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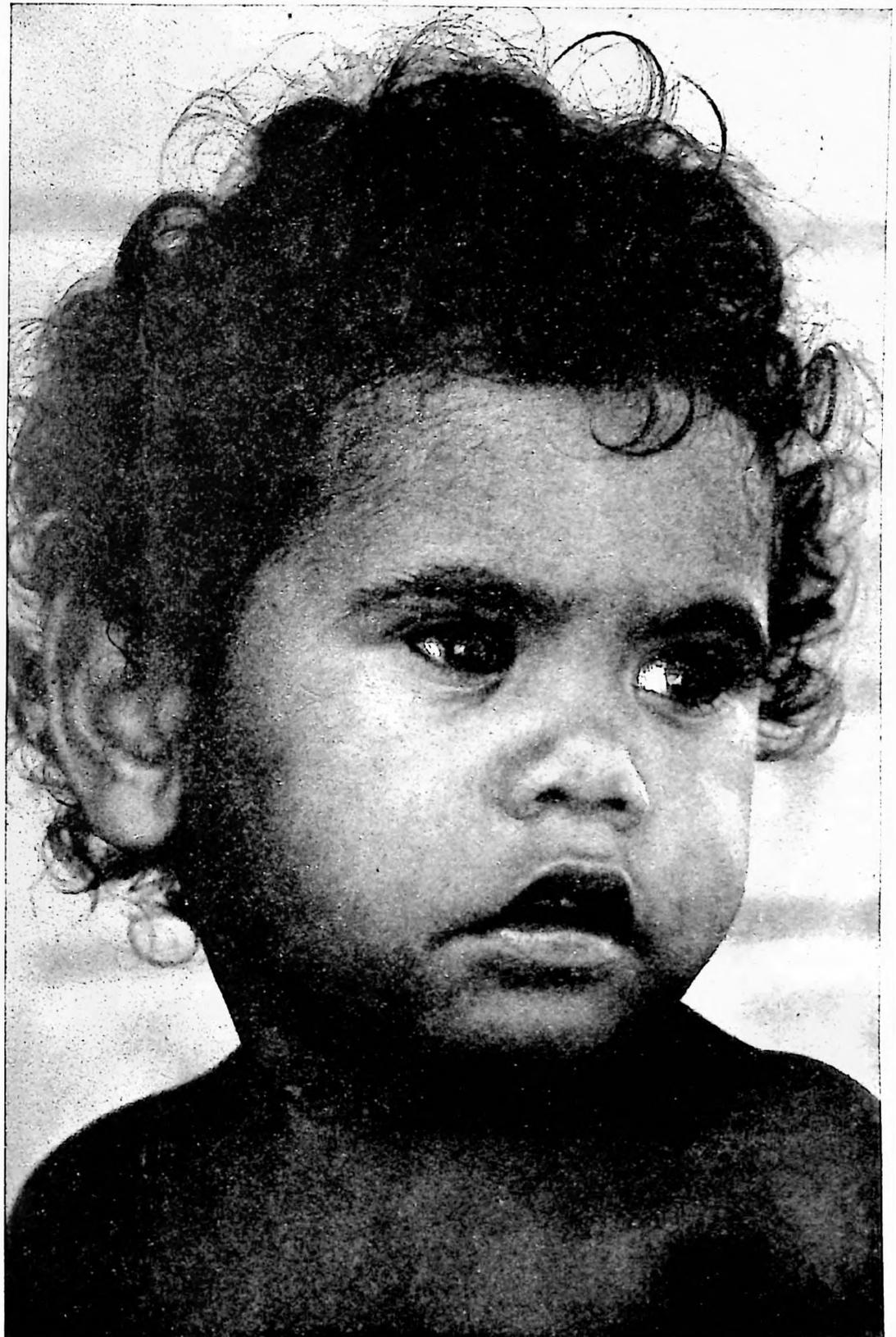
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## GRATITUDE

A young man, in his early twenties, who has gathered more fame than is good for any man, and more money than he can spend, said, "I am grateful for the way life has treated me." He did not say to whom he felt grateful — whether to his parents who gave him life, his teacher who gave him skills, his manager who gave him a push to the top of the charts, or the public which buys his records. Nevertheless, it is a step in the right direction to be grateful. Where there is gratitude, there is even a chance for humility.

Paul said, "In everything give thanks." Sometimes we may think it is very hard to be grateful, but life is many things. If some are denied us, there are still others which can be treasured. I like the story of the coal-miner who became a Christian, and his mates decided to try him out to see if he were genuine. They stole his lunch. When he opened his empty lunch box he looked at it for a moment and then said, "Thank God for my appetite. They can't take that away!"

A great enemy of gratitude is greed. If we are greedy for the things we want, we are not so likely to be grateful for the things we have.

We can easily recognise greed in others. In communists and some politicians we see the greed for power. Manufacturers make us pay more and more for less and less. We have to be on guard against the shop-keeper or the taxi-driver who underweighs or overcharges. We have to be on our guard against the salesman who misrepresents his product in order to get a larger commission.

We are not so quick to see greed in ourselves. But it could be there. It could show up in an over-emphasis upon what we expect from others, and under-emphasis upon our responsibilities to them.

Lack of gratitude shows up in areas where it should not exist at all. Peter suffered from it when he said to Jesus: "Lord, we have left everything and followed you. What do we get out of it?" Jesus told the story of a farmer who hired some workers early in the morning at a dollar a day. He hired others at 9 o'clock, 12, 3, and even some at 5. At the end of the day he paid them all a dollar. The fellows who had worked all day got mad at this, but the farmer said, "My friends, I am not being unfair. Didn't you agree to work for a dollar a day? Must you be jealous because I am generous?"

Life does not treat us all with equal generosity, but sometimes we may complain, not because we have little, but because the other fellow has more.

## PROGRESS FOR ABORIGINES

Two new steps toward a better handling of the Aboriginal problem were taken when the Federal Parliament established a new Office of Aboriginal Affairs, and when the Victorian Government introduced a bill to establish a separate Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

The Federal action is the first move to implement the strong demand for action expressed by the people in the Referendum last May. The Victorian proposal will abolish the present Aborigine Welfare Board. In its place there will be a twelve-man Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Council which will advise the Minister. Only three members of the Advisory Council will be Aborigines.

Offices, Ministries and Councils in the future may not be any more effective than the Committees and Boards of the past. Good minds, much money, more patience, and, above all, the essential willingness of all Australians to accept the Old Australians as real persons, will be needed.

There was once a do-nothing policy which acted as though the Aborigines would die out if left alone, and the problem would disappear. Sometimes an opposite sentimental do-everything proposal is made that would keep them happy with social hands-outs. This would destroy the initiative of the Aborigine and rob him of any responsible partnership.

Between these two impossible extremes there must be found a course that will result in the Aborigine finding a real place in a multi-racial community (no longer bi-racial!) without destroying his culture or inhibiting his development.

The first emphasis must be placed upon education. Not education for a pre-determined place in society, but education to enable him to find his own place.

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## LIVE AND HELP LIVE!

*"Live and let live!" was the call of the Old,  
The call of the world when the world was cold,*

*The call of men when they pulled apart,  
The call of the race with a chill on the heart.*

*But "Live and help live!" is the cry of the New,*

*The cry of the world with the Dream shining through,*

*The cry of the Brother World rising to birth,  
The cry of the Christ for a brotherly earth.*

—Edwin Markham.

## • KENMORE COLLEGE IS THREE YEARS OLD

We are familiar today with the idea of conversion. We have convertible lounges and cars. We speak of torque converters and we have just completed a process of conversion in our currency. Sweden is in process of conversion from driving on the left hand side of the road to driving on the right.

Conversion speaks of a change in form and in purpose. So it is with Biblical conversion.

### The "Who" in Conversion

One of the worst mis-translations in the Authorised Version of the English Bible is the word "be converted." From this phrase we get the idea of sitting down and waiting for God to do something to us. While God is concerned in the action of conversion, conversion is something that we do ourselves. The command in Acts 3: 19, for example, should be translated "Repent and turn around." In fact, where the A.V. has the passive verb (be converted; nine times) the original language has the passive only twice (Matt. 18: 3; John 12: 10) and the active (turn back) seven times (Psalm 51: 13; Isa. 6: 10; 60: 5; Matt. 13: 15; Mark 4: 12; Luke 22: 32; Acts 3: 19; 28: 27).

However, there are three people concerned in a conversion.

#### 1. The Witness.

He is like a traffic policeman who directs travellers along the right road. He is sent like Paul "to open their eyes and to turn (the same word that in other places is translated 'convert') them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God" (Acts 26: 18). James pin-points the importance of the witness when he says, "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins" (5: 20).

#### 2. The Sinner.

This person must realise that he has sinned and is going in the wrong direction, and that he needs the Saviour with his right direction (Matt. 7: 13, 14; John 14: 6). In Acts 15: 3, Paul and Barnabas announced "the conversion of the Gentiles" ("turning about." Incidentally, this

is the only place in the Bible where the noun "conversion" occurs).

This must be compared with Acts 14: 15 where, in his sermon to these very same Gentiles he had said, "We . . . preach unto you that ye should turn (the same word) from these vanities unto the living God." Thus the conversion of the Gentiles was their own action of turning about. In 1 Thess. 1: 9, Paul reminded the Thessalonians "how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."

#### 3. God.

Turning about involves the rejection of one path and the acceptance of another. God is concerned in conversion because the sinner turns away from sin towards him. This is variously phrased as "unto the living God" (Acts 14: 15), "unto God" (26: 18), "to God" (1 Thess. 1: 9).

### The "How" in Conversion

If conversion is an action of the sinner, it is vital that we know what is involved in this action.

#### 1. What It Is Not.

Conversion is not the same as faith. Acts 11: 21 says "a great number believed ("a great many became believers," N.E.B.) and turned unto the Lord." Believing and turning are distinct and separate actions.

Conversion is not the same as repentance.

The command to sinners in Acts 3: 19 is "Repent and be converted (turn) that your sins may be blotted out." Thus it is clear that repentance and turning are separate ideas.

Conversion is not a combination of faith and repentance.

The Holy Spirit would not be guilty of such confusion of thought as to say, "Repent and believe and repent," or that people "believed and believed and repented unto the world."

#### 2. What It Is.

It happens as a result of preaching. See Acts 26: 16-18.

It is a decisive break with the past. There is a turning away from useless things (Acts 14: 15), from darkness and

## ABOUT TURN

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the authority of Satan (Acts 26: 18), from idols (1 Thess. 1: 9), and from an erring way (James 5: 20).

It is linked with faith (Acts 11: 21), and with repentance (Acts 3: 19); and it results in forgiveness of sins (Acts 3: 19; 26: 18; James 5: 20). Elsewhere in the New Testament it is baptism that is described in exactly the same way.

Baptism comes as a result of preaching (Acts 2: 41).

Faith and baptism stand together (Mark 16: 16).

Repentance and baptism are linked together (Acts 2: 38).

Baptism is a decisive break with the past (Rom. 6: 1-5).

Baptism results in forgiveness (Acts 2: 38; 22: 16).

### The "Why" of Conversion

Conversion, or the changing of the direction of one's life, or baptism is necessary because it is the way to:

#### 1. The Blotting-Out of Sin (Acts 3: 19).

In the ancient world there was generally a shortage of writing material. Hence many sheets of papyrus that had been used were washed free from the old ink and re-used. The word used to describe this washing out of ink is the one translated as "blotting-out" in Acts 3: 19. Repentance and conversion give a new life for God's use alone.

#### 2. The Salvation from Death (James 5: 20).

If sin is forgiven, then the penalty for sin no longer applies. The word translated "save" in James 5: 20 was used in the Greek world of getting safely home from the dangers of a long voyage. So we can translate the passage as "The one who turns a sinner from the error of his way will bring a soul safely back from death."

#### 3. The Inheritance of Life (Acts 26: 18).

The word "inheritance" here was the usual word for the plot of ground taken up by the colonist in a new country. Conversion then, results in the possession of the plot of ground or mansion in heaven that Christ has gone to prepare for us.

The sum total of this is a change in one's life in form and purpose.

## MEET MR. SINGH

By DAVID G. HAMMER

Hariba Waghmode introduced us to several Mr. Singhs when the ship taking him and them was diverted from its regular run via Bombay because of the closure of the Suez Canal. These and other Indian people found themselves stranded in Fremantle. Some of our church folk "given to hospitality" helped out, and within a few days most of the unfortunate travellers were on their way by air. But our Mr. Singh had to stay some weeks longer.

He had been in Melbourne doing post-graduate studies in architecture, and his scholarship fund had paid his fare home by boat, but left nothing for emergency expenses or alternative air fares. He took the first opportunity to go to the Immigration Dept., and obtained permission to stay longer in Australia. He then found himself employment as an architect with a government body.

Mr. Singh is not a Christian, but a Sikh. As all Sikhs are Mr. Singh, he will be able to preserve his anonymity, even though I write about him. He told us that all men of his religion are "Mr. Singh," because they are brothers. The king and the commoner are equals. Our Mr. Singh wears a turban and a bracelet, and has a ferocious beard.

I know that these are external things and therefore not of the greatest importance. But Mr. Singh is not just an external religionist. We noticed, for instance, that he got up early, in the dark of the winter mornings, so that he could spend some hours in prayer and meditation with God. In the little book which he gave us in return for our gift of a New Testament (R.S.V.), we read that this is expected of him. After dawn it is time to have something to eat and to think of the business of the day.

No doubt many Christians will think that Mr. Singh is a heathen, and follows primitive customs, the like of which Christians have long since abandoned. But, after all, Jesus spent pre-dawn hours in prayer and communion, and this seemed to have been the custom of the early Christians who were filled with the Spirit, and who turned the world upside down.

Nowadays, of course, we Christians have been making do with a minimum of prayer. We get on in the world by making the business of the day the first (and last) consideration.

Mr. Singh showed also, a very unusual attitude towards the troubles which had overtaken him and left him stranded in Perth. With neither money, friends, nor

than Christianity. But when we talked about these things (which Mr. Singh did without any self-consciousness), I felt that Christianity was infinitely superior. Its superiority may not be in ethical teaching or devotional discipline. Jesus, however, is not just a great teacher or a perfect example of piety, as are the great men of Mr. Singh's religion. He is a Saviour.

Mr. Singh finds this difficult to understand. It does not seem either right, or even possible, to him, that anyone else should suffer for one's sins. His religion clearly teaches that the responsibility for one's wrong-doings rests permanently on one's own shoulders. Too easy forgiveness, such as Christianity appears to teach, may lead to such excesses as the sale of indulgences by mediaeval catholicism and the shallow "justification by faith alone" of some modern protestantism. Mr. Singh does not hold with the kind of religion which does not inculcate personal responsibility, and is without serious repentance or restitution!

Mr. Singh is right, of course, in his criticisms, but the fact remains that I need a Saviour, and so does he! If I were to carry the responsibility of my sins on my own shoulders, it would be a burden too heavy to bear. No man can save himself by ethical conduct and acts of devotion. It is here that Mr. Singh and I find that we are facing in different directions, for I have turned my face to the Cross of Calvary, and to the Saviour whose death atones for my sins. Mine may be an old-fashioned religion to him, but it has a theology of redemption.

I would be less than Christian if I failed to recognise that our Mr. Singh can teach me much of real value. I can recognise this, and learn from him. But Mr. Singh needs my Saviour just as much as I do, and I would be less than Christian if I failed to commend the Lord Jesus Christ to him, as the world's only Saviour.

accommodation, he was prepared to accept his position as the will of God, and therefore in some way for his good. In accordance with his religion, he made a conscious surrender of himself to the will of God each day. He exhibited a tranquility of mind such as few Christians have, even though "casting all your care upon him for he careth for you" is in the Christian Bible, and not in his sacred literature.

He was prepared to accept our hospitality graciously, and for that we were thankful. He probably felt that we were, to some extent, storing up virtue against the day of need, but he also recognised hospitality as part of a religion of service, for this has its counterpart in the Sikh religion.

He assured us that meals are available free in every Sikh temple. Though the food may not be luxurious, king and commoner may share together in that which is available, regardless of wealth or position. The true Sikh is expected to serve others. His ideal is not to let his body freeze in Himalayan snows as an act of devotion, but to use himself in the service of suffering humanity.

From all this it might be assumed that Mr. Singh's religion has more in its favor

### WORLD Y.W.C.A. ACTS ON REFUGEES

(Melbourne). Deep concern for the suffering of Middle East refugees was voiced by delegates attending the quadrennial meeting of the World Y.W.C.A., held here.

Coupled with a plea that these displaced persons be allowed a "speedy return to their former places of residence," was a recommendation that national Y.W.C.A.'s press their governments to give full support to the United Nations' Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for its increased budget.

The Council was attended by 250 delegates from 52 countries and fraternal delegates from a number of other world organisations.—E.P.S.

### W.A. versus POVERTY

The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Perth, Australia, voted unanimously to give one per cent of the next year's revenue to combat world poverty. A number of religious bodies in Australia have been trying recently to persuade the government to undertake a similar commitment.—E.P.S.

### LUTHERAN CENSUS

The number of baptized Lutherans in the world during 1967 totalled 74.4 million. Some countries had marked gains, but decreases in other areas — notably among United Evangelical Churches in East Germany — caused a world decrease of 20,665 members. Membership in the U.S. and Canada, Africa and Australasia increased. But Europe's membership (the largest of any continent) declined, along with drops in Asia and Latin America.—E.P.S.

### REFORMATION CELEBRATIONS

(Berlin). Despite State-imposed limitations, religious celebrations to mark the 450th anniversary of the Reformation will take place in Wittenberg at the end of October.

This was confirmed by the Church Preparatory Commission under the chairmanship of Bishop Johannes Janicke and Bishop Gottfried Noth. However, not all the guests from abroad invited by the church can count on receiving entry visas. All responsibility for the decision to reduce the number of guests "rests solely with the State authorities," they said.—E.P.S.

## TOO SERIOUS FOR EMOTION

By Dr. DESMOND CROWLEY

One of the facts about human behaviour that Dr. Sigmund Freud drew to our attention was the remarkable capacity of human beings to forget things they don't want to remember. I was reminded of this recently when I read reports of the press conference given by America's computer-trained Secretary for Defence Mr. MacNamara.

The main reaction of those present was paralysing horror as Mr. MacNamara reeled off nightmarish facts and figures about the current situation on nuclear warfare. It sounded like the wildest imaginings of science fiction; yet all the reporters knew the picture revealed was true. Curiously the listeners were thunderstruck despite the fact that little that was said was new. We knew the main features of the story before: it's just that we've all forgotten.

One of MacNamara's remarks was that he doesn't let emotion cloud his view of the nuclear scene — he can't afford to: it's too serious.

The revolutionary aspect of nuclear warfare is that there is no real defence against it. Any nation starting a nuclear war knows for certain that it will bring frightful destruction upon itself. To start a nuclear war is an act of national suicide.

Some of the decisions that have to be made arising from this part are macabre and fantastic. The current problem for

the United States is whether to set up Nike anti-missile defence systems for several of its main cities or its launching areas knowing that these systems are likely only to be partly effective (if only one missile in 50 gets through the result is still devastation) and bearing in mind their fantastic cost.

To cover one city alone would cost \$4,500 million. The Russians are reported to be setting up defence systems for Moscow and Leningrad. They also claim to have developed a satellite that can launch ten or more missiles in different directions from space, and it is highly doubtful that present defence systems would be effective against this kind of attack.

By the end of this year the Russians will have about 520 land-launched inter-continental missiles to the American 1,054. Taking submarine-launched types into account, the American stocks outnumber the Russian by a 2.6 to one ratio; but the Russians also have 750 medium-range missiles targeted on Western Europe.

When I used to lecture about these matters a few years ago, I found that people did not want to hear about them. They felt there was nothing they could do about the situation. Subconsciously we bury our knowledge of it into an obscure corner of our minds. So let's forget about it again, until Mr. MacNamara calls another press conference.

### FEDERAL FOCUS

#### EXCITING SYDNEY

Earlier this month I saw Sydney from a new viewpoint. It was the panoramic view from the 32nd floor of Sydney's round building arising from Australia Square. The "A.C." Editor and I were able to walk around the floor to take in whatever aspect we wished. We could oversee other large city projects in the rapidly developing Quay end of Sydney — large in themselves — but shrinking from the vantage point of more than 300 feet.

When you visit Sydney, in October, 1968, the elevators will take you, at the rate of two floors per second, half as high again to see the city, the metropolis, the harbour, the mountains, and the ocean.

The Sydney Arrangements Committee is at work for the 32nd Federal Conference. Posters will now be appearing on church notice boards. Registration forms will soon be available. No need to delay registering until you are quite certain that you can be in Sydney — October 16-22 next year. Non-attending registered members assist Conference and the ongoing work of the brotherhood. You will be informed about preparations and receive the Report Book. Even if it now seems unlikely, you may later find yourself able to attend.

Tourism is a growing and a significant industry. Sydney provides well for the tourist. Some ministers, both in departmental and local work, and some seriously minded laymen with a keen sense of brotherhood service, become concerned with associating Federal Conference with tourism. True, for many of us who are really involved in the whole programme of Federal Conference, and its associated sectional conferences, this week is too packed to allow for sight-seeing.

Those churches who send their ministers to Conference — and there is an increasing number of these — might be assured that there is a full enough programme to occupy them. There does, however, remain a welcome place in Federal Conference activities for those who are engaging in purposive tourism. Many plan this as their holiday time and "combine business and pleasure" — the business of the Kingdom, and the pleasures of travel and fellowship, entering into the life of the Federal brotherhood and the organised scenic outings. We do not apologise for giving meaning to and benefiting from tourism.

Preparations for Federal Conference involve us in planning both for the particular Conference and for the total number of conferences as being the expression — as far as this is possible — of Australian Churches of Christ. The Arrangements Committee in the city to which Conference next comes assures an expression of that city and those churches that make up the host State. The closest harmony is sought between the 32nd Federal Conference Committee and the Federal Executive to try to express ourselves as an Australian brotherhood.

In the meantime, as we prepare for the coming Conference and, at least in some ways, reshape its programme, it is our prayer that Sydney may prove exciting. There are areas in the life of the church today where the deep healing ministry of the Holy Spirit is needed for its unity and mission. Forgiveness, renewal, new insights, challenges to personal loyalty and commitment could be our individual and common experiences in the Sydney Town Hall, Oct. 16-22, 1968.

—E. W. Roffey.

### BOYS' SUNDAY NOV. 5, 1967

(Vic.). The idea of Boys' Sunday was first suggested by the late Will Newham in 1960. The aims put forward were:—

1. To bring to the attention of the local church, and the community, the place and the importance of boys.
2. To uphold the boy, for his present worth and future possibilities.
3. To challenge the church to re-affirm its ministry to boys everywhere.
4. To remind the boys and leaders of the local Explorer Club, that they are a part of the life and work of the local church.
5. To offer to the boys of the local club (and the church) an occasion of special challenge with the gospel and a call for commitment to the Master.
6. To offer a special occasion when boys and their families can be confronted with the claims of the gospel on all of their lives.

In carrying out these aims, Boys' Sunday has been observed by means of Special Evening Services; Father and Son Teas; Morning Dedication Services; Family Teas, etc.

Each year the Department offers ideas and suggestions to ministers and club leaders, as to ways in which Boys' Sunday can be observed.

### ◦ GRAHAM CRUSADE MEET THE TEAM RALLY

(Melb.). A Rally will be held in the Melb. Town Hall on Wed., Nov. 1, at 7.45 p.m., to meet and hear team members of the Graham Crusade.

They will be flying to Aust. from the Tokyo International Crusade, and include Cliff Barrows, Walter Smyth, Tedd Smith and Jimmy McDonald.

Group reservations can be made at the Crusade Office, 130 Bourke-st., Melb., Vic., 3000. Phone 32-1981.

# APOLLOS

BY F. LANGFORD

Apollos was a man of profound mind and great oratorical genius. He was born in Alexandria, and received his education and training in the philosophical school of Judaism which flourished at the time in that city. It is more than likely that he was a student of the celebrated Alexandrian teacher, Philo, who was a contemporary of the apostles.

Apollos was learned and zealous, and of all the leaders of the church in apostolic times to whom the title, "apostle" is not ordinarily given, he is undoubtedly the greatest.

## Distinctive Characteristics

The Acts narrative says, "Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures." The study of the Old Testament flourished in Alexandria, and Apollos had great power and skill in the exposition and application of these scriptures. Also, "he had been instructed in the way of the Lord and taught accurately the facts about Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John," the Baptist, and not that of Jesus.

John's baptism with water was a symbol of cleansing and repentance in preparation for the coming of Messiah. Apollos was not aware that Christian converts were baptized into the name of Jesus. Nor had he a personal knowledge of the specifically Christian experience of the possession of the Holy Spirit, which was normally consequent upon Christian baptismal confession.

He was a Christian only to the extent that he knew and accepted the baptism of John. But though imperfectly acquainted with the doctrines of Christianity, Apollos yet spoke and debated in the synagogue with power and courage, which attracted the attention of the two Jewish Christians — the tent-makers — Priscilla and Aquila.

## Readiness to Keep on Learning

Acts says, "When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and expounded to him the way of God more perfectly." The Spirit of God had moved these two people to give Apollos better instruction about Jesus. They knew the doctrine of Christ fully and practised the life of

Mr. Langford is a Victorian minister whose latest church was Belmont. Ill-health has caused him to confine himself to interim services.

Christ as well as any could emulate the Master's example.

Paul had undoubtedly, by his preaching and teaching, given with authority and conviction, increased the knowledge of Priscilla and Aquila regarding Christ. This knowledge they passed on to Apollos to whose credit it can be said that, as a candid seeker after truth, he was ready to receive correction. He learned that John's baptism had attached to it no promise of the Holy Spirit; this was one of the distinctive features of Christian baptism.

Apollos showed humility of spirit in his readiness to share the home of the tent-makers and receive further instruction. As a result, Apollos, the man who knew Jesus imperfectly, came to know him as a living presence, and his power as a preacher must have increased as to his knowledge was added the power of the Holy Spirit.

## More Efficiently Equipped

Apollos had so thoroughly profited by that reflection of Paul's teaching which he had caught from Priscilla and Aquila that, in his contact with and his preaching to the hostile Jews, he proved, from their scriptures, and with an irresistible conviction, the Messiahship of Christ. Thus he watered what Paul had planted.

Apollos left Ephesus and journeyed to Corinth where he preached with much success. Acts says, "When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully confuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ."

Some unhappy incident made Apollos leave Corinth, where his learning and eloquence had won him much influence and greatly advanced the cause of Christ.

## Apollos and Paul One in Service

Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth urged the Christians there, "not to company with fornicators." Perhaps partly because of information given by Apollos, Paul wrote this letter.

Paul had gathered from members of the household of Chloe that the unity of the church at Corinth was marred by party spirit, some declaring they were followers of Paul, others of Apollos, others of Peter. Christians were going to law with Christians, and there were some at Corinth who thought that Christian liberty was an excuse for moral laxity.

Neither Paul nor Apollos nor Peter desired to be party leaders. In all probability Apollos did not return to Corinth because of this party strife. He unwittingly may have gathered some of the Christians around him because of his eloquence, brilliance and power, and his presence may have furthered their divisive attitude.

Paul speaks of Apollos with warm sympathy and admiration, and evidently appreciated why he would not re-visit Corinth in spite of pressing invitations. This reveals something of the oneness between them. For both of them the message of the gospel of Christ is far beyond the preacher. It is Christ, not the preacher, who must be exalted and win favor.

It is interesting to note that Paul would have liked Apollos to return to Corinth because of his eloquence and love for the gospel message. In 1 Cor. 16: 12 Paul says, "As for my brother, Apollos, I urged him to visit you with the other brethren, but his will was not at all to come at this time." There was a strong affinity between Paul and Apollos. Paul was anxious to have Apollos, as a man of weight, in the Corinthian church, in charge of his letter. But Apollos steadfastly declined to go, fearing that his presence might aggravate instead of allaying the troubles.

Paul's love toward and confidence in Apollos are indicated also in his letter to Titus. In 3: 13, Paul says, "Do your best to speed Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their way; see they lack nothing."

Dr. Alexander Whyte says, "I would far rather have Apollos' humble mind and quiet heart, at that supreme moment of his life, than all his gold medals, first-class certificates, and all his crowds to boot. What a noble young Christian gentleman Apollos at that moment proved himself to be."

## INTERSTATE NEWS . . .

### MINISTER COMING

(Marrickville, N.S.W.). Roy Dixon, of Hawthorn, S.A., has formally accepted a ministry at this church, to commence Jan., 1968. M. J. Bedwell will leave in Nov. for holidays, prior to commencing at Albion, Qld. . . . The C.W.F. completed their outfit for an Aboriginal girl. Much of the clothing is beautifully made and knitted. Donations of money and other items were also made . . . A delightfully informal meeting was held as a garden party, with tables and colored umbrellas completing the setting in a member's garden . . . The last two missionary meetings were "Vietnam Profile," by World Vision, and Ambassadors for Christ. The offering is presented to the visiting Missionary Society . . . Members are hard at work renovating the church in time for the S.S. anniversary . . . The Girls' Brigade attended their annual sports carnival, and have held a church parade, when two pioneers took part.

### 60 DOZ. LAMINGTONS

(Croydon, Vic.). Sept. 16 was "Lamington Day," when Intermediate girls made and sold over 60 dozen, to support an Indian girl . . . The film, "Crossroads of History," was screened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, to raise money for a projector for Home Missions . . . Margaret Baxter is home after an appendicitis operation . . . C.W.E.F. members met for a further sewing night at the home of Mrs. Tibbals. On Sept. 20, members took the meeting at Montrose. . . . A further two after-church discussion groups were held on Sept. 10 and 17.

### POST CONVENTION

(Harcourt, Vic.). Fellowship was enjoyed with a number of visitors who remained with the Convention in Castle-maine . . . B.S. anniversary, on Sept. 24, had A. Graham (Ballarat) as guest speaker . . . For health reasons, the minister, C. W. Jackel, has been granted three weeks' leave of absence.

### SIX ADDITIONS

(Hartwell, Vic.). The church witnessed baptism of four ladies on Sept. 24, and in response to the invitation two more young women made their confession and were baptized on Oct. 1. World Communion Sunday was observed on Oct. 1. Two special hymns were sung, one written recently in U.S.A., and the other an old Indian liturgy set to music . . . The Good Companions won combined outdoor athletic sports held at Royal Park Oval . . . C.Y.F. met for tea at home of Dr. and Mrs. Mansell; guest speaker, Mrs. P. Cole, Social Worker, spoke on "Social Workers and Poverty."

### YOUTH GROUP STUDIES

(N.S.W.). The Director of Dept. of Christian Educ., Bruce Armstrong, announces the release throughout the State of preparatory Bible Study series on "The Book of Acts," for use among all youth groups. Large numbers shared in the six conveniently-placed "Discipleship Rallies" conducted in the Sydney-Wollongong area on Sept. 22. Preparation and Co-operation are key-notes as N.S.W. young people are being used in planning for the Billy Graham Crusade next April.

## REFORMATION FEATURES

The N.S.W. Council of Churches is planning special services to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, launched in Germany in 1517 when Martin Luther made his courageous bid for religious freedom. Churches of Christ will be sharing in this important occasion.

### JOSEPH WHELAN LECTURES

(N.S.W.). For some years now the Ministers' Fraternal has conducted an annual refresher for all ministers in the State, known as the "Joseph Whelan Memorial Lectureship," in honor of a former faithful minister of the church at Chatswood. This year, from Oct. 2 to 5, at "Naamaroo" Camp Site, the President of the Fraternal, Ernest Plenderleith, B.D., led the sessions, and Dr. James Jauncey, of Qld., was lecturer on theme, "The Conservative Faith Today."

### NEW PLANS AT PADDINGTON

(N.S.W.). Changing situations in the inner-suburban life of Sydney have taken their toll at Paddington, a church with a long and illustrious history. However, with the closure of the local branch of the Sydney City Mission, the small band at Paddington has accepted the challenge of increasing responsibility, with an influx in the B.S. and youth clubs. During winter months cottage meetings have been held on Wednesday evenings and, in addition to the normal Sunday services, an Open Air Witness has been maintained on Sunday afternoons by the student-minister, George Elliott, of Woolwich College, with the aid of amplifying equipment.

### FATHER and SON LEAD

(Maldstone, Vic.). Father and Son team presided at communion table on Oct. 1: Robert Geake (sen.) and Robert Geake (Jnr.). Many of our families assist in this way . . . Ladies held a Mini-Market on Sept. 15 which raised \$250. Church members supported this effort magnificently . . . The minister, D. White, took Youth Club on a bike hike . . . Cottage prayer meetings have been organised at various home in the district . . . Boys' cricket club has been formed.

### C.W.F. HIGHLIGHTS IN N.S.W.

SEPTEMBER MEETING followed the W.C.W.F. Anniversary Service on "Faith, Hope, Love." Afterward, Mrs. Taylor (Aborigine Supt.) highlighted the work. Beautiful parcels of clothing, etc., for Aborigines Missions were brought in.

CAMP ECHOES QUIET DAY for Newcastle and district had ladies from as far as Sydney and Taree. Theme: "The Whole of Life Sanctified by the Word of God and Prayer." A special privilege was the presence of Federal Personnel — Pres., Sec., Treas., and Editress. Mayfield hospitality was much appreciated.

CONVENTION DAY, on Sept. 21, in the lovely new Auburn church, was attended by 160. Several ladies demonstrated how they, or their Fellowships, were using "Talents" to serve the Lord in various ways (revealing at the same time, some "hidden talents" in public speaking.) After lunch, Mr. Howlett, President of the Christian Television Association, presented prayer-provoking points about this tremendous avenue of Christian outreach.—P.H.

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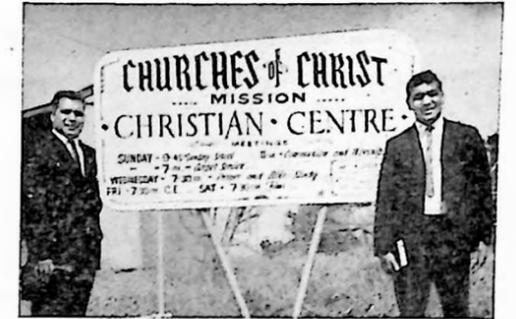
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### OPENING OF NEW HALL —

## Norseman Christian Centre



Alan Bonney and Sonny Graham at the Sign outside Norseman Christian Centre Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 16, marked a further stage of the development of Norseman Christian Centre, in the Opening of a Hall, with seating for 300. At Convention gatherings, Aboriginal people gather from hundreds of miles away, and the hall's capacity will be taxed to the ut-

most. However, it will be used regularly for Sunday services and weeknight activities throughout the year.

The Norseman mission "family" of about 85, plans to travel nine miles into town for B.S. and church services. They will combine with the "Centre" Church of adult native families, of whom around 70 to 80 usually attend the services. Other whites and Aborigines will share with them.

The Chairman of the Federal Board, A. M. Bell, who has been actively interested in the Norseman work from its inception, performed the opening. D. G. Hammer gave the address. In the evening, a gospel film was shown, and decisions were recorded at this and the Sunday services.



Entrance Porch — New Hall.

The Mission B.S. celebrated its anniversary on Sept. 17, with singing led by D. P. Butler. The new hall was well filled, even with the B.S. on the platform. Visitors were present from as far afield as Leonora in the north, and Esperance to the south. L. Austin, minister at Applecross, was speaker. He remained for several days afterwards to share in the devotional fellowship with the Mission staff.

With the completion of the hall, Norseman Christian Centre has a set of buildings occupying 180 feet of frontage to the main street of the town. Next to the hall is the building previously used as a Centre.

The small hall, opening directly to the street, will still be used for meetings and will house the day-to-day activities. The quarters at the rear of this building are occupied by our newest missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dennis. Next door again is a house in the process of renovation, occupied by the Superintendent of the Centre, and his wife and family (Mr and Mrs. K. Stevenson). The remaining building is a small separate flat to be repaired for the use of visitors.

Keith Stevenson, even with the splendid help from the missionaries at the Children's Home, has had a long and difficult building job in the construction of the hall. He was delayed for several periods, having to go to hospital for surgery. He is now well again. With the arrival of another carpenter, Len Dennis, the remaining work to put the buildings in good order should soon be completed.

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## OPEN FORUM

### SPECIAL TREATMENT.

To the Editor,

It is difficult to comprehend this questioning of so-called special privileges. My experience has been that most of our ministers have found extreme difficulty in maintaining their families in sub-standard comfort to that enjoyed by their members who chose to fulfil their Christian obligations by doling out to the church a small portion of their fuller incomes.

I have yet to meet one of our ministers who would not have been much better off financially in a commercial job. Now they are just beyond the "hand-out" stage suffered for years. Why worry about any gestures of appreciation they receive? Some Professional men (and not necessarily members of the church) wouldn't think of rendering an account for medical or dental services.

For a minister of religion to be forced into a combatant part in war would be completely irreconcilable, as governments have recognised for years, but thank God they are there as chaplains to offset some of the brutalizing effect of military service on young minds.

—P. C. Williams, Qld.

## Down with Sermons!

(London). Southwark Cathedral, on Sunday evenings, until the end of September, 1968, will not be used for a service of worship.

There will be no organ voluntary, no prayers, no sermon. Instead there will be a Forum to discuss, demonstrate and explore the themes of Service, Unity, Education, Music, Communication, the Arts.

Entitled "Honest to Man," the programme will be partly on a platform in the middle of the audience, and partly amongst them with a roving microphone. The evening will commence at 6.30, and at 7.45 there will be a break, when people can either go home or stay for refreshments and take part in small group discussions.

The Provost of Southwark, the Very Rev. Ernest Southcott, sees "Sunday Nights in Southwark" as an exploration into the Cathedral as a "temple of dialogue." It has added point now when most congregations question the effectiveness of conventional Sunday evening worship.—E.P.S.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### IS THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD?

To the Editor,

*My wife dragged me along to hear a man advertised as a "noted evangelical" passionately proving that the Bible is the Word of God. In spite of his arguments, I still believe that the Bible is the Word of God.*

*I wish people would stop trying to defend the Bible. Their specious arguments look so cheap and tawdry set alongside the Word itself. In trying to be friends of the Bible, it is easy to become its unconscious enemies and to turn thinking people away from it. C. H. Spurgeon said he would as soon defend a lion as defend the Bible. "Let it loose," he said. "It will defend itself!"*

*My problem is not in accepting the Bible as the Word of God. My problem is, "If the Bible is the Word of God, what is God really saying?" God is alleged by his friends to be saying many different things about baptism, the second coming, loving your enemies (except the Viet Cong!), church government, the atonement, salvation and Christian behaviour. And we all quote the texts that fit our theories on these matters, and ignore the passages that don't.*

*I spend restless hours wondering what God is really saying, and wondering if we will ever learn to give over our little theories, and find out together, under the Holy Spirit, what is God's Word. I have a hunch that more of us will become clearer about what God is saying on the great controversial issues when we are each ready to listen to what God is trying to say to us personally and privately from his Word.*

*I must confess that I am so often busy talking at length about what I am sure God is saying on all the controversial issues that I don't have time to listen to the uncomfortable things he is trying to say to me.*

Mr. Editor, when did you last defend the Bible?

TERTIUS.

### DR. BOWES TO ASSIST D.C.E.

(Vic.-Tas.). The Dept. of Christian Educ. for Vic.-Tas., advises the appointment of Dr. Keith Bowes, in a part-time capacity as "Consultant," for the period to the end of 1968. It should be understood that this work is an extra done by Dr. Bowes in addition to his full-time ministry at the College of the Bible, to help the Department in an interim situation.

Though the Department is without a full-time Director at the moment, the committee members have been organised so that assistance is still readily available. Do not hesitate to contact the Department secretary, Miss Val Williams.

Dr. Bowes will give some limited assistance in the period prior to Christmas, and will be available for Sunday appointments and consultation at specific times during 1968. All enquiries should be directed to the secretary.

### BROADCAST APPRECIATED

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). Appreciative reports have been received following evening broadcast over 2CH on Oct. 1, with C. G. Taylor, minister, as preacher . . . Church has been saddened recently by deaths of three elderly members . . . Team of members shared in house collections for Freedom From Hunger appeal . . . Careful preparations preceded Christian Life Week, with G. R. Stirling, Canberra, which began on Oct. 10 with a church family dinner. Emphasis of programme is on informal encounter in special evenings for ladies, men, young adults and youth.

### MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Burwood, N.S.W.). A "Missionary Outreach Convention," Sept. 22-24, featured graphic Vietnamese film, "Jungle Beachhead," and a newly released film from Nigerian mission fields entitled, "Choose Ye This Day." Slides of "The New Hebrides" were presented by former missionary-nurse, Miss Pauline Jones. Guest speaker was Rev. Arthur Deane, Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College. Others who shared were Miss Esme Harris, recently returned from service in Jauan, the Burwood Boys' Brigade Choir, Miss E. Renton, and Woolwich College Singers. The final challenging service was presided over by the minister, Frank L. Ewers, and addressed by Arthur Deane.

### CHURCH FOCUS ON OLD AGE

(East Vict. Park, W.A.). The church sponsored a significant look at old age, its problems and opportunities, Sept. 22-24. Speakers were R. Davies, M.L.A.; Dr. P. W. Burvill, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, Univ. of W.A.; Dr. P. Chappell, Supt., Woorloo Hospital; Dr. D. V. Hawkes, Psychologist; and R. Vincent, B.A., Dip. Soc.Sc. The programme included a social Saturday afternoon for Senior Citizens. . . . The Prayer Group combined with Carlisle Church of England for Bible Week . . . C.W.F. had a day of sewing for Social Service at the Christian Centre . . . Perth Bible Institute led prayer meeting with slides and testimonies . . . S.S. Anniversary was held Oct. 1 and 3.

### SECRETARY DEMOTED?

(Ascot Vale, Vic.). Not really, although Basil Sterling, who has been secretary of the church for past 25 years, is now assistant-secretary. He stepped down from the office he has served so well for so long and is acting as assist.-sec. to enable the new secretary, Bob Jeffares, to become established. Mr. Sterling will also remain as circuit secretary for the Ascot Vale-Newmarket churches, and is supt. of the S.S. Mrs. Sterling has begun a long period of convalescence at home after surgery . . . Roy Williams, an officer of the church, collapsed whilst assisting during a communion service at Ascot Vale, and suffered a stroke. He is a patient at Royal Melb. Hosp., where he is making slow but steady progress.

### MINISTERS' WIVES' ASSOC.

(Melb.). The Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Wives' Association will meet on Monday, Oct. 16, at 11.30 a.m., at the Brotherhood Centre, Melb.

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### UNITY FORUM.

It was clear in our discussions about unity that we have been so widely separated for such a long time that we really have difficulty in recognising one another as children of the same parental movement. More than one speaker made it clear that he and his brethren felt able to preach restoration of the New Testament church with little or no reference to the Campbells, Scott, or Stone. . . . One speaker said that restoration is a Biblical principle. This isn't to say, he clarified, that there was ever a time when everything was perfect and there were no problems in the church. However, it is possible, he feels, "to be Christian, plus nothing, minus nothing, and divided by nothing."

One who felt that Alexander Campbell was more influential in our present situation than others had thought, said that certain conclusions could be reached. Either five of the six "wings" of the movement represented (at the Forum) are wrong, or all six — or Campbell was inconsistent. The speaker believed the latter to be the case. Thus our tensions come, in part, from our insistence upon different portions of Campbell's teaching, at different moments of his career.

—"The Christian."

### FROM A NEW EDITOR.

Readers may feel that there ought to be a way in which the editor could display "L Plates," as there may be steering faults and errors of judgment apparent weeks or months to come . . .

I hope the "Christian Advocate" will continue to be a lively reflection of our churches' thinking and activity, to provide a forum for reasoned exchange of view, and to help us to be aware of and sensitive to the currents of ecumenical progress.

—Arthur L. Brown, "Christian Advocate" (U.K.).

### THE BIBLE AND ROME.

The Biblical renewal in the Roman Church began with this century, but it is since the Second World War that we have seen the movement . . . expand in an unexpected way . . . The way is open, officially, for scientific translations of the Bible from original texts. . . . It was in 1950 that the Bible Societies first became conscious of a change of climate on the Roman side. On the occasion of the meeting of European secretaries organised in Vienna by the UBS, a pioneer of the Biblical movement, Pius Parsch, of the monastery of Klosterneuburg, was invited to speak of his experiences in the field of Bible study and distribution. A new Catholicism appeared before our eyes; a Catholicism which loved the Bible and devoted itself to the encouragement of Bible reading and distribution; a Biblical evangelical Catholicism with which contact was immediate and real.

—United Bible Societies Bulletin.

### THE HIPPIES.

"There's a whole generation with a new explanation," says a hippie song; and indeed there is . . . The hippies are a bold question mark blazoned over the sharp collision between the practiced and the professed values of American life. The hippies have translated vague disquiet and disgruntled talk into simple actions which show the depth of their dissent and the earnestness of their search for an alternative. The emphatic passivity of their highly personal actions is an arrow aimed at the heart of a complacent society.

Several observers have noted that hippie ideals are similar at many points to early Christian ideals. If the hippies often fail to live up to their own love ethic the Corinthian Christians also made a poor record . . . The hippie subculture may

be seen as confused and vulnerable, but it would be a grave error to dismiss it as isolated or ineffectual.

—The Christian Century.

### WHAT IS CONVERSION?

Recently in America, the Ecumenical Evangelism Conference, held in the American Baptist Assembly, discussed the meaning of conversion. Dr. Willis E. Elliott, author and preacher, and Dr. Leighton Ford, Graham Crusade evangelist, came up with some answers.

They declared as "myth" the following:

o That conversion must conform to a single model.

o That conversion means "saving souls" as though souls existed without bodies, rather than saving persons in relationship.

o That conversion is a three-way chronological sequence — first to God, then to self, and then to neighbour.

o That conversion is a momentary experience, a static thing existing in memory, rather than being also a movement, a process, a dynamic turning.

o That individual conversion must precede social transformation in all instances, and that changing individuals is the way to change society.

o That conversion is merely a private matter, as though it were concerned only for the individual in a one to one relation to God, aiming to save the individual in detachment from the neighbour.

—"Australian Baptist."

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### • STORYTIME

## GENERAL TO PARTICULAR

The timber company painted its name on each end of its logs and floated them down river from the hills to the sawmill. Between the hills and the sawmill there was a town, and the townspeople helped themselves to logs from the river, cut the ends off the logs and then built houses with the timber. The minister in the town learned what was happening, and was distressed that his congregation should do such a thing. He preached a sermon on the text, "Thou shalt not steal." The congregation thanked him warmly and congratulated him on a fine sermon. The next Sunday, the minister preached on the text: "Thou shalt not cut the ends off other people's logs." The congregation sacked him and ran him out of town.

## MENTALLY RETARDED AIDED

(Dandenong, Vic.). The Evening C.W.F. repeated their birthday concert programme, assisted by professional artists, to aid the Mentally Retarded Children's Centre . . . The 75th church anniversary, on Sept. 25, had G. H. Gilmour and A. F. Cant as guest speakers. The choir from the Dutch Reformed Church at Dandenong also sang at afternoon service. Miss Dianne Price made her decision . . . A Talent Day, organised by C.W.F., raised \$65 for the C.W.F. missionary project for Ranwadi, New Hebrides. . . . Two young ladies were baptized on Sept. 10 . . . The Good Companions stall outside the church raised \$40 for Blankets for Shrigonda Girls' Home, India. The church continues to send parcels to Indian missionaries . . . "With Him in the Garden," a lovely audio-visual, photographed by L. Dunn, was used at an evening service . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Effie Williams.

## ROSS MANNING IN N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Manning, of the B. and F. B. S. in Nigeria, Africa, have visited N.S.W. Mr. Manning, a South Australian, served for some years on the mission field in the Belgian Congo, and is at the present time the Bible Society representative in Nigeria and the West African area. Mr. and Mrs. Manning and son visited Woolwich and spoke to the students on Nigeria, and on distribution of Scriptures and translations.

## AUCTION FOR ORGAN

(Nambour, Qld.). Every six weeks an auction is held at homes of church members. Proceeds from these enjoyable functions go to paying off the electric organ. Many visitors from the south have been welcomed recently . . . C.W.F. held a birthday luncheon on Sept. 15, at which Mrs. Plint, of Redcliffe, was guest speaker . . . At the recent annual meeting the following were elected to office: R. Bull, chairman; P. Rattray, secretary, and K. Winter, treasurer . . . At the annual meeting of C.W.F., Mrs. Usher was re-elected president; Mrs. Winter, vice-pres.; Mrs. Duhs, sec.; Mrs. King, minute sec., and Mrs. R. Bull, treas.

## THINGS TO COME

### OCTOBER: NEW SOUTH WALES

27—Dept. of Men's Work, N.S.W., Annual Dinner, Enmore.  
29—Reformation Sunday in churches in N.S.W.

### OCTOBER: VICTORIA

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.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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

## WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

## EDITORIAL COMMENT . . .

### HALT THE BOMBING!

When the U.S. forces in Vietnam announced that North Vietnam would be bombed, it was confidently asserted that this action would quickly bring the North to the conference table.

This expectation is not now given any real weight even by those who were most confident that this was the quick way to end the slow war. In fact, the "hawks" now admit that bombs will not bring the enemy to the table. But, they say, the bombing will surely let the North Viets know that they are in a war! Since punishment and destruction cannot be accepted as ends in themselves, the further reason is given that the bombing raids will reduce the capacity of North Vietnam to send men and supplies to the south.

To complicate matters still further it was revealed recently that leaflets had been dropped on villages north of the border advising the villagers to escape the bombing by going south, where they would be welcomed and resettled. The leaflet did not give any advice as to how anyone who accepted the offer could get safely across the demilitarized zone where anything that moves is shot at. This intimidation of the villagers did not even make sense.

The Australian Government view is that the only advantage of a bombing pause would accrue to the Viet Cong, which could build up its forces, arms and supplies. The Government does not admit the possibility that a pause could lead to negotiation.

Against this, eighteen nations, including six of America's NATO allies, have called for an end to the bombing of the north. U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, the Pope, and a great host of individuals and organisations of influence and integrity have also urged a bombing pause as an indispensable prelude to talks for peace.

The bombing of North Vietnam is as much an invasion as would be that of land forces, and its justification on any grounds is dubious in the extreme. Since it doesn't even have the worldly virtue of success, it is high time that the U.S. listened to the voices of morality and good sense and stopped the bombing.

### OUR WORLD BROTHERHOOD

From the U.S.A. comes word that the American Vice-President of the World Convention, Dr. Raymond McCallister, and his wife, will visit Britain. He is one of nine Protestant ministers from the States who will participate in an inter-denominational programme of ecumenism and goodwill between British and American churches. He will be in the pulpits of Anglican, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. Dr. McCallister is senior minister of the great church at Webster Groves in St. Louis.

Donald K. Beller and Mrs. Beller, of Adelaide, will attend the N.Z. Dominion Conference of our churches, and will be speaking in the interests of the World Convention. He will show slides of S.A., and invite the New Zealanders to be with us in 1970.

The World Convention Executive which meets in Adelaide, is made up of the following:

World President: Sir Phillip Messent.

President of World C.W.F.: Mrs. E. V. Lawton.

Australian Secretary: I. J. Chivell.

Committee members: P. McDonald (Transport Officer); Rolf Peacock, jr. (Treasurer); E. P. C. Holland (Publicity Officer); W. L. Brune; C. H. J. Wright; D. K. Beller; Geo. Mathleson, jr.

The new International President of C.E. is Elwood Dunn. Mr. Dunn is the minister of our church in Ferndale, Michigan, U.S.A. Over 1,500 young peo-

ple from U.S.A., Canada, Mexico and Northern Ireland attended the C.E. Convention where Mr. Dunn was elected to the Presidency.

A poster is to be placed in the foyer of all Churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand featuring the Adelaide World Convention. The poster will change each year.

### ASSIST.-MATRON, BOYS' HOME

(N.S.W.). The Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel Committee, N.S.W., has announced that Mrs. Carr has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Boys' Home, "Dunmore House," Pendle Hill. She will not only be a great help to Matron Williams, but is expected to take over from her when she retires at the end of the year.

The Manager's new cottage is now complete, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton occupy the new home. The former residence is more than 100 years old.

### ORGAN GIFT

(Chelsea, Vic.). A memorial gift, a delightful electronic organ, has been presented to the church, adding greatly to worshipful atmosphere . . . Conf. Pres., G. H. Gilmour and Wally White were recent speakers . . . An important stage in Forward Move Programme has been reached in the purchase of adjoining property for extensions . . . Explorers and Good Companions participated in outdoor sports at Royal Park . . . Prayer meetings for the Billy Graham Crusade have been commenced in two homes.

## TASMANIAN WOMEN'S CAMP

Over the weekend, Sept. 15-17, 36 women from six churches gather at Kelso for the 4th Tasmanian Women's Camp. Four ladies came for the Saturday from Launceston, making 40 altogether.

Our study theme, "A Living Faith," was written and introduced by the camp study leader, Mrs. Dorothy Heard. All appreciated the discussions and the experiences shared.

The hilarious times of relaxation were matched by the moving moments of devotion. The annual camp has become a feature of the Women's Fellowship year in Tasmania as a means of consolidating past friendships and making new ones and introducing them to the good experiences of camp fellowship.—Shirley Cooke.

## DEVONPORT DISCIPLESHIP

(Devonport, Tas.). Three girls were baptized in August, and later received into fellowship . . . A number of B.B. boys and officers went hiking to Mt. Roland. Heavy rain did not dampen spirits . . . At weeknight meeting, Mr. and Mrs. R. Head showed slides on Wycliffe Bible Translation work . . . One week the study fellowship group combined with Ulverstone at Ulverstone, when the speaker was Miss D. Geyer, from India . . . Church has appreciated help given by visiting and local brethren in preaching . . . On Sept. 17, B.B. personnel paraded at evening service.

## MAYOR TO OPEN COTTAGE

(Qld.). The first units in the "Golden Age Retirement Village," at Southport, will soon be opened by The Mayor of the Gold Coast, Alderman Bruce Small. The occupants have the name "Emmaus" for their cottage.

## SOCIAL SERVICE, N.S.W.

Among the more notable features of the N.S.W. Social Service work, led by Chas. Cole, are the Pre-Marriage Education Courses, which are of considerable assistance to young people in providing very necessary pre-marital guidance.

In addition, discussion courses are being planned under the general title of "The Christian in the Community." These are designed to help the follower of Christ to become more conversant with various aspects of the modern community, and to help him appreciate his place and purpose in the world of affairs. Plans are also being prepared for a series of "All Age Lectures," which will deal with problems that arise in the day-to-day life and work of the average family.

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## CANBERRA'S SECOND CHURCH

In bright sunshine, Principal A. W. Stephenson, President of Federal Conference, opened the first building stage of the South Canberra Church, in Lyons, on Sept. 16.

The building is situated by a main arterial road, right opposite the District Centre, in which 10,000 people will be working in Government offices, department stores and light industry within a few years. At the moment, 25,000 people live in the Woden Valley, but within years this figure will be about 100,000.

The architect was Dirk Bolt, who is also the architect for Burgmann College, the interdenominational residential college about to be built at the Australian National University. He designed the building in grey besser brick, inside and out. Centred around a courtyard, it contains a sanctuary (to be used dually as a hall in the early years), an educational annexe for Sunday School and club work, small meetings, etc., a study, kitchen, storerooms, toilets and foyer.

From the outside the building perhaps looks a little austere (although it will be less so once landscaping is finished), but on the inside the furnishings have given it a very pleasing appearance. The sanctuary has plenty of glass, a brilliant tapestry hand-woven by Mrs. H. G. Baas-Becking, 10½ feet x 4 feet, featuring all the colors of the rainbow, specially designed communion furniture, pulpit and lectern, constructed with a palasander veneer, matching communion and offering trays, and tin-tawn carpet.

People entering the building look through glass through the foyer, courtyard and study. The foyer features "Meditation," a painting by George Fox-hill, leading Canberra artist, and member

of the Ainslie congregation, which has attracted much comment.

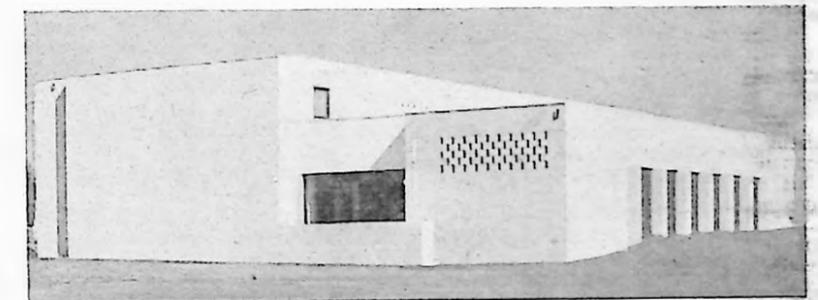
250 were present when J. R. Fraser, M.H.R., welcomed the interstate guests. The builder, R. W. Kling, formally handed the key to the President of Conference, who opened the door and led the congregation inside. Principal Stephenson led the service, assisted by the ministers, G. R. Stirling and R. W. Lawton. Guest speaker was Haydn Sargent, from Brisbane. Greetings came from Qld., Vic. and S.A., and a number of visitors from N.S.W. and S.A.

That evening the President gave a Presidential informal reception in the new building. It featured a message from the President, solos by Phil Goldfinch, an interview with Haydn Sargent on his television work, and his work among drug addicts, and worship led by the minister.

Special services were held in both churches on the Sunday, at which the speakers were Principal Stephenson and Haydn Sargent.

The first major project of the church had already taken place. Five thousand letters were distributed to every home in the Woden Valley to introduce the church to the community. Already there has been response to this, with new families attending worship, and S.S., and coming for counseling.

The second major project took place in the week immediately following the opening. "Adventure Times" were held every afternoon for primary school children. The building was crowded almost every day, and contacts were made with 90 children not already attending S.S., from 60 families.



### TOP OF THE STATE

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Pastor Howard extended congratulations to Amanda Fraser, who obtained the highest pass in the State in the recent B.S. examinations. . . . M. A. G. Hall, of Inverell, was guest speaker at the 44th anniversary services on Sept. 23 and 24. Choral and individual items by members of the choir, led by N. Fraser, were featured. Members were thrilled to witness a young lady confess her faith, and two others reconsecrate themselves.

### . . . IT'S NOT ONLY THE WEATHER —

Gold Coast's ideal climate promotes longevity. Factually, 65-year-olds have greater expectancy of life than the Australian average. Youngsters' visits are for play — old folk go to stay. The ratio of over 65's is 1 in 8 compared to 1 in 12 for All Australia. Write Burden House, 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, 4000, for details of "Golden Age Retirement Village."



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### BIG YEAR

(South Perth, W.A.). 1967 is the 20th year of the activity of the congregation at South Perth, and promises to be an outstanding one on three levels — overseas, within Australia, and locally.

A Missionary Convention in May, has Dr. James Jauncey as guest speaker. Several young people indicated that they were willing to serve in an area of Missions if the opportunity came. The church pledged \$7,718 as a missionary budget for 1967-8. \$2,792 is already in hand.

Geo. Wood was released to conduct four evangelistic missions interstate, and one in W.A.. The church has also enthusiastically endorsed the establishment of a new cause at Kelmscott, a rapidly growing residential area ten miles from Sth. Perth. A large house in a convenient location has been purchased for this venture and meetings will commence in the near future. A substantial deposit on the property has been made a donation for the new work, which will be operated as part of the South Perth church, in its initial stages. A strong nucleus of South Perth members already reside in the district and will form the heart of the cause.

A Planned Programme of Evangelism was planned for local outreach, with A. A. Avery, of Vic., as Director. 40 people have so far been added to the membership. 343 attended the gospel meeting on Sept. 24, when the guests were the touring party of the W.A. Girls' Rhythmic League.

### TEACHING AFTER COURSE

(Scarborough, W.A.). Young people are teaching in S.S., having completed a course in teacher training . . . A Youth Camp at Glen Forrest was organised by Clem Kinsman, with June Kinsman as camp cook . . . Young people's tea featured a Moody Film . . . Junior boys won their basketball grand final . . . Bible Week brought opportunity for fellowship with other churches . . . A church seminar discussed the subject of 8 a.m. church worship and the prayer meeting . . . Tony Darling's job has taken him from Scarborough to the north of the State.

## "WALK FOR WEALTH"

(W.A.). Commencing at the Christian Centre on Saturday, Dec. 16, young people, and older folk, are invited to walk as many times as possible around a planned 15 mile course.

Entrants in this marathon walk are urged to seek sponsors who will be prepared to pay them a certain number of cents (or dollars!) for every mile walked on Dec. 16. The money collected in this way will be used to develop camp sites in the West.

Sponsor sheets have been sent to all metropolitan Youth agents. Further sheets may be obtained from the Youth and Christian Educ. office at 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A., 6000.

As an additional incentive to "walkers," the following awards will be made:

- Free entry to Christmas Youth Camp, Young Adult Camp, May Girls' Camp, or August Boys' Camp —

### S.A. TAKES CUP HOME

(Perth, W.A.). The Churches of Christ Girls' Basketball Interstate Carnival concluded with South Australia defeating Western Australia in the Grand Final.

One of the highlights of the week's activities was a Basketball Worship Service at the Christian Centre, when C. G. Flood addressed a congregation of 450. Supper was served in the Youth Hall and a grand time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

During the week the Interstate visitors attended many of the World Tournament games, and also enjoyed a full day's picnic to Serpentine Dam. All games were played at night, and although the weather was not very kind to us, it was a perfect night for the Grand Final.

South Australia is the venue for the 1969 Interstate Carnival.

### CHILDREN'S EISTEDDFOD

(W.A.). On Sat., Nov. 18, at the Christian Centre, Beaufort-st., Perth, the Youth and Christian Educ. Comm. will conduct its Fourth Children's Eisteddfod. There are 22 sections in which children aged from 6 to 14 years may enter, including vocal solos, duets, trios, quartettes and choirs; art of speech solos, groups and choirs; Scripture readings; instrumental solos and duets.

Entry forms and details regarding the Eisteddfod have been sent to all metro-

- for 1. Male 12 years and under who walks furthest distance.
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- 3. Male between 13 and 18 who walks furthest distance.
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politan Church School superintendents. Additional forms may be obtained from the Youth and Christian Educ. office at 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A., 6000. Entries close on Nov. 1.

Winning competitors will be invited to perform in the Christmas Tree and Project Rally Programme on Friday, Nov. 24.

### AMPLIFIER INSTALLED

(Morawa, W.A.). An amplifier was installed recently and has been relayed into the crying room; it also allows for hearing aids to be connected . . . The Sept. Friendship Meeting had a demonstration and talk on "Dry Art," the beauty of which can be created out of seemingly dead things . . . A morning baptismal service was held on Sept. 10, and at night the film, "Man in the Fifth Dimension," was screened . . . Three S.S. girls were immersed on 17th, and two more scholars on 24th, and two more scholars indicated their desire to follow Christ . . . Brian Stitt was recent speaker. Dr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn have been visiting from Victoria . . . The S.S. picnic was held at White Water.

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## VICTORIA

### MEDICO-CLERICAL CONFERENCE

(Vic.). The Medico-Clerical Society of Victoria is holding its Annual Conference at Retreat House, Cheltenham, Vic., from 6.30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, to 3.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4. Subjects for discussion will be "Towards the Better Practice of our Professions," and "Training in Professional Co-operation." Entry forms for the Conference may be obtained from Rev. S. A. Goddard, 76 Coppin-st., East Malvern, Vic., 3145.

### "RELIGION AND THE CHILD"

This is the theme of this year's Vic. C.W.F. November Seminar, which is sponsored by the Christian Educ. Comm. of C.W.F., in conjunction with the Dept. of Christian Educ.

The programme will be held at the South Yarra Church of Christ, on Wednesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29, at 8 p.m. The topics will include:—

- "The Religious Growth of the Child."
- "Parent-Child Relationships."
- "The Child's Emotional Life: Matters of Discipline."
- "Those Teenagers."

Guest leaders and speakers are — Dr. Keith Bowes, Dr. Geoffrey Whiting, Mrs. R. G. Vines and Rev. Fred. Webber.

Members of all C.W.F. groups are cordially invited to attend. The cost of the series is \$1.00—Lorraine Clencie, Supt. C.W.F. Christian Educ. Committee.

### YOUTH SERVICE

(Dunolly, Vic.). A youth service on Sept. 24 was simply entitled, "Jesus Christ." Four Y.P. gave brief talks on different aspects of our Lord, and a Question and Answer type address followed . . . The Midlands district churches held their half-yearly business meeting in our chapel on Sept. 29 . . . M. R. White, church officer, led services, Bible study and S.S. at Dunolly and Bet Bet on Sept. 30-Oct. 1, in minister's absence. . . C.W.F. guest speaker on Sept. 14 was Mrs. Ferguson, Pres., Vic.-Tas. C.W.F., who spoke on the work of women in our churches. Church is supporting Billy Graham Crusade.

### ROBINVALE PLANNED GIVING

(Vic.). The film, "Luca," was screened to commence special month "Stewardship of Treasure." K. J. Harvey, Field Officer of H. M. Dept., will conclude this special emphasis by leading a Planned Giving Programme . . . During term holidays we had a most enjoyable series of meetings with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stokes, of Trans World Radio. The "slides and tape" evening showing this work was excellent . . . B.S. anniversary had Dean Hamilton, of Mildura, as guest speaker.

### HUSBAND AND WIFE DECIDE

(Bentleigh, Vic.). On Sept. 24, following Mr. Pigdon's evening address, a husband and wife came forward . . . Oct. 1 was our 38th church anniversary. R. Amos and K. Turmann were speakers.

### MINISTER INDISPOSED

(York-st., Ballarat, Vic.). The minister, H. Street, has been indisposed, and he and Mrs. Street are holidaying in Tasmania. Local members and visiting speakers are assisting in services. R. Baxter, of Horsham, was guest speaker at church anniversary . . . The church is arranging a suitable farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. Veal, who will return to India on Nov. 18. Mr. Veal is giving assistance with preaching and visiting. . . The Planned Giving review was successful . . . There has been one decision.

### THANKOFFERING FOR OTHERS

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The Temple Day offering received at the 51st church anniversary services will be donated to the Aborigines Mission Board to improve accommodation for girls at the Esperance Hostel. The amount so far received is \$900. R. McKenzie and F. Youens were anniversary speakers. Soloists were J. Lawry and J. Summers. Visiting artists provided the P.S.A. programme. The ladies catered for 200 at tea . . . The

Senior Boys' Explorers won the pennant for most points gained in the Combined Good Companions' and Boys' Explorer Outdoor Sports . . . H. Neal is in Freemasons' Hospital following surgery . . . Following the transfer of Alan Baker to the South Yarra church, Roger Hollard is serving as student minister.

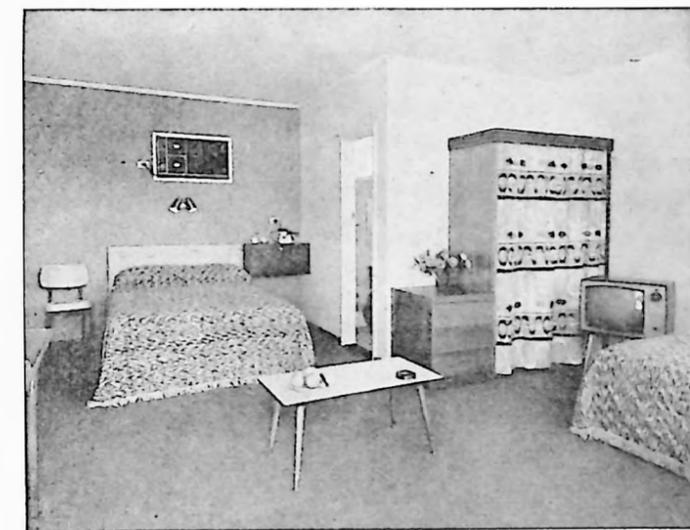
### BOAT FOR MISSION FIELD

(Springvale, Vic.). A fibre glass boat, made and donated by P. Clayton, has been despatched to the New Guinea Mission Field. The freight was paid from our Mission Fund . . . Robert Edgar showed slides and told of his experiences while in New Guinea . . . Ladies have conducted a "Jamington drive" for their missionary project, and the C.E.Y.F. have been making toys, cakes and sweets for sale at the Tropical Fruit Salad Night. They have now raised \$148 of their target of \$200 for timber of the Bible College at Banmatmat . . . About 50 shared with the Explorers in a barbecue and barn night . . . The ladies enjoyed an exchange meeting with Ann st., Brisbane, by means of tape recordings.

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## DEATHS

Mrs. Effie Williams, Dandenong, Vic.  
 Mrs. C. Miller, Ivanhoe, Vic.  
 Mrs. Ida Ward, Bambra-rd., Vic.  
 F. Wager, Bentleigh, Vic.  
 Miss Elsie Meek, Marrickville, N.S.W.  
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## 60th ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 15—11 a.m. 3 and 7 p.m.  
 OCTOBER 22—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 OCTOBER 28—6 p.m., Anniversary Tea; 7.45 p.m., Rally.  
 OCTOBER 29—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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DOW (Earle). — Stewart James, to Kathleen and Jim, Oct 5. Both well.

HILL (Smith). — To Annette and Graham, a daughter — Michelle Annette, on Aug. 20, 1967, at Wimmera Base Hospital, Horsham, Vic.

## ENGAGEMENTS

DUHS - JAUNCEY. — Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duhs, Image Flat Road, Nambour, Qld., are happy to announce the engagement of their second daughter, Eileen, to Philip, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Jauncey, Kenmore Christian College, Kenmore, Brisbane, Qld.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGES

HEMER - WYATT. — Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hemer announce, with pleasure, the approaching marriage of Alison, to Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wyatt, on Oct. 21, at Blackwood Church of Christ, S.A.

MCCRACKETT - PALMER. — The marriage of Moya to Frank will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Cheltenham, Vic., on Oct. 27, at 5.30 p.m.

WRATHALL - HILL. — The marriage of Kaye, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wrathall, Colac, Vic., to Robert Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hill, Horsham, Vic., will be solemnised at the Wesley Church, Colac, on Oct. 14, at 3.30 p.m.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

CHRISTOPHERSON - STIMSON. — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson have pleasure in announcing their golden wedding anniversary, celebrated at Canley Vale, N.S.W., on Sept. 26, 1917, at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Stimson, by G. H. Brown. Present address: 12 Boyce-ave., Austinmer, N.S.W., in membership at Wollongong church.

## SILVER WEDDINGS

FERGUSON - KAIGHIN. — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson, 23 Buckley-st., Essendon, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing their 25th wedding anniversary, celebrated at Buckley-st., Church of Christ, Essendon, on Oct. 17, 1942.

TULLY (Hill). — Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tully announce, with pleasure, the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Highfield-rd. Methodist Church, Surrey Hills, Vic., on Oct. 17, 1942. Present address: 498 Doncaster-rd., Doncaster.

## APPRECIATION

HILFORD. — Mrs. Hilford, "Clearview," Gilgandra, N.S.W., Alan and Juan Hilford (Redcliffe, Qld.), Roma and Bill Mudford (Gilgandra) wish to thank all our Christian friends for their kind thoughts, love and prayers upholding us during our recent bereavement. It is not possible to answer personally all the many expressions of sympathy received, and we ask that all accept this as our grateful thanks.

## DEATHS

PEARCE. — On Oct. 1, loved husband of Ethel (nee Venn) and father of Jan. (W.A.), Sue, Anthony, Howard and Maree, of 6 Gardiner-st., Box Hill South, Vic.

WHITE. — On Sept. 24, William Norman, of 13 Rolland-st., Coburg, Vic., dearly loved husband of Elsie May (nee Hall), loving father of Norman and Lawrence, fond father-in-law of Dawn. Aged 58 years. (Late of Nth. Melbourne). "Some-day we will understand."

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KEMP. — A loving tribute to our beloved father and grandfather, Thomas William, who passed away on July 5, 1967. "We are poorer for his passing, heaven is richer for his presence."

—Lovingly remembered by his daughter Una (Hill), husband Bob and family.

LE PAGE. — In loving memory of my wife and our mother and grandmother, Lucy Lynda, who was called home on Oct. 11, 1957. "In the sweet bye and bye, we shall meet on that beautiful shore." —Inserted by her husband Everest, children Theo. and Pearl, Frank and Valma, Vern. and Joan, Dorothy and Steve, Jean and Ivan, Len. and Gwen; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SIMPSON. — Treasured memories of Frederick Horace, called home, Oct. 19, 1965, dearly loved husband of Amy, loving father of Joan (Mrs. R. M. Walker), Barbara (Mrs. B. C. Fleming); loved pa of Donald, Ian, Janet and Margaret.  
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# DARETON — A "NATIVE" PROBLEM

By JOHN LOWREY

In "A Study of History," Arnold Toynbee writes: "When we call people 'natives' we implicitly take the cultural color out of our perception of them." By labelling them in this way we are able to think of them, not as real persons, but as part of the wild life of the country, perhaps to be exterminated or, if possible, domesticated.

The town of Dareton has received much attention in recent months in Victorian newspapers. A small irrigation settlement on the N.S.W. bank of the Murray River, it has become newsworthy for its "native" problem. With the exception of two or three, its more than 200 Aborigines live in either sub-standard fruit-pickers' huts, or in appalling, degrading humpies on land belonging to the town's cemetery. Various people from the N.S.W. Welfare Board, Aboriginal Advancement League, social workers, etc., describe it as the worst conditions of an Aboriginal community in Australia.

When the European first came to this land, full of enterprise and energy, and believing in the invincibility of his own systems and institutions, he brought also such machines for war and domestic use as were needed to support his unquestioning faith in his own destiny. He encountered a different type of man; a man with a generally non-aggressive, tribal way of life, colored with myth and folk-lore.

Incomprehensible to the white man, to the Aboriginal this way of life was defined and specific, complete and satisfying. Yet he was expected to accept and adjust to new demands, without any real reason or incentive given to him.

In Dareton today we find an uprooted people whose life has been completely changed by the impact of our society; a people who are neither tribal Aborigines, nor "poor-whites," but a third type of person, neither one nor the other, and worse off than both. We find a people who have never been recognised and understood as people; to whom promises have been made and broken without feeling.

When facilities have been provided, no attempt has been made to show them how these might be used, and no incentive given for self-improvement. Their lack of hygiene has caused anxiety in their white neighbours, and health is generally poor. The children should go to school, but with no water to wash with, no electricity, and a long walk

Mr. Lowrey is a graduate of the Federal College of the Bible, and Dareton is his first ministry.

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through dust or mud, children may miss school on up to 70 out of 100 days.

Work is seasonal, unemployment usual. Hence we have a people who are dispirited, hopeless, who have lost the "essential sense of being," and are accused of being lazy and degenerate, and of flouting opportunity. They are told they must conform to our laws and standards, whatever they may happen to think of them.

## The Solution

Many, including the Aboriginal Welfare Board of N.S.W., look for a solution in housing, transitional or normal, or in increased social welfare, or in education. But where a people have lost their sense of identity, recovery does not lie in material handouts. We must go to the

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## MEN AT WORK

(Malvern, Vic.). Men's service on Sept. 17 featured "Men at Work," when Mr. Baxter, of Blackburn, and A. H. C. Pfeifer, spoke of their experiences in their employment. Elders elected were: A. L. Finger, J. Holloway, F. Illingworth, A. E. Moody, A. H. C. Pfeifer; sec., A. K. Gray; asst.-sec., A. L. Finger.

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root of the problem, and work beside them at solving it. We must recognise that a fair measure of blame rests on those well-meaning, paternal do-gooders, who in mistaken generosity thought that if they gave a "native" a coat, pants and shoes, he would change. So they took away incentive and undermined self-respect.

We see that somehow we must revive in the Aboriginal the independence we have taken from him. We must stop trying to Westernise him, and in patience, understanding and love try to regenerate the lost motive for his existence. We must not try to push him into our mould, but encourage him to express his true self; to strive to get instead of waiting to be given; to work and save, rather than exist on handouts, however kindly given. This is a long and drawn-out programme, but he has had a long and drawn-out decline.

## What Has the Church to Say?

As long as there is injustice, oppression, administrative stupidity, lack of community concern, the Christian has a clear responsibility. This may mean running against the grain of society, creating tension where men cling to outmoded thinking and unworthy attitudes.

In Dareton, as in many places throughout Australia, the church must come to grips with the problems associated with the rebirth of a people.

. . . S.S. anniversary on Sept. 24 had Les. Brooker as speaker. . . Teenagers went for weekend camp to Yarra Junction. . . Soloists have been Mac and Eula Woff, Jean Milne, T. W. Beason. . . Bob Story showed film on behalf of U.F.M.

## NOT FORGOTTEN!

(Berwick, Vic.). Pastor Doug. Nicholls was speaker at B.S. anniversary. Following afternoon service, Pastor Doug took the children to recreation reserve to throw boomerangs. A tea, prepared by ladies, was served in Masonic Hall. At night, Mr. Nicholls also screened "Forgotten People." Singing items were given by older children and a cheque for \$10 was presented to Mr. Nicholls towards work of Aboriginal Advancement League. Miss Eva Hillbrich (organist) was welcomed back on Oct. 1 after a period in hospital. . . Ladies' Guild have packed parcels of goods for opportunity shop at Camberwell.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

### WOOLWICH GRADUATES FOR NEW GUINEA

(N.S.W.). The Federal Overseas Mission Board has announced that Robert Whan, and Nursing Sister Rhonda Mudford have been appointed to the New Guinea Mission Field. Miss Mudford qualified for the Missionary Certificate at Woolwich in 1966, and has since been serving as Matron at the Croydon Aged Christians' Home. Mr. Whan, who is a schoolteacher with a fine academic record, has been in student-pastorates at Campbelltown and Auburn. He will complete his College course in November. These two young people are engaged to be married and will proceed to the field in New Guinea early in 1968.

### W. FLETT TO TASMANIA

(N.S.W.). After four years at Woolwich, Bill Flett has accepted the invitation of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H. M. and Evang., to take up the work in the "Apple-Isle" at Nubeena-Highcroft. In his final year at Woolwich, Mr. Flett has served as President of the Student Committee, and at Granville as student-minister.

### MINISTER WELCOMED

(Lismore, N.S.W.). A large crowd welcomed new minister, H. C. Wheat, and Mrs. Wheat, at a function in the Goonellabah Hall. . . Church anniversary services had Mr. Wheat as speaker. . . Offering for brotherhood was \$178. . . Films for children and "Under the Guns" was screened. . . S.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 17. . . Minister continues weekly Radio Session, "Words of Life," over Station 2LM, and "Interlude," over RTN Channel 8 every three weeks. . . Monthly exchanges of pulpits are being arranged with student preachers from Goonellabah and Bangalow churches.

### C.E. WORKSHOP

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). A Christian Endeavour Workshop included helpful hints and discussion on all aspects of C.E. work. Rev. Niall led devotional session at all-day gathering. . . C.M.S. photo slide competition winners were: W. Baker, personal interest; T. W. Bagley, church activities; L. C. Yelds, scenic; best slide of evening, L. Yelds. . . J. Christison and R. Hewitt were recent speakers.

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The N.S.W. Churches of Christ Broadcasting Programme presented each Sunday evening over 2CH Sydney, entitled "New Life in Christ," is well received in many parts of Eastern Australia. Letters, telegrams and telephone calls show that this programme is making a considerable impact. This medium was also most effective in publicising the recent N.S.W. "Crusade '67" with George Wood.

Recent speakers have been Bruce Armstrong, C. E. Bowser and Dr. A. G. Elliott. The Dept. of H. M. and Evang. will also share in future broadcasts.

### "OPERATION OUTREACH"

(Caringbah, N.S.W.). During absence of the minister, F. A. Elliott, at Wagga Crusade, Roger Clark, of Woolwich College, conducted services. Keith Farmer, final year student, also spoke on Sept. 24. . . "Operation Outreach" is proceeding satisfactorily, led by the minister and K. E. Crawford (State H. M. Director). Following the extensive and intensive period of "Contact and Training" with the visit of Alan Avery, of Victoria, the church is now engaged in the phase of "Cultivation." George Wood, of W.A., shared in this phase on Aug. 27, and the family fellowship guest service attracted large numbers on Sept. 24.

### ATHLETICS WOOLWICH

Woolwich Bible College representatives distinguished themselves at this year's Inter-Collegiate Sports, Sept. 19, at St. Paul's Oval. Woolwich College contenders ran out winners from Moore College (Anglican), with the Baptist Theological College in third place. Individual successes were: Ian Titterton (broad jump, 1st; hop, step and jump, 1st; 440 yds., 3rd); Keith Farmer (shot put, 1st; 880 yds., 3rd); Garry Towle (100 yds., 1st); David Forrest (100 yds., 2nd); and Bill Flett (broad jump, 2nd). Points were also gained for success in the 440 yds. relay and tug-of-war and teams' events.

### CRUSADE AT GRANVILLE

(N.S.W.). A "New Life Crusade" commenced at Granville on Oct. 8, with Ray Hawkins, of Tamworth, preaching, and Roger Clark, of Woolwich College, as compere and song leader. Bill Flett is student-pastor, and C. E. Bowser has been assisting in preparation. The Crusade will continue until Oct. 22.

### B.S. WORKERS' FRATERNAL

(N.S.W.). The Fraternal held its third meeting of 1967 at Wyoming. Representatives from Sydney and Newcastle churches attended. Mr. Armstrong, D.C.E. Director, showed how to conduct "Happy Hours," showing the need for a varied and well prepared programme. Mr. Freckleton illustrated his discussion of Vacation Bible School with slides taken during the V.B.S. conducted at the Belmore church. A quarter's Bible School material could be given in a week's V.B.S. programme. In the session following, B. White, Telopea, gave practical advice on fitting the programme to the child. He referred to church and B.S. relations, stressing that they are not two separate entities. The whole church needs to take seriously the evangelism, through the B.S., of scholars and their families. The ladies at Wyoming served afternoon tea and evening meal.

### BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

(Greenacre, N.S.W.). The new building in Waterloo Road is nearing completion. . . Preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade are well in hand. A series of "Counselling" Classes was conducted by Dr. A. G. Elliott, and proved helpful. A Graham Crusade Half Night of Prayer was held in our chapel. . . A bus picnic was held at Kurnell, Captain Cook's landing. . . A special feature of the month was the Family Service, in which the Burt family brought a musical item. . . Mrs. McAuliffe and Mrs. Ryan are improving in health, though still in hospital. . . Gordon Brown has been assisting the church at Padstow in their gospel services. . . At Youth Service, on Sept. 24, Mr. Walker presided, Julian Morris, Vaughan and Paul Bowie took part in the service. Miss Sue Berglund was baptized.

### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

1. Federal Conference Planning — that every effort being made toward "Sydney 1968" will be directed for the spiritual growth of our Australian churches.
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## VICTORIA

### THREE ADDITIONS

(Colac, Vic.). Three have been welcomed into fellowship following baptism. . . . Geelong shared with us on Sept. 17. D. Thomas, of Belmont, spoke at both services, and fellowship tea had 70 present. Young people of Belmont sang at tea and the evening service, and one visitor led the song service. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Baines, and family, after nine years at Colac, were farewelled on Sept. 24. At night two girls made their decisions.

### 77TH ANNIVERSARY

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., G. H. Gilmour, was morning guest preacher for anniversary and Temple Day services on Sept. 17. Mr. Gilmour is a past member of the church. At a P.S.A. service, K. J. Clinton spoke of experiences around the world, and a family tea gave opportunity for fellowship. The evening service focused on those married in the church over the years, and preacher R. V. Amos spoke on "Will You Take This Man?" Amongst those present during the day were some former members now residing at Social Service Dept. Homes.

### LIFT FOR GIFT HALL

(East Bentleigh, Vic.). \$225 was recently raised at a thanksgiving offering to provide finance to line our new Kindergarten Hall, which was kindly donated to us by the old Gardenvale church. . . . The C.Y.F. and Good Companions raised \$25 at a concert to aid the New Guinea project. . . . T. Clark and K. Bishop recently conducted evening services at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. . . . Increased attendances were registered at 5 p.m. services during winter months. Decisions have also been received due to introduction of a gospel sermon once every four Sunday mornings. . . . T. T. Robinson is minister.

### MAIDSTONE'S MINI-MARKET

(Vic.). Ladies held Mini-Market to aid church funds, on Sept. 15. Over \$250 was raised. The ladies are grateful for generous support. . . . The church secretary, Mr. Hampton, is anxious to form boys' cricket club for the coming season. . . . Maidstone continues to thrive under David White's ministry. During school holidays a number of boys attended camp at Yarra Junction with Mr. White.

### RINGWOOD LOSSES

(Vic.). Church saddened by the deaths of W. Dellar and Roger Goodwin, and extends loving sympathy to their families. . . . Christopher Burden welcomed into membership by faith and baptism. . . . On Sept. 10 church participated in Methodist church for combined B. & F.B.S. service. In morning J. Giles spoke on behalf of the Society. . . . Ringwood Citizen's Advisory Service is now operating and many of our members have successfully completed the training course for telephone operators. . . . Mrs. D. Williams and Christine Barnett were leaders at Good Companions camp at Hall's Gap. . . . Jennifer Hall is improving after hospital treatment.

## MESSAGE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY, 1967

Tuesday, October 24, 1967

We celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Organisation while the war in Vietnam increases in intensity and the refugee problem in the Middle East has increased as a result of the recent Arab-Israeli war.

People say that the U. N. is failing because it does not move for peace in Vietnam — but they overlook the fact that the U. N. cannot (by its Charter) intervene in an armed conflict which has not been officially brought to the notice of the Security Council by a State which is a member of the U. N. A further difficulty is that only one of the principal parties to the conflict (the U.S.A.) is a member of the U. N.

Even though there was considerable suffering and death in the recent Arab-Israeli war, without the U. N. it is hard to conceive that the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. could have been drawn together to support the Security Council resolutions calling for a ceasefire. The presence of the U. N. Observer teams in the Middle East, and their use now to oversee the ceasefire, is a demonstration of the independent peace-keeping role which only a world organisation like this can carry out. Similarly, the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency among refugees is helping to create improved social and economic conditions which could tip the balance in favour of peace in the Middle East.

The U. N. is not a world government. It is a conference of sovereign States — and unless these member nations are prepared to observe the obligations of the Charter, rather than pursue their own national interests, the U. N. is powerless to act.

However the U. N.'s work in feeding, educating, curing and finding work for the millions of have-nots in our world continues, and the international goodwill this generates should not be under-estimated.

As U Thant, the Secretary-General of the U. N., said recently: "What needs to be stressed is that 'we the peoples of the United Nations' in the language of the Charter — and not 'we the Governments of the United Nations' — are the . . . ultimate authority of the Charter of the U. N." He added that a major educational effort was needed to persuade the peoples (as well as their government) that their true interests would be better protected, and no nation's essential authority would suffer, by their fulfilling their obligations as member nations to live in peace.

May we ask you to have a part in this great job — by joining us in the United Nations Association, learning more about the U. N., and helping the Association in all its efforts to show that by consultation and forbearance peace can be achieved.

C. R. Lawton, President.  
(Mrs.) C. J. Hood, Secretary, S.A. Division.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

### 50 YEARS AGO

**HERE AND THERE.** Messrs. Chandler and Southgate, who are conducting a mission at Swan Hill, Vic., have visited every house in that town. Many new scholars have been gained for the B.S.; non-churchgoers have been located, and an entrance gained to many homes. . . . The 13 days' mission at Collingwood, Vic., with Thos. Hagger and J. E. Webb, closed with 20 confessions. . . . E. J. Tuck, minister at Broken Hill, was accorded a hearty ovation when he spoke to brother ministers at S.A. Conf. He is 65, and has been preaching for 46 years; for ten years with the Church of Christ at Broken Hill. He came when there was a little meeting in a hall that had struggled for years with small success. There are now two buildings and in each there are live churches meeting. About 350 have been won for Christ in that time. . . . Our readers will please pardon the reduction in size of the paper this week. This was the inevitable result of the restriction in the use of gas and electricity.

**MISERABLE REFORMERS!** An opposition to the celebration of the approaching Luther centenary has sprung up in some sections of the U.S.A. . . . Father Ryan, of New York, said that quite possibly in twelve months thoughtful Lutherans would be regretting that there was ever a celebration. . . . It is our duty to labour for the final undoing of the Reformation and to hasten the day when the whole miserable crew of reformers will be as dead as the Gnostics."

## LAY INTEREST IN THEOLOGY

(Heraklion, Crete). At a time when some are saying "God is dead," a surprising number of laymen throughout the world want to study theology, a field of knowledge traditionally pursued by the clergy.

This is one of the findings of a four-year study to be completed in 1968. Conducted by the W.C.C., the study is probing the changing patterns of ministry and theological education.

In an interim report to the Central Committee of the World Council here, Aug. 18, the Rev. Steven G. Mackie, executive director of the study, said that theological education is not just "training for the ordained ministry." Instead it is to help every member of the church "to go as far as possible in grasping the faith, and relating it to life in the world. . . ."—E.P.S.

## REMARriage IN CANADA

(Ottawa). Remarriage of divorced persons within the Anglican communion in Canada is to be permitted, under a canon passed overwhelmingly at the general synod of the Anglican Church of Canada here late in August.

The decision has been described as a landmark in the world Anglican communion by the Most Rev. Howard H. Clark, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, as Primate of all Canada.

"It was not easy," he said, "to depart from what has been Anglican custom up until now."

The Archbishop made clear that the new canon would permit individual ministers to refuse to remarry divorced persons if it was a matter of conscience. In such a case the applicant could be married by a clergyman willing to perform the ceremony.—E.P.S.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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# IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

## IF ONE IS AWARE OF THE HUMAN TENDENCY TO MEASURE ONESELF BY ONESELF

Tom was a popular figure in the community. His popularity was partly because of a happy disposition and partly because of a delusion. He was short and small of stature, but never conscious of his undersize. He was afflicted by a strange delusion that caused him to estimate himself as normal in height and weight. In all seriousness he would recount, "I never grew until I was eighteen, then I shot up like a willow." This was often repeated secretly by his friends to provoke mirth amongst themselves.

Stop measuring yourselves by yourselves is the Apostle Paul's rebuke to his Corinthian brethren. "We should not dare to class ourselves, or compare ourselves with any of those who put forward their own claims. What fools they are to measure themselves by themselves, to find in themselves their own standard of comparison!" (2 Cor. 10: 12). To succumb to such a practice is to repeat Tom's mistake. Many are afflicted by such a delusion, not physically but mentally and spiritually. To see ourselves as others see us would be to see ourselves stunted in Christian growth.

We would count it gross dishonesty to reduce standard weights and measurements to our own convenience. It is equally dishonest to reduce Christian standards to justify our own mental and spiritual capacities and stature. To measure ourselves by ourselves is a besetting weakness of Christians. It accounts for spiritual dwarfs, for self-inflation and spiritual snobbery.

Those who know their Dickens will recall how Mrs. Skewton, mother of the second Mrs. Dombey, tried to preserve the appearance of youth in old age, but one day she collapsed. Then runs the story, "They took her to pieces in very shame and put the little that was real on her bed." "The little that was real" — that could be said of more than poor Mrs. Skewton.

"He that judgeth me is the Lord," is Paul's way of saying he was concerned how he stood in relationship to Jesus. Growth in grace and in a knowledge of Jesus corrects the tendency to measure ourselves by ourselves. Jesus was forever beset by people who wanted to know how good one must be to good enough.

How far one should go with neighbourliness and brotherliness, and love, Jesus' answers to inquiries of that nature was right out of his own experience, as though he said, "That is not the way to think about it. I have found that there is no telling how much you may live. No matter how far you go, you will feel the attraction to discover the beauty of something more perfect." And he set down the experience in the stimulating sentence, "Ye shall be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

### NIEMOLLER SPENDS PRIZE

Dr. Martin Niemoller, who earlier this year accepted the Lenin Peace Prize for contributions to world peace, announced in Moscow that he would donate \$11,000 of the \$28,000 which accompanied the prize to the North Vietnamese Red Cross. Most of the money will buy medical instruments for Hanoi. A part of the prize will go to German charities.—E.P.S.

### U.S. WEEK OF COMPASSION

Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S.A. gave \$691,463 to worldwide rehabilitation and relief through their Week of Compassion appeal this year, a gain of some \$62,000 over 1966.—E.P.S.

### MISSIONARIES LEAVING ADEN

(London). Christian missionaries are being withdrawn from Aden, according to a joint statement published here by three societies associated with mission work in Aden.

The three societies are the Church of Scotland Mission, the Danish Missionary Society, and the Red Sea Mission Team.

During the past two years the missions had been the object of attack. "The Danish Mission was the first target — their house and the church being set on fire by a gang of young hoodlums," said the joint statement. "This was followed by the burning of the Red Sea Mission Team's car, and later, the gutting of their house by fire.

"The Church of Scotland had its hospital and compound requisitioned by the army, who have turned it into a fortress which is daily attacked. Throughout this time, a witness had been maintained, and the tiny Church of South Arabia has become independent, with its own pastor."

It had been the aim of the missions to continue their work as long as possible, but the Arab-Israeli war produced actions in South Arabia which caused the security situation there to deteriorate rapidly.

The missions concerned are retaining premises and equipment in each place in the hope of being able to return at a later date.—E.P.S.

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### Miss Ruth Edgell Returns to New Hebrides

After spending six months in Australia on sick leave, Ruth Edgell will return to the New Hebrides, departing Sydney, Oct. 22. The people in the islands are eagerly waiting her return.

### Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger Arrive in New Hebrides

Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger arrived in the New Hebrides to resume missionary service on Sept. 16. The Fingers left the New Hebrides ten years ago, after serving the islands for over seventeen years. While in Australia they ministered at the Harlaxton and Toowoomba churches in Queensland. With their previous years of experience in the New Hebrides and the ministry in the homeland, they are well qualified for their new appointment. They replace Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, who labored for over twenty years on Pentecost Island.

### Mr. and Mrs. R. Chamberlain

The Chamberlain family arrived in Australia from New Guinea in Sept. After a rest period they will do deputational work in S.A. from October to December, and will then have another rest period before commencing a ministry in S.A. in February.

The years of service given in New Guinea by the Chamberlains is deeply appreciated, and we pray for God's blessing upon them as they resume their ministry in the homeland.

### Resignation — Sister R. Roberts

It is with regret that the Overseas Mission Board advises that Sister R. Roberts has resigned from our mission work in India.

Miss Roberts first went to India 17 years ago. Throughout the years she has been involved in the medical and evangelistic work. She can speak Marathi fluently, and was particularly able to take part in open air preaching at bazaars and Hindu festivals.

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In more recent years, Miss Roberts was in charge of the Girls' Home at Shrigonda.

On behalf of our Australian brotherhood, and the people of India amongst whom she served, we say "Thank you" to Miss Roberts for her ministry in India, and praise God for the years of dedicated service.

We pray for the Lord's continued blessing upon Miss Roberts in whatever sphere of service she enters in the future.

### Travelling Home

Miss Kay Williams is due to leave the New Hebrides for furlough on the "Tahitien," on Oct. 15. Bookings have yet to be confirmed.

Sister N. Mobbs leaves Madang for Sydney on Friday, Oct. 27, flying Ansett-A.N.A.

Sister Jean Delaney leaves the New Hebrides, early December, for N.Z. She will have extended leave in N.Z. to obtain further nursing training.

Miss Rosalie Rofe leaves New Guinea for furlough on Friday, Dec. 8, travelling Ansett-A.N.A.

### Sister Fran Cole Returns to New Hebrides

Sister Fran Cole, who served as a voluntary worker in the New Hebrides during 1965, returned to the islands on Sept. 16 for a further six months' voluntary service. We are indeed grateful for her offer to serve in this capacity.

### Visas Granted

We praise God that the Veal family, and Miss D. Geyer, have been granted visas enabling them to return to India. This has been a great encouragement to the Overseas Board and the Indian Conference, as there was considerable doubt whether the visas would be received. The Veals were originally booked to return last June.

The Veals are expecting their fourth child, mid-October, and as they must be in India by Dec. 1, and no passenger

ships are calling at Bombay due to the closure of the Suez Canal, they will return by air on or about Nov. 20. Miss Geyer may travel by cargo boat in October, but if this is not possible she will travel by plane. Please pray for these brethren as they prepare to return.

### In Hospital

Mrs. Betty Ryall has been in hospital at the Miraj Medical Centre. She underwent surgery and Dr. Fletcher well known throughout India for his ability as a surgeon performed the operation. When it was known that surgery was necessary Dr. T. Thomas alerted the missionaries at the various stations and prayer was made. Mrs. Ryall said she felt an amazing peace and knew that God was near. Dr. Fletcher also prayed in the theatre and the bustle that was going on around him ceased and the place was hushed. Mrs. Ryall said that Dr. Fletcher makes a wonderful witness amongst the Hindus on the staff and the people love him greatly.

It takes about six hours to travel from Miraj to Baramati and Mrs. Ryall was expected to return when fully recovered.



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We pray this day for courage to face  
unpopularity for the sake of truth;  
For courage to declare boldly our convictions,  
though they make us despised;  
For courage to break with evil custom  
and evil opinion.  
Even though for so doing we are shunned  
and outcast.

Give us strong hearts that will not fear  
what any man may do to us,  
Confident in the power of truth —  
Truth unsupported by numbers or resources.

—J. S. Hoyland.



He preached goodness by being good.  
—Epitaph on a man of 70.



I'll say this for adversity: people seem  
to be able to stand it, and that's more'n  
I can say for prosperity.

—F. M. Hubbard.



Every man should have a fair-sized  
cemetery in which to bury the faults of  
his friends.

—H. W. Beecher.



Old farmer: "The show! No, I'm not  
going. It's the same old thing year  
after year. I haven't been for 40 years."



Many a live wire would be dead but  
for his connections.



Two businessmen were talking. "Is  
your advertising getting results?" asked  
the first.

"It sure is," replied his friend. "Last  
week we advertised for a night watchman,  
and that night we were robbed."