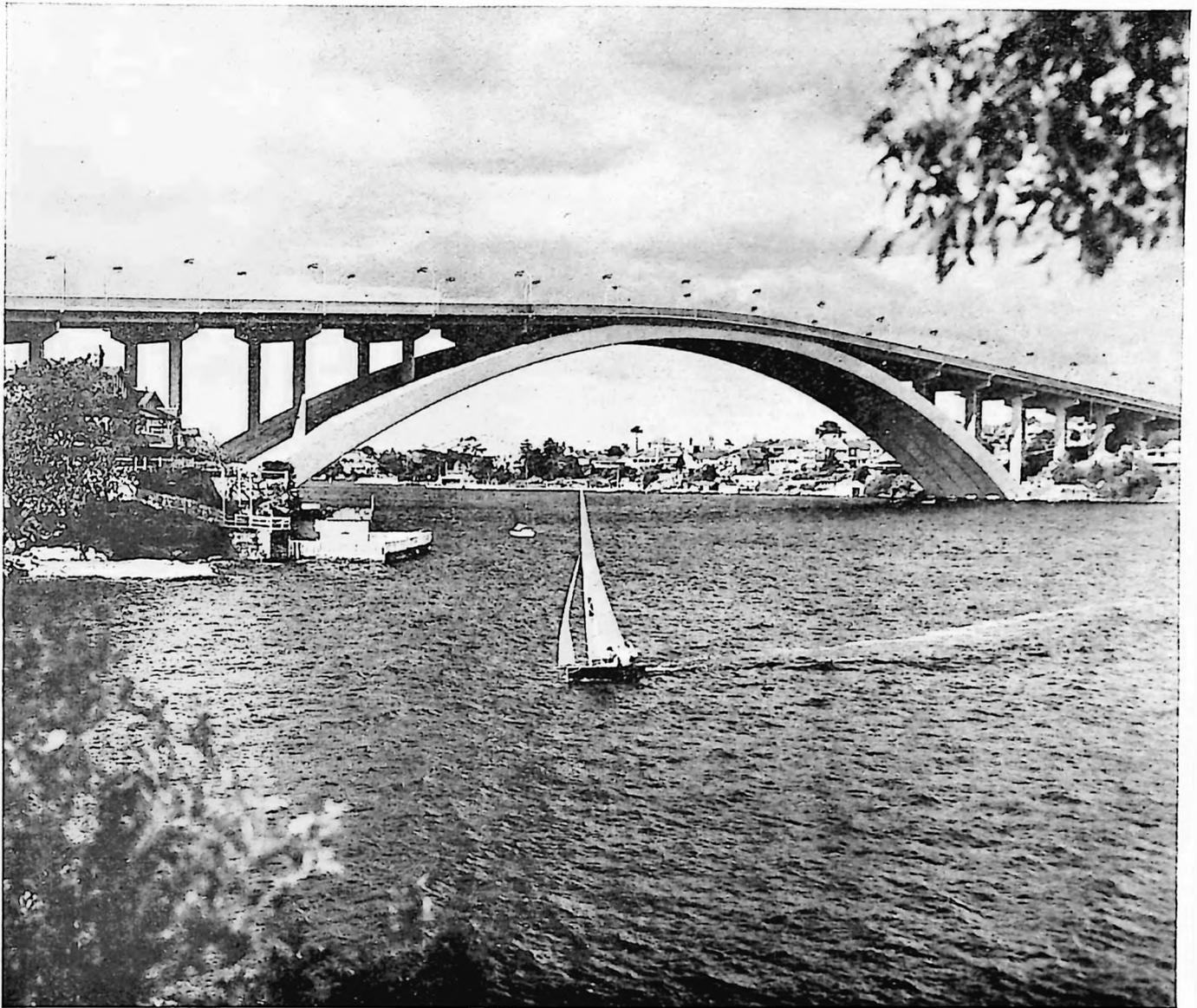


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RELIGION AND POLITICS

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. McMahon) declared publicly that the Labor candidate for the Federal by-election in Capricornia, Queensland, "had way-out social, economic, and religious views."

Most of the country's daily newspapers took a poor view of this statement. The editorial comment was generally unfavourable to Mr. McMahon. However, the Treasurer subsequently claimed that he was entitled to criticise a political opponent's religious views. He has been supported in his view by the Prime Minister's endorsement of the speech which started the controversy.

Practically all of the general reaction took the line that a politician's attitude to God is a personal affair of no concern to anyone else, and that it was necessary to distinguish between the "affairs of State and the authority of God."

This distinction is not easily maintained. It may not matter much which brand of football a politician supports (although it is conceivable that in some electorates this could be the most important factor!). But it does matter a great deal what views a man has on more important things. A candidate's social philosophy will influence his social actions, and his economic philosophy will determine his financial policies. His religious philosophy (touching even wider areas of human relationships) cannot fail to affect his attitudes and actions at home and abroad.

This does not mean that a candidate's church affiliation, or lack of it, will be the decisive factor. It would be far wiser to vote for an agnostic who was compassionate and competent to represent adequately the interests of his electorate than to vote for a religious man who was a fool and a knave. There are agnostics who are compassionate and competent, and there are churchmen (despite the apparent contradiction) who are fools and knaves.

If we are to vote intelligently we shall be compelled to take into account a large number of characteristics in assessing what support we give or withhold. For example, a compulsive gambler or an alcoholic would be a poor risk if we were looking for a representative.

A wrong use (and this would at once make it unchristian) can be made of a candidate's religious attitudes, and church sectarianism has tainted much of Australia's political history. We would all deplore unfair personal attacks on religious or on any other grounds. But this is far from saying that a man's religious attitude does not count. For religious people who hold that commitment to God is a vital factor in service to man, it will count a great deal.

THE GOD NEXT DOOR

At Nazareth, the people liked God to be in his proper place — which was the Temple or the synagogue, and decently remote — which was in heaven. But one day they received a severe shock when a recent neighbour stood up in the synagogue and read from the scriptures some of the mightiest of the promises of God and then calmly announced: "This passage of scripture has come true today!"

At first the congregation was fairly receptive and approving. After all, the ex-carpenter was now some kind of national celebrity and small communities are proud of native sons who become celebrities. But as the implications of the carpenter's words reached their little minds the acceptance turned to antagonism. They were not prepared to admit the possibility that God lived next door.

These people were quite happy about a formal religion which recalled the mighty acts of God in the past, and they kept on dreaming of some future David who would give the Romans a drubbing. But they did not want any ex-neighbour instructing them that this was the day for the poor to hear the good news of God, that captives to a narrow tribal God were to be released, that the eyes of all would be able to see the divine in the life of the common man, that the oppressed were to be relieved. The day of the Lord had come; and God was no longer to be restricted to Temple pronouncements, but could speak through the man next door.

That man, the neighbour of us all, is still speaking to us from within our own environment. It's about time we gave him a better hearing.

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If only I could say
In time
What moves my heart,
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In time
What is my part . . .
If only I could see
In time
What then is true,
I'd try with all my strength
To say and do!

—Calvin E. Harbin,
in "The Christian."

• N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

WHEN THE TIDE TURNS

By Principal A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A.,

Churches of Christ Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W.



William James was an American scholar who has been recognised around the world as a great psychologist and philosopher. He was a very practical man. He would say that the proof of a good pudding was in its eating.

If a man is meek, then he will show meekness in his actions. If he is good he will produce good deeds. If he is evil then his deeds will be evil. As Jesus said, good fruit comes from a good tree, while evil fruit comes from a bad tree. The fruit points back to the quality of the tree.

In like manner, when a person claims to be a Christian, we ought to see this fact set out in a good Christian life. If a church member declares he is a strong believer in evangelism, then we ought to expect from that person a strong evangelical witness. There ought to be shown in his life the fruit of his strong convictions.

If men claim that they believe the

Bible to be God's Word, then we ought to have no doubts about this fact when we read their statements and hear their speeches. The conviction for Biblical truth ought to sparkle in every word they write and speak. We cannot be "something" without revealing this fact in every aspect of our life.

At the present time there are people on all hands who want to "keep up with the Joneses" and be in the fashion. They cannot dare to stand alone like Daniel. It cannot be denied that we are living in a generation when it is popular to be a rebel. It is not just the mark of this age. From the very beginning man has rebelled against God.

But today it is popular to demonstrate our spirit of rebellion. Young people show this in the manner they dress, sing and speak. Of course, they have always taken delight in doing such things, but today they do so with less apparent pleasure and happiness, and there is a

touch of sadness and hopelessness in their attitude. They are not happy rebels and many of them are trying to find satisfaction in escaping from life by going the way of modern tramps and swagmen, and even into the dream world of drugs.

William James would say, if he were alive, that all this strange behaviour in modern society points to man's loneliness and loss of companionship with God. Only when men are on speaking terms with God, and walk and talk with him, can they be at peace with themselves and with the world about them.

We may be, as Kenneth Latourette has suggested, in a period of religious recession. The tide of the Christian world may be receding, but there is every reason to believe that the tide will return and the Christian faith will reach higher levels than ever before.

The signs of that revival will be seen first when young and old recognise that their rebellion against God will not bring them happiness or peace, and then when they turn from their "rebellious ways." Even today we are seeing some such signs, for the "Beatles" have turned from drugs to seek some comfort and help in a type of Eastern religious activity.

We hold that today is the opportune time for us to prepare for this swing in the tide, and be ready to present the good news of salvation in terms that modern youth can appreciate. The Bible is always up-to-date. Men and women trained in the knowledge of God's Word have the answers to modern man's troubles.

We recognise that young people, full of spiritual conviction and well grounded in the truths of God's revelation, can capture many who are lonely and lost in "Hippie Land."

The Bible College at Woolwich is now well established after twenty-five years of experience, to be able to prepare men for this ministry of the Lord. The College is based on the Bible and calls men to train to be evangelists in this modern age.

To maintain this work we need the prayers of all our brethren and also their financial help. Above all we desire young people with spiritual depth and a passion for souls to enter College and train to become "fishers of men."



COLLEGE GROUNDS, WOOLWICH.



FIRST THINGS FIRST

THE CHALLENGE OF WOOLWICH COLLEGE

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT,
Vice-Principal.

One of the greatest problems today is that so few are able to put first things first. All the secondary issues take precedence. The frame of life is so often thought to be more important than the picture. It is heartening therefore to see young folk in our Australian brotherhood who are prepared to enter College to train for greater service.

The Priority of Concern

The priority of concern is an important aspect of the training programme at Woolwich. Everywhere men today are in desperate need, in the grip of Sin and Satan, in "the power of darkness" (Colossians 1: 13). Yet, we only become aware of this need through Christ. We see their extremity through his eyes of compassion.

And those who have volunteered for training are conscious of this situation

WOOLWICH — A VISION

By P. H. MORTON,
Conference President, N.S.W.

We cannot think of Woolwich College without remembering B. G. Corlett and E. C. Hinrichsen, men of vision, who, by their untiring efforts and the power of the Spirit were able to give the vision reality. For 25 years the College has served the brotherhood in training men for the ministry, and over 100 have graduated to serve churches in N.S.W., throughout Australia, in New Zealand, and on all our Mission Fields.

The ideal of the College is to give Christ the supreme place "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence," and to present the Word of God as the only rule of faith and practice. Paul's prayer for Timothy was "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished in all good works."

It has been the aim of Woolwich that men who graduate be furnished in all avenues, bringing to the churches trained leadership and sound knowledge of God's Word. The College has produced such men — preachers, evangelists, teachers, social workers, youth leaders and missionaries of distinction.

In these difficult days God needs men of FAITH to present THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Our prayer is that HE will use Woolwich trainees, and also those of Glen Iris and Kenmore — that through them men and women may see JESUS, THE LIGHT, and be drawn unto him.

and, realising the compelling need, have a compassionate concern for their fellows. For this reason, then, it is vital that they be encouraged as they receive YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT.

The Priority of Christ

The priority of Christ is, however, uppermost in the vision and challenge of Woolwich. The whole purpose of the College is to put first things first. As Paul says of Christ, "HE is before all things . . . that in all things HE might have the pre-eminence" (Colossians 1: 17, 18).

At Woolwich, Christ, exalted by the Holy Spirit through the Word we teach and preach, has first place. We do not question God's Word. We receive, accept and obey it, for it testifies of him. Like his New Testament followers, our concern is not with speculation but with action — "that in all things HE might have the pre-eminence."

Hence, as well as his studies — Biblical, exegetical, historical, homiletical and pastoral — the student matures and develops in balanced outlook and understanding through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our aim is to keep the emphasis right — first things first — and because of the urgency of this strategic ministry of the College we seek YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT.



WOOLWICH EXIT STUDENTS

Standing: K. Farmer, J. Bacik, R. Whan, K. Caulton, L. Morris.
Seated: W. Flett, Principal A. W. Stephenson, W. Whitton.

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A PLACE CALLED WOOLWICH

By G. H. SLOMAN,
Chairman, College Board.

Many who come from England may have seen the great arsenal and dockyard on the Thames, near London, at a place called Woolwich. This huge plant has achieved a notable reputation for the materials of war it has produced. What a contrast this Woolwich is to ours here in Australia.

When we think of a place called Woolwich our thoughts are of a College on the shores of Sydney Harbour. The College, and its grounds, remind one of Keats' immortal words, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever, its loveliness increases, it will never pass to nothingness." Likewise, the view from the College is a joy to behold.

It is not our purpose, however, to romanticize on the loveliness of Woolwich scenically, but to re-emphasise the College's dedication in meeting the challenge of so training men and women that others may know the fragrance and loveliness of life in Christ.

Somehow the word "CHALLENGE" has come to be synonymous with the work at Woolwich. The College was born at a time of great national emergency. Our existence was being challenged by war. As a consequence the infant College faced a most uncertain future. History shows that the tide of danger gradually ebbed away. By God's grace, the College survived those years and also increased in strength, all the while teaching "an inerrant Christ through an inerrant Word."

Challenges are made to be overcome. It is how we overcome and what kind of person or institution emerges that is important. John says, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our FAITH."

This is the CHALLENGE of a place called Woolwich.

CRUSADE '67

GEORGE WOOD



(N.S.W.). The Crusade began when George Wood addressed a Dedication Service, on Aug. 21, for counsellors, choir members, ushers and others involved in the Crusade.

Crusade '67 was the result of two years of prayer and thought, and 12 months of specific planning. Previous Crusades in 1964, 1965 and 1966 had been conducted as part of the work of Youth Conference, but in 1967 the Committee became directly responsible to the D.C.E., at the same time the scope of the Crusade was widened so that it became a Churches of Christ Brotherhood Crusade to the City of Sydney. In spite of this, the Committee had only undergone minimum changes, and the Crusade is a testimony to the operation of the Holy Spirit through this young and wholly committed group of people.

George Wood was speaker at the 1965 Crusade, and in 1967 he appeared unchanged, but it was quickly obvious that two years had brought a deeper commitment to Christ, and a greater depth of

experience, especially as a result of time spent in Canada, U.S.A. and India.

Crusade '67 was a week of dynamic gospel preaching. Some responded to the preaching in a public decision for Christ, and others were profoundly challenged to go deeper in their Christian experience.

After much prayerful research and negotiation, the Grace Auditorium (Grace Bros. Department Store), Broadway, was secured for the Crusade, with the use of the car park and other facilities. The base seating of the auditorium was just over 650, and each night after the first use was made of additional seating from the adjacent cafeteria, until, Saturday night all available seating and all auditorium space was used to accommodate a crowd in excess of 950. In view of the response it was decided to extend the Crusade another meeting, held at Scots Church in the City on the Sunday afternoon.

Almost every metropolitan church, as well as numerous country churches were represented on any given night. New-

castle churches supplied a bus-load on Saturday night. This gratifying result was due in no small measure to the enthusiastic support given by the ministers of the churches and the Conference Officers, who distributed the literature widely and secured the support of their friends.

Deputation material — 22 slides accompanied by a six-minute tape recording — was circulated widely among the churches. Additional support came from the Counsellor Training Programme which consisted of a weekend at "Naamaroo" Conference Centre, with Kevin Crawford and Ray Ewers. Prayer support came as a result of the wide circulation of Prayer Letters, Crusade Bookmarks, and a Prayer Breakfast. Many other prayer groups were formed on a church or area basis. This prayer support was a key factor contributing to the outstanding success of the Crusade.

Twenty-eight people committed or re-consecrated their lives to Christ. Yet it was obvious from observation and from the reaction of the ministers of the churches, that the actual impact of the Crusade went far deeper and wider, and it will be the responsibility of the local church to follow up many good contacts. Christians, too, used the Crusade widely as a means of introducing friends and work, etc., to Christ.

Another result of the Crusade will be as the Billy Graham Team comes to Sydney early next year, as people, realising afresh the potential of a Crusade as a means of evangelistic outreach, apply their experience gained from Crusade '67 with renewed enthusiasm and effectiveness.

The question inevitably arises: What now? Certainly the first move is to perform the teaching ministry found in the Great Commission. At the same time, many other contacts will need to be followed up with the gospel on a local church basis. Thirdly, churches themselves will need to avail themselves of the counselling classes, visitation programmes, etc., offered by the coming Billy Graham Crusade.

Ultimately it must be seen that, while Crusades of this nature fulfill a very important place in the field of evangelism, it is in the local church that the real fruit is picked.—John Morris.



A NIGHT AT THE CRUSADE — Grace Auditorium, Broadway, Sydney.

1967

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PHILIP

BY GRAEME CHAPMAN

The men God has used to kindle fires of revival haven't been selected principally because of their intellectual stamina. They have been, in the main, highly intelligent and well educated — Paul, Edwards the metaphysician, Luther, and others in the evangelical tradition were men of this calibre.

But they were not chosen merely because of their academic attainment or polemical ability. Nor were they selected because they were great organisers — as was Wesley. They were chosen because they were men full of the Holy Spirit. This was the necessary qualification — the indispensable must!

Philip, one of the earliest itinerant evangelists in the church's history was in possession of this qualification. His name is first mentioned in the list of those who were chosen to look after the administration of the church — the seven selected to serve tables. Philip is second on this list and, like the others, was appointed because he was "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." The record we have of Philip's later activity endorses the earlier estimation of him as a man "full of the Holy Spirit."

It was no wonder that his preaching attracted attention. He didn't specialise in setting chips of philosophy, humanism and theology into literary mosaics; he got down to basic essentials. Without any attempt at titivation he told men where they stood in the sight of God, and focused their attention on Christ. His preaching was in the authority of the Holy Spirit. How could the preaching of a man filled with the Holy Spirit be otherwise!

Philip the administrator (if we can't legitimately call him a deacon) became Philip the evangelist. We often assume that these two functions are mutually exclusive. But from this instance it is evident that they are not. We should also note that those who are concerned with the "business" of the church, as distinct from the spiritual oversight, oughtn't to be men of any less qualification than those entrusted with the ministry of teaching.

The persecution that resulted in, and was stepped up by, the preaching and martyrdom of Stephen, scattered the leaders of the early church. Philip went to Samaria. There his preaching precipitated a revival.

Philip was not preaching in a vacuum to people who had no inkling of who Christ was. Jesus had visited Samaria. The woman he had conversed with at

Graeme Chapman, a graduate from the N.S.W. Bible College, is minister at Kedron, Qld.

Jacob's Well had brought the whole countryside to him. Jesus himself had sown and Philip was now reaping the harvest. So often all the credit goes to the man under whose ministry decisions are registered. It is more often than not the itinerant evangelist who is applauded. Usually, however, it is the local pastor who has done most of the work that results in the eventual decision.

Philip left Samaria in the midst of the revival. He moved out from under the spotlight. He didn't covet the glory. He made way for Peter and John. A lesser man would have hung on. I am reminded here of Sangster. In the full vigour of his manhood, he was called from Methodism's London Cathedral — Central Hall, Westminster — to become Home Mission's Director. He left the church where on Sundays he commanded the attention of some three thousand worshippers, many of whom he had personally introduced to Christ and grafted into the church — he left this to wander the countryside to speak to little handfuls here and there.

The news came as a blow. The move seemed against all reason. The style of ministry at Westminster suited him. But there was no whimper to be heard. He simply replied to questioners, "I want what God wants for me." How like Philip! The latter made way for Peter and John (who were to prove more sensational because they were conferring the special gifts). God spoke and Philip obeyed. "The angel of the Lord said go . . . and he arose and went." Obedience is the hallmark of the man who is filled with the Spirit.

God sent Philip into the desert to speak to one man. He was sent from the scene of revival where he could have spoken to a vast concourse of people — to converse with a solitary individual! What madness! Yes, and our madness is God's wisdom. In the light of what happened afterwards in Africa we can see the wisdom.

I wonder whether God had a plan for his removal from Samaria, as well as for his meeting with the Ethiopian treasurer. Of this I am certain — God must often remove us from the scene of activity so that he can send another into the situation. Yet, how often do we fail to see the green light! Tragedy ensues when men do not know when to relinquish positions and ministries, or when, reading the signs, they refuse to budge and make way for another.

Big men understand that there may be more profit in their speaking simply to a handful, than in their engineering a great literary fireworks display in a vast auditorium. The nameless individual who was responsible for Spurgeon's conversion

that wintry Sunday morning in 1850 had no idea of what God was doing through his stammering. But he was concerned for the handful who had come to worship. The world remembers that Spurgeon was the result!

This concern for the individual was characteristic of Spurgeon himself. He wrote, "I would rather bring the poorest woman in the world to the feet of Jesus than be made Archbishop of Canterbury . . . to win a soul from going down into the pit, is a more glorious achievement than to be crowned in the arena of theological controversy as Dr. Sufficientissimus."

Of John Cairns, another "big man," it is recorded that, "ministers of city congregations could hardly by the most urgent entreaty, secure his services, while he was ready at the call of any lonely pastor who was seeking to feed his little flock in the face of unfair opposition or rustic indifference."

All these men were typical Philips, ready at the call of God to leave a flourishing work, in order to speak to a handful. What about you?

Leaving the Ethiopian, Philip journeyed to Azotus, known formerly as Ashdod — the centre of Dagon worship.

He then left Azotus and moved along the coast till he came to Caesarea, where he settled. This phase marked the end of his itinerant ministry. His permanent influence was to be felt now at Caesarea, the capital of Judaea. We have now seen the full transition — deacon, itinerant evangelist and presently pastor. Tradition suggests that he assumed leadership of the local church. We have a record of his entertaining Paul, here at Caesarea, some twenty years later. What a time they would have had together!

In order to depict accurately the character of Philip, it is necessary, before concluding, to draw attention to several threads that are woven through the tapestry of this man's life and ministry.

Philip, during the early years, was constantly moving about. This was the type of ministry which would have suited his personality. Others, who find it difficult to settle in a ministry for any length of time, likewise become evangelists, as distinct from pastors. Moody, after visiting Spurgeon's Tabernacle, was heard to remark that he would find it impossible to prepare two new sermons each Sunday to preach to the same congregation, year in and year out. Both pastors and evangelists have their place in the ministry of the church. Only — when you call a man don't expect him to be both!

Perhaps Philip's most characteristic trait was his ability to discern the leading of the Spirit of God. Though, more important, it could be pleaded, was his prompt obedience. Boreham instances an experience where we see Philip's case in reverse. He felt a restraint. He felt that he should not go immediately to see a man he had been asked to visit in prison. At a cricket match that afternoon he sat next to a person, without the assistance of whose advice his visit to the unknown prisoner would have been futile.

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Philip (continued)

Being "full of the Holy Spirit" it was axiomatic that Philip should "preach the word." We make the mistake of neglecting "the Word." It is no wonder that certain men feel they accomplish so little. They spin some neat theory out of the tail end of an off-beat verse. They don't preach the Word; and it is the Word that achieves results! "For the mighty temptation of this age," wrote Barth, "which appears in every shape possible, is that we no longer appreciate the intensity and exclusiveness of the demand which the divine Word makes as such when looking at the force of other demands; so that in our anxiety in the face of existing dangers we no longer put our whole trust in the authority of God's Word, but we think we ought to come to its aid with all sorts of contrivances, and we thus throw aside our confidence in the Word's power to triumph . . ."

It is not strange that Barth, who stresses the authority of the Word, should give prominence to the presentation of Christ. His case parallels that of Philip who gave such prominence to Jesus. He "preached Christ" both to the Samaritan and to the Ethiopian. This was his emphasis. This is another emphasis that we have lost. We overcloud him with trifling issues.

When the Spirit of God opens to us the meaning of the Word of God, there is developed within us a spiritual perception. Within Philip, there was developed this "scholarship of Insight" (Scroggie) — instance his conversation

with the eunuch when he preached Christ from Isaiah

It should be noted, as a final comment, that his children were in the church. The question will always arise — "Will I go and neglect the children or will I stay and have them realise that I wasn't concerned enough to obey the summons?" It appears from Philip's case that we should go.

Philip was a man of action because he was a man "full of the Holy Spirit." His reliance was upon the Word of God. He preached Christ, and was willing to go anywhere at the summons of God: What Wesley wrote of another we could apply to Philip: "A few such as him would make a nation tremble."

TO CONTINUE MINISTRY

(Lenswood, S.A.). Mr. Ingham has accepted invitation to continue with us for another year . . . The Social Service offering is \$46 . . . Among visitors on Sept. 17 were Peter Mitchell, speaker, and A. Anderson, President.

CHORAL CONCERT

(Gardiner, Vic.). The Churches of Christ Choral Society gave a much-appreciated concert on Sept. 16. \$46 was contributed for famine relief in Bihar, India. . . . Whilst doing a good deed to help someone else, Alan Thomas suffered a serious accident to his hand in a power saw, and received hospital treatment . . . Harold Jones conducted "Happy Hours" for 60 children, in our school hall, during the recent school holidays. 20 of these attended no B.S.

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The church at Maryborough, Qld., began in a humble way. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen O'Brien, their son and daughter, set up the house church in the dining room of the Post Office residence. Transferred from Roma, the O'Briens met with other like-minded folk, Howard, Ellis, Cummings and Sunderland.

Mr. O'Brien conducted the Bible Class and prayer meeting every Tuesday night, upstairs at the Post Office, and on Thursday night in different homes. With growth the church shifted to the Protestant Hall, now known as the Railway Institute Hall, about 1899.

For over 20 years this hall was used for meetings, with Mr. O'Brien and his son William serving as preachers, assisted by various men, namely, Messrs. Chaplin, Sutton, Smith, Stieler, Vanderwolfe and Turley. The first minister engaged was Christopher Nixon, followed by E. T. Ball, J. W. Parslow, W. B. Hayes and Heather and Lars Larsen. T. G. Mason, of Gympie, conducted the funeral of Mr. O'Brien, who passed away suddenly.

Ministers and Missions

From the Irish to the Scots the name shifts as Andrew McKenzie Meldrum arrives in a large yacht to conduct the first mission in 1906. Lars Larsen became the last evangelist in the Protestant Hall, and the first in the Adelaide St. building.

In 1918, a tent mission was conducted by Chandler and Clay, with approximately 100 confessions, which added 80 members to the church fellowship. The increased numbers allowed for the purchase of the former Oddfellows Hall, which had been constructed in 1883. Fourteen years were taken to pay off the total cost of \$1550. The first meeting in this building, a missionary meeting, was interrupted by the noise of the celebration of the end of the first World War.

L. Anderson and M. Henriksen followed as ministers after the Third Mission was held by Hinrichsen and Brooker. A Mr. Burns was subsequently engaged as minister.

In 1929 the Hinrichsen-Arnold Mission was held. Mr. Arnold stayed on for five years as minister. He was succeeded by T. G. Mason, G. R. Van Eerde, V. Dallinger, H. C. Spratt, R. Roberts, Charlie Latimer, Don Mortimer and Stan. Vanham. Relieving preachers in between ministries were H. S. Wilson, of Adelaide, Will Hibbert, of Melbourne, and local brethren.

In 1939, D. R. Stirling conducted a fortnight's mission. After H. C. Spratt's ministry the church decided to carry on without a minister, and use the funds that would accumulate for the renovation of the manse.

"Back to Maryborough" Week

1948 is remembered for the "Back to Maryborough" celebrations, at which C. R. Burdeu was speaker. Lloyd Jones and a Mr. Gibbs conducted a mission in Maryborough at a hall situated in Kent St. A church at Baddow, about two miles from Maryborough, now a suburb, was built by voluntary labor. Three different manses have been purchased over the years, Albert St., Tooley St., and the present Boys Avenue home. In 1956, Arnold Caldicott, then at Lismore, N.S.W., conducted a mission.

Des. Nelson, the present minister, began at Maryborough in 1961, after exiting from the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. During his dynamic leadership a new building was erected on the corner of Kent and Alfred Streets. The Adelaide Street chapel was directly opposite the Roman Catholic Church, and within 30 feet of the Roman Catholic parish hall. In 1956, the old chapel was flooded to a depth of five feet when the Mary River rose 40 feet.

New Building Opened

The Federal Minister for Primary Industries and Federal Member for the Fisher electorate, The Hon. C. F. Adermann, an elder of the Kingaroy church, officially opened the new chapel buildings in 1964. Mrs. A. Dau, the oldest Maryborough member, unlocked the front door. The Building Secretary was Alf. Popp.

The church on the corner has a "drive-in" porchway, a steel roll-up rear wall that allows the chapel to be extended for overflow crowds. A pale-blue tiled baptistery, and sound-proofed cry-room and spacious kitchen and large hall complete the suite of buildings, estimated to have cost \$28,000 with furnishings.

New Minister in 1968

Des. Nelson, after seven years of service, moves to Western Australia, and is to be replaced by Tom Ede, at present with the Prahran church in Melbourne.

Maryborough's history provides a kaleidoscope of ministers and missions in its 73 years of Christian activity. The church is highly regarded in the community for its concern for all people.

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"Force Ten" is a new Australian Inter-Church Aid programme in which groups and individuals are invited to contribute a minimum of \$20 annually to named projects to relieve human need around the world.

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"Force Ten" membership was expected to reach 400 by the end of its second month of operation, with a target of 1,000 by end of year. Details can be obtained from Inter-Church Aid offices in each capital city, or from "Force Ten," 511 Kent-st., Sydney, N.S.W., 2000.—A.C.C.

RECENT ADVANCES IN ALCOHOL RESEARCH AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Dr. John Birrell, Police Surgeon of Victoria, and recognised world authority on alcohol related problems, will speak on the above subject at a meeting arranged by the Melbourne Committee of the CAMERA Foundation, established to encourage research and education into the alcohol problem. E. M. C. Fox, M.R.H., will preside.

The film, "Mechanised Death," will be shown, by courtesy of the Victorian Police.

The meeting will be held in The Lowe Theatre No. 3, Redmond Barry Building, Melbourne University, on Thursday, Oct. 12, 1967, at 8 p.m.

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• HOME MISSIONS

ARE WE WILLING TO GO?

BY KEVIN CRAWFORD,

Director, N.S.W. Dept.
H. M. and Evangelism.

If I were to ask you, "What is the greatest thing that has ever happened to you?" — what would your answer be? Invariably, a Christian will answer, "Receiving Christ as my personal Saviour." If this is true, then what is the greatest thing you can do for another? Obviously, the answer is to help him make the same wonderful discovery of knowing Christ personally.

Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus issued the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel (proclaim the good news) to every creature." This Great Commission of our Lord has never been revoked. It is still binding upon all Christians today. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." We who profess to be followers of Christ could well ask ourselves the question, "How's fishing?"

To day the Christian church is largely failing to fulfil her divine responsibility. Few churches have anything close to an effective visitation programme which would enable the masses around us to see objective evidence of our concern for their spiritual, physical and social needs. The fact that some churches have very effective visitation programmes does mean we can all do this if we want to.

A number of years ago the newspapers gave the tragic account of three men who were lost over the Pacific. Lieutenant Ulm and his two fellow Australian fliers were lost. On the morning of Dec. 4, they radioed, "Everything O.K." Four hours later: "Running out of gas; have lost our way." A few minutes later: "SOS." Then: "Going down into the sea." The last message: "On water now. SOS."

What was the response to these desperate cries? At the first sign of danger the Army and Navy sprang into action. The S.S. "Collridge," obeying the laws of the seas, turned aside from her course to render aid. Twenty-three naval surface craft, eight submarines, numbers of

Coast Guard vessels, scores of Japanese fishing boats, and thirty-four airships joined in the hunt, just trying to find three lost men.

A search like that is expensive. More than 30,000 gallons of gas were used by the planes. The Australian Government offered \$8,000 reward to anyone finding the fliers. But they were never found. They had not taken a collapsible lifeboat with them, and they did not have life-preservers.

Efforts to find those men were applauded by the whole world. No one said it cost too much to attempt to rescue them. As Christians, God has given us 168 hours each week, yet we are using very little of that time rescuing people for whom Christ died. When hundreds of planes and numerous warships hunted for Amelia Earhart, the cost was \$250,000 a day. All this for the physical rescue of people.

How much are we ready and willing to pay in time and talent and visitation and effort to rescue people from a condition of spiritual separation from God. Perhaps we do not get excited because many of the people around us are not calling out for rescue as were the three fliers. Yet, regardless of the facade people put on — regardless of whether they live in a mansion or a hovel — there can be little true peace or happiness without Christ.

Last year in Australia many of our churches reported that no-one had been won for Christ during the year. Many other churches had won only a few.

Contrast these statistics with the account of the early church in the Book of Acts, where converts were added to the church daily. It is quite apparent that something is wrong. What is it?

For one thing, we have delegated all the preaching and visitation work to the over-worked minister. This was not the case in the early church. The First Century Church was like a beehive in

reverse. It was a place where Christians gathered for training and spiritual food which they then took back to their homes, businesses and communities. The effectiveness of the early church was due largely to the active way in which laymen shared their faith.

The work of the ministry, according to Ephesians 4, was intended to be shared by all Christians. It was the minister's job to feed and train the flock for the work of the ministry.

Fulfilling the Great Commission involves reproducing reproducers through effective COMMUNICATION. We must learn HOW TO COMMUNICATE the Christian message effectively in language that the non-Christian can understand if we are to accomplish our mission.

Each State Department of Home Missions and Evangelism stands willing to assist any church or Christian to "go" in obedience to the Great Commission. When we think of the thousands around us who do not know Christ, it is imperative that we move out in obedience to this Commission and take the gospel to people where they are.

NEXT ASIAN ASSEMBLY

Fifteen Australian delegates will attend the Third Assembly of the East Asia Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Jan. 30 to Feb. 8. The Conference is a regional ecumenical organisation of churches in 16 Asian countries, including Australia and New Zealand. 250 delegates will attend.

Australian churches which are members of the Conference are Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, Churches of Christ, and Salvation Army.

The 15 delegates from Australia comprise the following: Anglican, 4; Methodist, 3; Presbyterian, 3; Salv. Army, 1; Congregational, 1; A.C.C., 1, and Division of Mission, 1.

There is apparently no representative from Churches of Christ.—A.C.C.

SOCIAL ACTION THROUGH EVANGELISM

Evangelist Leighton Ford incorporated a social action programme into his three-week crusade last month in Seattle. Featured speakers were four Washingtonians whose Christian faith propelled them into social service. Richard J. Simons said Billy Graham's 1951 crusade gave him the impetus to start "Job Therapy," an employment programme for ex-convicts. United Press International reporter, Orv. Boyington, told about a young prisoner he sponsors; Donna Hal-dane spoke of the Neighbourhood House Tutorial Programme, aimed at low-income families; and John Dawson described his decision to become a missionary surgeon in Korea.

In his closing sermon Ford said, "You cannot be a private Christian. The Christian must show allegiance to Christ in his personal, church, and social life." —"Christianity Today."

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ITIM AND LOCAL CHURCHES.

To the Editor,

From the New Testament it is clear that there was an affinity between missionary work and the church. Those persons who were reached by the church and responded to its message were added to the church.

On the home front the work of The Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission has emerged. Previously this work was incidental to that of visitation by a local minister. In view of the unity or affinity of mission and church in New Testament times, the local churches and Industry Mission are to complement each other.

The nature of the church is reflected in a new life of obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Basic illustrations are the ordinances. Baptism illustrates dying to an old life of self and isolation from the body of Christ, his Church, and rising to a new life of love and work within Christ's Body. The Lord's Supper speaks of the renewing fellowship of the church and the continuity of the forgiving grace of God.

The mission of the church is its outreach to bring men and women into the new life, the nature of the church.

Questions well worth asking are:—

(a) Is there sufficient co-operation between the local churches and its members and ministers with the chaplains and vice versa?

(b) Does the mission develop merely along social lines as the chaplains find it too difficult to place persons contacted

in industry to the care of the local churches?

Right at the outset of Industry Mission, churches, and Churches of Christ as a whole, ought to link it firmly with the heart of the churches. This may be done by:

(a) Placing the work of chaplaincies on our agenda for offerings, and

(b) Seeing that ministers become team-ministers with those ministers working in industry and vice versa.

—G. O. Setsman, S.A.

SPECIAL TREATMENT.

To the Editor,

Mr. Matheson has rightly observed that all ministers of religion would be better fitted to serve the needs of people had they experience in some trade, industry, in the world of commerce, or military service before studying theology. Certainly military service would enhance any minister's chance of pastoral success.

However, the writer goes on to say that all ministers have come to expect all sorts of "perks" from the community listed as special privileges and discounts, etc. In the same edition of the "Christian" there is a tragic story of one of our most selfless ministers compelled to retire after 35 years of magnificent service, who did not even have the wherewithal to erect a seven square flat on his daughter's land.

If the ministry is so filled with special privileges, then why do so many find it necessary to retire early, broken under pressure, and without the means to buy a modest cottage?

I am very proud of the dedicated service discharged by Army Chaplains in my Command who cover a bigger field than all of the other chaplaincies put together, and which embraces teaching, hospital, industry and general social welfare. Many carry large churches in addition to their chaplaincy duties. Many have "borne the cross" with years of experience overseas and on hospital ships, and thousands of young men have come to thank God for spiritual and material friendship. Almost every week I receive on my desk letters from grateful parents for help and advice given.

Let us thank God for those today who unashamedly and courageously go wherever men are found, even to men in khaki, to present the claims of Jesus Christ.—Leslie G. Crisp, Senior Chaplain, H.Q. Southern Command.

"WRITE IT WHILE IT'S HOT."

To the Editor,

Enclosed find cheque to the value of five dollars. I would like it to be my part in printing 10,000 pamphlets entitled "Write It While It's Hot and Wet," by Keith Skillicorn, and published in the "A.C." Sept. 2, 1967.

The brotherhood is invited to share in this project so that the pamphlets could be distributed throughout the churches. If the brotherhood does not respond, kindly hand cheque to Foreign Missions. It has taken this letter from Keith Skillicorn to awaken me from sleep.

—Awake. (name and address supplied).

SPECIAL TREATMENT.

To the Editor,

I would like to congratulate Mr. Matheson on the fine insight he has shown in his letter, "A.C." Sept. 16.

Though unable to confirm the Anglican Synod's statement, I find considerable merit in the suggestion. Under the existing legislation, only Theological students, who may be approaching their 20th year, would be affected.

Most ministers would find it a worthwhile experience to serve for a period of time with the Defence Forces. This contact with men who serve provides tremendous depth in experience for the normal civilian ministry.

As Principal Air Chaplain — R.A.A.F., I do not concede a supposed patronising attitude on the part of the State — rather a ready acceptance both by Senior Officers and men of the Chaplain's role.

Perhaps, if Mr. Matheson understood some of the "brainwashing" techniques used on P.O.W.'s in Korea and other places, he would readily see the need for such things as Character Guidance Courses. Rather than being the "captive audiences" he thinks they might be, I have found them to be more like "verbal free-for-alls" — hardly "captive."

The Chaplain's role is to bring a Christian emphasis to bear. This does not mean he can force someone else to accept the faith; he can only try to persuade as he seeks to present the Christian way.

It is true — no man can entirely dissociate himself from the society in which he lives and has a part. No man can in conscience opt out of the nation. He cannot reasonably claim all the privileges of citizenship and then refuse all the responsibilities. Yet no man in his right senses glories in war!

—G. J. Crossman, Vic.

LOSS TO VICTORIA.

To the Editor,

There has come to my desk this day a paper, "Spotlight on the Sunday School," from the pen of John Way, which prompts some comment.

This paper reveals once again the ability and the insight of the author, as well as the amount of research which lies behind its production. We have all too seldom produced such soundly based material. The deplorable thing is that John Way is no longer serving with the Department of Christian Education.

In losing his leadership from within this Department we have lost one of the most creative leaders that Churches of Christ have thrown up for several decades. Those who worked at all closely with Mr. Way are aware of that ability and aware also of the humility which prevents this man from selling himself and from thrusting himself into limelight situations.

I, personally, am sorry that he was allowed to slip out of Victoria so easily, and out of full-time ministry as well, and shamed to realise that departmental finances were a prime cause of his going. It reflects no credit on the churches of this State that their support was so minimal as to lead to this loss of really creative leadership.—R. N. Gilmore, Vic.

CAMPAIGN ANTICIPATED

(Fremantle, W.A.). A foretaste of next month's "Campaign for Christ" was the youth service, Sept. 17. A testimony of spiritual and physical miraculous healing was given by Pearl Brown. Speaker was Ron Bullard. Three adults confessed Christ. A young lady was baptized during the service . . . G. Moyes ("Crusade '67" missionary) was recent guest speaker. . . . Mr. Rees took special meetings at Carnarvon . . . Sympathy of the church is with D. Cressie and family at the sudden death, on Aug. 25, of Mrs. Cressie (sec. of C.W.F.) . . . The services of Margaret Taylor were recognised prior to her transferring to Albany, following her marriage to Derryck Rees.

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5.15 p.m. — Buffet Tea and Reminiscences.

7 p.m. — Speaker, Mr. K. Parry.

A warm welcome awaits all former members and friends of the church. Those wishing to attend the tea are requested to notify the sec., Mr. S. Stevens (phone 31-8567), 28 Yeronga-ave., Kensington Park, S.A.

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NOVEMBER 5

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● BOYS' SUNDAY, sponsored by the Explorer Boys' Movement of the Dept. of Christian Education.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

"GREAT IS THEIR FAITH"

To the Editor,

Being a natural doubting Thomas with a pessimistic frame of mind, I admire from the shell of my timidity the great faith of some of my fellow church members.

The minister announces a special gospel service, complete with guest preacher and the local "pop" religious singing group. These people I am referring to have the faith that, as it is a special, there will be plenty there. So they take the opportunity to stay home. And they always turn out to be right; there are plenty there without them!

When a bus load of folk comes from the country to enjoy our church's hospitality for a weekend, these people I'm talking about have faith that there will be enough billets without them having to get their moth-balled blankets out. And there always is enough hospitality. What faith they have!

They have faith that others will volunteer to do the jobs round the church, that others will teach their kids in Sunday School, and that when they pray for the success of the church, others will get their prayers answered. Is there any greater faith than this?

My problem is, "What would happen if all us chicken-hearted ones who worry about whether there will be enough food, and enough people supporting the programme, and enough people to do the jobs, also had so great faith!"

These people of great faith do not subscribe to the "Australian Christian" either. They have faith that there will be enough others to keep it going. They do read the "Christian," though, otherwise there would be no point in writing this. They always have faith that someone will lend them theirs.

TERTIUS.

VICTORIA

APPOINTMENTS FOR VIC.-TAS. PRESIDENT

Graham H. Gilmour, President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference, was unable to accept speaking appointments for the closing months of his term of office, February-April, 1968. This was because he expected that his professional duties would require his transfer to Canberra early in 1968. It now transpires that the move to Canberra has been deferred for a year. This means that Mr. Gilmour will be available to visit and serve churches from early February next up to the 1968 Conference to be held April 21-28. Churches desirous of obtaining the services of the President should write to him at 9 Pope-rd., Blackburn, Vic., 3130 — or phone him on 878-8710 (Melb.).

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The C.W.F. Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Miss Kay Sarll, team member of the European Australian Christian Fellowship, speaking on work with migrant women.

VISITORS TO CASTLEMAINE

(Vic.). The Half-yearly Convention was held in the Town Hall, on Sept. 9. The Castlemaine-Harcourt ladies catered for 340 people. About 400 were at Convention meetings. Visitors filled the church on Sept. 10, when Wilkie Thomson presided. . . . Recent speakers have been Gilbert Cann, for Graham Crusade; R. Veal for Overseas Missions, and Fred. Combridge, for Social Service. . . . A fair, conducted by the ladies, realised \$235. . . . H. Cattermole and N. Hall are doing good work keeping the church and manse grounds in order. . . . The minister, C. W. Jackel, has been relieved for three weeks in October.

MISSIONARY GIVING

(Bentleigh, Vic.). A new method of giving for missionary work was introduced at the church business meeting. It was also decided to hold a Missionary Convention. . . . "Outreach," the new B. and F. S. film, was screened. . . . Ken Guyatt displayed a variety of Bibles during an after-church meeting.

LOSS OF SERVANT

(Preston, Vic.). The church has been saddened by the passing of Les. Morffew. He served faithfully and well as church secretary, deacon and organist. . . . East Preston church combined with us for worship and communion on Sept. 17, providing president, readers and helpers. Mr. Crossman was the preacher. The combined service came as a result of several meetings of the joint Boards in considering the future witness of both churches. . . . A number of ladies attended the C.W.F. camp at Monbulk. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tregurtha have celebrated their 52nd, and Mr. and Mrs. Reddan their 53rd wedding anniversaries. Mr. Myall has attained his 90th birthday. . . . Delegation attended Half-yearly Convention at Castlemaine.

MISSIONARY LINK

(Bayswater, Vic.) R. S. A. McLean, secretary, Overseas Missions Board, was recent speaker, when it was announced that Robert Whan, of N.S.W., will be the missionary to New Guinea which the church has pledged to support. . . . The ladies led the church in worship to celebrate World C.W.F. 12th Birthday. C.W.F. Choir assisted. . . . Mrs. Ed. Smith, missionary from Chad (Africa) was C.W.F. guest speaker. \$23.89 was raised for Spastic Forget-Me-Not appeal. . . . C.W.F. Choir were invited to sing at a luncheon at St. John's Church of England, Warrnambool.

MISSIONARY FAREWELLED

(Warrnambool, Vic.). At a fellowship tea, on Sept. 10, Miss Glenyse Lovett was farewelled. She has been accepted for missionary work overseas. A presentation was made. A commissioning service, and a film on the work of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, was given

OBITUARY

L. W. Morffew.

Les. W. Morffew was the youngest child in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morffew. As a teenager he made his decision for Christ and was baptized at Nth. Fitzroy during the ministry of J. W. Baker. Nearly 45 years ago he married Elvie Oakley, who has so loyally and faithfully walked life's pathway with him. On May 20, Les. sustained a heart attack. This forced his retirement from legal office where he had given loyal and devoted service for over 50 years — a very clear indication of the worth of Les. Morffew. Mr. and Mrs. Morffew transferred to Preston in 1928. He was appointed church secretary in 1929 — holding office for 23 years of meticulous service. He continued as a deacon until June, 1967. Les' real love was music. He served from 1929 as assistant organist, then from 1941 as church organist. With great ability he made a splendid contribution to the ministry of worship. He was a good friend to many people along life's way. Not least of all was this true of his personal relationship to his minister. His warmth of affection, sincerity and kindness will long be remembered. On Sept. 15, a crowded chapel paid loving tribute to a true servant of Jesus Christ. We commend Mrs. Morffew and family to the loving comfort that God can, and does, supply in every need. —G.J.C.

Gordon George Gray.

Gordon Gray has "been called to his rest" from the physical battle he fought with such faith and courage for four years and which became the more intense during the last eight months. Thus closed an exemplary Christian discipleship of more than 50 years and a most influential membership in the Box Hill church, Vic., over 40 years. The funeral service on Aug. 2 was conducted by L. Dewberry, assisted by Malcolm Gray and A. Cant, in the presence of a vast congregation. The help and comfort of God were administered to sorrowing loved ones from the scriptures, and the hope of the gospel for triumph over death, a hope so richly cherished by Gordon Gray, was declared.

Mr. Dewberry, in paying the tribute, said that Gordon Gray was a man of

by the Rev. H. H. E. Knight. Hymns were also recorded for the "Hymns We Love" session of the local broadcasting station. . . . Visits by invitation of the church to Portland have been paid by the C.E. on Sept. 15, and by W.C.F. on Sept. 14. . . . A parcel of clothing has been despatched by the C.W.F. for the Carnarvon Mission.

BACK FROM NEW GUINEA

(Caulfield, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. K. Close and family have returned from Wycliffe B.T. field in New Guinea, owing to illness in the family. . . . 160 attended children's afternoon conducted by the local W.C.T.U., supported by the Caulfield ladies. . . . Special family entertainment, sponsored by the E.W.F., raised \$70. . . . Mr. Farmer led the studies at the Youth Council sponsored camp at Toolangi, Sept. 15-17. . . . A happy afternoon was provided by the grandmothers of the A.W.F., Sept. 21. Proceeds went to the Building Fund.

extreme goodness and touching humility. His life had embodied the graces itemised by Paul in Phil. 4: 8, those things that are honest, true, pure, lovely, just, of good report. He allowed his faith in God to express itself through his nature, his personality, his character, his total being. He sought to live his life as a total and continuing stewardship before God. His large capacity for friendship, his gifts or talents, his home, possessions, money, work and time were used to the glory of God.

For this man, "every common bush was ablaze with God." How often, as he led the church in worship and, as he prayed, he made us aware of what "he felt" about God and communicated his awareness of the reality and nearness of God. He loved the church and gave himself to its life. His many years of leadership in the gymnasium club exerted an influence that has been strong and long lasting. He graced the church cricket club with ability and sportsmanship. His ministry through the famous male quartette extended throughout the churches and over many years and cemented friendships which continued unto death. He served the church so well as secretary that succeeding secretaries claim his standard has been an example, inspiration and challenge to them.

He proved a wonderful son, a loving and much loved husband and a father who was both parent and friend. We minister our Christian fellowship to Mrs. V. Gray, Ken and Pauline, Malcolm (C.O.B.), Mrs. Gray, senr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray, Mr. and Mrs. G. McCredden, Mrs. Jim Gray, and all close relatives and friends.—L.S.D.

William Ludgater.

When William Ludgater (aged 71 years) passed away, Ipswich church, Qld., lost a faithful member and friend. He was born in Ipswich, where he spent most of his life. In 1923, he married Miss Alice Bailey, of Flagstone Creek. Mr. Ludgater decided for Christ and was baptized in 1960. The father of a fine family, his eldest son Kevin is Qld. Conf. sec., and his youngest son Keith is a missionary on Aoba in the New Hebrides. His wife, Mrs. Alice Ludgater, and his family (three sons and two daughters) we commend to the comfort and blessing of God, whose grace is sufficient.—B.A.R.

MINISTER CALLED

(Fullarton, S.A.). N. Gavros has accepted invitation of church to commence ministry early in 1968. . . . During recent visit of faculty and students from the College of the Bible, Adrian Dean spoke at evening service, and several members attended the regional rally at Hawthorn. . . . B.S. gained fourth position with honors in its section in the Efficiency Campaign conducted by the Dept. of Christian Educ. . . . Meeting of Elderly Citizens' Group has commenced, with deal of interest being shown, and promises well as a service to the community.

S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Meeting, 10.30 a.m., Oct. 2, at Gawler Place. Speaker, A. R. Jones, recently returned from U.S.A.

PLANNED EVANGELISM

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The Planned Evangelism Campaign is gaining momentum. Effective visitation has been done by the teams of visitors and a number of families are listed as good prospects. Recent guest speakers have been: Bert Coleman, C.O.B.; Dr. Geof. Pike, Methodist, and Dr. Trevor Turner. . . . K. D. Horne (H.M. Dept.) has commenced a series of special meetings. He also spoke at night, when three young people were baptized. Miss Shirley Alderton was soloist. . . . The C.W.F. held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Cec. Watson, where she spoke to them about foot care, with demonstrations.

W.A. and S.A.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

(Albert Park, S.A.). K. D. Horne, H. M. Organiser, conducted a church conference, and committees are looking into various aspects of church life. . . . Parents of members of Girls' Brigade were guests at enrolment service. Two girls made decisions. . . . To celebrate the basketball premierships victory, players were given a barbecue lunch on a recent Sunday afternoon. Bronwyn Mathews was chosen to play in the State Churches of Christ team for Perth. . . . 40 young people attend after-church fellowship at the manse. . . . Queenstown young people joined with Albert Park in a vacation camp at Point Sturt. . . . \$212 was given for Temple Day offering to reduce debt on new hall. . . . The minister, R. R. Brand, is a regular personality on the radio panel, "At Your Service."

COUNCILLORS AT CHURCH

(Goolwa, S.A.) Councillors from Goolwa, Middleton, Pt. Elliot, Currency Creek and Hindmarsh Island Wards of the Pt. Elliot District Council attended evening service on Sept. 17. Cr. Ken Heinicke, Council Chairman, spoke of Council responsibility and of the future development for the district. Crs. A. Neighbour and H. Bedford read the scripture lessons, and H. Greenwood preached on "Citizenship." W. J. Burgar was soloist. Folk from other churches also attended. Councillors and congregation expressed appreciation of the combined service, and enjoyed after-church fellowship.

"GOOD NEIGHBOUR" HONORED

(W.A.). At the recent Good Neighbour Council Conference in W.A., Mrs. Cecelia MacNish, of Collie church, was honored because of her 15 years of work with the Council in Collie. The Hon. W. S. Bovell, M.L.A., Minister for Lands and Migration, said: "Mrs. MacNish is a foundation member of the Collie branch of the Good Neighbour Council of W.A., which was formed in 1952, and ever since has been actively involved in all aspects of the work of the branch.

"Although there have been many changes in officers, Mrs. MacNish has

been a steadfast member and was for many years the capable Secretary, and now holds the office of President. . . .

"That the Good Neighbour Council of W.A. is an integral part of the Collie community may be attributed to Mrs. MacNish's enthusiasm and concern for practical caring to be kept uppermost in the work of the branch. Mrs. MacNish has been loyally supported by the branch members, and particularly by her husband, who is present tonight."

Mrs. MacNish has been a member of our Collie church for many years.

DULWICH PROVIDES PRESIDENT

(S.A.). The church's minister, S. Neighbour, B.A., has been appointed Conference President; his brother, A. Neighbour, of Goolwa, was at Dulwich on Conference Sunday. . . . Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby has been elected Federal Commissioner for Girls' Brigade. . . . T. Teague, of Koon-garra, addressed C.M.S. on life in Central Africa. Night service was conducted by young people, with Kevin Edwards, of Enfield Heights, as speaker. Evening communion is being held before instead of during the worship service. College of the Bible student, Malcolm Humphries, gave the congregation a description of College life and aims.

ALAN AVERY IN PERTH

(South Perth, W.A.). The final guest service in the Planned Programme of Evangelism, conducted by Allan Avery, was a special commitment service, at which 256 were present, and 11 responded to the gospel invitation. The next Sunday a further 12 came forward, most of whom have been received into membership. The two-week intensive period was exciting, with early morning prayer workshops averaging 40, hostess parties and commitment visitation in the evenings. Each age group of the church participated.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

(Grote-st., Adelaide). Bryan and Janet Ezard, and baby Carolyn, have gone to New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Len and Trish Dennis, and family, have left for Norseman Aborigine mission. Ross Manning returned from

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NEW I.C.A. FILMS

Five new Inter-Church Aid films are now available for hire from capital city offices on Mainland States.

The black and white 16 mm films have the general title, "Race for Tomorrow." Two of the films deal with India, two with Pakistan, and one with Jordan. They show Inter-Church Aid projects at work.

Details of other films and filmstrips on Inter-Church Aid are also available from State Inter-Church Aid secretaries. —A.C.C.

AUSTRALIAN BOYS' CHOIR

Applications are now being received from boys born in 1958 and 1959, for an audition. This should be addressed to: The Secretary, Australian Boys' Choir, Box 2390 V., G.P.O., Melbourne, Vic., 3001. Successful applicants are given a thorough musical training in the congenial atmosphere of Australia's most renowned Boys' Choir.

NEW MANSES IN QLD.

The Toowoomba builders, Harold Scholl and Horace Christensen, responsible for so many fine brotherhood edifices, are building the new manse at Dalby. Both Harlaxton members, they move to Gladstone soon for the erection of the new manse at the important Alumina site, where Kevin Jenner was recently inducted as minister.

WOMEN'S SERVICE

(Morwell, Vic.). On Sept. 17, E.W.F. provided a choir, leaders and others to take part in the evening service. On Sept. 19, ladies of E.W.F. conducted a luncheon for all ladies connected with the church, and has as guests eight elderly citizens from the Morwell branch. . . . Y.P. camp at Banksia, during the school holidays, was attended by 31 Y.P.

THINGS TO COME

OCTOBER: NEW SOUTH WALES

- 2-5—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Annual Refresher, "Naamaroo" Camp Site, Lane Cove National Park. Joseph Whelan Memorial Lecturer: Dr. J. H. Jauncey.
- 6—N.S.W. C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple.
- 8—Woolwich College Day in N.S.W. churches.
- 27—Dept. of Men's Work, N.S.W., Annual Dinner, Enmore.
- 29—Reformation Sunday in churches in N.S.W.

OCTOBER: VICTORIA

- 1—World Communion Sunday.
- 1—Annual Offering — College of the Bible.
- 3—C.W.E.F. Rally.
- 7—Explorers and Good Companions: Outdoor Sports.
- 15—Midlands Dist. Conference — Maryborough.
- 20-22—C.Y.F. "Walkabout" (Dept. of Christian Educ.).
- 20-22—C.E. Hall's Gap Camp (Tent).
- 22—World Convention Sunday.
- 23—Explorers — Annual Business Meeting.
- 29—Christian Endeavour Thanksgiving Rally.
- 30—Explorers: Top Explorer Applications.

OCTOBER: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- OCTOBER: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- 20—Sacred Concert sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary in Christian Centre, 8 p.m.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

MR. AND MRS. FITCH TO LEAVE CARNARVON MISSION

Prayer for Replacement Requested.

After three years of very valuable service, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fitch, acting on doctor's advice, will have to leave Carnarvon. Mrs. Fitch has been ill for some time and was advised not to remain in a hot climate. She has already left the north-west, but Mr. Fitch has offered to remain until the end of the school year if no suitable replacement is available.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch came to the Aborigines work after many years of service in the ministry of our churches. Working with large churches, their home was always "open house" to young people.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. G. A. Ewers, W.C.W.F. Liaison Officer, led the September Auxiliary meeting in W.C.W.F. 12th birthday worship service. She was assisted by Mesdames B. Thomas, L. Austin and J. McIlwraith. Soloist was Mrs. W. Calladine. The theme, "Faith, Hope and Love," was prepared by Mrs. Marta Sarli de Manoukian, of Argentina. Two interesting "pen friend" letters were read, one from Manila and the other from Paraguay.

Mrs. F. Newcombe, President, welcomed 82 ladies representing 23 C.W.F.'s.

Financial Statement showed balance in hand of \$2,037.55.

One of those who received the home-call was Mrs. Etheridge, the only surviving foundation Executive member and the first H. M. Supt.

Approximately 80 pioneers attended the P.S.A. on Sept. 3. Guest speakers were

The worth of their experience, maturity, and love for young folk, is beyond words in Aborigines Missions. They were able to help "Teens Cottage" young folk develop individuality and independence along with Christian character. At the same time, Mr. Fitch's pastoral experience has been invaluable in leadership amongst members of mission staff and in the preaching at the Christian Centre.

Both the Federal Board and the Carnarvon Mission are asking for prayer for a suitable couple to replace these workers. This important mission task requires people with spiritual maturity and leadership qualifications.

Miss Elsie Evan and Jack Stewart. Guest speaker, Mr. Turnell (York), demonstrated how devotional tape recordings are presented over the inter-com. system each week at the Woorloo Hospital. They are regularly used at the Christian Guest Home, also the Collie and Dalwalinu Hospitals.

Superintendents' Prayer and Praise Points:

1. For new missionaries going forward—Mr. and Mrs. L. Dennis, Norseman; Mr. and Mrs. H. Fingar, New Hebrides.

2. The opening of the Norseman Christian Centre, that this new avenue, witness and challenge will bear much fruit for Christ and the church.

3. For the hundreds of text cards prepared by the Joondanna C.W.F. (Christian Guest Home) for inclusion in hospital gift parcels.—D. M. Gordon, sec.

H.M. DIRECTOR AT KINGAROY

(Qld.). Alex. Surtees, H.M. Director for Qld., is engaged in an evangelistic mission at Kingaroy. "Jock" Martin is the minister.

SHOP OPENED

(Kilburn, S.A.). The church has opened a shop in Prospect Road, as a Community Service. People in the district will be able to come to the church for help on practical and spiritual levels. Good used items of clothing and household articles will be sold at prices which will ensure value and assist underprivileged. This viewpoint is experimental, but is a real attempt to make the church relevant to the needs of the community.

"AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" SUNDAY

October 29 is the day authorized by Conference Executive for Queensland to observe as a special offering day to reduce the deficit on the "Australian Christian." Letters have been sent to all church secretaries, to be presented to all Officers' Boards. Donations should be forwarded to K. Ludgater, 61 Manstead-st., Wellers Hill, Qld.

MEN'S CAMP

(Qld.). The annual Men's Camp conducted by the H. M. Dept. was held at Caloundra. The camp was directed by Alex. Surtees. Rob. Holt, minister at Marburg, was Co-Director. Studies were led by David Schofield, B.Ed., minister of Chinchilla-Hopelands. Men were present from Chinchilla, Rosevale, Kingaroy and Gympie. A bush-fire which roared through the camp property during the free-time recess could have caused an early close to the Men's Camp '67. No damage was caused to camp buildings however. The white cross of the untouched Open-Air Chapel stood in contrast to the charred trees in the background, a very striking parable for those who "had eyes to see it."

MOVE FROM KENSINGTON PARK

(S.A.). The minister, Kelvin Parry, and his family, will move to Inglewood, W.A., early in 1968. W. Bartlett, now of Croydon, will commence here on Feb. 1 . . . For world C.W.F. meeting, on Sept. 13, World Pres., Mrs. Lawton, led devotions. Speakers for Four Corners were: Philippines, Mrs. Braddock; Japan, Mrs. Wehr; Haiti and America, Mrs. Raymond; India, Mrs. Starr . . . Jillian Thompson is home after her stay overseas . . . Graham Burdon (Grade B) and Roger Braddock (Grade C) were named best and fairest players.

SUBIACO'S 69TH

(W.A.). Guest speaker for the 69th anniversary was George Smith . . . From Oct. 1, for one week after school, Michael Lush will hold children's meetings in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Lush works with the C.S.S.M. and Scripture Union.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

(Mildura, Vic.). There have been seven decisions, five boys and two adults. A membership class is being held for the younger converts . . . Monthly family service took the form of discussion on "What Is Evangelism?" and "If Evangelism is the Primary Task of the Church, What Can I Do About It?" . . . 30 attended the monthly C.M.S. and shared in constructive comment on the place of the Sunday evening service in modern church life.

SPORTS DAY, 1967

(Qld.). The Y. and C.E. Department's Annual Sports Day conducted at Yeronga High School, saw entries from as far away as Chinchilla. A large crowd attended all day to see Marburg win the Juniors' competition, and Chinchilla the Senior section. Junior Champion Girl: Marilyn Miller (Boonah); Champion Boy: Stephen Fuchs (Wynnum). Senior Champion Girl: Marilyn Brady (Marburg); Champion Boy: Arthur Davis (Chinchilla). Silk-screen processed pennants were presented this year to place getters, instead of the usual card certificate.

WOOD FOR WAGGA

(N.S.W.). The church, led by Peter French, has been geared in recent weeks to carry the challenge of the gospel into the community of non-church goers. They have been sharing in the "Wood for Wagga" campaign, Aug. 30-Sept. 11, conducted by George Wood, of W.A., assisted by Franklyn Elliott, of Caringbah, and Warren Murray, of Mosman.



TRAGIC DEATH OF GLEN IRIS STUDENT

Kenneth Selwood.

The sudden death of Ken. Selwood, as a result of a road accident on Sept. 15, 1967, was a great shock to the church and community of Ararat. Ken was 20 years of age, and at the time of his death was a preparatory year student at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

He was baptized in 1957, at the age of 10. Even though young in age he realised his commitment to Christ and the church. Spiritual growth enabled him to take responsibilities in the church at a young age. Ken's service is seen in the number of activities in which he was engaged. He took part on the church plan as president, and in reading the scriptures; secretary of Christian Men's Fellowship, and a dedicated Sunday School teacher.

Primarily it was with young people he directed his energy, being President of the Christian Youth Fellowship. He was a friend of young people. It was by his initiative that an organ fund was opened. That fund now stands at three hundred dollars, of which one hundred dollars has come from C.Y.F. resources. He was also responsible for the instigation of the Young People's North-Western District Conference which began this year.

In community life Ken was well known and respected. Whilst heavy church com-

mitments did not allow him to spend much time on activities in the community, his business contacts enabled him to influence many people.

Ken was a young man who loved his family, was very natural and friendly. His happy disposition made other people happy.

His one great desire was to serve Jesus Christ, and to achieve this great aim he responded to the call to the full-time ministry. He entered the College of the Bible at the beginning of this year. During this year he was friend and leader of the young people at Knoxfield Church of Christ, where he served as assistant student minister. He was held in high esteem by all at the College of the Bible.

To the members of the family, his parents, Ron and Vivian, brother Robin, and sister Vivian, our deepest sympathy and Christian concern is extended.

A large gathering of family and friends, representatives from brotherhood departments, and the College community, assembled to pay tribute to him in the Ararat Church of Christ chapel on Sept. 19. This was followed by a service at the Ararat Cemetery. Sharing in the service were Principal E. L. Williams, G. K. Moyes, and the minister, J. E. Paver. —J. E. Paver.

PARENTS AT SCHOOL

(Mitcham, Vic.). During Education Week parents attended the B.S. and saw, at first hand, the school at work . . . Recent speakers were K. Glynys and K. Lambert . . . Membership recognition service was held following commitment service 12 months ago.

SHOPPERS' SERVICE

(Balwyn, Vic.). Shoppers' Service holds the interest of women, and all enjoyed talks given by Dorothy Geyer, and visiting Canadian minister, F. Armstrong. John Birt gave the address at footballers' service, and presented trophies at after-church fellowship . . . All saddened to hear of Ken. Selwood's death in a motor accident. He was a registered footballer with us . . . B.S. anniversary guest speakers were Ray McKenzie, Ormond, and Ken Lyall from Carey. . . . C.W.F. farewelled active member, Mrs. Hall who, with her husband, has moved to Frankston . . . Elder L. Warmbrunn is back at services after months of illness.

EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN

(Qld.). An Efficiency Campaign poster on the theme of a Service Check of a motor vehicle is being used in Queensland church schools this month.

REX ELLIS GOES NORTH

(Qld.). Rex Ellis, B.A., lecturer at Kenmore, goes North to Townsville, to share in a mission with the Northern members, from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1.

DEEPER LIFE CRUSADE

(Gillgandra, N.S.W.). Frank Ewers, M.A., of Sydney, was the preacher, and Len. Hearnden, of Adelaide, was the musical director for the "Deeper Life Crusade," conducted for ten days. A married couple were baptized and a young man confessed his faith in Christ.

. . . "if winter comes

SHALL SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?"

But this is a season hardly known on the Gold Coast. Spring averages at the Southport location of the "Golden Age Retirement Village": 77 deg. Daily Temp. 22 rainless days per month, with a fresh South-Easter blowing every afternoon. Why suffer the rigors of other poor climates? Write Burdeu House, 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, 4000.

FORMER MINISTER HONORED

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The church received with much sorrow the news that their former pastor, R. Hilford, had passed away. At the morning service on Sept. 10, the church paused to honor his life and ministry. J. V. Ellerby was president and the two elders shared in the service. Prayers of thanks and concern for the family were offered. Messrs. Bartholomew and Ellerby attended the funeral at Gilgandra.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Inverell, N.S.W.). Guest speaker for the Missionary Convention, Sept. 8-11, was David Hammer, of Sydney, whose wife and young daughter accompanied him to Inverell. Visiting missionaries included Miss Elvie Nicoll, of Gospel Recordings, Gerard Bargan, Sec. W.E.C. (Qld), Don Barns, W.E.C. missionary from Japan, Barry Potter, and Miss Jan Clarke, accepted W.E.C. candidates for Japan and Ghana. Displays, films, filmstrips, testimonies, etc., combined to make the Convention a spiritual success. The thankoffering to date is 580 dollars, 25 per cent of which is to be distributed between the visiting missionaries. . . . The color film, "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal," was screened at family night service. Norm. Harris, of the Sydney Rescue Work Society, told a group at the manse what Christ has done in his life. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Poole and her family in the loss of her husband, Sid. Poole.

R. C. DIXON FOR MARRICKVILLE

(N.S.W.). The official board reports that Roy C. Dixon, at present at Hawthorn, S.A., has accepted an invitation to serve as pastor at Marrickville in succession to Mervyn Bedwell, who will leave shortly for Albion, Qld. Mr. Dixon will take up his new work early in 1968.

VISIT FROM NEW DIRECTOR

(Redcliffe, Qld.). On Sept. 17, Eric Hart, Social Service Director, visited and spoke at gospel service, with Messrs. Plint, Smith and Springall rendering a message in song. . . . H. J. Plint and Brian Ellemor attended Men's Camp at Caloundra. H. J. Plint and Phil. Smith continue to give good leadership to Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Pieper now reside in the district. . . . Church sympathises with Alan Hilford and family on the death of his father, R. Hilford, of Gilgandra. . . . H. J. Plint and K. Burkhead were recent speakers. . . . C.W.F. members visited birthday luncheons at Boonah and Nambour, where Mrs. Plint was guest speaker.

HALF-NIGHT PRAYER

(N.S.W.). Many of our churches shared in the "Half-Night of Prayer" arranged by the Billy Graham Crusade Organisation. Among Churches of Christ serving as prayer-centres in Sydney and suburban areas were Burwood, Belmont, Epping, Telopea, Greenacre and Lidcombe.

NEW PROJECTOR

(Roma, Qld.). The projector was purchased and paid for before Aug. 20, when it was dedicated and the Billy Graham film, "Souls in Conflict" was shown. As a result two men made decisions. . . . The Roma C.W.F. catered for the wedding of Lois Kieseker to Mervyn White.

QLD. and N.S.W.

"BACK TO JERUSALEM"

"Back to Jerusalem" is a film relating to the historic position and distinctive teaching of our churches in the Restoration Movement, was brought to this country by the U.S. evangelist Reggie Thomas. The Director of H. M. and Evang., Kevin E. Crawford, is arranging for the film to be screened in the city, suburban and country churches. It runs for 30 minutes, in color, and is of very high quality technically, as well as being a tremendous aid in the presentation of the modern message of New Testament Christianity.

The hire charge is four dollars, the money being used to purchase another film, "The Fool of God," and dealing with the life of Alexander Campbell.

DOONSIDE MISSION

(N.S.W.). The congregation has been making extensive preliminary preparations for the short mission being conducted by Harold M. Long, pastor at Epping. This special effort continues until Sept. 24. . . . The church regrets very deeply the removal of Owen Wainwright and family to Maitland. Mr. Wainwright has been elder for many years.

DADS AND LADS

(Bexley Nth., N.S.W.). Dads and Lads Tea, on Father's Day, was served by the Church Men's Society. J. P. Henderson, Supt. of Ormonde Home for Girls, talked to men on "Father's Place in the Home". . . . C.W.F., though small numerically, is very active. Mrs. Armstrong was speaker at last meeting. . . . The Education Sunday programme supplied by B.S. was well supported. . . . Mrs. Saville is seriously ill in St. George Hospital.

TEACHING MISSIONS

(N.S.W.). Special Teaching Campaigns have followed recent successful "Crusade '67." F. L. Ewers, of Burwood, commenced with the Gilgandra church on Sept. 8, and Harold Long, Pres-Elect, and minister at Epping, began in the newly-erected chapel at Doonside on Sept. 15. Barry McMurtrie, of Woolwich Bible College, with others of the Woolwich Evangelistic Party, conducted meetings at Asquith.

LAY-EVANGELISM

(N.S.W.). The recent Men's Breakfast at Coles' Cafeteria, Sydney, led by Rev. Geoff. Fletcher, of the Lay-Institute-For-Evangelism campaigns in N.S.W., was shared by a number of our churchmen who have been helped by the L-I-F-E programme in local centres. Guest speaker was Rev. Kenn W. Opperman, of Toronto, Canada, who has been visiting Australia in connection with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

(Georgetown, N.S.W.). Ruth Britton has entered Tahlee Missionary Training College, and Chris. Good has been accepted by the U.A.M. for work in W.A. The church is now supporting six young people in missionary service and training. . . . There have been five confessions of faith, five re-consecrations, and five received into fellowship during recent months. . . . Fred Reeves has retired from the treasurership after 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves were presented with a wall mirror. . . . Evening service on Aug. 27 was conducted by eight young people.

C.W.F. NTH.-WEST. DISTRICT

(Vic.). Christian Women's Fellowship Day was held at Horsham on Aug. 22. . . . 80 attended from Ararat, Brim, Dimboola, Haven, Horsham, Kaniva, Stawell, Warracknabeal. Mrs. D. Hiller, pres.; Mrs. H. Newell, sec. Reports covered study, all brotherhood, local and district organisations. Mrs. Ferguson, State C.W.F. Pres., led afternoon devotions, and later spoke on the Women's Work at State Levels. A panel for questions and answers proved most interesting and helpful.

In future, ladies will not hold Women's Session at General Conference in April, but will hold Women's Fellowship Day in August. Office-bearers for ensuing year are: Mrs. R. S. Wardle (Brim), President; Mrs. A. W. Harmer (W'beal), Secretary.

NEW HALL OPENING

(Hartwell, Vic.). Oct. 21 has been fixed for opening of new hall and other additions. . . . Miss C. Powter has had success in recent hospital examination. . . . V. Muir, of Tamworth, N.S.W., spoke to church on the work of Gideons International in distributing the Bible. . . . Christian sympathy is expressed to F. Greenway, in loss of his aged mother at Wagga, and to A. Morfew, in sudden home call of his brother at Preston, also to Dr. Whiting in passing of his father.

FAMILY SERVICE

(Tootgarook, Vic.). Family service, held in Aug., screened the film, "Car Fever". . . . Student minister, Doug. Good, has been re-engaged for 1968. . . . Clarence Long has been recent preacher. . . . Mrs. Jean Sime (pioneer member) is receiving further hospital treatment.

PROGRAMME PLANNING

(Ormond, Vic.). All leaders, presidents and secretaries of all our auxiliaries attended a meeting for programme planning and airing of problems. . . . Max Thompson spent three weeks home from Yale University, before returning to the U.S.A., via a conference in Japan. . . . C.W.F. has sent parcel of clothes to Michele Drummond, of Norseman. . . . Mrs. Cole, Graham Cole and Mrs. Whitaker have all had operations and are making good progress. . . . 52 men and boys visited Russell St. Police Headquarters. . . . Mrs. File recently celebrated her 91st birthday. She is a regular attender at services. . . . Four cars carried 18 members to Echuca on Sept. 17 for fellowship and service.

18 NEW MEMBERS

(Belmont, Vic.). 18 persons have been welcomed into church during and since Reggie Thomas Crusade. . . . Education Day recognised on Aug. 13, with open day at Bible School, and R. Burt (school chaplain) as guest speaker. . . . Good Companions' basketball team defeated in grand final by two goals. . . . Over 70 attended church family tea on Sept. 13. . . . Evening services reverted to 7 p.m. on Sept. 17, after four weeks' trial of 5 p.m. . . . Mr. Thomas and group of young people assisted with services at Colac on Sept. 17. H. Bolduan and T. Banks were speakers at Belmont. . . . S. Stronach recently admitted to Repatriation Hospital for treatment. . . . Mrs. B. Melbruila, foundation member of church, died after some months of illness.

VICTORIA

CHURCH'S GREAT LOSS

(Ararat, Vic.). The church was saddened by the death of Ken. Selwood, who was a student at the C.O.B. and member of this church. . . . Principal E. L. Williams, of the College of the Bible, recently gave two addresses on Church Unity. . . . C.Y.F. activities have included a camp for 30 at Hall's Gap. . . . The profit from the C.Y.F. Revue went towards the Organ Fund, which now totals \$300; included in this is a \$200 donation from Mr. and Mrs. C. Welsh. . . . An I.C.E. has been started. . . . The "Happy Hours" for school children had 270 attending over four days. . . . The Ministers' Fraternal conducted a successful Father and Son Movement programme. The Fraternal President is J. Paver, our minister, who was also chaplain at a recent boys' camp at Monbulk.

MINISTER TO CONTINUE

(Moreland, Vic.). Mr. Grainger has acceded to a request from the officers to continue his ministry for a further 12 months. . . . 30 enjoyed a progressive dinner in August. . . . A family tea said farewell to Mrs. MacDonald on Aug. 27. . . . Bruce Harman has settled in well in America, where he will be staying for 12 months. . . . Explorers came 2nd in the Indoor Sports, against many larger groups. . . . Three of the tennis teams managed to reach the finals. The A2 team were premiers. . . . Young people visit various family homes for discussions and fellowship on Sunday nights after church.

YOUTH PAGEANT

(Box Hill, Vic.). Over 1,500 young people participated in Box Hill Youth Pageant, compered by Keith Glover, in aid of Freedom from Hunger and Community Aid abroad. . . . \$200 received as thank-offering at combined C.W.F. Thanksgiving meeting. . . . During September members minister to Oakleigh Guest Home. . . . Good Companions attended recent Recreation Camp and Explorer Boys' Camp at Hall's Gap. . . . After-church Youth Rallies attract average of 300 young people. . . . Police Sgt. Coysh, of Accident Appreciation Squad, gave "Safe-Driving" instruction at Y.P.C.E. . . . Mrs. Bolderstone welcomed back after long illness. . . . Judith Iliff and Judy Treloar passed final nursing examinations.

GIRLS WASH CARS

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). The Good Companions' "Wash-a-Car-Day" realised \$12.20 for Blankets for India appeal. . . . New seats in the centre of the church add to appearance and comfort. . . . School Chaplain, F. T. Morgan, spoke in Christian education in schools and the important role of the chaplain. . . . Members distributed "hunger packets" to assist "Freedom from Hunger" campaign. A concert by Yarraville Mouth Organ Band assisted the same cause. . . . 18 attended the Half-yearly Convention at Castlemaine. . . . The men conducted an early morning service at Melb. Men's Hostel, Nth. Melb. . . . Dr. G. Whiting was final speaker in C.W.E.F. "Family Life Programmes."

FIVE BAPTISMS

(Geelong, Vic.). 40 attended a prayer meeting and Bible study, and witnessed five baptisms and one confession of faith. . . . An after-church fellowship, on Sept. 3, enjoyed a film strip shown by J. Small. . . . The Y.P.S.C.E. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Small. . . . On Sept. 15, a combined meeting was held with young people from Manifold Heights church. There was swimming at Trezise's Gymnasium, then hot refreshments at Latrobe Terrace, before concluding with a special missionary meeting, led by G. Hinde. . . . The church is preparing for the 110th church anniversary, on Nov. 5. The communion service will be broadcast by 3GL. A. W. Stevenson, the Federal Conference President, and Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College, will be guest speaker.

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Kim Tulk, Lismore, N.S.W.

Graeme Arnold, John Simms, Ormond, Vic.

Miss F. Clark, B. Wigan, P. Szoke, R. Timms, F. Livingstone, D. and L. Gates, Roma, Qld.

Betty Hunt, Fremantle, W.A.

Rosemary Baehnisch, Heather Morgan, Albert Park, S.A.

Ray Kennedy, Taree, N.S.W.

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Chris. Burden, Ringwood, Vic.

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Mrs. V. Gray, Peel-st., Ballarat, to Hamilton, Vic.

Miss M. Barton, Pt. Lincoln, S.A.; Miss G. Lawlor, Unley, S.A.; Dianna Van Heuven, N.S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Scown, Mundalla, S.A., to Fullarton, S.A.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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MARRIAGES

Miss Oates to Mr. McBain; Margaret Daly to Allen Mowday, South Perth, W.A.

Rhonda Hollams to Greg. Taylor; Christine Winters to Bob Youngs, Albert Park, S.A.

Helen O'Connor to Noel Edwards, Belmont, Vic.

Faye Whetton to David Hobby; Joy Winstone to Gary Scott, Bentleigh, Vic.

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Susan Hall to Ted Wilson, Bayswater, Vic.

Janice Kappler to Daryl Davey; Margaret Green to Trevor Noble, Flinders Park, S.A.

Lynn Friebe to Allan Bowman, Fairfield, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Marlon Bannam.

G. Isaac, South Perth, W.A.

Mrs. B. Melhuish, Belmont, Vic.

L. W. Morffew, Preston, Vic.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

OCT. 1 — 3 p.m., Don "Ziggy" Prout. 7 p.m., David Cummings, Wycliffe Bible Translators.

OCT. 8 — 3 p.m., A. E. White. 7 p.m., A. W. C. Candy.

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BIRTHS

ANDREWS (Newham). — To Rosemary and David, at Bethesda, Richmond, Vic., on Sept. 12 — Geoffrey John — brother for Peter James.

DANIELS (nee Rofe). — At Hornsby District Hospital, N.S.W., Sept. 17, to Valerie and Stuart, a son — Grant Andrew. Brother for Lynda-Sue.

ELLIOTT (Ellis). — Sept. 22, 1967, at Sutherland District Hospital, N.S.W., to Franklyn and Deanne, a son — Stephen Franklyn.

ENGAGEMENTS

COMLEY - HADDOW. — Mr. and Mrs. W. Comley, Shaftesbury-st., Coburg, Vic., and Mrs. A. Haddow, 4 Cavalier-st., Doncaster East (late of Pascoe Vale), announce with pleasure the engagement of Gwenda and David.

GOLDSWORTHY - JENKINS. — The engagement is announced of Robyn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Goldsworthy, 13 Valentine-ave., Kew, to Warren, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, 49 Rose-st., West Coburg, Vic.

GORDON - BECKITT. — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gordon, 18 McCallum-ave., Daglish, W.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter, Cynthia, to Max, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beckitt, 28 Tuart-st., Bunbury, W.A.

WATSON - WILLIS. — The engagement is announced in Melbourne of Margaret Gwen Watson, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilmour, Sea Lake, Vic., and Tom Gibb, elder son of Mrs. M. A. Willis, Kettering, England, and the late Major G. C. Willis, M.B.E.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

MORGAN - HARMER. — The marriage of Margaret Ruth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morgan, Horsham, Vic., to Donald Maurice, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. S. Harmer, Horsham, Vic., will be solemnised at the Church of Christ chapel, Horsham, on Oct. 7, at 3.30 p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING

FREEMANTLE - WILLCOX. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert William Freemantle, of Woodstock West, via Maldon, Vic., offers congratulations to father and mother on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of your wedding, solemnised at Bet Bet Church of Christ, on Oct. 3, 1917, W. Combridge officiating.

IN MEMORIAM

COX. — A loving tribute to Fan, called to glory, Sept. 4, 1966. "We are poorer for her passing, heaven is richer for her presence."

—Fondly remembered by her husband, Bert, son Ken, members of the family and a wide circle of friends.

PARNELL, Judith Ann. — In loving memory of our daughter and sister, Judy, who passed away on Sept. 24, 1961.

—Always remembered.

September 30

DEATHS

CLARKE (Albie). — On Aug. 21, Albie, son of late Albert and Christina Clarke, Camberwell, Vic., loved brother of Eddie (N.S.W.) and Betty (Mrs. Scott, Blackburn). "Always remembered."

DUMESNY. — On Sept. 2 (suddenly), at Quantong, Vic., Edward Leslie, dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Alan, father-in-law of Margaret and loved "Fardie" of Joanne and Colin. "Resting in the everlasting arms."

GOODWIN, Franklin Roger. — On Sept. 20, loved husband of Pat., Reynolds-ave., Ringwood, Vic.

GOODWIN, Franklin Roger. — On Sept. 20, after short illness, loved son of Olive and the late Eric.

GREENWAY. — On Sept. 12, 1967, at Wagga, Amy, beloved wife of Theo. (dec.), loved mother of Francis and Phyl. (Burwood, Vic.), Bernard and Edna (Wagga); fond grandmother of Roger and Carolyn, Ian, Suzanne (dec.) and Gayle; great-grandmother of Karen. (Late of Preston, Vic.) "In God's care."

ISAAC. — On Sept. 4, 1967, at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Hollywood, W.A., Gwyn, dearly beloved husband of Daphne, of 4 Heppingstone-st., South Perth, loving father of Lesley (Mrs. Hogben) and Murray; fond father-in-law of Eric; loved grandad of Jane and Roger. "To be with Christ, which is far better."

MORFFEW. — On Sept. 13, Leslie William, 261 Tyler-st., Preston, Vic., beloved husband of Elvie, devoted father of Beryl (Mrs. L. Webster), Sylvia (Mrs. R. Lofts), and Linda (Mrs. N. Searle); loving grandpa of eight. "In God's keeping."

WARD. — On Sept. 19, at Mentone, Vic., Ida, dearly loved aunty of Violet and Wally White; grand-aunt of Neville, Max, Carol, Ron and Mandy. "Joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30: 5).

WHITING. — On Sept. 16, at Bala-klava, S.A., (suddenly), Allen Thomas Whiting, dearly beloved husband of the late Mildred, loved father of Mildred, Geoffrey and Volney; loved father-in-law of Marjorie and Elaine, loved papa of Margaret, David, Robert, Colleen, Ra-elene and Lynette. Aged 85 years.

WILLIAMS (nee Effie Brown). — Wife of late Harry, loved mother of Joan and Ted (Sanders), and Dot and Dick (Southorn), loving nana of John, Wayne and David Sanders, and John, Brian and Dianne Southorn. Passed quietly at Dandenong Hospital to be with her Lord on Friday, Sept. 8.

WILLIAMS. — Treasured memories of Effie. A wonderful friend.

—Harry and Lily Williams, Brighton, Vic.

WILLIAMS (Effie). — Dandenong, Vic. A tribute of love and esteem to a sincere and Christian friend. "Always remembered for her love and kindness."

—Mavis and Fred Davies, Maryborough, Vic.

APPRECIATION

GRAY. — Mrs. V. Gray and family would like to thank all who sent loving and comforting messages when Gordon was called home on July 31. Please accept our appreciation for your kindnesses.

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COLLINGWOOD, Vic. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 8 and 15

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LOCAL LEVEL ECUMENISM

(Melbourne). The Victorian Council of Churches announced a Conference of representatives from local Inter Church Councils throughout the State. The one-day meeting, on Sept. 30, would exchange programmes and explore the work of Inter Church Councils.

The Rev. A. D. Dargaville, sec., V.C.C., said that there was a surprising growth in number of such Inter Church Councils in the last year. Forty-seven had been invited to send representatives to this Victorian Conference.

They had a wide variety of programmes, some concentrating on joint visitation and evangelism, while others arranged regular services for worship. The Church and Life Movement had given rise to a number of new Councils, which had stressed the importance of community action. Membership of some Councils included Roman Catholic parishes.

This emphasis in co-operation at the local level had a parallel in overseas developments, Mr. Dargaville said. The V.C.C. plans to continue fostering this work with materials and exchange of information.

BLANKETS FOR INDIA

(Hamilton, Vic.). The Good Companions raised \$10.50 for the Blankets for India appeal. Five girls and their leader attended Hall's Gap Camp. A senior Good Companion has joined the church. . . . The minister, A. V. Page, was chaplain at Boys' Explorer Camp at Hall's Gap. . . . Ladies visited Portland for their birthday. They continue to post parcels to India every alternate month. . . . The church held a Prayer Workshop, with Kevin Harvey, on Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with breaks only for cups of tea and a casserole dinner!) . . . The members are saddened with the sudden death of Mrs. Bannam.

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CASTLEMAINE CONVENTION

Two hundred and seventy persons registered for the Vic.-Tas. Half-yearly Convention at Castlemaine on Sept. 9, 1967. Twenty or so who did not register also attended. Add to this two hundred and ninety the Castlemaine-Harcourt members, and an attendance figure of three hundred and fifty is arrived at.

Two halls accommodated the Convention. The Town Hall was adequate to house the meetings, but the smallness of the Library Hall, in which lunch and tea were served, necessitated two sittings at both meals. Catering by the Castlemaine-Harcourt ladies was excellent and won high praise from all. Ushering and other duties were capably performed by the men.

Brightness and spiritual tone were the keynotes of the song services conducted by A. R. Haskell. Helpful devotional sessions were conducted by C. W. Jackel, Castlemaine-Harcourt minister, who gave the visitors the "freedom of the city"; J. E. Paver, minister Ararat church, and J. Byrnes, assistant-minister, Dawson St., Ballarat church. Enjoyable vocal items were given by N. Hocking, of Castlemaine, and G. Feary and M. Murray, of Ballarat.

"CASTLEMAINE 1967" was perhaps unique in the youthfulness of the chairman (Conf. Pres., Graham H. Gilmour) and the programmed speakers. Their average age would be under 40 yrs. Each contributed to the aim of the Convention. This was to bring the vital matters of evangelism and conservation of members,

as highlighted in the report of the Commission on Membership — winning folk to commitment to Christ and his cause and keeping them committed — before the churches in a practical way which would evoke effective action at the local level.

N. S. Moore, Essendon North minister, spoke at the morning session on the topic, "The Divine Motive for Our Mission." A motorcade to places of historic, scenic, civic and human interest followed lunch.

Two fifteen-minute introductory addresses by A. A. Avery, H.M. Field Officer, and R. V. Longthorp, Dept. of Chris. Educ. Director, began the afternoon session. The assembly then divided into six groups for discussion.

On re-assembly, each leader presented the finding of his group and presented questions which had been raised in the group discussions. These questions were posed for answer to a panel comprising the two speakers, and D. H. Smith, secretary of the Dept. of H. M. and Evang.

The evening session was addressed by R. C. McKenzie, Ormond church minister.

There is no doubt that if the challenge of "CASTLEMAINE 1967" is put into effect in the local church, and in daily life, by all participants in the Convention, and they can inspire others by their example to like effort and service, an undoubted benefit will accrue to the brotherhood and the Kingdom business generally.

FEATURES AT FIVE

From May to August, the Shepparton church, Vic., met for informal gatherings at five p.m., instead of the usual seven p.m. services, for three of the four evenings each month. Apart from the formal gospel service in the chapel, on the first Sundays in each month, the rest of the meetings have been informal interviews, dialogues, films, etc., in the auditorium of the new family centre.

The informal meetings have run for forty-five minutes, and have been followed by a fifteen minute devotional in the chapel, including communion. The transition is made smoothly and quickly from the auditorium to the chapel, as the exit doors of both face each other across the foyer.

Some of the "Features at Five," as the winter sessions have been styled, have been: "Christians at Work," an interview by the minister with four members who discussed the problem of being Christian today; a dialogue on the theme: "Worldly Christians," at which persons presented differing points of view as to Christian attitude towards the place of

the Christian in the World. Another evening, Frank Gray, a folk singer, discussed with the minister, the faith of the Negro songs and the message of protest songs.

On Education Sunday, a panel of speakers, including the chaplain of the High School, discussed the effectiveness of Christian Education in the four State secondary schools in Shepparton. A National Serviceman, recently discharged after service in Vietnam, showed slides and talked about Christian witness in Vietnam, on another occasion.

A highlight of the "Features at Five" was a visit by Mr. David Andrews, LL.B., B.A., Industrial Chaplain, to a church dinner. Over 70 attended the dinner, and 80 the interview that followed.

It is hoped to hold the "Features at Five" again next winter. In Spring, the church will be involved in a friendship evangelism programme, with house meetings one Sunday evening of each month, followed the next Sunday by guest services.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Hazel Winifred Cressie.

The church at Fremantle, W.A., has been saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Hazel Cressie, wife of Dave Cressie, on Aug. 25, 1967. She had been ill with pneumonia prior to her death, which came suddenly. She was the eldest daughter of the late H. Cole, who came to Fremantle from Grote St., Adelaide. She was also the granddaughter of the late J. F. P. Pallot, one of the earliest elders of the Fremantle church. Mrs. Cressie was a member of the church from her early years, and took an active part in many phases of the church work. At the time of her death she was secretary of the Fremantle Christian Women's Fellowship. She was of a quiet, gentle disposition, loved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed. A large number of members and friends attended the Fremantle Crematorium, where F. Rees conducted the service. The church extends deepest sympathy and love to the husband and family, and commends them to the God of all comfort.—S. G. Taylor.

Thomas William Smith.

The long and faithful life of Thomas William Smith finished on Aug. 28. Born at Hobart in 1884, the son of George Smith, in whose home the Collins Street church was begun, Thomas Smith put Christ and the church first throughout his life. He was baptized in 1900, at about the same time as he began work with the Tasmanian Customs Dept. Four years later he moved to Sydney, where he joined the Commonwealth Public Service and attended the Paddington church. In August, 1911, he was married by A. E. Illingworth, and through the next 56 years he and his wife shared fully a devotion to Christ. While at Paddington he sang and spoke at open-air meetings, being equipped with a great voice, which he used in every church association to the glory of God. During his eight years at Paddington he served as N.S.W. Conference Secretary for a year. Continuing in the Defence Dept., he transferred to Melbourne in 1912, and went to Lygon St. church for two or three years, being S.S. Supt. for a year, and Sec. of the Vic. Conf. for a year. This period was followed by two years at Swanston St., where he also served as S.S. Supt.

When the family moved to East Malvern he continued to attend Swanston St. for a time, but was involved in the establishment of the Gardiner church and soon moved his membership there, where it remained for 25 years. He continued to use his many gifts, and was often called on as a lay preacher. Thomas Smith was a prominent man in his daily work, being private secretary to the Minister for Defence at the end of World War I, which meant that he was present at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. All through his life he was a prolific reader, and subscribed to many international magazines. On his own account he liked to write, and contributed many articles to periodicals. A very strict personal discipline he adopted was the giving of a tithe to the work of God, and many missionaries

received direct help from him. A change of residence led him to attend Ashburton for two years, and he then spent the last 12 years of his life at Blackburn. While at Blackburn his daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. L. Fisher) went to Carnarvon to take charge of the mission work there. When he became ill about three years ago he and his wife went to live with his other daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson). Thomas Smith was a laughing, singing man who made many friends (among whom he could name Dr. Jesse Bader) and his family and close friends are grateful for his life and memory. A private ceremony was conducted by the writer at the Springvale Crematorium on Aug. 30—A.F.C.

Mrs. Olive May Jolly.

Mrs. Maisie Jolly, of Serviceton church, Vic., died in Bordertown Hospital on Aug. 14. Her whole life was spent in the Wolseley and Serviceton area. When her own mother died she was taken as a babe, into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coad, and was reared as one of their family. Thus it was that, surrounded by Christian influences, she grew up in the fellowship of the church. Before and after her marriage to Ken. Jolly she was active in the service of the church as organist, teacher and in women's organisations. The large crowds attending the funeral services in Kaniva bore eloquent testimony to the place she held in the hearts and lives of people in the community. The rich quality of her life was the reflection of her faith. Over the last weeks she displayed an amazing confidence and poise and faced death, as she had faced life, with calm acceptance and assurance, knowing nothing could separate her from the love of God. The sympathy of the church is given to her husband Ken, to the sons, Bevan, Roger and Ian, and to the members of her own family.—R. C. Bolduan.

Horace Lindsay Lee.

On Sunday, Sept. 3, Horace Lee died suddenly. He set a standard of citizenship of the highest standards. In his chosen profession, and in business circles, he was respected for his integrity, diligence, trustworthiness, loyalty and helpfulness. His gentle and kindly nature made him sympathetic and helpful to those sick and needy brought into touch with him in his business.

He joined the church at South Yarra, Vic., later transferred to Swanston St., and then to Lygon St., Carlton. There

he was on the Official Board, a member of the choir, and assisted in building up the Century Bible Class, begun in the ministry of Horace Kingsbury, and revived during the ministry of S. Russell Baker. Mr. Lee was married to Miss Edna Adams of the church at Gardiner, by Thomas Hagger, Horace Lee's uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Lee later transferred membership to the Prahran church.

He loved music, playing both organ and piano, and he enjoyed dramatics and acting, but the development of a heart condition restricted many of his activities. When the Lees transferred to Gardiner (Mrs. Lee's original church) attendance was hindered by illness, but many opportunities were accepted for helping people in trouble and need.

The sympathy of the brotherhood is offered to Mrs. Edna Lee, other members of the family, and friends. The funeral service was conducted by W. W. Saunders.

Mrs. Effie Williams.

In the death of Mrs. Effie Williams, on Sept. 8, 1967, the church at Dandenong, Vic., lost the longest link with its own history and, more important, one of its most gracious and faithful members. As Effie Brown, she was born at Dandenong in 1892. While she was still a baby the Dandenong Church of Christ was formed in her parents' home, and she has been in constant participation in the life of this church ever since, except for three years on a wheat farm at Murrayville, out from Ouyen, with her husband early in their married life. She was baptized in 1904 at the H. G. Harward-Pittman mission here, and married Harry Williams here in March, 1918, the ceremony being conducted by the late G. B. Moysey, her uncle. A talented and artistic woman, she served in the church with her husband, as in turn he served in almost every office in this church. For many years she was an organist and soloist in this church. As official historian of the local church, over the years she has compiled a scrapbook of intense historical and personal interest here. We have known Mrs. Williams as a most gracious and tender lady, concerned for the Kingdom of God and for people. These were her treasures and goodwill was her tool. Her husband died in 1963. Christian sympathy is extended to the two daughters, Joan (Mrs. Ted. Sanders, of Balwyn) and Dot (Mrs. Southorn, of Dandenong), and other relatives. At the church and Springvale Crematorium, the funeral services were read by the writer.—A. Ross. Lloyd.

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THE NEW MORALITY.

Dr. Carl Henry. In Bishop Robinson's "Christian Morals Today," a later publication, after the storm over his earlier work, the bishop backtracks a bit. He says, in regard to pre-marital sex relationships that there is a bonding element between sex and marriage which is so firm that one might almost invariably say that pre-marital sex is wrong.

My point is that if the bishop is here saying that in this one situation, pre-marital sex, there is an objective principle that controls sex in all situations and places, he has introduced the very sort of principle he said was illicit and illegitimate to begin with. You cannot have both a principled ethic and an unprincipled ethic jumbled side by side. You've got to have one or the other, and I don't think you can play Bishop Robinson's tune on Gabriel's trumpet.

Dr. Leon Morris. It's difficult. In that book he is desperately trying, it would seem to me, to preserve something like the traditional code of morals. You remember that he says that every society must have its net — that some nets are finer than others, but that the net has to be woven by society. People then are kept within reasonable bounds. But what he never does, it seems to me, is to show why there should be a net and why a net should have its strands in such and such a place. In other words . . . the new morality offers no clear guidance for people who have to make an agonizing decision. They are thrown back on their own resources. They may be the exceptions to the general rule; there is just no way for them to know what is right.

—Discussion in "Christian Today."

THE RIGHT TO DISSENT.

A democracy is only being true to its name when it recognises a right to dissent. But, like all rights, this is not unlimited. It is always subject to some such provision as the maintenance of law and order. And in wartime the exercise of the right may be drastically curtailed. It may be deemed dangerous to the national interest to allow free expression of those opposed to the government.

The recognition that there is a right to dissent carries with it for the government the obligation to persuade. Persuasion is a democratic weapon which must be used against the dissenter. Dissent against involvement in Vietnam can only be dissolved by convincing critics that our presence there is morally right

• STORYTIME

SHE COULD HAVE JUMPED

A few years ago a plane crashed on the runway in Philadelphia in the U.S.A. and caught fire. At the door the attractive 24-year-old stewardess, Mary Frances Housley, took her place to help the passengers to the ground. Just as she herself was ready to jump, a woman on the ground screamed, "My baby, my baby!" Frankie Housley then turned into the plane to find the woman's baby. That was the last time anyone saw her alive. When the debris had cooled, they found Mary Frances' body over the four-month-old baby she had tried to rescue. When "Time" magazine told the story, the caption under her picture read, "She could have jumped." This is precisely the alternative that faces us, to accept or reject our responsibility as Christian neighbours.

and politically wise. Neither in America, nor in Australia, has the Administration been able to do this. In both countries a substantial number of people remain convinced that what is going on there is a human tragedy of grievous proportions." —"St. Aust. Methodist."

A MAN FOR ALL PEOPLES.

In Oct., 1891, Peter Aimsie preached his first sermon to a little church of less than 50 members. Even that little company was deeply divided. They were also deeply in debt . . . Within ten years he had built the membership up to more than a thousand, and from that centre was sending out colonies to establish several new churches . . . Not only was he the tireless pastor of his flock . . . he was busy in civic enterprises . . .

He became one of the patriarchs of the ecumenical movement. Between 1911 and 1931 he attended an average of one major ecumenical conference per year — and as more than a mere onlooker. At the constituting assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948, John R. Mott listed him as one of the fathers of the modern ecumenical movement. This places him beside Bishop Brent, Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop Wm. Temple, Bishop Geo. Bell, and John R. Mott, in the genesis of this great reformation of the twentieth century.

—Dwight E. Stevenson in "The Christian."

INDOCTRINATION.

The hailing of Mao Tse-tung all over Communist China has the elements of a revivalist campaign. Chairman Mao is placed on a pedestal as the saviour of his people. His little red book is studied by young and old, and extracts are sung at national gatherings everywhere. There appears to be no space in shop windows, or on walls or boardings where the wis-

dom and might of Chairman Mao are not advertised. Marchers raise high their effigies of their leader, while his songs of redemption are chanted as if the procession was one in which priests were engaged in a sacred rite.

Little children sing: "We love Chairman Mao more than our parents." The People of China have made of Mao Tse-tung a father-figure. A new personal faith in Marxism is being built upon this deification of one man, and the result for the world is potentially as dangerous as nuclear fission.

—"The Spectator."

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GRAHAM SUPPORT

(Red Hill, Vic.). A committee has been formed to co-ordinate efforts on behalf of the Graham Crusade . . . F. Cambridge spoke for the Social Service Dept. on Aug. 20 . . . Mrs. E. Holmes and friends celebrated her 80th birthday . . . K. Torney has been elected chairman of the Board . . . Members and friends congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holmes on their 25th wedding anniversary.

BARBECUE AT C.O.B.

(Berwick, Vic.). Approximately 30 (mostly Y.P.) attended a barbecue tea in C.O.B. grounds, and later had fellowship in College chapel, led by student, M. Humphries. A very good representation attended Billy Graham Crusade prayer night at Presbyterian Church . . . B. Goldsteen led third session of evening, whilst Rev. Webb (Methodist, Pakenham), and Dr. D. V. Rodda, local medico, led other sessions.

DEAN MATHEWS' TRAINING COURSES

(Melb.). Dean Joseph Mathews, of the Chicago Ecumenical Institute, will visit Australia for training courses in November. Dean Mathews, whose Institute has stressed the importance of renewal for the church in the local setting, will bring a team of three staff members with him. The courses which they plan to hold are intensive two-day, residential courses, to which both clergy and laity are invited.

Special educational techniques, characteristic of Dean Mathews' approach, will be used. The programme is an intensive one, as participants involved in the course in Sydney last January have testified.

The Melbourne Conference will be held at the "Aldersgate" Methodist Conference Centre, Belgrave Heights, on November 10-12. Applications for enrolment should be addressed to Miss Rosemary Harry, 154 The Esplanade, Brighton, Vic., 3816. Phone 92-1888.



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GOOD COMPANIONS RAISE \$900 (PLUS) FOR MISSIONARY WORK

(Vic.). It all began when Miss Rita Roberts, Chief Good Companion, visited our Indian Mission Fields early this year. She was concerned, as were the missionaries, that the girls in the Shrigonda Girls' Home had inadequate blankets for bed time. She promised to help if she could. Mr. Ryall also said that his boys could do with blankets. Miss Roberts felt that the Good Companions in Victoria might find it hard to raise the \$500 needed for the girls — so no promises were made to the boys.

The appeal for money to buy blankets caught the imagination of girls and leaders in Clubs. To date \$910 has been raised and more is coming in. \$1,000 is very likely, which means that both the girls and the boys will benefit with much needed new blankets.

The grateful thanks of many go to all those Clubs who worked hard and gave generously for their friends on the upper end of the Indian Ocean. Thanks, girls.

250 BOYS RISE TO CHALLENGE

During the September holidays, 250 boys were in three Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Educ. Camps. This created an all-time record camp attendance, an increase of almost 25 per cent over last year's enrolment.

For nearly 30 years these Boys' Camps have been a regular feature, and the numbers have increased from 60's and 70's in tents at Monbulk, to the 150's at Monbulk and Hall's Gap in dormitories. Over the last five years the number has increased and steadied at about 200.

The Camps this year were renamed and restructured as CHALLENGE CAMPS. The new style publicity leaflet announced challenges in outdoor and indoor activities — fitness challenges, athletic challenges, all-day hike challenges, night hikes, compass hikes, obstacle courses involving riding the flying fox, the making of survival huts, and the climbing of sheer rock faces by rock climbing ropes.

Also, there were challenges in the social sphere — talent quest, camp concerts, tests of sociability and team work. There were challenges to the mind and to the spirit in the hour of "thinking-time" each morning. The study book was "The Highest Peaks," written by M. D. Keatch and L. L. Smith for the Department, and presents stories and Bible Study on the Explorer Boys' Code: (1) Be Joyful. (2) Be Strong. (4) Be Clean. (4) Be Fair. (5) Be Steadfast. (6) Be Useful.

The study material presented challenges from the lives of great men, great explorers, great missionaries, Christ and the apostles, and involved direct Bible research as well as discussion.

The three camps, two at Monbulk's Camp Waterman, and one at Hall's Gap in the Gramplan Ranges, were completely staffed by voluntary workers. Each camp had its Chief, Chaplain, Sportsmaster, Quartermaster and Orderly Officer, as well as the six or eight group leaders. Boys were placed in groups of twelve per leader. Over thirty experienced leaders were involved; some gave up a week



L. L. SMITH, B.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Chief of Explorer Boys' Clubs.

of their annual holidays, some gave up two, and some took a week's leave without pay.

The Chaplains were John Paver, minister at Ararat, Vic., A. Page, minister at Hamilton, Vic., and G. Jackel, minister at Wedderburn, Vic.

The Camp Chiefs were Lyndsay L. Smith (Explorer Chief), John Henley (Deputy Explorer Chief), and Les Stewart (Leader, Thornbury Explorer Club).

The Explorer Boys' Club Movement now has a membership of over 2,000, and 233 leaders.

MORE CLOTHES FOR WEST

(Maryborough, Vic.). The Mission Band has completed a parcel of clothes for an Aboriginal girl, Lorraine Woods. Included was a teenage doll and many changes of clothes, made by Mrs. R. Bursell . . . The united service on Sept. 10 had Graham Gilmour, Conf. Pres., as guest speaker. The choir rendered an anthem. It was Temperance Sunday and members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Independent Order of Rechabites attended . . . Members shared in Half-yearly Convention at Castlemaine.

DR. FERM IN SYDNEY

Dr. Robert Ferm, M.A., Th.M., Th.D., Director of Ministerial Relations and Personal Representative of the Billy Graham Organisation, conducted ministerial seminars in Sydney in preparation for the 1968 Crusade. Dr. Ferm addressed large gatherings in centres such as Hurstville, Parramatta, Chatswood, Eastwood-Epping, Bankstown-Greenacre, and the city. In addition, Dr. Ferm informally met ministers of Churches of Christ and Baptist ministers in the home of the N.S.W. Conf. Pres., P. H. Morton, at Burwood. In discussing the question of the persistence of Crusade converts, Dr. Ferm is reported to have stated definitely that over large areas in U.S.A., Great Britain and Europe, more than 75 per cent of converts are known to be practising Christians five years after committal. Furthermore, he produced figures to show that at least 40 per cent of these had had no previous church background or association.

WOOLWICH MAGAZINE

Once again the production of the Woolwich Bible College Magazine has been timed to coincide with the presentation of the work and witness of the College to the churches, and once again a high standard has been achieved. This year's publication takes the form of a Silver Anniversary commemoration issue, in line with the recent celebration of 25 years of service to the Lord and to the brotherhood, and also the "Woolwich Anniversary Appeal" on behalf of assistance in regard to the provision of additional accommodation for Married Students. The Magazine Committee is Garry J. Walker (Editor), R. Clark, R. Kallmier, R. Taylor, I. Titterton and G. Towle.

N.S.W. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

The Fraternal meeting at Burwood church was addressed by George Wood, of South Perth, W.A. Mr. Wood spoke on "Aspects of Evangelism," highlighting his informative message with illustrations of method and approach culled from his experiences with the Billy Graham-Leighton Ford Organisation in U.S.A. and Canada, and also with his work in W.A.

WOLLONGONG DECISIONS

(N.S.W.). There have been three further decisions, including the Maths' Master at the Boys' High School, and his wife, who is a qualified physiotherapist. The church has been heartened by the fact that many of our recent converts have been business and professional people, as well as other members of the community. . . . Over 200 attended gospel service on Sept. 10, when Miss Bettye Marcus and Arthur Glover brought messages in song. . . . Brigade groups continue to grow, and teenage youth fellowship is enjoying a tremendous success. . . . Two young men members of the church, who have been won to Christ following release from prison, had an interview on TV regarding their rehabilitation and the change in their lives. It has been thrilling to see some of the wildest young people in the city accepting Christ.

DAPTO CHURCH

(N.S.W.). Meetings at Dapto are held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Northey each Sunday morning, with an average of 25 present. The B.S. has over 60 enrolled, and it speaks well for the future of the church. Twenty attend midweek Bible study, and new all-purpose building is near completion, under the supervision of Roy Hurry, of the Wollongong church. The building of the manse is to be commenced within next few weeks.

MAYFIELD HAPPENINGS

(N.S.W.). The ladies were very impressed by the account of "India Today," given by N.S.W. Ladies' Conf. Pres.-Elect, Mrs. Main. They also visited the "Oak" factory at Hexham. . . . Ex-member, Bill Taylor, preacher at Devonport, Tas., addressed the church, and a youth tea. . . . Many members travelled to Sydney for "Crusade '67". . . . Film night given by Ruth and Cec. McIver, of their trip to Western Australia, included films of Carnarvon, Esperance and Norseman. . . . A half-night of prayer for Billy Graham campaign was held on Sept. 8.

THIRROUL REST HOME

(N.S.W.). Meetings are held each fortnight at the Thirroul Rest Home for the breaking of bread. Ern Christopherson, senr., is organising these meetings.

N.S.W. BROADCASTS IN OCT.

Church of Christ services broadcast over Station 2CH, Sydney:— Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m. — Monday, Oct. 2: D. W. Smallbone, of Austral. Friday, Oct. 13: R. B. Elbourne, of Lane Cove. Thursday, Oct. 26: F. A. Elliott, B.A., of Caringbah. Sunday Service — Oct. 1, 7.15 p.m., Chatswood church. Preacher: C. G. Taylor, B.A.

NEW MINISTRY

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). The church announces that Keith Farmer, B.Comm., final year student at Woolwich Bible College, has accepted the call to the ministry. His student ministry will continue on at conclusion of his College course at the end of this year.

WOOLWICH COLLEGE FOOTBALL

(N.S.W.). In the recent Inter-Collegiate Soccer Football Competition, organised annually by the Association of Theological Colleges connected with the University of Sydney, the Woolwich College team defeated the Baptist College in the grand final at St. Paul's Oval.



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1. Federal Aborigines Missions — the Board in Western Australia, and the growing task, on the fields at Carnarvon, at Norseman, and at Esperance.
2. N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education — the Director, Bruce Armstrong — for Bible Schools preparing for anniversaries, Youth Groups, Christmas Camps, and for the development of the Book Room and the increasing demands on the Dept. in the area of publication.
3. Woolwich Bible College — the Staff, the Students, the Student-churches and their extensive preaching, teaching and pastoral ministry.
4. N.S.W. Dept. of Social Service — especially that continued support may be given through a concerned brotherhood, for the Homes for the Aged, and the activities of the "Opportunity Shops."
5. The quiet, unassuming ministry of all those who serve in our churches as "door-keepers" and "ushers" in their labor of love as they welcome folk into the House of the Lord.
6. "CRUSADE '67" — in its results and intensive campaign of FOLLOW-UP in the local churches throughout N.S.W.— especially the drives in "Personal Evangelism."

PENSHURST MEN

(N.S.W.). Peshurst Men's Society conducted its anniversary on Aug. 20. The minister, Dennis Nutt, conducted the gospel service, at which many visiting members of the football teams shared. Dr. A. G. Elliott was guest preacher, and the Rockdale Girls' Choir, led by Mr. Wotherspoon, gave items. Les. Yelds, on behalf of the State Men's Work Dept., brought greetings. Following the gospel service, Dr. Elliott delivered an illustrated talk on "The Holy Land and the Middle East Today."

CHRISTIAN UNITY - N.S.W.

The N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee is promoting a further educational campaign among the churches in regard to vital issues concerning The Restoration Movement and its contribution in this present age. C. E. Bowser and Dr. A. G. Elliott are preparing outline studies for further consideration by the full committee on such themes as:— (1) Division and Sin; (2) Motives in Unity; (3) Organisation of the United Church; (4) Practical Problems, and (5) The U.C.A. and Us.

These studies will be produced in duplicated form as the basis of discussions during November, presented first of all at the local level in N.S.W. churches, and then in area rallies in strategic centres.

SEVEN DAYS ON TOUR

Following the post-Federal Conference tour last October, suggestions were made for another tour. Arrangements went ahead through Alan Fergeus (Gardiner) and Parlorcars, with sufficient applications coming for two coaches.

Many travellers were "repeaters," some brought relatives or friends, Gardner, Hartwell and the two Essendon churches were well represented, and some half-dozen came from interstate. The tour became such an event that this account might well have been entrusted to a sub-committee including a literary artist, a poet, an engineer, a humorist, and a preacher with a strong sense of the majesty of God in nature. These could fittingly have co-opted a naturalist and a geographer.

The seven-day itinerary involved essentially Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. Overnight stops were at Canberra and Cooma (two nights each), Adaminaby and Bright — all four over 1,000 feet above sea level.

The main objective of the first day, Aug. 12, was a fast run, Melbourne to Canberra, 420 miles. On the Sunday, fellowship with both Ainslie and Lyons churches, in services and at the meal-tables, was very rich. Visitors shared in morning services and coach-loads "exchanged churches" morning and evening. Most travellers, as newcomers to the National Capital, were greatly impressed by its planning and facilities; visits to Parliament House, the Institute of Anat-

omy, and the War Museum, filled hours with great interest.

Roadside "documenting" in the Snowy Mountains (finger-posts, maps, diagrams, tablets and the marking of divides and altitudes) is probably unexcelled anywhere. Details of the mighty engineering works were carefully explained stage by stage by coach-captains.

Early morning in Canberra gave the first introduction to snow, but the mountains proved snowy by nature as well as by name, roads, trees and roof were snowy—a snowy world as "un-Australian" as it is possible to imagine.

At one meal-stop, where foot-long icicles hung from the eaves and deep snow lay outside, the explanation "broken pipes" for the absence of hot drinks was probably factual, but sounded strange. In the area of heaviest snow, the inspired comment was "This is my Father's world." Even "elderly citizens" took the Thredbo chair-lift to the icy winds and deep snows of 6,400 feet altitude — and enjoyed it. Skiers operated at all levels; visitors may well have pleaded lack of time for not so indulging, although many found other methods of descending shorter slopes.

Notable names at New Adaminaby were "Patty" and "Shamus," in charge of boats and accommodation respectively. The surnames were equally, and the accents even more, convincing as to origins. On Lake Eucumbene, and in the motels, these gentlemen provided hours of delightful entertainment, both

being exceptionally well-informed about the area.

The driving skill, the complete co-operation with passengers, the wit and wisdom, the encyclopedic knowledge of the route shown by coach-captains were to be marvelled at. The services of coach-captains "Harry" and "Rex", and of Alan Fergeus and Frank Haycraft, who accepted a deal of responsibility in the respective coaches were gratefully recognised by gifts at the end of the tour.

In each coach, coach-captains fully concurring, a 5 to 10 minute devotional period was observed with a different leader each morning, a quiet spot shortly after each day's start becoming hallowed ground. In addition, despite swirling, almost peak-hour traffic and the red lights of Outer Melbourne, a thanksgiving prayer and the doxology marked the completion of the tour. A few minutes earlier, it had been "God be with you till we meet again," and in the final hours, plans were afoot for a reunion of the tourists a few weeks hence.—F.J.F.

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HERE AND THERE. Gifts for the Stephen Cheek Memorial repairs now total £11/6/2. . . . The Hawthorn, Vic., tent mission, conducted by G. E. Chandler, T. H. Chandler and W. H. Clay, will commence with an anti-liquor meeting. Bro. Chandler will speak on "Beaten by Booze". . . . G. M. Anderson writes: "Got home safely. Submarines didn't get us, but we ran on the rocks fifth day from Sydney. It was inky dark, all life boats were lowered and provisioned, and life belts donned; but by great fortune, we pulled off. Am in State Convention in Long Beach and on programme". . . . "The B.C. Magazine" is a bright monthly published by students of the College of the Bible. Nine issues a year at 2/- per annum. R. K. Whately is editor, A. L. Haddon is business manager. . . . Oakleigh church celebrated its first anniversary. Membership 45; B.S. 84. . . . Despite unfavourable weather conditions, a large gathering at Swanston St., Melb., farewelled Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman and Miss Vera Blake, leaving on missionary service to India. . . . Peggy: "Daddy, what did the Dead Sea die of?" Daddy: "I don't know." Peggy: "Where do the Zeppelins start from?" Daddy: "I don't know." Peggy: "Daddy, when will the war end?" Daddy: "I don't know." Peggy: "I say, Daddy, who made you an editor?"

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PIONEERS' AFTERNOON.

To qualify as a "Pioneer," one has to have been a member of Churches of Christ for over 45 years, and to these, Mrs. E. V. Lawton, President of Women's Conference, extended an invitation at Grote Street on Aug. 29.

Mrs. Lawton was President and also a "Pioneer" herself. S. E. M. Riches also had a dual role as President of General Conference and leading the singing of favorite hymns. Items were provided by Miss Carole Fooks (vocalist) and the Everard Park Rest Home Choir. Memories of the early days at Grote Street were brought by Ross Manning.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. V. Lawton declared open the 62nd Annual Conference, and welcomed the 400 ladies present. The Obituary report was presented by Mrs. O. Wright, and the prayer was led by Mrs. S. E. M. Riches. Miss Erica Hammond led devotions.

Interstate visitors were Mrs. Pearce (W.A.) and Mrs. Wilton (N.S.W.). Country Conference reports were presented by country delegates. Before the Department leaders brought their reports, Mrs. P. Messent sang a beautiful solo. The retiring Department leaders were: Mrs. Lewis (Overseas), Mrs. Bull (Home Missions), Mrs. Bell (Aborigines), Mrs. Simpson (Social Service), Mrs. Hollard (Hospital). A motion was passed that the Hospital Department consist of a leader and 12 members.

Three hundred ladies enjoyed lunch served by the Catering Department under the leadership of Mrs. Price.

Devotions from Mrs. O. Clark, of Kadina, opened the afternoon session. Miss Ruth Edgell, from the New Hebrides brought a greeting saying that she hoped soon to return. Mrs. S. Lawrance presented the Secretary's report, and Mrs. M. Fooks, the Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Fooks, whom we are so used to delivering a financial statement, entertained with an elocution item. The President told of the many groups she had visited during the year.

The following officers were elected for year 1967-1968: President, Miss Hammond; President-Elect, Mrs. E. Simpson; Vice-President, Mrs. R. Saunders; Secretary, Mrs. S. Lawrance; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Fooks; Asst. Sec., Mrs. R. Eagles.

The evening session commenced with an organ recital by Peter Trevaskis, and the Youth Choir brought several items.

Miss Hammond welcomed the guests from other churches and organisations. Mrs. J. A. Sterling (National Council of Women) responded. Mrs. Lawton introduced the new officers, and S. E. M. Riches, President of General Conference, led in Prayer of Dedication. The Bible was read by Mrs. Lawton's daughter, Julie.

As retiring President, Mrs. Lawton was presented with a box of flowers prepared by Mrs. Taylor, from the gifts of flowers from the many women's groups. Miss Hammond performed this task along with the presentation of the President's copy of "The Word of God." The guest speaker was Mrs. D. J. Merriman, the wife of the Baptist minister at Semaphore.—Alma Eagles, Asst. Sec.

LAYMEN AS OBSERVERS

Two prominent Disciple laymen have been appointed to attend the Third World Congress for the Lay Apostolate as Observer-Consultants.

"God's People on Man's Journey" is the theme of the world meeting, which will meet at the Vatican, Oct. 10-18. It will be attended by 2,500 leading Roman Catholic laity from more than 100 countries.

The Congress hopes to clarify ways by which Roman Catholic laity now has the opportunity to participate in all fields of the church's mission to the modern world as a result of the 2nd Vatican Council's actions. Observer-Consultants may be appointed from other world communions to engage in dialogue and discussion with the Roman Catholic delegates.

The two representatives of the World Convention are well qualified to attend this important meeting. Mrs. Magdalena G. de Parrilla is the wife of a minister serving a Disciple church in Buenos Aires. She is the Vice President of the World C.W.F. Prior to her marriage she worked in the field of Christian Education with several Disciple churches in Argentina. She has travelled and spoken extensively in the United States. She is the mother of two children, a girl of 9 and a boy of 6.

James F. Whitehead, jr., is an architectural lighting specialist and engineer. His time, however, is divided almost equally between his work and service to the church. He has served as deacon, elder and Chairman of the Board in local churches where he and his wife and three children have been members. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Managers and a Trustee of the United Christian Missionary Society, and is the Recording Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, and a member of its Executive Committee.

—(World Convention News).

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEW GUINEA FIELD COUNCIL

We thank God that he has worked in his Spirit through our depleted numbers through the last year to the end that more people have committed their lives in faith and trust to Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Our prayers continue for the Fletcher family in the sad loss of Judith, and for Jenny Smith, as she continues under her doctors and as she looks for guidance for her future. We place on record our regret for the reasons which have taken

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Chairman of Council.

these folk from us over the last months. Our prayers also continue for those who once served amongst us and who have returned to their homelands.

This year has been one in which some aims have been fulfilled and in which new goals have opened to us.

The long awaited transfer of the medical work to Bunapas was accomplished in October, 1966. While much remains to be done, and while a tension between a desired programme of medical training and healing and existing unfinished facilities restricting that programme will remain with us for some time, we are thankful for the progress to date, and the much better conditions which prevail in the hospital buildings.

The commencement of airstrip construction at Tsumba, and at Bunapas, will lead to a much better situation for the regular M.A.F. flights, with possible savings for other phases of the work. We will be relieved of the tension created by evacuation of medical patients from Chungribu, and also from the reliance on only one strip during the wet season.

Our first students have gone from our schools for further schooling elsewhere. While adjustment problems are evident, we are thankful for the promise that at least one of them shows.

A second work party is with us at the moment, fulfilling long discussed plans of essential buildings, and we hope, having time to spare to further projects other than at Chungribu. We are grateful to the Victorian young peoples' groups for making this possible. Our thanks goes beyond them too, for the men who have come to share their time and skills with us, for the churches who have contributed to projects great and small, enabling us to make many plans a reality, and to all members of the Board, and State Committees and members of the churches who have joined in with the missionary task with time and prayer and giving.

The Christian Conventions continue with maintained interest. The question of a Conference has been developed, and will progress further in the coming months. We will need continual tact and wisdom to guide the Christians to a truly New Guinea way of co-operating together. A question we need to con-

tinually ask ourselves is: "Are we learning not to rush the indigenous Christians into making decisions which they think we like, but rather allowing them to take their own time to reach their own decisions?"

Above all, we thank God for the sending of Eremot, and possibly one or two others, next year, to the Church Leaders' Course in the Highlands. We hear of his encouraging progress, and of the fact that the school will commence on the C.L.T.C. course next year. Our prayers and planning must be for the future so that the churches will be willing and financially able to use these men to the greatest advantage on their return.

Many of our plans await commencement, so with prayers for patience and guidance we look to the time when future hopes will become realities.

We are endeavouring to make our stations more strategic and purposeful. It is planned that TUNG and ASAU close as European staffed stations, enabling the schools there to operate on a much better centralised basis at Bunapas, while

conducting evangelistic visits to these centres from Bunapas.

Our sphere of influence is extending along the Keram River. This will largely (at least for the present) depend on evangelistic visits of various kinds. As time goes on we will need to develop the visitation ministry. We are not able to place personnel and stations at every place that the population may desire us to.

We are finding that we are being continually faced with choices as to which means of evangelism will be engaged in, and which will bear the most fruit. We will need to use the indigenous Christians as much as possible in the task of evangelism.

NEW FIELD LEADER — NEW GUINEA

Miss A. Draney was elected Chairman of the New Guinea Field Council at the Annual Meeting. We congratulate Miss Draney on her appointment and pray that she will be blessed by God in this ministry.

The New Guinea Field Council expressed sincere appreciation for leadership given by Rex Chamberlain during the past year.

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"WE, THE CONCERNED"

—A STUDY CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS.

(Vic.). During the weekend of Oct. 13-15, at Monbulk Conference Centre, the Dept. of Christian Educ. will conduct a Study Conference for Young Adults. The theme is concerned with Christian action and service in today's society.

Speakers include: Rev. John Westerman, Director of the Methodist Dept. of Christian Citizenship, who will speak on "A Survey of Australian Society Today." Alan West, an Anthropologist, will conduct a session on "The Australian Aborigines." E. S. Sanders, of the Victorian Temperance Alliance, will consider "Alcohol and Other Escapes." The Biblical studies will centre on "Christian Social Concern."

It is hoped that the Conference will conclude with plans for a Service Project for Young Adults in 1968.

Application forms have been sent to churches in Victoria. Further enquiries may be made at the Department of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb., Vic., 3000.

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