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BLACK POWER AND WHITE STAIN

A new chapter on the agony of race relationships is being written in the U.S.A., and the names of Detroit, Newark, Rochester, Cambridge and Pontiac have new places in history as signposts of tragedy.

The incidents which triggered off the current riots were bewilderingly trivial. Indeed, they have been stated as being quite unrelated to racial problems and racial discrimination. Speaking of the Detroit troubles, one policeman said, "This wasn't a race riot, it was a riot of thieves." Some support for this could be found in the fact that Detroit has no Negro slum or ghetto. Most of the negroes live in self-contained homes that would compare favourably with Australian middle-class residences. It could hardly be claimed that Detroit negroes were revolting against their poverty. President Johnson, no doubt, was influenced by these factors when he said that arson, pillage and murder have nothing to do with civil rights.

Further, it could be argued that police stupidity and even brutality were responsible for some of the escalation of violence. If the newspaper reports are accurate, some of the actions of the police were as foolish as the spokesmen for "black power" were provocative. Such spokesmen have been openly calling for violent action, even guerilla warfare, against the whites.

Nevertheless, if some of the activities appear to have little resemblance to legitimate expressions of civil rights demands, the real reason for the riots will be found in this area. It is because of the long-standing relegation to the status of second-class citizenship, and the deep-seated resentment at social discrimination, educational hardships, and lack of employment opportunities, that the apparently small items trigger off such large explosions.

A very small fuse can start a large bomb, and the negro problem is charged with explosive elements. A flint-like action, or even word, tossed carelessly, arrogantly, or even accidentally into this situation can produce destruction in a dozen different ways. The voices of black moderation and white friendship are alike too weak to be heard among the blazing tempers, burning buildings, smashing windows, and gunfire.

The cost is heavy in lives and property damage, but the cost will be even greater if it results in the loss of goodwill of many civil rights leaders who have been urging patience and seeking peaceful solutions.

The progress that has been made toward a solution is tremendous—on paper. But much of it has been in legislation for equality rather than public acceptance of the principle of equality. The nation's leaders may denounce discrimination, but if discrimination is practised by the men and women in whose society the negro has to work, live and worship, it will be the attitudes of the neighbours rather than the judgment of the courts which will influence the negro's actions.

Some human problems seem to be beyond solving, but greater efforts will have to be made to solve this one. Failure to do so will herald a repetition of Newark and Detroit in many other cities. It will be more than unfortunate if extra effort to find an answer is thought to be the result of fear of further violence and damage. Justice, too long delayed, and not present fear, should be the stimulus for action. If ever there was a situation where the answer lies in the area of Christian concern for justice and Christian acceptance of practice of brotherhood, this is it.

As we share in the anxiety of the Americans for their people and their country, we might well remind ourselves that the dark people of our own land are still awaiting justice and acceptance as brothers.

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CLOUDS

*Clouds in the sky,
I cannot judge you,
I have no standards
by which to judge clouds.
I can only behold you
in God's perfect plan,
And rejoice!*

*Man on the street,
I will not judge you,
I will not accept
the world's standard of men.
I will only behold you
as God's own image,
And rejoice!*

—Shirley Winston.

• A LOOK AT EVANGELISM



The general theme is The Gospel, but the particular question to be discussed is: "Can modern secular man do without God?"

Speaking as a Christian, I must, of course, give with conviction, the immediate response — "NO!"

Man — be he modern man of learning and culture, or some ignorant peasant of antiquity — cannot do without God.

In the language of the Scriptures, man is "lost" outside of God.

Yet there is a profound sense in which this kind of short answer will not do. For it fails to come to grips with the reality of a world of men which is overwhelmingly unresponsive to the overtures of God, and has turned its back on the evangelistic thrust of the church.

In the context of a world which lives as though it does not need "the hypothesis of God," to use Laplace's phrase, one cannot blandly affirm man's need of God and leave it at that.

It is necessary to face with honesty the contradiction posed by a world in which man needs God, yet does not desire him.

We must look more closely at what is meant by the term "modern secular man."

Modern Secular Man

In the writings of a number of theologians and sociologists we find our present day described as a "secular age," and modern man spoken of as "secular man." What are these scholars trying to say about modern man and his world?

By way of general comment, it should be said that the word "secular" is given a somewhat different meaning from that found in the dictionary.

It is not, for example, intended to suggest a secular realm of the world over against the sacred realm of God — in the sense of an area of worldly existence apart from God.

This is portion of an address given by Graham H. Gilmour, President of Conf., Vic.-Tas. Churches of Christ, as one of a series in "A Look at Evangelism," a programme sponsored by the Dept. of H.M. and Evang., the Dept. of Christian Educ., and the Federal College of the Bible. The final article in this series, by Dr. L. E. Jones, will appear in the next issue. It is entitled "Evangelism: Its Doctrinal Basis."

Nor does the word secular, as currently used, suggest the militant atheism which has in the past often been conveyed by the word "secularism" — in company with kindred terms such as "humanism" and "rationalism."

Contemporary writers, in using the word "secular" and "secularisation" are pointing rather to what they regard as an inevitable world-wide process of history in which all men — including Christians — are caught up.

Secularisation is seen as the emergence of man from the darkness of ignorance into the light of knowledge. The discoveries of science, the advances in technology, the development of cities, and the spread of education released man from bondage and dependency and gave him new knowledge, power and freedom.

Of particular interest for our present purpose, man was released from "tutelage to religious control."

Among other things, this meant that the domination of ecclesiastical bodies over man was broken. The ordering of his life was no longer subject to the direction of priest or pontiff. With the decline in the directive authority of the church we find men pursuing knowledge without any conscious reference either to the church or what the church believed and taught.

Accordingly natural science grew up, not under the umbrella of theology which had always been acknowledged as the "Queen of Sciences," but as an independent "secular" pursuit of knowledge.

The present stage of secularisation in the Western World needs little elaboration. The greater part of the life of society, of the family and of the individual — including in some ways that of the Christian himself — has been organised without any conscious reference to religion or the church.

If the land is unfruitful, we build dams and irrigate; if pestilence strikes, we organise communal inoculations; if the rains fail, we seed the clouds with dry ice. That is, both the problems and their solution are seen as practical technological issues rather than theological ones.

The Church and Secularisation

One illuminating sidelight here is the significant contribution which the Pro-

MODERN SECULAR MAN AND GOD

BY G. H. GILMOUR

testant Reformation made to the emergence of secularisation. In breaking the control of the medieval Roman Church over art, literature, politics and society, the Reformers aided and abetted the destruction of Christendom and paved the way for our present secular society.

The servants of the gospel have been instruments of secularisation in other ways too. In his excellent little book, "Honest Religion for Secular Man," Dr. Lesslie Newbigin, formerly a missionary to India, has described what he terms the secularisation of Indian culture by the Christian gospel. He tells how missionaries fought with perseverance for the abolition of untouchability, the dowry system and temple prostitution, and for the spread of education and medical service. In all of this they destroyed the fabric of an ancient religious society.

Newbigin goes on to say, "Looking back, the missionary is compelled to recognise that, whether he intended it or not, he has been an agent of secularisation."

It is interesting to note that the primitive church fulfilled what can be thought of as a secularising role in the Roman culture. The Christians were even accused of atheism. They refused to attend the sacred games, to burn incense before the statue of the deified Emperor, or to embrace the various popular superstitions.

In a profound sense, secularisation can be recognised as the gift of God. Seen in this light, the discoveries of science are the unveiling by God of the mysteries of the Universe, so that man might be free from the enslavement of mind and spirit which feeds on ignorance.

For this reason the Christian ought not to hanker nostalgically for the good old "pre-secular days" before man's knowledge of himself and his world became a problem.

One is reminded of Paul's word to the Galatians (4: 8) —

"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were in bondage to beings that by nature are no gods; but now that you have come to know God, or rather be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more?"

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"MODERN SECULAR MAN AND GOD"

All of this is not to say that secularisation is necessarily hospitable to the Christian gospel. Secularisation has merely given man a new freedom.

— It is open to man, through the Holy Spirit, to recognise the source and purpose of that freedom, to turn to God, and to accept the responsible life which he offers.

— But it is equally open to him to mistake the liberty for licence, to ignore the source and giver of life, and to pursue a way of purposeless self-indulgence.

There is always a danger in using expressions such as "modern secular man." Generalisations of this kind tend to conceal the deep individual differences which set each man apart from his fellows.

Take, for example, one specimen of modern secular man. We shall call him **Ross Bardsley** — though this is not his real name. At 45, this energetic business executive is both successful and respected.

A man of keen humanitarian concern, he is active in various welfare organisations and gives himself unstintingly to a variety of good causes. But there is one notable gap in his many-sided life. The things of God have no place in it. Bardsley rarely speaks of either God or the church, and when he does it is to announce his unbelief in the one and his unconcern for the other.

Yet by any human standard he is a good fellow. One is reminded of the thought-provoking question of Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy — "Why aren't all the best chaps Christians?"

Bardsley is one example of modern secular man, but how different he is from **Harvey James**. A younger man of 32, James is a ne'er-do-well who has never held down a job for longer than eight months. His consuming interests in life are the hotel, the football and the T.A.B. office. He has never been to church and has no memory of Christian nurture of any kind.

Harvey James is a happy pagan. Life for him is experienced at the most superficial level.

One could go on, telling of **Halford Johnson**, who finally rejected Christianity in disgust when he could no longer bear the religion of fear taught him in the church of his early training; or of young **Susan Feltsham**, who lost her faith in third year medicine; or again, of **Warren French**, for whom the experience of University and professional life as a physicist only served to mature and strengthen his faith in God.

These and a host of other unique human beings go to make up that class we describe as modern secular man.

Modern Man Needs God

Does modern man need God?

The picture of modern secular man is of one who has within his hands unprecedented knowledge and power.

And yet, accompanying man's mastery of his world we must set the fact of his increasing estrangement from God.

Why, in the face of the apparent evidence to the contrary does the Christian contend that man needs God?

The plain fact is that man on his own is failing.

At the individual level man's brashness and evident self-sufficiency are a skimpy cloak concealing a deep malaise. Pointers to this are to be found in the incidence of neurosis and psychosomatic illness, the enormous consumption of tranquillizers, the dependence upon alcohol, and the alarming suicide levels. Overarching all, there is evidence of a widespread sense of the meaninglessness of life.

The lamentable failure of living in community requires little commentary — the seemingly intractable problems of war, industrial conflict, marital disharmony, racial prejudice and class bitterness, all bear eloquent testimony to the inadequacy of man's much-vaunted "know-how."

The chronic failure of man in terms of individual adjustment and communal harmony is rendered all the more poignant when we recall his accomplishments in the physical sciences.

He who can control the world cannot curb his own nature; his mastery of "means" only accentuates the poverty of his chosen "ends."

HOME MISSIONARY, B. STITT, REPORTS . . .

Bridgetown and Manjimup, W.A.

"Small beginnings" is a theme of Home Missions: — The Bridgetown - Manjimup area is such a place of small beginnings.

Our pastoral concern ranges 70 miles along the South West Highway, over rural and forest land, rural villages, forestry settlements and towns. The two largest towns are — Bridgetown (pop. 1,567), and Manjimup (pop. 3,186), with a hinterland population of about 10,000. A church membership of 22 at Bridgetown (together with Home Missions) faced the task of evangelising this region. Its first full-time ministry commenced in Sept., 1964. The church enlarged its horizons, and activities led to wider and wider personal contacts through missions, children's missions, Bible reading campaigns, visitation, C.E., films, social welfare, ministry to schools, clubs, etc. Woman to Woman evangelism and club activities have had exciting results. The S.S. grew from 30 to 55, and primary school scripture group from 5 to 40. J.C.E. and Boys' Brigade, both new ventures, have 25 members and 52 boys and 5 officers, respectively.

But it is not in these things that we have the yardstick of progress. It is in the patient face to face encounter that we find God moving.

There is a thrill in the response to the gospel call in large church evangelism, but in a town like Manjimup, there is no congregation, no church, no

Man needs a power beyond himself to save him from the product of his frailty, waywardness and sin. In short, he needs God.

Yet something more needs to be said. Is man's survival the only issue in salvation? Is it, after all, just a case of man's extremity being God's opportunity? Just another instance of the sinking ship provoking the all but hopeless cry, "To prayers! To prayers! All is lost"?

I do not believe that man needs God only as a "prop" for his failure.

The positive note must also be sounded.

If modern secular man is to respond in faith to the gospel, it will, of course, be as he is convicted of his sin before God, of the poverty of life without God. But more than this, it will be as he hears the positive challenge of God to responsible discipleship, as he is made aware of the wisdom of God for creative citizenship, and as he is enjoined to receive the power of God for purposeful service.

Above all, the springs of faith will be quickened as he sees that by the grace of God his own life may henceforth bear the impress of him who lived the abundant life; who came that we might no longer be slaves but might receive the adoption of sons.

MASS MOVEMENT

After 21 years of independence Indonesia still remains a strangely revolutionary nation. Even casual visitors get the impression that nothing is permanent and all things are passing away.

In the midst of all this ferment a new revolution is taking place. While not yet heralded by newspaper headlines, it is nevertheless significant and may eventually affect the destiny of the land.

For the whole country is in the grip of a mass movement to Christianity unique in modern church history. It must be many years since such a decided swing was recorded in any part of the world.

Figures are difficult to verify, but it appears that Christians must now number about 10 per cent of the population, and in a country of 104 million people this would represent an increase of perhaps two million members in the last three-five years. In almost every island, local churches show staggering increases, and the establishment of new congregations is a daily occurrence. Central Java, for example, had less than 30,000 members according to the 1961 data, but today there are over 100,000 Christians in the area.

MASS BAPTISMS

I spoke with many church leaders in Indonesia recently and all had their own accounts of current events. One spoke of visiting the Kurabata region in North Sumatra. The small church in that place set high standards for church membership and insisted on at least six months' training for anyone seeking baptism. In October, when my friend was present, there was a mass baptism of 2,000 people, and this was followed in the next three months by two further services at each of which 4,000 were also baptized.

These converts all came from animist or pagan backgrounds, and there are estimates that a further 90,000 others are on the move toward Christian faith. The integration of these thousands strains the total church resources, and it is a measure of their acceptance of responsibility that five other churches in Indonesia have sent a total of 45 ministers into Kurabata to help in their work.

Mr. O'Grady is Assistant Secretary of the N.Z. Council of Churches.

INDONESIA TURNS TO CHRISTIANITY

BY RON O'GRADY

In addition the theological colleges of Sumatra are running a crash programme to give young men and women a year's training in pastoral work, so that they can become parish assistants.

Such is the snowball effect of this movement that in some places it is even possible to trace it to its actual beginning. In a remote area of Central Java it all began two years ago through the influence of a small boy.

This young village boy went to school in the city of Salatiga, and returned home in the holidays with a New Testament from the school. In his village the Communist influence was strong and the Christian church had disappeared. Each evening the boy made it his practice to read the Biblical stories to his brothers and sisters. Soon the adults became intrigued and gathered around. and before long the neighbours were there each night as well. The life of Christ moved them to tears and it was agreed that they must learn more.

One of their number journeyed to the city and asked the pastor to tell the group more of the message of Christianity. When the minister arrived an audience of 150 people awaited him. Six months later the whole group was baptized. The membership doubled, then trebled, and in two years since the little boy read his Bible, over 10,000 persons have joined the church. Currently they are working in the hill area of Mt. Kidul, among primitive villagers, and they have 8,000 of these people attending catechism classes.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Naturally church leaders are busier than ever to meet the new needs which appear daily. I spoke with the General Secretary of the Indonesian Council of Churches, Dr. Simon Marantika.

He related how last August he received a visit from the Army Major in charge of the central Djakarta prison. So many of the prisoners had requested instruction in Christianity that the Major had decided to approach the Council. Dr. Marantika agreed to speak in the prison.

Each Sunday he found an average attendance of 200 men waiting for him, with many seeking further instruction. On Easter of this year he baptized 57 important political prisoners, all of whom

awaited trial or death for their subversive political activities. In most of the prison cells these new converts conduct daily Bible study groups.

"I never preach Christianity as an ideology," explained Dr. Marantika, "it is not the task of the church to preach its faith as opposed to any 'ism.' I just tell these men in simple language of Jesus the man, and they make their own response to his call."

He went on to detail the latest request which came from army headquarters. It was for more than 300 chaplains, but the Council could only find 15. Once again special courses were introduced to theological colleges to try to meet the need by next year.

A YOUNG PASTOR

One of the prominent youth workers is Dr. Soritua Nababan, who was in Australia and New Zealand in 1965/66. He compared the indifference of so many of our young people with the new attitude he finds in Djakarta.

This is best typified by a monthly Bible study group which he runs for city young people. More than 200 attend each meeting and they study the Bible at depth, often using the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. He asked how many of our New Zealand or Australian youth would attend such a programme.

Yet groups like this are sprouting like mushrooms in Indonesia and cover all areas of life. Another small group run by Dr. Nababan has in its membership five Army Generals.

SEARCHING FOR REASONS

Events in Indonesia are now dated as before or after the attempted coup of September 30, 1965. There were isolated reports of stirrings in Christianity before this time, but the events following were the real seal on this mass movement.

What made this happening possible?

Following the abortive coup, weeks of massacre and pillage racked the islands. While this affected every group, the Christian church, which had always been a strongly nationalistic body stood strangely aloof. Taking seriously the

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MASS MOVEMENT TO CHRISTIANITY IN INDONESIA

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commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," they were outspoken against the often needless bloodshed, and this seems to have been both understood and respected by the people.

Almost every preacher began to speak on the dignity of man and the sacredness of human life. In retrospect we can see that the nation was overdue for such an emphasis and it was instrumental in restoring some stability to the land.

The events surrounding the fall of former President Soekarno also give a glimpse into the integrity of the church. Towards the close of his Presidency, Soekarno began to demand that various organisations should offer him special honours. In many cases these were flowery, highly coloured titles that described him as the Saviour of the People, the Immortal Leader, and so on. While most groups complied, the church, although under pressure, refused to make any similar gesture since it was claimed that the President was simply a man under God and should not receive such accolades.

When Soeharto took over and assembled his first cabinet a new face of the church was seen. Opening prayers were given by the leaders of each of the three religions, but only the Christian chaplain was willing to pray for the fallen leader Soekarno. Perhaps this is always the strength of the church — to give ultimate honour only to God, and to share in the suffering of those who are rejected.

It is too early to foresee what will be the ultimate outcome of this remarkable religious movement. Certainly it can be said that it gives considerable hope for a nation which has already suffered greatly in the birth-pangs of independence. Potentially, Indonesia is one of the great nations of the world. If this current surge toward Christianity can aid Indonesia in its struggle for a place in the sun, then it is greatly to be welcomed.

DONATIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST REFUGEES

(Geneva). Gifts and pledges amounting to \$216,037 had been received as of July 11, towards the World Council of Churches' \$2,000,000 appeal for funds to meet refugee needs in the Middle East. These came from churches, church agencies and individuals in Denmark, Germany, Canada, the U.S.A., United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, France, Finland, Switzerland and the Cameroun.

The Inter-Church Aid Division of the Australian Council of Churches announced a donation of A\$10,000 (\$11,200) and launched an emergency appeal among Australian churches and the general public. Funds received in this campaign are being sent direct to the W.C.C. to purchase tents and blankets for refugees on both sides.—E.P.S.

IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

IF THE LITTLE IS NOT DESPISED BECAUSE IT IS LITTLE

Long years ago men of wisdom discerned that "better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked" (Psalm 37: 16). It is intriguing to determine what is the content of "the little." It is only partial insight to think of it in terms of a comparison of righteous poverty with unrighteous affluence. A man's righteousness is transmuted to his possessions giving possessions new and higher values.

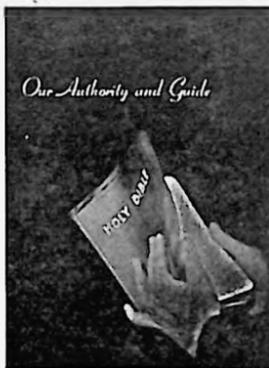
Early in the history of mankind it was established that little is much when God is in it. The widow of Zarephath's barrel of meal and cruse of oil contained only enough for one meal, but the little became much when God took over. "The barrel of meal and the cruse of oil wasted not according to the Word of the Lord which he spake by Elijah" (1 Kings 17: 16).

Fascination is given to little things. It was so with the Hebrew man of wisdom, the writer of Proverbs: "Of four little things in nature, wise men cannot match the skill. How puny a race the ants, that hoard their food in harvest time; how defenceless the rock-rabbits that hide their burrows in the clefts. No prince hath the locusts, yet ever they march in rank; the lizard climbs high, and makes its home in the palaces of kings."

The potential power of little things that constitute the world attracts us with awe and fear. For thousands of years men have talked about the atom — the smallest, the indivisible particle of matter. But now the little thing makes possible the exploration of the greatest thing. So the two are linked inseparably. The infinitely small constitutes the infinitely great. "Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the desert land."

It was the little things that amazed the mind of Paul, as is evident in the letter he wrote to the church in Corinth: "Think what sort of people you are. Few of you are men of wisdom, by any human standard; few are powerful or highly born. Yet, to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts folly, and to shame the strong, has chosen what the world counts weakness. He has chosen things low and contemptible, mere nothings, to overthrow the existing order" (1 Cor. 1: 26-28).

The science of right living is the science of little things in relation to character. Big gates swing on little hinges. The strongest man, Samson, gives the strongest argument for attention to little things. He forfeited his physical and spiritual prowess because he relaxed on habits that contributed to his giant strength. Spiritual strength is the result of attention to small things, minor habits reinforce the major. Samson's beginnings ought to have produced a splendid ending. His parentage, his upbringing, his natural disposition, his great endowments, his possession of the Spirit of God, were all in his favour. His failure was not the result of one bad mistake, but rather relaxing on ideals and on inattention to habits that produced the strength. He gradually went over to the side of the enemy by slowly deserting his ideals, and consorting with those of lower ideals. The evil result was so gradual that he "wist not" that the Lord had departed from him.



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RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (No. 4)

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8. Talking with Children About Death.

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2. The Nature of Sex.
3. Man-Woman Relationships.
4. Pre-Marital Relationships.
5. Rationalizing Sex Behaviour.
6. Guidelines for Sex Behaviour.

These could be used —

(1) as a programme for the local youth group; (2) for parents and youth meetings; (3) for parents alone! (in some cases); (4) in youth camps or conferences.

Available from the Australian Religious Film Society, or on hire (in Victoria only) from the Victorian Council of Christian Education, 100 Flinders-st., — 75 cents per film strip.

3. A Book

"Christian Parenthood."

This book is sub-titled "A Lifetime Guide." Many parents will find it just this. The nine chapters take us through each of the stages of a person's early development — from the "lap-baby" through to "Young Adulthood." The author, Helen Sherrill, writes from her experiences as university lecturer and a mother of two children. This book will commend itself because it combines deep understanding and insight with a down to earth practical approach.

Strongly recommended for use in adult-parent groups and family camp conferences.

Available from State Book Rooms, \$1.25.
— R. V. Longthorp.

U.S. CHURCHMEN IN VIETNAM

(New York). The fundamental requirements in Vietnam are peace, social justice and order, and national freedom. No outside power, whether communist or free world, has brought these to South Vietnam, and it is doubtful that they can, a four-man delegation from the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. reported on their return from South Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

The group had made application to the Government of North Vietnam for permission to visit there, and the U.S. State Dept. had validated their passports. But visas were not received from Hanoi during the time available to the delegation.

The group returned convinced that "an early, honourable negotiated peace is urgent." But neither sudden, unilateral withdrawal of the U.S. presence or escalation of the present military force is defensible, they stated.

They re-affirmed support for the proposal made by the N.C.C.'s General Board. This body had said the best way to start genuine negotiations is for the U.S. simultaneously to stop the bombing of North Vietnam and submit the issues to the U.N. General Assembly (or other international agency consistent with the charter of the U.N.).

"As the most powerful nation directly engaged in the Vietnam conflict, the U.S. is in a position to take risks for peace. The alternative is a long war involving not only risks, but certain death, wounds, misery and ruin on an increasing scale," they said.—E.P.S.

2nd WORLD EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

(Los Angeles). A second great World Conference on Evangelism, patterned on last year's gathering in Berlin, will be held in 1970, possibly in an Asian city, according to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of the National Association of Evangelicals.

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3.00 p.m. — OFFICIAL OPENING by the Conf. President.
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Sunday, September 17 —

9.30 a.m. — LYONS — Principal Stephenson.
11.00 a.m. — AINSLIE — Haydn Sargent.
5.00 p.m. — LYONS — COMBINED GOSPEL SERVICE
— Haydn Sargent.
7.30 p.m. — AINSLIE — YOUTH and FAMILY RALLY
— Haydn Sargent.

CHURCH UNION

BY DR. J. DAVIS McCAUGHEY

Things don't look well for church union. They are less hopeful, humanly speaking, than they were 10 or 15 years ago.

What can we do about this malaise? For it is a sickness, in sick churches which don't want change.

These churches have men, laymen and clerics in positions of influence who fear union because they personally would not count for so much in a larger body.

Small wonder that the pomposity and sheer silliness of so much church life means that the young (and sometimes the not so young) get fed up with it.

They are fascinated by the great questions with which the church is supposed to deal — God, his nature, and being; the person of Christ; the possibilities of life together in mutual service by men who are filled with a new spirit.

Importance

But how important are the churches as we know them in all this — and how important is their union? To that there is no clear answer.

If union simply means that we are going to stick together the churches as we have them, with as little change as possible, then it doesn't matter much whether you have union or not.

Let the ecclesiastics get on with their ecclesiastical carpentry, fitting together the joints of an old and worm-eaten piece of furniture; but let the rest of us get on with the job of trying to discover what faith in God would mean today, how Christ speaks to us, how we may serve him and our fellow-men.

But if the union of the churches is in order that God may be known and heard, if the union of the churches is not so much concerned about the preservation of the existing order, but the bringing into being of a new form of church life, then, of course, it is relevant and can call forth the loyalty of those who care about Christian truth.

Are Presbyterians, Methodists, Congre-

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This article is part of an address delivered at Wesley Church, Melbourne.

gationalists, Anglicans willing to say: "In this union we bury our Presbyterianism — death to all that — so that there may be the life of a manifestly one church in you who come after us"; death in us, life in you. What a motto for church union negotiators.

Nearer

And what does this way of renewal in unity mean?

If we want to draw nearer to one another, we'd better start by drawing nearer to God. Unity begins with a new grasp of the Christian faith.

If your ministers do not help you to understand what is in the Bible, tell them that they must do so. Tell them that you are not afraid to know the truth; that you would be interested to go more deeply into the Christian faith and that they must not be frightened to share their difficulties with you.

For the truth alone sets free. Ask your ministers to spend the time of their sermons telling you what is the content and importance of passages from the New Testament, that you need to know more than their opinions on morality and politics, although you will be glad to hear them on another occasion.

Christians have spent too much time arguing against each other about the sacraments of baptism and holy communion.

It is now time to show each other and show the world that we belong to each other because we each belong to Christ — and the sacraments are the badge of our common allegiance.

The Christian church is not just the little society which we have known, the local church or denomination in which we feel at home and which keeps our children off the street and gives them a healthy club life and provides opportunities for mateship for their parents.

These, of course, aren't bad things; but they are a bit limited as a vision of the one church.

Modern

Is there an acknowledgment of the need for renewing grace throughout the whole of the life of the church and its members?

One of the reasons why, as we get nearer union, amendments are proposed

which are designed to make the united church look as much as possible like the old churches is that it is thought that church members do not want change.

This is something about which every church member has the right to speak.

Will the voice not be heard of the countless number of Christian people who find the church tedious and trivial, who hang on because their Lord hangs on, who will not desert the church because for all its silliness, in the Scriptures, and in its sacraments they still meet Christ?

The politeness between Methodists and Presbyterians on public occasions often masks a good deal of local suspicion. We are not good at loving one another.

But if we are to love one another as Christ loved us (and that is what the gospel says is the new commandment), then we'd better love each other, warts and all.

If we go into union it will be as sinners with other sinners. It cannot be as proud and self-righteous with those who are equally so. That would be a union of Pharisees.

Every one of us can do something about this. We can stop being critical of each other for the things we dislike, not because they are after all particularly likeable, but in spite of the fact that they are dislikeable.

Do you think God likes you, your denomination as it is? He loves you in spite of it.

We can start now by going forward together towards amendment of life. We don't always have to wait for formal union to be inaugurated to do that.

We ought to think more than we do about union by stages, or phases.

Locally, there are all kinds of things which we can do as a first stage in the process of union. This might be true also of whole denominations.

Churches such as the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian in Australia which have been planning union for some years might go ahead with many aspects of their plan, but now that it looks as though the Anglican church in Australia would wish to join these discussions, that plan might be regarded as one stage on the road to a wider union which would include Anglicans.

We must never shut the door on fellow-Christians who would wish to be with us.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNISTS?

Villagers in Santa Marta, Mexico, jailed visiting Baptist pastor Alejandro Zamora, Southern Baptist missionary Charles Gilbert, and eleven Mexican Baptists, believing that all evangelicals are Communists. The Baptists were released 26 hours later and fined a total of \$4.

FORCED HEALERS

Just five years after her husband and two other Americans were captured by the Viet Cong, Mrs. Betty Mitchell has decided to begin another term as missionary in Banmethout, South Vietnam, still hoping for the release of her husband Archie, E. Ardel Vietti and Dan Gerber. There have been rumours that the men are alive and being used as a medical team by the Communists.

My Neighbour's Pen

WHAT OTHER JOURNALS ARE SAYING



DRINKING PEDESTRIANS

A great deal has been written about drinking drivers becoming an increasing menace on our roads, but in recent years various surveys in Australia and overseas indicate that drinking pedestrians are also an increasing hazard.

A survey by the Victorian Traffic Commission shows that of the 145 pedestrians involved in fatal accidents in 1965, 30 per cent. were reported as "had been drinking," while of the 2,159 injured pedestrians 11 per cent. had taken liquor.

Sometimes drinking drivers and drinking pedestrians meet, with fatal results. In a Melbourne metropolitan survey in 1963, 7 per cent. of fatal collisions occurred between drinking drivers and drinking pedestrians. —"Report."

THE CHURCHES AND EVOLUTION

The greatest danger for the churches in the dialogue between science and religion is the temptation to stand on the sidelines, watching their corps of theologians engage the scientific community.

This spectator role is particularly tempting in the discussion of evolution, since as institutions which encompass the broad masses of people the churches assume that relatively few of their members will ever confront the issues of evolution posed by the biological and anthropological sciences in the sophisticated form articulated by the scientists and theologians.

This spectator attitude simply reveals that the churches do not comprehend the real issues of the dialogue in general, of the discussion of evolution in particular. The issues of evolution touch the fundamental patterns of development in which the churches as institutions, and all

their members as persons, participate — no matter what the level of their sophistication. When the churches recognise this they will have to move very quickly off the sidelines and into the thick of the discussion. —"The Christian Century."

FREEDOM

If I am going to be free, other people have got to let me be so. This means that they must leave me alone. There's more to that than meets the eye. They must leave my property, my pleasures, my source of income, etc., alone. If they don't I lose something of my freedom.

Take the example of murder, so obvious as to be absurd in a way. If I am to be free to live then someone else is not free to kill me. If he were to claim such a freedom he may well deny mine (he will if he succeeds!); even his desire to be free to kill me restricts my freedom to live — I must take precautions!

I can, of course, suppose that I, or my gang and I, are the only ones with the right to freedom, but if I do this I shall find plenty of others who dispute that right, and we all lose our freedom in watching the others. Wherever class distinction is expressed, both sides are losing their freedom.

Think of the States which practise apartheid; the ruling class has to spend a lot of its money and put up with a measure of controls, police action, etc., which it would not have to trouble about if it were allowing the subject class a freedom equal to its own.

So when I want to be free to play my (non-existent) transistor on the beach I ought to allow the next man the freedom to be quiet and I must keep the volume down — or he may exercise the freedom to give my radio a kick, then I shall kick him, and in the end we both have the very limited freedom of the hospital ward, if not the mortuary. —John Francis in "Christian Advocate."

"MY WORD SHALL NOT PASS"

The dimension of our involvement in the world programme of Scripture distribution is large and growing. In recent years, we have shared increasingly in the wider work outside Australia, and in the years 1961-66 have remitted a total of £650,000 (Sterling) cash to London for the general missionary work of the Society.

This is in addition to the work done in Australia, New Guinea, and in the

South Pacific, for which areas we have published scores of editions of Scripture. Neither does this figure include the cost of English Scriptures purchased for sale in Australia.

This is not the time for pessimism nor for timidity. Any failure of Christian witness, at any time, is regrettable. But to fail now, in this present crisis of world history, and in this age of longing, would be shameful. It is true that here and there the church has lost her nerve about Holy Scripture. But never the Bible Society! We are people of convictions!

My Word shall not pass away. And neither will those who live by it!

The Bible Society in Australia this year will, under God, experience a Jubilant Jubilee.

—Canon Arrowsmith in "The Bible in the World."

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• STORYTIME

SHARE THE WEALTH

During the siege of Paris, in the final days of the Franco-Prussian war, a wild-eyed group of socialists, armed to the teeth, invaded the bank of Baron de Rothschild. "You are immensely wealthy," they cried, "and we have nothing. This must not continue. You have a hundred million francs and you must share it with the people!"

"Very well," said the Baron, "since there are 40 million people, each one will therefore be entitled to a little less than three francs. However, I shall be generous, and make it three. Come, my friends, and each one take his share." And he started to count out to each one the three francs due to him.

The socialists took the money, and retired in confusion, and the wealthy Baron was never molested again.

OPEN FORUM

LESSON MATERIAL.

To the Editor,

I am deeply disturbed over some of the material published in the Intermediate Pupil Book of the Churches of Christ Graded Lessons for July-September, 1967. The heavy emphasis on man to man relationships instead of the prime need for teaching on man to God relations is bad enough, but the "Bird's Eye View of Bible History," on pp. 16-17, is terrible! Why 12 and 13-year-old children should be presented with old fashioned liberal theories about dates of Biblical books is beyond me!

Such disastrous theories as 650 B.C. for Deuteronomy; 450 for Job; 398 for the completion of the Pentateuch; 333 for Joel; 200 for completion of the prophetic canon; 100 for completion of Psalms and Proverbs; 80 A.D. for Acts; 65-100 A.D. for the Gospels, and 150 A.D. for the completion of the New Testament are bad enough — but when statements of Scripture are ignored in preference to man's theories, this is going too far. When we are told that Ruth, an ancestor of David, dates from 450 B.C.; that Ezra, contemporary of Nehemiah dates from 398 B.C.; that Jonah, who preached to Nineveh (which was destroyed in 612 B.C.) dates from 300 B.C.; that Daniel who knew Nebuchadnezzar (605-562 B.C.), and Belshazzar (553-539 B.C.) dates from 165 B.C.; and that the New Testament epistles, all written by apostles or contemporaries of the apostles, date from 135 A.D. — can you wonder at my disgust? It is no wonder that our Federal Board of Christian Education is losing support from Bible loving people.

—Rex Ellis, Qld.

V. C. Stafford, Director, Federal Board of Christian Education, comments:—

Mr. Ellis is deeply disturbed over Intermediate lessons, July-Sept., 1967, and "their heavy emphasis on man to man relationships" instead of what he claims is "the prime need for teaching on man to God relations."

This Intermediate quarterly contains: Unit 8, "Living at My Best" — "to help pupils to see the meaning of specific Christian teachings in their own situations, conduct and attitudes." Here is study of the teaching of Jesus, who surely had a lot to say about "man to man relationships." Unit 9, "Looking at the Old Testament" — studies on the content of the O.T., a panoramic view of God's acts among men, what he requires of man, his plan for man's salvation culminating in Jesus Christ. Unit 10, "Speaking Out for God" — the message of Amos. Unit 11, "Looking at the New Testament" — "to lead pupils to value the gospel records as the ground of their own personal faith in Jesus as Lord."

There cannot be right man to God relations where there are wrong man to man relations (1 John 4: 20). In these and other lessons, both aspects of New Testament teaching appear.

Concerning the time line of the Bible writings which Mr. Ellis says ignores Scripture in preference to man's theories, the conservative IVF Commentary is more cautious, even though it may not accept the position of other Biblical scholars: "We must be careful, of course, not to read into the self-attestation of Scripture more than is actually there. With regard to authorships and dates, for example, tradition has often been vocal where the Bible itself is silent. We know little about the compilation of the historical books of the O.T. We are not told the exact date and circumstances of some prophetic writings."

Mr. Ellis is disgusted over old fashioned liberal theories about dates of Biblical books. I have before me one of the volumes of a series entitled "Bible Guides," edited by William Barclay and F. F. Bruce in 1961. The latter is also a consulting editor of the IVF Bible Dictionary, and one of the most reputable evangelical and conservative Bible scholars of our time.

In Vol. 1, "The Making of the Bible," the case is stated for the compilation of the Pentateuch from various sources; that it was completed in its present form by approximately 400 B.C. It states that the

Jews placed the Book of Daniel in the "Writings." "Many of the writings," it says, "were written in the 4th and 3rd centuries B.C., and at least one — Daniel — in the second century B.C."

Concerning N.T. literature the author points out that some of the epistles gained authority as apostolic much later than the others. "By the end of the second century the church had reached a position in which the Canon of the N.T. was well on the way to being defined."

The time scale in the Intermediate Pupil has behind it a considerable weight of informed Christian scholarship whose task it is to establish the authority of the Bible and not to destroy it.

THE PAST FOR THE PRESENT.

To the Editor,

There seems, from the material presently available, quite a dearth of biographical literature dealing with the early history of our movement in Australia.

I am aware that our Historical Society has considerable material stored for reference, and that a number of brief sketches are available. These, however, do not cancel out the need for some solid biographies.

Coming as a stranger into the brotherhood, I have been interested in this History and personalities of our Movement. But there is little substantial material available.

Could someone in our brotherhood, of ability and scholarship, give himself to this task and remedy the deficiency? Those who remember many of our early pioneers, who have long passed from this scene, could compile notes for those of us who are younger and to whom these men are little more than names.

—Graeme Chapman, Qld.

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REGGIE THOMAS.

To the Editor,

The two weeks of meetings with the Reggie Thomas Mission at the Wollongong Church of Christ has concluded. The aggregate attendance for two weeks was in excess of 3,500, and over 1,200 different people came to the meetings. The lowest attendance was 180, and the highest approximately 400.

Results are as follows:— 54—having made decisions, have been baptized. 5—having previously made decisions, were baptized during the meetings. 38—having made decisions are yet to be baptized. 5—made reconsecrations. 3—volunteered for training for the ministry.

The emphasis and preaching of Reggie Thomas was refreshing to all of us in Wollongong and, I am sure, in N.S.W. The preaching was simple Bible teaching with strong emphasis on the purpose and principles of the Restoration Movement. It was refreshing also to hear preaching and appeal to the truth of the church of the gospel, and hear it presented in a way which would have cheered the hearts of our pioneers.

There was nothing in the preaching and teaching of the team which came into conflict with the position held by the Wollongong Church of Christ, and the church has been left far stronger in its doctrine and its spiritual well-being.

—D. W. Mansell, N.S.W.

GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

Opposition to Billy Graham's Crusades saddens many, and is an unkind slur against a servant of God who has been so mightily used in the saving of souls. Christ did not say to build expensive churches on every street corner and bury yourself behind their four cosy walls, but he did say to "Go into all the world."

Billy Graham is doing this. And he always preaches a message of repentance and faith, as evidenced by the number who move forward to accept Christ as Saviour. Today, God needs such spirit-filled and gifted men whose message will move the hearts of hearers, and such men not only deserve, but need, our prayers as they present the real gospel of Christ.

D. Andrews ("A.C.," July 8) "believes people will flock to hear" Mr. Graham next year. Of course, they will! Because of the spiritual dearth in most churches today, and the lack of inspired ministry, there are many hungry souls seeking to be filled. The gospel has not lost its power; but it seems that many preachers have lost the power of the gospel.

Let us set our own house in order and get our spiritual fires burning — for Christ is best revealed through those, like Billy Graham, who serve!

—Mrs. C. Dinning, S.A.

GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

Your editorial, "Support for Graham," opens with the note that objections to the Graham Crusade do not mean a lack of Christian conviction or evangelistic concern. Thank you for that word, b-

cause so many believe that when the Graham technique is attacked, the very gospel itself is under fire, and that is not true. Now it is to be hoped that some cool and objective discussion can take place around the issue.

You went on, however, to dismiss Graham's Christian critics with the observation that we cannot wait for theological agreement. Sadly though, our disagreement is very broad. My concern is that Graham's message does not come within coo-ee of the message of Jesus. Graham is considered successful because of his dramatic statistical results. He is under a dreadful pressure to make his message so attractive to human ears that he is forced to preach a watered-down gospel. He wraps his sweet sounding message in a glossy parcel designed to produce record sales.

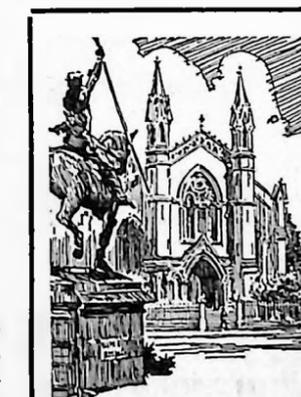
Compare Graham with the demanding idealism of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus was concerned with presenting the truth about the Kingdom — Graham has fallen for the trap of statistical success. When Jesus preached, he hopped straight into the controversial social issues of his day — he talked about Samaritans, the status of women, the cost of loving enemies, etc. Salvation is not the simple personal affair that Graham makes it out to be, but evidently people like it that way. Maybe Graham's method gets large results in a generally arid age for evangelism for this very reason.

You conclude your comments with a message of support for Graham who will reach with the Christian message thousands who would otherwise not hear it at all. And that is just the trouble. Graham makes popular an image of the Christian faith which is, in fact, a cheap substitute. Unfortunately, we have no record of the numbers of people who are put off Christianity because of the sheer intellectual and social inadequacy of Billy Graham's version. Perhaps such statistics would be equally dramatic.

—A. John Lloyd, Vic.

NEW R.C. ARCHBISHOP

(Melb.). Dr. James Robert Knox was enthroned on July 30 as Melbourne's fifth Roman Catholic Archbishop in a ceremony last used in Melb. in 1886 for Archbishop Carr. Representatives of nine non-Catholic churches were present.



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WITNESS WITH US AT THE CITY CHURCH.

C. G. DREDGE FOR NEW TERM

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The recent annual meeting unanimously requested the minister to continue for a period of three years beyond his present term. Mr. Dredge has accepted the invitation. . . . The financial position was found to be satisfactory, but would need to improve if the church were to provide its own manse. . . . P. Magarey is elder. . . . On July 23, Miss Alderton and Mrs. Sutton sang a duet.

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"I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE"

To the Editor,

Walter Campbell was all steamed up. We had been singing, "I come to the garden alone." He said, "It's bad poetry and sugary music. It's supposed to have something to do with Mary Magdalene in the garden of the tomb, and it doesn't get within cooee of the scriptures in fact or in spirit. It is a parody on the resurrection. It is unashamedly selfish. It says, 'The joy we share, no other has ever known.' How's that for spiritual conceit?" He looked at me accusingly and added, "And you were singing it as heartily as the rest!"

He left me speechless for want of a smart answer. I suppose he's right. But on reflection, I can't help thinking that he's a bit narrow-minded. It could be that the Holy Spirit can speak to a person through poor poetry and saccharine music, if nothing else will get through to him. The Holy Spirit has been known in the past to re-create men through preachers and poets who have distorted the scriptures. I can't help feeling that He can use defective hymns . . . because I know that He uses defective lives. Otherwise there would be no church.

The words may be childish and the sentiment sticky, but I am sure that the favourite hymn of editors is "Be K-I-N-D, kind!"

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MORNING BAPTISM

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Glenda Milne was baptized at 11 a.m. service on June 25, and shared in the communion service. Guest speaker for the afternoon service was C. L. Smith, B.A., B. Com., Dip.Ed. Soloist, Miss Winnie Wong. Overseas Mission offering, \$60.70. C.W.F. visited sick and elderly members in five homes and in two hospitals . . . 50 had a chop picnic at Parra-Wirra Reservoir Reserve in June . . . An interesting display of painting and pottery by Miss Carol Fookes was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wehr. Church funds benefited by \$12.20.

BUS LOAD OF VISITORS

(Balaklava, S.A.). C.W.F. and Dorcas ladies entertained a bus load of ladies from Forestville church to a luncheon, after which the visitors led a very spiritual meeting. Mrs. Wood gave the address. . . . A combined service was held with the Methodists for a film and information about B. and F. B. S. . . . Church has been saddened by the loss of Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Greenshields, the latter being knocked down by a car and died a few hours later. Church extends sympathy to both families. Will Gates is back in hospital after long illness following operation.

ONE CHURCH'S OUTREACH

(Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.). The Overseas Mission offering was \$484; the women contributed \$28 for Aborigines and Overseas Living Links; Food for India offering reached \$306; a variety concert given by the S.A. Railways Institute Band raised \$40 for Overseas Missions . . . Bryan and Janet Ezard were farewelled on July 23, on leaving for New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Cheques totalling \$229 were presented from members. Len and Trish Dennis have been accepted as missionaries with Norseman Aborigine Mission. Three other couples are expecting to enter mission service. . . . The youth service on July 23 was conducted by Roger Beard, and Trevor Ellis gave the address.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

(Nallsworth, S.A.). The annual business meeting adopted reports and pledged continued financial assistance to Windsor Gardens . . . Activity gaining momentum regarding Jubilee in 1969 . . . There were two baptisms on July 23 . . . Home Mission conference of North-suburban churches held at Nallsworth.

FACES AND PLACES

PROFILE
NO. 65

Liverpool West, N.S.W.

Just over four years ago, the Church of Christ at Austral, N.S.W., inspired by the vision of the minister, A. G. Leane, set out to establish a new work in the fast growing area of Liverpool West. Mr. and Mrs. Boddington, originally from our New Zealand churches, and with over 60 years' membership in the Churches of Christ, readily gave three blocks of their land which was strategically situated in this vital area.

A small all-purpose hall was erected and meetings began in Jan., 1963, with a small group of members already living in the area. Over the four years, the minister — D. Norling — has been given invaluable assistance by students from the Woolwich Bible College: D. Nutt, L. Morris, R. Whan and Miss R. Mudford.

BY DON NORLING

Today the church faces a tremendous challenge — one that can only be met in the strength that God supplies.

Membership of the church now stands at 67; the property consists of a new manse, the same all-purpose hall, and an additional smaller temporary hall.

The minister is working in the area full-time — this being made possible by Home Mission subsidy and generous private donations.

Directly facing the chapel is the Green Valley Housing Commission Estate, providing accommodation for 30,000. Of this figure, there are 16,000 children, of which only some 1,500

Mr. Norling is a graduate of Woolwich Bible College, and has had ministries at Chinchilla, Qld., and Campbelltown and Liverpool West, N.S.W.

are being catered for by Sunday Schools in the area.

Directly behind the property is the Hillview Housing Commission Estate — smaller, but equally as challenging.

Already the Youth work of the church has outgrown the facilities. The Sunday School has enrolments of just on 250, with a peak attendance of 161. This means that the teaching staff is stretched to the limit, classes are overcrowded, and seating is a problem.

The big question still remains — What of the many hundreds more that want to come that we just cannot take?

Added to this, during the week there is a boys' Club and a Girls' Club. Both these Auxiliaries are overcrowded, catering for another 100 young people. A Teenage Fellowship has commenced, and some 30 young people are keen to meet together.

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5 P.M. GOSPEL SERVICE

(Wembley, W.A.). The church commenced services at 5 p.m. for trial period to enable more to attend during the winter months. On the first night the attendance was the highest for a normal service for three years, exceeding the morning service . . . Infra-red strip heaters have been installed in the church. . . . A variety concert to aid the Organ Fund featured local and visiting talent. . . . The J.C.E. had Alan Fletcher tell stories and show slides of New Guinea, at their annual camp-fire meeting. Mr. Fletcher later addressed the evening service . . . Mrs. Hammer spoke to the Ladies' Fellowship on Aboriginal work. . . . D. A. Ladbroke is minister.

STANDING IN FOR PRESIDENT

(Scarborough, W.A.). As T. D. Maiden, the minister and Conf. Pres., is often away on Conference duties, many others have helped with services. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher brought missionary messages on New Guinea. Mrs. Fletcher also spoke to S.S. on medical missions . . . Corine Owenell has been chosen for State basketball team . . . Several have been welcomed on transfer from other churches . . . Men's tea featured a film on lung cancer.

GREENACRE'S NEW CHURCH

(N.S.W.). The new church building in Waterloo Road is progressing satisfactorily, despite difficulties due to wet weather. A manse has also been purchased opposite site of the new church. On July 2, Geoffrey Surtees and Jonathan Burt were baptized. A family tea and gospel service were held on July 9. Mr. Bartlett (Scripture Union) showed a film prior to the tea . . . Garry Walker (Woolwich College) continues to lead C.E. Several of our young people shared with Belmore youth in "Survey Evangelism." . . . 34 B.S. scholars entered for recent Scripture Examination . . . C.W.F. met at the home of Mrs. Corlett, when Mrs. A. G. Elliott presented a programme on "The Home." The ladies also visited Strickland Convalescent Home, taking gifts and leading a service.

THINGS TO COME

AUGUST: NEW SOUTH WALES

- 4 —State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple, 11 a.m. Theme: "Prayer." Speaker: R. B. Ewers, of Belmore.
- 5 —N.S.W. HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE, at Doonside.
- 19 —Pre-Crusade PRAYER-BARBECUE-BREAK-FAST, Woolwich Bible College, 7.30 a.m.
- 21 —Crusade, Dedication Service, City Temple, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: George Wood.
- 22-26—N.S.W. "CRUSADE '67" — at Grace Auditorium, Sydney. Evangelist: George Wood, of W.A.

AUGUST: VICTORIA

- 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

- 31-Aug. 11—Group Life Laboratory, Alexandra Headlands.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

WOOLWICH COLLEGE SEC.

(N.S.W.). H. C. Wheat, Dip.R.E., who has served for some time as secretary of the Board of Management of the Woolwich Bible College, will shortly conclude his ministry with the church at Padstow in order to take up the work at Lismore. Noel Flint, minister at North Sydney, has been appointed in succession to H. C. Wheat.

10TH CHILD CARE WEEK

(Vic.). The Children's Welfare Association is again sponsoring Child Care Week, as it has since 1957. For 1967 it will be observed from Aug. 6 to Aug. 11.

There will be an important public meeting at the Isobel Younger Ross Hall, 110 Keppel-st., Carlton, on Sunday, Aug. 6. The guest speaker will be Dr. M. L. Kellmer Pringle, B.A., Ph.D., Dip.Ed., Psych. Director, National Bureau for Co-operation in Child Care, London. Regional seminars will be held at Bendigo, Black Rock, Box Hill, Brighton, Broadmeadows, Canterbury, Dandenong, Diamond Creek, Doveton, Footscray, Frankston, Geelong, Melbourne, Mornington, Morwell, Nunawading, Surrey Hills.

Other features of Child Care Week will be the Wattle Day Appeal and the Wattle Day Fair, in Lower Melbourne Town Hall, both on Friday, Aug. 11.

MRS. J. E. SEARLE DIES

(Vic.). Mrs. Searle, wife of retired minister, J. E. Searle, died on July 25. The funeral service, on July 27, was at the Preston chapel.

PROF. MATTHEW BLACK IN SYDNEY

(N.S.W.). Prof. Matthew Black, distinguished scholar and theologian of the University of St. Andrew's Scotland, was in Sydney in July. He is author of a standard work on "The Aramaic Approach to the Gospels and Acts," and is editor of the "Journal of New Testament Studies," and also one of the Consultant Panel for the new edition of the Greek Text of the New Testament. He met the post-graduate seminar in Ancient History at Sydney University, and also delivered a lecture to members of the Fellowship for Biblical Studies (University of Sydney Branch). Dr. A. G. Elliott is the Churches of Christ representative on the Fellowship.

MINISTER APPOINTED

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). Bert Coleman, of the Federal College of the Bible, has accepted the invitation of the church to commence a ministry in Feb., 1968. G. B. Carslake terminates his ministry towards the end of the year . . . The ladies held a successful cake stall . . . The S.S. is leading in its section of the State Increase and Attendance Campaign. One young boy made his decision . . . All auxiliaries have raised money for the recently purchased projector . . . Ladies are helping as doorwomen at services . . . The Green-grass family now resides in Perth . . . A. Neville screened a film of S.I.M. work in Ethiopia.

TO MA MA CREEK

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). V. G. Boettcher has been engaged as minister for a three-year period . . . Miss Dorothy Geyer addressed the church on June 25, and after fellowship lunch spoke to the C.W.F. R. Malcolm, Qld. Overseas Missions Sec., was a visitor . . . Ron and Shirley Dalling, of Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea, showed slides and told C.E. of their work . . . The church combined with Gatton for its 12th anniversary . . . C.W.F. has packed a carton of clothes for Grace Beasley, of Norseman Aborigines Mission . . . Eric Metcalf is in hospital.

BUILDING DELAYED

(Taree, N.S.W.). After weeks and weeks of wet weather, which hindered building arrangements for the new Fellowship Centre project, work has been re-commenced. The building programme has been set back for at least two months. The Kindergarten Hall has been removed bodily to a new site on the property . . . The church has been encouraged by recent additions, four members being received by transfer, and two through faith and obedience.

\$100 FOR HOSPITAL

(Wattle Park, Vic.). The "Teen Club Review" was well produced. This and an Easter camp reunion raised over \$100 for the New Guinea Hospital . . . Dr. W. A. Kemp, Deacon Emeritus, resigned at the annual meeting after giving 17 years of leadership to this congregation since its beginnings . . . The C.W.F. provided \$500 for the manse recarpeting . . . The church is now preparing for the Billy Graham Campaign.

DEATH OF H. A. G. CLARK

(Vic.). After a long illness, H. A. G. Clark, minister, missionary, and brotherhood leader, died at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home on July 22. The funeral service at the Ormond church, on July 24, was conducted by R. C. McKenzie. Tributes were offered by Principal E. L. Williams, Dr. E. R. Killmier, who was associated with Mr. Clark in China, and Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

An obituary notice will be published in a later issue.

REGGIE THOMAS AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). During the Reggie Thomas Evangelistic Crusade at Wollongong, the evangelist and his party from America, visited Woolwich Bible College, Sydney, where they shared in fellowship with members of the teaching staff and with the student body. Mr. Thomas delivered a message on "Evangelism" to an assembly of students and faculty. Mrs. Thomas and members of the family, as well as the mission songleader, Jerry Taylor, also shared in the visit.

RADIO AND TV

The Rev. Alan Walker speaks on "Plain Christianity" on Aug. 13, Second Network A.B.C. Radio, 9.30 p.m. E.T.; 9 p.m. C.A.T.; 9.30 p.m. W.A.T. His subject is "Jesus is for Moderns" — Christianity as a way of life, not a way of religion. The relevance of the Christian faith to the personal and social problems of today's world is examined.

THREE DECISIONS

(Launceston, Tas.). Three young girls from the B.S. have confessed Christ. L. G. Read is conducting a prospective members' class . . . Several young people attended the State C.E. Convention at Hobart . . . John Harrison is in New Guinea with the mission work party . . . Mr. Read is preaching a series of addresses on "Studies on Conversion" . . . The sudden death of Monty Alderton, an esteemed and active member, brought sadness to the church . . . Fortnightly midweek family fellowship has commenced with good attendances . . . Miss Muriel Best is still in hospital.

VISIT FROM QUEENSLANDERS

(Broken Hill, S.A. Conf.). Haydn Sargent and "The Pilgrims" stopped overnight from Adelaide to Brisbane, and a large audience appreciated the bright contribution in song made by the group, and also the address by Mr. Sargent . . . Girls' Brigade and Cadets are gaining new members and interest is keen. Explorer Boys, led by E. Garner and N. Samsie repainted hall exterior and roof recently . . . Mrs. Sack was admitted to hospital on July 24, after long illness. . . . E. Garner and W. L. Re preached on July 23 . . . G. L. Dial, City Mayor, presided for first time on July 16.

YOUTH TESTIMONY

(Fremantle, W.A.). At the youth service on July 16 there was effective witness in word and song by young people. John Ismail and Wayne Burns gave gospel messages . . . The B.S. anniversary services featured a choral reading entitled "God's Great Men," presented by the Bible Classes. Several children responded to the gospel invitation by Mr. Rees . . . Additional leaders have been co-opted to cope with the increase in C.E. membership. J.C.E. recently had 85 present.

WOLLONGONG SUCCESS

(N.S.W.). The Reggie Thomas Team mission at Wollongong closed with 100 decisions. This is the third mission conducted by the team. The others were at Annerley and Toowoomba. In the three campaigns conducted over a period of six weeks there have been 200 decisions.

OVERSEAS OFFERING

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Overseas Missions offering to date is \$42 . . . Visitation has been carried out by teams allotted and folk were invited for coffee and biscuits at 6.45 p.m., prior to gospel service. The response was very good — 107 were present. Chris Simpson, Glenelg church, with his guitar, was soloist. Speaker was Keith Chessell (League footballer).

COLAC DECISIONS

(Vic.). The church is rejoicing in the decisions of a young lady, on July 16, and a lady and a young man on the 23rd. . . . The Board has released Mr. Duff to join the College team going to Adelaide in August . . . Mr. Duff has started a new club on alternate Saturday evenings . . . The men are painting the inside of the hall.

"GOLDEN AGE"

(see front cover)

The cover picture is an eagle's eye view of the most publicised strip of coastline in Australia, and includes both Surfers' Paradise and Southport. The beaches have been a magnet for southerners in search of a tan in winter, with temperatures well into the sixties. As the summer heat is seldom more than the middle seventies, this eighteen mile sunset strip of white, sandy beaches attracts even more people in the warmer weather.

Nature plays tricks, and this year shifting sands moved a little more than usual, but things are almost back to normal and, with the advent of the northerly winds later in the year, any evidence of winter's ravages will entirely disappear. There is generally a complete absence of rain in winter months, but this year proved the exception of the century. We thought that you would be interested in these things, but we are more concerned with advising travellers to make sure to worship with our Southport church in Frank Street, Labrador.

More than 1,750,000 people spend a holiday on the Gold Coast each year. This figure does not include day trippers. The permanent population is now 50,000.

Another exciting thing that has happened is that the Queensland Conference has authorised its Social Service Committee to acquire seven and a half acres of a wooded nook in the heart of Southport, high above sea level, and sheltered from the winds. The cross on the cover shows the site. This area is to be used for the erection of modern Duplex Cottages and, eventually, a Nursing Home, etc., for retired people who desire a privacy not possible with conventional aged people's centres, but with the same security. Particulars are available from the Social Service Departments in Sydney and Melbourne, or from the Director, Social Service Committee, Burdeu House, 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, Qld., 4000.

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Conclusions —

We believe the problem of the economics of our Australian brotherhood journal could be solved quite simply if all our churches embarked on a similar project. It could even help to provide a higher standard of presentation.

We should be more informed and inspired Christians as a result.

—Glenelg Church, Sth. Aust.

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- *A keen young couple accepted the task of collecting \$1 each quarter (in advance) and keeping the necessary records, and are now rendering a helpful service to the members and the brotherhood.
- *As a result of the survey, we wrote to the Editor and told him of our experience, and made a few constructive suggestions for the paper.

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QUEENSLAND

LOSS AT ANN-ST.

(Brisbane, Qld.). The church has been deeply saddened by the death of J. C. Files, senr., on July 20, after eight months of much pain and suffering. Funeral services at Ann-st. church and crematorium, on July 22, were conducted by L. G. Armstrong. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Files and son, Jack. . . . A young woman confessed her faith on July 23. . . . An under-shepherd plan designed to build a fellowship of concern, care, co-operation and contact has been launched. The city area has been divided into 12 zones, each of which has an officer appointed as an under-shepherd.

MANSE PLANNED

(Harlaxton, Qld.). The church has purchased an allotment close to existing buildings for the future erection of a manse. . . . Fred Winter will conduct an interim ministry until the arrival of a new minister. . . . Recent speakers have included Reggie Thomas and G. Francis. Miss Dorothy Geyer spoke at several meetings and gave a greater insight into our mission work in India. Fellowship has also been shared with Ruth Roberts and Shantabai Choudhari. . . . Church supported the Reggie Thomas Mission at Margaret St. . . . Women's Fellowship conducted evening service on July 16. . . . Church plans to make Living Link of Harold Finger as he returns to the mission field. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Finger is planned for Sept. 6. Any greetings for this occasion would be appreciated. . . . Ian Lowe has received an Apprentice of the Year Award. . . . Seven girls from the B.S. have been selected to travel to Ballarat in September, with the Toowoomba Junior Choral Society, to compete in Eisteddfod. . . . The church and B.S. shared in a picnic with Margaret St. and Crown St. members at Cooby Creek Dam.

MINI-BUS VISITORS

(Charters Towers, Qld.). The church was greatly helped by the visit of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of Qld. Women's Conference: Mrs. Cassie Baker, Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Potter. They travelled by mini-bus to all Northern Qld. churches and visited isolated members en route. . . . A revival campaign was launched in June. . . . The C.W.F. has been re-formed. . . . A young married lady made her decision on July 16. Mrs. M. Wales was soloist at the baptismal service on July 23.

DECISION AT MACKAY

(Qld.). A young man made confession and was received into fellowship. . . . A. McK. Surtees conducted Planned Giving Campaign, "Forward in Faith". . . . Ladies held a social to display gift clothing for Native Mission girl. . . . Papers continue to be sent to Vietnam soldiers. . . . Miss Geyer, of India, gave a much appreciated address. . . . Dr. Jauncey was guest speaker for 30th anniversary, and presided at the annual meeting. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jenner expect to take oversight of Gladstone church in August.

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FOCUS — ON N.S.W. CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

The Conference Executive in N.S.W. acts on behalf of Conference and is in effect an expression of Conference viewpoint between Conferences. Its make-up ensures that it will be in a position to give an opinion encompassing the whole brotherhood. In N.S.W., Conference elects six men — the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Associate-Secretary and Treasurer, who, together with the Past-President, form the Secretariat. To these are added one representative from each of the elected Conference Committees to form the Executive.

Such an Executive comprises men and women who are already working hard in their own Committees, and in their local churches. This factor ensures that the mind of the church at the local level will be available in order to help in shaping Conference Executive decisions. In the important area of church government and oversight, as it relates to the wider brotherhood activity, the local church is autonomous, but delegates sent from the churches appoint the Executive to undertake certain combined work and effect liaison with outside organisations on their behalf.

At no time are the decisions arrived at completely obligatory on the church at the local level, but such is the confidence of the brotherhood in their elected representatives

that in a great majority of instances they accept and actively support recommendations from the Conference Executive. Likewise, the concern of the members of Conference Executive is for the whole church in the Name of the Risen Lord.

Representation: Conference Executive sends representatives to the N.S.W. Council of Churches, the B. and F. B. S., the Christian Television Assoc., and similar organisations.

Activities: In recent months, the Conference President, P. H. Morton, the President-Elect, H. M. Long, and others, have represented the brotherhood in N.S.W. at various Inter-Church functions, and the Director of H. M. and Evang., K. E. Crawford, has served on behalf of our churches on the planning committee of the Billy Graham Crusade organisation.

Other Executive activities have included:

Special Conference on the Work of the Finance Co-ordination Committee, on May 27.

Inter-Church Consultation on City and Inner-suburban areas.

The N.S.W. Half-Yearly Conference, also organised by the Conference Executive, is planned for Saturday, August 5, at Doonside.

E. T. Hart, Conf. Exec. Sec.

LAY-EVANGELISM

(N.S.W.). A further Lay Institute for Evangelism (L.I.F.E.) Training School was conducted at the Summer Hill Anglican Church from July 17 to 21. In these special classes in Personal Evangelism, members of Churches of Christ, through the leadership of the N.S.W. Director of H. M. and Evang., Kevin E. Crawford, have been sharing with the Anglicans in training programmes, and during this particular week large numbers from our churches in the surrounding district participated.

"CRUSADE" PRAYER CELLS

(N.S.W.). Informal Pre-Crusade Prayer Cells have developed spontaneously in many of the local churches and in private homes in preparation for the Sydney "Crusade '67," August 22 to 26. The purpose of these weekly gatherings is threefold — (1) To study the Scriptures; (2) To mutually strengthen prayer-partners in the fellowship of prayer — for all aspects of the coming Crusade; and (3) To seek out practical means of introducing non-Christians to the Crusade meetings, and hence to the Saviour. Though un spectacular, this promises to be a vigorous and rewarding ministry.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

(N.S.W.). A meeting was recently called in Sydney to consider the formation of an auxiliary Evangelical Alliance. The work of the Alliance in Great Britain is well known in its stand for Biblical truth against the inroads of humanistic attack and for the forthright presentation of the Christian faith by such notable scholarly leaders as Professor R. V. G. Tasker, Dr. Marytn Lloyd-Jones, Principal G. R. Beasley Murray and Rev. John Stott.

At the Sydney gathering an Australian Alliance was mooted with representation from all the evangelically-minded communions. Speakers included Bishop J. A. Dain and Rev. John Mack. Churches of Christ were represented by the President of N.S.W. Conf., Harold M. Long.

MISSION RESPONSE

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). In the mission with Ben Ewing, three made primary decisions — husband, wife and son. The mission was advertised in three different languages, as the area has many Greek and Italian migrants. . . . Ten church members attended the Lay Institute for Evangelism. . . . C.W.F. collected large parcel of medical supplies for Overseas Missions and they have almost completed the wardrobe for an Aboriginal girl. . . . Principal A. W. Stephenson, of Woolwich Bible College, and student Mr. Chumly, have been guest preachers. . . . This has been a week of great sorrow, as we lost two of our older members: E. Francis and R. Maxwell, both past members of the Officers' Board. Each has a son serving on the Board at Marrickville.

2CH BROADCASTS IN AUGUST

(N.S.W.). Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m.:— Aug. 4—N. Hodgekiss, of Earlwood. Aug. 17—B. H. White, Dip.R.E., of Telopea. Aug. 29—E. T. Hart, Social Service Dept. Sunday Service — Aug. 27—11 a.m., Communion Service from Epping. Preacher: Harold M. Long.

SERVICE BROADCAST

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). Evening service for July 9 was broadcast over station 2HD on July 11. . . . Several attended Men's Camp at Halifax Park, June 23-24. The speaker was Principal A. W. Stephenson. . . . Speaker at youth tea, July 2, was A. Davis, from Carnarvon, WA., now living at Nelson Bay. . . . Senior C.E. held a progressive tea on July 14.

LOST TO EPPING

(N.S.W.). Four of our members were farewelled, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Goldfinch, transferred to Canberra, and Mrs. Walsh and Ken Walsh to Lane Cove. . . . Some of our members participated in the Lay Institute for Evangelism. . . . E. Wade has been appointed director of our programme for Billy Graham Crusade. . . . Girls' Brigade commenced under the leadership of Captain (Mrs.) G. Bartrim. . . . C.W.F. Evening group held a novelty meeting at the manse for their anniversary. . . . David Clayton, of Scripture Union, was a recent speaker. . . . C.W.F. Day group is preparing for Overseas and Aborigines Missions. . . . Boys' Brigade are doing odd jobs for annual appeal.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 8 p.m.,

at

LYGON-ST. CHURCH HALL, CARLTON,
 Speaker: Rev. DALLAS CLARNETTE,
 Pastor, People's Church, Kew.

Next Month: Annual Meeting, Sept. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner, Christchurch,
 N.Z., to Harlaxton, Qld.
 Miss Giles, Mile End; Mr. and Mrs.
 Riddoch, Maylands, to Nailsworth,
 S.A.
 Mina Bergermeister, Hawthorn to
 Dandenong, Vic.
 Mrs. A. Greengrass and Misses J.
 and N. Greengrass, Kalgoorlie to
 Wembley, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. Len Jones and Jenni-
 fer and Corinne; Mr. and Mrs.
 Peter Keeler, Bridgetown — to
 Scarborough, W.A.
 Peter Smith, Boonah to Redcliffe,
 Qld.
 N. Low, Bexley North to Rockdale,
 N.S.W.

MARRIAGES

Helen Flanders to Keith Farley;
 Mrs. Dulcie Ritchie to Les Rose,
 Ormond, Vic.
 Jill Morris to Donald Cameron Mor-
 rison, Doncaster, Vic.
 Lynette Sharp to David Bingham,
 Balwyn, Vic.
 Carol Taverner to Desmond Mumme,
 Brighton Gardens, S.A.

DEATHS

Mrs. Phebe Troubridge, Kensington
 Park, S.A.
 Jack C. Files, senr., Ann-st., Bris-
 bane, Qld.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, Mayfield,
 N.S.W.
 Mrs. R. Wallace, Queenstown, S.A.
 Geo. Watson, Inverell, N.S.W.
 H. M. Alderton, Margaret-st., Laun-
 ceston, Tas.
 Frank Hunting, senr., Hampton, Vic.
 Percy Baxter, Springvale, Vic.
 Mrs. L. Bowers; W. Greenshields,
 Balaklava, Sth. Aust.
 Mrs. Myrtle Searle, Preston, Vic.
 Ernest Francis; Reginald Maxwell,
 Marrickville, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Florence Cooper, Brighton Gar-
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BIRTHS

COPPING (nee Shepherd). — At Nara-
 coorte Hospital, Sth. Aust., on July 17,
 to Marjorie and Bob, a son — Mark
 Walter. Little brother for Ruth and
 Robert.

MOYES (Vernon). — To Beverley and
 Gordon, a son — David James — born
 at Sandringham Hospital, Vic., on July
 27. Brother for Jenny and Peter.

BORAM (Chislett). — Thanks be to
 God for the safe arrival of our darling
 daughter — Jodie Leanne — at Robinvale,
 Vic., on July 24, 1967. Wendy and Harry.

NOWITZKE (nee Turner). — Barry,
 Margaret and Bronwyn, 12 Bakara-st.,
 Wandal, Rockhampton, Qld., welcome
 Adrian Mack, born Lady Goodwin Hos-
 pital, 28/7/67.

CARSLAKE (Lilley). — To Freda and
 Graham, a daughter — Robyn Gaye — on
 July 23, 1967. A sister for Geoffrey.
 Both are well.

ENGAGEMENT

WOODWARD - KITSON. — The en-
 gagement is announced of Nola, daughter
 of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woodward, Ingle-
 wood, W.A., to George, younger son of
 Mrs. E. Kitson, South Perth, W.A.

RUBY WEDDING

BOAKE (nee Gascoigne). — Mr. and
 Mrs. C. Boake have pleasure in announc-
 ing their 40th wedding anniversary cele-
 brated at Finsbury-st. Church of Christ,
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DEATHS

CROUCH. — On July 18 (suddenly), at
 Kaniva District Hospital, Vic., Florence
 Grace, beloved wife of Colin, dearly loved
 mother of Wendy, Dawn (Mrs. Rod
 Coutts), Dorothy-Anne and Russell;
 loved mother-in-law of Roderick; grand-
 mother of Vivienne; loved sister of Ivy.
 Aged 51. "Resting in the everlasting arms."

MEDHURST, Herbert Leslie. — Late
 of Essendon, and Krowera, Gippsland,
 Vic., on July 20, loved father of Clarence,
 Dorothy (Mrs. K. A. White), Gwen (Mrs.
 E. W. Roffey) and Les. Aged 84 years.
 "In God's care."

GERRAND, Robert Paul. — Aged 32
 years, at his home, 9 Amataf-ave., Car-
 ingbah, N.S.W., on July 21, 1967, after a
 long illness, dearly loved husband of Pat,
 loved father of Mark and Wendy; elder
 son of Keith and the late Vivienne; step-
 son of Minnie, brother of John, and step-
 brother of Bruce McIntyre; son-in-law of
 George and Doris Humphries.

CLARK, Henry Alfred George. — Be-
 loved husband of Dorothy (nee Ludbrook),
 loved father of Dorothy (Mrs. K. A. Lang-
 ford) and Priscilla (Mrs. N. C. Carr).

"So when a good man dies,
 For years beyond our ken,
 The light he leaves behind him lies
 Upon the paths of men."

IN MEMORIAM

FARRAR. — In loving memory of my
 dearly loved husband, John, whom God
 called home on Aug. 6, 1956.
 — "Just memories" — Ada.

GRIFFITHS. — In fond memory of our
 beloved husband and father, who was
 called home on July 30, 1960. "Fond
 memories."
 — Inserted by Mrs. Griffiths and family.

JENSEN. — Treasured memories of my
 dear husband, James, who passed away
 suddenly on Aug. 15, 1961.
 — "Always remembered" by his wife.

LAUNDER. — Cherished memories of
 Graham, our dear son and brother, passed
 away Aug. 6, 1957 "When Christ shall
 come what joy will fill our hearts."
 — Father, mother, Malcolm and Joy.

MORTLOCK. — In loving memory of
 my dear husband, Eli, called home July
 28, 1966. "Forever in my thoughts."
 — Inserted by his loving wife Sylvia.

McINNES. — In loving memory of my
 dear wife, Florrie, who passed away at
 Reservoir, Vic., on Aug. 7, 1951; loving
 mother of Horrie (Manly), Pearl (Mrs.
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VICTORIA

INTEREST IN ARCHAEOLOGY

(Pyramid Hill, Vic.). The Ministers' Fraternal sponsored a visit by the Institute of Archaeology. The church hall was used to display the exhibition — some items were 4,000 years old. Friday's youth night was packed. 80 attended a combined evening service . . . The C.W.F. held a social evening to farewell Mr. and Mrs. B. Bennett, who are leaving the district . . . Our monthly Fellowship Hour has included slides and talk on Ethiopia, and each member bringing an object, old or unusual, and giving a talk on it.

FIVE INTO FELLOWSHIP

(Bentleigh, Vic.). After recent baptisms, five young people were received into fellowship on July 15 . . . Mrs. R. Rowbotham addressed Evening Ladies' Fellowship, and Mr. Rowbotham spoke to the church on July 9.

"IDLERS FIVE" AT DONCASTER

(Vic.). As part of its programme of evangelism, the church conducted a family cabaret evening at the Athenaeum Hall. Over 400 were entertained by the "Idlers Five," Mrs. Val. Breen, and Alan Rowe, as compere. Supper was provided during the "Get to Know You" period . . . Mrs. Max Sandells recently made the good confession . . . Noelle McIntyre has commenced work with the hospital at Mildura as Asst. Matron.

RESPONSES AT RESERVOIR

(Vic.). A young B.S. scholar, and a young man have made decisions. The latter at the church anniversary, following the minister's message. Guest speaker was S. Russell Baker, who told of his overseas trip, at a P.S.A. . . . C.W.F. displayed clothing to be forwarded to Aboriginal children on our mission stations. 100 later shared in fellowship tea . . . Junior and senior basketball teams were defeated after reaching the semi-finals. The newly formed tennis club is preparing for summer season . . . Sunday evening sing-a-longs have been popular . . . A. W. C. Candy is minister.



"MISS BROTHERHOOD" RETIRES

It was in May, 1922, that Miss Florrie Haines entered into service with Churches of Christ in Victoria, a service which has continued for 45 years. "Miss Brotherhood" has endeared herself to our membership in her work with the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, Conference Executive, also as Conference Secretary until 1961, then secretary of the Properties Corporation, from which position she will retire on August 4.

The brotherhood made recognition of Miss Haines' services when she ceased to be Conference Secretary. A "Profile" of her appeared in "The Australian Christian" two years ago. Since then our debt of gratitude has increased.

The new secretary appointed by the Properties Corporation trustees is Allan J. Cairns, F.C.A., a member of our church at Croydon, Vic.

PREPARING FOR MISSION

(Geelong, Latrobe-terr., Vic.). Members have been visiting in preparation for Crusade with the Reggie Thomas team. July 30 to Aug. 13 (Saturdays excepted). 50 from the combined churches held a prayer meeting on July 5 . . . The S.S. held a tea and social evening . . . Our Y.P.S.C.E. Quiz Team was successful against Norlane . . . Mrs. Joan Bell has been welcomed into the church . . . The African missionary color film, "In the Footsteps of Dr. Livingstone," was screened on July 16.

SPEAKERS FOR CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

(Melb., Vic.). Speakers have been announced for the Victorian Congress on Evangelism to be held at Ridley College, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. They include Principal Dr. Leon Morris (Ridley College); Professor Basil Brown (Whitley College); Rev. Lance Shilton (Rector, Holy Trinity, Adelaide); Dr. E. K. Cole (Ridley College); Dan Piatt (Billy Graham Crusade Team); Dr. A. Harold Wood (ex-President, General Methodist Conference, Aust. and N.Z.); and John Robinson (Director, Billy Graham Crusade, Vic.).

The Congress is a follow-up to the World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin last year, and occupies a strategic position in the timetable of preparation for the Billy Graham Victorian Crusade next year.

Enquiries for registration should be

addressed to the Registrar, Dr. E. K. Cole, Ridley College, Parkville, Vic., 3052, or John Robinson, Billy Graham Crusade Office, Melbourne, Vic., 3000. Registration fee is \$2. Limited resident accommodation is available at Whitley and Ridley Colleges at \$5 a day.

The daily programmes for delegates commence at 9.30 a.m. The daily Review and Public Meetings, however, at 6.45 p.m. and 8 p.m., are open to the public. No registration is required for these meetings.

"FOYA" — Moderator General to Talk UNITY

The topic to be discussed at the next meeting of "FOYA" is "Shall We Unite?" It will be introduced by the Moderator-General-Designate of the Presbyterian church of Australia, the Rev. Norman Faichney.

"Music and Gamesmanship" items will be directed by Ron Mullen and Ray Brough, of Wattle Park. Worship will be conducted by John Ward, of the Congregational Church.

Date and Place: Saturday, August 26, 8 p.m., Church of Christ Hall, Camberwell (Riversdale-rd.), Vic.

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"KNOW YOUR BROTHERHOOD"

(Preston, Vic.). R. V. Longthorp (D.C.E.), W. T. Atkin (Soc. Service), W. A. Jenkins (Aborigines), and A. B. Withers (Overseas), have led us in our current "Know Your Brotherhood" series. The informative film, "Churches of Christ in Victoria," was screened by N. F. White (C.M.F.). . . . C.W.F. has displayed a parcel of clothing prepared for one of our Aborigines Mission girls . . . C.W.E.F. was awarded 1st place in a local table setting display. They now enter city finals . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Myrtle Searle, of Buxton. Mrs. Searle was the wife of J. E. Searle, former minister of the church, and now retired.

INTERIM EXTENDED

(Springvale, Vic.). Dr. K. R. Bowes will continue his interim ministry until Dec., 1967 . . . Several members attended the Quarterly Prayer Rally at Berwick . . . On July 9 there was an "Accent on Youth," when the "Silver Tones Band" were guest artists. A coffee hour in the hall followed the service . . . The C.E.Y.F. attended "Impact" on July 21 . . . The C.E.W.F., under the guidance of Neil Gilmore, discussed "Experiments with Prayer" . . . The church has been saddened by the sudden home call of P. Baxter, and extends loving sympathy to Mrs. Baxter and family.

REFUGEE HOMES IN TURKEY

(Istanbul). A \$600,000 project to re-house 300 refugees and their families at Etiler, a suburb of Istanbul, has been formally opened by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees.

The World Council of Churches' Refugee Programme has supervised the construction of this six-storey building, comprising 115 apartments, and through its agencies has contributed to the cost.

The office of the United Nations' High Commissioner has given \$403,000 towards the building expenses and has made the project part of the United Nations' Programme for Refugees.

The apartments, known as Dostluk Evi (Friendship House), are reserved for refugees and their families who come under the mandate of the UNHCR.

Dostluk Evi has central heating, built-in fire-fighting apparatus, and garbage disposal chutes. Each apartment has its own balcony, kitchen, bathroom and toilet and built-in cupboards. In the community hall it is hoped to develop Old People's and Teenagers' Clubs.—E.P.S.

WOMEN PRIESTS

(London). The Bishop of Chester, Dr. G. A. Ellison, who was chairman of a Church of England committee which examined the question of women priests, said, "I believe that there are no conclusive theological reasons why women should not be ordained to the priesthood, and I am pretty confident that sooner or later we shall come to that conclusion."

Dr. Ellison also said that he did not think it was the right time for the church to make a decision in principle. Later the Assembly voted decisively against a motion saying, in effect, that women should be considered for ordination now.—E.P.S.

YOUTH TO ECHUCA

(Ormond, Vic.). The minister, R. C. McKenzie, took a party of young people to fellowship with the Echuca church for a weekend . . . A secondhand drive was run by the ladies . . . A combined concert raised funds for the Building Fund. . . . Mrs. Webster has left to reside in S.A., and David Judd is now working in New Guinea with the Administration. . . . The recently acquired house next to the church will become the manse when the new hall is built. Mr. McKenzie has conducted teacher training classes. . . . B.S. contributed \$32.85 to B. and F. B. S. for Bibles for Africa . . . Mr. McKenzie conducted an evening for former C.E. members, including some who were in first C.E. 40 years ago. Mr. Kay has been elected Pres. of Elsternwick and Dist. C.E. Union.

MINISTRY CONTINUES

(Balwyn, Vic.). The minister, L. F. Barker, has been invited to continue to serve till Sept., 1970 . . . Officers elected: Messrs. Evans, Hogg, Pasco, Soulsby, Stehr, Trickey; deaconesses: Mesdames Burns, Cuthbert, Evans, Gordon, Seely, Sharp, Stafford. The church sec. is V. Gordon; K. Sharp and Mr. Jones are treasurers. C. Carr is B.S. Supt. . . . A Legacy student, Marilyn Edson, ex-Swan Hill, was baptized and received into fellowship.

MORNING BAPTISM

(Croydon, Vic.). A morning baptismal service was held on July 9 . . . C.W.F. members are outfitting an Aboriginal girl with clothing, and are preparing a Social Service Dept. parcel . . . Mrs. Morrall, from the W.C.T.U., was July speaker at C.W.F. . . . C.W.E.F. held a sewing night for the Children's Hospital . . . C.Y.F. members held a working bee in church grounds . . . Mrs. Sullivan and Peter McGregor have had surgical treatment.

4.30 P.M. SUCCESSFUL

(Burwood, Vic.). Groups such as B.S., Explorers, Good Companions and C.W.F. have participated at 4.30 p.m. services during June and July . . . A two-day Consultation and Conservation and Evangelism, led by D. Smith, was attended by 17 members, who recommended the adoption of a plan for pastoral care and more effective fellowship and Bible study and evangelism in small groups . . . Following a conference of B.S. teachers at Monbulk, a committee is considering ways of furthering its Christian Education work.

DOUBLE THANKSGIVING

(Dandenong, Vic.). A double thanksgiving service on July 2 acknowledged the safe return of David Aurisch from Vietnam, and the clearing of the debt on our church property. Sunday night services are held at 5 during winter . . . The new Moody Institute film, "Signposts Aloft," was shown on July 9 . . . G. Brown is new supt. of our S.S., with Bob Douglas as sec. . . . Miss Rita Roberts told the Evening Women's Fellowship Missionary night of her recent visit to India. Proceeds go to the Jack and Barbara Edwards project. The C.E. sent a food parcel to Mr. and Mrs. H. Waghmode, of India . . . C.Y.F. held a "Boys and Girls'" night. The boys were addressed by an R.A.C.V. member and included safety films. The girls saw a demonstra-

tion of two handicraft arts . . . A new amplification system has been installed in the church by Mr. Dunn, also provision for holding hymn books in every pew has been made by F. Reveleigh.

OBITUARY

Percy George Baxter.

Mr. Baxter came to know the Saviour at the Hagger-Clay mission at Mildura, Vic., 55 years ago. In 1914, following his marriage, he moved to Woorinen, where he was a pioneer of the church. He served as secretary and deacon for almost 10 years. After 36 years' work as an orchardist, he came to Springvale in 1951, where he soon became a faithful worker and deacon. He collapsed and died as he sat in his usual seat in the chapel on July 16. His quiet Christian personality, his honesty and straightforwardness and thoughtfulness made him a man who influenced many a man for good and God, far more than he himself realised. During this time of sorrow, Mrs. Baxter, Bob, Miriam (Mrs. Jack Bond) and Florence (Mrs. Munyard), and the grandchildren (including L. Baxter, minister at Berri, S.A.) revealed their appreciation of the Christian hope even as they and the church at Springvale sorrowed at the loss of a dear friend.—Dr. K. R. Bowes.

Herbert Frank Hunting.

Mr. Hunting died at his residence in Sandringham, Vic., on April 21. He was 80 years of age, and the church at Hampton was saddened by his unexpected passing. Born at Ballarat, he worked at various places, spending some time on a dairy farm in W.A. Always an active sportsman, he became a popular identity in the various communities in which he lived. The closeness of the family of three sons (Frank jnr. — minister of Dawson-st. church—Colin and Jock) and two daughters (Eve and Pat) was revealed through the single wreath that was placed on the casket during the service. The spirit of this quiet, gentle and thoughtful man lives on in the lives of his family and in the lives of those of us privileged to have known him. "The good that men do, lives after them." We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and relatives whose hearts are full of so many wonderful memories of one who was, in addition to husband, father, uncle and grandpa, an understanding friend.—D.R.O.

Ernest Francis.

On July 16, the church at Marrickville, N.S.W., suffered a loss in the death of Ernest Francis, at the age of 82 years. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Beryl Bishop, and a son, Wal Francis, a member of Board of Officers at Marrickville. Mr. Francis joined the Churches of Christ 60 years ago. All but 15 years of that time was spent at Marrickville, and the 15 years away he spent as secretary of the Petersham church, and also as a member of the Board of the North Sydney church. He married Miss Hilda Way, a daughter of W. J. Way, a pioneer minister of the Churches of Christ in Australia. A quiet, humble and gracious gentleman has passed from our midst, and we have lost something indefinable in his tie between us and the past history of our church.—D. Bedwell.



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VIC.-TAS. HALF YEARLY CONVENTION

CONVENTION VENUE CHANGED

Previous announcements about the Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention to be held at Castlemaine have indicated that the meetings would be held in the Library Hall. A re-appraisal of the accommodation there has led to a change. The meetings of the Convention will now be held in the Town Hall, Lyttleton-st., Castlemaine. Meals will be served in the Library Hall, on the Midland Highway, right in the heart of the town. The Town Hall is adjacent.

It is hoped that many Melbourne and country members will attend the Convention to share the generous hospitality

of our Castlemaine-Harcourt hosts. Travellers should go to the Library Hall on arrival, for morning tea, which will be provided gratis by the ladies of the two host churches.

The afternoon session of the Convention is aimed at helping and challenging local congregations to halt the drift in our membership by stopping the gap through which we lose so many. The recommendations of the Commission on Membership will be highlighted, and these, if put into practice, should lead to much-needed conservation of membership. A profitable time is assured for all who participate in the Convention.

BASKETBALL CARNIVAL IN W.A.

In August, 1967, teams from South Aust. and Vic. will travel by train to Perth to compete against W.A. and a W.A. No. 2 team in the Churches of Christ Girls' Basketball Association 1967 Interstate Carnival. The carnival will be held at Matthews Basketball Centre, August 19-26.

These Carnivals are held bi-annually, and the girls, although paying most of their own expenses, are billeted in church homes. Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are the regular competitors, but it is hoped that in the future N.S.W. and Qld. will be able to compete in these interesting and exciting brotherhood Carnivals.

W.A. is present holder of the Carnival Cup and therefore competition this year will be most keen from Victoria and South Australia.

All matches will be played at night, as during the day Australian and World Tournament matches will be held in Perth, August 13-27. This will surely be the best and most thrilling exhibition of basketball ever seen in Australia.

200 AT DINNER

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). A church family dinner for 200 on June 30 commenced Stewardship Campaign led by K. D. Horne. . . Hayden Sargent addressed church on July 16. Five C.Y.F. young people made decisions at the Teen and Twenty Mission conducted by Mr. Sargent in Adelaide. . . The "Henchmen," a fine vocal and instrumental group from the Westbourne Park Methodist Church, were the guest artists at the July coffee hour. . . Miss Helen Caterer, a journalist from the "News" and "Mail" was C.W.F. guest speaker at the birthday night. 150 ladies from churches in the district (including R.C.) met in fellowship. Mrs. Alice Thomas is C.W.F. Pres. Morning teas continue successfully. \$70 was raised on July 20 for Community Aid Abroad.

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PILOT RETURNS

(Box Hill, Vic.) Miss Eileen Steenson has been welcomed home by the church after spending 18 months as an aircraft pilot in New Guinea.

SOUTH PERTH EVANGELISM

(W.A.). Over recent weeks the "intensive period" of the Planned Programme of Evangelism has been in full swing. Prayer workshops were held at 7 a.m. on seven mornings. These were attended by over 40 members. 136 attended the youth tea on July 16, and 90 young people attended the youth special on 21st. A. A. Avery, of Victoria, was the speaker at all services on July 16. On 23rd, there was a prayer breakfast for men at 8 a.m. A family service, at 9.30 a.m., brought B.S. scholars, their parents, friends and church members together in a gospel service. Communion was at 11 a.m., and at 2 p.m. there was an instructional

meeting for evangelism visitors. The usual gospel service was at 7 p.m. . . . Following a dinner at the church hall on Tuesday, members visited contacts. The purpose was to talk over, in their homes, the things of Christ.

MINISTER LEAVES

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). G. B. Davis has terminated his service, having left the ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been here for six years and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Miriam Davis was well known in Sth. Qld. and Nth. N.S.W. for her singing at many crusades. . . Pending the appointment of another full-time minister, Barry Cutchie, a student at Kenmore College, is assisting at weekends. Already there have been three decisions. . . Alan Webb gave four thrilling messages in a recent weekend. . . Mrs. Barnes and Fred Brown are home from hospital.

U.S. RELIGION SURVEY

(New York). In a span of just ten years the proportion of American adults who believe that religion is "losing its influence on American life," has jumped from 14 per cent to 57 per cent. This, according to George Gallup, whose periodic polls yielded this finding, "represents one of the most dramatic shifts in surveys of American life."

Four sample surveys in a ten-year period, 1957, 1962, 1965 and 1967, asked the same question, "at the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life, or losing its influence?" The trend has been consistently — and sharply — towards greater pessimism about religious influence, moving from less than one-sixth to a clear majority.—E.P.S.

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BY R. B. EWERS

The population of the world increased by 70 millions last year. This fact, coupled with the imminency of our Lords' return, should make the matter of world wide evangelisation one of top priority for every Christian.

The reaction of many to such a task is often expressed in such negative phrases as, "But what can I do?" or "Where can we start?"

Jesus Christ had such a vision, as seen in Matt. 9: 36-38, and we may well learn from his strategy.

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.

"Then said he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Note the verb "saw." There will be no compassion unless we actually see the multitudes and their need of the Shepherd. Christ reasoned, that at harvest time, priority number one was that of labourers qualified to reap. His strategy, therefore, in view of the multitudes and their greatest need, was for us to pray that God will raise up qualified labourers, to be sent forth into the harvest fields of the world.

Robert E. Coleman, in his book, "The Master Plan of Evangelism," demonstrates clearly that Christ operated on the basis of this strategy. He prayed for labourers (Luke 6: 12, 13). God gave him 12 men. In the terms of Matt. 4: 19, he became their pace-setter. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Christ concentrated on these few. While his ministry included other individuals, and the crowd, these men had top priority. He shared his life with them, taught them, and trained them by demonstration, involvement and testing. In the end he produced 11 disciples — disciplined men.

This small band, empowered by the Spirit of Christ, were thus commissioned to "Go, make disciples — teach them all that I have taught you." In other words, "go and reproduce after your kind." The vision of world wide evangelisation was invested in the lives of these men.

Christ knew the value of an individual. The business world today knows the

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value of trained men, who in turn can teach others. Communism has successfully operated on this principle for 50 years. The Apostle Paul had his small band of men (Acts 20: 4), men whose hearts God had touched. His strategy seemed to be that of building "in depth" in the lives of a few.

J. B. Phillips translates Col. 1: 28, 29, "So naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about him, so that, if possible, we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ. This is what I am working at all the time, with all the strength God gives me."

How Paul set about doing this is seen in 1 Thess. 2: 7-8, 11. "But we behaved ourselves gently when we were among you, like a devoted mother nursing and cherishing her children. So being thus tenderly and affectionately desirous of you, we continued to share with you, not only the gospel, but also our own lives as well, for you had become so very dear to us — for you know how, like a father dealing with his children, we used to exhort each of you personally, stimulating and encouraging and charging you." (Amp. N.T.).

Paul's final word to the Ephesian elders, also throws light on his intensive ministry, "Therefore, be always alert and on your guard, being mindful that for three years, I never stopped night or day seriously to admonish, and advise, and exhort you, one by one, with tears" (Acts 20: 31, Amp. N.T.).

If we could sum up the extent of Paul's ministry in one word it could well be "Timothy" (Phil. 2: 19-24). When writing to him, what proved to be his last letter, Paul commissioned him to employ the same strategy, "and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2: 2).

Whilst we must admit, that to some degree, this principle is being applied today, we must also agree that the condition of things in our local churches, is evidence that we are being sidetracked somewhere.

There are many decisions, but few disciples. There are even fewer in our local churches who are reapers — who could personally lead another to Christ, and even fewer still who are doing it, and even still fewer, who could stay with the new converts, and personally disciple them.



R. B. Ewers.

We have been deceived by the devil into replacing "the best" with "the good." Thus, we have much "activity" at the expense of "productivity": an "extensive" ministry, rather than an "intensive" one. The nett result is a lack of qualified labourers, who will go and reap.

It is not too late for us to experiment with our Lord's strategy. As individuals we can pray for God to raise up a faithful man (preferably a raw recruit, who doesn't have to unlearn unprofitable tradition) and then concentrate in depth in the lives of a few. It may take years, on a man-to-man basis, and a small-band-of-men basis, in order to teach, train, build and send.

Now, do not let us be fooled into thinking that every minister is qualified to operate on this basis. However well taught we were as students in the theory of the "why" of things, the tragedy is evident that all too many of us were sadly lacking in the "how."

Many a minister lacks experience in soul winning, and therefore feels incapable of giving any adequate leadership in this area to those who look for it. Jesus and Paul did more than talk about it. They demonstrated it.

All this may mean changes in approach. Church elders and deacons would need to accept this principle and thus release their minister from much that is "good," in order to be flexible to concentrate on the "best." This is Scriptural anyhow (Acts 6: 4; Eph. 4: 12). We may need to dispense with auxiliaries, which are largely unproductive, in terms of qualified labourers.

Our methods may vary, but let us get our priorities in order, for we must evangelise or perish! Matt. 9: 36-38 still contains principles which God is willing to honour today. We need to get our objectives clearly in place and re-orientate our ministries accordingly.

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OBITUARY

Miss Mary Woodier.

The church and community at Harvey, W.A., have been bereaved through the death of Miss Mary Woodier. Born in England in 1899, she came to Harvey with her family from Canada in 1911. A few years later she went to Victoria, where she became a member of the Churches of Christ. Returning to Harvey in 1934, she continued in active membership with the church till she died in June, 1967. Of wide and deep sympathies she was an active worker in the Harvey Red Cross, the Hospital Auxiliary, the C.W.A., and the St. John's Ambulance Assn.. In this community service she was a help to many. She was a very faithful member of the church, and secretary of its C.W.F. for 24 years. During the closing months of her life, though beset with increasing weakness and suffering, her spirit was a grand witness to the enabling grace of the Lord. Very many, both inside and outside of the church, have had bequeathed to them a worthy heritage in the remembrance of her character and faithfulness. Tribute should also be paid to relatives, neighbours and friends in the church who so lovingly and faithfully ministered to Mary in many practical ways in the closing months of her life. Speaking of them one day, with tears in her eyes, she said, "I do love them all and it is such a comfort to know that they love me." —A.W.L.

M. Alderton.

The sudden death of "Monty" Alderton, aged 62, removes from the church at Margaret-st., Launceston, and from the churches in Tasmania, one of the strongest and most dedicated of our members. His earliest links with the brotherhood were at Invermay, where he served with distinction for many years as secretary, church officer and B.S. teacher. About 11 years ago, with his wife and family, he took up membership with the church in Margaret-st., where he maintained the same pattern of consecrated service and quiet leadership. He walked amongst the brethren with fine dignity, bearing the concerns and interests of the Kingdom close to his heart. His personal life reflected the orderliness which is the lovely fruit of self-discipline. He impressed as a humble and steadfast soul. This was beautifully evident when he was called to face a medical verdict as shattering as one could be. His magnificent acceptance of the "call" was a fitting end to the life of a truly valiant soldier of Jesus Christ. To beloved wife, Merle, and children, Graham, Shirley and June (Mrs. Sutton), and all members of the family, we offer this tribute of love and sympathy, grateful for every remembrance of this gracious and noble man.—L.G.R.

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Penno.

The death occurred on June 18 of one of the elderly members, Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Penno, of the church at Boort, Vic. She was 68, and had suffered a long illness. Her loyalty and devotion to the work of the kingdom will be remembered within and without the church. She had worked sincerely in the Church School, C.W.F. and as organ-

ist, together with the general ongoing of the church. For very many years she suffered hardship, and this meant working hard to keep her family, and added to this she was partly crippled. Three years ago she became ill with cancer, but this did not break down her determination to work and succeed, and up to within a few weeks of her death she managed a post office and telephone exchange at Minmindie. To her two daughters we express our Christian sympathy, but rejoice with them that her life was devoted to Jesus in whom there is life eternal.—C.G.H.

Mrs. Frances Ferguson.

The church at Nth. Balwyn, Vic., was saddened by the recent death of one of its foundation members, Mrs. Frances Ferguson. She made her decision at the Baptist Old Tabernacle, Gore-st., at the age of 11 years, and later became a member of the Church of Christ at Northcote. After a period at Thornbury she took her membership to Nth. Balwyn in 1952. Over the years Mrs. Ferguson proved to be a most faithful and valued member. The needs of a young church are many, and Mrs. Ferguson brought considerable strength to it, hardly missing a service or a prayer meeting, constant in her support of the Women's Fellowship, and most generous in her gifts. She had a deep and abiding love for the Lord and a great faith in all his promises. She was gentle and kind, a great encourager to others, and never at any time was known to say a hurtful word. She was loved by old and young alike. Mrs. Ferguson leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ted Collings (Mavis), Mrs. Wallace Jackel (Edna), and our sympathy goes out to them, and all those near and dear to her.—T.O.T.

Harold John Squires.

Born in Swan Hill, Vic., Harry Squires served in World War 1 and, seriously wounded, was invalided home without prospect of recovery. However, after skilful medical care he regained his health and lived to the age of 72 years. He married Laura McDonald and later became a member of the Swan Hill church. He was active in its life, serving as church treasurer and superintendent of

the B.S. Removing to Tatura for several years, the family linked with Shepparton church until almost 30 years ago, when they came to live in Glen Iris and took membership with the Gardiner church. Always in his place at church services, he evinced a keen interest in the welfare and activities of young people, and his kindly, warm-heartedness drew both old and young into the circle of his friendship. Seven years ago, following severe surgery, he lost his eyesight, but despite this tragic hardship he bravely faced life and did all that he could. A good man, a devoted husband and father, a loyal friend and servant in the church has gone to his reward.—K.J.

Roy Oswald Minter.

It was only in the latter part of his life that Roy Minter became an active church member. With his wife he was baptized at Gardiner church, Vic., eight years ago. He entered fully and happily into the fellowship of the church and expressed his new found faith in various ways. He fulfilled the injunction, "whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into work done for God." His deep interest in people was soon manifested and the whole church family became his concern. He served faithfully and unobtrusively as a deacon, presiding at communion and using well his talents in leadership. Possessing a literary gift and a well stored mind, he became editor of the monthly church paper. This ministry brought him much pleasure for six years and many were helped by his pen. He will be remembered with affection and appreciation for his gracious and genuine witness to Christ and the church. He died in hospital a few days after he was stricken suddenly with a severe illness.—K.J.

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HERE AND THERE. Wedderburn church celebrated its 53rd anniversary, with Thos. Hagger, past preacher for 22 years, as speaker. A. L. Haddon was student minister. . . . N. G. Noble conducted at Wanganui, N.Z., a successful debate against W. C. Nation, Pres. of Spiritualists' Assoc. of N.Z., who contended that "A Christian Can Be a Spiritualist" . . . A church was organised at Port Pirie, S. A., by H. J. Horsell, on July 22; there are 40 members. . . . Previous to entering camp in the A.I.F., William Geddes and William McKay, of the Moreland church, were holidaying with their uncle at Inverloch. While crossing Anderson's Inlet their boat capsized and it is presumed that the three men were drowned.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 43 — PRAYER :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

A full study of this subject would involve far more than an examination of the nouns translated "prayer" in the Authorised Version, but as a starting-point it is well to consider these.

In the Authorised Version "prayer" is a translation of

(1) *deesis* in Luke 1: 13; 2: 37; 5: 33; Rom. 10: 1; 2 Cor. 1: 11; 9: 14; Phil. 1: 4, 19; 2 Tim. 1: 3; Heb. 5: 7; Jas. 5: 16; 1 Pet. 3: 12. This word is also translated "request" in Phil. 1: 4; "supplication" in Acts 1: 14; Eph. 6: 18 (twice); Phil. 4: 6; 1 Tim. 2: 1; 5: 5. Revised Texts omit the word in Acts 1: 14. The noun is related to the verb *deomai*, which indicates the sense of need, want. In the New Testament *deesis* is always used in relation to God, who can supply every need.

(2) *enteuxis* in 1 Tim. 4: 5. This word, which occurs only in one other passage in the New Testament, is there rendered "intercession" (1 Tim. 2: 1). It appears in 2 Macc. 4: 8. It is related to the verb *entugkhana*, which means "light upon," "meet with." The usage of *enteuxis* in 1 Tim. 2: 1; 4: 5, "is readily explained by its constant recurrence in the papyri and inscriptions as a kind of 'vox sollemnis' for a 'petition' of any kind" (V.G.T.). Probably 1 Tim. 4: 5 is a reference to the saying of grace before meat.

(3) *eukhe* in Jas. 5: 15. This word is found in two other New Testament passages, where it is rendered "vow" (Acts 18: 18; 21: 23). The compound form is seen in *proseukhe*.

(4) *proseukhe*, which is the word behind all other references where "prayer" is given as the English equivalent. It is always so translated in the New Testament, except that in Jas. 5: 17 it is rendered "prayed earnestly" (literally, "prayed with prayer"). This word, like *eukhe*, is frequent in the Septuagint. The *pros-* is directive, that is, "prayer to." In Acts 16: 13, 16, *proseukhe* refers probably to an informal meeting-place in the open air. The word was used probably of a

synagogue in 3 Macc. 7: 20, but the less formal usage is supported by the Papyri and Inscriptions.

There are other words which, while not translated "prayer," are used of man's approach to God.

(1) *aitema*. This word is used in three passages — once in Luke relating to petition to man, twice in the Epistles relating to petition to God (Luke 23: 24; Phil. 4: 6; 1 John 5: 15). The related verb, *aiteo*, is frequent. There are two verbs meaning "ask": (a) *aiteo* in the sense of request; (b) *erotao* in the sense of question. But in late Greek *erotao* was sometimes used in the sense of *aiteo*, as in John 17: 9 and other passages.

(2) *eukharistia*, related to the verb *eukharisteo*, give thanks (compare English "eucharist" as a name for the Lord's Supper, because thanksgiving was prominent). This word is translated "giving of thanks" in 1 Cor. 14: 16; Eph. 5: 4; 1 Tim. 2: 1; "thanks" in 1 Thess. 3: 9; Rev. 4: 9; "thanksgiving" in 2 Cor. 4: 15; 9: 11, 12; Phil. 4: 6; Col. 2: 7; 4: 2; 1 Tim. 4: 3, 4; Rev. 7: 12. In Acts 24: 3 it is translated "thankfulness."

(3) *hiketeria* in Heb. 5: 7. This word, which occurs only here in the New Testament, is translated "supplications," the word being in the plural. The New English Bible renders "petitions." In Classical Greek, the word came to be used of the "sign of a suppliant" (an olive-branch) and then of "supplication." It is found in 2 Macc. 9: 18, and is paralleled in the Papyri.

The verb *parakaleo* is sometimes used of beseeching God (see Matt. 26: 53; 2 Cor. 12: 8). The element of praise in prayer is expressed in several terms — *ainesis* (Heb. 13: 15), *ainos* and the related verb *aineo*, *doxa*, *epainos*.

It will be clear that the vocabulary of prayer suggests many aspects, including adoration and praise, confession (Heb. 13: 15, R.V.), devotion, intercession and fellowship, supplication and thanksgiving. A study of the prayers uttered by Jesus will prove very helpful.

BARRED FROM INDIA

(London). Three British Methodist missionaries have been barred from entering India. 14 have been refused entry since March 1.

Methodist Missionary Society spokesmen pointed out that in no case had the government of India given a reason for refusing entry.

At the same time, Baptist and other religious sources have confessed bafflement at a reported warning by the Indian Minister for Home Affairs that his government would take strong action against the Christian missionaries taking advantage of the famine conditions in India to gain converts.

Brian Dudbridge, associate secretary of Christian Aid, said: "I am staggered to learn that anyone these days even considers that aid might be offered to needy people with strings attached. That kind of thinking went out in Victorian times."

It is advisable for all missionaries leaving the country to obtain a "no objection to return" certificate.—E.P.S.

RUSSIAN METHODISTS GAIN

(New York). The Methodist Church in Estonia, Soviet Union, which had 4,000 members in 1965, gained 135 members last year, according to reports reaching the Methodist Board of Missions here.

Estonian Methodists are the only members of the denomination in all of the Soviet Union.—E.P.S.

BRITISH METHODISTS DECLINE

(England). The British Methodist Church's largest membership decline in recent years — a loss of 11,581 — was reported.

Total membership at Dec. 31, 1966, was 678,766. During the year the church, in fact, gained 17,390 new members, but these did not make up for the 13,737 who died, and 12,740 who ceased to be members. Transfer to other denominations, other circuits and other countries also added to the over-all loss. In 1965, decline in membership was 10,959.—E.P.S.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Letter from Our Nurses at Ndui Ndui

It is high time we shared again with you some of the joys and sorrows of our everyday life. Days of rain and humidity have given place to sunshine — hot days, but cool nights. Already the landscape is losing its gloriously green coat, and patches of brown grass and vegetation are showing through. Paw-paws, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, are all ripening on the trees — so we have a good store of citrus fruits and vitamins!

We are settling down again to every day life — outpatients, nursing, lectures, dental extractions, incision of abscesses, etc. — after a really good time spent on patrol work, and at the yearly conference held this year on Pentecost. We now have a senior dresser stationed at our distant villages at East Aoba, and we visit his two dispensaries to check up on the work and to see patients whom he wishes referred. This usually involves hard dental extractions and examination of the more sick patients, who often need to be transferred to hospital. Both dispensaries are new and are really splendid.

During the last patrol we were also able to have a good time of fellowship with the local people. Evening services were arranged, and all the people responded well — they have so little help in these distant villages that they really welcome anyone who comes along. Flannelgraphs were very popular, especially as there is a big language barrier, and they seem to be able to follow these visual aids.

Both the dispensaries are in beautiful surroundings — near the village centre, church, market place and feast house. At one centre we suggested a women's meeting outside the dispensary, on the grass under the shade of the coconut trees. However, the men were not having this and insisted on being present too! In the end there was a good crowd of picanninies, men and women, who shared in the service.

At the hospital our fellowship hour with the nurses and dressers has been very encouraging. Although it is not a compulsory meeting, everyone seems to enjoy coming. Once a fortnight we have

a flannelgraph service and community singing evening for nurses, dressers, patients and relatives, and the singing is an indication of how much they enjoy it. How we wish that we had some sort of a Youth Centre for all these young people! They have so much spare time, and so little to do, and are really hungry. We try to organise as much as possible for them, such as cooking classes and other forms of recreation, but we need 36 hours in our 24!

EARLY IMPRESSIONS

BY DR. B. PITT.

Early impressions of the work at Ndui Ndui are many and varied. Possibly the most forceful is that there are many sides to the running of a 50-bed hospital, and that each is important. Not only is there the actual treatment of patients, but also much time must be spent in securing an adequate supply of drugs, compiling statistics, dealing with various staff matters and taking some part in the rather extensive training programme which is being carried on.

One of the most exciting parts of the hospital life is the spiritual progress of the nurses and dressers. One can see, by their prayers, and the questions they ask, that they are seeking to grapple with the problems that mankind everywhere faces. Typical recent questions have been: "What is God like?", "How can we become the real friends of Jesus?", "Why is it that some people say the Christian way is too strong for them?", "How much does God expect from us?" These questions lead naturally to a consideration of many of the basic concepts of the life in Christ.

Much could be said about the differences between the social and economic situations here, and in Australia, and the relationship of the missionary to the people he works with, but one feature is very obvious. Man's reactions to God's dealings with him show the same diversity here as in Australia.

In prosperity, most become complacent and proud, some are very thankful. In

adversity, some become bitter, others turn with greater earnestness to Christ. Human pride and self-justification are as evident here as elsewhere. So, too, are those with a deep hunger for God's Word and a sincere desire to serve. In this sense the situations here and at home are very much the same.

What can one achieve in one year? Obviously the primary task is to maintain the work at present being carried on. Learning the language in this time seems out of the question. It is clear that only in Christ can the real needs of these people be met.

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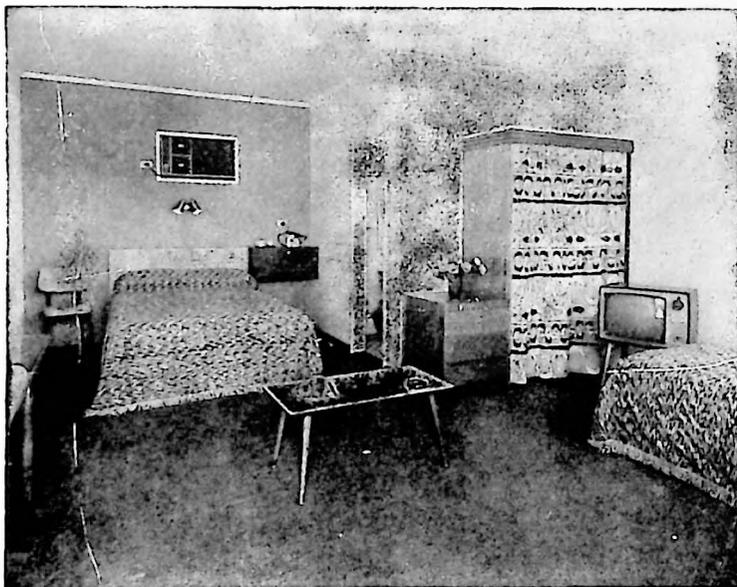


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