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THE CHILDREN'S WAR

It is not a war which the children started, nor are they fighting. They just happen to be the chief victims of the war we are fighting in their land.

It is reliably estimated that a million children have been killed, wounded or burned in the war. A third of all Vietnamese children in institutions have lost both their parents or have been abandoned.

No one can read about the napalm-burned children without asking how any civilised nation could use napalm or white phosphorous on their enemies, but we are exposing the children of our friends and allies to the clinging, burning horror of napalm or white phosphorus.

"Ramparts" magazine reports that 415,000 civilians (repeat, civilians), have been killed in Vietnam since 1961. UNESCO and other U.N. surveys show that 50% of the people in Vietnam are under 16. Since males over 16 are away fighting on one side or the other, it means that at least 70% of those who live in rural villages are children. It is the rural villages which bear the brunt of the napalm attacks.

An American Congressman estimated in 1966 that "recent search and destroy operations have resulted in six civilian casualties to one Viet Cong." Four of the six are probably children.

When American soldiers are accidentally burned they are given elaborate first aid, and then flown home for specialist treatment. No one could complain about that. But have we not the right to demand that similar consideration be given to the burned children of Vietnam? Instead, they are crowded into hospitals, two or three on a bed, or on newspapers on the floor, without enough doctors or nurses, and without adequate equipment or supplies of the antibiotics so essential for burn cases.

The authorities have even refused permission for children to be flown from Vietnam to Europe where help has been offered.

Let us admit the cruelty of the Viet Cong, their murders and terrorist attacks — but we are using napalm!

What can we say to our Lord as he asks us about the children of Vietnam?

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The best Children's Books for 1967 have just been announced. \$500 plus the Aust. Children's Book Council Medal has been awarded to Mavis Thorpe Clark. She is a Melbourne housewife who has written many books for children and is also well known for her biographies of John Batman and Doug. Nicholls. The latter, entitled "Pastor Doug," tells the story of the Aboriginal leader and Church of Christ pastor.

Many of the children's book entries fell short of a reasonable standard. The judges named the culprits. There were the authors who were so anxious to finish their books quickly that they were "not prepared to spend time on details and, more important, literary expression." Then there were publishers. "There is evidently a persistent idea among some publishers that fine writing is unimportant in books for children."

Some authors and, possibly, most publishers, are in the business for the money. If they can make money with below-standard books, they may well ask, Why should we spend extra time and effort to produce a work of art?

It is probable that parents are largely responsible for this sorry situation. If parents, uncles and aunts, and even Sunday School staffs, purchase books uncritically, they will be enthusiastically exploited by some authors and publishers.

Of course, parents, etc., who wish to purchase good books for children, are likely to find their gesture an expensive undertaking. Mrs. Clark's "The Min-Min" (Lansdowne) costs \$3.25. The highly commended "Cocky's Castle," by Celia M. Syred (Angus and Robertson) is \$2.25. Experience makes us well aware that a 12 or 13-year-old (or even 10 or 11) will knock them both off in half a week. It is at least understandable that buyers of books for children will be tempted to turn to the mass-produced rubbish that floods the juvenile market.

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POEM

*In the castle of my soul
Is a little postern gate,
Whereat, when I enter,
In a moment, in the turning of a thought,
I am in the presence of God.
I am where God is.
This is a fact.*

—Walter Rauschenbusch.

• A LOOK AT EVANGELISM

RESTORATION CONCEPTS

BY E. L. WILLIAMS



As a people we have been possibly more than inclined to eschew what we call tradition. There is no escape from tradition in some sense of that word. If we understand by tradition, certain emphases, understandings and practices, there is no question that we have a tradition. Within this tradition we have an emphasis, a practice and an understanding concerning evangelism. We have come to be characterised by a concern for the gospel and for winning people to a decision for Christ. We are characteristically an evangelistic people, but there are some exceptions within our history to this.

TEACHERS

It has to be recognised that the Campbells were teachers rather than evangelists. A teacher does evangelise and an evangelist does teach, but the Campbells were primarily teachers, though they loved the gospel. Within our British Churches of Christ, in the beginning the strong tradition was that of those who were known as the Scotch Baptists, and they as a people were not renowned for an evangelistic emphasis. They were more concerned about church order and restoring New Testament church order and in the earliest conference of our British Churches of Christ there was some hesitation about co-operative evangelism. One of the reasons was due to the influence of the Scotch Baptists. But for all this there is no question that we developed within our tradition evangelistic preachers and became characterised by an evangelistic passion.

CONTRIBUTORS

There were some who contributed particularly to the formation of this evangelistic tradition, and possibly outstanding among these in America was Walter Scott. He had come from the Church of Scotland, and moved over to the new world, and in Pittsburgh he came into contact with a local congregation. This group believed in immersion of believers, foot washing and greeting one another with the holy kiss, in so much so that they were known as the Kissing Baptists. Walter Scott eventually came into contact with Alexander Campbell. He became the evangelist of the Mahoning Baptist Association with which our people were early closely associated, and he came through as the evangelist of the Reformers or the Restorationists. He was the one who helped to form the tradition of evangelism.

The merger with those who may be called the Stoneites, from 1830-1832, was another influence in forming our tradition of evangelism. On the Campbellian side there was an idea that the Stoneites were all heart, whereas on the Stoneites side there was an idea that the Campbellites were all head. The Stoneites, or the Christians as they commonly called themselves, were keenly evangelistic, and their merger with the

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stream that was led more particularly by the Campbells, helped to form the evangelistic tradition.

Scott and a certain William Hayden joined forces in evangelistic tours. Scott was a notable preacher, and Hayden was a very acceptable singer and also a good preacher. In 35 years of ministry Scott travelled 90,000 miles in preaching, 60,000 of them on horseback. He preached over 9,000 sermons and baptized, with his own hands, 1,200 people. Scott said, "With the Bible, my head, and Hayden, I could convert the world." He did not stay long enough to achieve that.

Thomas Campbell and a certain John Henry also journeyed together in preaching. John Henry was a man who had a great flow of words, indeed a torrent of words, and one night Thomas Campbell was introducing him as the speaker for the next night in the campaign, and he said, "Now be sure to bring your buckets along because the flood gates of the gospel will be released." Henry was not going to let this pass. Thomas Campbell was noted for his slow and very decisive way of speaking, and so when next he was introducing Thomas Campbell, he said, "Now when you come be sure you come prepared for a long siege, with plenty of food, because the everlasting gospel is going to be preached."

CONVERSIONS

In the early days of our evangelistic efforts there is no question that both in the original countries of our Movement, and in Australia, there was a good deal of horizontal conversion. People were won from other Christian communions into what was known as the Restoration Movement. Raccoon John Smith was a notable preacher, rather uncouth in some respects, but a powerful preacher who helped to form the evangelistic tradition of Churches of Christ. One day he said to his wife, Nancy, "I baptized 700 sinners and capsized 1,500 Baptists." While there were vertical conversions from unfaith to faith, there were many conversions from faith to faith on a particular issue that was presented by our people.

BAPTISM

In the situation, baptism was a controversial subject. It held a strong place in our early evangelistic preaching. By reason of the circumstances it often got out of perspective. It tended to make for a negative approach and a controversial emphasis. I believe we must say that animosities arose in which there were faults on both sides of the fence.

Walter Scott, however, anticipated a more positive approach when he said this in his renowned book, "The Messiahship": "Conversion and union being the aim of the Reformation, no preacher should use his precious time declaiming against the imperfect views of his fellow professors . . . Better to win all hearts than to cut of all ears." Well, by the contribution of Stone, Scott, John Smith, and others a tradition of evangelism was established.

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THEOLOGY

Let us now look at the theology of evangelism in the days of the pioneers. In the circles in which they moved, particularly Presbyterian and Baptist circles, there was a prevailing Calvinistic theology. Now according to the prevailing Calvinistic theology, man is totally depraved. He's so depraved that he cannot respond to anything good, he can't respond to the gospel. In plain terms, this theology said man is a clod and he can no more respond to the gospel than can a cow.

Following this line of thought the Calvinistic theology said the only hope is that man should be regenerated. He will be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit will regenerate him by directly entering into his heart and miraculously working a change, enabling him to respond in faith to the gospel. When this regeneration has taken place by the miraculous and direct entrance of the Holy Spirit, man will then experience what they describe as saving faith. It was a mystical experience and before anyone could be received into the church he had to be able to testify to some very special experience. There were people who wanted to be saved, who wanted to respond to the gospel, but they were convinced that they couldn't and they hoped that somehow something would happen and they would be given a special experience so that they would be assured of saving faith.

Many of our pioneers went through the travail of looking for and waiting for this desire of saving faith. Our pioneers reacted to this theology, and they said man is able to respond to the gospel. Man has a responsibility to respond to the gospel. While God has taken the initiative and done great things for man, and given him the gospel, there is the responsibility upon man to respond to the gospel and, with the responsibility, there must be the possibility of responding.

FAITH

From this point they went on to say that faith is an intellectual act. It was not a mystical experience, it was an intellectual act in which a man listened to the evidence, heard the facts of the gospel, and made a decision. It was an assent that any normal person could make, and from this assent to the fact on the basis of evidence, faith would pass from belief to trust, to confidence and to commitment.

From this point our pioneers went on to say, faith as an intellectual act is a personal act, it is response to a person. Walter Scott's great theme was the Messiahship of Christ. He came to the conclusion that the great fact of the gospel is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. To him this was the golden

oracle. He preached with fervour on the Messiahship of Christ and his belief was that if the fact of the Messiah were presented, people could make a decision and a personal response.

PLAIN TERMS

He proclaimed the gospel in these plain terms, that there are facts to be received, or believed, commandments to be obeyed and promises to be enjoyed. Raccoon John Smith (he was called Raccoon because he came from a certain part where the racoons flourished), followed this same line. He said there are facts to be believed, and he emphasised these facts, the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ. There are conditions to be fulfilled, and the conditions are faith, repentance and baptism. There are promises to be enjoyed. They are forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

Barton Warren Stone, in his Presbyterian days, was greatly troubled about the Calvinistic theology. He preached to people and he said sometimes, when he was preaching, calling upon people to have faith and to repent, his heart would be chilled within him because his theology said they can't have faith and they can't repent. He questioned the use of preaching to people who can't respond with faith, repentance and obedience. So in 1801, he said he came "out of the labyrinth of Calvinism and error into the rich pasture of gospel liberty." He preached on Mark 16: 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Preaching on the gospel of universal grace he made it plain that whosoever will may come, that there is no need to wait, now is the accepted time. He called upon people to make a decision for Christ and to obey him. The effect was electric.

Walter Scott did the same kind of thing. It upset the Baptists who were still Calvinistic, but the effects were remarkable when he presented the simple facts and called for a response.

TRADITION

This has remained our tradition, to emphasise or to present the facts of the gospel, to call for the fulfilment of conditions, and to enter into the assurance of the promises. We are all familiar with the watchword — "No creed but Christ." In this connection it says three things to me: 1. Christ is the gospel, not theories and opinions about him, not theological definitions. Christ in person is the gospel. 2. The essence of Christianity is the response of persons to this person. 3. The purpose of preaching is to bring people to belief in Christ, to trust in him, reliance on him, and obedience to him. In short, to bring them to commitment, and life is commitment.

o DISTURBERS OF THE FAITH



SUPERSTITION IN AUSTRALIA

BY R. N. GILMORE

Now let's get this straight! I am not superstitious. Not one whit am I superstitious—of course, the knives were crossed on the lunch table today; the black cat did cross my path; I did walk under the ladder and manage to upset it so that it broke the family heirloom wall mirror as it fell; my wife and I have just had one great row because I forgot to plant the parsley which had been given to her yesterday; it is Friday, 13th, and my stars do say, "Beware of crisis today in all family relationships"; but, Mr. Editor, I am not superstitious even though it is hard to type when one's arm is broken.

Of course, not all people are as enlightened as I; some are, in fact, superstitious. It is a little strange that so many are certain that there is nothing in this "God" business —

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just a figure we make in our image to suit our own selves, they tell me — but they are quite keen about their stars. These women's magazines make quite a thing about the stars — it is hard to believe that the editors of those magazines are hard up for material. It would appear certain that such shiny productions are only interested in printing what people read; perhaps they are aware of the statistics which tell us that horoscopes are read consistently by 52 per cent of their female clientele. (The male is not quite so susceptible — only 12 per cent are interested enough to read their stars!). It is, of course, not easy to say just how great an effect the reading of the stars has upon those who "follow" the horoscopes of the magazines; to read the "stars" is one thing, to

actually take notice of them is another entirely. It is the latter which the statistics fail to reveal.

The Melbourne "Age" is currently carrying quite a list of meetings under the heading of "Spiritualist" in the Church Notices column, which suggests that this particular form of superstition-cum-religion has quite a following in our fair city. Tess van Sommers ("Religions in Australia," Rigby) is unable to give a figure for the adherents of Spiritualism, nor can she do more than give a rough estimate of the number of churches of the Spiritualist persuasion. "A feature of all Spiritualist Churches is the preponderance of women adherents. Many are widowed and elderly." This is one comment which Tess van Sommers is able to make up on the basis of her investigations.

More surprising than anything which has been said to this point is the number of occupations in which certain superstitions appear almost as occupational hazards. These are not occupations which can be classed as "primitive" or "unscientific"; on the contrary, they are in many cases among the most highly developed sections of the community. If you go joking about things that happen in workshops and laboratories of the aircraft industry, and go sticking pins in models of planes or helicopters, you will find the strength of superstition in that area of our industry. And, these trains in which some people still travel to work! Accidents are always the more prevalent on the days of special significance — Fridays and thirteinths! Then, in the sub-stations and the electrical side of the works, these days are of special danger — highly dangerous maintenance is not performed on any day of superstitious significance, and then, maybe, only if the engineer in charge has his rabbit's foot.

The next time you go on a world tour — it may be the first time, of course, just see if you can book in for Cabin 13. Such cabins don't exist in many a ship, even in the officers' and crew quarters, and even a minister would know enough never to take his wife with him on an inspection tour of a mine — especially if it happens to be "gold."

The interesting feature which all of these occupations or sections of industry have in common is that danger to human life runs high. In primitive society superstitions surround life at significant points, particularly of birth, puberty, pregnancy, and so on, all of these points are moments of danger or significant change. Superstition in modern society is most marked in areas of danger, and occupations where safety runs at a premium.

We are, of course, well aware that man has come of age. Bonhoeffer said so, and, in our coming of age, we have left behind many of the rabbit's foot style of superstition and, now, in the late 1960's, stand in the freedom given to us by knowledge and science. This freedom is bugged by more superstition than many a layman would like to admit — parsons are glad of them; they make great sermon ammunition.

Dr. Arnold H. Lowe has set his finger on three such superstitions which are prevalent in American society and, I would say, not absent from our society. The first is that science can give us a moral world. The apostles of this superstition seem to overlook the fact that morals are concerned with personal values, and that "fidelity to persons" comes close to a definition of morality. Science, against which none of us hold bias or brief, is in itself non-moral for the simple fact that it is non-personal. Science has conferred upon man inestimable benefits — this under the hand of God, I believe —

but man is yet found to be turning these gifts against his brothers.

The Second World War took its rise in the most advanced nation of the day — scientifically advanced that is — and the great achievement of splitting the atom was used by the Allied Powers, of which we, Australia, were one, against mankind. Scarcely a glowing example of morality. This science superstition abounds — it is taught in our schools and universities and, what is more, is swallowed by eager converts in these places, who whilst questioning every tenet of religion or morality, never so much as show a doubt as to the leadership and guidance offered by science.

That psychiatry can give us spiritual health is the second modern superstition to which Dr. Lowe would draw our attention. Psychiatry is a branch of medical science which has brought relief, health and happiness to a multitude of people afflicted with mental ills. The standing of the psychiatrist in the social scale today is clear pointer to the influence of his science. Superstition creeps in upon the situation when there arises the belief that this branch of medicine can do what, in fact, only a spiritual experience — an experience of downright Christian forgiveness, cleansing and hope — can do. It is no fault of psychiatry that this situation obtains — it is easier to go to a psychiatrist and be analysed, be given "shock" treatment, than it is to face God in open confession of our need and our guilt, and to face the radical reshaping of our lives that the Bible "old-fashionedly" calls being born again.

The third of Dr. Lowe's superstitions — though they are not his, but society's — is that freedom is only freedom when it is unrestricted. The followers of such a promising superstition are legion. Many have seized upon a superficial understanding of the "new morality" and made it so "new" as to be "no morality." Freedom without restriction is, in fact, chaos and no freedom; freedom without restriction is in fact slavery to the worst master of all, one's own self and one's own desires and passions.

Our journals and newspapers are crowded with sorry tales of the trail of this superstition in our society — broken marriages, divorce, teenage pregnancy, crushing nervous and mental difficulties arising from "freedom" (I thought being free was the way to happiness), of bashing, and of smashing — said to be the rebellion against restriction and the assertion of freedom. We may well ask if this "freedom" is worth fighting for. It seems to me that I have never been so free as in these years when I have surrendered my freedom to Jesus Christ.

There is another superstition which is currently running something like a fever in Melbourne. It is the superstition that the ability to kick a football makes a man the greatest. Sometimes this takes the form of hitting a cricket ball or a golf ball; sometimes it is riding a horse, or sailing a yacht — do the latter far enough and fool-hardily enough and it is worth a knighthood! — however, in Melbourne it is kicking a football! In fact, of course, greatness and goodness are made of the less popular stuff like humility, the willingness to let the other fellow have the credit, and so on.

Superstitions such as horoscopes, numbers, ladders, and black cats, may be little more than interesting social phenomena, but these latter four that I mention are among the most powerful forces shaping our society today, and we do well to be aware lest we ourselves fall prey to their seductive wiles.

NO CHANGE ON CELIBACY

(Rome). Pope Paul VI. issued a long encyclical on June 23, reaffirming the traditional Roman Catholic rule on clerical celibacy.

He described the celibate state as a "brilliant jewel" that has been guarded by the church for centuries and that should continue to be "firmly linked to the ecclesiastical ministry."

The pontiff acknowledged that the church had experienced a "disquieting decline" in the ranks of the priesthood, but he declared:

"It is simply not possible to believe that the abolition of ecclesiastical celibacy would considerably increase the number of priestly vocations."—E.P.S.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER

Sunday, September 17, 1967.

The churches have been asked to observe Freedom from Hunger Sunday, on September 17, 1967.

This will be the commencement of a special week of fund raising to help feed the world's hungry.

The President of Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, Principal A. W. Stephenson, commends this appeal and suggests that those who are planning programmes for church services will keep Sept. 17 as a Sunday when some reference to the Freedom from Hunger Appeal will be made.

BURMA CHURCH THRIVING

A year ago, the Burmese Government ordered out all foreign missionaries who had gone to Burma since 1948. Fears that Christian work would collapse following this action have proved groundless. Canon David Paton, of the Missionary and Ecumenical Council of the Church Assembly (Anglican), spent a day in Rangoon visiting Burmese leaders of several denominations. A Baptist leader told him that nationalisation of church institutions had been a "liberation" rather than a disaster for his denomination. He said, "It has forced us to consider afresh what should be the work and witness of the laity as a whole." Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Baptists are co-operating to work out their future role in society.

THE MINISTER FOR TODAY

BY H. HEYHOE, B.A., Dip.Ed.

The minister for today must first be a man of God: called by God, inspired by God, enabled by God. A decade ago such a statement must have been brushed aside as a cliché, but in this day of the "God is dead" philosophy, we can no longer take it for granted that every aspirant to the pulpit brings with him a personal knowledge of a living God able to work mightily in and through the lives of his servants.

The church can no longer afford the luxury of being led peacefully and soothingly into yet another ditch by a pleasant-mannered blind man. Its minister must know whom he has believed and, like Job, he must not only have heard about God, but seen him with his own eyes (Job 42: 5). He must have faced up to the implications of the call to the ministry and be committed to the denial of self that Christ and his church might be served.

The minister for today must also be clear as to priorities. While he must lose no opportunity to improve the economic and social conditions under which men live, he must not in this age of the emasculated social gospel allow the ministry to men's bodies to usurp the primacy which belongs to the ministry to their souls. The two are inextricably interwoven, but he must not wait for ideal conditions before pressing on with the preaching of the gospel.

Christianity does not promise ideal conditions in this life, but rather the inner resources for a life of overwhelming victory in spite of persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril and the sword. This is not meant to be a rejection of social service, but a claim that in the situation of the tension of conflicting demands the man the local church needs for this hour, is a man of purpose with clearly defined priorities.

Because the pews are occupied by men and women whose general standard of education is much higher than that of a generation ago, there is a corresponding need for a more educated ministry. At least the minister for today must be able to speak with some authority in his own particular field, theology, and if one hesitates to insist that he should have made some systematic study of Psychology, he must at least have some understanding of the principles involved in human relationships. While a broad general education is

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U.S. ROMAN CATHOLICS

(New York). Roman Catholics — 46,864,910 men, women and children — now constitute 23.6 per cent of the total population of the U.S.A., according to "The Official Catholic Directory for 1967." The figures showed an increase of 618,735. Since 1957, the increase has been 12,563,851.

The Roman Catholic Church reported receiving 117,478 converts in 1966. This is a decrease of 5,671 over the previous year, and was the lowest since 1953.

According to the National Council of Churches there were 69,088,183 Protestants in the U.S. as at Dec., 1965. They were members of 222 denominations and represented 35.6 per cent of the population. — "The Christian."

MINISTER SHORTAGE PREDICTED

(Indianapolis, U.S.A.). The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) will have a serious shortage of ministers in seven to ten years, predicted William L. Miller, jr., head of the department of recruitment, theological education and campus ministry. He said that "The number of people going to seminary gets smaller each year and the number of graduates is still smaller."

If this trend continues, he foresees congregations will be without ministers for long periods of time. He would prefer that congregations not feel pushed to the point of desperation in getting a minister, but instead that they plan for the future by working more intensely with their own youth in guiding them toward ministerial careers. — "The Christian."

highly desirable, it is difficult to lay down a minimum standard as there are so many significant exceptions to any generalisation we might make.

If he is to pay anything more than lip-service to the idea of the Priesthood of Believers, the minister must see teaching as an important part of his work. He must give heed to the clause in the Great Commission which makes it incumbent upon him to teach all that Jesus commanded, to the new converts. He must also instruct the laity in the things of God, that the saints may be equipped for the work of the ministry.

Ideally the minister will be a good preacher, but God's mighty work is not dependent on the eloquence of men, but on the power of his Spirit, and men of limited ability in the pulpit are able to win souls through their personal contact with people.

In the final analysis, let him have faith, let him have knowledge, let him give to the poor, if he has not love for people he is not the man for the ministry today. The all-important relationship between minister and congregation is still the one-to-one situation. All talk about the personal love of God becomes academic if the minister is unable to get beside his contacts and let them feel his love and interest.

The pastor must never appear too busy to listen with concern to the problems of his flock. If people are merely statistics in the church books, the minister has ceased to be the representative of the God who notices when the sparrow falls.

Vital to his role of counsellor and friend is a preacher's ability to keep a secret. He who lays bare his soul in confidence must know that what he discloses will not even be discussed with the lady of the manse without his approval.

When all these things have been said it must not be forgotten that the minister for today must be inspired by a congregation urgently engaged in the work of the Kingdom. Christians who feel that no other simultaneous activity can be as important as the preaching of the gospel, who fill the pews with more than their spirits and surround the pulpit with their prayers.

The minister for today needs superhuman powers. These God can and will provide. He also needs the inspiration and support that only his fellows can provide.

CATHOLIC EVANGELISM

The Roman Catholic Missionary Society in England is spending £40,000 per year on making known its message.

In response to its advertisements in newspapers and on radio, nearly 25,000 people asked for information. These were put in touch with R.C. parish priests and, in due course, nearly 1,000 wrote to say that they had become Roman Catholics.

BRITISH DISCUSS BAPTISM

(England). A full-scale interdenominational investigation into questions concerning baptism, with a view to reaching some kind of agreement among churches, will be launched by the British Council of Churches.

The B.C.C., which embraces major Protestant Churches, met under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Books for Information Inspiration and Pleasure —

THE THEOLOGY OF A CENTURY

"The Interpretation of the New Testament, 1861-1961" — Stephen Neill. Oxford Paperbacks, 1966.

Someone has said that the present position of theology is that if a man is not confused, he doesn't know what he is talking about. Stephen Neill's new book should do something towards correcting this situation. The book would appear to be further fruit from his 1962 appointment as Professor of Missions and Ecumenical Theology at the University of Hamburg (of which he is an Honorary Doctor of Theology). In 1964, he produced "A History of Christian Missions," which formed Volume 6 of "The Pelican History of the Church" — a book which has already become the text book for a study of the World Mission of the Church.

"The Interpretation of the New Testament" does for New Testament theology what "A History of Christian Missions" does for Missions, i.e., sets out in broad spectrum the significant events of the period under review. This overall picture of theology is on a vast scale, and provides the student with an exciting insight — a kind of tapestry in which the main theologians and schools of thought are shown in their correct place. Too often the student of theology is left to flit from one writer to another, without realising the overall picture of which his authors are a significant part. This book is both timely and of practical value.

It has, as one would expect from a missionary bishop, who was active over many years in the establishment of the United Church of South India, and who has been a world leader in both the International Missionary Council and the Ecumenical Movement, a strong ecumenical bias. The contributions of the theologians under review seem to be considered as parts of the giant jig-saw puzzle, which, when fitted together, becomes a coherent picture of the theology of the present-day world church. There may be some over-simplification here, but Neill is too good a scholar not to be fully aware of it.

A further important contribution, for which we are indebted to the author, is in the way in which theologians (who were before mostly only names to us) "come alive" under his pen. As he mentions in his preface, "I am moved to find how many of these scholars I have been privileged to know personally during the forty years since I first devoted myself to the intensive study of the New Testament."

The procession of names through the pages gives us glimpses of such things as the painstaking application to duty of Ferdinand Christian Baur, up at his desk at 4 a.m. daily, writing the equivalent of a book of theology of 400 printed pages a year each year for forty years. We see Westcott bending with hushed reverence over the sacred text, not letting one jot or tittle fall, and Karl Barth, with explosive passionate sincerity, sharing his joyful discovery of "the mighty voice of Paul" in his "Epistle to the Romans."

We are introduced to the leaders of the Tubingen school, and to those who contributed to the production of a Greek New Testament, the text of which "will be almost wholly reliable." Form criticism, the papyri, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the possibility of a pre-Christian Gnostic myth, and those who worked with these things, all find a place in this vast survey.

The author has a short chapter headed "Conclusion," and in it he lists some encouraging conclusions from his study, and indicates some of the lines in which further theological study is required. In all, it is a tremendous undertaking for 360 pages, but to this reader (who herewith records his thanks) eminently successful.

—David G. Hammer.

FOCUS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VICTORIA

To start, let's eavesdrop on four people:

A fifteen-year-old boy comes home after a weekend away in a youth camp. He says to his mother, "I didn't know there were so many fine people in the world."

The leader of a local Girls' Club, a busy young married woman, says to her husband, "The new Good Companions' Standards has made the Club a more exciting place for my girls."

A Bible School teacher, on returning home after a one-day Teacher Training Conference, said to his wife, "There's more in this game than I thought."

Finally, a business man who had completed a course in leadership training in Adult Christian Education, commented, "You know, I tried out some of the things I learned in this course at a business conference . . . and it works!"

These four people have one thing in common; in various ways and at different times they experienced the ongoing programme of the Department of Christian Education at the many different points of its wide work. These four people show something of the life developing activities which is the responsibility of the Dept. of Christian Education.

Every parent wants their teenage sons and daughters to enjoy wholesome friendships, to be occupied with purposeful and challenging ideas and activities. These are the essential ingredients of character building. It is the Department's task to develop and maintain Camp and Conference Centres so that our churches can offer young people the invaluable "live-in" experiences of Bible study, training and worship.

Each week of the year sees the Boys' and the Girls' Clubs in action. There are some 2,000 boys and 2,000 girls in the Explorer and Good Companions' Clubs. But you can't conduct a club unless leaders have programmes, books about activities, guides for leaders, "know how" courses, etc., etc. Someone has to prepare and conduct and control this stream of help. Guess who?

Teaching is one of the church's essential tasks, and the thousands of boys and girls in our Bible Schools testify to our brotherhood's faithfulness in this ministry of nurturing the little ones. But teaching isn't easy — someone has to train these teachers. The training programme is another of the tasks for which the Department of Christian Education is responsible.

Churches are now taking a renewed interest in Christian Education for adult members — the young adults, middle adult years and the elderly. But again, who trains the leaders? Recommends study and resource materials?

These are but samples of the work of the Department, whose task of building lives through Christian nurture, never ceases. Alongside the Directors of this Department stand over one hundred persons, drawn from all parts of the brotherhood, who comprise a hard working team, faithfully serving in this work, who see to it that God's children nothing lack.

—R. V. Longthorp.

CHRIST AND THE INDIAN GIRL

BY RUTH ROBERTS

A couple of years ago I could not have predicted that a girl, in whom I could see no promise, would be the first among the bigger girls to show a change in behaviour and attitude that is the result of the touch of Christ upon her life.

But this girl has believed in Jesus as the Son of God, and her Saviour, who has died for her sins, and a joy and humility has entered her life which did not exist in any degree before.

This is not the work of man, but the work of God, and the Answer to the change we wish to see in all is Jesus Christ himself.

There are many others in this Home about whom we often feel hopeless. They are hopeless too — except they meet the Saviour and experience his redeeming love.

"If any man be in Christ he is a new creature. Old things are passed away. Behold! all things have become new."

"HUMANITY" FOR VIETNAM

(Melb.). The time has come when the human situation in Vietnam should begin to determine policies, said the Rev. Harvey Perkins, speaking to 200 people in St. Paul's Cathedral Chapter House.

Mr. Perkins, who has recently returned from visiting Inter-Church Aid Service teams in Vietnam, is Australian Secretary for Inter-Church Aid. He was reporting on his visit. It costs \$400,000 to kill a Viet Cong, but only 30 cents to save a single refugee. We have the money for the first, but not the second, he said.

We must recognise that people in Vietnam with any kind of authority were interested only in prosecuting a war. The task of the church is to be a "Christian presence" there, accepting the fact that little of lasting value can be done until a settlement has been negotiated, he said.

Refugee Problem.

Mr. Perkins described the plight of the refugees in South Vietnam. He said that there were three quarters of a million registered in refugee camps, mostly women and children. Up to four million people however, have been uprooted from their homes in the course of the war. Food is scarce. Where Vietnam used to export rice, it now only grows one-third of its needs. The essentially peasant

population is mainly concerned with survival. They have virtually no political allegiance.

Children Suffer Most.

There are far more civilian than military amputees in Vietnam, said Mr. Perkins, and these are mainly children who have set off booby traps. The plight of families gathered around the provincial towns is desperate. Family life is disrupted. There are no social services. Unemployment is rife. Epidemics recur because of the lack of hygiene. Malaria, tuberculosis and bubonic plague present a growing problem.

Difficulties in Operation.

Mr. Perkins pointed to the lack of security as causing one of the main difficulties in operating service teams. There are many places, he said, where no agency is allowed to work. Roads are continually mined, and team members have narrowly missed being attacked and blown up.

Other difficulties were found in relationships with authorities, and in the slowness and uncertainty of delivery of supplies. He also mentioned the feelings of helplessness and hopelessness of so many in the face of a war situation they can't control. What is possible at the moment is not curing but caring.

ACTION IN MIDDLE EAST

Reports of Inter-Church Aid operations amidst Middle East refugees tell of distribution of food and clothing to displaced persons in need.

Australian Inter-Church Aid recently announced a donation of \$10,000 to a World Council of Churches appeal for funds to help meet the emergency. Australian Inter-Church Aid is seeking contributions from churches and public to help relieve suffering in the area.

In the U.S., churches are expected to raise \$1,000,000. The German churches hope to raise \$500,000, and British churches have already given \$56,000. The Australian target is \$75,000.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) listed 1,305,314 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Gaza Strip following the ceasefire. This total is believed to include 600,000 children and adolescents.

Funds received by Inter-Church Aid in Australia are being sent direct to the W.C.C. for the purchase of tents and blankets for refugees on both sides.

Contributions to the Middle East emergency appeal launched by Australian Inter-Church Aid may be sent to Inter-Church Aid offices in all State capitals:— 511 Kent-st., Sydney, N.S.W. 37 Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic. 48 Durham-st., St. Lucia, Qld. 33 Pirie-st., Adelaide, S.A. 38a St. George's-terr., Perth, W.A. 4 Spencer-st., Turner, A.C.T.—A.C.C.

McCRACKEN RESIGNS

Robert James McCracken accepted what was probably the most difficult preaching appointment in the U.S.A. when, 21 years ago, he followed Harry Emerson Fosdick into the pulpit of Riverside Church in New York city.

Dr. McCracken succeeded in keeping Riverside Church as the centre for inter-denominational, interracial, and international Protestantism, and the church's membership of 3,500 extended its community influence.

Because of a heart ailment which has limited his activities in recent years, Dr. McCracken has now been compelled to retire at the age of 63.

He was a fine preacher, and "The Australian Christian" was glad to print some of his sermons in the past.

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"SLOW ME DOWN, LORD!"

Leisurely days and restful nights is the only way one can describe life of a ship. Nothing to do but laze away the time. The daily routine seems to be sleeping, eating, reading and playing.

Doing nothing is all right if it's done well and with a purpose. It can be creative. It can restore the body, renew the mind and revive the soul. But not everyone can take it. Somehow endless activity makes your body like a machine which can't slow down. You become a part of this mechanized age and you think that this is all that life means. You must be busy, on the go, doing things — you can't stop. And the result: tensions,

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

frustrations and nervous breakdowns; with psychiatrists overworked and mental hospitals full and millions of people exhausted. Life is too fast — we must slow down before we fall down.

"Slow me down, Lord," the negro prayed. We must slow down. Take it quiet for a bit — be quiet, still, calm for a moment. You will not only know God as the psalmist declared, but you will restore body and mind.

A minister's work can be very exhausting, if he is conscientious and does his work well. The busy round of calls, the numerous meetings (often every night of the week), schools, and a Sunday in every week which demands two sermons and various other talks. It can become exhausting, not only to body, but also to mind and soul. The demand is to give out all the time, preparation, then delivery — again, again and again. There is no end to it. How much can a man give without receiving?

Jesus saw the need of his overworked disciples and said, "Come ye apart and rest a while." Even Jesus had to rest. He knew the strain and the drain of such work; and he knew that the disciples must replenish their resources if they were to continually give their best for God. They needed a time of taking in if they were to keep on going out. The outflow will dry up if the inflow is not kept up.

As I write these words, on the deck of "Oriana," flying fish are making their momentary excursions into the sunlight. It appears that they are different from other fish and need this brief flight into the sunlight. Some of us think we can satisfy our spiritual needs with brief excursions into the spiritual realm and thus satisfy the demands of our souls — Sunday services, a prayer as we walk along, a reading before bed.

We have no time for any more, but we need more than this. We need to come apart each day and rest a while. We need to give God time so that he can give himself to us. And more than this, the time comes if we are really ministering for God, when we need to get away from everything that we may rest, renew and revive.

GOVERNOR OPPOSES LOTTERY

(Harrisbury, Pas., U.S.A.). Governor Raymond P. Shafer, a member of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), has turned down a move to introduce a legalized lottery to boost Pennsylvania revenue.

Governor Shafer said it would be a "sad thing" to finance state operations from gambling. A number of states are considering such proposals.

"It doesn't bring in the amount of money and it also brings in the worst elements of society," he said.—"The Christian."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN JERUSALEM

(Jerusalem). Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, and Minister of Religions, Zerah Wahrhaftig, held a special meeting with Christian, Jewish and Moslem religious leaders here and promised them complete freedom and protection in administering their holy places.

Forty religious leaders attended and were informed of religious aspects of a new law passed by the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) unifying the administration of both sections of Jerusalem. All three resident Christian patriarchs in the Old City of Jerusalem were present, as well as the two chief rabbis and the Mufti of Jerusalem.

The new law provides that "the holy places shall be protected from desecration and any other violation and from anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to these places."—E.P.S.

GRAHAM CRUSADE 1968

It has been found necessary to amend the dates previously announced for the Graham Crusades in Australia next year. These will now be held in Melbourne from March 29 to April 7, and in Sydney from April 20 to 28. Details for other centres will be announced later.

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OPEN FORUM

REVIEW REVIEWED.

To the Editor,

I read with some surprise and concern R. V. Longthorp's review of Bishop A. T. Robinson's book, "But That I Can't Believe." I was surprised that the review completely ignored the open challenge this book makes to fundamental Christian beliefs, and stated, "we should be grateful to the Bishop of Woolwich."

I am concerned that such a favorable, one-sided review should appear in our national paper.

Bishop Robinson may be quite sincere, and undoubtedly some traditional beliefs are not necessarily Biblical beliefs, but no Bible believing Christian can read his statements without seeing them as a direct denial of much that is Biblical and fundamental to our faith. He rejects the traditional view of a personal God, which he regards merely as a projection of the human mind.

His concept of God is virtually pantheistic. He speaks of Jesus as "the uniquely normal human being." He rejects the virgin birth and hence the incarnation. He laughs at the idea of the ascension and the second coming of Christ. He finds natural explanations for Christ's miracles. Peter's mother-in-law was only sulking. The cross is merely a supreme expression of love. He does not relate it to man's sin. Belief in the resurrection is optional, "a Christian can be free to say that the bones of Jesus lie around somewhere in Palestine."

The review ought to have given some hint that these ideas were in the book instead of vaguely saying it "helpfully discusses many doctrines and beliefs given in the Scriptures."

Bishop Robinson's ideas are unacceptable to Bible believing Christians, and their commendation by brotherhood leaders is equally unacceptable.

—A. R. Pigdon, Vic.

Comment by R. V. Longthorp:

Mr. Pigdon may be right in thinking that the review of "But That I Can't Believe" lacked a cautionary note. I certainly didn't think that everyone would agree with all that the author said, because there were views in the book with which I differed.

However, I tried to accentuate the positive by pointing out that we can at least be grateful for the way in which the book makes us think about our faith, especially when we present it to the world. We must be able to give answers to the world's questions which do not pre-suppose a knowledge of the Bible or an acceptance of its authority. The book was of help in this regard.

To be fair to Dr. Robinson, whilst he may write with a certain verve and wit, his approach to the Bible is deeply serious. I cannot agree that he "laughs" at any part of the Scriptures. The book does not represent a denial of the faith, rather does it seek to offer meaningful interpretations of certain aspects of the faith. We do not need to agree on all parts of a book before we can accept its overall value.

GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

In our ranks some have found themselves unwilling to support the Billy Graham Crusades because of the absence of teaching on baptism. Others, like your correspondent, D. J. Andrews (of 8/7/67), are concerned because they feel the Crusades emphasise pietism and divert the church from ongoing mission.

The right to dissent ought not to be in question. It is seldom we can involve everyone in common action. The 1966 Church and Life Movement was an illustration of this, though certainly in Victoria the proportionate participation of our congregations was the highest of all denominations.

Some critics within larger denominations found the study programme indefinite and lacking theological integrity. Dr. Graham's preaching is unlikely to be indefinite, even if it is questioned theo-

logically. From Crusade enlistments to date, it appears that our churches will at least be near or at the top as far as proportionate participation.

This suggests that our congregations and ministers are able to maintain an enthusiasm and a balance about evangelism in its wider and more narrow applications. Both a Church and Life Movement programme and the Graham Crusade have something to say to us.

Having actively participated in the 1959 Crusade as a minister of a local church, and seen numerous non-members attending in our hired transport, I can only say I saw no sign of questionable emotion. Nor were the converts addicted to false piety. Indeed, quite the reverse. My personal experience was that numbers of members and non-members did find a virile new relationship with Christ. In that I can rejoice.

Dr. Graham is of world stature, and I believe he can contribute to our own task in mission and renewal. It will be a pity if we fail to share in this opportunity. Our churches must also ensure that alongside the special opportunity of the Crusade they are working constantly to reach people in their ongoing programmes.

—D. H. Smith, Director,
H. M. and Evangelism, Vic.

GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

The following letter, from "The Christian Century" of May 31 last, covers one reason precluding me from support of the Crusade. The letter is headed "Graham Self-Judged."

"The letter from Billy Graham (March 29) is a clear renunciation of the Lordship of Christ as it relates to Vietnam. Seldom has a person before God and his fellow-men judged himself so severely as did Graham in his statement: 'I have been extremely careful not to be drawn into . . . the moral implications . . . of the Vietnam war.'

"I am ready to accept Graham's statement that he has not endorsed American policy there (but) his letter presented only half the picture. He failed to mention the occasions when he has spoken against those who are opposed to our military intervention in Vietnam. He has been critical of churchmen, politicians and youthful demonstrators who have dared to speak truth to power . . .

"There is no more compelling support for 'God is dead' than a national religious leader uninvolved in the moral implications of the Vietnam war. As one who has generally supported Graham and served as a Graham campaign counsellor, I am truly disappointed with his un-Christian position."

—L. O. Collyer, Vic.

GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

It was heartening to read in the "A.C." July 8, that "this journal will enthusiastically support the 1968 Graham Crusade."

Then in the Home Mission notes of July 5 it was encouraging to read, "Give thanks for the excellent enrolment of Churches of Christ — already over 81 have registered."

This was what was to be expected, and these will get out of this effort the blessing and work they put into it.

It is both amazing and disappointing to read of David Andrew's denunciation of the Crusade on theological and emotional grounds.

Those premises are incorrect anyway. The Crusade is being blest and used of God all over the world. It is best judged by its results.

If we waited for unity in theology and methods we would never do a thing, either the way Mr. Andrews suggests, or the methods Mr. Graham uses. Theology and methods do not save, but proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ came to seek and to save, does. This is what Graham does.

—C. W. Jackel, Vic.

Several other letters for and against the Graham Crusade were received. Those printed reflect the viewpoints expressed in the others.

FOR ELECTRICIANS ONLY.

To the Editor,

From time to time there are urgent tasks which must be done by specialists who are only required for short periods of time. Such a task has arisen at Lushington School, a school for missionaries' sons in Ootacamund, South India.

Here are the facts:—

- (1) The main school buildings urgently need re-wiring.
- (2) The school has purchased the wire required for the task.
- (3) The re-wiring could take years if it was left to school teachers to manage in their "spare time" and vacations.
- (4) Many Australian missionaries in India (including the Ryalls and the Veals) board their sons at Lushington School.

The school could not afford to pay the fares to or from India for an electrician, but expenses within India could be met by the school. Any electrician on long service leave, or en-route to the Continent, who is willing to help us in any way could write to the Headmaster, Lushington School, Ootacamund, South India.

—Barry Jenkins (an Australian teacher at Lushington).

FEDERAL OFFERINGS.

To the Editor,

At the last Federal Conference a notice of motion for the annual offering for Aborigines work, to be taken on National Aborigines Sunday, was referred to the Federal Conference Executive. Now the suggested dates have been submitted to State Executives, placing the Aborigines offering date on the second Sunday in March.

The Qld. suggestion was based on the value of the national propaganda for Aborigines work during National Aborigines Week, not to give our Aborigines work any priority over Overseas or any other Departmental work.

Just as we might expect the Youth offering date to coincide with National Youth Week, or if there were National

Sundays for Overseas Missions, Home Missions, or Social Service, appeals for those Committees would fit in, if possible.

The Overseas appeal this year was on the first Sunday in July, the suggested date is for the fourth Sunday in July. Why couldn't Overseas Sunday be the second Sunday in June or the second Sunday in August, and Aborigines Sunday on National Aborigines Sunday (Sunday following 2nd Friday in July)?

The Division of Missions, Australian Council of Churches, has twice given their view that the date for National Aborigines Sunday would not be altered.

—C. R. Burdeu, Qld.

NO IMPACT.

To the Editor,

I regret that in "A.C.", July 8, both David G. Lee and R. V. Holmes misunderstood some of my statements about "IMPACT" ("A.C.", June 24).

David Lee's second paragraph, and its somewhat subtle underlying implication, is based entirely on his misreading of my first point, which was intended to show that the "Impact" programme, by itself, was completely devoid of impact.

VISITORS TO HAWTHORN

(S.A.). Colin Stock, sec. of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, S.A., spoke recently on "Israel — a Modern Miracle," with the aid of colored slides of Palestine. . . C.W.F. guest speakers have included Miss E. Hammond, incoming Pres. of S.A. Women's Conf., and Rev. Chatfield, of the Mission to Lepers . . . Y.P.S.C.E. had visit from Scripture Union representative, John Chase . . . A Christian book stall gave members the opportunity to purchase books.

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However, the major misunderstanding was in relation to my fifth point. I did not argue either for or against pre-marital sex relations. My argument was basically:—

1. Many young people believe the church's case for chastity does not apply to them.

2. Because of this, they do not follow this teaching.

3. Therefore, there is a break in communication between Christ and (especially, in this case) young people.

4. This failure of the church, and "Impact," to provide an unequivocal standard causes a "vexing question."

Thus David Lee, in his last paragraph has missed my point that the church's teachings are the weak link.

Similarly, Mr. Holmes' parallel argument is seen to be completely irrelevant.

Mr. Holmes' immediate defence of the church's teachings as soon as the phrase "pre-marital sex relations" is mentioned, without understanding the argument and context in which it appears, highlights the church's lack of understanding and knowledge necessary to be able to help in this complex situation.

—Peter R. Clark, Vic.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

THE MORMONS HAVE HAD IT!

To the Editor,

The Mormons have had it! They don't believe in drinking coffee! The church's mission of evangelism and service in this day and age depends on coffee. We have coffee bars and coffee shacks in all the churches. The latest literature on the mission of the church must be sponsored by some coffee firm, because whatever equipment or strategy is advised for the modern church, you can be sure that a coffee shop is included. If you can't afford a new church, at least start by building a coffee shop.

So the Mormons will go from door to door in vain. They won't make another convert. Because evangelism depends on coffee, and the Mormons are against coffee.

I am sure that coffee shacks and shops are a good thing, provided we don't think that it is an easy way "to pack and label souls for God and win them by the barrel load." I wonder if ever someone comes wanting a bit of the Bread of Life, and we put them off with a cup of coffee.

"I'm all for coffee bars, provided we have answered the question, 'What are they for?'"

Of course, editors drink coffee. Strong and black!

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WITNESS WITH US AT THE CITY CHURCH.

FOCUS ON QLD. C.W.F.

As the spotlight shines on Christian Women's Fellowships in Queensland, we look back to our beginnings, when godly women met together to forward the work of the Lord.

The first Women's Conference was formed at Mt. Walker in 1898. This was a Conference for the West Moreton District. Sixteen years later, on April 9, 1914, the first Queensland Women's Conference was held at Ann Street, Brisbane.

We think our Conference is a well-filled day now, but back in 1917 the programme included Devotions, Business, President's Address, Reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Superintendents, an Essay on the Problems of our Work, a talk from the W.C.T.U., and after all this the guest speaker begged to be excused because of the lateness of the hour!

In 1951 the Budget system was introduced, and this has proved successful, providing a fund so no avenue of the work is missed out. Then the Women's Superintendent for each section has one appeal to raise extra funds for special needs in her department. The Overseas Superintendent is organising a rally this month, with Miss Dorothy Geyer as guest speaker. Our Home Missions Superintendent is appealing for women to furnish the manse at Gladstone, where an exciting new work has begun.

Fellowship highlights of the year are our Women's Camp, and a one-day Convention at a country centre, where ladies converge from near and far for a day of spiritual refreshing.

Towards the end of July, our President (Mrs. Cassie Baker), Vice-President (Mrs. Marj. Chapman), and Secretary (Mrs. Dorothy Potter) plan a tour of the northern fellowships, going in Mrs. Chapman's Volkswagen mini-bus for a trip of over 2,100 miles to include Charters Towers, Townsville, isolated members at Ayr and Bowen, C.W.F.'s at Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Maryborough. Ladies at Townsville have arranged a day's Convention for this visit, inviting near neighbours. These visits help strengthen the bonds of our fellowship with our far distant sisters.

Dr. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, has offered the Queensland women a seminar-type convention at the College during the Summer vacation, with lectures and workshops on deaconess and general church work, visitation and personal evangelism, etc. We are trying to arrange this for February.

One of our monthly Prayer Meetings is held at a country centre each year.

—Cassie Baker (Women's Conf. Pres.).

REGGIE THOMAS TEAM

AT TOOWOOMBA

With the exception of two or three nights drawing average attendances, and despite torrential, persistent rain at the beginning of the mission, the Thomas Team drew capacity crowds from June 25 to July 9, night after night. There was one gathering of nearly 500.

There were 40 decisions and 31 baptisms. Reggie Thomas, although 38 years of age, and the father of five children, is a youthful and vigorous preacher of the gospel.

Jerry Taylor, the song leader, Mrs. Thomas and her wonderful chalk drawings, and the children with their appealing gospel songs, all play no small part in the success of the American style of presenting the gospel. Those ministers who are fortunate to work with the Thomas Team, find Reggie Thomas and Jerry Taylor at work visiting every possible contact from early morning till late at night, often just time enough to get ready for the evening service.

The Reggie Thomas Team stayed at Mylo House, in the new Finger Wing. This was made possible by the gracious suggestion of Ted Grenfell, chairman of Mylo, and with the approval of the Social Service Dept. in Brisbane. Mrs.

Thomas presented her last lovely chalk drawing to Mylo, to be framed and placed in the Finger Wing which they had occupied. When the team left for Wollongong they needed a truck to carry their 40 pieces of baggage.

NEW ORGAN

(Warwick, Qld.). We have purchased a new Hammond electronic organ. Attendances are very encouraging. Weekly prayer meetings average over 50 per cent membership. There have been decisions for Christ and baptisms . . . Recently Mr. and Mrs. Scott accepted unanimous invitation for a further two years.

UNITED CHURCH DECLINE

(Toronto, Canada). For the first time since the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches came together in 1925, the United Church of Canada has shown a decline in membership. At the same time the number of ministerial candidates dropped from 540 to 422.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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(Harvey, W.A.). To augment the Overseas offering the ladies conducted their annual Bring and Buy at the conclusion of a Missionary Night, \$60 was raised. The offering to date is over \$300 . . . Young people from Collie met with Harvey Y.P. for an evening of devotions and fellowship . . . The church was saddened by the death of Miss Mary Woodier, after a long illness . . . 18 ladies journeyed to Bunbury for the South West C.W.F. Conference . . . 20 travelled to Busselton to hear Mr. and Mrs. Ladbrook conduct a seminar on the work of the Missions, at the Half-Yearly Conference rally of the South West.

FAREWELLS

(Nollamara, W.A.). During June Mr. and Mrs. J. McCredden, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hollett, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Croot were farewelled . . . J. K. Bond presented gospel service addresses on "The Middle East Crisis." There were five decisions . . . A senior member of the Boys' Brigade, Graham Fong, received his Queen's Badge.

A. W. MORRIS FOR S.A.

(Subiaco, W.A.). The church is sorry that, at the end of his three-year term of office in December, Alan Morris will be taking up a post in Adelaide, S.A. Owing to family reasons, he felt that he must leave W.A. at this time. Both Alan and Ivy Morris will be missed by many folk throughout W.A. . . . The Intermediate Youth Group held a concert and provided sketches, musical items and fun. Miss Barb. Johnstone was guest artist. H. Sheppard was M.C., and Mrs. Sheppard was pianiste. The young people served supper during the interval and then showed two films . . . Christopher Morris was farewelled on June 25, on leaving for Victoria. He is an apprentice musician at the Army School of Music, Balcombe. He will be greatly missed, especially in the Inter. Youth Group and basketball team.

OVERCROWDED AT ALBANY

(W.A.). The Muir St. manse was subjected to crowding when the first Youth Tea was held at Albany. 19 young people shared fellowship with three outgoing missionaries with W.E.C. Kitchen and lounge were commissioned to cater for the group. Testimonies and slides challenged young lives to greater commitment . . . The gospel service presented the same accommodation problem . . . A car load travelled 33 miles to the home of Mr. Dayman at Mt. Barker, for fellowship with isolated members there. 25 to 30 people were in the lounge for singing, Bible study, and slides of Bob Williams' North West missionary journeys . . . God is blessing the development of the work in the Great South. Pray the work through to triumphs.

VICTORIAN-TASMANIAN WORK PARTY IN PORT MORESBY

(Port Moresby). The team of men led by Frank Richards, to construct the Hermann Memorial Hospital at Chungribu, and undertaking other projects on our New Guinea Mission field, arrived in Port Moresby on July 1. They stayed at the non-denominational missionary home provided by MAPANG (an association of Christians in government and other employment). Their visit coincided with a social evening at the Baptist church, to which all were made welcome.

On Sunday they attended various churches in Port Moresby. Three went to the Lutheran church and S.S., where 1,500 New Guineans worshipped. Two went to the Methodist church. Some visited Everyman's Centre at Koki, where an evangelistic and social ministry is maintained by Campaigners for Christ. Three met with a small group of West Irianese refugees gathered at the home

of Drs. D. and H. Bassett. One attended the Baptist church.

On Sunday evening tea was buffet-style, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Stanhope, where the team met two New Guinea medical students and heard some uninhibited views of the current situation.

At the Baptist church, the Rev. Keith Redman welcomed members of the team who shared in prayer, testimony, scripture reading and a panel session.

On Monday some men proceeded to Madang, and the others remained at Port Moresby, flying directly to Chungribu on Tuesday.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ison, of the missionary home, Mr. and Mrs. Dewar, of the Lutheran church, Dr. and Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Allsop and Rev. Redman for contributing to the success of the visit.

—Dr. J. Stanhope.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEN MEET

On July 10, 184 men sat down to a hot evening meal, served by the ladies of the Flinders Park church. The dinner was sponsored by the State C.M.S. Committee, and was the third annual get-together in this way.

R. Hocking, of the Glenelg church, presided. Most suburban churches were represented, with other men coming from as far as Balaklava, Point Sturt, Milang and Strathalbyn. The chairman particularly welcomed representatives from other communions. Arthur Beasley, the President of the Inter-Church Council of Men, a member of the Methodist church, was present.

The chairman welcomed and introduced Dr. W. F. Salter, the speaker for the occasion. Dr. Salter is the Superintendent of the Hillcrest Hospital and

Enfield Receiving Home, and is widely known throughout this State for his specialised and sacrificial service to the mentally ill. He is honored in all circles as a Christian gentleman. Many ministers have found him to be a friend to whom they have been able to turn with problems they have met in their ministries.

Dr. Salter led the men to think about the mounting problem of mental health. Here are a few of the statements which were culled from his address:

"Complicated mental problems are not on the increase largely because of the better treatment readily available. The majority of such cases are discharged within two months."

"Neurotic illnesses are increasing due to the emotional stress under which we live."

"Alcoholism and drug addiction are a mental problem and are on the increase. People are unable to fight their battles with their own emotional resources, so they seek help outside themselves and turn to alcohol and drug."

"The desire of teenagers to get rid of us old people is a judgment upon us for not doing the right things by them."

"We should rely upon God's good providence rather than upon man's judgment in determining how we are to use our lives."

"Man is an aggressive animal. We should discover that our aggression can be used to build the kingdom of God."

The concluding appeal of the Dr. was that we should be witnesses for our Lord, ". . . let us put our candle up a bit higher than men may see it."

We went home thanking God that we are called to be disciples of the man Christ Jesus, and rejoicing in the fact that there are men in responsible places in our community who are there, as our guest speaker said, "because I believe this is the will of God for my life."

—I. J. Chivell.

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

(East Vic. Park, W.A.). The Ladies' Fellowship visited Bethesda Hospital and led meeting, at which Matron Hill was speaker. A concert was held, with proceeds for clothing for an Aboriginal boy by ladies . . . Ladies' Fellowship entertained Rivervale ladies to lunch on July 11 . . . Because of distance, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield are transferring to a church nearer their home . . . Val Hunt has been chosen to play in the Church of Christ State basketball team in August . . . Mr. Hill, of Scripture Union, was recent speaker . . . Ian Allsop is minister.

SEVEN TEACHERS

(Applecross, W.A.). Seven ladies of the church are involved in religious instruction classes, taking a total of 17 classes at local primary schools . . . Four young people were recently baptized . . . A men's quartette is providing splendid musical assistance . . . Youth teas are proving great success one Sunday a month. Up to 45 young people in "Teen-meet" each Friday. Ladies' Fellowship took meeting at Joondana Guest Home.

ROMA NEWS

(Qld.). The Y.P.C.E. anniversary had Allan Weedon, of Dalby, as speaker. Features were a social and barbecue. Items were given by "The Hayseeds" band, Mrs. Guyatt, and Miss Barbara McDougall. The theme was "Christ is the Answer." Visitors came from Hope-lands and Chinchilla . . . The C.W.F. is sorry to lose Mrs. Darracott, who has moved to Brisbane. The ladies are preparing a parcel of clothes for an Aboriginal girl . . . D. H. Paddon is minister.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

Fourteen churches were represented by 57 ladies at the Annual Overseas Mission Rally at Ann-st. Mrs. Olive Scott, the Overseas supt., presided, and a very informative and helpful programme was presented. The meeting was climaxed with an address and challenge by Miss Dorothy Geyer. Newly appointed "liaison members" were present and, through prayer by Miss Geyer, were set aside for their work. A Day Convention will be held at Boonah on Aug. 30, combined with the monthly prayer meeting.

CONCERT TALENT

(Albion, Qld.). A concert for S.S. funds revealed a wealth of talent amongst scholars from the various sections of the school. A Space Race for S.S. scholars is arousing much interest.

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CHANGE OF MINISTRY

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). J. C. Cunningham has indicated his desire to conclude his ministry at the end of this year, and A. W. Morris (Subiaco, W.A.) has been appointed as minister for four years, commencing January, 1968 . . . 120 attended a coffee hour, with singing and items by visiting artists. At the same time 30 adults enjoyed fellowship together and took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Coventry on their 25th wedding anniversary . . . The B.S. anniversary had G. Stansfield, Miss D. Chivell and J. C. Cunningham, and N. Gavros as speakers . . . Miss Dianne Coventry held a morning tea party to raise money for a New Guinea girl to attend Federal Girls' Brigade Camp. Over \$50 was raised.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

177 were present at the July Conference meeting, presided over by Mrs. Lawton. Devotions were led by the Elizabeth ladies.

Fellowship Day will be observed in Adelaide on July 28, at Scots Church, with discussion groups following the address by Dr. Martha Anderson, from the Society of Friends. The offering will be for the Winnifred Kiek Scholarship.

Luncheon tickets for Annual Conference will be on sale at next Conference meeting. For voting, delegates will receive their ballot papers on arrival, and it will be their responsibility to place their votes in the boxes during luncheon period.

After business, Mrs. Watson, for the Travellers' Aid Society; Mrs. Fitzgerald, for Women's World Day of Prayer; Mrs. Wright, for National Council of Women, and Mrs. Crosby, for Women's United Church, brought us an insight of these associations to which they attend as our delegates.

THINGS TO COME

JULY: NEW SOUTH WALES
12-26—Reggie Thomas Mission at Wollongong.
24—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Meeting — Wollongong. Speaker: Reggie Thomas of America.

JULY VICTORIA
24-29—Explorers' Indoor Sports (Zones).
28—Social Service Women's Committee Luncheon, Lower Melb. Town Hall.
28—C.Y.F. "Impact", Horsham (D.C.E.).
30—Good Companions: "Girls' Sunday."

AUGUST:
4-6—C.E. State Convention.
5—Explorers: Midget Regional Sports.
9—C.W.F. Missionary Rally at Brotherhood Centre.
18-20—C.W.F. (Evening) Camp.
19—Explorers: Indoor Sports Final.
20—Annual Offering — Dept. of Social Service.
26—Young Adults' "Foya" (Dept. of Christian Education).
28-Sept. 2—Explorers' Camps.

JULY: QUEENSLAND
24—Rally 9 at Kenmore.
26-30—Happy Hours at Camp Hill.
22—Rally 10 at Camp Hill.
31-Aug. 11—Group Life Laboratory, Alexandra Headlands.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

PRESIDENT AS GUEST

(Croydon, S.A.). The 56th anniversary of the church had Stan Riches, Conf. Pres., as guest speaker . . . Young Worshipers has increased from 16 to 24. . . . There was a recent baptism . . . The C.W.F. conducted "Latin American" night, \$61 being raised . . . Ron McLean addressed the church on our Foreign Missionary work . . . Our young people paid a visit to B. and F. B. S. "Bible House."

VISITING TEAM FORMED

(Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.). A most significant meeting was held in which 24 members met and became a visiting team among members and friends of the church . . . 160 attended a camp reunion on June 16 to relive camp experiences and hear from one of the leaders. A. E. Stevens, of Manifold Heights . . . 12 cars, with 50 people, were involved in a car trial for "Teens and Twenties" . . . The fifth anniversary of Dawson-st. C.E., on July 9, had J. Timms, of Peel-st., as guest speaker, at the tea which featured a birthday cake shaped like an open Bible. Paul Burnham, David Jones, Cheryl Patterson, the "Gospelaires" and the C.E. choir, shared in the service at which F. C. Hunting was preacher.

RESIGNATION OF T. H. EDE

(Prahran, Vic.). The resignation of T. H. Ede has been received with regret . . . Annual meeting appointed R. Goffin, sec., W. King, treas. . . . Splendid display of Missionary Societies was held in connection with Missionary Convention . . . Greek-English services, with an interpreter, are held monthly. Two fine meetings with J. Hunting, of J.E.W., in June . . . There were five decisions recently . . . Sympathy is expressed to G. Burton in the loss of his two sisters within a very short time.

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, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. (Evening meeting). Guest speaker: Deaconess Ailsa Owen, Chaplain at the Footscray Girls' High School. Aborigine clothing parcels will be received at this meeting.

GROWING MIDGETS

(Box Hill, Vic.). Midget Good Companions, commenced by Rhonda Vickery with four children, has grown to 15, and three leaders, in a few months . . . Bruce White commenced leadership in Explorer Club Intermediates . . . C.E. visited patients in Box Hill Hospital . . . Congratulations to Karen and Milton Oliver and Gary McFarlane for outstanding success in music examinations . . . Recent guest speakers have been D. H. Smith, H.M. Director, W. Wigney at Men's Fellowship, Cyril Minns at C.Y.F., Hugh Cornell at Y.P.C.E. . . . G. Gray still very ill; Peter Henry involved in accident; Jill Muller recovering after accident at basketball . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thompson welcomed back after long illness, and Mrs. Reed after recent fall.

MINISTER AS TRADE CHAPLAIN

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). The minister, L. G. Armstrong, has been appointed chaplain to a David Jones store. The commissioning service, on July 16, was conducted by H. M. Director, A. McK. Surtees. Neville Ross, Director of I.T.I.M., presented the charge to the church and Mr. Armstrong . . . About 40 attended young people's camp at Caloundra, July 7-9 . . . Army Chaplain, Denby Holmes, was speaker on July 9. A B.S. girl and young man have been baptized. A married woman has been added to membership following decision and baptism during Reggie Thomas mission at Annerley . . . The church extends loving sympathy to the loved ones of Mrs. Pearl Hack and Mrs. Cottee. Prayer continues for Jack Files, senr., who is still ill and bears much pain.

STOPOVER

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). 22 young people spent a weekend in camp at "Namaroo." Haydn Sargent preached, July 9, whilst en route to Adelaide to conduct a mission. "The Pilgrims" sang, and many people from neighbouring churches joined us for Christian Cafe, when Mr. Sargent again spoke . . . The C.W.F. are preparing a complete wardrobe for an Aboriginal girl at Carnarvon, as well as supporting stall for the Geriatric Centre to be built at Pendle Hill, and running a stall for our own Carpet Fund . . . B.S. staff have been helped by training sessions led by Mrs. G. Allen.

EDITORIAL (continued) — CHILDREN AND BOOKS

There is a grave danger that when our children are encouraged to read badly written books, they will be conditioned to accept the cheap and nasty reading of the adult world.

It is well worth our while to make an investment in good books for our children — books that will entertain and at the same time develop their capacities for appreciating and assessing character, that will awaken concern and compassion for the hurt, the lonely, and the underprivileged, that will stimulate imagination, and that will make them dissatisfied with poor writing. If the cost becomes a limiting factor, there are always libraries to which we can turn.

It is not necessary for a book to have a religious theme in order to qualify as good literature for children, but there seems to be a marked absence of this note in the books commended by the judges. There is surely an opportunity for Christian authors to write, and for reputable publishers (even for mercenary motives) to produce books which can show that life in a religious environment can be as interesting, exciting and satisfying as any.

LYONS OPENING

(Canberra, A.C.T.). The new church building at Lyons will be opened on Sept. 16-17 . . . Kevin Harvey, of Vic., was guest preacher at 16th anniversary of the church, June 24-25. Mr. Harvey met the Church Board on 24th, preached morning and night at Ainslie, and had lunch with the Lyons congregation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball . . . Mrs. Ed. Faulkner has been elected C.W.F. President . . . Miss Mary Jones was set apart for missionary service on July 2, prior to sailing for New Guinea to join the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

WITNESSING WORKSHOP

(W.A.). The second outreach rally, "Christians Witnessing," was held in the Christian Centre on July 11. 190 ladies were present. The programme was divided into three segments — witnessing in the Home, the Community, and Abroad. Six speakers gave glimpses into the various fields of witnessing. Soloist was Mrs. J. Rinaldi. Mrs. D. G. Hammer led the closing meditation.

FORMER MINISTER RETURNS

(Cottesloe, W.A.). The 51st anniversary, on July 2, had Geo. Smith, a past preacher at Cottesloe, and now Social Service Director, as guest speaker. Mrs. Smith rendered a solo . . . A social evening on July 8 helped raise funds for resurfacing the basketball court. Girls' basketball teams are both in the four, with the possibility of both men's teams too . . . There have been a number of decisions by young people recently, also one lady.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

(W.A.). The President, Mrs. F. Newcombe, welcomed 115 ladies. Morning meditations were conducted by the Dalkeith Rd. C.W.F. — leader, Mrs. Peter Shannon.

Financial Statement showed balance of \$1,142.62. The first Missionary Outreach Project offering — for the medico-evangelistic tours conducted by Dr. Thornly Thomas — will be received on Aug. 1.

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The State Organiser, K. J. Patterson, guest speaker, gave important facts and figures concerning the Mutual Fund. This

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VISIT BY MISS GEYER

(Redcliffe, Qld.). Dorothy Geyer visited and showed slides and spoke of work in India, with young people and members combining . . . Rex Ellis, chairman of Overseas Comm., gave a challenging message on Overseas work on June 25 . . . Phil. Smith has been added to teaching staff. Peter Smith has left for S.A. to train in the Air Force . . . Several members frequently attended Reggie Thomas Crusade at Annerley. Geoff. Risson, student from Kenmore, was recent speaker.

YOUTH SUNDAY

(Ipswich, Qld.). Youth led gospel meeting. Chairman, Jim Taber; songleader, Glen Risson; Queen's Message read by Bernice Risson; Bible reading, Gary Hoens; solo, Les. Gehrke . . . Bruce Roberts is chairman of Billy Graham Crusade Committee . . . Ladies had Mrs. Reggie Thomas as speaker at C.W.F. birthday. Trebleaires gave programme. Mrs. Machin cut cake . . . Leichhardt S.S. anniversary; speaker Mr. Frost. Don Risson trained children.

MAORI VISITOR

(Inverell, N.S.W.). Barry Kingi, of N.Z., gave an illustrated talk to the C.W.F. on July 12, on "The Ancient Maori" . . . The B. and F. B. S. film strip, "Dark Journey," was shown at the July family night service . . . Mrs. Kingi and her puppets presented a play to the J.C.E. . . . Sympathy is extended to the Heal family in the death of their father and grandfather, George Watson, on July 9. He had been with us since coming from Vic. two years ago.

valuable asset, and its purpose in the brotherhood is now better appreciated and should receive greater support.

Points for Prayer and Praise.

Aborigine. For renewed health of Mrs. H. Fitch and the young people of the "Teens Cottage," Carnarvon, during her absence. For the Carnarvon C.W.F. "At Home."

Home Missions. Pray for the special missions to be held at Midland Junction, South Perth and Dalkeith Rd.

Overseas Missions. For the work party who have recently gone forward to New Guinea.

Those requiring prayer partners are asked to contact Mrs. A. H. Walkington. —D. M. Gordon, Sec.

VIC.-TAS. CONVENTION SPEAKERS

At the Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention, to be held at Castlemaine on Sept. 9, 1967, there will be three sessions. At 11 a.m. the speaker will be N. S. Moore, minister of the church at North Essendon. At 2.45 p.m., A. A. Avery, Home Mission Field Officer, and R. V. Longthorp, Director of Christian Education, will give 15-minute addresses to evoke discussion on Evangelism and Membership Conservation, and will later be joined by D. H. Smith, Secretary, Dept. of H. M. and Evang., to comprise a panel to answer questions from the congregation. At 7 p.m., R. C. McKenzie, minister, Ormond church, will give the closing address. With these men as speakers, a thought-provoking and inspiring day is assured for all who attend Castlemaine.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FAMILY MOVES

(Broken Hill, S.A. Conf.). The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Thompson and family. Mr. Thompson was a Board member and represented the church on Life Line. For 3½ years he was Divisional Engineer for Main Roads, a task he continues in Wollongong. Mrs. Thompson was a teacher in the B.S. A presentation was made to them . . . Young people from the Elizabeth Assemblies of God spent Queen's Birthday weekend with the church. They shared fully in church activities. At the gospel service, led by Mr. Phillips, the Assemblies' asst. minister, there were six decisions following the sermon preached by Mr. Sack. There have been three baptisms . . . After a long period of indifferent health, Mrs. Sack is to enter hospital for surgery. David Best has been discharged from hospital after six weeks.

CHOIR AT PIRIE

(S.A.). In June the Choral Assoc. from Adelaide visited Port Pirie and assisted in morning service. At 4 p.m., a "Gospel in Song" service was held. The choir of 30 led the service with anthems and solos. F. Green (Henley Beach) was guest speaker. The choir shared with the church for tea . . . Mrs. Lawton, World C.W.F. Pres., spoke to the ladies of Whyalla and Pt. Pirie at a luncheon. . . C.W.F. night group held a "Taste and Tell" night . . . The S.S. has entered the Efficiency Campaign.

"TEEN 'N' TWENTY"

(S.A.). "Teen 'n' Twenty" for 1967, sponsored by the S.A. Dept. of Christian Educ., will be held on the weekend of July 14, 15, 16. The guest speaker will be Haydn Sargent, from Qld., and he will be bringing with him a gospel singing group called "The Pilgrims," from the Annerley church. They will be featured in each session of "Teen 'n' Twenty." John Halbert, captain of Sturt football team, will be the compere. There will be excellent supporting artists, including "The Christian Travellers." "Teen 'n' Twenty" will be held in the Unley Town Hall on Friday and Saturday, July 14, 15, at 7.45 p.m., and in the Adelaide Town Hall on Sunday, July 16, at 2.45 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

MISSIONS NIGHT

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The offering for Overseas Missions was \$19. On July 2, there was a special Mission Night. Mrs. Crowley sang a solo. A quartet was formed by Mrs. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister and Cec. Watson. There was an interview by Dr. K. Crowley with Bruce Coventry on "Mission Work in India." The film, "Everyday," was shown, and Mr. Coventry followed with a gospel message . . . The B.S. screened the film, "In the Steps of Livingstone." Both films were from the B. and F. B. Society . . . P. Magarey was re-elected as an elder . . . Mrs. Chinnick and Mrs. Simpson are both home after surgery.

BRUCE MARRIOTT FAREWELLED

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). K. B. Marriott preached his farewell message on July 9. An after-church fellowship followed evening service, when farewells were said. A. Sander presided. H. Lawrie spoke for the church and made a presentation. Mrs. C. Grant made a presentation to Mrs. Marriott on behalf of the ladies. The Marriotts are now in the U.S.A. . . . C. L. Smith has accepted an invitation for a part-time interim ministry, commencing July 23.

MINISTER RECOVERED

(Goolwa, S.A.). The minister, H. E. Greenwood, has recovered after recent operation . . . Annual business meeting elected deacons, including Richard Spencer, treas., and William Burgar, sec. Auxiliary reports revealed keen activity . . . At gospel service, July 9, young members shared in dialogue and singing. A B.S. girl made her decision following Mr. Greenwood's message . . . A white ranch fence, donated by Colin McKinlay, has been erected in front of manse. The Council has also made a new footpath.

CHURCH LIFE AND STEWARDSHIP

(Mt. Gambier, S.A.). 19 members shared in a Church Life Conference with K. D. Horne. The work of the church was examined and a number of suggestions were made. One immediate outcome is a 4.30 p.m. Sunday service, followed by fellowship in homes. Mr. Horne also led the church in a Stewardship Programme. The response to this was heartening . . . The minister, T. R. Mason, is leading discipleship classes for younger and older teenagers, to climax in Decision Sunday on Aug. 13 . . . Since the local TV station opened last year, Mr. Mason has chaired a number of discussion panels as part of the weekly religious feature . . . A combined service is being shared with Methodists and Presbyterians, first Sunday evening each month. The three buildings are being used in turn, and the "visiting" ministers lead the worship and preach the sermons.

FOOD PARCELS DESPATCHED

(Ungarra, S.A.). Church despatched food parcels to missionaries and are now receiving acknowledgments . . . Eyre Peninsula Conf. was held at Ungarra, on June 3. K. D. Horne was speaker. Delegates came from Whyalla, Wudinna, Pt. Lincoln, as well as circuit churches, Tumby Bay, Mt. Hill and Ungarra.

MISSIONARY VISITORS

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). On June 25, R. S. McLean and B. Coventry spoke on the work being done in India, New Guinea and New Hebrides . . . Men's Fellowship annual dinner had J. B. Baker (Hosp. Chaplain) as guest speaker . . . A salmagundi night for the C.W.E.F. provided articles for the Carnarvon Aborigines Mission. The annual meeting of the C.W.A.F. elected Mrs. G. Bywaters as Pres. . . W. Harper has given 50 years of continuous service with the church at Murray Bridge . . . The C.Y.F. programmes included "The Sound of Music," in Adelaide, a "Do You Know Your Brotherhood?" meeting, and a Navigation and Observation Car Rally, followed by a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schutz.

TEST CRICKETER SPEAKS

(Unley, S.A.). Second Dollar dinner was for men and boys only. Allan Frost, Australian Test cricketer, spoke on "My Biggest Game" . . . At our Girls' Brigade parade, our minister, R. V. Holmes, was formally appointed chaplain for District Girls' Brigade Battalion, and advised that he now has a very large family of girls, as well as four sons! . . . Visiting speakers have been R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Missions sec., C. L. Smith and J. B. Baker, Hospital Chaplain. At men's monthly tea one of our own members, Kevin Boyce, B.Ag.Sc., spoke about his work in the Dept. of Agriculture . . . Geoffrey Wharton is now serving with forces in Malaya . . . Dr. John Lawton has sent greetings from the Caucasus Mountains, U.S.S.R., he next visits Poland and Vienna . . . Miss Ruth Trigg, of S.C.M., spoke at evening service on World Day of Prayer for Students.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). The 67th anniversary, on June 25, began a week of special meetings. Norm Harris, of the Sydney Rescue Society, was the missionary. R. Scott was soloist. Saturday early morning prayer meetings and distribution of pamphlets were part of the preparation. There were four decisions for baptism and four restorations . . . A half-night of prayer for the Graham Crusade was held . . . 70 attended a barbecue picnic on June 12 . . . R. M. Wilson is minister.

DAPTO CHURCH

(N.S.W.). Foundations have been laid and the bricklayer is expected to commence next week on the all-purpose building. Wollongong church is providing a bus for the S.S. use. It meets in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Northey. There is an average attendance of 40. Tremendous interest is being generated by contacts in the Dapto area for the Mission in Wollongong with the Reggie Thomas team.

SADNESS AT HAMILTON

(N.S.W.). Church members extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mensen and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts and family, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard and family, in their recent bereavements. Mrs. Edgar and Mr. Howard, senr., are both in Wallsend Hospital . . . Gospel meeting on June 18 was broadcast over station 2KO . . . Mr. Chumley, a student from Woolwich College, was speaker on June 25.

PENRITH BAPTISMS

(N.S.W.). The church rejoices that four have been baptized in recent weeks. Officers elected at the annual meeting include P. Mallard (sec.), and P. Wainwright (treas.) . . . The gospel service commences at 4.30 p.m. during July and August . . . Student minister is Robert Taylor, of Woolwich.

32 BADGES AWARDED

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). When our Girls' Brigade Coy. was inspected by Divisional Commissioner, 32 badges were awarded—Patsy Lane gaining Senior Circle Badge, first earned in the Company . . . 20 B.S. scholars sat for the annual Scripture Examination . . . 30 young people attended C.Y.F. weekend house party at "Naamaroo," returning to take part in gospel service . . . Mrs. R. Single was elected Pres. of C.W.F. (Afternoon Group). . . Mr. Penzig, Pres. of the Wild Colonial Days Society, recalled some colorful early history when he spoke to C.W.F. Evening Group on July 10.

27 DECISIONS

(Wollongong, N.S.W.). On July 2, over 250 were present at gospel service. There have been 27 primary decisions over the last five weeks, and so far 15 have been baptized. Decisions have included adults as well as the late teenage group. More than 130 teenagers are present each Sunday evening . . . The B.S. attendances average 170. Four small buses are in use and another one is to be purchased. The B.S. held a Fantasy and Fancy Dress

night. Over 300 attended and many contacts were made with children's parents . . . The Minister, D. W. Mansell, has made a number of TV appearances, with interviews covering prison reform and employment problems in the city. . . . The State Member of Parliament recently addressed the Youth Fellowship on Parliamentary procedure and the life of a Member of Parliament.

N.S.W. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our July meeting was held in the church at Caringbah. There were 107 present. Mrs. Elsmore presided.

The theme was Personal Evangelism, conducted by H. M. Director, K. E. Crawford, with a view to preparation for the Billy Graham Crusade, and also for our own Crusade '67 in August. Mr. Crawford challenged us to "Fulfil God's purpose in our lives by making Christ known to others." He then told of some of the enthusiasm of those who had attended the Lay Institute for Evangelism.

Mrs. J. Cooke told how, for many years she had been scared to talk to others about inviting Jesus Christ into their lives. However, after attending these classes she had taken the opportunity of speaking to two people in one day. A practical demonstration was then given, by J. Ewers and Y. Manners, demonstrating how to present the gospel to an individual.

The August meeting will be back at City Temple, and parcels from Fellowships for Overseas Missions are to be brought to that meeting.—Deanne Elliott.

FORWARD MOVEMENT

(Carramar, N.S.W.). Forward Movement Campaign commenced with working bee, and members filling out pledge cards for the 90 days' Loyalty Campaign, and voluntary enlistment forms for duties connected with the church . . . The Church Standing Orders were amended in part and adopted. A new piano was purchased for church, and the other instruments restored.

"We had thought it was a problem of educating the Negro," said Mr. Young. "But now we know from surveys that even a Negro with a Ph.D. and a Nobel Prize could not buy a home in Cicero, Illinois, even though the gangster Al Capone could live there. He was white.

"This means it is a matter of attitudes that must be changed. If the churches can't do something to help us here, I don't know where else to turn," Mr. Young said.

"The church must speak out clearly. Vague platitudes are not enough. Instead of saying: Love your neighbour, it must say: 'Let me be your neighbour.'

"The churches must let their members know that racism is a sin. A Catholic knows when he practices abortion, or marries outside the church, that he has sinned. A Protestant knows that adultery is a sin. But neither church has ever said that racism is a sin."—E.P.S.

RACISM IS A SIN

(Geneva). Whitney Young, jr., one of the top leaders of U.S. civil rights movement, challenged the World Council of Churches to initiate a "preaching crusade" that would leave no doubt in the minds of Protestants that racism is a sin in the sight of God.

Mr. Young is executive director of the National Urban League in the U.S.A., an organisation that has pioneered in obtaining jobs for Negroes. He conferred with Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, W.C.C. General Secretary, and American staff members at Geneva.

Mr. Young explained his visit in these words: "America is at the crossroads. Laws granting equal rights to Negroes are on the books, Negroes hold cabinet posts, but the relative position of the Negro has not improved. Important as laws are, they do not change conditions by themselves. The problem is no longer black people but black hearts."

The civil rights movement is in a new phase, Mr. Young said. "We're no longer fighting to remove vulgar signs, we're fighting to change hearts." He mentioned specifically the difficulties Negroes encounter in getting housing in areas immediately outside the metropolitan centres.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY KILLED

(Kisangani, Congo). The Rev. David Allen Claxton, of the Baptist Missionary Society, was shot and killed by raiders at his home on June 27, at about 3 a.m.

The raiders had demanded admittance, which Mr. Claxton refused. When he went to telephone the police he was shot by the raiders through a window.

Mr. Claxton, aged 28, had served with the B.M.S. in Congo since 1964. Originally assigned to Kisangani, he had had to serve at Kinshasa and Upoto, because of the rebellion. He had been in Kisangani for the last 15 months in charge of church work, and as headmaster of the Protestant secondary school. He leaves a wife and two children, one aged three and the other 22 months.—E.P.S.

PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Rodney and Lawrence; Neil and Trevor Lawrence; Mrs. Yvonne Winter; Cheryl and Glen Pfeffer; Cathy Day; Bevan Cluver, Sue Carral; Jeanette Lock; Mrs. Sterne, Wayne and Rosslyn; Geoffrey Naumann; Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd; Mr. Williams; Mrs. W. Turner and Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Brown; Mrs. Day — Margaret-st., Toowoomba, Qld.

Diane Walther, Mrs. Shohmayer, Nurse Faulkner, Joanne Gannon, Wayne Davy, Vicki Symons, Lesley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Davy, Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen, Joy Arundel, Mrs. Gannon, Nurse Nicholson, Carramar, N.S.W.

Ralph Davey, Rhonda Notman, Mrs. C. P. Johanson, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

David C. Wysall, Leichhardt-Ipswich, Qld.

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Dolma Christie, Carol Budd, Susan Bennett, Janne Raven, Delys Graham, Lee-Anne Ellement, Mrs. Hookway, Cottesloe, W.A.

Neil McDonald, Gavin Sharp, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Ian Brooker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winters, Mrs. Graham Price, Nth. Balwyn, Vic.

Mark Bucknell and Lorna Bird, Albion, Qld.

Robyn Price, Marion Pitts, Lynne Williams, Campbell Sinclair, Robert Grant, Jim Thoms, Jonathan Weekes, Brighton, Vic.

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Kay Gilbert to Dennis Neil, Albion, Qld.

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Gaye Ross to Max Wilson; Judith McGowan to John Watson; Sandra Milligan to Robert Levy, Kingsford, N.S.W.

Norma Alice Moser to Gordon James, St. Arnaud, Vic.

DEATHS

George Hall, Albion, Qld.

David Earl, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Mrs. Pearl Hack, Mrs. Cottee, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

Mrs. Catherine Lee Daws, Noble Park, Vic.

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BIRTHS

CHARTERS (Watt). — Barbara and Norm. happily announce the safe arrival of Tracey Lee, on July 10, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic. Sister for Sean. God's gift.

FATCHEN (nee Lawrie). — To Malcolm and Raelene, at Tumby Bay, S.A., a daughter (premature) — Karen Michelle, June 22, 1967.

CRAIG (Hillman). — Dawn and Russ are happy to announce the safe arrival of a son — Philip Anthony — on July 5, at Base Hospital, Albury, Vic. Psa. 127.

ENGAGEMENTS

BRAND - WILLIAMS. — Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brand, Daw Park, South Aust., and Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Lower Mitcham, South Aust., wish to announce the engagement of Diedre and Trevor.

ALLEN - STALEY. — Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Allen, 108 Lexton-st., Ballarat, Vic., have very much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Patricia Elizabeth, to Bruce, youngest son of Mrs. E. M. Staley, 18 Summerhill-rd., Glen Iris, and the late E. H. Staley.

PRICE - CRILLY. — Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Price, Riddle-st., Bentleigh, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crilly, Beths-st., Bentleigh, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Suzanne and Bruce.

MILNE - COLLINS. — Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Milne, Bordertown, S.A., announce with pleasure the engagement of their eldest daughter, Valerie, to Peter, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins, Bordertown, S.A.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WILSON - FINDEISEN. — The marriage of Jillian, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Wilson, 18 Stanley-rd., Leicester, England, to Eberhard, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Findelsen, Ostrau/Sachen, East Germany, will be celebrated at the Evington Road Church of Christ, Leicester, on Saturday, July 29, Mr. W. Mander officiating.

ROFFEY - BUTLER. — The marriage of Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roffey, 1098 Heidelberg-rd., Ivanhoe, Vic., and Lloyd, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Butler, 52 Gilbert-rd., West Preston, will be celebrated on Aug. 5, 3 p.m., at Ivanhoe Church of Christ.

SILVER WEDDING

STEVENS - COMER. — Julie, Anne, Phillip, Michael, and son-in-law Ian, have much pleasure in announcing the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Stevens, of Prospect, solemnised by F. T. Morgan at the Church of Christ, Invermay, Tas., on July 11, 1942.

APPRECIATIONS

Mrs. C. MACDONALD wishes to thank her many friends for "get-well" cards, letters and flowers during her recent stay in hospital. Special thanks to Mr. Grainger.

WESTAWAY.— I and my family would like to thank all our Christian friends for their expressions of sympathy, love and prayers upholding us, when Ted passed to be with the Lord.

—C. Westaway and family.

DEATHS

ALDERTON. — On June 22 (suddenly) at Launceston (Tas.) General Hospital, Henry Montague (Monty), dearly beloved husband of Merle (nee Stevens), of 14 Doolan-st., Launceston, loved father of June (Mrs. K. Sutton, S.A.), Shirley and Graeme; loved father-in-law of Kevin and Mary, and loved poppa of Annette and Helen. Aged 62 years. "Absent from the body, at home with the Lord."

BROWN. — On June 19, Maurice, of 22 Kalimna-st., Carrum, Vic., youngest son of Nellie, and the late George Brown, brother of Ken. and Joan (Mrs. Pritchard).

DAWS, Catherine Lee (Kitty). — On July 5, 1967, in her 96th year. A tribute to a dear friend and co-worker, our toy-making lady. Cherished memories. —The President, committee and members of the General Dorcas Society.

DAWS. — A tribute to the memory of our much loved member, Mrs. Daws. "How rich are we who knew her." —Springvale C.W.F.

EARL, David James — of Ivanhoe, Vic., on July 3 (result of accident), dearly loved son of Lal and Harry, brother of Judith (dec.), Ray, Lyn., Keith, Margaret and Neil. Loved friend of Sonia. "In God's care."

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MALCOLM, Jeanette. — A loving tribute to the memory of a wonderful daughter and sister, who went to be with her Lord, July 10, 1966. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

ROBBINS, Harold. — Called home July 11, 1965. "Forever in my heart." —Inserted by his loving wife, Nell.

SELBY. — In fond and loving memory of Frederick John, who departed this life July 13, 1962.

—Inserted by his wife, Alice, daughter Mavis, and grandsons.

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In addition to arranging conference and carrying out relevant decisions thereof, Executive's constitutional responsibility is to attend to such other matters as come within the sphere of conference, and it is amazing how great and interesting a variety of matters is found on each meeting agenda.

Absentees are rare, all members realising the importance of Executive discussions and decisions as they touch the life and work of departments and congregations.

Not that Executive represents "central control." Far from it! Indeed, the large majority of Executive members is elected to office by the voting of the delegates of the churches. Hence, not only do the churches conduct the business and make the decisions of conference through those delegates, but they also conduct the work of conference and direct policy and decision-making between annual assemblies through their elected representatives.

Representatives are appointed to fifteen inter-church bodies all engaged in vital and practical Christian service. In addition, there is co-operation with many community organisations.

Through departmental appointments to many other bodies, Churches of Christ also contribute to the wider work of the Kingdom. This indicates the value and reliance community and other organisations place upon the co-operation and service of the church, and indicates also something of the breadth of our outreach in seeking to serve mankind in fulfilment of the mission of the church in the world.

From a recent agenda these items of business were culled: Unification of Dept. of Christian Education and Dept. of H. M. and Evangelism; Christian Building Trust Insurance Commission; Implementation of Commission on Membership Recommendations; C.M.F. Consultation with Departments; Victorian Council of Churches Commission on Joint Action for Mission; Standing Committee on Worship; Commission on Eldership; Financial Position of "The Australian Christian"; Tasmanian Bush Fires; Army Chaplaincy; Referendum re Aborigines; Ministers' Assurance and Retirement Fund; Clergy In-Service Education Committee; Conference Review; Half-Yearly Convention; Exemption from Rating Committee; Billy Graham Crusade; South Melbourne Church Centenary; University Chaplaincies.

The above, though by no means comprehensive, reveals the multiplicity of interests which occupy the attention of Executive on behalf of the brotherhood between annual conferences, and indicates something of the scope of the activities engaged in in furtherance of the work of the Kingdom of God.

OFF TO NEW GUINEA

(Gardiner, Vic.). On June 25, Frank and John Richards, father and son, told the church of the tasks confronting the Work Party with which they left on July 1. . . . On June 28, K. J. Clinton gave illustrated talk on his recent sojourn and travels abroad. . . . On July 2, D. Cartmel and his wife and son spoke to the B.S. Mr. Cartmel also addressed the church. The Overseas Missions offering was \$502, while \$20 was donated for famine relief in Bihar. The budget provides \$600 from general funds. This means that \$1,200 needed to fulfil our pledge of support for two missionaries on the field will be exceeded.

BIBLE SOCIETY FEATURED

(Wedderburn - St. Arnaud, Vic.). On June 25, S. Russell Baker conducted the combined service at St. Arnaud, for the B. and F. B. S. The combined churches held a stall for the Bible Society on the following Thursday. . . . Wedderburn young people's C.E. meets Sundays at 2 p.m.

FOR EVANGELISM IN W.A.

(Cheltenham, Vic.). G. K. Moyes will be visiting evangelist, in a State-wide Mission, held at Perth, W.A., Sept. 8-17. . . . Study and prayer in homes of church members will prepare for Billy Graham Crusade, and for our minister's Perth mission. . . . Cyril Minns, outstanding blind personality, was interviewed, and talked about his handicap, to Inter. S.S. pupils. . . . Young people from Moorabbin Presbyterian Church came to witness sacrament of baptism. . . . C.Y.F. wholly prepared and presented youth service, June 25. 34 teenagers went on guided tour of Airport, as guests of Ansett-A.N.A. . . . 46 various kits have been made up and sent to Vietnam. \$182 was raised in a fair held by Ladies' Missionary Group.

SADNESS AND GLADNESS

(Balwyn, Vic.) Church has been saddened by the sudden deaths of two young people in separate car accidents, and now the death of Frank Evans' father whilst on voyage to England. . . . Our gladness has come from the confession by faith and baptism of the sons of the church treasurer and the minister — John Sharp and Geoffrey Barker. . . . C.W.E.F. busy with ironing for the Christian Guest Home this month, and a "Lamington Drive" which made \$25 towards their Manse Fund. . . . J. W. Burns gave an illustrated talk on his visit to Israel, at the after-church fellowship, following a series of addresses by minister on Israel and the Prophecies.

DECISION AT MALVERN

(Vic.). A girl confessed her faith in June. . . . The C.W.F. invited Emmaus, ladies to their meeting. . . . S. Blucher and A. H. C. Pfeifer showed slides of N.S.W. and Qld. to C.M.F. . . . Youth led family service on June 18, with Peter Pfeifer, Robt. Gallagher and Adrian Clark taking part. . . . Musical items have been given by Mrs. Ghys, Ken Brooks, Mrs. Gullidge and the C.E. Quartette.

HELP FOR HURSTBRIDGE

(Vic.). Briar Hill, Box Hill and Ivanhoe churches will continue to help with communion plan. . . . B.S. and members held a barbecue and bonfire on R. A. McIntosh's property. . . . Church is participating in Billy Graham Crusade.

PLANNED GIVING

(Nth. Essendon and Milleara, Vic.). 263 attended the family dinner at Moonee Ponds Town Hall on June 23, for Nth. Essendon and Milleara churches. . . . The Planned Giving Programme was guided by Allan Avery through the Dept. of H. M. and Evang. The church is grateful for his leadership, which resulted in renewed interest by members, substantial increase in the overall giving and uncovered leadership and commitment. This programme covered both Nth. Essendon and the work at Milleara Road which this year will be heavily subsidised by the H. M. Dept. S. R. Robottom led the programme as general chairman, R. A. Sell, R. Savill and Mrs. Shea accepted responsibilities in various areas of the campaign. Pledged and other giving should achieve the aim of \$300 per week.

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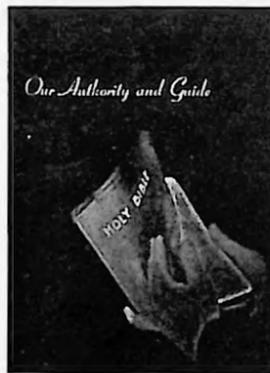
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We strongly recommend this short course to adults and young adults. It is especially designed to help persons who have had no previous theological training.—D.C.E.

EVANGELISM RESULT

(North Balwyn, Vic.). Evangelistic programme featuring a prayer breakfast, informal fellowship evenings, morning coffee hours, prayer workshops and commitment visitation, under direction of K. Harvey (H.M. Dept.) resulted in seven additions, four by faith and baptism, and three by transfer. . . . Gospel services commence at 5 p.m. for winter months. . . . Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. E. Collings in the death of her mother, Mrs. F. Ferguson. . . . Miss V. Callanan, and the four members of the Lamont family who have moved to Qld., are missed from our fellowship. . . . Church shares in the joy of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Geyer's ruby wedding anniversary.

WITH WORK TEAM

(Robinvale, Vic.). Earle Chislett is a member of the Work Party now in New Guinea. C.E. arranged a "surprise supper," colored film. C.Y.F. gave a pen and pencil set. Earle was interviewed by Mr. Morrison on June 25, and presented with the gifts from the Mission Hut: \$111.20 to go to the team's fares. . . . The film, "The Beginning," was screened to commence a month of Stewardship of Time.

BELMONT ACTIVITIES

(Vic.). C.W.F. Day Group birthday programme featured film, and talk on Spastic Society activities. . . . On June 21, 20 ladies visited home of C. Gower, at Point Lonsdale, for meeting. A display of old kerosense lamps was featured. . . . C.W.F. Evening Group celebrated birthday on June 25 with TV night at Channel M.U.G. . . . Over 20 "golfers" shared in golf day at "Wambidgee" on Queen's Birthday holiday. Many centuries were recorded. Families joined for barbecue lunch. \$13 donated to Community Aid Abroad as result of day's golf.

SPRUCED UP

(Morwell, Vic.). The Property Comm., led by T. Skerry, organised several working bees for maintenance and painting. . . . Two new members have been welcomed into the church. . . . Mrs. M. Dowsett was elected Pres. of C.W.F. The group has celebrated its 19th birthday. . . . C.E. led service on June 25. . . . The Y.A.F. conducted a car trial. Two paper drives have been held to raise funds for the group project. . . . The Teen-time group membership has been restricted to 40. . . . Training course has been held for leading in church worship.

"FAITH IN ACTION" AT BENTLEIGH

(Vic.). The church at Bentleigh recently completed a Planned Programme, led by A. A. Avery, that has brought a surge of new life into the congregation. Young people have committed their lives to Christ, adults have come for baptism and church membership, and former members have again become active and renewed their pledges of faith.

The idea for this mission with a difference came from a statement in the Commission on Membership published by Conference. It was noted that the older pattern of mission in our brotherhood, by means of the itinerant, professional evangelist was being less used and it was felt that evangelism today must involve the church members in active witness. We were challenged by material loaned us by the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, and Mr. Avery came at our request to explain the programme. It was decided to invite him to lead us in this work.

Preparation began about nine months ago. Lorne Sanny's book, "The Art of Personal Witnessing," was adopted as a study book, and in place of the Wednesday night prayer meeting, three study groups met each week in homes, in which about 40 persons shared.

Early this year planning became more intensive and lists of all persons and homes in any way connected with the church were compiled. This campaign was to be associates only. Two guest services were planned and both were preceded by home visitation, with 40 visi-

tors participating. Response was excellent.

The final phase of the programme covered the two weeks when Allan Avery was with us and gave himself unsparingly to the task. Prayer workshops began at 7 a.m., and averaged 27 for the two weeks, with 37 at an early morning communion. These devotional times were both a challenge and inspiration. Home groups, men's breakfast and ladies' luncheon were also excellent opportunities for faith sharing. Two gatherings were arranged for the young people.

Commitment Sunday was preceded by visitation to those whom we hoped might be ready to take this public step. A small group of visitors went out to discuss the claims of Christ with people who were connected with the church. It was a great joy to see twelve persons respond. But figures do not tell the full story.

Some who have not attended the church for years are again worshipping with us. Some who have not yet responded have progressed further in their serious consideration of their relationship to Christ. The members are saying, "We must continue some of the aspects of this programme." We are doubling our evangelism committee and planning to make "continuous evangelism" an integral part of our church life.

The main value that this programme has had for us has been the rediscovery that we have tremendous potential in our church members that our traditional church pattern does not utilize.

TO CONCLUDE MINISTRY

(Moreland, Vic.). A letter of resignation was received by the church from G. Grainger, who plans to terminate his ministry at Moreland early in 1968. . . . A youth tea in May, discussed formation of a Youth Club. On Queen's Birthday weekend, five young fellows went camping in Northern Victoria. . . . The church extended love and sympathy to L. Withers on the death of his mother, who was a former Moreland member.

RESTORED HEALTH

(Harcourt, Vic.). The health of the minister, C. W. Jackel, is back to normal, enabling him to enter vigorously into the work. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. C. Warren on the death of her husband. . . . G. Pellas resumed fellowship with the church after illness.

IVANHOE ACCIDENT

(Vic.). The church was deeply saddened at the death of David Earl, following a motor accident. Over 400, including many young people, attended funeral. . . . Ivanhoe and Briar Hill engaged in programmes of Outreach and Development, with K. J. Harvey. Programmes include guest church services, morning coffee hours and informal fellowship evenings in private homes. Intensive visitation has yielded encouraging response. . . . Two young men were baptized on July 9. . . . New bus has been purchased for S.S. work. . . . Film on mission work in India was screened by R. Dornig, at Ivanhoe, on Overseas Missions Sunday.

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OBITUARY

Herbert Erasmus Squires.

Mr. Squires died on June 12, in his 95th year. He was baptized by Thomas Hagger, at Bet Bet, Vic., 60 years ago. Ten years later the family moved to Mildura, where our brother entered into the active service of the church, serving as a deacon, church treasurer, and member of the choir. Over recent years, and since his wife's passing, his indifferent health did not permit him to attend services regularly, and during these years he was cared for in turn by his three daughters. At the service conducted in the Mildura chapel, the writer fittingly commended the daughters for the love and care they gave to a fine Christian father and gentleman. To the family, Eric (Maidstone), Mrs. Jardine (Mildura), Mrs. K. Chislett (Red Cliffs), and Mrs. G. Chislett (Boundary Bend), we extend our sympathy and prayers.—R. Will Marshall.

Stan J. Westerland.

On June 15, Stan Westerland passed away at his home in Minyip, Vic. He was 67 years of age, and will be sadly missed by both church and community. He made his stand to follow Christ late in life, but his life and action up to this time indicated his dormant faith. He joined the church in 1958 at Minyip. He served as deacon on the Minyip Board and was faithful in his attendance at the services of the church. Mr. Westerland has also served his community through the Minyip Council; he was formerly President of the Dunmunkle Shire. Approximately six years ago he suffered a stroke which paralysed one side of his body, but he continued to be active on the Council and in church. He did his utmost to prevent the closure of the church at Minyip prior to this eventually occurring in 1965. His membership was then transferred to the Warracknabeal church. The funeral service, which was conducted at Minyip, was attended by a large gathering from all parts of the community. Arthur Mansell, M.H.R., gave the tribute. The service was conducted by B. C. Snoxall, assisted by Rev. H. Abbey.—B. C. Snoxall.

George Emanuel Hall.

Mr. Hall died on June 21, at the age of 94 years, after 75 years of continuous active service in Churches of Christ in Qld. He was baptized in the Temperance Hall in Brisbane, in 1892, and served with Ann St. church until 1912, when he transferred to Albion. Here he served as deacon, treasurer and elder with great distinction. He accepted many tasks and performed all of them with a quiet devotion that was an example to all. Even as a very old man, he walked to both services every Sunday, and showed interest in all aspects of church work. One of his last acts was to convert an interest-free loan to the church to an outright gift. He lived to see his great-grandchildren actively engaged in church work. Dr. Jauncey conducted the funeral service, and referred to Mr. Hall's calm serenity during his last illness, and of the complete absence of any fear or resentment.

VICTORIAN NEWS

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

At the July Council meeting 166 delegates heard Dr. Keith Bowes, from the Dept. of Christian Union.

Mrs. Jack Smith was welcomed on her return from the New Hebrides, where she had served for 23 years. New Living Link, in place of Mrs. Smith, will be Shalini-bai Waghmode.

Total contribution for 1967 Golden Bag Appeal for C.O.B. was \$1,937.90.

Mr. McKenzie, representing Council of Christian Educ. in Schools, received a cheque for \$300 for Deaconess Appeal. A total of \$417.60 was collected and remainder will be paid at a later date.

Mrs. Lloyd led the intercessory prayer, remembering the families of Mrs. Withers, senr., and Mrs. Dawes, and also Mrs. Pettigrove, on the loss of her grandson, David Earl. Mrs. Dawes, who was 95, will be remembered for her work with "Dorcas" covering a period of 52 years.

Next Council meeting will be on Aug. 4, 8 p.m.—M. Nelson, asst.-sec.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

(Thomson, Vic.). Second anniversary of the church had D. A. V. Thomas, Belmont, as speaker. Monthly youth teas have been addressed by K. Ludgater (Missions), D. Drayton (slides of world tour), and Mr. Sellwood, of Colac, whose talk on Living Rocks drew an attendance of approximately 80 youth and adults. . . . Newly formed Y.W.L. is under the leadership of Misses M. Barker, F. and L. McVeron. . . . All local churches are co-operating in preparation for the Reggie Thomas Mission. . . . C.W.E.F. enjoyed Gemstone night given by W. Redhead. . . . At recent gospel service the men of the church took part in "An Interview with the Devil" discussion. . . . R. A. Banks is minister.

YOUTH RALLIES AT DUNOLLY

(Vic.). C.Y.F. were hosts to a Youth for Christ team from Melbourne on July 8-9. A Youth Rally on July 8 was attended by 95, with representatives from Bendigo, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maryborough and Wedderburn churches. Y.P. commenced Sunday with a prayer breakfast, followed by discussion and question time. The team then divided to lead morning worship at Bet Bet and Maryborough Churches of Christ, and Lannecoorie United Church. 80 folk joined in "Afternoon Musicale," when instrumental and vocal items concluded with a Christian challenge. After fellowship tea

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the evening service was the highlight of the weekend. A beautiful choral communion service was led by soloist, Gillian Hillier (Geelong), and the Choralaires Girls' Trio (Melb.), with Kelvin Green (Bendigo), at the electronic organ. A young man made his decision following the message from Steve Downie.

OFF THE RECORD

(Hartwell, Vic.). M. J. Savage is giving a special series of winter Sunday evening sermons for July and August, entitled "Off the Record," dealing with "Unknown Sayings of Jesus." Mr. Savage also showed slides of New Zealand. Special singing by choir, and soloist, Mrs. Willing, have added interest in special meetings. . . . A gift of \$30 for Hartwell building, or repairs, was received in a letter bearing Sydney postmark, but no signature or address. The church is grateful for this generous contribution from a friend. . . . C.Y.F. and Good Companions meeting in members' homes during building alterations. Roofing, door, and window frames now being fitted into position in new brick wall.

TO CONSIDER COLAC

(Vic.). The Dept. of H. M. and Evang. has met with Geelong and Ballarat churches to talk over work at Colac. . . . Student minister, Bernard Duff, was in W.A. with a College team recently. . . . Miss E. Tipping, from South Melbourne, showed slides of the work at Carnarvon, W.A. The secretary, Tony Jerome, has been in hospital for surgery.

DUPLICATOR PURCHASED

(Castlemaine, Vic.). C. W. Jackel is giving a series of chart addresses. . . . Christian Endeavour has commenced with 15. 11 attended Youth for Christ rally at Dunolly. . . . Laurence Hauser has entered camp for military training. . . . District Conference has been changed from Castlemaine to Harcourt for Aug. 5. . . . The C.W.F. at Harcourt and Castlemaine have purchased a Gestetner. 112 copies of the "Christian Link" are circulated weekly.

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NOTES AND NEWS

MR. and MRS. VEAL DELAYED.

The Veals have been delayed in returning to India. Due to the closing of the Suez Canal, the "Marconi" will not call at Bombay on its return journey to Europe. It may be possible for the Veals to travel as far as Singapore, and then continue by sea or air to Bombay.

However, no final arrangements can be made until they are granted visas by the Government of India. There has been a change in attitude by the Indian Government towards missionaries from Commonwealth countries wishing to enter India. Previously, while the granting of visas were restricted, as far as non-Commonwealth missionaries were concerned, they were readily granted to missionaries from Commonwealth countries.

Commonwealth missionaries no longer have this privilege, and visas are being refused in a number of cases. A notice in an Indian newspaper stated that each year the number of missionaries is to be reduced. This is a vital time in the history of missions in India.

We would request prayer that visas will be granted before long to the Veals, enabling them to return to India.

GIFT OF \$2,000.00 FOR MOBILE CLINIC.

The Overseas Mission Board has forwarded \$2,000.00 received from the Campbell Edwards Trust towards the purchase of a mobile clinic for use in Keith Skillicorn's work in India, which is associated with the Nawidih Leprosy Clinic.

The Leprosy Mission has agreed to find the balance of the money required.

60 TONS OF WHEAT FOR BIHAR.

A recent letter received from Keith Skillicorn advised that supplies of wheat were running low and soon, in one area, the only wheat he would have left would be the 500 bags we recently shipped. Arrangements are being made to send a further 60 tons, and it is expected that this consignment will leave Port Adelaide on the "Bulimba" early July. The

wheat is shipped to Calcutta and then transported overland to the area where the British Churches of Christ are working.

Mr. Skillicorn advises that the lives of thousands depend upon gift food supplies, which are the only source of food in many villages. To all who have given and continue to give for Wheat for India, we say most sincerely, "Thank you."

FEDERAL SECRETARY TO VISIT NEW GUINEA AND NEW HEBRIDES.

R. S. A. McLean leaves for New Guinea on July 16. He will spend several weeks in New Guinea visiting the areas where the mission is located, and attending the Annual Meetings, where he will conduct a workshop on Church Life. Following the New Guinea visit he will travel to the New Hebrides, via the Solomon Islands.

Mrs. S. Smith, from Qld., will travel to New Guinea at the same time as Mr. McLean, to attend the opening of the Hermann Memorial Hospital at Chungribu. Finance for the hospital was given by brethren in Qld., and it will be constructed by the Work Team which left for New Guinea on July 1.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of the late Mr. Hermann, who was Secretary for Overseas Missions in Qld. for many years.

DR. and MRS. WILLIAMS REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams will not be returning to India, as their son, Peter, has contracted Perth's disease, and will need special treatment during the next three years. The ministry of Dick and Joy Williams was greatly appreciated by the Indian people, and on behalf of the brotherhood, we sincerely thank them for their years of valuable service in India.

We sympathise with them, and with Peter, and pray that the treatment given may result in Peter being healed earlier than expected.

MRS. D. SMITH ARRIVES IN MELBOURNE.

Mrs. Dorothy Smith has returned from the New Hebrides and has joined her husband in Melbourne. Mr. Smith returned several weeks ago, and is Building Superintendent of Nicholas Building in Swanston-st., Melb.

As expressed in "A.C.," April 29, we are indeed grateful for the years of service rendered by Jack and Dorothy Smith, and pray for them as they take up a new sphere of work in Australia.

STORM DAMAGE, PENTECOST ISLAND.

A storm has severely damaged food gardens, plantation, and houses of native people on Pentecost Island. Buildings at the Banmatmat Bible College were damaged and there was six inches of mud on the floor of the chapel, students' kitchen and some of the students' houses. A number of buildings will have to be pulled down and re-built in another location on the mission property.

Yam gardens belonging to people and villages in South Pentecost were washed away in land slides. The yams were just ready to be dug. The water taro gardens are dry, as the irrigation channels are full of dirt and trees from land slides. If these gardens do not receive water within a month, the taro will die. This will mean that the people will be short of food for three years, as it takes this long to establish them. Government Officers have inspected the area and left one ton of rice and cases of meat. Four gardens at the Banmatmat Bible College were ruined. Mr. Eagling advised by cable that it is necessary to make an emergency purchase of cement and food.

"THE RIGHT TO DIE"

(Rochester, U.S.A.). Many of the 400 delegates to the National Methodist Convocation on Medicine and Theology applauded when Dr. E. H. Rynearson told them that doctors "should not try to keep 'dead' people alive."

Dr. Rynearson cited the experience of a woman kept in a nursing home for five years, in an unconscious state, at a cost of some \$50,000 to her family and the county polio fund. He urged a relative to consult her religious adviser and they agreed that the doctor should remove the tubes that were keeping the patient alive. An autopsy revealed that the woman "had no brain," he said.

The doctor suggested that hospital chaplains and clergymen ministers help make decisions in cases like this. "Why don't you step back and give them the mercy of death," he asked.

A theologian, Dr. Joseph Fletcher, said, "One of the most heart-breaking and increasingly common problems of medical care is whether we are justified in letting patients die, even though we have the medical means to keep them alive." He suggested that it was no longer a sound and reasonable ethic that doctors are "morally obliged to do everything they can to prolong life in patients as long as it is medically possible."

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THE CHURCH IN A CHANGING WORLD.

"As tall cranes hoist gleaming crosses to their roosting places atop the stylish spires of new temples, and soft carpet and bright glass go on stealing the hearts of God's people, we word-mongers with our Bible words and sacrament words and sermon words and prayer words and theology words . . . need soberly to admit that in effect the word 'church' does not mean 'ecclesia' or 'koinonia,' but just some whopping great big testament to the skill of architects and the pride and folly of trustees."

What our church seems to mean to this writer is "shoddy workmanship, bad manners, loose leadership, misapplication of money, petty dictatorships, waste of resources, neglect of need, slum standards, foolish judgments, back-scratching, bullying, and buckpassing."

Now to be impatient with this kind of clever and cheap claptrap is not to identify oneself with the reactionaries or those who resist change, no matter how desperately it may be needed. But the renewal of the church will not be helped by a thoroughly distorted picture which lacks even the slightest acknowledgment of any good to be found anywhere in the church.

Constructive criticism has its value, and indeed men who have given all the best years of their lives to the church will not resent even being chastised for their failures, if by such means good will come. What they have the right to ask is that

the chastiser stands secure in his own integrity and is not resorting to clever words in order to escape the rigours of creative sharing in the tasks and sacrifices of renewal.

—"The Spectator."

NOT ALL VICIOUS.

The community has been greatly disturbed of late by many reports of adverse, and at times, vicious behaviour exhibited by groups of uncontrolled youths. Such conduct is deplorable, and responsible citizens will readily agree that all lawful avenues to suppress such deviations from normal behaviour must receive full support.

Yet we must not be discouraged, for we are surrounded by thousands of young people who have learned to make sense of themselves and have invested their lives with true values and a high sense of discipline together with social and moral responsibility.

Unfortunately, these young people do not receive the commendation which their sane and balanced living merits. The adverse codes of living prevalent at present are considered news value.

—"Melbourne's Manhood" (Y.M.C.A.).

I AM OPPOSED.

I am opposed to the idea, used by many ministers, of "inviting a friend to come to church with you," on the assumption that this is a good way of introducing them to Christian activities.

When a newcomer does come to church he must sit through an hour long service, consisting partly of hymns sung to impossible tunes, and mostly of talk on subjects which are unlikely to be related to his needs and interests. On the way out he will have his hand shaken by one minister, one minister's wife, and two elders; and if one of the church members is enthusiastic then he may be invited to the Men's Fellowship (or a working bee), and his wife will be invited to the next meeting of the Ladies' Guild. Anyone who knows these organisations must realise that they are hardly the best way to introduce people to Christianity; but, unfortunately, they are all we have.

— R. S. Morris in "Aust. Pres. Life."

STORYTIME

"BLAST OFF"

The story is told of Tagore, the great Indian poet, that one morning his servant did not arrive at the usual time. Like many other poets and philosophers — and even preachers — Tagore was helpless regarding household matters. His servant "redded" the house, prepared meals, saw that his master's clothes were laid out, and so on. Without his servant Tagore could neither eat nor work nor rest.

At first he chafed and fretted, thought up what punishments he would inflict; and then, as the servant was still absent, he resolved to dismiss him immediately he appeared — if ever he did appear!

It was midnight instead of early morning before the man appeared and, without a word, he began his duties. Tagore's temper rose higher with the passing minutes, and at last he shouted: "Drop everything and get out."

The man finished the particular chore on which he was engaged, and then said quietly, "My little girl died last night."

—"Christian Advocate."

CHOOSING DEACONS.

The election of deacons is one of the most important matters ever to face a church. It far outweighs such functional issues as adoption of a budget, decision on building, or even the choosing of leaders for the various church organisations.

The office of deacon, like that of pastor, is clearly outlined in the New Testament. Deacons are set apart to serve God in a special way. For this reason the ordination of a deacon is a high hour for the individual and for the church. In the 3rd chapter of 1 Timothy, and also in the 6th chapter of Acts, are given the qualifications for deacons and the origin of the office.

. . . Every church member should consider carefully the Biblical qualifications of those under consideration for deacon. Every deacon should weigh soberly the responsibility placed upon him.

—"The Aust. Baptist."

WHAT KIND OF INVOLVEMENT?

"The key to success of the missionary programme of the church is summed up in one word, involvement."

For some, involvement means only shallow, superficial interest. Others are concerned for schools, hospitals, and institutions, and they give generously out of philanthropic interest. But they make it clear that their gifts may be used only for such enterprises — no need for evangelism.

Others fall into the category of spasmodic involvement. They begin well and have tremendous intentions, but they soon become "dropouts." Another group is the procrastinators. Tomorrow, when the mortgage and the bills are paid, they will become involved.

But there is a minority group who know something of deep involvement in the God-given prime task of his church. They have faced the fact that total involvement means dedication, not just once for all, but in the day-to-day decisions that make the difference.

—"Missionary Standard."

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THE MESOPOTAMIAN MUDDLE. After the bungling in the Gallipoli campaign it is most disheartening to read of the calamitous expedition to Mesopotamia. General Duff, the Commander in Chief in India, evidently received information of the concentration of Turks at Baghdad in time to prevent the advance of General Nixon, and the final calamity to the brave troops. There was an ill-advised advance with the forlorn hope of somehow muddling through to Baghdad. The unfortunate results have been so distressing it is reasonable to expect that those who are to blame should be fittingly punished.—J. E. Thomas.

HOME MISSION EGGS. Castlemaine church is to have an egg day each month for Vic. Home Missions. The value of all eggs laid on the 25th day of each month is to be devoted to this cause.

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— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT
ENCOURAGEMENT

A little bit of encouragement often goes a long way. Dr. Fosdick tells of a lad in Brooklyn who was given up in despair by his mother because he seemed to be addicted to trash, enjoying nothing so much as cheap cigarettes to smoke and cheap tales to read. Then a librarian got hold of him, "What do you like to read?" he asked. "Detective stories." "Have you ever read Thomas Bailey Aldrich's 'The Story of a Bad Boy'?" It is one of the best detective stories ever written," said the librarian.

So the boy took the book home and, retaining it a week longer than he usually kept books, returned it, saying, "That is the best book I ever read. Got any more?"

The librarian was also a field lecturer in geology, and along with feeding the boy better and better books, he persuaded him to go on a field trip with his class. As the lecturer unfolded the story written in the rock, soil and fossils of the earth, he saw the boy, legs apart, arms akimbo, eyes protruding with amazed interest.

Going home, the lad sidled up to him. "I never heard anything like that in all my life," he said. "Are there any books on it?" So he began reading geology and, to make a long story short, that lad, once addicted to trash, became a professor of geology in a great university.

A little bit of encouragement, you see, often goes a long way. One of the finest things we can give to other people is encouragement. I know there are times when we need criticism and challenge. There are some people among us who, by their wit, and by their sharpness of discernment, are well suited to play the part of the gadfly to their fellows, to sting and worry us out of complacency or smugness. But for all that, I think our deepest need is for encouragement and for encouragers.

I know there are some people who have such a strong belief in themselves they never fall prey to discouragement—like young Benjamin Disraeli, who was jeered down during his first speech in Parliament but, believing in himself, figuratively shook his fists in the faces of his critics and cried, "The time will come when you will hear me!" And with his superb confidence in himself and his cause, Disraeli rose to become Queen Victoria's beloved Prime Minister.

There are those who are not easily deflated, but they are few compared with the vast majority who are all too easily discouraged. Sorrow, disappointment, failure, the errors and mistakes which sometimes have such dire and tragic consequences, add up to a depressing weight of discouragement and hopelessness.

There are not only the ordinary critics and disparagers amongst our companions and acquaintances who discourage us,

but there are also the clever ones, gifted and sharp-witted, who write plays and novels, and pungent articles designed to disparage the whole human race, and to make a mock of every single aspiration we have. These perverted intellectuals, prostituting their powers with their rapier thrusts, destroy faith and hope and self-respect in their fellows and are responsible to a great degree for the appalling decline in decency and the once commonly accepted moral standards amongst us.

Why they do it, and what they get out of it, I can never understand. Surely we can all see it is much finer and better to be an encourager of our fellows. This is what the Christian gospel is all about. Jesus Christ was an incurable encourager of mankind. He always looked at people in terms of their possibilities.

When others looked for the worst in people, Jesus always looked for the best. He valued men not at all for what they possessed, not primarily for what they had done, not even for what they were, but most of all for what they might yet become.

If we look for the worst we shall find it. It may shock us and call forth our condemnation, which will only discourage our fellows. If we look for the best we shall find it and, finding it, we may call it forth, to set it free from its tramelling inhibitions and quicken it into yet greater beauty. So the encouragement Jesus brought changed the vacillating, undependable Simon the fisherman into Peter the Rock, brought the turning point in the life of Mary Magdalene, and lifted the miserly little tax-gatherer Zacchaeus to his full stature as a son of Abraham.

There was a beggar whose "pitch" was near the window of an artist's studio. From his window the artist painted the beggar and then called him in to see the portrait. The beggar did not recognize himself. "Who is it?" he asked, and then, as recognition dawned, "Can it be me?" he asked incredulously. "That is the man as I see him," said the artist. The beggar made a sublime reply, "If that is the man you see, that is the man I will be."

One of the finest things we can give to others is encouragement. To say the encouraging thing — to live an encouraging life — is to be like Jesus Christ.

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"IN DESPERATE BIHAR"

Under this heading the Indian columnist, Shay Lal, wrote of the conditions in the Indian State of Bihar. It is in Bihar that Keith and Ruth Skillicorn are working under the British Churches of Christ. Shay Lal wrote in an Indian daily newspaper recently, following his own visit to the famine stricken areas of that State: "Mothers vainly trying to suckle babies to keep them from crying constantly."

The article continued to speak of the food distribution centres, where "food was prepared for 250 people, whilst 600 stand in line with the hollow look of starvation in their eyes and a tight ring of white around their mouths."

The columnist asked why those handling the food distribution did not feed just the 250, and feed them adequately, rather than spread what was prepared for the 600 who stood in line. He was, in turn asked, "What would you do about the 350 who received none?" The ever-present and the unanswerable question of Bihar!

Shay Lal wrote of the searing west wind blowing through Bihar, and of the complete failure of the crops. "Desperate Bihar" is in no way an exaggeration of the conditions.

Dr. D. E. Rugh, Assistant Director of CORAGS (Commission on Relief and Gift Supplies) for the National Christian Council of India, led an investigation team which toured extensively in the famine areas and reported: This particular area of Bihar "is cut off by high mountains and is 17 miles from the nearest village, where there is a post office served by a runner. Except for the Skillicorns, Australian missionaries of the British Churches of Christ Mission, there is no one maintaining a link with the outside world and bringing medical aid and relief. This particular pocket of more than 20,000 persons is suffering the worst of any that the team saw in their trip of more than 2,000 miles."

Keith Skillicorn wrote of the relief projects being sponsored by the mission. These are "mostly earthen dams — up to 1,000 feet long, 30 feet wide at the base, 25-30 feet high, and one of them big enough to drive a jeep along the top. It amazes me that so much earth can be moved on the heads of humans in such a short time. They cut 100 cubic feet of earth for 50 ozs. of wheat." There are 4,000 workers employed on the work projects, so that through these projects some 20,000 persons are being fed by the Skillicorns.

In a glance at the long range results of the projects, Keith says that the face of the land can never be the same again, and reports that "we now have two jeeps going flat out. I have a fellow responsible for filling up one jeep and trailer with grain and petrol, while I deliver in the other. Then we return — I step out of that jeep into the other. Ruth is generally ready with refreshments, and off we go, leaving the jeep just used to be filled with wheat and petrol."

Keith, in the same letter, writes what must be a masterpiece of understatement when he records that Ruth handles the "vehicles very nicely!" "The other day Ruth made five jeep and trailer trips with 17 bags of wheat, over shocking roads, and through two rivers, with four-wheel drive and special gears engaged."

One does not have to read far in the letters and reports to come across phrases descriptive of the general conditions of the people of Bihar. Keith wrote "that the physical condition of the people is degenerating fast and four have so far died in this immediate area. Three died whilst working on the earth dams." And again, "even the vultures are having a hard time in the famine. Last week, when a cow died whilst trying to crash through the fence into our garden, the tribes people came and collected the carcass and carted it away for food before the vultures could get at it."

Behind this comment one senses the vast misery of the people of desperate Bihar; a misery that here in affluent Australia we cannot even begin to comprehend. When we do begin to feel with these people, so much stands in the way — barriers more formidable than that of distance — our own ease and apathy, the flimsy pieces of paper called import and/or export licenses, the restrictions imposed by government authorities, and so on.

Large shipments of both wheat and milk supplied by Australian Churches of Christ have been diverted to assist the Skillicorns in Bihar. For this help Keith writes again and again in gratitude.

(This report was supplied by Neil Gilmour from information supplied by Dr. R. W. Dungan).

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AID TO MIDDLE EAST

(Geneva). Responses to the W.C.C.'s appeal for \$2,000,000 to aid Near East refugees are coming from many churches and councils of churches around the world. These take the form of cash contributions and pledges, as well as urgently needed supplies and foodstuffs.

Major shipments of necessary items have already been sent to war victims in the Near East. Two charter planes from Germany carried 2,000 blankets, 2,000 sheets, 1,900 towels and 200 large tents to Amman, Jordan. These will be distributed at the Scnelier School, a concentration point for refugees, and by the United Nations through UNRWA.

A third plane-load of supplies from Germany included one ton of clothing destined for the Near East Council of Churches' operation at Amman.

In response to a cable from Father Paul Verghese, reporting a large movement of people toward Damascus and Dera'a, the Danish churches flew 1,000 blankets, 1,800 tins of fish, three tons of milk powder and a supply of anti-biotics to Aleppo, Syria, on June 26.

Another airlift of supplies went to Amman from Church World Service. It contained blankets, layettes, army tents, two million vitamin tablets, two tons of milk powder and heavy clothing. CWS headquarters in Athens is shipping an additional supply of bedding and blankets.—E.P.S.

RESIDENCE PLAN CONDEMNED

(Salisbury). Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church in Rhodesia have condemned plans to introduce residential laws in Rhodesia.

Earlier the Christian Council of Rhodesia had passed, without dissent, a resolution expressing displeasure at proposals for separate development of the various racial communities.

The Bishop of Mashonaland, the Rt. Rev. Cecil Anderson, called the proposals "dangerous, indefensible and a confession of Christian failure."

"Deliberate segregation, whether voluntary or enforced, hinders the development of the segregated on both sides. In a land where history has cast together people of very differing sorts, segregation is not merely fratricidal but suicidal. It stunts the growth and life not only of my brother man, but of myself . . ." he said.—E.P.S.



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THE LAST WORD

Heaven and Earth.

Mary . . . sat the Lord's feet . . .
but Martha was distracted with much
serving.

—Luke 10: 39, 40.

I sit at the door between two worlds;
Their perfume drifts to me.
The smell of the wild wet rainy woods,
And the Apple sauce for tea,
Two of me . . . and which is true?
Am I bounded by sky or walls?
Life will be waiting out in the field
After the rooftree falls!

—Annabel Ledlie Berry.



Of two evils choose neither.

—Spurgeon.



Many a meandering discourse one
hears in which the preacher aims at
nothing and hits it.

—Archbishop Whately.



Definition:

Prejudice: Being down on anything
you're not up on.



God save the fools, and don't let 'em
run out, else how can wise men get a
living?

—Josh Billings.



The nation which refuses to perspire
will soon expire.



Smith: I'll bet you \$5 you can't say,
The Lord's Prayer without a single mis-
take.

Jones: I'll take that bet. "Now I lay
me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my
soul to keep. If I should die before I
wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

Smith: Well, I'll be darned, Here's the
money. I never thought you could do it.