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## HARVEST OF MISSIONS (see cover)

It is a thrill for us all, and especially for those who serve with our Aboriginal missions, to see young people develop self-reliance and achieve positions of responsible community service.

In the cover picture there are two girls who were formerly of our Carnarvon Mission, Nurse Dawn Noble (third year trainee) and Mara Drummond (first year), seen working at "The Mount Hospital," Perth, W.A.

## THE BUDGET

The financial affairs of Australia are very big business indeed, and the annual budget sets out the Government's views of the priorities and concerns of all the people.

It is natural that we should first ask the question, "What's in it for us?" and, having got the answer "Not much," we can go on to the next question, "What's in it for others?" Among the "others" the pensioners get very little, and the Aborigines get nothing.

There was some slight easing of earning restrictions on pensioners, but for the pensioner who has to rely entirely upon the pension, there was no relief at all. In fact, these people get less each year. Their fortnightly cheque is reduced in value every time there is a price rise.

It seems incredible that this aspect should be ignored by the Government. If a means test is applied to the pensioner, it is reasonable to ask that a purchasing test be applied to the pension.

Last May we had an expensive Referendum asking us to give the Federal Government the powers it needed to assist the Aborigines. We gave the Government the required powers in a massive "Yes" vote.

We did not expect that the referendum result would immediately resolve all of the difficulties of the Aborigine, but we did expect that the Budget would at least provide for research (as a prelude to action) in the areas of education, housing, vocational training, and community development.

The Budget gave no indication that the Government has even heard the result of the Referendum. A letter on the Open Forum page in this issue suggests something that we might do about it.

## BACKING THE N.L. FRONT

Not very many Australians would support the decision by a handful of students at Monash, Vic., and the Australian National University to send medical aid to Vietnam's National Liberation Front through North Vietnam, but the hysterical reaction of the Government is not justified.

Urgent legislation is being rushed through Parliament to provide prison sentences and heavy fines for those collecting or sending funds to the Viet Cong.

We may well deplore the thought that the enemies facing Australian young men in the jungles and villages of Vietnam may be given even token assistance by a few Australians back home. We may also point out with unassailable logic that there are already facilities available for aiding the wounded and injured on both sides. Mr. Justice Nimmo, acting chairman of Australian Red Cross, said that "the Australian Red Cross is a member of International Red Cross whose traditional task is to furnish aid to the sick and wounded, irrespective of nationality, to mitigate suffering wherever it may occur. This is achieved by strict adherence to the principles of impartiality and neutrality." North Vietnam is a member of International Red Cross and therefore qualifies for medical aid. We would encourage the students to make use of these facilities.

It still remains a fact that many Australians do have a deep feeling of uncertainty about the justice of our presence in Vietnam and, in particular, the bombing by our allies of North Vietnam.

These questions are regularly debated in Parliament and discussed daily in our newspapers. It is a characteristic of young people, however, that they want to act quickly upon their decisions and follow their commitment with prompt practical support.

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## THE CHANNEL

*Let not my words like heedless rapids  
rush by stones of truth,*

*Or clog in dams of self-complacency;*

*Nor let my thoughts lie stagnant  
in backwater, scarcely heard,*

*But let them somewhere, sometime, Lord,  
bring drifting souls to Thee.*

—Katherine L. Ramsdell  
in "The Pulpit."

## • THE HUNGRY ONES

It is gradually beginning to dawn on us that small and insignificant though our efforts may be in relation to this colossal famine problem, headlines are being made daily as we battle to save the lives of 32,000 people in East Sarguja, whose existence hangs on a slender thread — our CORAGS relief programme, operated under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India.

Over the border, in Palamau, Bihar, our colleagues are operating a programme equally as large, with total of 64,000 beneficiaries receiving help through "food-for-work" projects and, in the case of indigents, free kitchens. This is only a small part of the total CORAGS relief which is providing over one million people in many parts of India, with a minimum of at least 1,000 calories per day.

Needless to say, it is a deep privilege for us to be involved in such a large undertaking, for the essence of the Christian faith is "involvement." It is in such a practical expression of "concern" that Christ — the Incarnate Word become flesh in our time, through the church, has opportunity of revealing his saving grace.

Staggered by the enormity of our CORAGS venture, visiting volunteers, at present eight in number, remind us that it is possible to live for so long in a situation of crisis that one becomes immune to the extra-ordinary; that which would make front-page news at "home" is now just part of the daily routine, but I must confess that I'm very near to the point where I could easily say, "I've had it!"

Truly, one can take only so much. But for the grace of Christ, I would quit this programme; maybe another, with less concern re the liquor problem, would go and get thoroughly drunk! One way to overcome this spasm of depression is to get it off one's chest by hard writing while the story is hot and wet, so here goes.

### Later

Well, that's as far as I went. Several weeks have passed and I am happy to say that during that time no cases of death have been reported due to food shortage in our area. We are getting

things under control, and Ruth and I could never express in mere words the debt we owe to CORAGS, our staff of 20 volunteers and local helpers, and the many interested friends throughout the world who, through gifts of money, food parcels and clothing, have shared in this mighty outreach of the church's ministry.

It is only a matter of two weeks since I saw desperately thirsty people, women in particular, fighting like angry cats over a few drops of water from a nearly-dry well. Now, since the monsoon has started, we are nearly washed out and all about us is a quagmire.

We have had one of our 7 ton CORAGS Mercedes trucks heavily bogged down in the Cherra River, one mile from home. It has on board 80 bags of wheat (200 lb. each). In order to keep 32,000 people alive, at least two such truck loads must come in daily — apart from other commodities such as milk powder, multipurpose protein food, edible oil, medicines, split beans, baby foods and special easily-digested foods for cases of severe malnutrition.

We tried to dig out the truck with its precious cargo, but fearing that the clutch may burn out without first unloading, abandoned the idea in favor of transferring the bags to Jeeps, but then the worst happened — it started to rain in torrents and the big Mercedes is happily holding its own against a turbulent stream racing at about 18 miles per hour, and five feet deep. There is nothing I can do about it now — it just calls for more hard writing — and prayer.

### Still Later

Well, we did get that truck out, though it cost us a lot of sweat and several gallons of transmission oil. Had that truck been washed down stream I think I would have cried, for in the earlier days of the programme I became very much attached to it, making it my mobile-office. With the pressure of the relief work so great that I needed to be in several places at once, including a daily trip to check on road repairs, I used the spacious front cab to accommodate my portable filing cabinet, office gear and even a typewriter.

But driving such a heavy vehicle on a daily schedule of 160 miles, in tempera-

# WRITE IT WHILE IT'S HOT AND WET!!

BY KEITH SKILLICORN

### Much Later

Well, much water has passed down the Cherra. It is now early August, and the situation has vastly improved. With the help of up to 4,000 laborers we have stone-paved and gravel-surfaced most of the six miles of track to Baragar, thus making it possible for our 5 and 7 ton trucks to ply, even in the rain, providing the river water remains below knee-level.

The two troublesome rivers have been spanned by causeways of heavy boulders buried two feet below level of the river bed and topped by smaller stones also covered by the sand. CORAGS has also provided both Bhandaria and Sarguja fields with Massey-Ferguson tractors, which continue to operate even when the rivers are in partial spate. Their trailers haul 40 bags of wheat.

Work on over 150 earthen dams and wells has been completed, and our 6,000 odd laborers are engaged in cultivation, for until their first crop of maize comes in they will have to depend on what food we can provide. CORAGS provided us with 10 tons of hybrid maize, which has already been distributed along with one ton of rice paddy seed.

A liberal grant of Rs. 15,000 was handed over to me by CORAGS for the purchase of rice paddy seed, but in spite of a last minute hectic dash by plane from Ranchi to Delhi, Bhopal and Nagpur, the required seed was not available. Later, CORAGS sent us one ton of rice seed by express passenger train from Delhi to Gaya, and from there by fast truck; it arrived in time at great expense.

With an acute shortage of seed it was decided to make every effort to encourage those more fortunate members

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of the community with seed to spare, to turn the precious grains over to us for distribution as seed, instead of paying it out, as is the normal custom, for work done in transplanting the rice seedlings. Amazingly so, in response to our appeal, nearly three tons of paddy seed were handed over for distribution to those with no seed, and in return, we agreed to do the donors' transplanting, using relief labor paid for with wheat.

What has been even more surprising is a donation of nearly Rs. 3,000 by local villagers towards our seed fund. To administer these resources we have set up a special committee and co-opted several members of the general public. At present we are planning ways and means of purchasing winter crop seeds to the value of Rs. 18,000.

CORAGS has ordered a deep furrow plough to be used with the tractor, which we are to retain so long as the public is prepared to avail of these facilities. It is hoped also that through the kindness of Dr. Rae W. Dungan, of Australia, fertilizers will also be made available. There is also a real possibility that a B.Sc. graduate in Agriculture may be sent to us by the N.C.C. to advise in types of crops to plant, selection of seeds and fertilizers, and to perform tests of soil analysis.

The situation looks bright, especially as we now have most of our grain stores jammed full to the roof with sorghum, wheat, milk, soyabean oil, beans, "Ener-tone," "Weet Hearts," Glaxo Baby Food, Gerber bottled chicken, Multivitamins, Multipurpose food, and many varieties of tinned foods, the latter being so wonderfully provided by the Victorian (Australia) branch of the W.C.T.U.

One real problem is the Khanaha River across which we have a large supply of grains moving on the heads of two men per bag who wade through neck deep water at times when the river level is low. It is quite a sight to see up to 500 men at a time, in a human chain, making the two mile watery trek from here to our Bhedmi store.

Part of our relief involves an emergency medical unit that is staffed by a steady stream of CORAGS volunteers (doctors and male nurses) as well as our own staff of two Leprosy Mission-trained para-medical workers. Over 6,000 villagers in this area were inoculated for T.A.B.-Cholera by the team which is also providing "Pro-Vita" protein enriched foods, several consignments of which, along with milk powder and baby foods, have come from Dr. Rae W. Dungan.

The latter benefactor, who visited our field in Jan. '67, has also been instrumental in supplying special foods to the Palamau Deputy Commissioner for his relief programme.

Some of these special foods also have been used in the three mobile medical units provided by UNICEF for the Sarguja area beyond Ramanuganj, 30 miles from here. The Australian Churches of Christ have also been most generous in providing us, through the Overseas Board, three consignments of lovely, full, white wheat, totalling 110 tons, along with two tons of full cream powdered milk.

The Social Questions Committee of the British Churches of Christ has provided

liberal funds to help with transportation of food grains. "Meals for Millions," through Disciples of Christ, has sent us 150 tins of Multipurpose food for (ever growing (nearly 400) number of leprosy patients, for whom we have also received through the Leprosy Mission, funds to purchase a new microscope, laboratory equipment, an industrial sewing machine for making special micro-cellular shoes for ulcer patients, funds for covering the stipends of our staff, and clothing to equip our needy patients when winter comes.

Through S.Q.C. of our British churches we have been able to erect a fine four-room clinic, which is being furnished with extra equipment provided by the N.Z. branch of the Leprosy Mission. Through Dr. Rae W. Dungan, R. P. Morris, the Campbell Edwards Trust, Leprosy Mission (Aust.) and many interested donors, we have been recipients of a new Kaiser-Jep FC-150 Mobile Clinic-Ambulance, the internal fittings of which are being provided for in part by the supporting Youth of N.Z. Leprosy Mission through the interest of a former colleague, Jack Christie.

## CHURCHES IN SOUTH SUDAN GROW WEAKER

(Kampala). The church in the southern Sudan is growing weaker and weaker due to a lack of leadership, Ezekiel M. Kodi, Member of Parliament in the Sudan Government, told a reporter for the Anglican newspaper, "New Day," during a visit here in mid-July. Mr. Kodi was elected to Parliament at the recent by-election.

He has been visiting East African countries where refugees from southern Sudan have sought shelter to apprise them of the present situation. At the same time he could offer little assurance that the safety of refugees would be guaranteed.

"The security situation is not yet improved," he stated. "Emergency regulations are still in existence and curfews are imposed." In places where the church

## POVERTY IS DEFIANCE OF GOD

(West Lafayette, Ind.). The gap between the wealthy and poor nations is a "defiance flung in the face of God," according to British economist, Barbara Ward, at the Triennial National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women.

"If you look at the globe on the basis of wealth," Miss Ward said, "you'll find it has an enormous bottom and a tiny little top. And if you look at it on the basis of population you'll find it's just as unbalanced the other way round.

"Our world is so lopsided that it is a wonder it is not thrown out of orbit. Unless we act now, we are headed for even more trouble."

Suggesting there is "something wrong with wealthy nations that can pump 27 billion dollars into Vietnam in one year and cut one billion from help for underdeveloped nations," Miss Ward branded Western "assistance" programmes as "purely commercial ventures designed to help us.

"They may wind up helping others, but that's not what they were designed for. Let's be honest about it. Let's not call this assistance," she said.—E.P.S.

Our whole compound has been wired up to provide electric light and power from a motor generator provided by Principal E. L. Williams, of Aust., whose loving concern we shall always treasure. In this dark and remote jungle, our compound looks like Coney Island, or Blackpool, or to those from Australia — Luna Park. To us, it is a symbol of the light of Christ himself.

Through all this relief work I have come into a friendly relationship with leading officials in the M.P. Govt, who have thrice called me to Bhopal, the provincial capital, to advise. The District Collector has given us an area of 300 square miles to serve with a free hand.

Truly, this valley will never be the same after this CORAGS programme, through which the villagers have, we hope, learned the value of co-operating in community development. The church, we hope, has learned that Christ is only found, experienced and propagated in the bloody stream of human suffering. We have found in abundant measure, that if we look to the Lord in faith, no matter how great may be the need, he will provide.

buildings have not been destroyed, all the furniture has been carried away. Some buildings are falling apart, due to lack of maintenance.

In the provincial headquarters such as Juba, Wau and Malakal, church services are still held, but in other areas there are few pastors to provide leadership.

Acts of murder, torture, looting and destruction by Khartoum government troops in 1965 forced whole villages to flee into the "bush" or across the borders to Uganda or the Congo. While the violence was not directed exclusively against Christians, they were among the chief sufferers because they represented the leadership potential of the southern Sudanese.

Asked by the "New Day" correspondent whether he saw any solution to the Sudan's problems, Mr. Kodi said the Sudan African National Union and the South Front Parties, which are the chief negotiators for the south, want a federal type of government based on four regions.

He stated that the Government wanted to base the country's constitution on Islam and make it the official religion. The Southerners found this unacceptable. They are seeking freedom of worship for all religions.—E.P.S.

## HONG KONG MISSIONS

Riots in Hong Kong have slowed down the activities of missionary personnel. Some missionaries who lived in the curfew areas could not travel to their work in the settlement houses. But there were good national workers there who could carry on the meetings.

Although leftist sources indicated an intention to carry on the confrontation with the British "to the very end," there seemed a split in leftist ranks between extremists and moderates.

While the personal safety of the missionaries is the concern of Christians throughout the world, the Christians in Hong Kong are thinking more of their opportunities for presenting the gospel.

## • REVOLT IN U.S.A.

# CIVIL RIGHTS OR CIVIL RIOTS

BY BRUCE MARRIOTT

The charred walls, lone chimneys, smoking ruins and growing list of the dead and wounded, have stunned the people of America. It happened just 200 miles from where I write this letter.

As a newcomer to the country (three weeks' duration) I have been gripped by the concern shown by people everywhere. In conversation with people you don't need to raise the subject — just bide your time — they'll raise it. One conversation went like this, "Do you have any of them danged negroes in Australia?" "No." "Then you've got just about as many as you need."

Another conversation produced this classic statement, "I have known one or two good negroes in my life, but they all had a bit of white blood in them somewhere."

There are others, however, who are honestly asking what has gone wrong? Who has failed? Who causes riots?

While it may be impossible to justify the violence, in some cases it can be understood. Anyone who tries to live in the United States on \$2,000 a year, in a filthy tenement building with rats gnawing at his children's toes as they try to sleep, must feel like reacting violently. Many of the rioters live in far better conditions than these, however, and are rebelling because their humble lot in life does not allow them the privileges of color TV.

Whom do you blame for riots? The ardent Republicans have blamed President Johnson, the moderates among the negro leaders have blamed the criminal element and extremists. The rioters want to blame all of "them" who cause their underprivileged state.

Perhaps the true cause is to be found in a combination of all three elements — administration, extreme negro racists and "them" or "us" (depending on whether you are colored or white). But whether we can accurately place the blame or not, the problem remains, and we must try to assess the situation as it stands.

## Has the Civil Rights Movement Defeated Itself?

For years some of the highly honored and respected leaders of the movement have been advocating civil disobedience by non-violent means. Their emphasis has been adopted by many politicians and administrators. With such a strong

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emphasis on civil disobedience, given all the power of mass media publicity, the nation must of necessity sit on a powder keg hoping no one is foolish enough to strike a match.

The Civil Rights Legislation of the early Johnson era, which was applauded throughout the world, has also drawn the attention of impatient negroes who thought they would now be living on clover, and can't understand why the clover takes so long to grow when the economic weather is dry.

## PAPERBACK NEW TESTAMENT

(New York). A colloquial paperback translation of the New Testament, published ten months ago by the American Bible Society, is turning into a genuine best-seller.

Planned as a simplified version written in street-corner English, and brightened with 200 modern line drawings, the volume titled "Today's English Version" (TEV) was intended for distribution among those ten million Americans who don't read well or are learning English as a second language.

The Bible Society had estimated that first-year sales would probably reach one million copies. But by last week sales had passed 4,020,000.

An additional one million copies of the 25-cent paperback have been ordered by the Atlanta (Georgia) Christian Council, which plans a campaign for October in which 100,000 Atlanta citizens will each try to sell at least 10 copies.—E.P.S.

## BISHOP SHEEN URGES U.S. LEAVE VIETNAM

(Rochester, New York). The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, R.C. Bishop of Rochester, called on President Johnson to withdraw U.S. troops from Vietnam immediately "for the sake of reconciliation."

Bishop Sheen made this call in a sermon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in response to the President's plea that July 30 be a national day of prayer for peace and reconciliation to end the current racial strife in the U.S.

"Is this reconciliation to be limited only to our citizens?" the Bishop asked. "Could we not also be reconciled with our brothers in Vietnam? May I speak only as a Christian and humbly ask the President to announce: 'In the name of God, who bade us love our neighbour with our whole heart and soul and mind, for the sake of reconciliation I shall withdraw our forces immediately from southern Vietnam.'"

And now the riots have set in and seem likely to spread. The riots themselves are tragic enough, but the effects of the riots on the American people are even more tragic. It seems as if any sympathy the negroes once had has been lost over night. The reaction of horror has been rationalised in the minds of many as a rejection of colored people. I find myself constantly saying to people that as long as we, the white people, do not react too strongly, too irrevocably, there is still hope for an ordered and integrated society.

The respected leaders of the Civil Rights movement have voiced their fears too. Martin Luther King pleaded, "No one benefits under mob law. Let's end it now." Bayard Rustin warned, "There will be a fantastic backlash in Congress," and went on to declare that history shows that whenever there has been such violence there has followed a strong repression of the negroes. Some have estimated that the integration of the American community has been set back 50 years.

It is still a long and difficult road along which I believe God will lead to a nobler society, but on every hand you seem to be able to hear the cry, "How long, O Lord! How long?"

Bishop Sheen's stand on the Vietnam war is in opposition to that of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Bishop Sheen served for 15 years as auxiliary Bishop of the New York archdiocese until his transfer to Rochester in December, 1966.—E.P.S.

## 165 WELLS IN BIHAR

(New Delhi). The AFPRO well-drilling team has completed 165 bores for drinking water wells, fitted with pumps, in the Hazaribagh district, Bihar. Initiated in January, the emergency programme was finished ahead of schedule.

AFPRO (Action for Food Production) is a joint undertaking of Roman Catholic bodies, the National Christian Council's Committee on Relief and Gift Supplies, and voluntary agencies.

Two Halco drills did the job. Towards the end of the operation, the Bihar Public Health Dept. put a Halco Minor at the disposal of AFPRO.

The work was spread over an area of about 2,000 square miles, in six blocks of the Chatra sub-division. The terrain in this area is indescribably rugged, with almost impassable roads leading to jungle villages.—E.P.S.

## HINDUS OPPOSE CONVERSIONS

A militant Hindu group, the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has called on the Indian Government to enact legislation similar to Nepal's which outlaws conversion of Hindus to other religions.

Describing Christian missionaries as "anti-national elements" eating into the "very vitals" of Hindu society, the president of the group said that in pre-independence days whatever missionaries did in the name of service was aimed at strengthening British rule, and today it is aimed at converting the people to Christianity.

Mission activities were also said to be responsible for demands by Naga tribesmen for a separate nation, and by Catholic tribesmen for a new state of Jharkhand in central India.

## GALILEE OF THE GENTILES

BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

... A Story of "Yesterday" and "Today"

"By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people who sat in darkness saw great light . . ."

This is Matthew's graphic description of the mission and ministry of Jesus (Matt. 4: 15, 16), in these more northerly reaches of the Holy Land, as under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he is prompted to re-echo the prophetic strain of Isaiah (Isa. 42: 6, 7).

The hand of time appears to have rested in a very light caress upon the hills and vales of Galilee. In this veritable "cradle of Christianity" we saw Israeli shepherds tending their docile flocks, as in the days of Jesus. And the north-western shores of this lovely little lake, forming a green carpet right down to the shimmering blue of the waters, remain apparently much the same as Jesus saw them.

Unhappily, however, this quiet countryside has recently been awakened by the muffled thunder of Syrian artillery, the chattering rejoinder of Israeli machine-gun fire, and the ominous whine of jet fighters overhead. But we were privileged to see these scenes in more peaceful times. The threat was always present. Israeli and Arab faced one another across the tenuous borders, but there was no open conflict.

This is a very old land. The Canaanitish and Phoenician backgrounds eventually gave place to the influx of Israelites, with their knowledge of the one true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, mediated by Moses, and preserved by Joshua and the more enlightened Judges right down to the "golden age" of King David. But the alien wives of Solomon, and the advent of Jezebel as queen of King Ahab, nearly 100 years later, resulted in the introduction of the disastrous and debauching Baal worship as a pagan rival to the pure religion of the living God of the patriarchs. Consequently the "darkness" of the Gentiles restricted and impeded the "light" of the chosen people.

While it is true that this northern sector of Israel, between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean, was certainly part of what had been described in the Old Testament as a land "flowing with milk and honey," and the promised heritage of the Hebrews, it became equally evident by the time of Christ that this area had grown to be the meeting-place of many nations.

This homely little plot was at one end of what historians and geographers call, in the happy phrase of Professor Breasted, "the fertile crescent" — the curved path-

way from Egypt to the civilisations of Assyria and Babylonia. It was through the plain of Jezreel, or to give it its Gentile name, Esdraelon, and north-east to Damascus, that the ancient caravans passed in an inevitable trade-linkage between East and West.

But it was also the meeting-place of nations in hostile confrontation — and recent months have shown all too clearly how history has a habit of repeating itself. This same countryside which centuries ago resounded to the clash of the forces of leaders such as Joshua, Saul, Ahab, Jehoshaphat, Ben-hadad, Josiah and Pharaoh Necho — have witnessed the most recent struggle — with Jew and Arab, both claiming Abraham as their forefather, locked in desperate warfare.

Following the conquest of Pompey (63 B.C.) and the Roman occupation, Galilee became a cosmopolitan community reflecting the larger and wider Gentile world. Hence, it is not for nothing that the evangelist alludes to the significant and fittingly descriptive words of the Prophet Isaiah — "By the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people who sat in darkness saw great light."

Roman Tiberias, built by Herod Antipas to honor the Emperor, no longer exists. It has been replaced by a modern settlement. The former gorgeous palaces have made way for tourist motels. From the modern motel, "Yalon," we looked down upon the quiet little lakeside township, and then followed the road in a northerly direction, through Migdal (Magdala) and Tabgha (where many contend the 5,000 were fed) to Kefr Nahum (Capernaum).

Capernaum has always been regarded as the town of the prophet Nahum, but its chief importance today lies in its synagogue remains. Though the ruins do not represent the synagogue where Jesus worshipped, they are said to be on the site of the Capernaum synagogue referred to in the Gospels.

There are also two important "Kibbutzim" (Israeli collective farm settlements) on the shores of Galilee, Kibbutz Deganya, in the fertile Jordan Valley to the south, near Jabneel, and Kibbutz Ginnosar (Gennesaret), on the north-western shore. This is not far away from the grassy eminence known locally as the Mount of Beatitudes, because an ancient tradition suggests that in this area Jesus delivered the series of messages recorded in Matthew 5-7, which have come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount. Yet, one can scarcely escape the irony of such a possibility. Here, where Jesus

said, "Blessed are the peacemakers . . ." for centuries, even right up to our present day, men have been engulfed in fierce carnage.

Moving away from the lakeside toward the west, we take the road that leads through Nazareth and ultimately on to Mount Carmel and the modern port of Haifa, on the Mediterranean. Glancing to the left, which is actually a south-westerly direction from the highway, the traveller is confronted with Mount Tabor, a mound of velvety-green loveliness that Jesus must have passed many times. It was from this height, too, many centuries before the time of Christ, that the Prophetess Deborah watched the defeat of Jabin's Canaanitish host under Sisera at the hands of her colleague Barak (Judges 4). No, this land of "milk and honey" throughout its long history has never been really free from warfare and strife.

We then pass through the Arab village Kafr Kana, thought to be the Cana of Galilee, where Jesus and his mother and several of his disciples attended the marriage feast (John 2) and where his first miracle was wrought. From here it is only a short drive to Nazareth. Strangely enough, the population of modern Nazareth is largely Arab and predominantly Christian.

Unfortunately, however, the zealous commercialism of the custodians of the so-called sacred shrines tends to destroy the spiritual significance of the town. So much is merely conjectural, with no shred of real evidence or Biblical confirmation. The only obviously authentic spot is the steep precipice, the only one of its kind, on the edge of the town, which points silently yet eloquently to the incident recorded by Luke in which Jesus' own townsfolk, convicted of their parochialism and angry with the Master, "led him onto the brow of the hill . . . that they might cast him down headlong . . ." (Luke 4: 29).

Along the road from Nazareth to Mount Carmel we plunged deep into rich spreading forests of tall stately trees, the "Bal-four" Forest and "Lady Mountbatten" Forest. Delightful plantations of straight, slim pines and gum trees (eucalypts to the Israelis) told their own story of the amazing re-afforestation programme of these eager, vigorous sons of Abraham. But, alas, their relationship to Abraham is only physical.

As yet there is little evidence that they are likely to become spiritual sons of Abraham through acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour. Paul's yearning for Israel's conversion (Rom. 9: 6-8) showed genuine concern and poignant emotion. But thus far, in the restored, modern State of Israel, there is no sign of spiritual awakening.

From the forest heights we look down breathlessly. Spread majestically before us in the great plain of Jezreel, viewed now from yet another angle, and in the hazy distance Megiddo (Har Mageddon, or as it appears, Anglicised, in our Bible, Armageddon). This was a fortress of Solomon, and the site where modern archaeologists have uncovered his famous stables. Here, too, good King Josiah lost his life in an unwise attempt to interpose his small force between the advancing army of Necho and his ulti-

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## INTERSTATE NEWS —

### VINEY LONGTHORP FOR JOINT BOARD

(Melb.). The Joint Board of Graded Lessons has sought the services of Viney Longthorp, at present Director for the Dept. of Christian Education for Churches of Christ in Vic. and Tas. Mr. Longthorp has accepted the appointment and will commence his new ministry on Oct. 2.

The Joint Board serves the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in preparing studies for youth and adults, and also Sunday School materials. A new curriculum is being developed and Mr. Longthorp will be mainly responsible for this as well as giving general editorial assistance.

Mr. Longthorp will remain a Church of Christ minister. His membership is at Burwood and he will continue to serve on the Federal Literature Committee. He will probably serve one of our churches as a part-time minister in a part-time capacity.

He has had considerable experience as writer and editor. He has edited "Guide," written lessons for the Federal Board, numerous studies for Junior Camps and for local Teenage groups. He edited "Good Companions' Standards," published this year, has written plays, provocative pamphlets, and has contributed regularly to "The Australian Christian." At present he represents the brotherhood on the V.C.C.E., C.T.A., C.C.E.S., and C.I.E. committees.

### GROUP LIFE LABORATORY

(Qld.). Under the auspices of the Aust. Council of Christian Educ., the Qld. Council conducted a Group Life Laboratory at Alexandra Headlands. 22 people from four communions participated in this time of sensitivity training. Kevin Jenner, minister-elect for Gladstone, attended, and the Dept. of Y. and C. E. subsidised half the cost incurred for the fortnights' training.

### COLLEGE DEMOLITION TEAM

(Gladstone, Qld.). A group of college students, under the leadership of Don Stewart, moved into Gladstone for the term vacation to demolish an old house in preparation for the erection of a new manse for this strategic alumina city. The \$115 million alumina plant was officially opened last weekend. Kevin Jenner commenced Gladstone's first full-time ministry on Aug. 20.

## MISSIONARY RALLY OF VICTORIAN C.W.F.

(Vic). 180 attended the annual missionary rally at the Brotherhood Centre, on Aug. 9. Morning tea was provided by Mrs. Lowry and her ladies. Special guests were Miss Dorothy Geyer, on furlough from India, and Mrs. J. Smith, recently returned from New Hebrides.

Mrs. A. C. Candy, the Supt. of the Missionary Committee, presided over morning meeting, when Aborigines Missions were emphasised. Devotions, led by members, were prepared by L. Fisher of Carnarvon.

The women of the Aboriginal Committee brought a simple play on the problems and pleasures of packing clothes parcels for our missionary work in W.A. David Marr, preacher of the Echuca church, shared some aspects of his work amongst the Aborigines at Cummeragunja.

A tape of some of the Aborigine girls singing was a feature.

C.W.F. President, Mrs. D. G. Ferguson, led the afternoon session, especially welcoming D. H. Smith, of the H.M. Dept. He interviewed two ladies actively engaged in the church work at Millera. The soloiste, Mrs. D. Davis, was accompanied by Mrs. B. Taylor.

Mrs. Dorothy Smith was presented with a sheaf of flowers from the Overseas Mission Dept., in recognition of 22 years of service in the New Hebrides. She thanked the women for their loving concern and prayers while she was their Living Link, and urged all to continue to pray for the work in the Islands.

The offerings for the day, to be used for "Fairhaven" Esperance, totalled \$85. —Dorothy C. Heard, Secretary.

### MINISTER FLIES NORTH

Alan Webb, B.A., Camp Hill minister, flew to Townsville to conduct a camp for Counsellors at Magnetic Island, as a preparation for the forthcoming Billy Graham Crusade.

### YOUTH COUNCIL '67

140 people from as far apart as Dalby and Gympie attended the Youth Council run by the Youth and Christian Educ. Dept. 20 different facets of Department activity were outlined by a different speaker on each subject, and then group discussion followed. An evaluation sheet enabled expression of ideas for future expansion of the Y. and C. E. work in Queensland.

### H.M. DIRECTOR AT LOWOOD

Guest speaker at Lowood's anniversary was H. M. Director, Alex. Surtess. The anniversary weekend culminated with a West Moreton Circuit meeting at Lowood.

### FOUNDATION MEMBER DIES

(Broken Hill, S.A.). Church saddened by sudden death of H. E. Garner, who joined church about 1910. Civic and union representatives were present at funeral service. Mrs. H. E. Garner is sole surviving foundation member . . . Mrs. Sack is home from hospital after what her doctor calls a "dramatic" recovery . . . Y.P. from all groups presented gospel effectively at youth service. Explorers and Brigade paraded at 7 p.m., and Brigade Cadets at 11 a.m. Total Brigade enrolment is 50 . . . Women conducted whole service on women's night, on 13th, and men shared in gospel service on 6th.

### Y.P. AT WORK

(Kadina, S.A.). Work by Y.P. on new coffee lounge progressing. A new shed for church storage is also being erected. . . . A teenage girl was recently baptized . . . S. E. Riches, Conf. Pres., has visited the church . . . A ladies' prayer group has commenced . . . The church is saddened by the death of a faithful member, J. Lawrence . . . Ladies' Guild appreciated visit from Aborigines' Committee.

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mate goal in Assyrian Carchemish (2 Kings 23: 29, 30; 2 Chron. 35: 24-24).

It seems probable that the phrase "Galilee of the Gentiles," and the accompanying comment, "the people who sat in darkness saw great light," had prophetic significance. For even though the Jews rejected Jesus, He became "a Light to the Gentiles" (Isa. 42: 6, Luke 2: 32). Moreover, though Jews were among the first to enter the church, it was not long before Gentiles were given the opportunity also to accept Christ and become part-takers of the Christian fellowship.

Yet today, this ancient land, with its eager, virile settlers, is still in a very real sense "Galilee of the Gentiles." For all their aspirations for their national heritage are bound up in materialistic humanism. The physical "children of Abraham," even though they have returned to the "Promised Land," are still spiritual aliens. The modern Jews are the spiritual "Gentiles," whereas those non-Jews who have accepted Christ are by virtue of this fact spiritual "children of Abraham" and the true Israel of God (Rom. 9: 6-8).

The strife to which this land is subjected today is paralleled by an equally disturbing inner conflict. Jew and Arab are deadly enemies. Yet, the Israeli, claiming descent from Isaac, Abraham's "son of the Promise," is no more a spiritual heir of Abraham than the Arab who is the progeny of Ishmael, Abraham's "son by the bond-maid, Hagar."

Only in Christ will either Jew or Arab inherit "the Promises." Neither in Judaism, nor in Islam, is there hope of salvation. Yet both Jew and Arab, who are estranged from God by their rejection of his Son may be "made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2: 12-18).

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**Books for Information  
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**THE POWER OF SELF-TRANSCENDENCE**

By Guyton B. Hammond (Bethany Press), \$2.45 (U.S.).

For some Christians Paul Tillich was little better than an atheist. For others he was the prophetic voice of Protestant theology for the New Age. His concepts will be debated for generations, but many will find the going too hard to tackle Tillich without some help. There is some comfort in knowing that some very well equipped minds find him puzzling.

The smart thing to do is to find someone who knows him well, and allow him to introduce us. Guyton B. Hammond is such a writer. Although this introduction presents Tillich's ideas, the views of those who criticise him, and gives an assessment of the theologian's contribution to modern Christian thinking, Hammond also lets us see Tillich as a man. A biographical chapter sketches Tillich's early life in Germany as a World War I chaplain, as a student and a professor, and as a "religious socialist." He shows the impact of Marx, Barth, and Hitlerism upon Tillich, as well as tracing Tillich's influence upon American theological thinking.

Hammond points out that in Tillich's system of thought he attempted to find the ultimate theological answers to the ultimate theological questions. "The question of ultimate reality and the answer of God; the question of estrangement and the answer of reconciliation through Christ; the question of the ambiguities of life, and the answer of the unambiguous life in the Spirit; and the question of meaning in history and the answer of the kingdom of God."

This book is recommended for ministers and for laymen who are prepared to do some hard thinking about God and our world of ideas and conflicts.

**A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO PRESBYTERIAN BELIEFS**

By Addison H. Leitch (Zondervan Pub. House).

There is ferment in many churches today as Christians react to pressures to define or re-define their own position and their relationships with other churches. Some of these reactions contain the possibility of further division.

One church experiencing considerable turmoil is the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., which is engaged in producing a new statement of belief and practice known as "The Confession of 1967."

Although this present book does not provide much in the way of an analysis of the new Confession, it is obviously intended to be used as a means of testing it. It is written from the standpoint of conservative scholarship and gives a readable survey of Presbyterian beliefs. It is fairly easy reading and justifies its title of a "layman's guide," but simplified language in itself cannot make complex issues easy to understand.

Incidentally, along the way the author critically surveys the position which we and the Baptists have taken against infant baptism.

**REMEMBRANCE**

By the Rev. Prof. E. P. Dickie, M.C., D.D. (Hodder and Stoughton). Aust. \$2.50.

This collection of addresses by the well-known Scottish theologian and preacher was selected from Armistice Day addresses from 1933 to 1963. There are also Battle for Britain Day and Red Cross messages.

There are many fine things in this book, and ministers who struggle to find new things to say about battle occasions for remembrance may find source material here. As Professor Dickie is Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland, one would not expect to find a strong note of pacifism, but there

is no glorification of war. "Once again it has been shown for what it is, as rational and admirable as a riot with broken bottles." But he does find things in which he can glory, even in war — courage, sacrifice, dedication, and the best kind of patriotism.

One of the addresses, from 1951, quotes a verse from Bernard Fergusson. That same Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson, now Governor-General and Commander in Chief of New Zealand, has written a complimentary foreword.

**RING OF TRUTH — A Translator's Testimony.**

By J. B. Phillips (Hodder and Stoughton, Aust. 55 cents).

J. B. Phillips, the translator of the New Testament into modern English, has placed us all in his debt for the new insights he has given us through his dedicated scholarship. He offers this testimony, not to defend the N.T., which, he says, does not need any defence. "It has the proper ring for anyone who has not lost his ear for the truth."

But he does write in anger against those who, from inside the church, are destroying the very faith they are commissioned to defend. And he strongly objects to Christian leaders presenting their fears and fancies as though they have the weight of Christian scholarship to support them. Phillips makes it clear that he could not hold the extreme position called "verbal inspiration," but he believes in the true inspiration of the N.T. and its power to change lives. The gospel writers recorded what they saw and experienced. He finds the accounts of the resurrection particularly convincing. "The resurrection of Jesus was, and indeed is, historic fact. I suppose I have studied the relevant documents, commentaries, and attempts to controvert the whole story as fully as most men, and I am utterly convinced that this thing really happened."

This small book, of 96 pages, offers the genuine assurance of a competent scholar to those who are bewildered by current trends by destructive critics. It is too short to be exhaustive in its treatment of the great central facets of our faith, but it is what it claims to be: A Testimony. Its style is simple and it is recommended for general readers.

**IF I PERISH**

By Major W. Ian Thomas (Zondervan).

This is an attempt by Major Thomas to preach a series of Christian sermons on the Book of Esther. He argues that there is no other single book in the whole of the Old Testament which more lucidly illustrates the principles of the Christian life. "Nor is there a book which demonstrates more clearly what spiritual new birth really involves, and what conditions must be met to be filled with the Holy Spirit."

The book takes the position that behind the historical events of the O.T. there is a unique symbolism which illustrates N.T. truth. Haman represents man as dominated by Satan; Esther represents the human spirit guided by the Holy Spirit; Mordecai stands for the Holy Spirit; King Ahasuerus represents the soul of man, for which Satan and the Spirit are contending, and so on.

It is one thing to take a book of history from the Bible and draw lessons from the universal clash between good and evil, and even to draw parallels with clearly defined Christian principles. It is quite another thing to take, as Major Thomas takes, a book which does not even mention the name of God, and treat it as though the Holy Spirit himself has presented it as an allegory of the Christian life. Trying to go too far and do too much, the book falls far short of conviction.

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"Great changes have taken place in Rhodesia, as well as in the rest of Africa, and perhaps Africa will never be the quiet and somnolent land we found it only 33 years ago. Maybe we should hope it never will, if quietness would mean again great poverty, ignorance, and an absence of hope and ambition. It is no longer an easy continent in which to live, but the challenge is greater than ever, whether it is seeking to retrieve the fortunes of Ghana after the tragedy of Nkruma, or to unify the fragmenting Nigeria, or to seek to re-establish the rule of law in a Rhodesia which defies the world, risks economic ruin which would harm all its people, and proceeds with a dictatorship of 200,000 whites over 4,000,000 blacks.

"It is almost impossible to believe that in this land, with its British traditions, the law of Habeas Corpus no longer applies, and leading men and women are confined without trial to restriction areas, the biggest of which is in the hottest and most arid stretch of our country." —(From an article by the former missionary, and ex-Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, recently released after a year's "house arrest.")—N.Z. "Christian."

**VOTE FOR THE POPE.**

(The Episcopal Bishop of California, C. K. Myers, called in a sermon for all Christians to recognise the Pope as the head of the "universal church." The following is editorial comment in "The Christian Century.")

On several counts this is a fantastic and fruitless proposal — unless, as is most unlikely, the pope were to cancel the whole hierarchical system and reduce himself to the role of a powerless monarch in a democratic State, subject to periodic re-election or dismissal by the people.

Even then most Protestants would wonder why the church should be symbolised by one man . . . Surely (Myers) knows that one thing Protestants do not want is representation by one finite, fallible person who claims to be Supreme Pontiff and in a unique sense the Vicar of Christ. Surely he knows that if they did want "one symbolically potent bishop to give expression to the Word of the Lord for our day," they could easily satisfy that desire by becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The fact that they are not departing for Rome in droves is fair proof that they do not sense, with Myers, the need for a 'Holy Father' . . . who can speak and witness to the whole human race."

**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

There was a very intelligent girl who contracted one of those peculiar illnesses that are accompanied by creeping paralysis. She had always been an out-door person, loving the open air, the water and the rolling hills, but now her world had turned into shadows and her active life became a dragged-out existence, a forlorn waiting year by year for the inevitable end.

One day a friend brought her a little book on the theme of joy, which had just been published by an unknown author, and written in a vivid and radiant style. The friend gave it to her, and asked, "Do you know this book?" As the girl took it into her trembling hands, she said quietly, "Certainly, I know this book." "Have you read it before," asked the friend. "Yes," said the crippled girl, "you see, I wrote it."

And surely the bishop knows that American Roman Catholics are ignoring the pope as their spokesman on such moral issues as birth control, and the war in Vietnam. When Roman Catholics take seriously the pope's claim to be their spokesman, that will be time enough for Protestants and Anglicans to consider whether they want to do likewise.

**QUOTE.**

"The current 'ecumenical revolution' demands a new kind of religious education for human service and reconciliation. We Christians are not called to witness to one another, but to the world."

—John Courtney Murray, S.J. Director; John LaFarge Institute, New York.

"It is wrong to say that laymen are the bridge between the church and the outer world. Laymen are the church in the world."

—Chas. Moeller, Professor Univ. of Louvain, Belgium.

—"World Call."

**IS YOUR WILL CHRISTIAN?**

One aspect of this subject which today needs reviewing, is the custom of bequeathing all, or the greater part of one's estate to members of one's family. Often this is clearly the right thing to do.

In any case some recognition of one's kin is perfectly natural. But what needs to be considered is the changed economic status of many children. People are living longer, and by the time many die their children are approaching middle-age, well-established financially, and in no need of a substantial inheritance.

It is also quite common these days for the son, say, of a tradesman, to receive

the opportunity for higher education, and then to enter a profession carrying with it an income far in excess of anything the father ever earned. In such cases the constraint upon parents to leave what they have to their offspring ought to be far weaker than it is.

A "Christian will" is one prepared with a sense of responsibility formed by the mind of Christ. It may start with the family, but it need not stop there. It will take into account organisations (not necessarily church sponsored) concerned with the alleviation of human need. It will recognise the varied and wide-ranging ministries of the church, the non-spectacular institutions as well as those that are well known, the work at home as well as the work overseas.

A man's will can be his final testimony to the faith by which he has lived and in which he has died. It can be an acknowledgment of him, who is the centre of that faith, and of his church through which faith in Christ is born, nurtured and sustained.

—"S.A. Methodist."

**LIFT UP YOUR VOICE.**

Disciples have long recognised that ordained ministers are the ones to preach regularly and to offer the pastoral prayer in church worship, but come the communion service, lay elders must have the prayers.

In my twentysix years in the ministry, far too many of the lay elders' communion prayers that I have heard have been inaudible, or worded pitifully poorly, or shallow, and often downright erroneous in thought content — and sometimes all of these at once . . .

—O. D. Johnson in "The Christian."

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## OPEN FORUM

### BUDGET AND ABORIGINES.

To the Editor,

I read reports of the current Budget with dismay. In view of the strong "Yes" vote in the recent referendum, it was reasonable for those interested in the advancement of our Aboriginal people to hope that money would be made available to allow the Government to implement the powers we gave it, to make imaginative provision for their welfare. This budget must be a sorry disillusionment to Aboriginal leaders.

Might I suggest that all those vitally interested and concerned over the omission write to their local members and any other people who might exert an influence.

—Dorothy Cant, Vic.

### REGGIE THOMAS.

To the Editor,

At Swanston-st., church, Melb., Vic., on Aug. 12, appreciation was expressed to the American visitors, particularly to Mrs. Thomas, for her ability on the piano, to the Choral Society, its conductor, and the organist, for their excellent rendition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Reggie Thomas for his inspiring and challenging Restoration Movement centred message, and to let him know his simple, straightforward Bible message was refreshing to hear.

The sooner the Restoration Movement is restored to its original places, then the sooner it will be again an effective force for God in this troubled world.

—Barry Cutchie, Vic.

### REFRESHING!

To the Editor,

Refreshing! This is my way of describing the preaching of Reggie Thomas. The Team visited Gatton during the Too-woomba Crusade for an early Sunday evening gospel service. Mr. Thomas spoke on the church and described the simple New Testament pattern of the church and the means by which a sinner may enter. There was one decision for Christ.

There were 160 in attendance at that service, with many from various denominations. Mr. Thomas made no apology for preaching the truth about denominationalism — and it was done wisely and in love — and the same folk have been back for more!

I rejoice in the abundant blessing evident through the Reggie Thomas Crusades. We have many lessons to learn from this experience in personal evangelism and plain Bible preaching.

—Maurie Pieper, Q'd.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### THE NEW REVOLUTION

To the Editor,

*The New Revolution must be on because all the latest books are talking about it. They started off by shooting God and preaching, "God is dead!" Now they are trying to empty the churches by telling every one that the old structures have had it. We are still anxiously waiting to see what they are going to put in the place of God and what the new structures will be.*

*I'm always a bit suspicious when people say that they are having a revolution. Only history can judge that. The French revolutionaries didn't know they had a revolution. They were just fighting for a fair go for the peasants. History said it was a revolution. The Reformers didn't know that they were having a revolution. They were simply fighting for freedom for the Word of God and human conscience. History said that it was a revolution.*

*Perhaps the "New Revolutionaries" had better leave it for history to say whether they have had a revolution, or whether perhaps it is a damp squib, a ripple on the surface, or a storm in a tea cup.*

*History may report a revolution during the second half of the twentieth century if we can forget all about revolutions and get on with the business of the church . . . bringing men into such a saving relationship with God in Christ that, empowered by His Spirit, they will go into the world of family, and industry, and commerce, and education, and politics, and shake it to its very foundations.*

*Editors don't make good revolutionaries. They are too well trained to see both sides of any question.*

TERTIUS.

### GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

Because 100 churches have registered in the Crusade does not mean they "have pledged their hearty support." I am at a church which has registered, but neither I nor anyone else knows how many are "heart supporters" — certainly some are not supporters at all!

Mr. Geyer does not seem prepared to admit that making a man a Christian in his private life does not automatically mean that he changes his economic and social prejudices. For example, many of the leaders of Apartheid in South Africa, and segregation in the U.S.A. are Christian men.

There are many of us who do not agree that the primary task is to bring individuals into right relationship with God. We, I sincerely believe, are more New Testament when we say that there is no such thing as a right relationship with God separate from a right relationship with our brethren.

Now, our contention is that Billy Graham, and the whole approach of the Crusade, turns men's minds away from this fuller understanding of the gospel and serves to generate an unreal "private" relationship with God in spite of torn human relationships. It is, contrary to Mr. Geyer's contention, far more demanding to look at life as a whole, to realise that love and trust (or fear and bitterness) are all of one piece.

No one can have love and trust toward God, and hostility and antagonism to his neighbour. Billy Graham does offer help to many concerning some personal matters of relationships, but his silence on many of the larger and very important social questions is an eloquent silence, which we believe is dangerous.

As we continue to discuss this matter, let's not get too upset about a few overstatements, but let us accept one another's good faith, and the fact that we are together concerned about the unchanging gospel. —A. F. Cant, Vic.

### THE GRAHAM CRUSADE.

To the Editor,

Having participated in the 1959 Crusade I found that there was much spiritual gain for the churches which co-operated. Churches which refused gained nothing. Recently, Dr. Strong urged all Anglicans to support the 1968 Crusade, whereas in 1959 little interest was shown by the Anglican church.

Some recent correspondents give the impression that they no longer believe that salvation comes by a personal faith in the cleansing blood of Christ, for one speaks of the "long, slow labor along the hard road," another condemns Graham for not involving himself in the Vietnam issues, and yet another refers to the teachings of Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount.

To consider that Graham should preach a message of works instead of faith is surely putting the "cart before the horse." The first step is acceptance of Christ by faith for salvation.

Billy Graham is an evangelist, whose work it is to preach Christ crucified, and invite men and women to accept him by faith. He is doing just that. Graham's gospel is neither watered-down nor cheap.

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To disapprove of Graham's method of winning souls is surely to disapprove of the type of evangelism used in Acts.

At the 1959 Crusade, Graham advised those who made decisions to join the church of their choice and grow in Christ and his Kingdom. It is for the church to mould these converts into a deep spiritual life and Christian service. Much of our Lord's teaching, including the Sermon on the Mount, was not preached to the multitudes but to his disciples.

—G. E. Bullock, Vic.

### POST-CRUSADE DECISIONS

(Wollongong, N.S.W.). 11 further primary decisions have been made since the mission, and two others have taken membership by statement of faith . . . One of the tremendous features of the pre-mission, mission, and follow-up, has been the number of families — husband, wife and young people, who have made decisions and been welcomed into church membership . . . Young people have distinguished themselves recently. Eda Vromans, a recent convert, won the Illawarra District Girl of the Year competition, based on deportment, appearance, social interests, public speaking and cultural interests. Barry Healy created the Aust. weight lifting record for his age, and also holds the State Junior shot-put championship. Rex Coomby received a recent award on graduation for engineering; Dennis Upsall, an award in accountancy; Thea Visser an award for hair dressing, and Rodney Jones was Apprentice of the Year in the plumbing trade.

### NEW POST FOR TERRY LANE

(Melb.). Following an approach from the Methodist Dept. of Christian Educ., Terry Lane, minister at East Preston Church of Christ, has accepted an appointment as Methodist Youth Fellowship Field Officer. Mr. Lane concludes his ministry on Dec. 31, 1967, but has already been released for part-time service in his new field. From Jan., 1968, he will be full-time in his new field. Mr. and Mrs. Lane will be living in the Methodist Parsonage at Canterbury. During his three-year engagement with the Methodist Church, Mr. Lane will retain his full status as a minister for Churches of Christ.



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### GIRLS' SUCCESS

(Mount Gambier, S.A.). Promoted two grades in the Girls' Basketball Assoc., our C grade team won the premiership, despite one player short in last quarter. . . . Five of our young members have moved away, Lorraine Erlandsen and LeRay Fimmell, to Perth . . . Three teenage girls baptized recently . . . Church is considering a Planned Evangelism Programme for 1968 . . . Don Oakes, of Bordertown, preached at church anniversary service. Officers and church dedicated themselves to the service of Christ in the year ahead . . . Phil Woolford has been appointed Scripture Union representative.

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### 90th ANNIVERSARY

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All friends of the Fellowship are invited to attend.

**TEACHING ADDRESSES**

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). In July, the minister, T. Lawrie, gave three evening illustrated teaching addresses. The film, "Singapore Story," was also shown . . . 110 attended the combined basket tea and camp reunion for Methodist, Congregational and our young people . . . Recent speakers have been Principal G. Bingham and B. Downes . . . Men's Fellowship visited St. John Ambulance Centre, and also had Mr. Thompson, Fisheries and Games Inspector as guest speaker.

**MINISTER FOR W.A.**

(Boronia, Vic.). Jack Manallack, minister for the past nine years, has accepted a call to the church at Subaco, W.A. Dr. K. Bowes will take up an interim ministry commencing in February, 1968 . . . In July, churches in Boronia met to discuss the formation of an Inter-Church Council. Although in early stages this will be a great step forward in closer district co-operation . . . Five of the young ladies led the worship service on Girls' Sunday . . . H. Finger, who has spent many years with our church, has moved to Adelaide. Bill Botterill and Laurie Bird, who both attend Swinburne Technical College, are giving capable C.Y.F. leadership.

**BIBLE SOCIETY SUPPORTED**

(Inverell, N.S.W.). 100 attended a social in Aug. to aid the B. and F. B. S. \$45 was raised. The film, "The Years Between," was screened. New stage setting and curtains made a wonderful difference to the presentation of items and plays. . . . 24 teenagers attended and took part in the youth night service on Aug. 13. Slides and tape of the Easter Camp and Lake Macquarie were shown . . . Senior C.E. joined with Lingha young people for a recent meeting and barbecue . . . The Rev. Ian Emmitt, Editor of the "Aust. Baptist," spoke at the quarterly combined service on "Why Believe in Jesus?"

**MEMBERS ADDED**

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Four were received into fellowship on July 20, and there was a baptism on Aug. 6 . . . C.W.F. members visited the Oak Butter Factory where a cooking demonstration was given. . . . The church offers sympathy to the Edgar, Mills and Bennetts families in their bereavements . . . A fellowship evening for members and friends was held in the City Mission auditorium.

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**NORTHERN TOUR BY QLD. WOMEN**

Mrs. Potter (Secretary), Mrs. Chapman (Vice-President) and myself as President, hereinafter referred to as "We three," are just back from a wonderful visit to our Northern Fellowships. Mrs. Chapman was our chauffeur, or she said we should pronounce it "shover." She got us up early and pushed us along, keeping us to schedule, so that we weren't late for one meeting. We went in her Volkswagon Kombi-van. This made my tour north a far more enjoyable time than if I'd had the loneliness of a train trip, and the Fellowships were very thrilled to have three women instead of one, and always allowed enough time for each to have our say.

We had wonderful discussion times, and we assured them that requests from Women's Conference were not a demand, but a challenge — it was left to them what they gave. The only real criticism came from Townsville and Rockhampton, that they should be requested to give for beds at Caloundra, when they are giving so much in time and energy and money to our Magnetic Island and Emu Park Camps. This led to a suggestion that Women's Camp next year be held at Emu Park, Rockhampton, at the end of March, and that we hire a bus from Brisbane, picking up at various centres along the way.

In the ten days we were away we covered 2,300 miles, and held 15 meetings, visiting Fellowships at Charters Towers, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Maryborough, also four isolated sisters at Bowen, two at Ayr, and two at Gladstone. We saw the old house at Gladstone which is to be pulled down to make

way for the new manse which the Qld. women are hoping to furnish.

At Townsville we had a Convention — a cottage meeting on Friday night; Saturday morning a focus on Women's Con-

**BY Mrs. C. BAKER**

ference work, set out by Mrs. Potter, with a time for questions and discussion. After lunch at the hall they took us for a scenic drive, then to the Botanic Gardens, where Mrs. Chapman led in a Bible study and prayer meeting. There was an Evangelistic Rally at night, with a good attendance of men and women, at which I was the speaker.

Next morning we drove to Charters Towers for the 11 a.m. service. The women arranged a P.S.A., and we three shared devotions. Women's Conference talk, and discussion and prayer meeting talk. A ladies' guest night had been arranged at Charters Towers, and about 60 were there — the best Sunday night attendance since Mr. and Mrs. Acland commenced their ministry early this year. Mrs. Acland presided, Mr. Acland baptized a young married woman, and I gave the message. They had the ropes fixed on the church bells and rang them for the first time for many years.

All the Fellowships seemed to enjoy the visit, and they said they felt they were really a part of the brotherhood and not as isolated as they thought they were.

We arrived home tired, but happy, feeling that we had really achieved something, and now we are planning a similar visit to our Western Fellowships.

**COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE**

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**HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS, HONOURS LIST.**

**Old Testament Introduction:** H. Clark, D. Jackson, B. Miller, K. Turtmann; 14 others passed.

**Old Testament Exegesis:** D. Jackson, K. Turtmann; 15 others passed.

**Preparatory Greek:** D. Jackson; 7 others passed.

**N.T. Greek:** A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, R. Holland, M. Humphries, D. Jackson, G. Wilcott; 2 others passed.

**N.T. Greek II:** B. Miller, K. Turtmann; 6 others passed.

**N.T. Greek III:** W. Thornton, 2 others passed.

**Hermeneutics:** R. Pfeifer, K. Maddern; 8 others passed.

**New Testament Backgrounds:** R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 6 others passed.

**New Testament Exegesis:** D. Jackson, B. Miller, K. Turtmann; 15 others passed.

**World Religions:** B. Heath, B. Miller, D. Potter, K. Turtmann; 8 others passed.

**New Testament III:** E. Keating, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 4 others passed.

**Christian Education I:** R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 6 others passed.

**Christian Education II:** A. Coleman, K. Maddern; 3 others passed.

**Philosophy of Religion:** M. Arnot, E. Keating, K. Maddern, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 7 others passed.

**Practical Church Work I:** B. Beck, H. Clark, R. Holland, D. Jackson; 6 others passed.

**Practical Church Work II:** C. Clayden, G. Marsh, K. Turtmann; 5 others passed.

**Practical Church Work III:** M. Arnot, A. van Leen, E. Keating, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 3 others passed.

**Homiletics I:** B. Beck, R. Holland, D. Jackson; 5 others passed.

**Homiletics II:** D. Good, G. Marsh, K. Turtmann; 6 others passed.

**Church History I:** D. Jackson; 3 others passed.

**Church History II:** G. Marsh, K. Turtmann; 3 others passed.

**Biblical and Historical Theology:** K. Maddern, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 5 others passed.

**Restoration Movement:** 4 passed.—E. L. Williams.

**WOMEN OF THE WEST**

The President, Mrs. F. Newcombe, welcomed 94 ladies to the August Auxiliary meeting. Morning meditations were presented by Mrs. L. Thomas on behalf of Scarborough C.W.F. on the theme, "Joy, in Serving the Lord."

The Auxiliary was saddened by the sudden death of our veteran sister, Mrs. Panton. Many years ago Mrs. Panton instigated the honoring of the Veteran Sisters' ceremony at State Conference.

C.W.F. were reminded that the League of 500 call is for Carnarvon, and is now due.

Financial Statement showed balance in hand of \$1,525.46.

Special Feature: Claremont Hospital, for psychiatric patients. Several visitors told of their joy and reward in this avenue of service.

Seven Superintendents presented "flash" reports of the activities of their committees.

**Prayer and Praise Points.**

1. For the Federal Mission Boards in their many callings and responsibilities.

2. For the health of the missionaries and adjustments made necessary through illness.

3. For the missionaries with extra demands on their time during school holidays.

4. For W.A.'s Living Link, Mrs. K. Ludgater, as she re-establishes herself again in the New Hebrides.

5. That the Veals will be granted a permit to return to India.

6. For the work party in New Guinea.

7. For the restored health of Miss Ruth Edgell.—D. M. Gordon, Sec.

**RESTORATION PRINCIPLES**

(Wembley, W.A.). D. A. Ladbroke concluded a series of addresses on Principles of the Restoration Movement . . . The secretary of the Congregational Union twice spoke on the Uniting Church of Australia . . . Kim Beasley, M.H.R., addressed an open midweek meeting on "Australia's Responsibilities in the Underdeveloped World" . . . The senior C grade girls' basketball team was defeated in the grand final. Miss Maureen Elsgood is vice-captain of the C. of C. No. 2 State team . . . Recent speakers have been Rev. Norman Pell, of Leighton Ford Crusade; Dr. G. A. Whiting, the church's first full-time minister, and George Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre . . . There have been two recent decisions.

**BIBLE WEEK**

(Perth, W.A.). Bible Week studies were held weekly during August, after an evening meal at the church. Studies were designed to discover how the Bible speaks to people in Australia today . . . Church combined with interstate and overseas basketball teams in a worship service in the Christian Centre, on Aug. 20. C. G. Flood was speaker. Perth was the host city for International Basketball Competitions, also for Churches of Christ Interstate Tournament . . . In local girls' basketball the juniors were defeated in the grand final, and the seniors in the semi-final. Junior team breakup took form of a barbecue tea at the manse, and presentation of awards was made.

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## PRAYER MONTH

(Telopea, N.S.W.). July was prayer month, and the minister, B. White, shared in family prayer meetings in homes. R. Ewers, of Belmore, conducted two mid-week Bible studies on prayer theme. . . . Over 400 homes have been visited in a new area of Telopea for "Operation Door-Knock" . . . Extensions to church hall are being undertaken, and additions to manse will soon commence. . . . Guests for August family service were Les. and Martha Nixon. . . . 101 went to Blue Mountains for a church picnic.

## BUILDING TARGET

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). The church has decided to aim for the commencement of the building of the new chapel for February, 1969. Members agreed to make weekly contributions toward it. . . . Miss Davis showed pictures of the work of Norseman to the C.E., and gave a testimony during the gospel service. Miss Bernice Risson, of Ipswich, Qld., was soloist. . . . D. J. Butler is in Gilgandra Hospital.

## MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Missionary Convention, Aug. 6-13, featured messages from Mrs. D. Main, mother of missionary, John Main, who gave us a new picture of India today, and Miss Dorothy Geyer also recently presented an illustrated talk on India. . . . During Mr. Wilson's absence on holiday, John Sedman and his wife are serving the church. Mr. Wilson chaired the 2nd Annual Planning Conf. of State and District C.E. Unions. . . . A young woman made her decision and a young man a re-dedication. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Burns on the death of her husband after a protracted illness.

## THINGS TO COME

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Aug. 30-Sept. 11—Wagga "CRUSADE" with George Wood and Franklyn Elliott.

### SEPTEMBER:

- 3—"Bible Society" Sunday in N.S.W. churches.
- 12—Third Term commences at Woolwich College.
- 16—C.E. Seminar—Bexley North, with Fred Nile and Bruce Armstrong.
- 15-17—Home Mission—Men's Work "CAMP" at "NAAMAROO." L.I.F.E. Programme with Kevin Crawford and Geoff Fletcher.
- 23—C.E. Field Day—Concord Oval.

### SEPTEMBER: VICTORIA

- 2—Half-yearly Convention—at Castlemaine.
- 4-9—Explorers: Intermediate Camp.
- 4-9—Good Companions: Hall's Gap Camp.
- 12—College of the Bible—Old Boys' Reunion.
- 15—C.Y.F. "Impact" (Department of Christian Education).
- 15-17—C.W.E.F. Camp
- 18-23—Explorers: Worship Activities.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 3—State Conference.
- 9—"At Home" at St. George's Rest Home, 2-4 p.m.
- 17—Church Life Conference at Christies' Beach with J. J. Chivell.
- 17-30—Planned Evangelism at Ascot Park with K. D. Home.

### OCTOBER:

- 6-9—Youth Caravan at Flinders Ranges. Music Camp at Kingston. Youth Choir.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 3—P.S.A. at Christian Centre for those with 42 years and over church membership.

## WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

## EDITORIAL — (continued from page 2)

The harsh response of the Government is likely to harden the attitudes of the N.F.L. supporters and make it more difficult to persuade them to channel their concern through such agencies as Red Cross.

There is also a grave danger that the action by the Government may encourage someone in high places to argue that those who speak out or write against our official Australian commitment in Vietnam are likewise "giving aid and comfort to the enemy." It is even possible that ideas and words, as well as funds, may be restricted.

There are only a few people, and a small sum of money involved, but the Government's rush to impose harsh penalties upon the students has made the affair look like a much greater threat to the nation than it is.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN VIC.-TAS. ANNOUNCE PROPOSALS FOR . . .

## WILL NEWHAM MEMORIAL WALK

Soon after Will Newham's home call last January, the Explorer Movement Executive considered suggestions for a fitting tribute to their esteemed friend.

One idea (among many) which found ready acceptance was the "Memorial Walk" at the Waterman Memorial Conference Centre at Monbulk.

In brief, the walk will involve the opening up of the glorious natural bushland below the present buildings, right down to the creek.

The "walk" will begin with a bush garden (incorporating the mighty chestnut trees) with lawn and seats. A track will be cut, joining the garden to an existing private roadway; then another track will be cut extending down to the creek. At the creek a shelter will be built. The track will run along the creek to a point which joins with the

existing track, which in turn climbs a breathless 800 feet back to "civilisation." The entire circuit will be about half a mile.

Already many clubs have been at work clearing the track. The creek walk is already opened up and the garden area is ready for a lawn to be sown. It is proposed to build some steps on steep sections; also extensive tree planting is planned.

Clubs and youth groups are invited to share in construction of the walk by cutting the tracks and helping with other work. These should contact the Department or the Camp Supervisor, A. Reed (756-6120).

This project will be a fitting tribute to a man who served youth so effectively as a leader at many Monbulk Camps.

—Viney Longthorp.

## THREE JOIN CHURCH

(Townsville, Qld.). Three young people added to the church by faith and baptism. . . . Junior C.E. has 18-20 young girls, led by Mrs. Reid and Roslyn Gwynne. . . . Officers' Board discussing "Christ Is the Answer" Crusade at end of September. . . . Minister and members are participating in preparations for visit of Dr. Abdul Haqq, Indian Evangelist in pre-Billy Graham Crusade meetings. . . . Working bees have almost completed painting of the manse and church. . . . Alan Webb, of Camp Hill, was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary. . . . C.W.F. enjoyed visit by three members of Women's Conference Executive at meetings on Frid. and Sat., concluding with rally.

## VISIT APPRECIATED

(Mackay, Qld.). The Mackay church greatly benefited from the visit of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Qld. Women's Conference. . . . A B.S. scholar made the good confession. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of the Christian National Evang. Campaign, gave an illustrated address of their work.

## NEW ORGAN FOR MILDURA

(Vic.). The annual meeting authorised the Board to purchase a new organ. John Lowrey presented a "focus" on Aborigines at Dareton, and D. Hamilton spoke on the Christian Television Assoc. . . . Buronga S.S. teachers are enlisting new scholars on N.S.W. side of river. . . . When 80 attended the Sunraysia C.W.F. "at home," \$112 was raised for

Social Service Homes. . . . C.M.S. sponsored a visit by Stan Davey to stimulate interest in Aborigines' welfare. . . . \$178 has been forwarded to Mildura Chaplaincy Fund. . . . The Sunraysia Youth Camp Centre, under management of A. McWilliams, has been greatly improved and is now most attractive. In addition to church camps, the Centre has been used by many other groups.

## BRIAN SNOXALL FOR MORWELL

(Vic.). B. C. Snoxall has accepted an invitation to commence a ministry early in 1968, following the conclusion of a four-year ministry by A. B. Dowsett, who is moving to Coburg. . . . The church annual meeting elected M. Little as elder. He is also chairman of the Board. D. Wakefield is secretary, and L. Reeves is treasurer. . . . The B.S. anniversary featured a tableau, "A Life to Give."

## TALENT PRIZES

(Loxton, S.A.). Several of our S.S. scholars entered a talent quest on Aug. 19, all winning either a 1st or 2nd prize. . . . The annual general meeting elected the following officers: L. Swanbury, C. May, G. Sawley, L. Higgins and A. Swanbury; organist: Mrs. C. Higgins.

## MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

(Goolwa, S.A.). 55 members answered the roll call on Membership Sunday, Aug. 20. A B.S. scholar was baptized at night. . . . I. J. Chivell, S.A. Organising Secretary, was guest speaker on Aug. 13. . . . H. E. Greenwood is minister.

## RECORD OFFERING

(Hopeland, Qld.). A record of \$741 was received for Overseas Missions. . . . Three young people have been baptized. . . . The ladies held a social day, when they displayed clothing prepared for Gal. Yorkshire, and also the hospital supplies which have been brought to each monthly meeting of the Ladies' Fellowship. . . . J.C.E. went to Chinchilla for a Missionary Rally. . . . E. C. Flett has donated a communion table in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Flett, pioneers of the work in the Wambo district.

## FRIENDSHIP MEETINGS

(Morawa, W.A.). Interest still keen in Friendship Meetings. A local lady showed slides of her recent world tour, at August meeting, and told of the necessity to take Christ wherever you go. . . . Three S.S. scholars made their stand for Christ in recent weeks. S.S. anniversary, on 20th, had theme, "My All for Christ." J. Gordon, of Subiaco, was the guest speaker. The singing was led by A. Anderson. . . . C.W.F. attended the Lutheran ladies' "at home." An ex-member of the Women Police was guest speaker. . . . A. Anderson is a leader at junior boys' camp at Waterman's Bay campsite, during school holidays.

## YOUTH SERVICE

(Invermay, Tas.). A youth service followed a tea on Aug. 20. Gary Ford, Ian Pearce, Stan Bailey and Ian Lynch shared in the theme, "Do Young People Need Christ?" Helen Madden and Graeme Slater sang, and the minister, C. J. Heier, gave the invitation. A teenage girl responded. . . . Allan Harvey, of Caveside, representing Social Services, and speakers from Mission to Lepers, and Wycliffe Bible Translators, have given messages recently. . . . C.W.F. (afternoon group) have re-covered the floor of kindergarten room. . . . Fortnightly communion is shared with E. H. Burden, who is now unable to attend services.

## ASIAN CHURCHMAN COMING

The Rev. Alan Brash will visit Australia from Sept. 18 to Oct. 1. Since 1958, he has been Secretary for Inter-Church Aid and Mission in the East Africa Christian Conference.

Mr. Brash, who lived in Singapore, has been appointed Director of Christian Aid in Britain from February next.

In Asia his most recent concern has been the creation of the Asian churches refugee service programme in Vietnam.

His itinerary is:—

- Sydney, Sept. 18 to 20.
- Melbourne, Sept. 21 to 24.
- Adelaide, Sept. 25 to 27.
- Perth, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

Details of public engagements within States may be obtained from Inter-Church Aid offices in capital cities.

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## C.E. MOVIE PROJECT

(Roma, Qld.). The C.E. have a project to buy a 16mm movie camera. Some interesting working bees have been arranged, including car washes and stick picking. . . . Miss Fiona Clark has been baptized and received into fellowship. Unfortunately, she is in hospital with hepatitis.

## C.E. LEADS SERVICE

(Epping, N.S.W.). The I.C.E., led by Col. Wrigley, conducted the gospel service. The youth choir rendered an item, and the special speaker was from B. and F. B. S. . . . Miss Dorothy Geyer, of India, addressed the midweek meeting. . . . United area cottage Bible studies, organised by Epping Ministers' Fraternal, concluded with a united rally at Epping Baptist. . . . Boys' Brigade held church parade, when K. Fennell, of Hornsby, was special speaker.

## DEATH OF VETERAN

(Croydon, S.A.). The church was saddened by the death of W. J. Pearce. He has been elder of the church since 1932, and in his latter years filled the post of "honorary elder" . . . Our ladies' groups have forwarded a complete outfit to clothe a girl at Carnarvon, together with a carton containing quilts. Congratulations to our two girls' basketball teams on reaching the grand finals. . . . A representative from SAFCOL gave a demonstration to the ladies on tuna dishes.

## ILLNESS OF DR. JONES

(Swanston-st., Melb.). The minister, Dr. L. E. Jones, has been laid off all duties for an extended period because of illness. The prayers of interested friends is sought for full recovery. The church made a unanimous decision to appoint a full-time associate minister to Dr. Jones. The interim ministry of Harold Steele is appreciated. . . . Increased attendances have been maintained through winter months, with keen interest being shown in the sermon series, "Immortal Stories" and "Know Your Bible" . . . 74 and 92 attended last two Teen and Twenty teas, with programmes provided by our Asian young people, and the Ambassadors Youth Team. 85 young people shared hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Price at youth luncheon on Aug. 20. A number of young people are being prepared for baptism. . . . The Dorcas ladies continue to provide scores of garments for missions and hospitals.

## HAMILTON HILL PLANS

(Fremantle - Hilton, W.A.). Building Fund appeal for church home in Hamilton Hill, for the group meeting in hired hall at Hilton, has been encouraging. . . . 300 families were invited by teams of members to regular services. Intensive visitation evangelism will lead up to J. K. Bond mission on Oct. 1. . . . Nearly 40 young people have made decisions and are attending discipleship classes. . . . Recent speakers have been Rev. N. Pell, Dr. G. Whiting and D. G. Hammer. F. Rees is minister.

## EXTENSIONS APPROVED

(Wamboony, S.A.). The church has approved plans for extensions and alterations to the buildings, to incorporate a new kitchen and toilet block. Many fund raising projects are under way. . . . The Mundalla - Wamboony Women's Fellowship invited other local guilds and ladies' groups to an afternoon to hear Miss Fox, a Child Probation Officer. The trading table proceeds went to local hospital funds. . . . The monthly evening service, arranged and led by C.Y.F., on Aug. 20, included modern hymns and later a coffee hour was held.

## BARBARA CROUCH ON VISIT

(Melb.). Miss Barbara Crouch, daughter of S. A. Crouch, is visiting Australia. She arrived in Melb. on Aug. 29, and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Offer, 7 Valley-rd., Mt. Waverley. Her father received his training at the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and is at present minister of First Christian Church, Apache, Oklahoma.

Barbara Crouch is a well known professional concert singer, and was listed in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America." She is a member of the Riverside Singers, a six-voice madrigal group which has toured throughout the U.S.A. She has been alto soloist in many productions at Philharmonic Hall and Carnegie Hall.

## CONQUEROR OF EVEREST CONGRATULATES YOUTH GROUP

(Qld.). Camp Hill C.Y.F. have chosen the name "Camp Hillarys" for their banner for Youth Activities in Qld. The slogan is "Climbing Higher!", which is from the well-known illustration of the mountaineer who disappeared into the clouds on a mountain, appeared again in a clearing, then was seen no more; yet it was said of him, "When last seen he was still climbing"

The banner shows four youths roped together, climbing a rugged slope, and the ring of cloud obscures the summit from their view.

When Sir Edmund Hillary, on a recent Australian visit, was shown the banner he was very pleased to think that he had been honored in this way. When asked what his motto was in life, Sir Edmund replied, "No virtue in easy victory." His signature, "E. P. Hillary," adorns the banner and is the proud possession of the Camp Hillarys.

## WORKING BEE AT CALOUNDRA

(Qld.). 38 went to Caloundra to make improvements to camp property. Fluorescent lights were installed in the main hall and the amplification system improved. The ablution blocks were improved by the addition of new cisterns, mirrors, laminex shelves. The outside of the buildings were painted, a distinctive sign was erected, turf was laid and trees and shrubs planted, and the car park sealed, as well as the open air chapel seats being painted. Two new double-decker duralium beds have been placed in the cooks' room, and as donations are received signs will be placed on further beds, stating "This bed was donated by and is reserved for . . ."



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### CHOIRS SING

(Adelaide). The energetic Choirmaster of the Edwardstown church, Trevor Meade, came up with the idea that choirs from our Southern Suburban churches might get together for an evening of singing and fellowship.

The response was most encouraging. Brighton Gardens choir, led by Peter Tillett and Roger Pryor, presented "Te Deum" and "Jesus, Lover of my soul." Glenelg choir, led by Harris Wight and Mrs. Elwyn Pederson, sang "Awakening Chorus" and "Jesus is the Joy of Living." Unley choir, under Mrs. Laurel Heitzmann and David Porter, sang two excerpts from Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving." Hawthorn choir, led by A. A. Glastonbury and Mrs. John Mathleson, sang "I dedicate myself" and "The Lord's My Shepherd."

Several others gave individual items, Miss Margaret Trevasis, Mr. Tillett, Mrs. Dawn Cock, and a trio of younger girls.

The finale was Albert Glastonbury leading the combined choirs in "All that thrills my soul is Jesus." This was an excellent united effort.

Supper completed a great evening for the singers of the churches.

### ELDER MOVES ON

(Kensington Park, S.A.). This church regrets the departure of Frank Fisher, who will make his future home at Bordertown. He has served as elder, deacon, sec., and chairman of the Officers, Board, and teacher and Supt. of the S.S. . . . Mr. Simpson is recovering after an operation . . . C.W.F. have had a sewing day for Aboriginal Mission at Carnarvon. Clothing for seven-year-old Marianne, and other articles, were on display on Aug. 6.

### GOOD RESPONSE

(Lenswood, S.A.). The Overseas Missions offering has now reached \$290 . . . Chas. Osborne, who is going out to Africa (Senegal) with the W.E.C., spoke on Aug. 6 . . . Keith Pitt, from Murray Bridge, was guest speaker at 34th church anniversary, on Aug. 13. Guest singer was D. Green, from Hawthorn.

### CHANGE TO R.S.V.

(Edwardstown, S.A.). The Bible School is changing from the King James Bible to the Revised Standard Version . . . Midweek prayer group are using their evening for friendly visitation . . . Keith Chessell, from Glenelg church, was guest singer to youth service. Ascot Park young people shared in coffee hour, when film, "Born to Witness," was shown . . . Mr. Pederick, from B. and F. B. S., was a recent speaker . . . 87 ladies from surrounding churches visited Sunshine Circle for 27th birthday. Mrs. Plowes led the devotions and a group of ladies from Maylands church entertained with a varied programme . . . Following a barbecue tea, the Boys' Brigade recently visited the Osborne Power Station.

### ANY BLACK SHEEP? —

(S.A.). Farmers and graziers who have a black sheep in their flocks can assist Community Aid Abroad by donating their black fleeces to C.A.A.'s "Black Wool Appeal."

Proceeds from the sale of black wool donated in this way will help fight poverty, hunger and disease in countries such as India, Africa and Asia.

Community Aid Abroad assists "self help" development projects in rural communities in these countries in an effort to improve agriculture, education, health and hygiene and increase employment through establishing small industries and co-operatives.

### YOUTH HONORS

(Forestville, S.A.). The church congratulates G. Beard, runner-up Apprentice of the Year, and Pauline Thomas, chosen for S.A. church basketball team to play in Perth . . . B.S. anniversary had B. Bowden, N. Gavros, W. Philip and Miss Jan Springett as speakers . . . Youth activities included Y.F.C. play, "The Cross and the Switchblade," and a paper drive for sports area . . . Three teenagers recently made decisions . . . A Minda House representative spoke to C.W.F. Ladies have made marmalade for Christian Rest Home, and Dorcas ladies brought gifts for New Guinea Christmas parcel. Ladies also made cakes and contributed \$15 for Temperance Alliance . . . Overseas Offering was \$757, and the Wheat for India appeal reached \$150.

### QUEENSTOWN EDUCATION CENTRE

(S.A.). The Queenstown church, one of Australia's oldest, is to build a debt free Christian Education Centre. The cost of the new plant, which will include a kitchen, is \$6,000. The work is expected to be finished by November . . . John R. C. Wise is minister.

### STIMULATING VISITORS

(Broken Hill, S.A. Conf.). Departmental visitors have been K. D. Horne, H. M. and Evang., and Miss Dawn Chivell, Dept. of Christian Educ., who conducted a Teachers' Conference on July 29. Mr. Horne spoke to Board, led a Church Life Conference and preached to church. S. E. Riches, Conf. Pres., met with Board and addressed church on Aug. 13. The church greatly appreciated fellowship with these leaders . . . Mrs. Sack, in hospital, is greatly improved in health.

### APPEAL FOR BLACK WOOL

Much of C.A.A.'s current activity is directed towards the provision of permanent water in famine affected areas of Northern India. Two high speed well drilling rigs have been provided by C.A.A. this year, and Kangaroo Island farmer, Bill Kelly, went to India to give six months' voluntary service operating one of these rigs and he will train Indian crews to take over when he returns home.

Donations of black wool can simply be arranged if graziers will advise their woolbrokers that proceeds are to be made payable to Community Aid Abroad, 5a Gay's Arcade, Adelaide. Further information concerning the work of C.A.A. can be obtained from that address.

### BEVERLEY IS 83

(S.A.). The 83rd anniversary services on July 23 had S. E. Riches, Conf. Pres., and E. Ots, as guest speakers. Special singing was rendered by the choir. The thankoffering was received at an after-church fellowship in the hall . . . The Women's Fellowship visited the Christian Rest Home at Everard Park and provided a programme and supper . . . A barbecue and film night raised money for the young men's basketball team . . . The Girls' Club held a film evening to raise funds for a new church organ . . . The B.S. has entered the Efficiency Campaign.

### NEW LOOK SERVICES

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). A marked rise in attendance accompanied changes in services. Features have been the film, "Through Gates of Splendour," a special Girls' Brigade service, a Youth Services with organ and guitar accompaniment. B.S. scholars repeated special anniversary music, and K. D. Horne reviewed progress made since the Church Life Conference. Other recent speakers have been R. McLean, I. W. Nixon, C. Stock and L. Rowe . . . 20 young people attended Teen and Twenty Mission, and 10 teachers shared in D.C.E. special training lectures . . . J. C. Cunningham is minister.

### FOOTBALLERS AT SERVICE

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Over 100 were present at youth night on Aug. 6. "The Union Four" provided music. John Halbert (Unley church), captain of Sturt F.C., gave a challenge to the young people. Craig Cock, Sth. Adel. F.C. (Edwardstown church), read the scripture, a coffee hour followed . . . On Aug. 12, a concert raised \$58 for the Manse Fund.



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### • CHURCH ADMINISTRATION (2)

## CHURCH SECRETARY

BY M. J. HURREN

"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, if the others won't do it, the secretary must."

### Introduction

It is recognised that in the modern world new forms of the church's work and witness are emerging which may result in a re-assessment of the traditional pattern of congregational life. But the traditional form of congregational life still mainly exists.

The following, therefore, is an attempt to present a simple outline of the functions of the Church Secretary, in the mission of the local congregation in its present form.

In presenting this material, no claim is made that the thoughts are original, or that they represent the final word on the subject.

### The Secretary

The secretary is a vital person, for it is largely on his efficiency that the smooth working of the church depends. To be successful a secretary should possess these qualities:

- Deep concern for the mission of the church.
- Capacity for hard work.
- Enthusiasm.
- Initiative.

The secretary must at all times be tactful and friendly to all, and show an interest in all associated with the church. Allied to these qualities, the secretary should be neat and methodical in his work, for others may find it necessary to refer to his records. All files, minutes, correspondence, books, etc., are the property of the church and should, therefore, be well looked after.

A secretary must abide by the decisions made at meetings and must see that these decisions are promptly and effectively carried out. He should also keep in close contact with the minister, chairman, elders, deacons, the various committees and auxiliaries of the church.

The secretary will compile the annual report in collaboration with the chairman. The report will cover the year's activities. If it has not been circulated to members, the report should be read to the annual meeting by the secretary.

He will have the overall responsibility for arrangements in connection

Max Hurren is secretary of the church at Hartwell, Vic.

with the functions of the church, including Sunday services, special functions, meetings of the board and committees, annual meeting of the church, etc. Whilst not directly responsible for the conduct of the church school and auxiliaries, a close liaison with the leaders is desirable.

### Meetings — Board, Committee, Etc.

**Before a Meeting, the Secretary must:**  
Arrange an adequate meeting place.  
Notify members of date, time and place.  
Prepare the agenda.  
Prepare meeting place prior to the arrival of others.  
Organise self to avoid hunting for papers during meeting.

**At the Meeting the Secretary must:**  
Provide the chairman with a comprehensive agenda.  
Record those present.  
Read the minutes. (When copies have been circulated, reading is not necessary).  
Read the correspondence and note action as required.  
Record the minutes.

**After the Meeting, the Secretary must:**  
See that the meeting place is tidy and locked.  
Write up the minutes.  
Write any letters.

It is suggested that the last two mentioned tasks be performed next day, or as soon as possible, while the memory is fresh.

### Rolls

There should be adequate records of all who are associated with the church. The rolls are of major importance in the administration of the church. If there is an eldership that functions, and meets regularly, then the rolls will be constantly under review, as they exercise their oversight. One of their number would be ideal for the task of "Roll Secretary."

The Rolls consist of —

- (a) Record of members.
- (b) Record of Associates.
- (c) Record of attendance.

(a) Record of Members — in three sections:—

Active — members who attend the services, even if irregularly, and those unable to attend because of ill-health, but to whom the church still ministers.

Supplementary — members whose names have been taken from active roll.

Isolated — those members too far removed from any Churches of Christ to share fellowship.

(b) Record of Associates.

This roll consists of all other people who have any contact with the church, parents of scholars, etc. This then shows our best prospects for evangelism, and it provides a basis for programmes of evangelism, education, fellowship and stewardship. If these families move they should be referred to nearest church.

(c) Record of Attendance.

A record of individual attendance and includes a record of the total number present at each service. The number of communicants should also be recorded.

There is little value in records that are not accurate, or that are allowed to become out of date.

### Roll Revision.

The rolls should be revised annually by the elders, who will contact any person before his status is changed.

### Transfer of Membership

"One of the most obvious causes of our losses of membership lies in our system — or lack of system — of transferring members from one locality to another." (Vic. and Tas. Comm. on Membership.)

**When Members Move from Your District:**  
Make every effort to transfer their membership immediately.

Notify the minister at their nearest church, and request a reply when they have been contacted.

Encourage them to attend the nearest church.

**When Members Move Into Your District:**  
Invite them to transfer their membership, and when they agree insist that they allow you to seek the transfer.

Immediately contact the secretary of the church and request the transfer. Notify your minister.

When the transfer is effected visit them, arrange for the church to welcome them into membership, and obtain details for roll.

Arrange for their participation in the activities of the church, this will include the family.

A willing secretary will do much to ensure the effective transfer from one fellowship to another.

Secretaries are urged to use the new type of transfer book available from the Austral Printing and Publishing Co.

### Conclusion

Two points should be stressed:

1. **Planning.** — Planning does not take the place of consecration and effort, but our spiritual and material resources for evangelism, conservation, stewardship, education, and Christian outreach can be used to much better effect if we take the time to plan.

2. **Co-operation with the Minister.** — A good foundation is laid for a happy church and ministry when the secretary takes his minister into his confidence, keeps him informed on what he is doing and discusses matters with him.

# PERSONAL

## DISCIPLESHIP

F. Pollard, Telopea, N.S.W.  
Mrs. C. Dixon, Julie Peach, Debbie Peach, Gatton, Qld.  
Mrs. J. Fletcher, Mrs. N. Coventry, Mrs. K. Willoughby, Glenc'g, S.A.  
Louise Christensen, Jill Crowden, Parkdale, Vic.  
Anne McKenzie, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
Connie Whitley, Miss V. Gutmanis, J. Badden, Perth, W.A.  
Robert Wesley, Mrs. Study, Barbara, John, Wendy and Ronald Study, Norlane, Vic.  
Robert Levy, Judith King, Kingsford, N.S.W.  
Prudence Archer, Carolyn Edwards, Christopher Gohl, Forestville, S.A.  
Alison Blanchard, Pamela Holt, Neville Holt, Hopeland, Qld.  
Ron Cole, Dunolly, Vic.  
Malcolm Gill, Neil Mansfield, Laurel Grayden, Pam Collins, Mr. Hooper, Reservoir, Vic.  
Lorraine French, Mildura, Vic.  
Stephen Knight, Hobart, Tas.  
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Rodney Baldwin, Jan McDonald, Merryn McDonald, Colac, Vic.  
Julie and Kim Heier, Colin Rothwell, Invermay, Tas.  
Sandra Smith, Wendy Barrett, Beverley, S.A.  
Geoffrey Flight, Dean McNamara, Christine Brown, Hawthorn, S.A.  
Jenny Dunn, Maidstone, Vic.  
Jacqueline Bowden, Robyn Bowden, Hawthorn, S.A.  
Annette Fordham, Marjorie Moore, Margaret Allsop, Camberwell, Vic.  
Kathleen Riddel, Goolwa, S.A.  
Marilyn Stock, Kadina, S.A.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Pow, Mrs. Bender, Mr. and M.s. Myles, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Melville, Col. Light Gardens to Clovelly Park, S.A.  
N. Coventry, Hawthorn; K. Willoughby and Mrs. Richards, Edwardstown; Miss J. Porter, Lox-

ton; Mr. and Mrs. John Cross, Asquith, N.S.W.; Mrs. D. Dodge, Tumbly Bay — all to Glenelg, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutson, Kalamunda to Perth, W.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Ratten, Pamela, Jeanette and Barbara, Morwell, Vic., to Telopea, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Ronalds and Yvonne, East Kew; Miss Kilson, Gardenvale, to Balwyn, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan, Toowoomba to Gatton, Qld.  
Wayne Filmer, Enfield Heights; Helen Filmer, Gumeracha, to Lenswood, S.A.  
Mrs. Sandra Levy, Strathmore, Vic., to Kingsford, N.S.W.  
Mrs. Westerman, Norlane, Vic.  
Mrs. Wingad, Oakleigh; Mrs. Readhead, Ballarat, to Parkdale, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. K. Danes, Yarrowonga to Shepparton, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Acland, Kadina, S.A.

## MARRIAGES

Margaret Abrahams to Allan Sontor, Telopea, N.S.W.  
Regina Treloar to Cliff Thomas, Glenelg, S.A.  
Fay Booth to John Whimpey, Reservoir, Vic.  
Helen Wood to Peter Nielsen, Forestville, S.A.  
Mrs. Teresa Thompson to Edward Quarrell, Warrnambool, Vic.  
Lorraine Gingell to Kerry Duke, Nth. Essendon, Vic.  
Emily Ko to Steven Teo, Swanston-st., Melb., Vic.

## DEATHS

James Bradley, Mrs. Mary Ann Houston, Warrnambool, Vic.  
Mrs. Edgar, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
Mrs. A. Clark, Mrs. A. Panton, Perth, W.A.  
Mrs. H. Buick, Steven Melville (baby), Clovelly Park, S.A.  
John Hoffman, Balwyn, Vic.  
Mrs. Wheatley, Springvale, Vic.  
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BULLEY (Morrison). — Val and Max announce with pleasure the arrival of a daughter — Ruth Michelle — on Aug. 17.

GORDON (nee Buffery). — At Geraldton Hospital, W.A., on July 28, to Rosemary and Alan, the gift of a daughter — Elishabeth Joy.

HOGBEN (Isaac). — Lesley and Eric, 5 Shand-st., Dianella, W.A., happily announce the arrival, on Aug. 10, of Roger John. Brother for Jane.

## ENGAGEMENTS

GOBBETT - McPADDEN. — Mr. and Mrs. J. Gobbett, 16 Carnarvon-rd., Strathmore, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Diane, to Edward (Bob), younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. McPadden, Gerangamete, Vic.

HOUGH - FRANZEN. — Mrs. C. Hough has much pleasure in announcing the engagement of her younger daughter, Val, to Arvid, son of Mrs. K. and the late Mr. F. Franzen, Auckland, N.Z.

## SILVER WEDDING

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KILLEY, John Henry. Dearly loved husband of Maud, devoted father of David and Jean; dear pa of Marilyn, Paul, Jillian and Ian; brother of Amy (Mrs. H. A. Procter, dec.), Fred (dec.). "He was one of God's good men. Only Good-night, beloved!"

## IN MEMORIAM

BAKER, John. — Loved husband of Flo., passed away Aug. 24, 1966, loving father of John and Gwyneth, S.A.; loving grandpa of Moira, Helen, Fiona and Philip. "Fond memories."

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In our hearts he dwells with love."  
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SMITH. — Cherished memories of Oliver, called home Aug. 23, 1965, at Croydon, Vic.

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The happy days we knew  
Are lived again so often  
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## VICTORIA

### BOYS' SUCCESS

(Chelsea, Vic.). Junior and senior Explorers each won first place in zone sports at Cheltenham; Midgets were third in regional sports . . . 70 mothers and girls came to tea on Girls' Sunday, when Miss McCracken was guest speaker . . . Classes are being held to train those helping in church services . . . Harold Jones, representing Christian Child Evangelism, spoke on Aug. 6 . . . Mrs. Ferguson, C.W.F. Pres., spoke to afternoon ladies' meeting on Aug. 8.

### MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Bentleigh, Vic.). The missionary convention held on Aug. 6-13, was a great challenge. Speakers were Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowbotham, from the Poona and Indian Village Mission, Miss Claire Williams, from Central Thailand, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, from the Church of Christ missions, Pentecost Island, New Hebrides, and J. Hunting, the Aust. Director of Jewish Evangelical Witness. They all gave illustrated talks.

### CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

(Sunshine, Vic.). There has been much voluntary activity in church grounds. "Operation Open Door" aimed at improving catering facilities by permitting direct access from kitchen to main hall, installation of gas cooker, electric water heater, and covered storage area between two existing buildings. Project culminated with 70 sharing in family tea after 5 p.m. service . . . Monthly youth service and tea had League footballer, John Birt, as recent guest personality . . . Ladies' groups supplied large manchester parcel for Aborigines Missions . . . B.S. staff canvassed area for new scholars.

### ORGANISTE FAREWELLED

(Maidstone, Vic.). The assistant organiste, Mrs. Elligat, who has been with us for many years, has been farewelled. A presentation was made . . . Miss Rita Roberts was speaker at youth tea . . . Morning services have increased to 100. . . . David White is minister.

### PRAYER PREPARATION

(Parkdale, Vic.). A. Avery led the church in a four-day prayer preparation period for the Evangelical Campaign now under way. There was a good response for the first of guest services on July 23. T. T. Robinson was speaker, and the Part-Time Singers were guest artists . . . Girls' Sunday, on July 30, featured a ladies' and girls' tea and special service. 37 girls from Como Parade Good Companions attended a weekend camp in Berwick . . . Three have confessed Christ in recent weeks and two welcomed by transfer . . . All four tennis teams reached finals in Winter competition. Contract is being let for re-surfacing of courts . . . Church has accepted a mission project, aiming to raise up to \$800 for an air-strip at Bunapas, New Guinea.

### GIRLS' SUNDAY

(Northcote, Vic.). Girls' Sunday was held on July 30. After tea for girls and parents, Miss Dot Reynolds was the special speaker. The girls took part in the gospel service . . . The C.W.F. (evening) had their 21st birthday on Aug. 9. . . . Mrs. L. Gluyas has gone to Canada to visit her daughter . . . Recent speakers have been G. H. Gilmour, Conf. Pres.; L. Snow and R. V. Amos . . . A. B. Withers is minister.

### YOUTH EMPHASIS

(Oakleigh, Vic.). Girls' Sunday was observed with a mother and daughter tea. Later Mrs. Nola Baker gave the address . . . On Aug. 13, emphasis was again on Youth. 60 young people came to tea and saw the film, "Monkey Business," dealing with the theories of evolution and the truths of the Bible. The evening service was conducted by young people in music, reading, and testimonies by Hughie Walpole and Yvonne Fraser. . . . George Gilbert is in Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital following major surgery.

### THREE BAPTISMS

(Camberwell, Vic.). Three young ladies were recently baptized and welcomed into fellowship by K. R. Maddern . . . C.W.F. ladies' activities include a parcel of clothes sent to an Aboriginal girl, and a parcel to Dorcas . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have entered the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh.

### ITALIAN TEA

(Caulfield, Vic.). A youth tea arranged by the young people took the form of a "Pranzo Italiano," with tables appropriately and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Ray McKenzie showed slides of his recent trip to Athens . . . Two young ladies have been baptized . . . On Education Sunday, teachers of the congregation took part in the evening service, and the minister, F. A. Youens, spoke on "The Great Teacher."

### FIVE BAPTISMS

(Blackburn, Vic.). On Aug. 6, five young men who had been attending the minister's classes on membership were baptized . . . A Planned Giving programme is planned for Sept. 11-Oct. 8 . . . The Campbell Singers assisted on Aug. 13. . . . The Eastern District youth night, "Zest," was well supported.

### FEATURE AT FIVE

(Shepparton, Vic.). The "Feature at Five" services continue to interest. On Education Sunday, the speakers were a High School Chaplain, Headmistress of the Girls' High School, a member of the Tech. High School Advisory Board, and a secondary school student . . . Neville Doyle found it necessary to relinquish the office of church secretary. The position is now filled by Lindsay Croxford. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones, now residing in Geelong. They have been very active in the church. Mrs. Harris, senr. (mother of Mrs. Jones) is also a loss to us in this movement . . . Ken Danes, transferred with his wife and family from Yarrowonga, has joined the panel of speakers for Nurmurkah and Mooroopna . . . The whole of the proceeds of a concert organised by the C.W.E.F. (\$132) was donated to the Goulburn Valley Centre for the Intellectually Handicapped children.

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

(Norlane, Vic.). The church participated in the Reggie Thomas Crusade. Two members of the Crusade Team spoke at a youth tea, at which about 30 young people attended. The minister is conducting discipleship classes for a group of young people . . . The youth clubs of the church have been reorganised and are now Good Companions, Explorers, Tweenagers, and a youth group . . . The church is moving to reduce H.M. subsidy on a progressive basis . . . The Ladies' Fellowship donated \$36 to the Church School for furnishings, and also a parcel of clothing and money for the Aborigines Missions . . . 70 attended Ladies' Fellowship 8th birthday. A trading table raised over \$13.

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

(Nth. Essendon, Vic.). Church anniversary guest speaker was C. H. Dow. Evening service, at 5, followed afternoon tea served to members and friends. 100 young folk met for tea at 6.30 p.m. and for a programme of popular music, which concluded with a talk by Carl Turtmann (College of the Bible) . . . Service plan training classes have been conducted . . . The Good Companions took active part in a special Girls' Sunday service . . . W.E.F. sponsored a glass blowing demonstration, which resulted in \$28.50 being donated to the B.S.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Florence Grace Crouch.

Mrs. Crouch, wife of our church treasurer, spent the whole of her life within the family of the church at Kaniva, Vic. Very suddenly and quietly, on July 18, she passed from us leaving an abundant store of the choicest memories. She was a very gracious, charming, consecrated and talented woman. She was one of those rare individuals who could speak of her own home-going with that natural sincerity which comes from a deep and abiding faith in the reality of the unbroken family of God. With rare devotion she gave herself, even from very early years, to all the activities of the church, and is remembered specially for her enriching contributions, as church organist for over 30 years, to our worship services. She shared actively in a very wide variety of organisations connected with schools, the hospital and other community interests. The large crowds at the funeral services were a testimony to the wideness of her interests and the loving esteem in which she was held. We commend to God's comfort and grace her husband Colin, her children Wendy, Dawn (Mrs. Rod. Coutts), Dorothy and Russell, and her sister, Ivy Vivian. We share their sorrow and their memories and we rejoice with them in the Christian hope.

—R. C. Bolduan.

### Myrtle E. Searle.

Hers was a life of graciousness and constancy under suffering. In 1956, Mrs. Searle underwent a very severe heart operation. Over the last two years her health had deteriorated, and after six weeks in Alexandra Hospital, Vic., died on July 25, 1967. Baptized in her early teens at South Yarra church, Myrtle Sturgess was married there to J. E. Searle in 1924. Together they companied through 43 years of marriage. Over 40 of these years they had journeyed together in the ministry of the gospel. She had shared the joys as well as the heartaches of the Christian ministry at Wooreen, Brim, Yarrowonga, Maryborough, Thornbury, North Williamstown, North Richmond and Preston. Even in retirement at Buxton they had assisted the Presbyterian-Methodist Church at Alexandra and the United Church at Marysville. Mrs. Searle's constant thoughts were for her three boys — Norman, Ken and Bruce. She loved them well; she loved her grandchildren. She loved her friends dearly. A clear indication of this was the crowded chapel at Preston, when many friends gathered to pay tribute to her gracious life and ministry. The services at the church, and at Fawcner Crematorium, were conducted by G. J. Crossman, when J. E. Searle, his three boys, and their loved ones were commended for the sustaining, comforting grace of God.—G.J.C.

### Robert Paul Gerrand.

The church at Caringbah, N.S.W., was deeply saddened by the death of Paul Gerrand, on July 20, 1967, after a long illness. Although only a young man (aged 32), he will long be remembered as having spent a very useful and purposeful life. Paul was born in Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. For a period he lived in Bris-

bane, Qld., and also in England, but much of his youth was spent at Hartwell, Vic., where he joined the church. He served in the work for a number of years. He was an able scholar and, following his graduation from the University of Melbourne, he did further study overseas. He enjoyed immensely the challenge of his work and was tremendously capable as a research scientist/engineer at the Atomic Energy Commission in N.S.W. In the work of the church he was very active throughout his life. Up to the time of his sickness he was chairman of the Board of Officers at Caringbah, and in this position he was greatly appreciated and admired for his fair and forthright leadership and inspiring example. He was a man of faith and vision. He was excited at the prospect of what the Lord was going to do in the work of the church and was intensely interested in every detail right up to the time of his death. With his very active and alert mind he thought much about the things of God, and yet he kept a simple faith which was always strong and sure. His faithfulness, counsel and graciousness will always be remembered by those who knew him. To his wife Pat, and children, Mark and Wendy, and all the members of the family, we offer our love and sympathy.—F.A.E.

### William Baker.

The late William Baker died suddenly at his residence in Glen Iris, Vic., on Aug. 3. He had been a member of the Hartwell church for over 40 years, joining at the age of 13 under the ministry of C. J. Robinson. He had occupied successively the offices of teacher, youth leader, secretary, deacon and elder. During the war he served in the Army, a portion of this service being overseas. Coming as a boy with his parents from England, Mr. Baker had lived all his married life in the Glen Iris-Hartwell area where he was highly respected as a citizen. In his youth he was a lacrosse player, and in later years still maintained a keen interest in that sport as a spectator and worker for its teams. He was unassuming by nature, quiet in his manner, but most loyal in attendance at church, and most reliable in all services that devolved on him. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Baker lost their second son in tragic circumstances, and this blow he bore with courage and Christian fortitude that earned him the respect and admiration of all. He was greatly loved by his fellow members and will be sorely missed by the Hartwell church. He is survived by his widow, his eldest

son Ralph and daughter-in-law Beryl, and by his youngest son Phillip. Services at the church, and at Springvale Crematorium, were conducted by the Hartwell minister.—M. J. Savage.

### Mrs. Pearl Hack.

Mrs. Hack died suddenly on June 7, whilst at home with her husband. Our Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. Hack and his family of three sons and one daughter, and their respective families. Mrs. Hack endeared herself to many people through the years. Her sincere appreciation of and compassion for others always seemed to summon up the best in people. She has been a talented musician, and given of herself freely in the service of the church. The choir at Ann-st., conducted first by her husband William, and in later years by her son Keith, is also indebted to her for her assistance and help through the years. We commend the family to the care and keeping of our Heavenly Father.—L.G.A.

### William Jethro Pearce.

With the death of W. J. Pearce, on Aug. 13, at the age of 91 years, there passed from our midst a most faithful officer and member of the church. He joined the church early in life at Aldgate Valley, S.A. After his marriage he served as a steward for a time in the Methodist Church at Glanville. Upon taking up land at Moonta in 1915, he linked up again with the Churches of Christ, became a deacon and S.S. teacher and made a rich contribution till he transferred to Croydon in 1926. Here, too, he served as a deacon and S.S. teacher. He was appointed an elder, and in 1963, elder emeritus. Only for a brief period did his declining health prevent regular attendance. He will always be remembered for his generous use of time and motor vehicles when transport was needed for picnics, camps, carol singing, etc., and for bringing of folk to the services of the church. Nor will he be forgotten for his genial disposition and sense of humour. In every way he made his life count for Christ and the church. A brief service of tribute was held in the chapel at Croydon before leaving for the Cheltenham Cemetery. He leaves a daughter, Dorothy, wife of John Turner, of Nth. Fitzroy, Vic., and two sons, Allan and Frank, daughter-in-law Winnie, a nephew Robert and his wife, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom we commend to our Heavenly Father for his comfort.—W.N.B.

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## NEW MUSICAL GROUP

(Reservoir, Vic.). Splendid evening services have been enjoyed. Sing-a-longs in members' homes have proved invaluable. Y.P. have formed musical group, "Believer's Incorporated," one member was among those who recently made the good confession . . . Mrs. Barter and Mrs. Gill have both recovered after hospitalisation . . . Good Companions' club recently took part in a special Girls' Sunday service . . . On Aug. 13, Y.P. took part in special visitation to friends' homes to bring folk along to evening worship.

## MORE BAPTISMS

(Colac, Vic.). Three young people have been baptized . . . Two car loads attended Reggie Thomas Mission at Geelong . . . Four ladies from Colac visited Norlane on Aug. 15. A team from Ballarat came on Aug. 20 to take services for the day, with F. Hunting as preacher. . . . A fellowship tea was held at 5 p.m. with the team. Three Ballarat members gave testimonies at night.

## PRESIDENT AT DUNOLLY

(Vic.). The 95th anniversary of the church was celebrated on Aug. 13, with challenging addresses given by G. H. Gilmour, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres. Guest soloist, Miss Jean Milne, was joined by Miss Jean Bartlett, and the Maryborough Choristers, to bring messages in song, while Mesdames B. Davies (Mildura), B. Lunn and N. Walker (Maryborough), provided music on organ and piano. Bet Bet church closed services for the day to share with us. 58 attended the P.S.A. which was followed by a fellowship tea.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMME CONSIDERED

(Warrnambool, Vic.). A group accompanied the preacher, C. R. Perkins, to Ivanhoe church, to observe an All-Age Christian Education programme in operation, Aug. 8, with the object of assessing the value of such a programme locally. . . . Teachers from Bible Schools at Hamilton, Portland and Warrnambool met on Aug. 19, with a party from the Christian Education Dept., to discuss aims and methods of present day teaching and means of approach . . . The church has lost two of its faithful members by death — Jim Bradley, aged 58 years, a deacon, and Mrs. M. A. Houston, at the great age of 92 years, step-mother of church elder, E. Houston.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

(Springvale, Vic.). Special evening service features have included a parade of Good Companions, a Youth for Christ team, the Moody Institute film, "Signposts Aloft," and an Explorer church parade. Richard Wiffen, a teenager, made his decision . . . Recent services have been conducted by G. Peers and N. Thomas . . . Robert Edgar has been welcomed back from New Guinea . . . C.W.A.F. held a work-day, mending and packing for Social Service . . . Mrs. Wheatley, one of our faithful elderly members, died recently. The church offers sympathy to her loved ones.

## • VIC.-TAS. HALY-YEARLY CONVENTION . . .

### Come to Castlemaine — Saturday, September 9

Rich fellowship and warm hospitality are always features of the Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention. This function is conducted in a country centre to enable country churches to enjoy the fellowship experienced at suburban brotherhood gatherings.

At Castlemaine there will be serious thought and discussion on the membership position of our brotherhood. We have the ability to win folk — some 500 to 600 being won each year; but we have a corresponding disability — each year we lose by revision of roll an equal or greater number. We do not devote to the conservation of members the same attention and zeal which we give to winning them.

This situation will be looked at thoroughly at Castlemaine, and it is hoped that the result will be a stirring up of deep concern and concentrated effort in our congregations relative to evangelism and membership conservation.

N. S. Moore, minister of North Essendon church, will speak at the 11 o'clock session, on the topic, "The Divine Motive for Our Mission." Lunch will be provided at 12.30 p.m. by the ladies of Castlemaine-Harcourt Circuit, and at 1.30 p.m. a Motorcade will tour to places of scenic, historic, civic and human interest.

Two fifteen-minute addresses challenging to effective action in both winning

and keeping disciples, will be given at the 2.45 session by A. A. Avery, H.M. Field Officer, and R. V. Longthorp, Dept. of Christian Educ. Director. Each speaker will propound questions to be answered in group discussions during which other questions will be compiled for answer by a Brains Trust comprising the two speakers and D. H. Smith, Dept. of H.M. and Evang.

There will be opportunity for informal fellowship between the afternoon session and tea, this meal at 5.30 p.m. again being prepared by the local ladies.

The evening session, at 7, will conclude not later than 8.30 p.m. R. C. McKenzie, Ormond church minister, will be the preacher, his subject, "Get the Message."

Graham H. Gilmour, Conference President, will preside at all sessions. A. R. Haskell, well-known brotherhood singer and conductor, will conduct a song service at each session, and items will be arranged by Castlemaine church and the Ballarat Male Singers. There will be a creche in which children will be cared for.

It is anticipated that some hundreds will journey to Castlemaine for the Convention. There is still time for late registration by any who have not registered as yet. Please ring promptly, the Conference Secretary, W. W. Saunders - telephone 32-2446 (Melb.).

## HOSPITAL SUNDAY

(Melb.). The Hospitals and Charities Sunday Appeal will be held on October 22. Brochures and posters are available for all churches, and all church leaders have commended the appeal.

Last year this historic appeal fell short of the previous year's total by \$591. It is hoped that ministers and church boards will do everything they can to stimulate interest for this year's appeal.

## GIFTS TO OTHERS

(Cheltenham, Vic.). C.W.E.F. sent parcel of groceries to New Hebrides, \$30 medical kit to Ranwadi, and 15 large cartons of clothing, material, and toys to Social Service, Children's Hospital and Dorcas . . . Among those interviewed at evening service have been Alan Rowe, TV entertainer, and Basil Heriot, dental surgeon . . . 125 young people attended special youth service at Gordon Boys' Home . . . "Signposts Aloft" was screened . . . Explorer Inter-Club Indoor Sports held in our hall . . . Three young girls have made decisions.

## DR. WHITING TO CONTINUE

(Ashburton, Vic.). Dr. Whiting has accepted the church's invitation to continue his interim ministry in 1968 . . . Of the three basketball teams, one reached the four . . . Church members participated in All-day Sunday Conference discussing the church's mission in the world from the aspects of teaching, worship, witness and service . . . Gordon Smith and Geoff. Daniels have been elected to the Board.

## MOUNTAIN CAMP

(East Kew, Vic.). Church families recently shared in a mountain weekend camp . . . On Aug. 18, the Teenage youth joined in a progressive tea evening . . . A teacher of Religious Instruction in the local school requested that her class be permitted the Church of Christ chapel, and that Mr. Christensen, the minister, explain the ordinances of Churches of Christ. This was duly done, and the class and teacher were most appreciative . . . The church was saddened during the month by the death of Geo. Snibson . . . The church is wholeheartedly supporting the Billy Graham Crusade.

## BEST AND FAIREST CLUB

(Balwyn, Vic.). Our football club has the honor of being judged "Best and Fairest" for the second year in succession. Temple Day offering was \$1,007 . . . Much interest and pride was shown in display of complete outfits for Aborigine girl . . . Education Week was opened by R. Gleeson (Council of Christian Educ. in Schools), as speaker. Young girl missionary-elect for India, Miss Moreen Watts, gave the evening address . . . Church saddened by loss of yet another young member, John Hoffman, killed in car accident.

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# NEW ZEALAND NEWS

## Presbyterian Editor Dies

Peter M. Smith, editor for ten years of "The Outlook," official journal of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z., died in Christchurch.

## First Full-time General Secretary

The Conference Council is recommending to the Annual Conference (Palmerston North, Oct. 19-23, 1967) that Wallace Harford be appointed as first full-time Secretary for our churches. Mr. Harford has been Senior R.N.Z.A.F. Chaplain for a number of years.

## Group Life Laboratories

Two laboratories for members of the negotiating churches are being held, one in the South island, and one in the North island, during August. Seven ministers and one of our deaconesses are sharing in these, by invitation.

## Referendum on Hour of Closing

The Government is to hold a Referendum on the hotel closing hours later this year. The N.Z. Alliance is relying heavily on newspaper and other comment from Australia, with particular emphasis on how later closing hours would possibly affect the welfare of the young. Closing is now at 6 p.m. A great many people will be confused by the claims and counter-claims of those leading the campaign.

## Religion in Books

The Publishers' Association of Great Britain, in conjunction with the National Council of Churches in N.Z., presented Exhibitions of Religious Books in four main centres. The books will be distributed to some 12 colleges in the south Pacific area, as a result of recommen-

dations from mission boards. About 1,500 volumes were involved in the displays.

## Annual Meeting of N.C.C.

The New Zealand Council of Churches annual meeting included these interesting items:—

● Representatives of the NCC and its member churches will consult with members of the Catholic Church's Commission for ecumenism in October, to explore what further joint action might be possible.

● The NCC executive is to investigate the possibility of bringing South Vietnamese child war victims to N.Z. for medical treatment.

● The Council is to investigate further the possibility of establishing a Church and Society Commission.

● It was decided to establish a Christian Education Commission to foster co-operation and joint action between the Departments of Christian Education in such areas as lay training, leadership training, church and public education, organising ecumenical study programmes, etc.

● Churches and individuals have given \$154,000 for Inter-Church Aid overseas.

—W. B. Burn, Auckland.

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The Federal Board of Christian Education, in co-operation with the Joint Board of Christian Education of Australia and New Zealand, have produced an extremely worthwhile kit of "Church and Home Leaflets," in a very attractive cover, which is given to the parents of each child on the Cradle Roll. There is a series of eight leaflets which is retained by the Sunday School. One is left at the home by a Cradle Roll visitor each six months.

This does two things: By a system of recording dates it encourages the Cradle Roll visitor to maintain regular contact with the children through their earliest years, and because each leaflet is on a vital matter for parents, it encourages the parents to develop their understanding of the role of the Christian faith in the home.

The topics included are: 1. The Meaning of Parenthood. 2. Parents Are Teachers. 3. Conscience. 4. Talking with Children About God. 5. Children's Prayers. 6. Talking with Children About Birth. 7. The Child in the Church. 8. Talking with Children About Death.

There is also included an instruction leaflet for the Church School superintendent on how this material can be used. Each leaflet is simply written and easily read by people who are not usually interested in reading either educational or Christian material. Each kit lasts each child for four years, and at a cost of only 45 cents complete, is certainly a worthwhile investment.

The church at Cheltenham (Vic.) decided to use these leaflets in a slightly different way. It was decided to conduct six lectures on successive Wednesday mornings by competent specialists in the fields of education, medicine, psychology, child development and theology. The mothers of the Cradle Roll child-

ren were then invited to attend the course at a cost of \$2. Advertising material was prepared and the course was limited to the first 75 applicants. The lecturers were:-

Mrs. Ethel Gedy, Baptist Edress and author of our Nursery and Kindergarten and Primary School materials. Dr. Charles Eccles-Smith, M.D., B.S., Specialist in Mental Health and Natural Childbirth. Dr. Geoffrey Whiting, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D., Christian Educationalist and Associate Editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education. Miss Bonnie Bates, Methodist Lecturer to Parent's Organisations. Dr. Don Oldmeadow, M.D., B.S., D.G.O., D.P.M., Psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer of the Mental Hygiene Dept. of Victoria. Mr. Gordon Moyes, B.A., minister.

With the exception of the minister, each of these lecturers was given an honorarium, which took half of the \$140 it cost to conduct the course.

The women who registered for the course covered the costs by their enrolment fee of \$2. Each morning a creche was conducted, with up to 50 children being cared for, and morning tea was provided as a fellowship medium for those mothers not well known to church members.

The six lectures covered the subjects outlined in the "Church and Home Leaflets," and each mother received these leaflets together with duplicated notes from the lecturers, plus three excellent 8-page leaflets — "Parents First Teachers of Religion"; "Interpreting Birth to Children," and "Interpreting Death to Children" — which can also be obtained through the Federal Board of Christian Education, Graham House, Graham Road, Highbett, Vic.

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## BRITISH METHODIST AND ANGLICAN UNION

(Middlesbrough, Eng.). British Methodists overwhelmingly defeated attempts to delay negotiations on unity with the Church of England. They thus cleared the way for a definitive vote on union proposals at next year's conference in London.

Main attack on unity proposals came in a resolution presented to the Methodist Conference, which stated that the church membership should be asked once again whether it was in favour of union with Anglicans.

In submitting the resolution the Rev. Thomas Bevan, of Southampton, said, "I would not mind Methodism dying if it was for the wellbeing of the church, but I object to Methodism being murdered, and that's what's going to happen."

But 700 representatives at the annual conference overwhelmingly rejected this resolution after hearing two former presidents of the conference. Dr. Harold Roberts, who heads the Methodist negotiating team, assured them "everything we hold dear in Methodism will be preserved."

Lord Soper said, "I know I am a 'square,' but I am sufficiently in contact with a lot of young people to know that they would never forgive us if unity does not come their way — and we must not put artificial barriers in their way."—E.P.S.

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**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.** In Columbia, Mississippi, William Buckley was shot from ambush. William Purvis was arrested, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. At the time of the execution, through some mishap, Purvis fell to the ground unharmed. Spectators persuaded the authorities to put Purvis back in gaol. An appeal to the governor brought commutation of sentence and later he was pardoned. A few days ago, Joseph Beard, a neighbour of both Buckley and Purvis, contracted pneumonia and, in a dying condition, confessed that he and two other men shot Buckley. The fallibility of human judgment is notorious. It is because of the impossibility, in many cases, of determining the guilt of criminals that there is such opposition to capital punishment at the present time.

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## THE MENACE

A drink never made a worker smarter, or his job easier. As one doctor put it, "Alcohol never can make you do a thing better, it can only make you less ashamed of your mistakes."

The brewers, in one of their journals, state this fact, "Yearly, thousands of alcohol drinkers die." This, of course, worries them. (We know that alcohol drinkers don't live as long as abstainers.) So they seek ways and means to "draw in" the large number of young people who are reaching drinking age. Their way of thinking is, "Unless the 'wet' interests can get over 50,000 from each generation, some of the liquor factories must shut down." "Wanted — 50,000 Boys," is the notice. "Will you help?" they ask. "Which of your boys (or girls) will it be?"

Statistics show that one in every four homes is affected by alcoholism. Is there a potential alcoholic in your home?

Rev. D. W. Menzies stated that Australian society is run on alcohol. It is the universal medium of social conversation. Teenagers are involved with alcohol from an early age. This is especially true of the middle-class suburban parents who send their sons to church schools to improve their social position. Rootlessness, basic insecurity, throwing of parties, dashing about in cars is characteristic of both adults and juveniles in this group. Alcohol in teenage parties from the age of 15 years upwards is not at all uncommon, sometimes completely without supervision.

A valid Christian approach to alcohol should be based on three principles — (a) Conservation of the power of choice. (b) Care not to hurt others. (c) The care of the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

### Weighed in the Balances of Scripture.

Prov. 22: 23: At the last it (wine) biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Hosea 4: 11, Whoredom and wine and new wine taketh away the heart. Joel 3: 3: . . . and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Hab. 2: 15: Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him. 1 Cor. 6: 10: Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 10: 31: Whether therefore ye eat or drink . . . do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 3: 17: If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. The Bible balances, "away with this nefarious traffic."

BY ALICE M. EVANS.

Supt. C.W.F. Temperance Committee.

### Weighed in the Balances of Reason.

The liquor drinking habit is so widespread, the reasons many: (1) To drown trouble and failures — but the troubles and worries are still in existence when the drug effects of alcohol wear off. The drinker is less able to meet the realities of life. (2) To get a thrill — youth often begin drinking this way — a foolish dare, lack of thought, or ignorance, begins the drinking habit of many. (3) Victims of liquor advertisements — many are alcohol addicts through being gullible enough to believe the propaganda of the brewers.

### Weighed in the Balances of Science.

Dr. Carroll says: The scientific study of alcohol — intensive, increasingly intelligent and eminently fair these latter years, has little good to say for it. Many physicians in active practice do not prescribe it once in a year. Its worth as a medicine is practically non-existent. Frankly, we cannot think of this drug longer as being on trial. It has already been condemned."

### Weighed in the Balances of Experience.

In all countries where the alcoholic habit reigns, it accounts for, from half to three-quarters of the crimes, a great share of suicides, of mental disorders, of death, of diseases generally, of poverty, of vulgar depravity, of sexual excesses and venereal diseases, and of dissolution of families.—(August Forel, in "What Price Alcohol?")

Alcoholic drinks have been weighed in the balances of experience, and the verdict is, "Cast out of the lives of humanity."

We have weighed alcohol in four balances, and the verdict against alcohol has been brought in by the highest and most competent authorities in the land. Chemically, it is a poison; socially, it is a criminal; economically, it is a wastrel; politically, it is a destroyer; pathologically, it is a depressant and not a stimulant; psychologically, it is a blighter of the finest and most sensitive intellectual capacities in the world. Alcohol is a destroyer of human values.—General G. C. Marshall.

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# FAMILIES IN CHURCH

BY AILEEN DRANEY

A frog is croaking away in the distance and it too must be rejoicing that it is a wonderful moonlit night. The full moon is nearly as bright as day, and without too much effort you could be able to read on some nights by its light. I like it best as I see it through the coconut palms.

There is beauty around in plenty if one cares to look for it, but I wonder if you and I have grown in the beauty of Jesus over the last couple of months. We need "To let our lights so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven."

Things have settled down at school and there is a much better atmosphere. Things that I thought the children knew and understand have not been grasped. I am thinking here of ideas of God and his word. Although we think they know the story, and can answer some questions, we must continue to tell and pray that his Spirit will lead them to understand. The younger children are going through the Old Testament for their religious instruction periods, and it is a thrill to see their interest.

Church services, although not good in attendance, are remaining above half

of those in the village. They are very lax about coming early, and today I started with only the helper present. He, Munme, has three young boys, and they all wanted to join him on the platform, and then one of them decided to take off his trousers, and his father did not like this and so they were put on again. The same lad had a stick with him and thus got into lots of trouble. Just as his father was taking the bread around he fell over and this caused a further stir throughout the building. We certainly have variety. Four folk, three of whom are school children, are attending a discipleship class each Tuesday and Friday night. We meet about 7.30 p.m. and you could join us in prayer at this time.

Each Thursday afternoon is the women's meeting. This is a time for sewing and a chatter as far as most women are concerned, and any excuse is used so that they will not hear his Word. Do pray that Satan will not be able to take away the seed that is sown. The women are learning to sew on the machine, and some are very self-conscious about tackling this in front of others. One day I caught a young mother with a child

sucking her breast as she was trying to use the machine. Others have had crying children on their shoulders as they try to fathom the working of the machine. Another woman regularly has her young son help her to treadle the machine. The cry is continually going up to tell this or that youngster to take their fingers away from the machine. One woman has three skirts in her kit-bag waiting for her to earn the money to buy them.

## CHIEF LUTHULI DIES AT 68; 1960 Nobel Peace Prize Winner

(Durban). Zulu Chief Albert J. Luthuli, 68, of South Africa, a Christian who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent efforts against racial separation in his country, died July 21, from injuries suffered in a train accident.

He was struck by a freight train while walking on the tracks of a railway bridge in Stanger, about 30 miles north of Durban.

Restricted to his home district of Stanger since 1959, the former chieftain worked as an overseer of Negro cane cutters in the hamlet of Grootville, where he lived in a cottage. He was given permission to travel to Stanger.

When Mr. Luthuli received the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize he became the first African ever to be so honoured.

Chief Luthuli was the son of an African Christian missionary who went from South Africa to Rhodesia in the service of the former American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches. This agency is now the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Luthuli was educated at Adams College, a missionary school near Durban, and later taught there before being elected a Zulu chief of about 4,000 South Africans.—E.P.S.

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# THE LAST WORD

Not "I."

No longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

—Gal. 2: 20.

There was a little maiden once  
Who lived in days gone by,  
Whose every thought and every word  
Always began with "I."  
I think, I know, I wish, I say,  
I like, I want, I will;  
From morn to night, from day to day,  
"I" was her burden still.



The burning of a little straw can hide the stars, but the stars will reappear.

—Voltaire.



"May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun is set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done, and we go to our long home to meet thy face."

—Walter Rauschenbusch.



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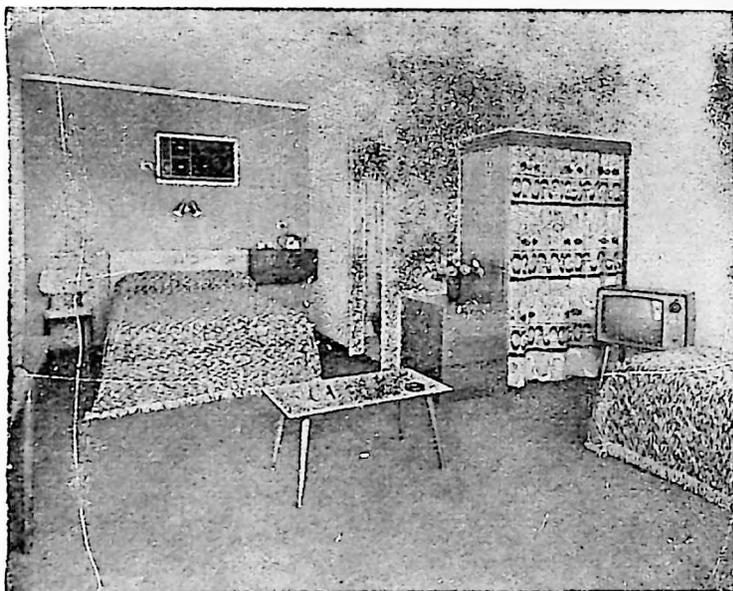
Husband: "Not now, dear, but you used to."

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