted June 18 to 25 by Warragul Inter-Church Council.

### HOME FROM VIETNAM

(Dandenong, Vic.). The church gives thanks for the safe return of David Aurisch from Vietnam . . . 100 ladies heard S. R. Baker give an illustrated talk on South America to the 38th birthday of C.W.F. (afternoon). \$23.35 was given for B. and F. B. S. work . . . A garden party and "white elephant" stall at the manse raised money for the C.W.F. 1967 Project — the work of Barbara and Jack Edwards in New Hebrides . . . Two young men have made decisions . . . The church is participating in the Billy Graham 1968 Crusade . . . The B.S. records with appreciation the service of Max. Edwards for years as sec. Bob Douglas is the new sec.

### SEVEN DECISIONS

(Bentleigh, Vic.). Following Allan Avery's final message in a witnessing programme, seven made decisions. Features included the 7 to 7.30 a.m. prayer workshops, attended by an average of 27, hostess meetings, a ladies' luncheon, and a men's breakfast. All were of great spiritual help . . . R. Finedon, a member of the Billy Graham Crusade, outlined 1968 preparations, on June 4, and screened the film, "World Fair Encounter" . . . On June 7, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowbotham described their work with the Poona and Indian Mission Field.

### "CANDLELIGHT CAVERN"

(Sunshine, Vic.). The hall was curtailed off and decorated to give a cavern appearance, and with the lighting effect of the candles the whole atmosphere was transformed to make the setting one of warmth, informality and friendship for over 60 at tea at the close of a youth service. This was the opening of "Candlelight Cavern" . . . Boys' Explorer Club is conducting waste and paper drive to aid reduction of Manse Debt . . . "Happy Hour" for girls and boys held after school each month . . . Representative from Leprosy Mission spoke at C.W.F. birthday.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### FOR FELLOWSHIP

(Belmont, Vic.). The first of the quarterly fellowship teas was attended by 100. A "World Vision" team screened the film, "Vietnam Profile" . . . In a general pulpit exchange, on June 4, Belmont visited Manifold Heights and was host to Latrobe terrace . . . Members have attended the Reggie Thomas Crusade training programme . . . Representatives at a southwest district churches' conference considered problems facing the church at Colac . . . 13 mothers attended kindergarten on May 14, and at night the Ladies' Choir sang for the first time, and others took part. Ray Veal, from India, was speaker . . . Senior Explorers and Senior Good Companions combined for a hike and barbecue.

### WIDE COMMUNITY CONTACTS

(Nth. Essendon - Milleara, Vic.). W.E.F. programmes cater for 90 members. Contact is continually made with B.S. mothers and new folk in the district. This wide evangelistic work is a strong area of the church . . . Fortnightly coffee-theques draw 90 teenagers at a normal night. Varied Sunday night programmes include discussions around supper tables. Speakers have been Rev. D. Mountford, School Chaplain, and Alan Matheson. . . . S.C.Y.F. all-day conference at the College of the Bible, had John Way, Kevin Harvey and R. Conning as leaders. The conference concluded with a communion service in the chapel . . . 30 attend Young Adult Fellowship programmes on alternate Sundays.

### MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). It is with regret that the church has accepted the resignation of the minister, J. R. Welden, to take effect at the end of this year . . . Mr. Thomas, State C.E. sec., told the history of C.E. to a newly formed society. . . . The Celtic Dance group entertained when the C.W.E.F. were hostesses to mothers of the church. Opportunity stall realised \$31 for new church seats. . . . "Woman to Woman" evangelism speakers, on May 14, were Mrs. Newham, who presided, and Mrs. Sterling who gave the message. Miss Jean Milne was soloist . . . The first premiership for the junior cricket club was honored with a dinner. Ken. Eastwood, Sheffield Shield cricketer, was guest speaker . . . V. Longthorp conducted the first of the C.W.E.F. Family Life programmes.

### LIFE MEMBER

(Box Hill, Vic.). Mrs. Street has been made a Life Governor of the B. and F. B. S. in recognition of 25 years' service as collector for the Society. The honor was announced at 30th anniversary of the Box Hill Auxiliary, when Rev. Chan Chol, Sec. for the Society in Thailand, spoke of his work . . . Other recent speakers have been Mr. Cann, of Leprosy Mission; David King, to Men's Fellowship, on experiences as a serviceman in Vietnam; Miss Dorothy Geyer, to C.W.F. on Indian Missions . . . Mrs. Price has attained her 94th birthday . . . Ten Explorers and three leaders worked at Monbulk clearing away blackberries. The Explorer Leadership courses are being conducted at Box Hill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wigney have returned from overseas.

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## OBITUARY

Mrs. Edith Viola Elder.

The church at Warragul, Vic., was saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. Edith Elder (nee Smith), who was born Aug. 11, 1905, and had reached her 62nd year. She lived with her parents at Cheltenham, and in the early years of her life made her decision for Christ. She served her Lord and the church for many years, devoting her talents, particularly singing, to the service of God. In 1936, she married William John Elder. There are two children, Alan (Poowong), and Margaret, at present training at Prince Henry Hospital. Some years ago Mrs. Elder was stricken with illness, and this hindered her service but could not affect her strong faith in Christ. Through her years of sickness she maintained a strong confidence in God and helped others to know him. The funeral services at the church and Warragul Cemetery were conducted by T. V. Weir.

Alexander Valentine Box.

On May 18, Mr. Box quietly fell asleep in Christ at the Will H. Clay Hospital, after four months of illness. He was in his 81st year. Mr. Box was born in England and came to Australia in 1913. After his marriage he joined the church at St. Kilda, in 1935, being baptized by C. P. Hughes. There he served as deacon and usher, and with his wife, conducted a young people's club. In later years he moved to Bentleigh, where he spent his retirement. His kindly nature and his firm faith earned him the respect and affection of his Christian brethren. When unable, in later years, to come to the Lord's Table, he appreciated that one of the elders brought him the emblems in his own home. With his wife, he was happy to have the Lord's people in his home, and it was used regularly for meetings. To Mrs. Box, and her daughters and their families, we extend our sympathy and prayers.—A. R. Pigdon.

### D. CARTMEL AT NORTHCOTE

(Vic.). Daryl Cartmel, missionary from India, spoke to church on June 11. Miss Rita Roberts was speaker at Evening Women's Fellowship on June 14. "The Elements of Living" is a new series of Sunday evening addresses. Sympathy of the church is expressed to Mrs. C. Northeast and family, and to Mr. Lawson and his family in their bereavements.

### MADE LIFE ELDER

(Brunswick, Vic.). In recognition of his 25 years as church secretary, Alf Marsh was made a life elder. Miss Beryl Andrew was elected to the Board to replace Miss Hansford, who has left the district. On June 3, presentations were made to Glenda Hall, and to Glenda Coutts and Russel Gray. Monthly Christian Fellowship meetings are being held in various homes.

## VICTORIAN NEWS

### VICTORIAN C.W.F.

160 delegates represented 54 churches present at the June Council meeting. Mrs. Savage led in devotions.

Mrs. Cartmell was the speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Cartmell have just arrived in Australia from the Yeotmal Seminary in India, and we were told of the work of this Seminary which caters for young Christian students from India and many other countries.

Reports were received from the Social Service Committee, "Woman to Woman" Evangelism, and Hosp. Visitation Committee. Gifts were requested for the children at "Yooralla," for their party in July. A visitor is needed for the Royal Children's Hospital for each Monday. Tickets are available for G. and S.'s "Mikado," for July 28 and 29, in the M.L.C. Hall, Kew. Price, \$1. Proceeds for the Golden Bag Appeal.—M. Nelson, asst. sec.

### 260 AT RALLY

(Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic.). 260 attended an after-church rally arranged by Bambra-rd. ladies, and sponsored by local W.C.T.U. The speaker was Dr. Trevor Banks. The missionary outreach programme is proceeding with promise. There was one decision at the youth night on June 4.

### RAY PATTERSON WILL STAY

(Frankston, Vic.). Ray Patterson has accepted the church's invitation to continue working at Frankston for a further two years. C.W.F. recently heard of the work in India from Mrs. C. Thomas (formerly Miss W. Walker). There was a recent visit from the State C.W.F. Executive, who discussed the financial aspects of the C.W.F. work. Hand-made babies' singlets, children's pullovers, bootees, matinee jackets and kneerugs have been sent to a number of causes by the Dorcas group. The young people visited Healesville Sanctuary.

### FOOD FOR INDIA

(Preston, Vic.). C.W.F. have forwarded parcel of food to the Skillicorns in India. Rev. A. G. Mee, of Mission to Seamen, screened "Sea Parish" during recent visit. Nurses from P.A.N.C.H. are regular at services. During illness of Les. Morffew, church organist, Merlyn Quaife played at one service on the organ dedicated to the memory of her father, the late Alf. Quaife, a former church secretary.

### ASIANS JOIN CHURCH

(Swanston-st., Melb., Vic.). Nine new members were added to the church on May 28, including six Asians. Three additional men have made decisions for Christ during this month. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wescombe were farewelled as they left for further training in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Woods will leave for further service with Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea. The church was recently saddened by the fairly sudden passing of Hay Hedley, and sympathy is offered to his wife, and also to Miss Peyton and Mr. Burton in the loss of members of their families. Plans have reached a vital stage for the extension of the ministry of the city church and major moves may be anticipated. Dr. Lloyd Jones, the minister, recently began a new course of expository addresses in the morning services on our Lord's Parables. The printed outline studies of our evening "Know Your Bible" Course are being widely accepted and appreciated in all States.

### FOUNDATIONS DOWN

(Hartwell, Vic.). Foundations for new school hall have been dug, and work is progressing. Kevin Harvey, of H. M. Dept., met with official board to review past 3-year period of Planned Giving, and to prepare next 3-year period. He also met with the ladies to plan a family evening, which promises to be a night of fellowship. Church congratulated Mrs. Carroll on celebrating her 80th birthday. Y.P. spent holiday weekend with Brighton Y.P. in camp at Mt. Eliza.

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# FEDERAL CONFERENCE

## SYDNEY — 1968

It is not too soon to plan for the Federal Conference, to be held at Sydney, N.S.W., in 1968. Those living in the more distant parts of the Commonwealth will need to make travel arrangements, and also to secure suitable accommodation in busy Sydney.

The local Arrangements' Committee has been at work, and plans are being laid for the very best Conference possible. To meet the needs and the convenience of the large numbers who are coming, we are seeking to hire the Sydney Town Hall, with all its facilities. We shall have the use of the famous pipe organ.

To encourage our interstate visitors to get the very best out of their trip here, plans are being made to bring some of the visitors by tourist coaches over

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routes that are full of interest. We hope to arrange for a trip over the Snowy Mountains Scheme, which is world famous.

The Sydney churches have much to offer the visitors. Over recent years there has been considerable progress in many aspects of the work here.

From very small beginnings, the College has made advances. This institution, with its chapel, library and student quarters, is situated on the banks of the beautiful Lane Cove River. Then there are the Homes which have been set up by the Social Service Department at various centres around the City, on the South Coast, and in the Newcastle area. Then there will be those who will desire to visit the Youth Camps and the Boys' Hostels, also the Ashwood Home for Aged Ladies.

In addition to these places of interest, the city itself will fascinate those who

have not been here for some years. Around the Circular Quay area, there has been a building programme that has amazed us all and has impressed visitors from overseas. The "Australia Square" has the tallest building in Australia. The "Opera" House is unique in architectural features and is recognised as a masterpiece of design.

Then there are the beauty spots. The Harbour, provides an almost endless variety of pleasure trips. There are the well-known beaches, the glories of the Hawkesbury River, which are linked with waterways that extend to the Gosford area. The view from Commodore Heights is recognised as one of the finest to be seen anywhere. Then there will be those who desire to visit the Blue Mountains and the famous caves in the area.

However, the main purpose of the Conference will be the gathering of delegates and visitors from all parts of Australia to discuss the vital work of the church in these very serious days of world affairs. We shall want to plan for the extension of work overseas and here in the homeland.

As we gather in Conference we shall be informed of the views of our brethren who are labouring in many parts of Australia. We expect a visit from the Secretary of the World Convention to inform us of plans that are leading up to the World Convention at Adelaide.

If our hopes are realised, it is expected that there will be a conference of ministers of Australian Churches of Christ. They will gather for several days, discussing the work of the Kingdom of God. This could be a very wonderful experience, if all ministers could make it possible to co-operate in such a venture.

Plan for this Conference now. Make Federal Conference at Sydney, in October, 1968, your visit of the years. Pray now for the Conference, and for all who are planning to make it a success.

• AT THE CINEMA . . .

## "A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"

Robert Bolt's play depicting the last years of Sir Thomas More, has won many well deserved plaudits. Now it has been filmed — and a very fine film it is. Don't miss it!

Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England in the reign of Henry VIII., was executed on a charge of treason (ostensibly) because he refused to openly support the King's divorce and remarriage to Anne Boleyn. More took a firm stand on his personal and legal principles and never wavered, in spite of threats and sixteenth century techniques of "brain-washing." All this is history. Now it's a film.

A year or two ago a friend and I saw the film, "Tom Jones," an uninhibited adaptation of Fielding's novel. My friend ruefully commented, "What a pity we haven't presented the Christian philosophy in film as vividly and convincingly as the philosophy of hedonism is here given." He was right. Too often films depicting human goodness — Christian or otherwise? — are either plain dull or, worse still, dramatically inept.

"A Man for All Seasons" will put heart into those who would want to see Christian values presented in the commercial cinema. This film, which loses nothing in terms of true entertainment, gripping drama and vivid characterization, shows a man who remains true to his convictions, who holds fast to his integrity — and this is a Christian man. In this respect More belongs to a noble breed — with Peter, "we ought to obey God . . ."; with Luther, "Here stand I . . ."; with Bonhoeffer.

"A Man for All Seasons" is a film for all tastes. For those whose chief interest is in fine characterization, Paul Scofield as Sir Thomas, and Orson Welles as Cardinal Wolsey, will fascinate. The portrayal of King Henry is a masterpiece. This is not Charles Laughton's Henry; old, decaying and utterly villainous, but Henry in his prime, in whose soul the claims of soldier, poet, theologian, statesman, musician and the anxious dynasty builder, all struggled for proper attention.

For those who enjoy the study of other places and periods, whose first interest is a light in the experience of other days to guide them — this film will earn their gratitude and give pause for helpful reflection.

Then for those who are not a little tired of much of this world's perennial attitudes of "personal freedom," "couldn't care less," "take it easy, mate," "a bloke's gotta live" — here's a thrilling reminder that Christ can challenge some people to find the true freedom which comes through responsibility and the offer of a way of life for which a man can give even his life.—VIDEO.



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## CARDINAL AND CELIBACY.

"We have every right to discuss the question of ecclesiastical celibacy and to ask ourselves whether or not this institution, as it exists in the Church in the West, should be reconsidered... There are some returns to the past which are not infidelities, and the Church herself is today more understanding and more concerned to correct false choices."

Cardinal Leger wrote the above in a pastoral letter to Montreal priests.

—"Christianity Today."

## SUBSTANCE NOT SOURCE.

Some readers, supposing that publication of an essay implies at least general approval of the writer himself, are disturbed at seeing material from authors whom they cannot approve. Occasionally, such readers express their disturbance in letters that sound a little like Jesus' dinner host when the Lord accepted ministrations from a woman they knew to be a sinner: "This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him" (Luke 7: 39).

The editor is no prophet, of course, and makes no pretense to knowing what is not evident in the material that comes to his desk. Being warned, he is more alert to avoid publishing material that offends Scriptural truth or brotherly kindness. Short of "high crimes and misdemeanors," however, any writer will have his material judged for what is written rather than for who wrote it.

—"Christian Standard."

## • STORY-TIME

### VICARIOUS JUSTICE

There is a story of a Quaker who had a stubborn cow. This cow didn't give milk; you had to take it from her. She provoked her Quaker master, but his religion forbade him to use profanity or violence with her. Finally, one evening when he was trying to milk this cow and she put her foot in the milk pail, his patience was exhausted. He looked the animal straight in the eye, and said, "Old cow, you know quite well that my religion forbids me to curse or smite thee, but if thou dost ever put thy foot in the milk pail again, I will sell thee to a Methodist who can."

## LET'S BE HONEST.

What we need really is sheer honesty in all our ecumenical relationships. For this is the ground of so many of our disappointments. If for Roman Catholics mariology is an essential of ecclesiastical dogma for all time, it is better to say so now. If Episcopalians can in no circumstances envisage a united church without bishops, let this be openly put. If Presbyterians are not prepared, under any conditions, to consider the value of the office of bishop, this ought to be said.

—"British Weekly."

## THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

"A six day Conference was held at The Hague for the express purpose of considering the churches' involvement in international affairs. The Conference issued a statement which said that the primary criterion for determining when the Church should speak derives from the concern of the Church for man in the light of the gospel — whenever there are threats to human life or possibilities for its enrichment. It emphasised that especially when nobody else speaks in such situations the voice of the Church should be heard. Further, Christian leaders should speak, not necessarily to express the views of a majority of church members, but on occasion to speak in warning or in counsel to those within the Church.

—"The Spectator."

## THE SINGLE OFFERING.

Our Lord said, "It is finished." What was finished on the Cross was the perfect obedience that made it possible for God to absorb our disobedience and to point to the way by which our rebellion might be turned to devotion. His was the single offering by which he perfected for all time those who are being made holy through him... Obviously this cannot mean that we were made morally perfect by the death of Christ. Rather it means that through him has been established a relationship with God that can provide the way by which we may constantly grow towards perfection. The powers of evil have been destroyed in principle, and one day they will be destroyed in fact, for they have already been defeated in the most decisive of battles: that fought on Calvary.

—Geo. W. Barrett in "Christian Century."

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WRITERS IN OVERSEAS NUMBER, 1917. "Shrigonda Report," by H. Watson; "The Type of Person Needed" by Ira A. Paternoster; "Supplying the World's Needs" by A. C. Rankine; "Industrial Work on Pentecost" by F. G. Filmer; "Christian Union in Japan" by P. A. Davy; "Mission Work on Aoba" by A. T. Waters; "Wanted Harvesters" by J. J. Franklyn; "Mohurrum" by Elsie Caldicott; "Plague at Harde" by Mary Thompson; "Medical Service in China" by Dr. W. E. Macklin.

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### PYRAMID HILL

In northern Victoria are hundreds of square miles of flat country of which the outstanding feature is a hill 300 feet high and shaped like a pyramid. At its foot nestles a small town and district with a population of about 1,000. Not unexpectedly the town takes its name from this landscape feature — Pyramid Hill. It is a typical country town, with the usual amenities, sports, industries, schools and churches. Amongst the last-named is the Pyramid Hill Church of Christ.

This congregation began with a three weeks' Hinrichsen-Pratt mission in 1925. As there was no chapel, meetings following the mission were held in the Memorial Hall and then the Fire Brigade building. Attendances rose to 70, the first statistical return to the 1925-1926 Conference giving the membership as 50. These were determined to have their own chapel and, in February, 1926, Edgar Streader, a builder member of Boort church, gave his services, without charge, to lead the local members, who gave voluntary labor and provided materials, in the erection of their sanctuary.

Membership in 1926-1927 was 54. But then, because of inevitable losses by removal, etc., membership dwindled until in 1933-1934, it comprised only seven. Two years later it rose to eight and remained at this number until 1952. In 1953, membership rose to 20, since when there has been a gradual improvement, a peak of 29 members being reached in 1962. Mem-

bership reported to the 1967 Conference was 25.

In 1937, a ten days' Webb-Barber mission was conducted with but little response. Amongst those who served as full-time or part-time ministers of this congregation were J. Methven, sen., H. Hargreaves, A. C. Mudford and V. Quayle. Present part-time minister is C. G. Henderson.

The statistical record above is not inspiring. If that were all that could be said the worthwhileness of the work might well be questioned. But statistics never tell the full story. Back of them are 42 years of devoted service, faithful witness and loyal discipleship which have testified concerning God, Christ and things Christian and advanced the Kingdom. Lives have been won to commitment transformed, trained and today perform a vital service in other churches.

How many much larger churches can say that from their membership three young men have entered the College of the Bible to prepare for better service for Christ? C. Balnaves, W. Hart and J. Levis entered College from Pyramid Hill. In addition, two ministers found their wives in this congregation — Mavis Broad marrying R. Elbourne; and Frances Broad marrying K. Pitt.

Who can tell how far the influence of Pyramid Hill has reached and will reach? Well does scripture warn against superficial judgment by its question, "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

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# THE MORMON CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAMME

BY A. R. JONES, A.U.A.

Our day in Salt Lake City was short but intensely interesting. This city of 400,000 is set in a large plain surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Over the last 120 years the Mormons have built a beautiful city, with their temple located at the centre.

We were met by a welfare worker from the Mormon Church, who took us to the Tabernacle to hear the weekly broadcast of the famous 375-voice choir. It was Easter Day, and we heard "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "So Keep We All This Holy Feast," "Sing Hallelujah, Jesus Rose Again," "Rejoice and Merry Be," sung by the choir, and "French Chapel Bells" and "Crown Him With Many Crowns," played on the grand organ.

The inspiration of this service will remain with us a long time. The choir practises on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings at 7 a.m., and many members travel long distances for the privilege of serving in this way. Their dedication is conveyed in every hymn they sing. The comper closed the service with the benediction, "Within the shadows of these everlasting hills, we close this 1,762nd broadcast, and may the peace of God be with you always." The choir sang "God be with you."

We then visited the Welfare Square and then to our own church to share in their very lovely Easter service. For lunch we were taken 14 miles into the mountains to the kloek on Mt. Majestic, where we were the guests of John Fouree, the minister, and his wife Susan. Here, in sight of the ski-lift, and skiers speeding down the mountain, we dined together.

The Welfare Square of the Mormon Church is a most ambitious achievement. It is like a huge industry, and one has to understand the organisation of the church to understand the working of the welfare programme.

The church throughout the States is divided into Wards, presided over by a Bishop who holds office for a limited period. Five to ten Wards are known as a Stake, and each Stake will be interested in some aspect of welfare work. Each Stake is presided over by a president and will have a welfare project, such as chicken raising, fruit growing, soup making, cattle dairying, etc.

store we saw the blankets, sheeting and dress materials made in other places.

We were naturally amazed at such an achievement, but how was it all financed? This was the question. And the answer further amazed us. On the first Sunday of each month each Mormon is expected to fast for two meals and give the proceeds to the welfare programme, and this money finances homes, hospitals and the whole welfare programme.

We left Welfare Square deeply grateful for all we had seen and learnt, and yet deeply disturbed. We had been challenged by this programme and by the dedication of a church that is so often despised by other Christian communions. We may be able to question their doctrine, but they can question our devotion to our Lord and the church that we claim to love and serve. It made our efforts in social welfare seem so puny and our support of it so mean. These people seemed to be much bigger than we, their vision and their service, their devotion and stewardship made us feel so small. It seemed so true, "Our achievement is the measure of our devotion to Christ."

### FEDERAL UNION SOUGHT

(Morwell, Aust.). Impatient with the slowness of church union negotiations in Australia, a commission of the Victoria Assembly (Presbyterian) has decided to petition the General Assembly to initiate a federal union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches.

The proposal, if adopted, would involve a simple agreement to work together on missions, church extension, theological education, specialised ministries and planning new work. Thus agreement on doctrine and church government would not be required.—E.P.S.

### ONE PER CENT FOR POVERTY

(London). John Cardinal Heenan, of Westminster, has announced that his R.C. See intends to set aside one per cent of its income from now on to help in the war against poverty.

"It may mean postponing building plans, but a time of peril calls for extraordinary sacrifices," he said. "No Catholic diocese is rich. Our small contribution may save the lives of only a few poor children. But unless we give a Christian example, we cannot expect governments to listen to our voice.—E.P.S.

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The House of God.

Your body is the temple of the Holy  
Spirit.

—1 Cor. 6: 19.

The body, Lord, is mine to keep  
In glowing health and strength for  
thee  
That through its life thy life may live,  
Thy will move strong and swift and  
free.

My body, Lord, is thine to keep  
Strong and swift and free.

—Eleanor Stock.



Anything mean shrivelled in his pres-  
ence.

— said of a good man.



No man has a right to do as he  
pleases unless he pleases to do right.



Growing old doesn't seem so bad when  
you consider the alternative.



Newspapers are used for reporting  
calamities such as deaths and marriages.  
—schoolboy howler.



My donkey is dead. Let no grass grow.  
—Spanish proverb.



When the neighbour lady gave Tommy  
a piece of cake he politely said, "Thank  
you."

"Now, I like to hear little boys say  
'thank you,'" the kind neighbour said.

"If you want to hear me say it again,"  
Tommy said, "you can put some ice  
cream on the cake."