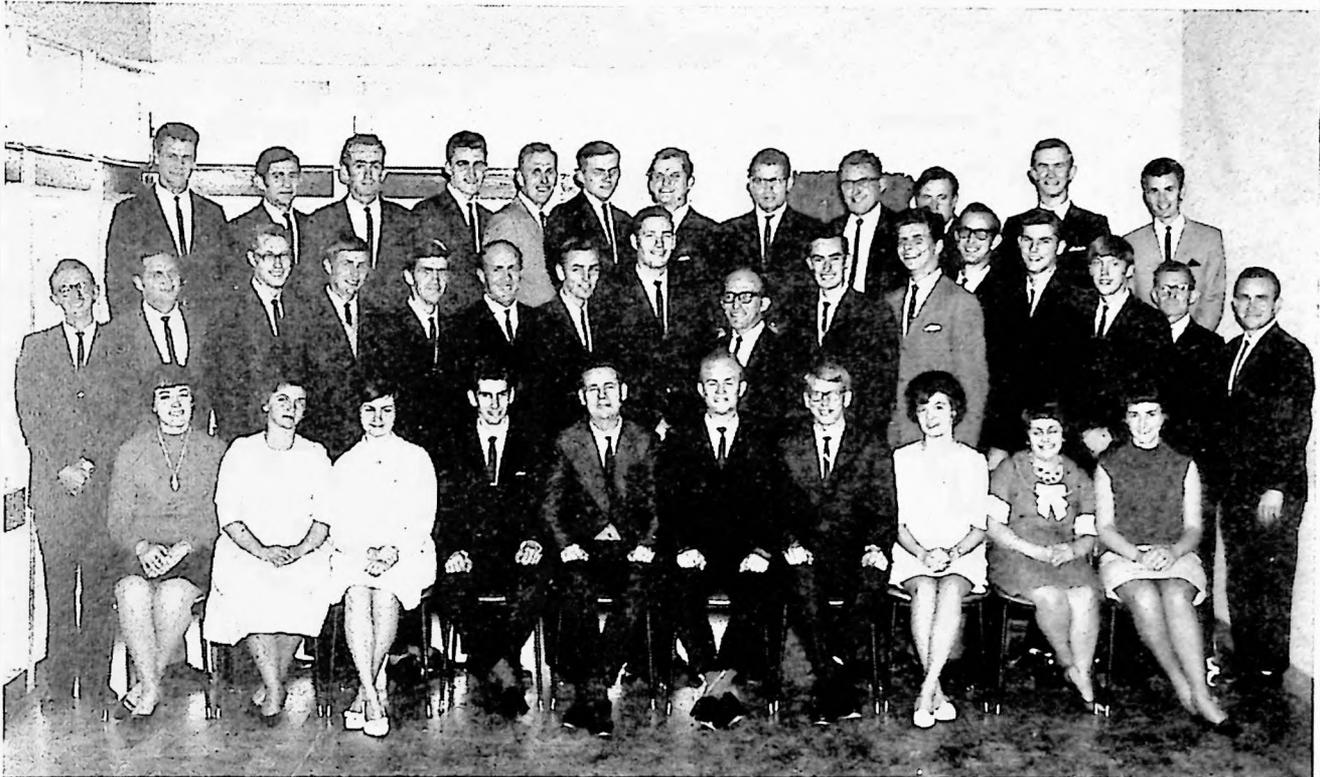


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NO GREAT VICTORY

The U.S.S.R. has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Revolution. Daily newspapers, as well as weekly and monthly journals, have been flooding us with studies in the origins and assessments of the results of the greatest social and political upheaval of our time. Fifty years ago, Russia was large and its peoples many, but it was backward socially and industrially. Today, it is at least second, and in some respects first, among the nations in scientific, industrial and military strength.

The Soviet atheist-political society, Znanie (Knowledge) has also been celebrating its 50 years of "victories" in atheist propaganda. However, the victories in this area have not been as clear-cut as in other fields. Recent surveys have indicated that in some rural districts as many as 30% of the population admitted to being religious and that the performance of religious rites was widespread. The Director of Scientific Atheism declared that propagandists should get rid of the illusion that religion would die of its own accord, and should abandon any hair-brained schemes to get rid of it in one great sweep.

It would be ironical indeed if history should reveal that the "Christian" western nations finished up with fewer believers than the countries which are officially atheistic: after all, 30% of believers in one area is not bad!

In Moscow, there is a slogan painted in giant letters for all to see: "Religion is the opiate of the people." The Russian leaders apparently believe this, for they maintain a relentless barrage of propaganda against religion in newspapers, magazines and radio, and on television.

Perhaps the Russians have been using the wrong methods. Instead of attacking Christianity, they might have had more success if they ignored it, and simply allowed the churches to die through inertia.

It is interesting to note that the quotation, "Religion is the opiate of the people," is not original to the Russians. It did not come from Marx, or Engels, or Trotsky, or Lenin. No, it was Charles Kingsley, the great English preacher and writer, who said it first. Kingsley was protesting, not against religion itself, but against the second-rate religion of formalism that encouraged people to remain indifferent to the mission of the Lord of the church in the world.

This indifference by church members can be a much more damaging thing than the attacks by its enemies — and this by no means ignores the very real suffering and family distress of Christians in Russia and in other communist countries.

Religion can dull the sense of commitment if it looks back to the first coming of our Lord, or if it looks forward to the second coming, but seldom looks outward to the Christ of daily adventure among the conflicts and tensions of our world.

True religion is a recognition of the fact of God in our time, any time, of God in our day-to-day world of work and play, worship and love. It is finding the highest values in life and living by them. It is seeking first the kingdom of God and finding everything else worthwhile as a part of that kingdom.

We are in danger of surrendering the most valuable things in life if we accept the upside down philosophy of our affluent society. We could find ourselves like a pyramid resting, not on its base, but on its point. It cannot stand for long, for the point on which it rests is selfishness.

Jesus gave us a much better way. He not only declared a divine scale of values which God shares with us; he demonstrated those values in his incomparable life. To those values we are called to give ourselves with enthusiasm. Jesus puts God where he belongs, at the very basis of all life; not a vague afterthought, or a last desperate effort to find a solution to a crisis, but first.

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*Within my earthly temple there's a crowd:
There's one of us that's humble, one that's proud;*

*There's one who's brokenhearted o'er his sin,
There's one who unrepentant sits and grins;
There's one who loves his neighbour as himself,*

There's one who cares for naught but fame and pelf.

*From much corroding care I would be free,
If once I could determine which is me.*

—E. S. Martin.

• QUEENSLAND

THE ASTOUNDING STORY OF KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

BY MAURIE H. A. PIEPER,
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Unlimited God

His Word declares, "Faithful is he that calleth you, WHO ALSO WILL DO IT." It is our privilege, and yours, to be used of God in the performing of his work through our practical support in gifts and prayer. Every investment in Kenmore will pay eternal dividends, for God will not be debtor to any one of us.

We invite you to join with us at Kenmore Christian College as we seek to

train men and women for the task of preaching the glorious gospel of Christ in these tremendous times. The result of this will be that our unlimited God — he that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think — will be glorified in the eyes of men and souls will be delivered from the cruel bondage of sin as they are brought into the saving fellowship of the Lord who loved them and gave himself for them.

Whichever way you look at it, the Kenmore Story is ASTOUNDING. We are sure you will agree when you have perused the record. The history of Kenmore, brief as it is, is one of unprecedented growth.

Unprecedented Growth

Call it phenomenal, rapid, dramatic. Every adjective is apt. Four years ago there was nothing. Three years ago there was a block of virgin bushland. Today Kenmore Christian College, less than three years old, has become the fastest growing work of its kind in the history of our Australian brotherhood.

Dr. James H. Jauncey and R. Ellis, B.A., are full-time on the academic staff. A number of others give valuable service as honorary teachers. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Burdeu and Mrs. E. McLean work untiringly as domestic staff without charge to the College.

There are thirty-eight students enrolled and these serve in twenty-six city and country churches, three of which are in northern N.S.W.

Nestling in a beautiful bushland setting is the attractive cream brick College building with a capacity to accommodate 40 students, and all the necessary office, lecture, dining, kitchen and staff facilities. The well-appointed Principal's residence, in matching cream brick, is separated from the main building by a grove of lovely gum trees. The construction of a residence for the second full-time lecturer has just commenced. All of this unprecedented growth is the result, humanly speaking, of unselfish giving.

Unselfish Giving

It would be impossible to mention names of individuals, churches, interstate and overseas friends who have given so unselfishly. In several cases, Queensland folk are making regular monthly gifts. In other cases a number have made large annual contributions. One church has taken up a monthly offering for a period of two years, the grand total being over \$4,000. Two other churches have made regular gifts towards salary costs. Gifts have ranged from 10 cents to \$10,000. The latter gift from a brother in Queensland is making the second residence possible. All the gifts from churches and individuals add up to this astounding story of unselfishness.

We still have a great material need. It runs over \$60,000. The magnitude of this material need, and the immensity of the spiritual task that confronts us, could be frightening. But we trust in an unlimited God.

KENMORE'S BIBLE GARDEN

There seems to have been lacking a theological training, visual lectures on the plants of the Bible. This would seem to have been so in view of the lack of such knowledge among Christians generally. At Kenmore Christian College it is hoped to remedy this weakness among students and in the general community.

Kenmore has five acres of open forest. The climate would seem to be suitable even if the soil is not perfect. Some of the Bible trees are picturesque, but there are many that are not attractive or not available in Australia. There are isolated plants in the various Botanic Gardens around Australia.

Importing the plants desired is not possible in view of the Government restrictions. However, we have acquired many seeds imported under permit from Israel. These seeds are now being propagated. Some are up, but it will be years before a mature Bible Garden will reveal what these plants really are like.

So far the College has 20 plants, some very valuable and scarce, and many seeds are being propagated. At a later date the grounds, with its avenues of trees and shrubs, will be labelled with scriptural references. These wide spaces could become an attraction and a witness.

The following is a list of Kenmore's plants:

1. Apple (apricot), Prov. 25: 11.
2. Box Tree, Isaiah 41: 19.
3. Bulrushes, or Cyperus Papyrus, Exodus 2: 3.
4. Cedar of Lebanon, Psalm 92: 12—1 Kings 7: 2.
5. Cyprus (Gopher Wood), Gen. 6: 14, 15; Isaiah 44: 14.
6. Fig, Matt. 21: 19.
7. Gourd, Jonah 4: 6.
8. Leeks, Numbers 11: 5.
9. Locusts, or Carob Bean, Matt. 3: 4.
10. Mint, Matt. 23: 23.
11. Myrtle, Isaiah 55: 13.
12. Olive Tree, Hosea 14: 6.
13. Palm (date palm), Numbers 33: 9, 10.
14. Pomegranate, 1 Sam. 14: 2.
15. Poplar, Gen. 30: 37.
16. Sweet Cane (sugar cane), Isa. 43: 24.
17. Sycamine, or Black Mulberry, Luke 17: 5, 6.
18. Sycamore or Ficus Sycomorus, Psalm 78: 47; Luke 19: 1, 2, 3, 4.
19. Vine (grape), Lev. 25: 5, 11.
20. Willow (weeping), Isa. 44: 4.

—C. R. Burdeu.



DIVINE MOTIVES FOR OUR MISSION

BY NEVILLE S. MOORE

Today Christians face again the first-century task of persuading people to follow Christ when it is so much easier for them to refuse. No longer holding the initiative in, nor the sole giver of charity, education, social status or entertainment, the church does not now have the incentives that used to attract people to her.

These facts are making us aware of what our mission really is. We are being made to look very critically at the assumptions that have determined our evangelistic work. What are the divinely-given truths that should motivate our mission?

The Character of God

All our evangelistic theory and action must begin in the character of God. Chiefly, this is his holy love, the pure compassion and self-giving that Christ revealed. And just as the mission of the Son of God begins in the love of God, so the real and lasting effectiveness of our presentation of the gospel depends largely on the sort of people we are.

John Smith, outside the church, will only discover the grace of God if it comes to him through Bill Brown, the Christian who works beside him in the factory. Not only in what he says but in his own person and character Bill Brown must reflect the grace of God.

Once, during the First World War, at a time when morale was low, someone in Glasgow organised a parade of sandwich-board men to placard some of the great affirmations of the scriptures in the city streets, so that people might take heart again. Unfortunately, the manpower shortage compelled the use of the old, the lame, even the blind. But one observer commented, "I could not see the mighty words of the gospel for looking at the wretched men who carried them!" Do men fail to hear us because of what we are?

Selfish concerns are easily mixed with pure motives. Do we do people good for their sakes or to save our own souls? Are we only "scalp-hunters," trying to improve our score?

Jesus sought nothing for himself as he served the mission of God. He would not turn stones into bread to serve himself. He would do nothing spectacular, like jumping off the Temple, if that only gathered curious spectators. He would not win the world by worshipping the devil, for the good end of God's rule does not justify the use of unworthy means. When he fed the crowds and

they wanted to make him King, he retired from them. The service of God and the care of people were his only concerns.

Paul, the greatest Christian evangelist, in his second letter to the Corinthians, deserves close study in this matter of motives. "What we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." Again, "the love of Christ controls us." We are not to be underhanded, cunning, or to tamper with God's Word. We are to be open to the truth, men of sincerity, and not merely "peddlers of God's Word." "It is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."

The Condition of Man

But it is the love of God reaching out to man in his need and sin that brings the "good news" of Christ into the world. The condition of man is the second motive that should initiate our evangelism.

Man is a sinner, incapable of saving himself, and his only hope is in his reliance upon the grace and power of God. But the gospel is that, in spite of his sin and need, he is forgiven, and God's grace and power are available to him.

How should this affect our approach to men and women? It means that we are not to judge and condemn — that is the prerogative of God alone. Our commission is not to tell people that they are sinners — that is the work of the Holy Spirit. When a man is confronted by Christ, he knows that he is a sinner! In the company of Christ you discover that for yourself.

Jesus did not have to pound it into Peter or Zacchaeus that they were miserable worms. Peter cried, "I am a sinful man, O Lord," when he was suddenly confronted with Christ's miraculous grace and power. Jesus did not preach Peter down. Instead he called him the "Rock" and made him see his own possibilities as the Rock that would strengthen his brethren and build the church. And Jesus did not pull Zacchaeus out of the tree and grind him into the dirt with strong denunciations of his money-grubbing selfishness. No, "he also is a son of Abraham," said Jesus, and lifted the man's estimate of himself. In the company of Jesus, Zacchaeus knew that he was a sinner — he did not have to be told.

Our task is rather to show each man how much he matters to God, and to show that he is loved and accepted by God and by us, in spite of what he may be now. To pound at people's sins only induces a sense of guilt that is artificial,



that does not spring naturally from a real confrontation with the living Christ himself.

It is not good theology to preach a man down in order to lift him up. The only people whom Jesus "preached down" were the religious, who could not accept other people, and who thought that they were better than they really were.

We cannot convey to men and women their worth in the eyes of God unless we are prepared to work with them at the personal level. Once a very earnest lay preacher was deeply upset by his failure to convert anyone. Then for a time he had a Sunday School class of boys, and there the reason for his failure came out. He marked the roll incorrectly week after week, because he did not really know one boy from another. Passionate about "evangelism," he was unconcerned about people. The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name.

Nor shall we meet man in his need, unless we take account of the whole man, the person in relation to other persons and responsibilities. It is only half the truth to say that we shall save the world by saving the individual. It will be impossible for many individuals to be saved until the modern "principalities and powers" that bind them are either redeemed or destroyed. It is not enough for individuals to practise pious exercises in their private habits, and take up church work in their spare time. The world will not be saved until all of us "work out" our salvation in the social, vocational, political and economic areas of life.

Man's condition calls us to become "friends of sinners" in the truly Christ-like way, but that demands of us an evangelistic passion that is at once more deep, more difficult and more enduring than just "holding a mission" now and again.

The Incarnation and the Cross of Jesus

The third set of theological truths that provide the pattern for our action lies in the Incarnation and the Cross of Jesus. This is how God's love expressed itself when it reached out to man. Of course, what Christ did was done once and for all in human history, but people will rarely grasp the effective meaning

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of this unless they see the power and the truth of self-giving love at work in us. It is not enough merely to preach. Jesus did more than that. He both lived and died for the love of God and the need of man.

The pattern is incarnation — entering fully into the life of the world. Evangelism cannot be divorced from pastoral involvement. The success of our crusades and missions is usually based on the personal and pastoral relationships already established, or those established soon after. Experience has shown that when we are involved in the problems of people we know in a helpful way, then we can speak and are heard.

At North Essendon, Vic., this year, in a small experiment of reaching out to young people outside of the church, we have learned a little of what is involved, if such a ministry is to be a permanent thing, and we have faced the frustration of finding that our usual forms of ministry as a local church are not easily adaptable to the needs of most young people who are outside the church today. Our churches are not geared or trained for evangelism at the level of real involvement with people beyond the fringes of those families already associated with them.

Real evangelism is costly, but the Cross is our pattern, too. C. T. Studd wrote:

"Some like to dwell within the sound of church or chapel bell; I'd rather run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

We need that passion, but we must be prepared for a little singeing by the flames. And the fires are all around us today.

It was costly for Jesus to "empty himself," "be born in the likeness of men," and be "obedient unto death," but it was the only effective way. Are we prepared to give our lives? Pascal said, "I only believe those stories for the truth of which the witnesses are prepared to give their lives."

We evade the cost of reconciling men to God when we present the church merely as a good thing for the community, or for the children, and urge people to come because of the exciting activities or the dynamic preacher. People become reconciled to God when they give themselves to God and others in the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ.

God has the power to renew his church and to transform human society, but the gifts of Pentecost and the Resurrection are beyond the Incarnation and the Cross.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ENDORSE MORE CENTRALISED CHURCH

(St. Louis). Delegates to the 18th Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) voted overwhelmingly to recommend a proposed restructuring of this church.

The standing vote followed a series of victories for advocates of "A Provisional Design for the Christian Church." Less than 100 of the 4,615 voting delegates opposed the action.

The Provisional Design establishes a more centralised form of government at regional and general (national) levels. Although it includes safeguards against infringement on the autonomy of local congregations, and asserts that all relationships in the restructured church shall remain "free and voluntary," the design had been attacked by some as a move toward regional and national control.

CATHOLIC MAGAZINE BACKS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

(New York). "Commonweal," a lay-edited Roman Catholic weekly, gave editorial support to a statement by 26 Catholic writers, educators and publishers advocating civil disobedience in opposition to the Vietnam war.

"Commonweal" noted that this "escalation of dissent" is "a natural consequence both of the failure of the peace movement to achieve its ends through ordinary political techniques, and of frustration which comes from being ignored or, on occasion when notice is taken, of being sneered at."—E.P.S.

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INDONESIA CONDEMNS ANTI-CHRISTIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

(The Hague). Officials of the Indonesian Government have been highly critical of recent anti-Christian demonstrations by Moslem groups. They said such acts could not be tolerated.

During anti-Christian demonstrations in Makassar, on the island of Celebes, in October, 15 Protestant and Catholic churches were damaged, as well as a great many parish-houses and Christian institutions. The incidents at Makassar, a town of 600,000 inhabitants, of whom 100,000 are Christians, had attracted a great deal of attention in Indonesia, because they were regarded as a violation of freedom of belief and tolerance, basic rights of the Republic.—E.P.S.

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\$(U.S.) 25,000 GRANT FOR AUST. LIFE LINE

(Sydney). A large American foundation has made a grant of \$(U.S.) 25,000 to Life Line International, for the promotion of Life Line Centres throughout the world.

The grant by Lilly Endowment Incorporated of Indianapolis, U.S.A., is believed to be the first by an American foundation for an Australian venture in the social-religious field.

Life Line International, which was set up in Sydney in August, 1966, to encourage the establishment of Life Line Centres throughout the world, and to co-ordinate their activities, will use the money for a world-wide promotion.

Announcing the grant from the Lilly Foundation the Rev. Alan Walker, Founder of the Life Line movement, and President of Life Line International, said tonight, "This gift represents an important development in the story of an Australian idea which has gone international."

"It places added responsibility on the Sydney Life Line Centre, which has become the pioneer for the other eleven Life Line Centres already in existence, and for the new ones which will emerge."

The other Centres already affiliated with Life Line International are in Adelaide, Brisbane, Broken Hill and Newcastle, Cape Town, South Africa, Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand, Stockton, California and Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., and Sudbury, Ontario and Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

SYDNEY LIFE LINE CENTRE

Mr. Walker said that the rebuilding of the Sydney Life Line Centre, which was extensively damaged by fire in August, commenced yesterday. The Lilly Foundation grant did not mean that unexpected financial resources would be available for the rebuilding. That must be financed from moneys raised locally by the Sydney Life Line Centre.

NEAR EAST ASSISTANCE

(Geneva). "With winter cold coming on, several hundred thousand refugees from the West Bank of the Jordan are still homeless," reports Richard Butler, Near East emergency secretary for the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

The churches in the Jordan, through the joint W.C.C. Near East Council of Churches Emergency Committee, are aiding refugees who have remained in Amman, Zerka and Irbid in East Jordan. These persons now live crowded in with friends and relatives, sometimes even inhabiting gardens and caves. An estimated 20,000 are in Amman alone. They have stayed in the towns in the hope of finding work.

Immediately after the Arab-Israeli war, funds were rushed by the W.C.C. to purchase 5,000 family kits for the new refugees, including mattresses, cooking utensils and a small stove. The majority went to people from three West Bank villages destroyed by war. Some 4,000 refugees in Amman, Zerka and Irbid were aided with cash, clothing and food. An emergency clinic was operated in Amman in co-operation with the government.—E.P.S.

WRIGHT THINKING

— BY C. H. J. WRIGHT
CHARACTER QUOTIENT

The automatic pilot in modern aeroplanes is a fascinating device. Once the aeroplane is aloft and directed towards its destination, the automatic pilot may be put into action, the controls set, and the pilot of the aircraft can then sit back and relax while the aeroplane continues perfectly on its course, guaranteed to keep on the beam. It sounds quite a pleasant occupation, doesn't it?

Now it would seem that many church people have what may be called an "automatic pilot" conception of the Christian life. We think that once our sights are lifted, and we are aloft and directed toward Christ on the Christian way, then we can set the controls to automatic pilot and float into the heavenly city. Being baptized members of the church just about guarantees that we will stay on the beam (so we suppose); we can sit back and relax, taking it easy, assuming we shall be carried safely to our destination.

There is only one thing wrong with the automatic pilot idea of the Christian life — it doesn't work! It doesn't work because there is nothing automatic about the Christian life. We decide for or against Christ every day of our lives in all our decision making. It is a crucial decision to have turned our lives toward Christ and committed ourselves to him; but that is where the real struggle begins.

Conversion has a beginning in our awakening to decision, but if conversion is to be permanent it has no ending, for we are called upon to walk the way we have chosen. So Paul once wrote, "we are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind . . . but we are . . . to grow up in every way into Christ the Head . . . until . . . we arrive at maturity . . ."

No matter how old we may be, or how intelligent, or how ordinary or how extraordinary, our conversation is not only an initial act, but a growing experience. We ought to be growing up towards Christian maturity.

One afternoon I was listening to a ball-to-ball description of a Test match — a batsman had settled down to a dull, unimaginative innings, and the commentator said, "He is as static as a church!" That stung me! Was that what the church looked like today, the church which in the first century turned the world upside down, and at its best has always changed, transformed, recreated men and societies.

There are too many static Christians in the church today. We are not growing up into Christian maturity; indeed our conduct, our manner of life is often very immature.

We are all acquainted with the term "intelligence quotient," or I.Q., which is a measure of a child's rate of develop-

ment up to the age at which he is tested. There are some students who are unusually bright, they have a high I.Q., many of them are average, and some are definitely retarded.

How would we fare if the church should establish a system of periodic checks to rate its members' progress and growth in Christian character manifested in their faith and conduct? How many of us would qualify as advanced Christians? How many only average? How many retarded?

It ought to be possible to rate our spiritual development, to establish our character quotient. The apostle Paul once suggested a type of examination for testing individual Christians. "Let a man examine himself," says Paul, "search out his own weaknesses, and by the grace of God correct them."

John Sutherland Bonnel has suggested four questions to guide us in self-examination. If some of these should seem embarrassingly applicable to us, I suppose we can always think of one of our neighbours to whom they could apply. Beecher said once that the churches all over the land were full of bald-headed old sinners whose hair had been worn off by friction from sermons aimed at them which glanced off their heads and hit the man in the pew behind. I think that is tough on bald-headed men — but I think you see the point.

1. Am I easy to live with, and to work with? This is a searching test. How people in general may regard us, is not half so important as how we rate with our wives and children at home. We say, "Charity begins at home." So does Christianity. As one woman said of her husband, who was an actor, "He may be a comedy on the stage, but he is a tragedy in the home."

2. Am I easily hurt or offended by others? Touchiness, petulance, readiness to have one's pride hurt, are all forms of selfishness. They reveal vanity, self-consciousness, a desire to be noticed, and an irritable fear of being slighted.

3. Do I manifest the spirit of unforgiveness and grudge-bearing? Wholehearted goodwill is the most characteristic quality of a true Christian. One who really has it is a marked person in any company.

4. Am I growing steadily in Christ-likeness? He is the goal of all our striving. "Don't keep looking at what your hands are doing," said a noted teacher of sculpture in London, "keep your eyes on the model." Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ.

Well, how is your character quotient as revealed in these four tests? We must continually examine ourselves, in the light of Jesus — we are meant to grow up in every way into Christ — until we arrive at real maturity.

AUSTRALIAN ARCHBISHOP PESSIMISTIC

(Sydney). Ecumenically-minded members of the Anglican Synod of Sydney were startled when Archbishop Marcus Lawrence Loane said that lines of cleavage between Roman Catholics and Anglicans are not likely to be overcome.

The comments, made at the Synod's 34th meeting, came only three days before the first meeting of a Joint Working Group composed of members of the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

"It is my own deeply rooted conviction that all talk of union is both vain and idle unless it grows out of genuine agreement on the essential elements and the paramount emphasis of an unswerving Biblical theology," he said.

"We must welcome the diminution of sectarian tension and the renewed interest among Roman Catholic scholars in Biblical studies and the increased freedom for mutual discussion and better understanding. At the same time it has been made abundantly clear that no change in the traditional dogmas of the Church of Rome is contemplated. Historical lines of demarcation therefore remain unchanged."—E.P.S.

TWO ARCHBISHOPS DISPUTE LOANE STATEMENT

(Sydney). Anglican Archbishop Frank Woods (Melb.) and Catholic Archbishop Guilford C. Young (Hobart) have taken issue with Archbishop Marcus Loane's statement that there are fundamental differences between Catholics and Anglicans that are not likely to be overcome.

Archbishop Young said little could be achieved by taking this approach.

The Catholic prelate added that if he took the same stand, he would be making such statements as, "Until Archbishop Loane stops rejecting the papacy there cannot be any union." He said that unity discussions are best approached along the lines of the "hierarchy of truths," meaning that some doctrinal truths are more important than others.

According to Archbishop Woods, "The question of doctrinal differences are not overcome, they are understood and integrated."—E.P.S.

UNION OF PACIFIC ISLANDS CHURCHES

The United Church of Papua-New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is due to come into being next January.

It will include the United Church of Port Moresby, the Papua Ekelesia — formerly the London Missionary Society — and the Methodist Districts of the New Guinea Highlands, the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. The Methodist Church as it is now known in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate will no longer exist.

Control of the new United Church will be vested in the Assembly, which will meet annually. Each year it will select a moderator to head the church. Bishops will be elected for an initial period of six years, and it is expected that there will be some ten of them.—E.P.S.

LINES FROM LEICESTER

BY STANTON H. WILSON

"Bunnies" Help "Salvationists"

London's Park Lane was the scene of a strange assembly last month. The venue was the "Bunnies" warren, the Playboy Club. The "Salvationists" and the "Bunnies," who have this at least in common, viz.: they wear strictly stylised uniforms, enthusiastically espoused the cause of poverty.

When the Lord Mayor of London opened "Army Week," the climax of the "For God's Sake Care" campaign, "Bunnies" were present to sell "Salvation Bonds" at £1 a time in aid of funds. Bonds were also sold in the "Playboy Club," and the Salvation Army's "Joy-strings" went there to play — music.

The Salvation Army aims to raise £3 million for 28 social projects to help people below the breadline. They estimate that in England's affluent society there are 400,000 deprived children, 675,000 old people alone and house-bound, and 400,000 men who are social misfits.

When Major William Pratt, the Army's press officer was asked about the apparent unsuitability of the partnership between the "Bunnies" and the "Salvationists," he replied: "What good is a Christianity that stays behind its citadel and barriers? We are well aware of the difficulties of promoting the gospel message in a strictly materialistic society. But the trouble with so much religious presentation is that it stays behind stained glass windows." Well, that's a new "slant" on Public Relations.

Beginners' Guide to Betting

Under the above heading, Derek Malcolm, a sports columnist in the "Guardian," recently wrote seriously to those contemplating taking up betting on horses. He said that he is often asked: "Is backing horses as profitable as many punters maintain?" Malcolm says the answer is a resounding "No!" "Punters as a breed are the biggest fibbers on earth. They tell you when they win, but rarely when they lose. Only one in a hundred regular punters makes a regular profit, and with 50 per cent of those it is more luck than judgment." "On the whole," he continues, "the best advice to give the would-be backer is 'don't' — unless you have enough money to be able to afford losing it cheerfully."

I always did think that backing horses was a "mug's game." I am confirmed in this belief, having read the advice which Derek Malcolm gave his fellow sportsmen "straight from the horse's mouth" — so to speak.

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Uppsala

When delegates to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches next July, leave Stockholm on the 41 miles last stage of their journey to Uppsala (pop. 80,000), they will travel across low flat terrain similar to Holland. The country-side is made beautiful by pine forests, lakes and silver birches.

Uppsala, which means "uplands-city," is built round a low hill at the foot of which flows the River Fyris. More than a thousand years ago, Uppsala was the principal town of the Svea Kingdom. During the reigns of the Vasa kings (1523-1654) and for a couple of centuries afterwards, Uppsala played an important part in Swedish history.

On the one dominating hill of the city's skyline stands a sombre, almost grim-looking castle. Today it is the Hall of State (Rikssalen). Besides housing municipal offices, it is the residence of the provincial administrator. When his father was a County Governor, Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, lived here as a boy. His memory is commemorated in one of the city's main thoroughfares, Dag Hammarskjöld Road, near to which between the Castle and the Cathedral, is his honored grave.

In 1702, three quarters of Uppsala was destroyed by fire and both the Cathedral and the Castle were badly damaged. The original plan of the Castle was never completed. What stands today is the elongated section overlooking the city and the wing containing the prison in which the so-called Sture murders were committed. The Great Hall was the scene of the Coronation Banquet of Gustavus Adolphus, and also of the abdication of Queen Christina.

Near the Castle is the Gunilla bell tolled daily at 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. On April 30th of each year undergraduates and alumni from the University march up to the North Tower for a rousing and joyful celebration of the arrival of Spring. Next time, I will write of my recent visit to the beautiful Uppsala Cathedral, where the opening and closing worship services of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held.

Aberfan Anniversary

The other week, Aberfan celebrated the first anniversary of The Great Tip Disaster of Oct. 21, 1966. It was a terrible week for the people of Aberfan. On Monday, many families had to evacuate their homes which were flooded with torren-

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tial rains. On Tuesday, some official at last was about to issue 144 death certificates, until it was pointed out to him that it might be better to do so at some other time. On Wednesday, the villagers buried Vic, the local policeman who was one of the heroes of the rescue operation. On Thursday, they had to send a deputation to Cardiff about the Coal Board's plans for the Aberfan tips.

Friday was the worst day of all — the anniversary of the day Tip No. 7 slid down the mountain side and pushed Pant Glas School, which was in session, clear over the other side of the street. All this grief has been kept fresh by TV cameras, newspaper articles, an Official Enquiry, world-wide publicity and 116 celebrations of children's birthdays.

Aberfan is a village of deep and mixed emotions. Here is bitter resentment, fatalistic acceptance, undaunted faith, renewed courage, loneliness and despair. It is a village where, as one bereaved mother expressed it: "We have a language all our own. It can be a beautiful sunny morning and we'll say to each other, 'God, what a terrible day,' and we'll know just what we mean."

Although almost everything in Aberfan reminds its people of that indescribable disaster, it is felt that when each bereaved family receives its £5,000 from the Disaster Fund, which closed at £1,800,000, few will move out of the village. They will remain for one compelling reason — on the hillside, across the valley, there is a plot of earth with 144 mounds where the flowers are always fresh.

This London

Every time I go to London, I think I love it even more. London isn't a city; it's a world. This time, I went down Carnaby Street. The "set-up" there is one of the best sales promotion gimmicks I have seen anywhere. Carnaby Street mainly deals in men's clothing — "men's" did I say? — let it pass. Here the exotic, erotic and ecstatic in the newest and most expensive fashions are to be had at a price — and what a price!

I suspect that those who reap the profits of Carnaby Street are not the mini-skirted salesgirls, or the long-haired males behind the counters, but the people I saw leaving their chauffeur-driven limousines to shop in Knightsbridge.

From Carnaby Street, we walked down Burlington Arcade. This fashionable shopping promenade in Piccadilly was built in 1819. It has 72 bow-fronted shops and is nearly 600 feet long. Throughout the day, uniformed beaules are on duty to see that nobody infringes the long-standing rules of the Arcade. You must not run, whistle or sing within its precincts, nor wheel a pram, carry a large parcel, nor open an umbrella. London is unique.

From Burlington Arcade we went into a large departmental store in Picadilly, where the salesmen all wore immaculate grey pin-striped trousers and "tails." Here, one may have the luxury (?) of buying a tin of baked beans over the counter from a grocer in a morning suit.

In the same shop, we were not surprised to see an eight inch pineapple for 30/- (sterling). To us, it smelt good, but we left it for some affluent customer to take home and taste.

N.Z.'s Conference

Report on visit to the 45th Annual Conference of Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, Palmerston North, Oct. 18-23, as fraternal delegates from the Australian churches.

By DON K. BEILER

To visit New Zealand is the experience of a lifetime, and to bring greetings to our Christian brothers and sisters across the Tasman Sea has been a privilege indeed.

J. G. Bell, who was Fraternal Delegate to Federal Conf. in Melbourne last year, gave us the first example of N.Z. friendship and hospitality. Within two hours he had kindly shown us some of the beauty spots in Auckland, taken us to his home, then to a Men's Fellowship tea at the Onehunga church. Among those present were Dr. Leech, of Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A., Fulbright Scholar, lecturing in History at Auckland University, and Joshua Garae, a young man from our New Hebrides Mission, who had qualified that day as a Laboratory Assistant. Joshua commenced his studies two months late in the school year, took nine subjects, topped the school in three, and earned "A" grade passes in the other six (including Latin!). He came from an obscure part of the Islands and had to master our language as well.

Some time previously, Dr. Coulter, N.Z. missionary serving with the Aust. Overseas Mission Board in the New Hebrides, arranged with our N.Z. brethren, through the Christian Hospital Trust Board, to send a lad to N.Z. for a very serious heart operation. Successful surgery transformed him from a physical wreck to a strong and healthy young man. On his return to the islands, August Ben entered New Hebrides Bible College and became the first to qualify as a missionary from Banmatmat.

Another came to be trained in book-keeping and administration, and is now assisting in mission organisation. Two girls are also being trained in nursing — one is now qualified; the other will complete her studies in December.

Edward is another promising young man, now studying at a secondary school in Christchurch. He hopes to become a doctor. These are thrilling achievements on the part of our N.Z. brethren, and the young people concerned who have been given these unique opportunities.

The Conference City

Palmerston North is a beautiful city, with a population of 52,000, in the heart of a prosperous sheep and cattle raising area. Our host, Theo. Zurcher, nephew of the late John and Arthur Fisher, has 1,000 sheep and 115 cattle on 208 acres of fertile land.

At the opening of the Conference, Mayor Rennie welcomed the delegates assembled, and mentioned with pride

Palmerston North's Massey University, where young people from 25 nations were studying — 1,700 full-time and 1,400 part-time students in all.

Observers and Greetings

Representatives from the negotiating churches — Anglican, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian — attended during the sessions and brought greetings. The President was Keith Andrews, minister of the Oamaru church for the past 10 years. Each time he entered to preside, all stood in respect.

A greeting from the British churches spoke of "the remarkable ecumenical witness of the New Zealand churches, which was proving helpful and had dramatically challenged us," as the situation was considered somewhat similar to that existing in the U.K.

Garfield Todd, who had been in Palmerston North the previous weekend, en route to Canada, also sent a greeting to the Conference. His comment that "Christianity is the only subversive activity that he is or has been engaged in during his 33 years in Southern Rhodesia," was given publicity in the local paper. The following day the Editor stated, in his leading article, "In Africa, especially, Christians who accept the teaching that all men are equal in God's eyes, will frequently be regarded as subversive."

Our chief task was to convey greetings from our Federal President, Federal Executive, South Australian churches, World Convention President and Secretary, and World President of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and to express the Christian love and interest of the Australian churches.

On the opening night we were given generous time to present the greetings and show slides of Australian scenes, personalities and churches, to stimulate interest in the 8th World Convention to be held in Adelaide in 1970. A cordial and enthusiastic invitation was given to our "Kiwi" brethren to come to Australia. Publicity there is already well advanced and we are confident that at least 100 will come to Adelaide.

"Watch and Pray"

A banner bearing these words was given a prominent place on the platform. Ten brief devotional addresses centering on various aspects of the theme interspersed the business sessions, and kept the tone high. In his Presidential address, Keith Andrews said, "Prayer is not the preparation for work;

it IS the work. Prayers of all God's people can do wonders today. Prayer is the key that Jesus puts into our hands for all Christian work."

The Live Question of Christian Union

It was evident that our N.Z. brethren are sincere, active and urgent in their approach to union. The third report of the Joint Commission of Church Union, as presented to the five negotiating churches, was distributed to delegates at the Conference. We have five representatives on the Commission. (See report elsewhere this issue.)

Conference Sunday

This proved to be a time of worship and happy fellowship. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church made their lovely sanctuary available for the services, also their fine choir. At the morning communion service, Gerald Rose spoke on "The Great Divorce," and reminded us, from Romans 8, of the incompatibility of the flesh and the spirit, but called us to be involved in the mass and mess of humanity in the spirit and with the purpose of Jesus.

The evening service was combined with the Presbyterian congregation and their minister led the service. Ray Blampied's Conference Sermon subject was "Thank God and take courage." He traced the life of the church in recent years as it had encountered storms and contrary winds — in the lessening acceptance of the gospel of Christ and the ministry of the church. He thanked God that the situation had called for and produced drastic measures and a re-evaluation of so many aspects of our life and witness. The winds of God can produce "Vikings of the Sunrise."

24 Resolutions in 60 Minutes

Resolutions of loyalty, gratitude, thanksgiving and greeting were quickly passed. Following Bruce Burn's resignation as H.M. Organiser, after a 10-year ministry, one resolution expressed appreciation of the way he had lifted their sights in the field of evangelism. Another interesting resolution was passed:—

"That on this 450th anniversary of the Reformation, this Dominion Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ sends greetings to the Roman Catholic Church of New Zealand. We recognise the many tensions which exist between our two churches, but we are grateful to God that after so many years, we have entered into an age of growing understanding."

As is usual, a resolution on the "hot potato" — Vietnam — was presented, and evoked considerable discussion. It was superseded by another, couched in stronger terms, as follows:—

"While we as a people are totally opposed to all totalitarian systems and aggression, we deplore the present approach of the Western Powers to the problems of Vietnam. We are concerned with the constant stepping up of military commitments, despite the constant reassurance in this country that there is no intention of sending further N.Z. troops to Vietnam. We urge the Government that this country takes a more active role

in seeking reconciliation between the parties. We also urge the Government to seek a more active part in the economic development of South East Asia."

Important Decisions —

The Conference, comprising 48 churches (with 45 registered ministers in all) and 3,637 members, authorised a budget of \$23,500 for administrative and departmental work.

The General Executive Committee has now given way to the Conference Council, and Wallace Harford was set apart as first full-time Conference Secretary.

The final report of the General Executive stated: "Tied up with and beyond revision of structure, the more demanding need is for renewal of life in the brotherhood, if the structure is to be meaningful in the Kingdom of God."

The 40th Anniversary of Glen Leith Bible College was celebrated during the year. At present seven students are enrolled. Plans for the establishment of a common syllabus among the negotiating churches are now finalised, and the new diploma course will begin in 1969. The Bible College Committee and faculty have been asked to investigate the possibility of holding annually a training course for laymen and women.

Ladies' Day

Mrs. Beller conveyed greetings to the C.W.F. Conf. from Mrs. Kath Lawton, World Pres. of the C.W.F., and Miss Erica Hammond, Pres. of S.A. Women's Conf., who also sent a token presentation. During the day, Dominion President, Mrs. O. Finter, led devotions and chaired the meetings.

The wide range of matters was discussed, and a record number of remits considered, one being a decision to use the Australian C.W.F. Handbook. Mrs. Polglaze was installed as President for the coming year.

A Generous Gesture

For the past two years the N.Z. Government has considerably reduced the amount of money which it will allow to be remitted to Rhodesia by our churches

for the conduct of their Overseas Missions work, pending the clarification of the position of Mr. Smith's government there. The board has funds in hand which — although urgently needed in Rhodesia — it is not permitted to remit.

A tentative approach was made to the Aust. Overseas Mission Board, and a project of top priority in New Guinea was suggested. Conference approved the recommendation and commissioned the N.Z. Board to finalise details in consultation with the Conference Council. Thus the link between the brotherhoods just across the Tasman will grow a little stronger — thanks to the vision and gracious gesture of our N.Z. brethren.

The Year Ahead

Murray Sweetman, an engineer from Auckland, was installed as Dominion President, and Principal Gavin D. Munro, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., of Glen Leith College, as Vice-President for 1967/68. The theme chosen by the President is "Christ makes all things new," and the Department of Christian Educ. is promoting a programme based on this theme.

Next year's Conference is to be held at Nelson, in the South Island. (Both islands are referred to as "the mainland," in good natured competition — it all depends on your viewpoint, whether you live in the north or south island.)

It is interesting to recall that in the Spring of 1845, a young man, Thomas Magarey, landed at Port Adelaide from Nelson, to settle in South Australia. Seeds of the Restoration Movement in Aust. were first sown by this godly Irish businessman. He had migrated to N.Z. in 1841, and settled in the Nelson district. There he came under the influence of Thomas Jackson, who had arrived in 1841, bringing with him a knowledge of the Restoration principles which were slowly being accepted in various parts of the "old country."

We are therefore indebted to N.Z. more than we can ever realise for the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit which led to the commencement of a Churches of Christ witness in Australia. As a result, so many of us have come to know Christ and the meaning of Christian life, fellowship and witness. Thanks so much, Nelson!

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To the Editor,

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—A. J. Wignell, Principal.

BAPTISM.

To the Editor,

There can surely be no other more controversial question among evangelical Christians than that raised by L. E. Verco ("A.C." 11/11/67) on whether baptism is essential to salvation.

However, it must be evident that only within Churches of Christ does this question seem to pose any great difficulty. Other denominations closely allied to ourselves are able to worship together

with this vexed question being left to the believer's conscience and the judgment of God.

Too often the stock text of Mark 16: 16 is dishonestly quoted, because only that part of it which serves the affirmative argument is printed.

May it now be printed in full, (R.V.), "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." Other translations in common use all emphasise the condemnation upon disbelief and not especially on the act of baptism.

I suppose it is easy to use texts as verbal brickbats, to support almost any theological question. Your correspondent, L. E. Verco, has coupled two independent quotations to support a dubious argument. I have undoubtedly used similar tactics in only quoting one text. The whole gospel is not contained in any one verse of scripture.

In his closing comments, Mr. Verco is more charitable, and less dogmatic. However, when he refers to "our old-time preachers" is it to be assumed that only Church of Christ people are referred to?

What of D. L. Moody, Torrey, Alexander, and in our own day Billy Graham. The problem of their convert's response to baptism was, and is left to the individual conscience.

I am drawn to the conclusion that it is so easy to enclose, in a very small circle, those who follow us in every detail, and to exclude all others. As a baptized believer I cannot subscribe to this attitude, nor do I see it as compatible with N.T. Christianity.

—M. R. Morton, N.S.W.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

DIFFERENCES

To the Editor,

I nearly stopped getting the "A.C." because it used to make me so unhappy to see all the differences of opinion on nearly everything, especially in the "Open Forum." But one of our elders put me right. He said, "It is not sinful to differ. It is only sinful when we bring sin into our differences." I've been staying awake thinking of that one for nights.

Apparently it's sin when we use our differences to get a personal following, because it's so nice to be popular.

It's sin to cast a reflection on the integrity and honesty and spirituality of those who differ from us.

It's a sin when we use some facts to support our case and conveniently ignore the facts on which a case is built by those who differ from us.

It's a sin when we use out of context what is written or said by those who differ from us in order to bolster our own position.

It's a sin when we would sooner whisper or lobby with the like-minded than sit in dialogue with those who think differently.

It's a sin when we think that the other side are the only ones playing it dirty.

It's not a sin to differ. In fact, there is even some virtue in differing from editors, provided we do it nicely!

TERTIUS.

BAPTISM.

To the Editor,

L. E. Verco (S.A.) is to be commended for his wise and logical statement re the place of baptism in the plan of salvation. In the light of New Testament teaching, who are to say "it doesn't matter"? It is relevant to our day when so many members of Churches of Christ take this attitude.

Our brother has stated, "Our Lord Jesus Christ, who knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts, will be the judge." I agree. However, it should be remembered we are to be judged by the Word, and the Word surely has much to say on this matter.

—Mrs. Alice Youens, Vic.

MINISTERS.

To the Editor,

Dr. A. C. Caldicott in "A.C." Oct. 28, asks that our Colleges "give serious thought to including the University Social Studies Diploma in their training, so that when the 'axe' falls, our men will be able to walk into a form of employment with which they are accustomed."

This is putting the cart before the horse. It also shows utter lack of faith. He says that there is a "continuous exodus" of men leaving the ministry, some for "sheer economic reasons," others "want security for their family." Where is the heroic faith?

We are very short of ministers, and this shortage will increase if men "prepare" at the very outset of preparation for the ministry for the time when the "axe" falls. What about giving serious thought to minimizing the exodus of men who heard the call, trained and are serving?

Dr. Caldicott says "The present trend seems to be training young men to fill vacancies which they themselves will later vacate and vanish over the horizon." I would say, and as suggested in his letter, that most who "vanish" almost invariably do so to better themselves whereas churches struggle to find ministers.

I agree with getting added training if it does fit men better for the ministry. Adequate training should help men to cope relatively well with the work. Such men may not wish to leave, and those who do leave will profit from their training and experience.

But at the outset men ought to train for total commitment, nothing half-hearted. We need to be "nailed" to Christ's cause. Christ is the example. He did not back out when nailed to the cross. One minister writes, "I have been crucified with Christ."

—G. Setsman, S.A.

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C.W.F. PRE-CRUSADE RALLY

The Evangelistic Rally organised by the Woman to Woman Evangelism sub-committee of the C.W.F. in Vic.-Tas. took place in the Independent Church, Collins-st., Melb., on Nov. 14.

Thorough Preparation.

Three areas of preparation were involved. **People.** — Months before field workers from the Dept. of H. M. and Evang., met a group of representative women. Churches in the metropolitan area were visited and country churches were kept informed by the monthly report sheet of the C.W.F., and through "The Aust. Christian."

Publicity. — Several methods were used to keep the women of the churches informed.

Prayer. — This began early, and intensified as time passed. During the final week of preparation a "Prayer Rainbow" was used, when prayer was offered each day from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. In this, at least 49 individuals, 49 groups and 2 committees shared. 40 "shut in people" were in prayer right through the time of the rally itself.

GARFIELD TODD

(N.Z.). This N.Z. born missionary of our churches, and one-time Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, received considerable press, radio and TV publicity when he visited N.Z. during the course of world tour in October.

In an address at the Onehunga church, prior to leaving for Canada, he said that there were more than 400 people in political camps in Rhodesia who had never been tried. 70 others were awaiting execution in death cells, some of whom had been committed under the Law and Order Maintenance Act, which demanded the death penalty. He praised Tanzania's leader, Julius Nyerere, a devout Catholic, and Kenneth Kaunda in Zambia.

Because Churches of Christ in N.Z. had sent missionaries to Africa some 60 years ago, they had been partly responsible for the educational revolution and freedom which the Africans now desired.

Thoughtful Planning.

There was a high spiritual tone. Mrs. Beryl Amos (convener of the sub-committee) chaired the rally; Mrs. Betty Quafe was soloist; the organ was played by Mrs. Judy Barber, Mus. Bach; the choir was led by Mrs. Elva Crouch; and the speaker was Gordon K. Moyes, B.A., minister of the Church of Christ, Cheltenham. The meeting flowed smoothly, the singing was bright, the solo was splendid. When Mr. Moyes rose to speak there was a fine atmosphere.

Timely Preaching.

Based on the story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment, the preacher dealt with the theme, "How Christ Can Help You." Mr. Moyes directed attention to Jesus Christ, who knows our needs, relieves our tensions, and rewards our faith. Four ladies responded to the invitation — three in primary decision, and one in rededication. The names of these have been referred to their local churches.

Graham Gilmour (Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Beryl Ferguson (C.W.F. Pres.), were both on the platform and led in prayers.

Only a greater understanding throughout the world of the moral and spiritual issues at stake will help contribute to the healing of affairs in Rhodesia, said Mr. Todd. Oppression, repression, unrest and censorship characterised present-day life in Rhodesia, he said in Wellington. —W.B.B.

75 YEARS' ACHIEVEMENT

(Fremantle - Hilton, W.A.). 75 years of witness was celebrated on Nov. 5, with messages from T. D. Maiden, Conf. Pres., and F. Rees, minister. A young man was baptized at night. On Nov. 4, the church combined with the B.S. for a picnic at the Zoo . . . Dorothy Geyer, en route to India, showed slides and spoke at the midweek meeting on Nov. 8 . . . The C.W.F. held a garden party at L. Ladner's home on 11th. Various missions will benefit . . . J. K. Bond visited the church on Nov. 12. A young man made his decision.

BIG YOUTH GROUP

(Coburg, Vic.). Over 50 young people meet each Monday night. This has been an experiment in an attempt to reach young people who have no church affiliation. They shared in a youth camp at Lyonville, and studies, hiking, fun and community living have enriched their lives. Two young men, in their 20's, have made decisions . . . Bi-monthly we have been holding morning coffees for our women and those outside the life of the church who are seeking for meaning . . . A four-week workshop on Churches of Christ and Christian Union has just concluded, when we honestly faced our heritage and what would be our attitude towards visible unity with other communions.

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS JUBILEE CONVENTION

(Melb.). Two widely-travelled preachers who have frequently spoken at the Keswick Convention in England, will be taking part in the Jubilee Belgrave Heights Convention, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

They are the Rev. George Duncan, of St. George's Tron Church, Glasgow, and Rev. Dr. Alan Redpath, Minister Emeritus of Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh.

Rev. Dudley Foord, Dean of Students at Moore Theological College, Sydney, will deliver the morning Bible studies.

Dr. Redpath is spending several weeks in S.E. Asia, speaking at missionary conferences before coming to Australia. He will also be the main speaker at the National C.E. Convention, Adelaide, Jan. 11-19.

WOMEN'S CONVENTION

(Inverell, N.S.W.). A hundred ladies attended the Aust. Christian Women's Convention, Nov. 3-5, which was addressed by Miss Raddon, missionary from Nepal, Mrs. Beryl Wykes, and others . . . Recent speakers have been H. Walmsley, at Delungra, and an after-church service on the Leprosy Mission; Alan Watson, of Ambassadors for Christ, at a Bible study meeting; and Rev. Bowyer Hayward, Principal of Leigh College (Methodist) at quarterly combined service . . . At the C.W.F. monthly night, Mrs. Wylie showed slides of her visit to Puerto Rico.

FOR NEW GUINEA

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). Rhonda Mudford and Bob Whan, soon to be married, and Judie Simpson, will leave for New Guinea early in the New Year . . . B.S. anniversaries were held at Balladorah and Gilgandra. Lois Quayle, dux of the Gilgandra school, was presented with a Bible . . . Miss Dorothy Butler is home on furlough from Carnarvon . . . Billy Graham film was shown on Nov. 5.

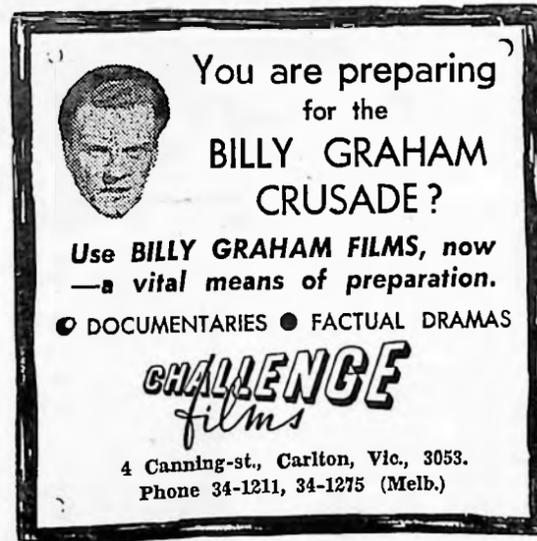
RISING COSTS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Federal Board of Christian Education has advised our schools and churches that severe rises in costs of production, and postal charges, makes necessary an increase in prices of Churches of Christ Graded Lessons. This will take effect from Jan., 1968.

These rising costs have reduced income to the point where the Board cannot serve the brotherhood beyond Dec., 1968, unless income from its publications — its only source of support — is increased. Even under this price rise, schools will be paying only 2½ cents per week per pupil for their teaching materials.

Some schools have already indicated their readiness to face new prices. One school in S.A. wrote, "All teachers felt it was their pleasure and duty to stand by your department in this time. We understand and appreciate the need for the rise in costs which we will have to meet, but we find that our school is happy and willing to do this."

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CHURCHES ANNOUNCE AID PROGRAMME

The Australian Council of Churches has announced details of a \$465,000 overseas aid and development programme it will carry out in 1968.

The programme, to be implemented by the Council's Inter-Church Aid Division, includes agricultural, educational, health, refugee and church mission projects in 50 countries.

Largest section of the programme is in Asia, where assistance will go to aid projects in 15 countries.

Finance for the programme will come mainly from the 11 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox member churches of the Council.

Projects to be financed include:

- At least \$15,000 for refugee service teams in Vietnam.
- At least \$38,500 for agricultural training programmes in India, Ceylon, Indonesia, Malaysia and parts of Africa.
- About \$10,000 for inter-racial and social justice projects in South Africa, Rhodesia and the U.S.A.

First New Guinea Projects.

For the first time the Council's aid programme includes activities in Papua-New Guinea, where \$3,000 is being provided to an agricultural training school, \$3,000 to a teachers' training college, and \$5,000 for a chaplaincy at the University of Papua-New Guinea.

PRINCIPAL CLEARED

(N.Z.). By large majority vote, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting in Christchurch, dismissed the charges of heresy brought against Professor L. Geering, and declared the case closed.

On Friday, R. J. Wardlaw, of Auckland, and the Rev. R. J. Blaikie, of Mangere, presented their charges before the Assembly. Press, radio and TV gave full publicity to this event, and to the two-hour debate following. Professor Geering had answered his accusers.

If he had disturbed anything at all, it was the sleepiness of the church, not its peace, declared the Principal. "If I am firm and adamant in expressing my convictions, it could be said that I am arrogant and all too sure of myself. If I am halting and diffident and confess in places my uncertainty, it could be said I am confused and don't know where I am. If I demolish the arguments of my accusers, some may say that I am just a clever debater. But if I do not face up to their charges, I may be accused of having no answer."

The Assembly judged that "no doctrinal error had been established, dismisses the charges and declares the case closed." Prolonged applause followed the decision.

An Auckland newspaper poster, advertising its Tuesday morning edition, said:

Asian Projects.

Among Asian projects to receive finance are:

- \$10,000 for the digging of village wells and for fertilizer distribution in India.
- \$5,000 for the rehabilitation for a group of Tibetan refugee families.
- \$2,000 to provide a tractor for an agricultural farm in Sarawak.
- \$2,000 to train social workers in Taiwan, and \$2,000 to establish a central social service agency in the Philippines.
- \$2,000 for medical research at a Hong Kong hospital, and \$4,000 for vocational training for Hong Kong refugee children.
- \$6,000 for the production of Christian literature in India.
- \$750 to establish a rural youth programme in North Thailand.

Geographically, the Council's 1968 aid programme will be divided:

International	\$179,000
Asia	\$126,970
Africa	\$ 33,920
Pacific	\$ 27,000
Americas	\$ 18,440
Middle East	\$ 29,500
Europe	\$ 5,670
Australia	\$ 44,500
Total	\$465,000

—A.C.C.

Wardlaw says "I quit." Mr. Wardlaw has announced that he will resign from the Presbyterian Church on his return to Auckland. He has been chairman of the Presbyterian Laymen's Association, which has no official standing within that church, and is also an elder of the church.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND CHRISTMAS STOCKING APPEAL

The Save the Children Fund faces its greatest challenge in Vietnam, where the Save the Children Fund Relief Team is giving aid to countless child victims.

On Wed., Nov. 29, the Fund will appeal to the public to share their Christmas with the sick and injured children of Vietnam.

Miniature Christmas Stockings will be distributed to those who wish to participate, and nothing could be more rewarding than to celebrate one's Christmas by helping a child victim of this tragic war.

During the Festive Season hostesses are reminded that a little empty Christmas stocking placed at the foot of the family Christmas tree, or maybe hanging one on the front door, would encourage their family or guests to join in sharing their Christmas.

Stockings are available at the Save the Children Fund Head Office, 49 Ellzabeth-st., Melbourne, 3000. Tel. 62-6691.

MEN NEEDED

Aust. Inter-Church Aid is seeking men for service in India in land development projects. Required are an engineer or building supervisor with building experience; a farmer experienced in land clearing and conservation; and a business manager and organiser for a farming and manufacturing community.

Single men are preferred. The jobs are difficult, requiring men of ability and sensitive leadership.

Also, a farmer experienced in pig raising is required to go to Indonesia for from one to three months to advise on the development of a pig farm which it is hoped can be established at Depok, near Djakarta.

A new rural hospital has recently been established at Depok by the National Council of Churches in Indonesia.

It is hoped to send to Depok a person to advise on pig raising. The task would involve a general survey of the situation, an evaluation of the feasibility of the programme and the planning of its development.

Travel costs would be provided by Inter-Church Aid.

Further information and inquiries should be made to Australian Inter-Church Aid, 511 Kent-st., Sydney, 2000.

HOLIDAY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Christians from all over Australia and belonging to most of the major Protestant denominations, are now planning to undertake the Holiday Correspondence Courses available over the period December to February, from the Department of External Studies of Moore Theological College (see advertisement in this issue).

These courses are available in eight subjects during December-February.

The subjects available are Elementary Greek, Preaching and Sermon Construction, Christian Ethics, Christian Missions, Epistle to the Romans, Principles and Methods of Evangelism, Religious Education and Youth Leadership. Elementary Greek is primarily an attendance course (one evening a week except over Christmas-New Year), but may be taken from the study of the text book without attendance, if the student has a friend who knows Greek and can assist him. The other courses are taken on a correspondence basis, the student receiving ten printed lessons, with guide to further reading and a free booklet on study methods.

An examination is held in February, and those who sit are eligible to undertake guided Practical Work in their subject. Candidates who pass in both the examination and Practical Work are awarded a Subject Certificate in the subject passed. This counts towards the Th.C. (Certificate in Theology) if a candidate wishes to continue his theological studies by correspondence.

Fees are \$3.50 per subject. For full details, write to The Secretary for External Studies, TAC, 15 King-st., Newtown, N.S.W., 2042.



NEW SOUTH WALES

GIFT FOR HUNGRY

(Beverly Hills, N.S.W.). Our collection on behalf of Freedom from Hunger realised \$327. We also raised \$450 from a stall at the Roselands (Grace Bros.) Charity Fair, to be used to reduce manse debt. . . . Midweek cottage meetings have been commenced and involve 50 members in prayer and Bible study. . . . Recent highlights have been missionary meetings, B. and F. B. Society annual meeting and S.S. anniversary.

NOT TO CONTINUE

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Annual business meeting, Oct. 26, elected as deacons, D. Bruce, K. Larcombe, J. Love, D. McElvenny, R. Murray, E. Smith (sec.), and M. Wilson. Minister and deacons have indicated that R. M. Wilson will not be renewing his term of office. He has been with us five years, and will stay until the end of 1967. . . . Recent speakers have been G. Sloman (chairman, Woolwich College Board); Mr. Cross (Rollands Native Mission), and Rev. and Mrs. John Lu, from Singapore. . . . Ladies enjoyed C.W.F. anniversary luncheon, addressed by Mrs. Mackenzie (Rockdale). . . . Y.P. held a successful progressive dinner at four different homes. . . . Mrs. Eve King has been in hospital for several months with a back injury.

SECOND IN STATE

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). C. McKinnon was second in State in her division of B.S. examinations. . . . Visiting speakers have been Peter Jamieson, formerly of Norseman; Russell Rowbotham, of Poona and India Village Mission; Murray Rule, of U.F.M.; R. Hewitt, of Carlingbah, and Jay Bacik, of Woolwich Bible College. . . . Our own preacher has served for a weekend at Macksville. . . . On Oct. 2, 25 cars joined in our annual WAANJAQE mystery car drive, enjoying picnic lunch and barbecue tea.

HORNSBY (N.S.W.). B.S. anniversary, on Nov. 5, featured the teachers' dedication service conducted by D. H. Oldfield. Members of the B.S. shared in the service. H. Bishop (deputy B.S. supt.) led the meetings, and T. Smith (B.S. supt.) conducted the singing. Speakers were R. Hewitt and Mr. Oldfield. Mr. Hewitt presented the prizes to the Kindergarten scholars.

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WOMEN'S FEDERAL PRESIDENT VISITS CANBERRA

(N.S.W.). During September, Mrs. Bloore, the President of the Australian C.W.F., was guest of the Canberra Christian Women's Fellowship. A luncheon was arranged, 40 women attending, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

At night, Mrs. Bloore spoke to over 50 women at the C.W.F. meeting on "Women's Work at the Federal Level," much interest being shown by the Can-

berra women in all aspects of Federal work. Mrs. Bloore appreciated very much the interests, and the graciousness shown to her by the women of Canberra.

We are delighted with the 1968/69 Handbook, which is now available.

Plans are well in hand for Oct. 17, 1968, which will be Women's Day for Federal Conference.

2CH BROADCASTS, DECEMBER

(N.S.W.). During December, Churches of Christ in N.S.W. will broadcast as follows:—

Regular Sunday Broadcast, 5.50 p.m.— Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 — "New Life in Christ," conducted by N.S.W. Dept. of H. M. and Evang.

Sunday Service, 11 a.m. — Dec. 10, Church of Christ, Hurstville.

Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m. — Mon., Dec. 11, C. J. Mackenzie, of Rockdale. Fri., Dec. 22, D. C. Nutt, of Peshurst.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). K. Christensen, East Kew, Vic., was special speaker at diamond jubilee morning and evening services. The next Saturday, the anniversary tea speaker was D. Mansell, of Wollongong, who also preached on Oct. 29. . . . Our ladies, since starting their sewing of clowns and dogs, in 1965, have made 782 clowns and 110 dogs, bringing in a total of \$1,523 clear profit, some of which has been given to Missions and the Pendle Hill Boys' Home. . . . P. H. Morton, Conf. Pres., was speaker on Nov. 5.

NEW MINISTER

(Fairfield, N.S.W.). W. Whitton will commence as full-time minister next March — the first full-time ministry apart from 12 months given by the late E. McIlhagger in 1963. Ed. Holt (student minister) concludes a profitable ministry on Nov. 26. D. Forrest will occupy the pulpit for the next three months. . . . Lex Lake and family are moving to Nowra; Mrs. J. Short to Blacktown. . . . Mr. Whelan (elder) and Mrs. Anderson have recently celebrated their 80th birthdays. . . . There are 45 in the Girls' Brigade, under E. White's leadership. Boys' Brigade has captured the imagination recently of several 17-18-year-olds, who are new to this organisation.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:—

1. The Federal Executive of the C.W.F. — in their planning for activities culminating in the Federal C.W.F. Conf., Oct., 1968, in Sydney.
2. N.S.W. Dept. of Men's Work — as it co-ordinates the various practical activities throughout the State.
3. All Elders and Deacons in our churches — that they may have an increasing sense of their responsibilities as they serve Christ and his church.
4. All Organists, Pianists, Soloists, Choirmasters, and members of local church choirs.
5. Car owners who graciously and sacrificially use their vehicles in the transport of B.S. scholars, members of youth organisations, aged folk and the sick.
6. N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee in its special effort throughout the month of November to encourage local Discussion Groups in the churches with a view to greater understanding of the principles of the Restoration Movement.

TREASURER RESIGNS

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). Elder N. Matthews has held the onerous position of church treasurer for many years. At the annual meeting the church placed on record sincere gratitude for all that God enabled him to accomplish, and accepted with deepest regret, his resignation. J. Morris is sec., and R. Baker is treas. The minister is N. Hodgekiss.

C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W.). The anniversary of the City Temple Brotherhood Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour (designated C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E. and pronounced "Sitbipsee") was on Oct. 22, at the Music Bowl, Manly. Representatives of young people from almost all of the Sydney suburban churches were present. The challenging message was given by David Surtees, minister at Bowral.

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SOUTHERN BAYSIDE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(Vic.). The 36th Southern Bayside Dist. Conf., at Cheltenham, on Nov. 4, with some 60 gathered representatives from Cheltenham, Black Rock, Hampton, Parkdale, Chelsea, Frankston, Tootgarook and Red Hill. Interest in the Conference had been enlivened by a "presidential tour" conducted by W. White, preceding Conference. Reports gave much encouragement, notwithstanding problems and difficulties.

The emphasis was on "Evangelism in the Local Church." A. A. Avery, with the assistance of well prepared charts, com-

pared the growth in population of the district with that of church membership. The result was a realisation of the need for evangelism, and to assist to meet this challenge. Mr. Avery directed questions to L. G. Crisp, of Thornbury, relative to special outreach programmes in that area.

Whilst the ladies' session was in progress, the men considered further the subject of Evangelism in a seminar conducted by G. K. Moyes, of Cheltenham.

A good representation of young people attended the evening session, which again was addressed by Mr. Avery.

LINK WITH JAPAN

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The Youth Fellowship prepared a tape of their usual weekly programme on an exchange basis with National Christians in Japan. This new link has created a spirit of unity between the two youth groups. . . . Over recent weeks, 17 have confessed Christ and been baptized. . . . 100 attended J.C.E. concert-social. Regular meetings average 37. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scotland, from the W.E.C., spoke at the ladies' annual "Milk for India" rally. D. G. Nelson has begun weekly Bible study group at St. Stephen's Hospital, among the members of the A.N.C.M. Church studies are currently following the theme of "Personal Evangelism". . . . Land has been bought at Hervey Bay for the erection of a new chapel. The ocean view, with railway station near by, make it an ideal location.

FIFTY AT COFFEE HOUR

(Hartwell, Vic.). 50 ladies met for pre-rally coffee hour, to hear challenge to C.W.F. presented by Mrs. D. Heard and Mrs. L. Joyce. Solos by Mrs. Bev. Hancock added inspiration and fellowship. Women sent \$60 towards work at Richmond Migrant Centre. . . . B.S. anniversary speakers were M. J. Savage, Dr. E. Berg, R. Hillier and J. Henley. Evening services had as special programme, "The Light and the Life," speaking parts, arranged by Mrs. N. Ross. Children sang under leadership of Eric Hancock. . . . Senior cricket team had good win in second match.

A. V. PAGE TO EAST PRESTON

(Vic.). The present minister at Hamilton, Vic., Alan Page, has accepted an invitation to serve with the church at East Preston as from Feb. 11, 1968.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

NOVEMBER:

25—Young Adults: "Foya" (D.C.E.).
25—C.E. Party Time.
28—Annual Offering — Dept. of H.M. & Evang.
28—C.M.F. — Christmas Fellowship Dinner.

DECEMBER:

2 —Explorers: Annual Display.
8-10—C.Y.F. State-wide Rally (D.C.E.).
9 —Social Service Women's Committee Rally.
16 —C.E. Aged People's Christian Treats.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

NOLLAMARA'S GROWTH

(W.A.). The 9th anniversary services, on Nov. 11-12, included a special offering to defray transport costs for new minister, D. G. Nelson, of Qld. In its first nine years, 102 were baptized and 117 came by transfer. 54 have been transferred to other churches. The active roll stands at 115, and the B.S. at 357. Seven members have gone into training for full-time service. J. K. Bond's ministry began in 1964, and will conclude Jan., 1968. . . . A S.S. has been commenced at Balga, the next suburb, where there are 76 children. Land has been applied for. . . . 600 school children enrolled for a children's mission conducted recently by M. Lush, C.S.S.M. . . . D. G. Hammer was preacher in October, whilst Mr. Bond led a mission at Fremantle. . . . The Boys' Brigade won the State Boys' Brigade Sports Championship.

SIX LADS MAKE DECISIONS

(Box Hill, Vic.). John Birt was speaker at Dads and Lads tea on Boys' Sunday. Three lads responded to the invitation when Malcolm Humphries spoke at night. Another three boys made the good confession last Sunday. . . . "A" grade cricket team, and under-16's, had wins. Glenys Fromhold won the Vic. schoolgirls' under-15 javelin championship. . . . Stan Davey spoke on the problems of the Aborigines at Men's Fellowship. . . . Four young people, en route to after-church youth rally at Doncaster, received injuries in a car accident. Mr. Hammond sustained an injury at the B.S. picnic at Nth. Croydon. . . . Mesdames Blake, Young and Dewberry recuperating after hospitalisation. Miss Cameron in hospital after prolonged illness. Les. Reed suffering injured collarbone after being hit by car while riding his bike.

VISITORS TO WARRNAMBOOL

(Vic.). The church has been encouraged by visits by F. M. Combridge, Dept. of Social Service; R. Veal, on furlough from India, and Mr. Story, U.F.M., each emphasising their work with projectors. . . . W.C.F. has been visited by the Conf. Pres., Mrs. D. G. Ferguson. A casserole lunch prefaced the meeting. Mrs. Perkins is president, Mrs. R. Conlan, secretary, and Mrs. Clowes, treasurer. . . . Following the baptism of a B.S. scholar a teenage girl came forward for baptism. . . . Church has procured a large quantity of crockery and cutlery and now has a well furnished kitchen for catering.

BETHANY BOYS IN MELBOURNE

(Tas.). Three boys have been invited by two Melb. families to fly over and spend the Christmas holidays with them. This is a splendid gesture on the part of the folk concerned. Two others will go to families they shared with last Christmas. This leaves six, with ages ranging from 6 years to 12. If Tasmanian families can assist by offering hospitality for the holiday period, please write to Bethany Children's Home, 20 Lowelly-rd., Lindisfarne, Tas.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The C.W.F. Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

EXTENSIONS COMPLETED

(Devonport, Tas.). Extensions to the building, done by voluntary labor, are now completed and are a great asset to all church auxiliaries. . . . Guest speaker at S.S. anniversary was R. Hadfield. . . . On Nov. 2, C.W.F. ladies met with Launceston, Ulverstone and Caveside ladies, at Caveside. . . . 1st Devonport B.B., sections 2 and 3, camped at Port Sorell recently. . . . N. Viney, of S.U.M., spoke at recent midweek meeting. . . . 55 G.B. girls, with officers and leaders, held weekend camp at Port Sorell. The G.B. paraded on Oct. 8. . . . Young people have commenced an after-church Bible study. . . . Sympathy of church is extended to the Pitt family in the death of their father, Rodham Pitt.

QUEEN'S GUIDE

(Preston, Vic.). Congratulations to Kaye Webster, who has become a Queen's Guide. . . . John Crossman is in Royal Children's Hospital for surgery. . . . 11 attended East Preston "Faith for Sceptics" on Nov. 12.

CHAPLAIN FOR PAPUA

A full-time Protestant chaplain will be appointed to the University of Papua-New Guinea from the start of the 1968 academic year.

Inquiries from possible candidates are now being sought by the Protestant Chaplain's Board.

The appointment is being made by the Melanesian Council of Churches and the Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific. Funds to make the appointment possible are being provided by Inter-Church Aid for a three year period.

The Chaplain's Board has invited applications for the chaplaincy from ordained ministers of Anglican and Protestant Churches in Australia and New Zealand.

They are seeking a candidate with proven pastoral ability, experience with students, academic standing and, if possible, experience in a developing country.

The chaplain will work with students in both the University and in the medical, teachers' and administrative colleges in Port Moresby.

The initial appointment will be for a three-year period. Inquiries can be made until Nov. 30, to The Secretary, Protestant Chaplain's Board, Box 1237, Boroko Papua-New Guinea.

TASMANIAN C.W.F.

C.W.F.'ers from Invermay, Sandhill, Margaret St., Ulverstone and Devonport converged on Caveside, on Nov. 2, for their annual gathering. The only cloud over the day was the absence of Mrs. S. C. Robertson, owing to the serious illness of her husband.

Caveside ladies served the travellers with morning tea before the first session, presided over by Mrs. T. Andrews (Margaret St.) when the W.C.W.F. birthday programme was observed.

Following lunch in the school hall, Mrs. C. J. Robinson (Ulverstone) conducted "Four Corners," introduced by tape-recorded greetings from W.C.W.F.

R.S.V. IN PULPIT

(Belmont, Vic.). The church has decided to use the Revised Standard Version for morning scripture readings. . . . K. A. Macnaughtan was speaker at 27th church anniversary on Nov. 12. P.S.A. featured Maryborough Choristers and local artists. . . . Groups from Belmont visited Colac for special services in Oct. . . . Good Companions shared in camp with girls and leaders from Ballarat and Footscray. Belmont Girl Guides paraded at evening service on Oct. 29. Lance Fisher, of Aborigines Mission, was speaker at Fathers' and Sons' tea on Boys' Sunday, and also at church service. . . . The B.S. has commenced a "Birthday Box" to help raise funds to support an Aboriginal child. . . . D. A. V. Thomas is minister.

N.S.W. UNITY DISCUSSIONS

"Unity" discussions in local churches have been based upon the studies entitled "Thinking Unity," prepared jointly by C. E. Bowser and A. G. Elliott for the N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee, and have dealt with practical themes and attitudes members of the Restoration Movement should think fit to adopt in relation to present-day Church Union movements.

STANLEY SEWELLS FOR VIC.

Many folk in Australia and New Zealand will remember the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sewell, and family, about two and a half years ago, on their way from Thailand to England. Mr. Sewell, for a short time, was principal of Overdale College, Birmingham, the minister-training centre of our British churches.

We now learn that Mr. and Mrs. Sewell and family are migrating to Australia and will settle in Victoria. They are expected to arrive about the end of November. The family will reside, temporarily, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Austin, of the Warragul church. It is understood that Mr. Sewell hopes to engage in teaching as well as some preaching.

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President, Mrs. E. Lawton. Each group participated in the programme with news and information concerning two countries previously allotted to them.

Ladies were delighted to share a letter from teenager, Eva, of Ranwadi, "adopted" by Margaret St. Fellowship. Support for Fellowship of the Least Coin was commended by Mrs. Harrison. Soloists for the day were Mrs. Colbeck and Mrs. Read.

Mrs. Andrews conducted closing session of another memorable day in C.W.F. year after Mrs. Taylor (Devonport) had moved a vote of thanks to the Caveside ladies for their hospitality, and to all who had contributed to a profitable experience of fellowship and learning.

A. A. AVERY AT CARINGBAH

(N.S.W.). Allan Avery, of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H. M. and Evang. has conducted a further phase of a special campaign, "Operation Outreach," from Nov. 11. This two week "Commitment" period was preceded by three months of "cultivation," led by N.S.W. Director of H. M., Kevin E. Crawford, and the local minister, Franklyn Elliott. The present phase includes "Prayer Workshops," "Hostess Meetings," "Evangelistic House Parties," "Men's Breakfast," "Ladies' Luncheon," and intensive "Visitation Drives."

N.S.W. MINISTERS' WIVES

The Ministers' Wives' Fellowship in N.S.W. held their last meeting for the year on Nov. 10, at the home of Mrs. G. Cole, "Sevenoaks," Carlingford. Mrs. F. L. Ewers presided, and the speaker was Mrs. J. P. Henderson.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

The N.S.W. Council of Churches organised notable Protestant rallies on Oct. 29, to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the Reformation. Two simultaneous rallies were held, one in the Salvation Army Congress Hall, Sydney, addressed by Dr. D. B. Knox, President of the Council, and the other in the Church of Christ, Hurstville, addressed by Rev. Bernard Judd, secretary of the Council.

"MEET THE TEAM" RALLY

(Sydney, N.S.W.). On Nov. 2, 12,000 enthusiastic people were at Rushcutter's Bay Stadium for the pre-Crusade "Meet the Team" Rally. Following the Billy Graham International in Tokio, Japan, members of the Team came to create interest in the forthcoming Crusade next April. The Team included Rev. Walter Smyth, World Crusade Director; Cliff Barrows, Director of Music; George Beverly Shea, Soloist; Tedd Smith, Pianist, and Charles Riggs, Director of Counseling and Follow-up.

TRARALGON AT BENTLEIGH

(Bentleigh, Vic.). The church welcomed visitors from Traralgon church at tea, on Nov. 12, and they shared in the gospel service, with D. Smith, from the H. M. Dept. . . . Mrs. J. Roper and Mrs. A. Gollan are still ill. . . . The church was saddened at the death of G. Hands, and sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hands and the family.

N.S.W. LEADERS FOR BANMATMAT

Principal A. W. Stephenson, of Woolwich College, N.S.W., and Harold and Mrs. Long, of Epping, will attend the Graduation Service of the first students of the Banmatmat Bible College, on Pentecost in the New Hebrides, during late November. Principal Stephenson is Federal President, while Harold Long has been invited not only as the Pres-Elect of N.S.W. Conf., but also because of his part in the preparation of courses in O.T. Studies, by correspondence, for the students of the Banmatmat College.

C.W.F. RAISES \$300

(Greenacre, N.S.W.). C.W.F. raised nearly \$300 by means of a stall at Roseland's Shopping Centre. . . . Dr. Elliott presided at the B.S. anniversary, Oct. 29 and 31. The school choir was led by Ken Martin. Supt. David Morris reported favorably on the progress of the school. Gary Walker, of Woolwich College, spoke at night. The anniversary was continued on Tuesday evening with an excellent programme. . . . Mrs. McAuliffe and Mrs. Ryan are out of hospital and improving. . . . Mrs. Caulton gave a cooking demonstration to an augmented group of the Evening C.W.F., in the home of Mrs. Elliott, Woolwich.

PRESIDENT VISITS

(Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.). G. Gilmour, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., was speaker on Nov. 5. At night, John Harrison, recently home from New Guinea, showed slides and spoke of mission work. . . . Some members attended the Southern Dist. Conf. at Dover. . . . A schoolgirl was received into fellowship following her baptism. . . . The E.W.F. recently entertained the residents of an Old People's Home.

WITH THE BOYS

(Chelsea, Vic.). 100 men and boys came to tea on Boys' Sunday. Cyril Minns, accompanied by his guide dog, was speaker. The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelsea, Mr. and Mrs. Les. Payne, were guests. Six of the older boys made decisions at night. . . . W. W. Saunders presented the audio-visual, "The Brotherhood at Work," on Nov. 12. . . . A bus load from Chelsea and Seaford attended the Billy Graham "Meet the Team" Rally. . . . At Evening C.W.F., Mrs. Helen McGuigan demonstrated the art of making gemstones into jewellery.

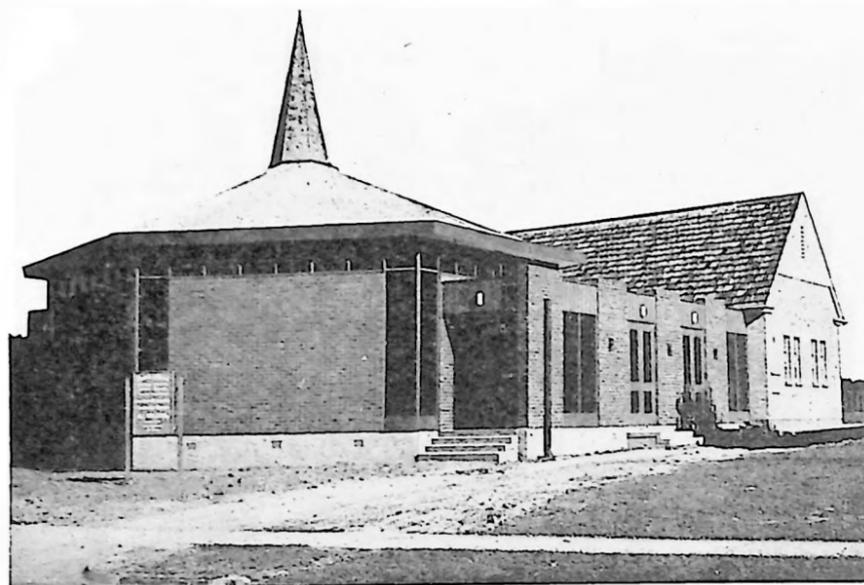
Organ Recital at Hindmarsh, S.A.

As a prelude to the coming Christmas season, a Musical Evening in the form of an ORGAN RECITAL is to be presented in the

HINDMARSH CHURCH OF CHRIST,
at 7.45 p.m. on
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1967.

The featured organist will be Thomas Way, B.E., L.Mus.A., organist of the Westbourne Park Methodist Church. He will be supported by Mrs. Barbara Turner, contralto.

There will be a silver coin admission, and supper will be served.



This new chapel at Ashburton, Vic., was opened on Oct. 21. It is hexagonal in shape and seats 130. "Clerestory" windows are features, and the new Kindergarten and Primary rooms are linked to the chapel by a gallery. The architect was Reg. Padey, a member of the Ashburton church.



Y.F.C. CHRISTMAS RALLY DECEMBER 2, 1967

The Christmas Rally, in the Melbourne Town Hall, right after final exams, is usually the best attended Youth for Christ function for the year.

On Dec. 2, Clifford Warne will be guest speaker. He has appeared in variety programmes on N.B.C. Television, New York, C.B.C. Television, Toronto, and C.B.S. Television, Hollywood. In 1957, he became resident Magician-Ventriloquist with A.T.N.7 in Sydney, with their children's programme, and has appeared regularly each week for the past 10 years on A.T.N.7.

At least a million people each week hear his dramatic stories on radio and his "Strange Stories from the Bible" are heard over 70 stations in six languages around the world. He has also written and directed numerous Christian films.

The best line-up of Christian talent in Melbourne will be presented at this rally, including brilliant trumpeter, Ken Smith, the Y.F.C. "Choralaires," guitarist

Bruce Searle with Delyse Peterson, ever-popular yodeller, and guitarist Richie Gunston, and the "Mystery Three."

Clive Stebbins will be emceeing the programme, with Brian Tizzard leading the singing, Len Wallace at the electronic organ, and Lyn McDonald at the piano.

ECUMENICAL AGENCIES SHARE NEW OFFICE

(Melb.). The Victorian Council of Churches is moving to new offices on the first floor at 100 Flinders St., Melb. The offices, which are already being used by the Victorian Council of Christian Education, would be shared with the Victorian Committee of Inter-Church Aid.

The Rev. A. D. Dargaville, secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches, said that it would provide for closer co-ordination between the Council and two of its Commissions. There would also be a saving of \$1,000 each year in rental and running costs, but more important, however, was the opportunity for future development of Ecumenical Work in Victoria through consultations by the three executive officers concerned.

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N.Z. REPORT ON UNITY

Those reporting expressed the opinion that our Churches of Christ were making a contribution to unity discussion far above the level of our membership ratio. The negotiating churches were graciously acknowledging many of the points of view submitted. In other cases, our representatives were being given deeper insights into the faith, organisation, life and worship of the church by the other churches.

The 29-page report showed that a wide range of matters was being carefully considered in an endeavour to find the mind of Christ for his Church. In the Act of Commitment which took place in Wellington on May 10 last, the negotiating churches agreed "to seek a basis of union and ways of common action."

Throughout the Conference the discussions took into account the implications, "when (not if) Christian Union comes into operation"—such as the use of buildings, ownership of property, training for the ministry, Preacher Provident Fund (on the present basis all of our ministers would like to belong to the Congregational scheme), women's work, missionary work, and many etceteras.

The youth of the churches have taken a lead. The first issue of the bi-monthly magazine, "Moment," is off the press. This will replace the existing youth journals of the five churches. Lyndsay Jacobs, one of our capable young men, is business manager.

A cable was sent from Conference to Sir Bernard Fergusson, the retiring Governor General of N.Z., on the eve of his departure, expressing appreciation of his outstanding leadership, particularly in relation to Christian Union. Sir Bernard's five speeches on this subject have been published in a booklet.

A special night was also devoted to this subject, when a representative from the five negotiating churches gave answers to the questions:

1. Is Union really necessary?
2. Presuming it is, what more can we do than is being done now?
3. What particular contribution can your communion make towards union?
4. How will freedom of conscience and liberty of action be safeguarded constitutionally?
5. What else do you feel should be said?

The discussions on Union were initiated at a Conference held in Palmerston North 12 years ago. In the spirit of mutual trust, sincerity and optimism, the churches are continuing in their desire to find and do the will of God in this important venture. Alexander Campbell's and Barton Stone's passion for unity is still an inspiration and a challenge today.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CRUSADE APPOINTMENTS

(Grote-st., Adelaide). Leighton Ford Crusade committee chairman appointments are as follows:— General, W. E. Blackeby; Prayer, Eric Finck; Visitation, Len Hearnden; Transport, N. H. Adams. New appointments at business meeting were: Deaconess Mrs. N. H. Adams; elder, Eric Finck, and deacon Norm. Adams . . . The minister, R. Greenhalgh, was speaker at both 121st church anniversary services. The choir rendered the cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!" Soloists were Mrs. Helen Austin and Miss Lil Hoyle. "Smorgasbord" tea on Nov. 10 raised fares for Trevor and Judy Ellis to New Guinea, and to support Bryan and Janet Ezard in New Guinea . . . Helpful and inspiring personal testimonies were given by Len Hearnden and Ron Abbott, secretary of Midland, W.A., church.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

(S.A.). When the third Course for 1967 was completed, on Oct. 25, a total of 50 young people had attended for the year, which completed six years, and 16 Courses, since the first was held in 1962.

The five lectures planned each year, and the books made available on marriage and family life, give these young people an excellent understanding of the new relationship they will find together in marriage.

Courses are now being planned for 1968, and will be held in March, June and October. Young people planning to marry in 1968 should keep these Courses in mind and plan to attend.

Ministers are asked to forward names of engaged couples so that application forms may be sent to them.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

(S.A.). Speakers at the S.S. anniversary were J. W. Lewis, from Maylands, and A. J. Ingham . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Harrogate . . . The church was sorry to hear of the death of the father of the Pollard brothers, R. A. Pollard.

TREASURER HONORED

(Fullarton, S.A.). The Officers' Board made a presentation to R. Emery, in appreciation of 14 years' service as treasurer . . . Youth service, on Oct. 22, featured "The Christian Crusaders," from Edwardstown, and local artists. Local Baptist group and minister attended the coffee hour. The brotherhood, local and world-wide, was featured in the morning service. 50 stayed for luncheon, when Mrs. Pauline Crosby, of Dulwich, Girls' Brigade Commissioner, gave an address. In the afternoon, Rex Chamberlain spoke on the New Guinea Mission work . . . B.S. prizegiving social and concert, on Nov. 3, was followed on Nov. 5, by wind-up of "Bibles for Africa" youth project promoted by the B. & F. B. S. K. Chessel, on behalf of Society, showed film to school and received cheque for \$29 . . . At gospel service, film of Leighton Ford Crusade service was screened.

SOCIAL SERVICE IN S.A. CHRISTMAS CHEER

Churches are reminded of the Annual Christmas Cheer Appeal. The Social Service Dept. will again require food, cakes, small toys and other gifts suitable to give families and aged people in necessitous circumstances. Christmas stockings are being packed by a number of women's groups and are ready for distribution.

Food parcels will be packed by the Women's Social Service Committee, and these, with toys and stockings, etc., will be available after the first week in Dec. To be assured of an adequate number of parcels, stockings, etc., minister or church secretaries should order immediately, giving number required and age

of children in each family. Christmas Cheer is provided for families where the father is unemployed, sick, in prison, has deserted, or is deceased — and also for aged, sick and needy folk.

"We make our own Christmas happy by giving such happiness to others."

Remember also the Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal, and in the Remembrance Bowl placed on your Christmas dinner table, place the price of your Christmas dinner, so that some refugee family overseas will know a little of the comfort and joy we enjoy in our own homes.

Christmas time is giving time — give that others might live!

SHALL WE UNITE?

(Hawthorn, S.A.). Some members supported seminar at neighbouring Clovelly Park church and contributed to discussion on booklet, "Shall We Unite?" . . . Church has been challenged to support the Leighton Ford Crusade scheduled for April, 1968 . . . A games evening was held to close the boys' basketball season and trophies were presented to K. Inverarity and G. Beck (seniors), and P. Dillon, G. Hook, G. Brand and S. Allison (juniors) . . . S. S. Anniversary was held over two Sundays in Oct. W. Philp, John Halbert, and resident minister, R. C. Dixon, were speakers . . . S. S. picnic was held at National Park, Belair.

\$200 FOR YOUTH WORK

(Croydon, S.A.). A young people's concert raised over \$200 for youth work. A number of the items were later presented to inmates at Minda Home . . . The youth conducted the gospel service on Nov. 12. One young lady from the Bible School was baptized . . . The B.S. 56th anniversary services were highlighted by excellent singing. Visiting speakers were: E. O. Stevens, Prospect; R. Brand, Albert Park; J. Wise, Queens-town, and R. Holmes, Unley . . . A refrigerator has been donated to the church by Ladies' Auxillary for use in the kitchen.

CHURCH AND LIFE CAMPAIGN

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). The church is preparing for a Church and Life Campaign, to begin in Feb., 1968. K. D. Horne will lead the studies . . . The C.W.F. is active in practical projects to help the church and outside interests. The B.S. anniversary theme was "The Bible." Keith Chessel, of B. and F. B. S., was speaker. School concert featured "Through the Years" . . . Ian Adams will be attending the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1968.

BOB. SIDLER TO LEAVE

(Pt. Lincoln, S.A.). The decision of our minister, Bob Sidler, to leave Pt. Lincoln, has come with surprise and regret. His ministry has been helpful to young and old . . . Our S.S. anniversary success was a tribute to Mrs. J. Dennis, who worked so hard . . . The S.S. teachers of Pt. Lincoln shared with teachers from Ungarra and Tumbly Bay to hear Keith Horne, Robert Clymer and Dawn Chivell speak on teaching methods. Ungarra people catered for all our needs . . . Six ladies from here attended a camp at Red Cliffs.

DEBATE ON VIETNAM

(Brooklyn Park, S.A.). Men's Fellowship first venture into debating tackled the subject of Aust. involvement in Vietnam. Worthwhile facts and opinions were presented . . . Chapel Fund offerings nearing \$1,000 total so far . . . 43rd church anniversary speakers were J. Luff, of Mile End, and Rex Chamberlain, ex-New Guinea missionary . . . Tennis teams' victories include A grade's defeat of last year's premiers.

DULWICH EVENTS

(S.A.). C. Searle was added to eldership at annual church business meeting. On B.S. anniversary Sunday, I. Chivell conducted teachers' dedication. K. H. Webb, minister of Knightsbridge Baptist, and S. Neighbour, were speakers . . . Sunday adult fellowship is studying "Faiths that Compete for My Loyalty"; second was "The Riddle of Roman Catholicism" . . . C.W.F. saw a demonstration of fruit juices by Mrs. W. B. Wharton.



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 Mr. and Mrs. A. Sims, to Boondall; Mrs. F. Willings, to Ipswich, Qld.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker, Enmore, to Earlwood, N.S.W.
 Mrs. V. Clay, Doncaster to Red Hill, Vic.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

L. E. Wylie (minister, Taree church), 95 Victoria-st., Taree, N.S.W., 2430.
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 7 p.m.—SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND WITNESS.

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MARRIAGES

Ruth Claven to Trevor Dyson, Taree, N.S.W.
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 Marla Briguglio to Dennis Bruce, Kingsford, N.S.W.
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DEATHS

Mrs. Doris Henderson (Minyip), Warracknabeal, Vic.
 Mrs. R. Dillon, Northcote, Vic.
 R. L. Pitt, Devonport, Tas.
 Thelma Bowden (aged 4); Jeffrey Roberts (aged 4), Robinvale, Vic.
 Garnet Hands, Bentleigh, Vic.
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BIRTHS

CLARKE (Barnes). — To Bev. and Len, a daughter — Lisa Anne — born G.V.B.H., Shepparton, Vic., on Nov. 2, 1967. Sister for Lynette, Robert and Darren (dec). Both well.

DRILLING (Brookes). — To Jennifer and Dean, at Port Pirie Hospital, S.A., on Nov. 3, 1967, a daughter — Derrilee. Sister for Andrew.

HEMER (Hollard). — To Helen and Trevor, 6 Bedford-st., Brooklyn Park, S.A., a daughter — Cheryl Anne, born Nov. 2.

DEATH

CARR. — On Nov. 5, at Geelong, Vic., Fanny Brazenall, beloved wife of the late David William, loved mother of Gladys (Mrs. Giles) and Allen; mother-in-law of Ruth; mamma of Heather and Barbara. "At rest with her Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

BUFFINTON. — In loving memory of Ben, who passed away Nov. 22, 1965; dear husband of Rene and father of Joan, Irene and Don. "Till the glorious dawn, we will remember."

WATERS. — Jack, passed away Nov. 25, 1964. "Until we meet again." —His loved wife and family.—E.G.W.

ENGAGEMENT

PEARCE - GOBY. — Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pearce, 21 Jeffers-st., Noble Park, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Julie, to Keith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goby, Yarraman-rd., Noble Park, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

TAYLOR - VERCO. — The marriage of Wendy Laurel, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, 12 Tulip-st., Chatswood, N.S.W., 2067, to Geoffrey David Armour, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. A. Verco, 56 Bundarra-ave., Nth. Wahroonga, N.S.W., 2076, will be celebrated at the Church of Christ, Victoria-ave., Chatswood, on Dec. 2, at 4.30 p.m.

HILL - MEAKIN. — Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hill announce, with pleasure, the approaching marriage of their eldest daughter, Corinne, to Bruce, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Meakin, Ivanhoe, Vic., on Nov. 25, at 4.30 p.m., at Strathmore Church of Christ.

SILVER WEDDING

BYARD - FLEMING. — Elaine, Rob., Jan., David and Ian announce the silver wedding of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huon Byard, celebrated at Invermay Church of Christ, on Dec. 5, 1942, by F. T. Morgan. Present address: 14 Broadview-cres., Launceston, Tas.

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TREASURE

(Robinvale, Vic.). October featured Stewardship of Treasure. Various addresses prepared us for the successful Planned Giving Programme led by Kevin Harvey . . . Church sent a tape with greetings and B.S. anniversary singing to Earle Chislett on the occasion of his 21st birthday. Earle sent back a tape telling of his activities in New Guinea. His return home still seems a long way off . . . An elderly man has been welcomed into fellowship by faith and baptism . . . Faye Hocking farewelled from C.E. as she moved to Melbourne for training as a hairdresser . . . C.Y.F. introducing nomination-type of membership because of expanding numbers . . . Dianne Mogg and Colin Hicks entered hospital with appendicitis within 24 hours of each other; both well again . . . The church expresses sympathy to two families who lost young children recently.

MANSE BEING PREPARED

(Latrobe Terr., Geelong). Church members have been renovating the manse in preparation for the new minister . . . The Graham film of the "London Crusade" was screened . . . 90 ladies attended a casserole luncheon on Oct. 18 to celebrate the Ladies' Aid Society 53rd birthday. Ladies from Women's Conf. in Melb. gave messages, also Mrs. Jack Smith, home from the New Hebrides. On Oct. 25, Mrs. Denmead spoke to ladies on "Gemstones" . . . Just before Miss Jackie Doherty and her family returned to the U.S.A., the C.E. made a presentation to her . . . The 110th church anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 5, with Principal A. W. Stephenson, of Woolwich Bible College, as speaker. Morning service was broadcast over 3GL, a Salvation Army Band gave afternoon items and Alan Pfeifer, of Malvern, was guest speaker. On Nov. 4, a social evening featured the youth choir, and color slides recalled the past.

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VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

The President, Mrs. Ferguson, welcomed 151 delegates, representing 55 churches, to the November Council meeting. Mrs. Barnett led the devotions.

Mrs. Fisher, from Carnarvon, gave an interesting and informative talk on the work of the mission. Many changes have taken place in the seven years Mrs. Fisher has been at Carnarvon.

The Rev. L. S. Styles, of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, brought to the notice of Council the need for finding suitable board for young women and men who come to the city each year to work. Anyone desirous of offering board, or would like further information, may contact C.W.F. secretary, Mrs. K. Morris (211-2982).

Missionary Camps for 1968 are as follows — Feb. 24-25, at Monbulk; March 15-16, at Hall's Gap.

Next Council meeting, Dec. 1, 8 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY

(Reservoir, Vic.). Special Thanksgiving Day service, on Nov. 5, saw church filled to capacity, with offering over \$700. Church members took part in evening service. Two young people made the good confession. After-church fellowship featured slides of days gone . . . A. E. Hurren addressed church recently. Two young girls have been baptized . . . Both cricket teams are having a successful season.

COLAC CONFERENCE

(Vic.). Officers of church attended a conference with Geelong and Ballarat churches at Belmont, designed to help Colac . . . R. Story, of U. F. Mission, screened a film of New Guinea . . . Barry Tattersall preached on Nov. 12, and Trevor Cole sang a solo. They are both from Geelong . . . Tony Jerome was evening speaker on Nov. 5 . . . The S.S. anniversary singing was under the baton of Tony Jerome. B. Duff was speaker.

TEENS TAKE SERVICE

(Black Rock, Vic.). Recently the Teens group conducted complete evening service — three "sermonettes" presented — and a young man who accepted Christ was baptized at a later morning service. Another youth of Teens class also made his decision on Oct. 29 . . . The church greatly appreciated a substantial gift towards electronic organ . . . The play, "Dr. Luke's 20th Century Gospel," written for senior school, enabled 25 scholars to take individual parts at S. S. anniversary . . . Church saddened at passing of Miss E. Daff.

BOYS LEAD SERVICE

(Doncaster, Vic.). The Explorers led the evening service on Boys' Sunday. Many dads, fathers of the boys, attended both the gospel service and the 5 p.m. tea, when they were addressed by Mr. Phillips, supt., Burwood Boys' Home . . . With the help of Keith Petby and Norm Cronin, members of the C.Y.F. have been making toys and billycarts for distribution where there is need . . . Ann Wray was baptized on Nov. 12.

20 FOR INSTRUCTION

(Springvale, Vic.). B.S. anniversary services resulted in 20 scholars committing themselves for instruction regarding discipleship . . . Annual business meeting of church was held on Oct. 25 . . . Mrs. L. Fisher gave a most informative talk to the ladies' local group, with illustrative slides . . . A S.S. teachers' dedication service was conducted on Oct. 22 . . . The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shaw, leaving for Heathmont . . . The Y.P. are collecting newspapers to help them in their missionary project . . . The church missionary project of \$600 has been met.

TWO PRESTONS COMBINE

(Vic.). East Preston members combined with Preston for the evening service on Oct. 22. Terry Lane was the preacher . . . On Oct. 29, the Church School anniversary featured a morning teachers' dedication service. J. Henley and G. J. Crossman were anniversary speakers. The theme, "Meet My Friend," was apparent in songs, readings and items by the school, led by Mrs. Betty Quafe. Mrs. Mill trained the Kinders. Two scholars made decisions.

SEMINAR AT NORTHCOTE

(Vic.). The Christian Educ. Dept. conducted a seminar under the leadership of V. Longthorp. He spoke at both Sunday services and conducted discussion periods on Nov. 3 and 5 . . . Mr. Bradshaw (Gideon's International) was a recent speaker . . . Two couples were presented with Bibles prior to marriage.

MAIDSTONE (Vic.). Bob Haberman, Miss Jean Bouchier, Greg. Waterhouse, and the minister, David White, were speakers at S.S. anniversary . . . The ladies presented the play, "Women at the Well," at the Sunshine church . . . Boys' Explorers display and presentation night was held on Nov. 3.

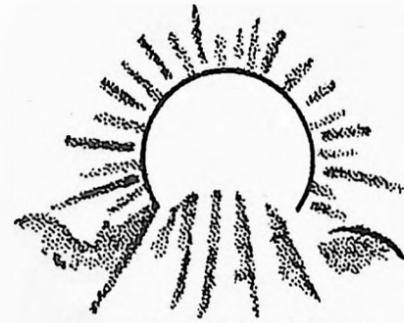
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DROUGHT

BY BRIAN SNOXALL.

The Western and North-Western districts of Victoria are in the grip of a serious drought. The Wimmera district, which includes such places as Horsham, Warracknabeal, Kaniva, Ararat, Stawell, Dimboola and Brim, is as hard hit as any.

The townspeople of Warracknabeal and Brim, and the farmers are no longer referring to the coming harvest; they know too well that, at best, there can only be an insignificant wheat yield this year, and that only if it rains now.

Water restrictions have already been imposed upon the townships. You can water your garden (by hand watering) at Warracknabeal from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. This two hour period, of course, can't last much longer. At Great Western, which lies between Stawell and Ararat, the transporting of water from Stawell

DAWSON STREET'S NEW LAND

(Ballarat, Vic.). The church has purchased the block of land next door for further expansion . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher were guests on Oct. 29, and spoke about "The Bob Williams Story" and our Carnarvon Mission . . . The 105th S. S. anniversary had Albert Stevens as guest speaker. Paul Burnham led the young people's choir. Items were given by "The Gospelaire" and the Hoath Sisters. The total offering, \$107, was given to the church for the new land purchase . . . A young couple made decisions . . . After the annual tea meeting for scholars, the film, "Give the Dog a Bone," was screened . . . The H. Reed Memorial Prize was won by M. Reed, L. Cartledge and D. Cartledge.

\$800 FOR ORGAN

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). 42nd church anniversary had former minister, R. A. Banks, as speaker. Temple Day offering for New Organ Fund lifted the thermometer to a temperature of \$800 . . . Ron Sutherland has returned from his working holiday in New Guinea. Members appreciated his slides and account of the work accomplished . . . B.S. anniversary services, on Oct. 22, had Mr. Banks, Les Stewart and Don Thomas as speakers. Conductor was Trevor Cole. Mrs. Jennifer Douglas was pianist. One S.S. scholar made his decision . . . Mission Band final meeting featured a fruit juice demonstration by Mrs. Beeson, of W.C.T.U. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. have entertained Latrobe Terrace, and visited Thomson.

for household use, has already commenced. Still stricter regulations are expected soon at all towns in the region. Rain is not now being forecast; too many predictions haven't amounted to anything.

Many inhabitants, particularly the young, are leaving the district to seek employment elsewhere. Those involved in shearing the sheep that haven't yet been sold, have now finished. Those who still have sheep are wondering what to do with them. Some have already put their sheep on their wheat crops so that they will at least get the benefit of the slight growth that has taken place before it dies off. Farmers' sons have headed south. Some have found employment at the meat works at Portland, or on the oil rigs in the Bay, but it seems that the employment available there has run out now. Recently 200 people applied for one delivery job at Horsham.

Many businesses in Warracknabeal are putting employees off, cutting down on working hours, or sending workers on holidays. There may not be many young people left in the district soon if the exodus continues. Half of the Brim football team has dispersed to other places. Some are wondering whether the young people will ever come back once they've settled elsewhere.

Church members and contacts are not immune to the effects of the drought, and already we have lost some. There have been heavy reductions in pledged offerings at Warracknabeal.

The future doesn't look bright. As well as the further unlikelihood of rain, there is the worsening situation in the towns of unemployment. Several building firms have closed down in the district.

Aid has been sought from the Government, but is slow in coming. However, so far in Warracknabeal, two projects worth \$130,000, have commenced and will give valuable employment to some. Other such projects are being sought.

It's been a long time since a real drought has been experienced in the W'beal-Brim area; it seems to have been about 19 years. The economy, and thus the development of the district will suffer drastically.

It is the firm hope of Christian people here that the drought will bring home to people the realisation of our total dependency upon God, and that there may be a deepening of spiritual concern here, and a greater assurance and faith in his productivity and providence.

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THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

OBITUARY

Mrs. Edith Walters.

Mrs. Walters died, suddenly, on Nov. 1, at the age of 94 years, after a long and wonderful life. With her husband she came to Australia from England in 1903, settling in W.A. for a few years, and in 1907 settled in the Oakleigh district, Vic. She was baptized in the Carnegie Church of Christ, and was one of the pioneers of the church at Oakleigh where, for nearly 50 years, she served her Lord with great devotion. She was a lovely soul, generous in her service to Christ and the church. She served as a deaconess for 16 years, was a B.S. teacher, belonged to the Women's Mission Band, Dorcas, W.C.T.U., and aided every movement in the church and district. She was greatly loved by young and old, and many tributes were paid to her generosity and graciousness. She was a great encourager and a willing worker. A very large congregation attended the service in the chapel, and at the Crematorium.—E. J. Miles.

Garnet Gordon Hands.

Mr. Hands, of the church at Benteigh, Vic., suffered his second stroke and died on Nov. 6. He was born at Bendigo, where he spent his early years and joined the church. Later he moved to Melbourne and, following his marriage, met with the church at St. Kilda for a short time, and then moved to Benteigh, where the family has lived since. In the early days of the Benteigh church he served as deacon and S. S. supt. For a good period of his life as a bank officer he was away from the local church on relieving duties and he had not taken any active part for some time. The esteem in which he was held in business circles, and the affection of his family, were eloquent testimonies to his life and character. During last four years he had not enjoyed good health. To Mrs. Hands and family, Lance, Ian, Margaret (Mrs. Seymour), Joy (Mrs. Hann) and David, together with his brothers and sister, we extend our sympathy. The services at the Benteigh church, and at Springvale lawn cemetery, were conducted by the writer.—A. R. Pigdon.

John Henry Tinkler.

After a short hospitalisation, Mr. Tinkler died at Prince Henry's Hospital, Vic., on Oct. 28 (in his 90th year). He had a long association with our brotherhood. As a lad of 12, he was baptized at North Fitzroy. He was also associated with our churches at Hampton, Red Hill, Carnegie and Ormond. In his early work years he was at the Austral Pig. and Publ. Co. His interest in our brotherhood was manifest right until the day he died. He eagerly awaited each edition of the "Australian Christian." He was a gifted choir leader and conducted many S. S. and also adult choirs. The services at the funeral parlour and Fawkner Crematorium were conducted by W. T. Atkin (a friend of 30 years), and the writer. His wife Annie (Coles), pre-deceased him by six years. We assure the family, Gladys (Mrs. Frost), Nellie and Allan, of our prayers.—R. McK.

HISTORY OF A MISSION

BY REX CHAMBERLAIN

In the latter half of June, and the early part of July, 1958, there were many invitations to the first two men, Frank Beale and Harold Finger, as they used the Awar "Kiap House" as their base. The villages which had brought these invitations had ranged from Manam Island, a village on the Sepik, and inland villages such as Bosman.

In each place investigation proved that the villages were too divided in their desires, and this had prevented these two men from accepting any invitation. Then the village of Tung came as a body to request that there be set up a mission station and school at Tung. In such a way it was felt that the Holy Spirit was leading in the choice of the base station.

Work was soon under way at Tung. Services, building work, planning and medical treatments kept the day full. Within a few weeks of starting at Tung a request was sent for a carpenter, but the offer from Australia of a carpenter crossed in the mails with their request. Jim Dow arrived to speed the building programme, and sights were set for the commencement of the school. By Christmas Day the Chamberlains had arrived and settled in, making six missionaries on the field for the 1958 Christmas.

The day after Easter 1959 the school commenced at Tung. It wasn't long before people from other villages, who had been coming for medical treatment, came also to look at the school. After an invitation from the village of Pir to establish a school, the Chamberlains moved there, leaving Aileen Draney in charge of the Tung school, and Sister Jan Hunting was responsible for the medical work, Jan. having relieved Win. Beale of this work.

The Chungribu area sent men to work at Tung, to see what was going on. They liked what they saw, and the

Chungribu station was commenced after a survey in 1961. During that survey the Tumba people expressed definite interest, which was maintained, with the result that the Beales moved from Tung to establish a station there.

Asau, by this time, had been established, and Bunapas commenced. All of this required great resources, both in faith and outlook by the Australian brotherhood, and in heavy expenditure as stations were built and the staff rose to a peak number of 21 adult missionaries.

Many instances over and beyond those already cited could be outlined, all of which emphasise over and over again that the growth of the New Guinea work is being guided by the Holy Spirit. We see now the Spirit leading in the development of the church in the area.

The first six baptisms at Tung, in October, 1962, have been followed with baptisms on all stations, so that there are now over 100 indigene Christians. These come from a variety of language and cultural groups. But they are working and studying for the time when a conference of the churches will be formed, so that co-operative efforts may be undertaken.

The basis of evangelistic and pastoral work conducted by the New Guineans themselves, has been established in committed individuals caring for their fellow Christians in their villages, and by next year several men will be training themselves to be leaders amongst the churches.

The Holy Spirit has further plans for the mission. He is leading us over westward to the Keram River area, where people are responding to the proclamation of God's Word. The area is widespread, but we believe that the Holy Spirit has confidence in the brotherhood that it will see that these further people will be shepherded into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

OBITUARY

William Norman White.

Mr. White passed away in St. Vincent's Hospital, Vic., following a series of strokes, at the age of 58 years. Bill was born in North Melbourne, and he linked up with the church, which has since closed down. He married Elsie Hall at North Melbourne 33 years ago. They have two sons, Norman and Laurie. Bill was a quiet fellow, yet greatly admired, and the full chapel at Coburg was an indication of the deep esteem in which he was held by so many. He loved to play cricket, and later to umpire, which gave him great satisfaction. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, and in particular, of the Antioch Order. When Mr. and Mrs. White shifted to Coburg over 20 years ago, he linked up with the church there and, in his own quiet way, made a very useful contribution to its life. On the Board of Officers, his generous, liberal spirit enriched the life of our Board and the quality of our decisions. Bill caught hold of a truth about people and their right of freedom. His deep appreciation of human worth made it a privilege to know him well. On Sept. 26, there were funeral services at the Coburg Church of Christ, and the Fawcner Crematorium, where a Masonic service was combined with that led by the writer to pay our last respect to William White, "a man of no borrowed creed." We assure Mrs. White and family of our love and practical concern during this time of deep sorrow.—Charles Dow.

Arthur James Griffiths.

News of the passing of Arthur Griffiths came as a surprise and shock to many in our Australian brotherhood who knew him well. He died suddenly in the late afternoon of Oct. 27, three days before his 61st birthday. He became a member of the Coburg church in Vic., in 1921, and married Elsie Annear in 1928. He was secretary of the Balwyn church for 15 years, during which time he was also actively associated with the work of the Social Service Dept. of the Victorian churches. Business interests took him to Tasmania for the next seven years where he was associated with the church at Margaret St., Launceston. He was always an enterprising and active man and was successful in his business ventures, but he desired above all to use his talents for the Kingdom of God. This desire was fulfilled when he went to W.A. to superintend the Aborigines Mission Work at Norseman. When it became necessary to relinquish this work he accepted a call to minister with the church at Cottesloe, W.A., then to Prospect, S.A. He was minister at Christies Beach at the time of his death. It had been his intention to begin a ministry with the Forestville church when his work at Christies Beach concluded at the end of this year. He was busy right up to the minute he died. Large gatherings at services in the Christies Beach church and Centennial Park Crematorium, paid tribute to a life well spent. The writer, with S. Neighbour, Pres. of the S.A. Conf., conducted the services, and six ministers acted as pall bearers. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Griffiths, to Dawn, and to Glen and Margaret and family.—C.H.J.W.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Edith Ivy Ferguson.

The church at Stawell, Vic., has been saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Ferguson, wife of Andrew Ferguson, on Sept. 29. Prior to coming to Stawell from Dartmoor, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and four children, were foundation members of the Portland church. Mrs. Ferguson was organist at Portland, assistant organist at Mt. Gambier, and organist at Tarpeena, S.A. Her early life was spent in the work at Ultima. She was of a quiet, gentle disposition, loved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed. It was her music, and the love for the church and her Saviour that made her so greatly loved by all. She leaves her husband, four children, Alwyn, Trevor, Melbert and Douglas; 11 grandchildren, and one sister, Olive (Mrs. J. Jones, Rosebud, Vic.). The funeral was conducted by T. Weir, a friend of long standing, at Stawell Church of Christ.

Mrs. Clara Bills.

At the age of 83, Mrs. Clara Bills, of Chatswood, N.S.W., died on Oct. 15, 1967. She had been at church on the previous Sunday, and again on the Tuesday night for the church family dinner and service, marking the beginning of the church's Christian Life Week, with G. R. Stirling. She became ill on the Wednesday and was admitted to hospital, but her death so soon was unexpected. She was a kindly, gracious Christian lady, whose membership here went back to the earliest days of the church in 1914, when she and her late husband transferred from Enmore where, as Clara Spencer, she had been married to Maynard Bills in 1910. The influence of their Christian home is seen in the continuing fine service rendered by their children — Gladys (Mrs. L. K. Wilson), Gwen (Mrs. R. W. Graham, U.S.A.), Rita (Mrs. B. Gunness), Lois and Len (elder, North Turramurra, N.S.W.). Since the death of her husband on May 21, 1963, Mrs. Bills had experienced increasing weakness and loss of vision, but continued to be a loyal supporter of the church and the various phases of its women's work. She was much loved, and many gathered at Chatswood on Oct. 16 for services conducted by the writer, who commended her dear ones to the God of all comfort.—C. G. Taylor.

Hilda Mabel Johnson.

On Oct. 3, Miss Hilda Johnson died at the age of 75. Her parents linked up with the Norwood church, S.A. when she was only six years of age, and when she was 12, she gave her life to Christ. That commitment was carried out with loyalty and devotion for the rest of her life. To prepare for leadership of the Kindergarten, she took a course in Kindergarten training. The family transferred to Grote St. church, and later to Maylands. At this stage there was only Miss Rhonda Johnson and Hilda left of their immediate family. Hilda had a great capacity for friendship, and accordingly she had numerous friends in the S.A. brotherhood, and interstate. All her actions were guided by the Spirit of Christ. Cards, telegrams, visits, phone

calls and floral tributes were numerous, showing the high regard in which she was held. She loved to sing, and for many years was a member of the Churches of Christ Choral Assoc., and also served in similar capacity with the churches at Norwood and Grote St. Her hands were never idle, and skilfully with her needle she made garments and other useful articles for those in need. From her mother she inherited a love for flowers, and in their home gardens flowers grew in abundance. These were given to sick folk, whether at home or in hospitals. When it was suggested that she was doing too much, with a gracious smile she made reply, "I have enjoyed every minute of it." In their later years the sisters had flats in Aldersgate Village, where Hilda continued her gracious ministry. The chaplain of Aldersgate paid tribute on behalf of the very large numbers of people at Aldersgate Village. Jas. W. Lewis, minister of Maylands, and the writer, had charge of the services at the chapel and at the Payneham Cemetery. Miss Rhonda Johnson, and relatives and friends, we commend to our loving Heavenly Father.—A. Anderson.

Mrs. F. Hillcoat.

With the death of Mrs. F. Hillcoat, on Sept. 28, 1967, the church at Chatswood, N.S.W., lost a faithful member of more than 40 years' standing. The wife of a Congregationalist minister, she was widowed during World War I, and left with one son, Cliff. She became well known throughout the Chatswood area for the maternity hospital she conducted for many years. She joined the Church of Christ at Chatswood during the ministry of Joseph Whelan. Until increasing ill health forced her into a nursing hospital last year, she was active in attendance at church on Sunday mornings and at Dorcas Society meetings. She was also an active worker with her fellow war widows. The writer paid well-deserved tributes to this fine Christian woman at services on Sept. 29, expressing the church's sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hillcoat and their family.—C. G. Taylor.

William Joseph Rowan.

In the death of W. J. Rowan, on Oct. 17, at the age of 79, the church lost a most helpful, interested and genial brother. He was baptized at Railway Town, Broken Hill, in 1912. In 1915, he transferred to Grote-st., Adelaide, where he was married to Miss I. Hunt, by J. E. Thomas. After a brief period at Cockburn, he returned to Grote-st. in 1918, and transferred to Hawthorn in 1920. By this time he was well acquainted with the Churches of Christ, and when he transferred to Berri in 1925, where he remained for the next 35 years, he made a splendid witness for Christ. As treasurer in the local church he rendered excellent service, but his outstanding contribution to the Kingdom of God was made as a J.P. and Civil Servant in the community. He saw the relationship between his duties as a citizen and his membership in the church and acted accordingly. Upon his retirement from business he became widely known in S.A. as a relieving Postmaster in country towns. For a term he helped the church at Enfield Heights as treasurer, but spent his last days quietly as a member at Clovelly Park. The services at funeral

parlour and crematorium were conducted by C. Cunningham (Clovelly Park) and W. N. Bartlett (Croydon). Mr. Rowan leaves a widow and also a son and daughter with their families. These we commend to the Heavenly Father for his comfort.—W.B.

Elizabeth Ruth Dillon.

Mrs. Dillon, a member at Northcote, Vic., died on Oct. 26. Less than two weeks before she was at the Lord's Supper, apparently in normal health. Mrs. Dillon lived in Northcote as a child in the earliest days of the church there, and when meetings were held in a hall, attended its services. She was baptized at North Fitzroy, Northcote then having no facilities. After her marriage she lived in Preston, then moved to Adelaide. Thirteen years ago, her husband having died six years before this, she came to live with her sister, Maude Amery, the organist of Northcote church. In these years she regularly attended church meetings. She was a person of happy disposition, appreciative, beloved of her sister and brother, her daughter and her two sons, and the grandchildren. Our loss is recompensed by the knowledge of her faith and hope in Christ.—A.B.W.

Mrs. Edna Ellen Markham.

The church at Blackwood, S.A., was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Edna Markham, wife of Tom Markham, on Oct. 23, 1967. Edna Crouch came to Cowandilla church when a girl of 16. The family moved from Doncaster, Vic., in 1924. She became active in B.S., C.E. and Band of Hope work. She took a keen interest in youth camps, and served on the Conf. Youth Dept. She was church organist, pianist and leading soprano in the choir. Seven years ago on removal to Blackwood, together with her husband, she gave herself in the service of her Lord in Blackwood church. She was the happy convener of meals for the monthly teas of the Men's Fellowship. She sang in the choir, and was a tower of strength to her husband, who has had to lean heavily on her because of his very poor eyesight. She was planning a day in her garden, and to see her sister, Betty Crouch, off to New Guinea that evening, as she returned to her missionary service from furlough — but the Lord called her suddenly home. Edna Markham was a bright, happy, out-going, enthusiastic Christian woman. We extend our love and sympathy to her husband, Tom Markham, and to her four sisters — Betty Crouch (Telefolmin Baptist Mission, New Guinea), Mrs. David (Linda) Hemer (Lane Cove, N.S.W.); Mrs. Ray (Valma) Davis (Bayswater, Vic.), Mrs. Max (Rita) Hill (Brighton Gardens, S.A.).—H. G. Norris.

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THE PAMPHLET CLUB

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The sequence number, however, has remained unaltered. The issue for September is No. 149, and is entitled "ROCKS IN THE CLOUDS," by Mrs. E. V. Lawton, of S.A., and is a pamphlet worth reading. This is the eighth pamphlet prepared by women in our churches and, like the previous seven, it will be well received. Most of the previous seven, so good has been their sales, are now out of print. We commend this one to you, and suggest that, if you are not a regular subscriber, you purchase a copy for your own use.

The occasion which gave rise to this pamphlet was the recent Conference of Churches of Christ in Adelaide, South Australia. Mrs. Lawton had the privilege of delivering the Conference Sermon, being the first woman among Churches of Christ in Australia to have such an honor. The sermon she preached on that significant day is produced as this pamphlet.

Mrs. E. V. Lawton is a member of the Park Street Church of Christ, Unley, South Australia, and has been concurrently the President of the World Christian Women's Fellowship, and President of the South Australian Women's Conference. She is a great-granddaughter of Thomas Magarey, founder of our Churches of Christ in South Australia.

We urge all of our members to read this pamphlet. It can be obtained from the Austral Book Room, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, Vic., 3000. The cost is 10 cents for a single copy (plus postage). —R.V.A.

THE WORD IS "GO"

Originally prepared for the Third National C.Y.F. Convention (held in Perth last January), *The Word is "Go,"* is a series of five studies on the Servant Church, based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, as prepared by Dr. K. R. Bowes, of the College of the Bible, Melbourne, and printed by the Pamphlet Club for its October issue of this year.

Under the headings of: Go Back! Go To! Go Tell! Go Right! and Go Home! — Dr. Bowes has included the whole text of the epistle for reading purposes, and from this has highlighted the applications in terms of modern issues and every day living. This is Bible Study with relevance!

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 47 — SPIRIT ::: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The English word "spirit," like the Latin *spiritus* from which it comes, is used in a variety of senses, the exact meaning depending on the context. In the Authorised Version there are two words translated "spirit." These are:

(1) *pneuma* in numerous passages. Other translations of this word are "ghost" (Matt. 27: 50; John 19: 30; and with the adjective "Holy" in many references to the Holy Spirit); "life" (Rev. 13: 15); "spiritual" (1 Cor. 14: 12); "spiritually minded" (Rom. 8: 6); "wind" (John 3: 8).

The noun *pneuma* is very frequently used in the Greek Bible — over 370 times in the New Testament and about 300 times in the Septuagint. Some of its senses can be found in secular Greek, but it is in the Bible that the higher meanings are found. The Arndt and Gingrich Lexicon, which gives nine columns to this word, includes the following meanings found in the New Testament: (1) blowing, breathing; (2) breath of life; (3) the spirit as part of human personality, as the source and seat of insight, feeling and will; state of mind, disposition; (4) a spirit as an independent being (a) God himself; (b) good spirits; (c) evil spirits; (5) the spirit as that which differentiates God from everything that is not God: (a) the Spirit of God, of the Lord; (b) the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord; (c) the Holy Spirit; (6) the Divine Spirit reveals his presence in the persons whom he fills, in various ways; (7) rarely, of persons who are possessed by a spirit which is not from God.

It is not always easy to decide whether a particular reference is to the Divine Spirit or to the spirit in regenerated man. An examination of Texts and translations will show great divergence in Rom. 8: 4, for example. In the Greek Texts printed, the decision as to whether *pneuma* should be given an initial capital letter or not depends upon interpretation. In Rom. 8: 4 several of the Printed Greek Texts, and also the Latin Vulgate, use the small initial letter, and the translations, are not agreed as to the use of the capital initial. A helpful comment is made in the International Critical Commentary. Concerning Rom. 8: 9, the writer says: "The *pneuma* is what it is by virtue of its affinity to God. It is essentially that part of man which holds communion with God;

so that the Apostle is naturally led to think of the Divine influences which act upon the *pneuma*. He rises almost imperceptibly through the *pneuma* of man to the *Pneuma* of God."

An interesting problem of translation is presented in John 3: 8. The Authorised Version and most modern translations render, "The wind bloweth where it listeth." Campbell and Rotherham give the meaning, "The Spirit breathes where he will." The difference is occasioned by the fact that *pneuma* may mean "wind" or "spirit," and the associated words may bear more than one meaning. C. K. Barrett writes, "Each of these translations taken by itself is wrong; the point of John's Greek is that it means both, and the double meaning cannot be simply reproduced in English. The Spirit, like the wind, is entirely beyond the control and the comprehension of man. It breathes into this world from another."

(2) *phantasma* in Matt. 14: 26; Mark 6: 49. In both passages, the only instances in the New Testament, the reference is to the reaction of the disciples when they saw Jesus walking on the sea. The word was used in Classical Greek of an apparition. It is related to a verb meaning "to make visible." In the Septuagint the word is used in Job 20: 8; Isaiah 28: 7.

Finally, it is interesting to note how *pneuma* and *psukhe* are related in the New Testament. In Matt. 6: 25; 10: 28; Luke 12: 22, 23, *soma* (body) and *psukhe* are presented as making up the whole person. In Rom. 8: 10, 13; 1 Cor. 5: 3; 7: 34; Jas. 2: 26, *soma* and *pneuma* are similarly presented. But in Heb. 4: 12 *psukhe* is distinguished from *pneuma*, and in 1 Thess. 5: 23 we have *pneuma* and *psukhe* and *soma* as making up the whole person. There has been much discussion over these passages, but perhaps it is enough to say here that when both *pneuma* and *psukhe* are mentioned, *pneuma* is that which most closely relates to God, who is *Pneuma*. A careful treatment of these words may be seen in Cremer's Lexicon, pp. 582ff.

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IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

IF ONE COMES OFF ONE'S HIGH HORSE

"When is he coming off his high horse?" is a common phrasing depicting an arrogant lapse of the human spirit.

Most can claim ownership of a high horse at one time or another and, like the Psalmist, know how unruly it can be when a tight rein is not exercised. "Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me" (Psalm 19: 13).

It may be inferred that such a petition stemmed from the discomfort of a headstrong experience when the Psalmist was overcome by the cross grain in his nature. The "keep back" petition indicates that once the high horse was mounted it was uncontrollable, like the steed at a rodeo with the end result of the rider's humiliating displacement. The petition, "let them not have dominion over me," was the Psalmist's cry for help beyond his own enablement.

Presumptuous sin is a besetting weakness of the human spirit accounting for self-inflation, pride, haughtiness and assertiveness, fostering amongst other things boasting, swanking and the lording of oneself over another. Once mounted the high horse presents a problem; its fury gains dominion over the encounter. Sweet reasonableness takes a vacation. Best friends find the one so self-dominated, hard to live with and compelled to ask when such a one is coming down off the high horse. The coming down process is not easy as one would imagine.

Grace Richmond, whose novels are of the early twentieth century decades, features doctors as her main characters. One, Red Pepper Burns, was most brilliant, but had the besetting weakness of riding a fiery high horse. His housekeeper was very understanding, and waited patiently, knowing that the fury of the high horse would eventually exhaust the doctor. Experience also had taught the doctor to know that when his system was under such dominion he had to work the headstrong tension out of himself.

The method he found that brought the best results was a season of physical exercise at the wood heap. Often his housekeeper would hear him sawing firewood at unusual hours. She then knew that the doctor was fighting an unruly spirit provoked by some seemingly injustice, some disloyalty. At times she discerned that the physician was healing a wounded spirit resulting from a frustrating failure.

Most fortunate are those subjected to high horse episodes, to have understanding and forgiving friends who exercise patience and even share the suffering that accompanies fractured self-esteem. Such grace is often needed by parents guiding emerging manhood and womanhood to a more excellent handling of life.

Whenever humans are gathered together there is a needed supply of such grace. The New Testament is a fertile source of such grace. The Apostle James encourages those lacking wisdom for such life encounters that a supply is available. "Let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally" (James 1: 5).

To observe the life of Jesus, and to listen to his words provides a fortifying grace. Paul has strong corrective words of advice for those under the dominion of inflated egos. "Be most careful then how you conduct yourselves: like sensible men, not like simpletons . . . do not be fools, but try to understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5: 15-17, N.E.B.).

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At State Conference, 1953, a little group of folk living 350 miles north of Brisbane, was welcomed into the fellowship of the Queensland brotherhood. For the next seven years, facing the many ups and downs of a newly-established, struggling church, the Gladstone company met for worship in the local Town Hall.

With little development taking place, the population of the town had become stationary around the 7,000 mark. Special efforts, in the form of evangelistic campaigns, were made in an attempt to add some of the 7,000 to the membership of the Church of Christ.

Another milestone was passed on Nov. 26, 1960, when a hall was opened on a block of land purchased near the centre of the town. Thus, the congregation had achieved a measure of independence, and was able to provide its own facilities for worship and for the development of young people's activities.

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But the rest of the brotherhood has been made aware of Gladstone. For some time the Home Missions Committee has been subsidising the Gladstone effort, at the same time endeavouring to work out a more satisfactory basis on which to provide a ministry. Approaches were made to one after another to take up the challenge of the Gladstone cause. After ten disappointments the Committee learned of the termination of the ministry of Kev. Jenner with the church at

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Things began to move! A manse would need to be built. The South Queensland Country Conference agreed to adopt the Gladstone manse as its project. The minister would need to be paid. The Home Missions Committee determined to underwrite the entire cost of the first year of the Gladstone ministry.

In August this year, Mr. and Mrs. Jenner, dog and caravan arrived in Gladstone, thus adding to the 3,000 caravandwellers already installed in the city. The manse is now about ready for occupation.

The eleven members of the Gladstone church, together with many local friends, Conf. Pres. Maurie Pieper, and H. M. Director, Alex. Surtees and Mrs. Surtees, publicly welcomed the Jenners to their new charge.

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Mr. Pieper, representing the 60 congregations supporting the Gladstone project, conducted an Induction Service.

Another milestone has been passed, and the little band, now numbering 13, is grateful for the untiring efforts of Mr. Surtees and his committee, and for the generosity of the brotherhood.

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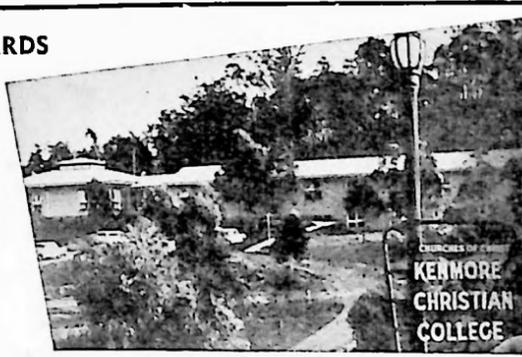
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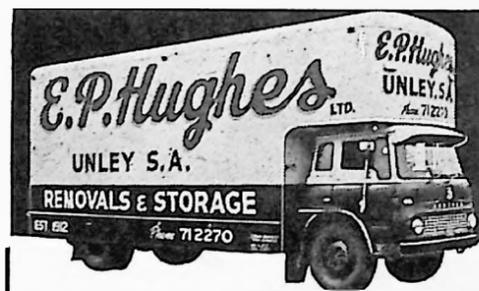
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