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The children on our cover are some of the 1,400 residents who live in 350 flats in one of Melbourne's biggest experiments in high density housing.

One speaker at the ANZAAS conference last week said that many aspects of flat life were cruel. "Mothers, young children and the very old were penalised particularly severely," said Paul Ritter, Perth's City planner.

In trying to solve one problem, that of housing, we may be creating another. Mothers say that there is lack of safe playing space. This is especially the case in winter and on wet days. The traffic is a constant threat. One boy was knocked down outside his "flat home" before Christmas and spent four weeks in hospital. He has now been sent to his grandmother in the country because the noise of traffic is too loud for convalescents. But not all convalescents have grandmothers in the country.

Parents on the estate said that their three-bedroom flats were well-maintained, well-equipped and comfortable. But a home should not be a prison for children.

## CRACKS IN THE MONOLITH

Defections from the Roman Catholic Church have not been uncommon over the years, but there is a significance in the number and quality of those who have left that church recently. The cases of Father Charles Davis in England and Sister Jacqueline Grennan in the U.S.A. highlight the restlessness among R.C. intellectuals at the slowness of the church in responding to the pressures for change that were so evident at the Second Vatican Council.

Although many R.C. leaders think that too little was being done too slowly, the Pope was apparently influenced by conservative reactionaries when he publicly criticised the liberal tendencies of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) last November. The defection of Davis could have been, at least in part, the defiant answer of one Jesuit.

Fr. Davis was England's leading R.C. theologian. As editor, author and professor, he was prominent at the Second Vatican Council, and his defection came as a great shock to Roman Catholics around the world and especially to those in England where he was held in high esteem. He said that, "I do not think that the claim the church makes as an institution rests upon any adequate Biblical and historical basis. I don't believe that the church is absolute, and I don't believe any more in papal infallibility. There is concern for authority at the expense of truth."

The exit of Fr. Davis is also a protest against the requirement of celibacy for its priests. There is a growing protest against this restriction. A survey conducted among 3,000 priests in the U.S.A. indicated that 62% thought that they should have the right to marry if they desired to do so. Celibacy also has no adequate Biblical support.

In the U.S.A. many nuns have left their orders because they claim that they can serve Christ more effectively in secular life. They also believe that the church is moving too slowly to give effect to changes which are believed to be inevitable. In the Archdiocese of New York, 47 nuns left their convents in 1966, about twice as many as in 1965. Unlike priests, who are ordained for life and are therefore almost obliged to leave the church when they abandon the priesthood, the women are often able to make their change without any such drastic step. Indeed, they often have the blessing of their church.

Mary Louise Prendergast left the Sisters of Loretto after 20 years as a nun but remains chairman of the science department of Missouri's Webster College, which is controlled by trustees on behalf of the Loretto Sisters. Now it is reported that Sister Jacqueline Grennan, President of Webster College, has also abandoned her convent life. But she has been requested to remain as president of the college. The college itself will be directed by a committee of laymen pending approval of the Vatican. Miss Grennan said, "It is my personal conviction that the very nature of higher education is opposed to juridical control by the church."

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# INTO THE HAND OF GOD

## 1. "I Don't Know Where I Am Going"

We enter this New Year full of un-  
certainties about the days that lie ahead,  
not knowing what will happen with our  
employment, our homes, our marriages,  
within our families, our churches or  
our nation. So much has happened in  
the past 365 days and so much can  
happen in the next 365. In our uncer-  
tainty we become anxious about tomor-  
row and even fearful about the days  
ahead.

Jesus said: "Don't be anxious about  
tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious  
for itself. Let the day's own trouble  
be sufficient for the day." Jesus had

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complete certainty about the future be-  
cause he knew where he was going,  
because his whole life had been en-  
trusted into the hand of God.

We too can only know the surety of  
tomorrow if we live close to the way  
Christ is going. "Thomas said to Jesus:  
'Lord, we do not know where you are  
going and how can we know the way?'  
Jesus said to him: 'I am the way.'  
By living close to Christ and by placing  
our lives into the hand of God, we can  
know the way in the year ahead.

## 2. "I Guess I Shouldn't Be Alone"

Old lady, you shouldn't be alone! No  
one should be alone, and yet loneliness  
has become a great modern problem.  
David Riesman described us as "The  
Lonely Crowd." J. A. Hutton said: "Mod-  
ern life has produced a new kind of  
loneliness. We are more lonely than  
our fathers were. In every nation, by  
the very processes of civilisation our  
souls are becoming more and more com-  
plex and alone."

Last year, when Dr. William String-  
fellow was in Australia, he said: "Lone-  
liness is as intimate and as common  
to man as death. Loneliness doesn't  
respect persons, but afflicts all. There  
is no man who doesn't know loneliness,  
yet there is no man who needs to be  
alone."

And that is the tragedy of it. For  
while we feel so alone and so helpless  
we have the promise of Jesus: "Lo, I  
am with you always." No matter where  
we are in this year that lies ahead we  
can always call on the presence of the  
Master. When we entrust our lives into

the hand of God we can always feel  
underneath the strength of the ever-  
lasting arms.

## 3. "I Can Manage If Someone Helps me"

I was amazed at the size of the cloth  
carry-alls that this old lady had, and  
with the tremendous burdens she was  
carrying. But her greatest burdens were  
not in the cloth carry-alls. She car-  
ried the burdens of loneliness, old age,  
deafness, separation from her family  
and dependency on others.

Many of us enter the New Year with  
burdens far greater than any we can  
lift with our hands. There are burdens  
of heart and mind and soul that become  
too much for us alone, but we can man-  
age if we have someone to help us.  
Hezekiah could say: "O Lord, I am  
oppressed; undertake for me."

And when we enter the year oppressed  
with burdens we have the assurance  
that he will undertake. We need to  
let go our burdens in order that he  
may take them up for us. This is  
what Paul meant by saying: "I can do  
all things through him who strengthens  
me." Jesus promised: "If you ask any-  
thing in my name, I will do it."

## 4. "I Will Be All Right. I Have Someone to Meet Me and To Take Me Home"

Old lady, that is the loveliest thing  
you have said. For amid your loneli-  
ness and disabilities and burdens you  
have the certainty that, no matter what  
happens, you have someone to meet you  
and to take you home.

And no greater strength can be ours  
than to carry into the New Year,  
with all its uncertainty and anxiety,  
the knowledge that no matter what may  
befall us, no matter what trouble, dis-  
ability, burden, problem, illness or suf-  
fering, if we have placed ourselves into  
the hand of God, we will always have  
someone who will meet us at the point  
of our need and take us home.

Aristides, the Greek Christian philoso-  
pher of the 2nd century, wrote of the  
early Christians: "If any righteous man  
among them passes from this world  
they rejoice and offer thanks unto God  
and they escort his body as if he were  
setting out from this place to another  
nearby."

And indeed that is just what happens.  
Jesus promised: "I go to prepare a place

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Sermon preached at Cheltenham, Vic.

# A CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy."—Psalm 145: 8.

The Psalmist expresses what we like to believe is the true nature of God, and what we believe as Christians is made incarnate in the person of Christ, who is recorded to have taught his disciples to "Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors, only so can you be the children of your Heavenly Father who makes the sun to rise on good and bad alike, and sends his rain on the honest and the dishonest" (Matt. 5: 44-45).

These two passages can be our points of reference as we attempt to work out a Christian attitude towards capital punishment. The bulk of the material presented here, however, is from an article written by Mr. Justice Barry, of the Supreme Court of Victoria (now Sir John Barry), and published in the Sydney Law Review, March, 1958. At that time, the Honourable Mr. Justice Barry was also Chairman of the Dept. of Criminology of the University of Melbourne, and Chairman of the Parole Board of Victoria.

After stating that it is doubtful if the subject of capital punishment, in general, is capable of rational examination, Mr. Justice Barry divides the community roughly into three sections: "... those who by temperament feel no distaste for it, and believe that society is protected by its use, and therefore consider that it should be

A sermon preached in the Shepparton church of Christ, where Mr. McIntosh is minister.

retained; those, compassionate by nature, who feel that society is debased by recourse to it and urge that it should be abandoned; and between is the largest section, composed of those who have no strong feelings on the subject."

It cannot be true, that a responsible Christian will be found amongst those "who have no strong feelings on the subject." When it means, as it does, the death of a fellow human being, responsible Christians will either support the retention of capital punishment or work for its abolition.

Mr. Justice Barry lists only two arguments for the abolition of capital punishment — those put forward by Sir Samuel Romilly (1757-1818), who must have been a contemporary of the Campbells! The chief deterrent to crime resides not in barbarous punishments, but in certainty of detection and conviction; and that: cruel punishments have an inevitable tendency to produce cruelty in the people. To these we might add a third: that as Christians believing that "we are cleansed from every sin by the blood of Jesus," we cannot believe that any man is beyond the redemptive power of Christ — while he lives.

Mr. Justice Barry sets out some major contentions which he states are the reasons usually advanced in favour of the retention of capital punishment, and then spends most of the article refuting these claims.

It is interesting to note that most of the letters to the editor of the Melbourne "Age" supporting the retention of capital punishment, contain one or more of these claims.

(1) Death as a punishment for murder is unique in its deterrent effect.

Mr. Justice Barry's answer is that the awareness that one's life will be forfeit does not operate effectively or universally as a restraining influence, for he claims: "It is notorious that many planned murders have been committed by persons who felt sure their guilt would not be detected."

He claims that the argument also implies that no lesser form of punishment could be as effective, and that "the theory requires that the criminal's social usefulness as a deterrent example should be exploited to the full, not only before death, but afterwards as well," "that executions should be publicly carried out and that the felons' bodies should be exhibited to public view" — this we would never do now, but it was common practice once.

(2) Abolition of the death penalty for murder would result in an increase in murder, and attacks on police officers.

Mr. Justice Barry reminds his readers that last century there were over 200 crimes listed as capital offences, and that the fear that the removal of all but four of these from the list, over the years, would bring about an increase in those crimes, has not been realised.

The same, he says, is true in countries which do not now execute murderers — and here let us remember that some States of America abolished capital punishment over a hundred years ago, and that Queensland did so in 1922. New

South Wales has done likewise in recent years, and Great Britain, after a Royal Commission, and two attempts, did so two years ago.

(3) Death is the appropriate penalty for a human being who has unjustifiably taken life.

Those who defend capital punishment on this point are usually Christians who believe that this is the law of God, given through Moses, and the right and only course to adopt.

Justice Barry points out that if the Mosaic law is to be rigidly enforced, then we must advocate, not only a life for a life, but also "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe" (Exod. 21: 23-25).

How would the careless driver fare under this law, if, by his negligence, a passenger or pedestrian were to lose an eye or a leg in an accident? To enforce this law of Moses could also mean that if a farmer's bull gored and killed a neighbour, he, as well as his bull, would have to be shot! (Exod. 21: 29).

Our civil law is not intended for acts of revenge, but justice; it does not permit the execution of the Mosaic law of a life for a life. Charges of manslaughter, and a plea of insanity or provocation many times remove the accused from the possibility of capital punishment, and as has been the case in Victoria since 1951 — in more than 50 cases — the actual death sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment.

We cannot rest easy with the knowledge that only every now and then the "very worst criminal" will be hung, while 50 other convicted murderers live on. Who is to decide which one in 50 alone deserves to die, and on what grounds? Christian conscience will not allow us to be silent about such a shoddy scheme as this, for it is hard to believe that justice can always prevail when such an uncertain method as commutation for all but the worst is used. Why force our judges to pronounce the horrible words: "... sentenced to hang by the neck until dead," if in most cases the sentence is not carried out?

(4-5) There is no satisfactory alternative to the death penalty, and public opinion requires that it be carried out.

Mr. Justice Barry warns that a society outraged by a vicious crime of some monstrous criminal must stop short of denying that man's humanity. "If he acts like a mad dog, he should be shot like one," argued a correspondent to the Melbourne "Age" recently. Hitler's Germany, with its gas chambers and death camps, reminds us what the denial of human dignity can lead to.

Mr. Justice Barry quotes John Bright, as saying: "A deep reverence for human life is worth more than a thousand executions in the prevention of murder; it is, in fact, the great security of human life" (2).

It was such a deep reverence for all life that made Albert Schweitzer universally admired by Christian and non-Christian alike. Mr. Justice Barry dismisses the claim that public opinion

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demands capital punishment with these words: "If public opinion has no certain meaning, it may refer to the prejudice or preconceptions of the class in which the speaker moves, or to unconsidered utterances collected by 'opinion poll' interviewers from a rough sample of the community affected. He goes on to say: "The real question, it is submitted, is not whether a popular demand exists . . . but whether it is effective for the social purpose which it is claimed to achieve."

How then are we to protect ourselves? Barry has this comment to make: "An honest and efficient police force, and a legal administration that ensures prompt and impartial trial, are obviously more likely to restrain potential wrongdoers than brutal punishments sporadically and capriciously administered."

Justice Barry also reminds his readers of the sober facts that innocent men have been hung for crimes they did not commit, and bids us remember that: "Fallibility is the mark of human institutions. Is it not then better to have to pay to keep a thousand 'lifers' in prison than to support a system that cannot guarantee that innocent men will not hang in the future."

### WHAT CAUSES MURDER?

Finally, what makes a man a murderer, and how can murders be prevented? Barry claims that scientifically conceived research into the factors that result in homicides is badly needed. He goes on to say: "What society wants to know is not what is an effective deterrent at the moment of execution, but what is an effective deterrent at the moment of murder."

Barry quotes the conclusions reached by Prof. A. Morris, who did considerable research on these questions, as concluding that: "Generally murder is an impulsive, unplanned act . . . it tends to be non-repetitive . . . it tends to be chiefly an offence whose immediate victims are relatives, friends and acquaintances rather than strangers . . . it is not generally the crime of the so-called criminal classes, but in most cases rather an incident in miserable lives in which disputes, quarrels, angry words and blows are common . . . the great majority of murderers are men, and the majority of victims are women, most of them wives, mistresses or sweethearts; more murders were committed

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for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

She was just an uncertain old lady, and yet as we enter this year many of us share her uncertainties, for we are uncertain of where we are going, of who comes with us, or who can help us, or of who can take us home.

Yet as Christians we have the promises of Jesus that if we entrust ourselves into the hand of God we will

on Saturday than any other day, and nearly half the murders were committed between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.; and most murders were committed in densely populated urban areas."

Mr. Justice Barry ends his article with a renewed plea for research into the factors that give rise to homicide with these words: "A sociological investigation, competently organised and conducted, should provide facts that may illuminate many dark places, both with regard to aberrant human behaviour and to firmly cherished misconceptions about criminal punishment. It might supply us, too, with validated information for use in efforts to achieve what should be the primary objective of a sound criminal law administration, the prevention of crime."

Should not the churches support such a move? in the same way as we have in the field of alcoholism? And ought not there be uniformity of procedure throughout the whole of Australia? We have seen the necessity for this with our marriage laws, and in the field of censorship. One might hang for a murder committed at Yarrowonga, but not if it were to be committed across the Murray at Mulwala, N.S.W.

Let us petition for a Royal Commission with the hope that it will lead to similar research, as mentioned above, and to an enlightened and humane practice of dealing with convicted murderers.

Sir Ernest Gowers, the chairman of the British Royal Commission, wrote this: "Before serving on the Royal Commission, I, like most other people, had given no great thought to the problem. If I had been asked for my opinion, I should probably have said that I was in favour of the death penalty, and disposed to regard abolitionists as people whose hearts were bigger than their heads. Four years of close study gradually dispelled that feeling. In the end I became convinced that abolitionists were right in their conclusions — though I could not agree with all their arguments — and that so far from the sentimental approach leading into their camp, and the rational one into that of the supporters, it was the other way about."

For us, as Christians, the words of the Apostle Paul should do ". . . do not let evil conquer you, but use good to defeat evil" (Rom. 12: 17-21).

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have him to guide us, to be our companion, to help us and in the end to lead us safely home.

As King George VI said, in those cloud-enshrouded days of New Year 1939: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God and that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

## • AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR

# WORLD C.W.F. PRESIDENT ABROAD

(Adelaide). World Women's Christian Fellowship President, Mrs. E. V. Lawton, of Adelaide, is about to give the 1970 World Convention its first real boost. The S.A. World Convention Committee, working in close contact with the New York office, and the World Secretary, Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Lawton is to go overseas, and here presents her itinerary.

Our American brethren are anxious to know more about Australia, and



Mrs. E. V. Lawton.

Adelaide in particular, so a visit from Mrs. Lawton has been arranged. She left Adelaide on Jan. 24 to fly to San Francisco. The schedule involves her as follows:

Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Chicago, New York, Washington, Richmond, Raleigh, Charleston, Huntington, Louisville, Nashville, Lexington, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, in the United States. In Canada, she will visit Seattle and Toronto.

The programme includes area rallies, women's meetings, church services, sectional and committee meetings. The schedule is so heavy that the President will be speaking several times daily in a number of places.

If possible the programme will include a brief visit to several of our British churches on the return journey home.

Mrs. Lawton passes on a personal request that the women of our churches in Australia remember her in prayer as she represents them and our work in this country. In conversation with the writer, she expresses her own anxiety that she be not alone, but that God and her own people will share with her each step of the journey.—E.P.C.H.

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## QUEENSLAND

# GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs.  
L. R. Pitman.

To celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pitman, of Toowoomba, Qld., and formerly of Roma, their family and near friends gathered to do them honor recently at the residence of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Metcalf, of Grantham.

There are 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Pitman were married in Toowoomba by the late Ethelbert Davis at the home of the bride's parents (Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Turner), on Sept. 25, 1916. They took up residence in Roma, where they lived for some 32 years, moving to Toowoomba in 1948.

The chairman for the happy occasion was V. G. Boettcher, who paid glowing tributes to the work and worth of the guests of honor during their time in Roma. For practically the whole period Mr. Pitman was both a deacon of the church and supt. of the S.S. At one stage in the church's history Mr. Pitman, together with A. S. Cooke (the latter is still at Roma) maintained the ministry of the church for three continuous years whilst the church was without a minister, and also for lesser periods in between ministries. Mr. Boettcher congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Pitman upon attaining 50 years of married happiness, and pointed out to the large family gathering the fine Christian example of service, love and generosity exemplified in their lives. Mr. Pitman was indeed a man of humility and a real "Barnabas" to all within the church.

Pride of place on the main table was given to a beautifully iced wedding cake in gold and white shadings.

### IMPERSONATION

(Qld.) Several inquiries have recently been received at this church about a young man seeking help, and claiming to be "John Nielson, of Mackay." The man is tall and fair, and seems to have a good general knowledge of the Nielson family, and the Church of Christ at Mackay. However, should anyone of this description approach a minister or any member, it would seem wise for the police to be notified. There is a John Nielson at the Mackay church, and should he be travelling at any time he would have no trouble in providing evidence to establish his identity.—Kev. Jenner, Qld.

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### TEN CHURCHES COMBINE

(Mackay, Qld.) On Christmas Day, ten Mackay churches combined to conduct their evening service in a city theatre. Each of the ten ministers took a share in the Scripture presentation of the Nine Lessons of Christmas, and a combined choir and congregational carol singing completed the programme. An offering of approximately \$100 was directed to the Bowl of Remembrance Appeal. . . . The C.Y.F. recently enjoyed a beach barbecue in company with the Salvation Army young people. . . . Guest speaker on Jan. 1 was Ross Nielson (Giru), who also led a most inspiring youth service on that night.

### NIGHT OF MUSIC

(Redcliffe, Qld.) Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce recently received into fellowship on transfer. On Jan. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burnham, late of Ballarat, and now of Kenmore, were with us for day. Mr. Burnham was speaker at both services. Sisters and nurses from Redcliffe Hospital were present at gospel service. Special items with guitar, and duet in song by Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Diane and Jill Chapman, vocal duet, and Mrs. Burnham rendered a solo before the message. Mesdames Plint, Burnham and Machin assisted at piano and organ. . . . Sister Lyn Little has left to further her nursing career at the Townsville Hospital, where she will be for 12 months.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . . PLEASE DON'T DISTURB

To the Editor,

The other night the wife let me go to the Men's Society. Usually she makes a fuss and says that I'm out every night. Once she got so steamed up that she threatened that I either had to give up the Men's Society or the lodge. I'd have sure missed the Men's Society!

I was sorry I went the other night. The biologist who was going to talk to us about "The Love Life of a Glow Worm" caught a "wog" and couldn't come. So they asked John, one of our elders, to speak at the last minute. John can always hold your attention. But he had me fidgeting and sweating. He took the theme that God is Lord of the world. He said that God was Lord of politics, of business, of commerce, of the home, of the community, of the farm, and so on. That much was all right. But then he said to us, "All right, then, what are you fellows going to do about seeing that he is recognised as Lord of all these areas?" I ducked behind Pete as he suggested some ways of going about it.

Over coffee I said to him somewhat tartly. . . . "The message of Jesus is one of comfort and peace. All you've done to us tonight is to upset us and disturb us, and make us wonder if the ideas we were brought up with are right after all." He smiled and said, "Tertius, when you get home, read Matthew 10: 34-39."

I did!

It isn't only editors that upset people.

TERTIUS.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

The standard of entrance and the College Course has been raised considerably over the years. This has meant higher standard of work and encouraging results. Some of the men who enter the College are able to take up university work along with their College studies. This move is given encouragement by the faculty.

Last year four men took part-time studies at universities. K. Farmer studied at the University of N.S.W., and gained passes in two subjects in Arts; one credit and one distinction. G. R. Elliott and R. Kallmier passed in two subjects at the University of Sydney, and D. C. Nutt one subject. All these men are working toward a B.A. degree.

To meet the new situation, which is now arising in many parts of the world, provision is being made to accom-

modate married students. Over the vacation period work is being done to provide three additional flats. This will give the College five such flats that may be used as required.

Renovations are being made to the College kitchen, the reading room, and the main class room.

The women of the N.S.W. churches have made a fine contribution toward a new stove for the College kitchen. The cost is \$734, and the women have raised money in excess of that sum for stove and other needs of the kitchen.

The College opens for students on February 21. The Official Opening will be the first Saturday in March. We ask our friends to note the time and date: 3 p.m., March 4, 1967.—A. W. Stephenson, Principal.

### 3,000 SING CAROLS

(Marrickville, N.S.W.) The minister, M. J. Bedwell, encouraged the local Ministers' Fraternal and the local Council to organise a combined "Carols by Candlelight." A committee was formed. With Mr. Bedwell as adviser and organising sec., the first was held in Christmas, 1965. This proved an instant success, and it was held again in 1966, when the attendance was estimated at nearly 3,000. . . . In 1966, the programme was presented by all the Protestant churches, and the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. The evening finished with an excellently presented tableau, which contained the gospel message. In the absence of James Dibble, of the ABC, Mr. Bedwell was requested to comper the evening, and the committee has already booked him for 1967. . . . In this way, as well as others, the church at Marrickville is endeavouring to reach the people in the district. Many food parcels were also delivered over the Christmas period, and also during

the year. C. Nutt is the chairman of the Social Welfare Committee.

### BRIAN WHITE AWAITED

(Telopea, N.S.W.) The church is awaiting the arrival of B. White and family to commence a full-time ministry. In recent weeks attendances at services have greatly improved. Two young men recently confessed Christ. The B.S. held a Junior Camp at Col-laroy, and the scholars took part in the evening service in the form of a play. The following week members of the Y.P. group and S.S. and church choir took part in a Christmas pageant. . . . Miss Gwen Cole, who has been a church organist, C.F.A. agent and Kinder. supt., was farewelled on the eve of her marriage. The church has gained the services of Mrs. Margaret Stimpson, a trained teacher, to replace Miss Cole as Kinder. supt. . . . The Clelland family (Fairfield) have recently moved to this area and are now worshipping with us.

### YOUTH HOLIDAY CAMP AIDS ABORIGINES

Thirty-three young people spent three weeks of their holidays to improve facilities at the Aborigines Welfare Board's Settlement at Framlingham, near Warrnambool, Vic. The Work Camp was organised jointly by the Vic. Christian Youth Council and the Warrnambool-based Framlingham Welfare Committee.

The campers ranged in ages from 18 to 30 from eight churches. Some were students and others were professionally employed. Half of the party were girls. Accommodation had been arranged by converting the halls of the farming settlement of Wangoom into dormitories. There was no difference in the work-schedule as far as sex was concerned, said the leader, Peter Chapman. The girls shared such work as digging, painting and fence construction.

Twelve houses were being improved by the group under the supervision of a professional builder provided by the Aborigines Welfare Board. Facilities such as external toilets, laundries, bathrooms and water tanks were being installed, and the buildings were being painted.

Mr. Chapman said that the purpose of the camp was more than to provide amenities for the Aboriginal Group: it was an opportunity of discovering their way of life and attitude to the white Australian community.

Activities included social evenings with the Settlement people and discussion with them. Some campers were planning continued contact with the Settlement through 1967.

Mr. Chapman paid a tribute to the help being given the Work Camp by the farming community of Wangoom. They had made their homes available for showers, provided food and cooking utensils, and had been of general support.

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## VICTORIA

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### UNION DISCUSSIONS

(Kaniva, Vic.). On Jan. 8, the church welcomed Principal E. L. Williams and Charles Dow, as representatives of the Dept. of Christian Union. Many aspects of the Uniting Church, and our involvement and attitude, were dealt with in services and discussion groups. . . . There were 135 communicants and 40 members attended an afternoon session. . . . Attendances were boosted by a reunion of Mrs. E. M. Goldsworthy's family. 43 met for a family dinner. . . . Dr. Dick Williams, home on furlough from India, is enjoying doing some farm work. . . . A Planned Giving Programme will be commenced in February. . . . Six of our young people attended the National C.Y.F. Convention in Perth.

### 800 AT SPECIAL SERVICES

(Bayswater, Vic.). 800 attended the special Christmas service at the church, conducted by the minister, H. S. Prime, with full support of headmaster and staff of Bayswater Primary School. Mr. Prime, the convener of Religious Instruction, led four sessions, with taped music and narration and audio-visual on the Christmas theme. This worship session in the chapel has become an annual feature to mark the last session of Religious Instruction for the year. . . . Christian Women's Fellowship ladies catered for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Maxwell Morris.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS TEA

(Maldstone, Vic.). In Dec. we had our usual Christmas festivities, including Family Tea, when Rev. Dane Mountford gave a challenging address. . . . Many people were welcomed into the church through baptism. Four of our young men attained their majority and were each presented with a Bible as is the custom of the church. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Geake celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. . . . L. E. Snow preached on Jan. 8.

### CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

(Stawell, Vic.). Several ladies took part in a special Christmas dialogue, to wind up a year's activities for C.W.F. Combined church and B.S. held annual picnic at Hall's Gap recently. . . . Mrs. Allam, who made her decision for Christ, was welcomed into fellowship. . . . Deacons and men from other churches have assisted with preaching each Sunday.

(Adelaide). A party of 30 Victorians, including 23 players, journeyed to Adelaide at Christmas time to participate in the biennial tour conducted by the S.A. Churches of Christ Tennis Association. The manager for the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Assoc. was Laurie Finger, and the S.A. tour manager was Tom Bartlett.

The week's programme included touring, swimming, bowls, socials, teas, worship and, of course, tennis.

The tour commenced on Dec. 26, with a welcome tea at Brighton Gardens church hall, at which the Patron of the S.A. Association, E. P. C. Hollard, offered a prayer of blessing on the week's fellowship and activities. 100 were present and more attended the welcome social which followed.

Special thanks are due to the S.A. hosts who billeted the Victorians and looked after their physical needs.

In the tennis, the S.A. teams proved too strong for the Victorians on the hardcourts used for the first of the two full-day matches, but were not many games ahead in the second match on grass, a surface not familiar to either Association. The total results enables S.A. to regain the A grade cup by 266

### CRICKETER AT CHURCH

(Oakleigh, Vic.). Brian Booth, N.S.W. cricket captain, gave an excellent address at a well attended Christmas morning service. Mrs. Miles trained youth choir and children's choir for special Christmas singing. Nine young people were baptized during the gospel service on Christmas night, and there was one decision. . . . Many young people attended National C.Y.F. Convention in Perth, while others went to the Youth for Christ Camp at Surfers' Paradise. . . . Recent speakers: A. Dean, F. Mathieson, H. Miller, B. Donnan and J. Randall. . . . The ladies of the C.W.F. groups raised over \$600 for various local and brotherhood works during 1966.

### HOUSE GIVEN AWAY

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games to Victoria's 226 games, and also the B grade cup by 271 games to 160 games. The cups were presented to the S.A. captains, Tom Bartlett and David Partington, by the S.A. Life Member, W. R. C. Bell, at a New Year's Eve social in the Brooklyn Park church hall. The Victorian captains, Bill Parker and Wes. Jenkins, congratulated the South Australians, and all remarked on the sporting manner in which the matches were played, and the excellent fellowship enjoyed.

On Jan. 1, a fine church service at Croydon was led by Tom Bartlett, E. P. C. Hollard giving the address. This was followed by an after-church fellowship hour at which items were presented by artists from various clubs. There was even a duet by the Victorian first lady, Kathryn Humfray and Jenny Samels, with whom she was billeted. A prayer of thanksgiving by the S.A. Patron concluded the tour.—D. A. Lewis.

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## • SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# A WORTHY HONOUR

(Adelaide). The recent New Year's Honors List contained the name of one South Australian who has a specific interest for our brethren.

The Speaker of the House, the Hon. L. G. Riches, was designated as a C.M.G. Mr. Riches has been Mayor of Port Augusta for close to 30 years, and Member of Parliament for the district for almost the same time. As owner and publisher of the local press he has thus exercised a considerable influence upon his community. Frequent appearances in church pulpits has indicated the quality of the man.

Lin. Riches is a product of the Bordertown Church of Christ, and through

### INTERIM AT ALDGATE

(S.A.). W. Bowden has completed one year of part-time ministry service with the church and is now preparing for the forthcoming N.Z. mission. He has been invited to continue here for a further 12 months. Recent speakers have been S. E. Riches, E. P. C. Hollard, H. Stevens (Edwardstown), and R. Clark (Stirling). . . . During the year there have been 16 added by faith and baptism, mainly teenagers, and five by restoration. A young man from a neighboring township sought baptism and is witnessing with his local church. Offerings have increased, about \$40 per week being received for all purposes. . . . R. Harslett, sec., and R. Caudle, treas., have been appointed by the church. Malcolm Morton was presented with a copy of the Scriptures on moving to Kangaroo Island. . . . Trevor Harslett, Joan Wiley and Kent Morris attended a beach mission at Pt. Lincoln. Lynette Forby and Christine Morton attended Longwood Camp. The officers assisted the tennis club in a work session, when three courts were bitumenised. The church surrounds were also gravelled and graded.

### VETERANS HONORED

(Semaphore, S.A.). Seven members whose membership with this church extends over 50 years or more, were honored at a recent recognition service. Of these, Mrs. McKenzie, a foundation member, has an unbroken record of fellowship extending over 63 years. Appreciation was expressed by the minister, and each of the seven members was presented with an inscribed copy of the New Testament to mark the occasion. . . . Special Christmas service, in which the children of the S.S. shared, saw the best attended evening meeting for some time. . . . F. B. Burt will conclude his ministry in January, 1968. The Board is seeking a replacement. Minister was the study leader at the young people's Christmas camp recently at Longwood.

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She has done outstanding work in educational research and has such a high reputation that she is the only woman member of the U.S. President's educational advisory council.

Her main objection to her order was that "under the vow of obedience, I had given someone else the authority to limit or veto my decisions. I came to realise that I could not live as a responsible and productive human being for the rest of my life under the vow."

We are far too realistic to imagine that these cracks in the giant structure of Roman Catholicism indicate anything like an internal collapse, but they do suggest that many other R.C. doctrines and attitudes which do not rest "upon any adequate and historical basis" will be questioned more and more by responsible Catholic leaders and laymen. The ultimate authority of the church rests upon the truth as it is found in Christ, and any victory for truth over might is a victory for Christ.

all the years of separation from Churches of Christ he has never ceased to identify himself with the brotherhood. His association with the Methodist Church in Port Augusta has been a worthy one, and the Methodists hold him in the highest esteem.

Mr. Riches is one of a group of Christian men in the S.A. Parliament who are quite willing to express their Christian convictions.

Even though the Labor Party is traditionally opposed to honors, many feel that this was a "must." Brethren throughout the State and beyond will extend their sincere good wishes to an honored Christian gentleman.—E.P.C.H.

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### FOR GLEN IRIS

(Adelaide). Four young men from S.A. churches will enter Glen Iris this year to train for the ministry. They are: Jeff Guess, of Kilburn church. Brian Beck, of Hawthorn church. Dennis Cosh, of Cheltenham church. Roger Hollard, of Clovelly Park church.

### SENIOR GUESTS

(Beverley, S.A.). The usual break-ups of auxiliaries included a Christmas tree and party for the B.S. Kinders and Juniors respectively. The Women's Fellowship had as guests a number of older members of the church. A social followed a devotional session. The choir provided special music at the evening Christmas service. . . . The varied forms of service held in the latter part of 1966 are likely to be resumed this year. Active participation in discussions, leadership and readings, stimulated interest in the evening services.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

### Should ministers be perfect?

I shortened your question, which really asked: Has a minister any right to call his congregation to a life of perfection, if he himself cannot achieve it? For example? our minister recently told us how to run our homes and families, but everyone knows that he can't run his own home properly.

A couple of years ago I read about the divorce of a prominent marriage counsellor. Then, too, doctors get sick. A magistrate last year was fined for breaking a traffic law.

We don't expect marriage counsellors to have perfect marriages, because it takes at least two to achieve this kind of success. We don't discard a doctor because he falls a victim to the complaints for which he prescribes. So far as I know, the magistrate is still sitting in judgment on others.

Perhaps your question should read: "Are ministers human?" and the answer is Yes! very human! They are not ministers because they are angels, or because they have achieved perfection in their personal life and domestic relationships. They are ministers because they are men who have experienced the calling and the sending of God. Paul was a pretty good minister, and it is safe to say that he would be acceptable in any church. But Paul said, "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."

Being human, ministers sometimes think, say, or do the things that are unbecoming, or undesirable, or even downright un-Christian. Sometimes they may even bring shame to their church as well as dishonor to themselves.

I am not suggesting that it doesn't matter how a minister lives. It matters a great deal, and most ministers are so conscious of the importance of Christian living that any failure sears their conscience.

Nor would I agree with those who maintain that a minister's life is his own and that he is beyond censure. The N.T. makes it plain that the church has a responsibility to do something about ministers (and, of course, any others) whose witness harms the Christian mission.

Having said that, I feel that we have good reason to be proud of the witness of our ministers to the Lord of the gospel, both in their words and their deeds.

I know nothing about the particular situation which prompted you to write, but a minister can easily find justification in pointing to an ideal even if he has not reached it himself. It is even possible that his very failure may enable him to help others to succeed.

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## SECRETARY FOR 25 YEARS

(Wembley, W.A.). A number of church families entertained delegates from the National C.Y.F. Convention, on Jan. 8, 17 delegates from other States attended an after-church fellowship after the evening service. Preachers on this day were V. Longthorp and Dr. A. G. Elliott. A. D. Pyne was given a presentation in recognition of over 25 years as secretary of the church . . . Congratulations were extended to our minister, D. A. Ladbrook, who was successful in his recent examinations in Canberra. Also to G. Byrne, for receiving the 1966 Zoology prize . . . The church has been in prayer for Colin Hall, one of our young men who suffered a serious injury in a road accident. He is responding to treatment. Mrs. Stanford is also in hospital . . . Nine young people attended the Waterman's Bay youth camp. On another occasion the young people assisted with gardening at Karingal Girls' Home . . . The J.C.E. presented a Christmas play, which was attended by parents and friends. An A club has been formed which caters for the young people.

## CHURCH DRAMA

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). A drama, "The Road to Damascus," was acted by some of the young adult group at a gospel service to a packed church. R. Vincent, Conf. Pres., spoke one Sunday morning and showed slides at an evening after-church fellowship . . . At the Christmas Day morning service, the B.S. took part with the singing of carols . . . A few members attended the National C.Y.F. Convention in Perth. Young people have enjoyed barbecues . . . Church was saddened by the passing of W. Tonkin, who had been a faithful member for 40 years, and served for many years on Deacons' Board.

## FREMANTLE DEVELOPMENT

(W.A.). During the 2½ years of the present ministry more than 100 have been added to this church . . . On Jan. 8, Dr. K. Bowes (C.O.B.) was guest speaker at the gospel service. Several C.Y.F. Convention delegates were present, and later shared in a "sing-song." Many of our Y.P. shared in the arrangements and activities of the Convention. . . . W. Whitton is here on vacation from Woolwich College, prior to his final year of study.

## LIFEBOYS ON TV

(Devonport, Tas.). TNT9 televised the graduation of 13 L.B.B. boys to B.B., when 61 officers and boys took part. The C.W.F. final 1966 meeting featured illustrated travel talk on Qld. by two members. . . . At gospel service on Christmas Day, four young people spoke briefly on the theme, "What Christmas Means to Me." . . . A number of church members attended the Keswick Convention Camp at Port Sorell, while several young people were in camp at Bichenor. A number from Port Sorell attended church here on Jan. 1 . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. M. Byard in the loss of two grandsons by drowning.

## MINISTERS

### PREPARING FOR CHANGE

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). The minister, Graham Lord, conducted a family dedication service for young parents and their children. Following Promotion Day, the S.S. has been in recess. Arrangements are being made to farewell Mr. Lord. K. D. Horne will conduct the induction service for Trevor Lawrie, the first Sunday in February.

### NEW MINISTER ARRIVES

(Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.). Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Read and family arrived in Tasmania on Jan. 7. Mr. Read was inducted as minister of Margaret-st. on Jan. 8. The service was conducted by Lloyd Cooke, minister of Collins-st. church, Hobart. Many members returned to Launceston from holidays to be present at the induction and the chapel was well filled.

### MINISTER LEAVES

(Auburn, N.S.W.). The minister, H. Davies, has moved to minister at Boonah, Qld., after completing three years of steadfast and faithful witness in the Auburn district. At present the church is without a minister. The two elders are taking more responsibility in caring for the church . . . The anniversary of the opening will bring to a close the first year of work and witness in this new and modern building. Already the building is having its capacities tried to the full. Such groups as the Men's Fellowship, the C.W.F., the Girls' Brigade, the Boys' Brigade, and the B.S. are using all parts of the many halls and rooms available . . . A "coffee shop" is functioning after the gospel service every Sunday night, and is a good means of gathering the Christians and non-Christians together for fellowship.

### CIRCUIT INDUCTION

(Swan Hill, Vic.). On Jan. 13, members of the Swan Hill and Woorinen churches met at Swan Hill for the induction of Graeme A. Harrison, as minister of the circuit. D. W. Cockroft presided, and State Conf. Pres., A. Ross Lloyd, conducted the induction. Welcome speeches were given by representatives of City and Shire Councils and Ministers' Fraternal. Mr. Harrison's ministry commenced on Jan. 15, with good attendances at all services . . . Combined evening service held with Methodist and Presbyterian congregations on Jan. 8. Rev. C. King, Methodist, was speaker.

### DAVIDSON AT YARRAWONGA

(Yarrowonga, Vic.). Church is overjoyed at having a minister once more. Mr. and Mrs. Max Davidson arrived from S.A. early this month and have settled into the manse, which has been painted inside. There were also other renovations. Youth clubs are in recess, but B.S. has commenced again. . . . Church is looking for a real blessing this year as we go forward under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

## FAREWELL AND WELCOME

(Bendigo, Vic.). Opportunity was taken at the combined Christmas social and break-up to farewell Mr. and Mrs. M. Drake, and also to welcome Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pritchard and family. On Christmas Day, farewell services were conducted by Mr. Drake, who commences his ministry at Norlane in New Year.

On New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pritchard and family were welcomed. Guest speaker was T. V. Weir, of Warragul, who conducted the induction service. Mr. Weir was accompanied by his wife. It was quite a memorable occasion, for both ministers had met and worked together at Warrnambool, from which church Mr Pritchard entered Glen Iris. Mr. Weir had officiated at Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard's wedding at Warrnambool.

### SEVEN YEAR MINISTRY

(Preston, Vic.). G. W. Barnett concluded a ministry of over seven years on Dec. 18. At farewell gathering, on Dec. 14, representative speakers, including Mayor of Preston, and local Ministers' Fraternal, expressed appreciation of services of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, and a token of appreciation was presented to them . . . Church combined with South Preston Methodist at Christmas morning service . . . Mr. Arms, of C.M.S., spoke at both services on Jan. 1 . . . Church was greatly shocked by sudden death of our esteemed member, L. C. A. Box, and extends sympathy to his widow and family. Church was filled at funeral service, and at Fawkner Crematorium, conducted by G. W. Barnett.

### STIRLING EAST MINISTRY

(S.A.). R. Sidler completed four years of ministry on Jan. 1. At the close of the evening service a presentation of a portable typewriter was made . . . Recent speakers have been D. Kilpatrick, R. Clark and I. J. Chivell . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Greaves have been received into fellowship from Koongarra Park . . . The B.S. supt., Diana Kilpatrick, together with Mr. and Mrs. K. Brokensha and family, attended a beach mission at Pt. Lincoln . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Norton have removed to Myrtle Bank and are continuing to attend meetings here. The church is also losing two loyal and devoted members in Mrs. N. Scarlett and Mrs. E. Hammond, who are living in the suburbs.

### NEW MINISTER WELCOMED

(Warrnambool, Vic.). A welcome social to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perkins and family was held prior to the commencement of the new ministry on Christmas Day. E. Houston (elder), Mrs. R. Brown (C.W.F.) and John Albert (Youth Aux.) extended greetings on behalf of church, and the Ministers' Fraternal expression of welcome was given by Rev. Laidler (Presbyterian) and Capt. Parkinson (Salvation Army) . . . Street stall, by both groups of the C.W.F., prior to Christmas, netted \$67 . . . B.S. substituted anniversary service by carols, prior to Christmas. Speaker was James Dow, of Portland church. Prizes were distributed.

## T. E. ROFE SETTLEMENT

Graduates of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., are reminded that some financial assistance is available to those who are pursuing studies at an Australian University. Applicants need to be in ministerial service. An outline of proposed course, or a report on studies thus far, should be indicated. Applications need to be made immediately with the Secretary of the College.

### COMMUNION AT 6.45 A.M.

(Dulwich, S.A.). On Christmas Day a communion service was held at 6.45 a.m., after which members went to Gartrell Methodist Church for a combined service at 7.30 a.m., in which Congregational Church joined.

### TREASURER MOVES

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). Chris. Bridge is leaving the church, as he has moved from the district. He has been church treasurer for many years and the church thanks him for his faithful service in many areas . . . The church combined with Presbyterian Church for Christmas morning service . . . C.W.F. had final meeting for year, and election of officers, at Mrs. Whitfield's home, with a barbecue tea. Mrs. D. Robinson is the new President. S.S. had break-up with a Christmas tree for young and old scholars.

### CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

(Croydon, S.A.). Christmas Day services were well attended and inspiring. Five of our young people testified to "Charm of Christmas" and Miss Jennifer Aird was baptized. Tea for 100, arranged by the Tennis Assoc., was held in church hall on New Year's Day. Visiting Victorian Tennis Team members were guests . . . The church at Croydon, and the S.A. brotherhood, greatly saddened by the death of D. J. Lawrie, elder of the church, past chairman H.M. Committee, and grandson of John Lawrie, pioneer member and leader in our brotherhood.

### GIFTS FOR AGED

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). C.W.F. provided Christmas programme, lunch and gifts for residents of Croydon Home for the Aged . . . Y.P. have distinguished themselves in their exams. — in particular, Robert Love and Darian Hare, in Vet. Science; Helen Medlow, in Speech Therapy, also Ian Gilbert (Commonwealth Scholarship) and Jeanette McArthur (Credit in Singing) . . . B.S. scholar, Linda McElvenny, was baptized and received into fellowship. Mrs. Cooper made her decision . . . A recent speaker was Kevin Caulton, former student at Kingsford, and now engaged to Kingsford member, Jan McKirdy.

### LOOKING AND LISTENING SUGGESTED PROGRAMMES

Feb. 12 — "The Role of Christianity in India Today" — ABC Radio.  
Every Sunday — Community Hymn singing — ABC Radio.  
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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

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## Y.F.C. RALLY

The first 1967 Youth for Christ Rally is on Sat., Feb. 4, at 7.45 p.m.  
Dave Kendall, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, well-known Youth Director of the Narwee Baptist Church, Sydney, will be the featured soloist and speaker. His humorous and informal approach has made him in great demand as a speaker. Also travelling from Sydney by special bus will be Dave Kendall's Youth Choir — "The Keynotes." This vocal and instrumental group are of excellent quality and have been in great demand in the Sydney area.

A crowd of over 2,500 young people are expected to attend.  
Seat reservations can be made by contacting the Youth for Christ office, 747 Burke-rd., Camberwell. Phone 82-1528 or 82-6971.

## SPACE NEEDED

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). Increasing numbers in the auxiliaries emphasises our need for additional space. A new church building is under consideration, and a tentative plan has been prepared. To this end \$7000.00 has been made available as a gift and, in addition, the church has decided to borrow a similar sum. A Temple Day offering amounted to \$896.00 in cash and promises within the next six months. A decision on this whole venture will be made in the next few weeks . . . Mrs. Joy Keen is visiting her parents in Perth . . . The church shares with our elder, Brett Willis, in the sudden passing of his mother . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wilson have been welcomed into the fellowship on transfer from Melbourne.

## THE WEBBS FOR CARNARVON

(Bordertown, S.A.). Bob and Pauline Webb were farewelled prior to taking up work at Carnarvon. These workers will be missed. Together they ran the Intermediate C.E.; Bob was also supt. of the Junior Dept. of the S.S., and Pauline a teacher in the Senior school . . . The church has made use of its College students home on leave. Doug. Smith, Ken Maddern and Robt. Collins have been recent speakers, together with Karl Turtman, who has been spending vacation here. On Jan. 7, Ken was married to Sue Goldsworthy, of Glen Waverley. This occasion proved to be an oppor-

Problems of Communication — Dr. David Merritt and Mr. Harold Jenner.

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tunity for many former friends to renew their acquaintances. Principal Williams, performed the ceremony . . . Opportunity was taken to congratulate Lin. Riches, a former Bordertown boy, on his receiving the C.M.G. in the Queen's Birthday honors . . . John Tilley has spent a month in hospital following an accident with power machinery; he is making slow progress. Collin Tilley, who has been engaged in work in Adelaide, was farewelled prior to his call-up for National Service training . . . S.S. anniversary had Kevin Harvey as visiting speaker.

## VIC-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m. Guest speaker, W. H. Phillips, Superintendent and Secretary of Burwood Boys' Home. All delegates and visitors very welcome.

## HOSPITAL CAROLS

(Reservoir, Vic.). Good attendances at Christmas services were enjoyed. Y.P. attended annual carol singing at Austin Hospital. Visits were made to elderly folks' home, namely Emmaus and Barton Lodge (Reservoir), when young folk presented gifts and sang carols. Young lady baptized recently. Five young people attended the D.C.E. camp at Lake Eppalock. Good Companion leaders attended Monbulk camp. H. Garth has been on sick list and is remembered in prayer. Church acknowledged service by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hannaford and family, prior to transfer to Nambour, Qld. . . . A. W. C. Candy is minister.

## CAMPBELL SINGERS

Auditions for membership in the CAMPBELL SINGERS FOR 1967

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Present members must make re-application and intending new members will be welcomed. The Annual business meeting of the choir will be held at 8 p.m. on the same evening.

# INDIA SAYS "THANK YOU"

BY KEITH SKILLICORN  
(British Churches of Christ Mission,  
India).

The gracious offer of the Overseas Mission Board to send relief foods simply overwhelms us. We have been much in prayer, particularly with regard to the Sarguja, M.P. section of our field. Over the State border from where we live, the Bihar Govt. authorities have been most anxious to make use of the relief programmes that our mission, along with other societies, has offered to conduct to avert starvation.

Curs is the worst hit famine zone in all of India, and as Contact Person for CORAGS (Committee on Relief and Gift Supplies) in this Palamau-Sarguja field, I have reams of correspondence, records and red tape to entangle one, but in spite of it all, it is a wonderful privilege to be able to share in such relief. Where we live, in Sarguja, M.P., six miles further into the interior, beyond the State border, the situation is even more tragic — it is pathetic, for while the Bihar authorities are speedily providing ration-shop facilities, folk here in this more backward and isolated jungle region, remain hungry. At least the jungle dwellers are able to keep warm, but we hear that in some parts of Palamau, with insufficient firewood, some have died of the cold.

We offered to conduct relief programmes similar to those in Palamau, but it seems that the authorities are entrusting such projects only to the secular organisations, such as C.A.R.E. We are conducting a regular food relief programme, through our clinic, and CORAGS is meeting the needs of our 324 leprosy patients. We have proposed, and CORAGS has agreed, that the consignment you send, should be allocated to the needs of our leprosy patients' family members and dependants, along with pregnant and nursing mothers, T.B. sufferers and the many who come to our clinic suffering from malnutrition.

We could use all the food that you can send, but our transportation and storage facilities in this remote place are very inadequate; 10 tons of wheat along with 2½ tons of milk powder, and any available vitamins, is about the

limit that we could handle. Whatever you can send will assure that none will starve.

May God richly bless you all through this concern that you have shown for India's desperate needs.

## RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA

Miss Jennifer Smith, from New Guinea, and Sister Valerie Crowte, from the New Hebrides, have returned to Australia for health reasons. Please remember these workers in prayer as they receive medical attention.

Teachers and nurses are urgently required on our mission fields, and the Overseas Mission Board will welcome enquiries from qualified persons who are willing to answer the challenge.

Over 35 people have indicated their willingness to support a new missionary on the field. Please pray that workers will be found so that situations where missionaries are over-burdened will be relieved. We must find workers to replace those returning due to ill-health, as well as additional workers. Enquiries may be addressed to R. S. A. McLean, Secretary, Aust. Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, 53 Tarragon-st., Mile End, South Aust.

## MURDER OF DIRECTOR OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL

(Douala, Cameroun). The Evangelical Church of Cameroun, and the Paris Missionary Society, report the tragic death of Joseph Tohoneng, head of the Protestant school at Bangangte. He was murdered by unknown persons on Nov. 30. Two Swiss missionaries were murdered in this school in 1965.

Mr. Tohoneng had become headmaster only last September, after two years' study in France. He was the first African in the post.—E.P.S.



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## OBITUARY

Mrs. Catherine Young.

Mrs. Catherine Young quietly passed from this life in the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Born in the Daylesford, Vic., district some 84 years ago, Mrs. Young was one of a family of eleven. She died on Dec. 30, and Ern Moody, of the Malvern church, is now the sole surviving member.

After schooldays, Mrs. Young came to work in Melbourne, and was soon actively associated with the church at Prahran, where she was baptized by the late Joseph Pittman. Mrs. Young soon found an expression for Christian service, and for many years was the Kindergarten superintendent of 200 children. In Dec., 1917, she was married to Charles Young, by Gifford Gordon, and for almost half a century graciously adorned her husband's ministry in the churches at Burnley, Maryborough, Dawson St., Ballarat, Ipswich, Annerley and Preston. With the outbreak of World War 2, Mr. Young served the men of the forces, first with the Y.M.C.A., and later as a chaplain with the A.I.F. For almost 20 years Mrs. Young has been behind the scenes encouraging her husband in the magnificent work he has been able to do as a Hospital Chaplain. Truly she was given to hospitality. Her home was an open house and she served thousands of meals to lonely people who sought Mr. Young's advice in his wide-reaching service for Christ.

In later years those who visited her home at Christmas time will not easily forget the sight of the wonderful toys presented with such love by the Good Companions of our Victorian churches for the work of their beloved "Uncle Charlie."

Mrs. Young found herself near to God's heart in a garden, and when her favorite hymn was sung, it was easy to recognise in it two references that thrilled her soul. First the garden with the morning dew on the roses, and then the rich relationship that enhanced her life.

The chapel at Wattle Park, where Mr. and Mrs. Young were foundation members, was crowded to capacity with friends who shared the greatness of her spirit. The brotherhood she dearly loved was widely represented by many ministers. Fellow hospital chaplains of other communions also attended the service conducted by L. G. Crisp and F. B. Alcorn, and the writer was assisted by the Conference President, A. Ross Lloyd, at the Springvale Lawn Cemetery. We commend Mr. Young, his two daughters, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Brown, and their families, to the God of all comfort.—L.G.C.

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## OPENING OF NEW BUILDING

Two hundred were present at the opening and dedication of the Christian Education Centre at Glen Waverley. The Conference President, A. R. Lloyd, delivered the occasional address, and a brief service of dedication was led by the minister, R. H. Hillier.

The chairman of the Building Committee, B. Squires, presided over the meeting and among those bringing greetings and taking part were B. Goldstein, former minister, The Mayor and Mayoress of Waverley City Council; N. Arnott, Campbell Edwards Trust; and P. Perry, Waverley Ministers' Fraternal.

The chairman read greetings from various organisations and former members. Former minister, D. Stewart, and several brotherhood leaders were in the congregation.

In expressing appreciation of the many people who had made the building of the new unit possible, mention was made in particular of the Campbell Edwards Trust, Morris Family Trust, The Properties Corporation, Mr. Squires, former secretary, J. Alabaster; B. Huntsman, jr., and R. Hillier. Appreciation was also expressed to the C.Y.F. for their work in re-covering the seats.

The architects were Drayton and Coleman, builder was D. J. Wullemim.

The new building contains the main hall which will be used for church services as well as Sunday School and club meetings until such time as the chapel is eventually built.

The hall measures approximately 35 ft. x 52 ft., and includes additional surrounding areas for primary school, worship centre, kitchen, craft-work and toilet facilities.

It is fitted with flush-folding partitions to divide classes. These class divisions are equipped with blackboards and poster boards for use in school work.

A feature in the hall is the stage for concerts with a lower removable platform for church services.

The original hall will be altered and renovated to become the kindergarten and nursery sections.

## MISSION CO-OPERATION

(India). Mission boards of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), and the Uplifted Church of Christ will jointly administer their work in India and Nepal beginning on March 1. Dr. Telfer Mook, of the U.C.C., will be executive secretary of the Disciples' Dept. of India and Nepal, and will continue his duties as secretary for Southern Asia for his own communion. Dr. Joseph H. Smith will serve as associate secretary for India for the U.C.C., in addition to his work as executive secretary for East Asia for the U.C.M.S. They will share supervision of the work in India and Nepal, and will make an administrative visit to the field together early in 1967.

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## ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, 1966

### INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

New Testament III — Honours: K. Maddern; 3 others passed.

Old Testament III — Honours: M. Gaskin, M. Gray, K. Maddern, D. Olafsen; 1 other passed.

Preparatory Greek — Honours: C. Clayden, H. Clark, B. Mann, B. Miller, K. Turtmann; 5 others passed.

Greek I — Honours: B. Mann, K. Turtmann; 3 others passed.

World Religions — Passes: A. Dean, M. Drake.

Christian Education I — Honours: C. Bray, M. Gaskin, D. Olafsen; 1 other passed.

Christian Education II — Honours: L. Baxter, W. Compston, E. Kernick, G. Smith.

Church History II — Passes: A. Dean, B. Duff, M. Gaskin.

Doctrine — Passes: W. Compston, M. Drake, M. Gaskin, M. Gray.

Ethics — Passes: M. Drake, E. Kernick, G. Smith.

Homiletics I — Honours: N. Graham, I. Mullen, G. Marsh; 14 others passed.

Homiletics II — Honours: M. Arnot, R. Cook, B. Duff, B. Jenkins, E. Keating, D. Nancarrow, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; E. van Leen.

Homiletics III — Honours: A. Dean, M. Gray, K. Maddern, D. Olafsen; 2 others passed.

Homiletics IV — Honours: A. Coleman, W. Compston, E. Kernick, G. Smith; 2 others passed.

Greek III — Passes: A. Dean, M. Gaskin, M. Gray.

Practical Church Work I — Honours: N. Graham, G. Marsh, B. Miller, K. Turtmann; 9 others passed.

Practical Church Work II — Honours: M. Arnot, B. Jenkins, A. van Leen, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton; 4 others passed.

Practical Church Work III — Honours: M. Gray, K. Maddern, D. Olafsen; 2 others passed.

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the wind; silence surrounds the stone,  
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## BIRTHS

HODGSON. — Una. and Mauri are pleased to announce the arrival of Sharon Elizabeth, at Busselton, W.A., on Jan. 16, 1967. Sister for Paul Nathan. Both well.

SOMERVILLE (Michael). — To Margaret and John, a daughter — Robyn Joy; sister for Kevin. All well. Born Jan. 7, 1967.

## ENGAGEMENT

TAYLOR - VERCO. — Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, 12 Tulip-st., Chatswood, N.S.W., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Wendy Laurel, to Geoffrey David Armour, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. A. Verco, 56 Bundarra-rd. Nth., Wahroonga, N.S.W.

## MARRIAGE

ADAMS - THORPE. — The marriage of Jillian Florence, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Adams, Heidelberg, with Robert Gordon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thorpe, Carnegie, solemnised at Ivanhoe Church of Christ, Vic., at 4.30 p.m., on Jan. 21, 1967, E. W. Roffey officiating.

## ROLL OF HONOR

BADE. — In proud and loving memory of our only son and brother, Captain Kenneth Wilfred Bade, 4th Field Regiment, R.A.A., killed in action, South Vietnam, Jan. 8, 1966. Aged 27 years.

"Far over the seas they were bidden,  
A country to hold and to keep,  
Far with the brave they have ridden  
And now with the brave he's asleep."

—Inserted by Mum, Dad, Ruth and Keith.

## DEATHS

BENHAM, Eric John. — On Dec. 10 (suddenly), at Mildura, Vic., dearly loved husband of Isabella Ann, loved father of Nellie (Mrs. Ey, Qld.), and Florrie (Mrs. Hawtin, Irymple). Aged 72 years.

BIRKETT, Amy Elizabeth: — On Jan. 5, 1967, at Dunolly Hospital, Vic., loved wife of Harry, daughter of the late Lily and James Bryant, of Bet Bet; sister of Lavinia, Nell (Mrs. Dobson, Geelong), Hilda (Mrs. C. Da Fonte, Maryborough), Tom (Newport), Arthur (Timboon), Jack (dec.), Mary (dec.), Jim (Dunolly), Fred (Bet Bet), Dorothy (Mrs. Chiswell, Bet-ley), Peg (Mrs. H. Raeburn, Birchip). Aged 58 years.

FINGER, Dorothea Frances. — On Dec. 27, 1966, at 5 Lyons-st., Rosebud, Vic., dearly loved wife of Herb., loving mother of Cyril, Gwenyth and John; mother-in-law of Ruth, Jack, Heather; dear nana of Molra, Robyn, Helen, Glenda, Jennifer, James, Mark, Peter, Fiona, Lindsay, Meredith, Roslyn, Wendy and Philip. "In God's care."

JENKIN. — On Jan. 16, Mary Duncan, of 15 Best-st., Reservoir, Vic., loved wife of the late William, mother of Lin. (dec.), Os. and Gwen; mother-in-law of Florence, Nettle and Harry; grandmother of John, Pam, Brian, Joy, Susan and Judith "The day thou gavest Lord, is ended."

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# CHRISTMAS AT BARAMATI

BY ROGER RYALL

Christmas in the Boys' Boarding has been both a busy and a happy time. While on vacation many Primary and High School boys stayed with relatives. Those who stayed in the Boarding would have had at least as happy, if not a happier time than those who went "away." Usually the Baramati church has a series of dramas — one presented each night between Christmas and New Year.

Some of the older girls presented a play on Dec. 27, and the Boarding boys presented a Christmas drama on Christmas Eve, commencing about 9 p.m. Under the supervision of Chundrakant Powar, our carpentry teacher and odd-job man in the Boarding, some of the boys had built two very large stars — each on a framework of sticks, covered with paper (colored), but hollowed out in the middle so as to take an electric light globe. The larger star was suspended about 40 ft. in the air above the famous cedar tree which marks the spot where Mr. Strutton first pitched his tent in 1905. This star could be seen from all over Baramati.

The smaller one was raised over this bungalow. The boys had also strung long lines of colored paper "pennants" across the whole width of the compound, and in several places at that. On Dec. 25, I had the privilege of preaching on the meaning of Christmas to a crowded church. It was a baptismal service, the candidates being three girls and three boys.

Dr. Peter Miller came to Baramati on Christmas morning in time for church; this was his third visit since his arrival in India. I asked him to "officiate" as Father Christmas, the first time being at 11.30 a.m. for the Boarding boys, and again at 4.30 p.m. for the children of the Baramati congregation. Peter was only too happy to oblige. On Sunday evening we had 12 sit down to tea here including Dorothy Holstein and two friends (from Kalimpong, just east of Darjeeling), John Bairagi (his last visit to this bungalow; he passed away on

Jan. 2), and Mrs. Maddie Fienberg (an American Jewess, who, with her husband, is working as a Peace Corps volunteer). It was a very happy meal for Christmas night. During the day people of the congregation, and other friends, kept calling in to bring and receive a Christmas gift.

You will be glad to know that amongst the young people who made decision for Christ at our Conference youth camp in November, four of them were Boarding boys. After the camp I called them in order to pray with them, to talk briefly about being a Christian, and to make some suggestions about their daily prayer and Bible reading. A few days ago I received the 1967 Scripture Union cards for distribution.

Last Sunday I resumed my Bible study group (English medium). It comprises eight young people, i.e., one graduate and seven College (Univ.) undergraduates. We are using the Aust. Federal Board of Christian Education lesson material.

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## OBITUARY

### Florence Annie Tompsett

Mrs. Tompsett was a foundation member of the Maylands Church. She was the third person to make the confession of her faith during a Mission held in the "Buffalo Hall," Maylands, during the ministry of A. C. Rankine at Norwood. During her life she maintained an active interest in the musical aspects of worship, playing the organ for the first morning service held in the above hall in 1909 and later was appointed church organist in the present Maylands building. She was the faithful pianist for many of the church auxiliaries over the years. In 1915 she was married by H. R. Taylor and throughout her married life in her own quiet and reserved but dedicated fashion assisted her husband and family in their church activities. She loved her church and until the last year of her life was a most regular attendant at the Lord's Table. All who knew her will testify to her devoted and loving Christian ministry and will join with the whole church as we commend her husband and daughters, Merle and Aud-

rey (Mrs. Disney) to the care and comfort of our God.

—J.W.L.

### Frederick Holbrook

Mr. Holbrook died after a brief and sudden illness at the age of 73 years. Coming into the fellowship of the church at Maylands during a Hinrichsen Mission in 1928, he continued a faithful yet unassuming member throughout the years. He was most regular at the Lord's Table and always ready to assist according to his abilities. He took an active interest in sporting activities both in the church and community. He was a most successful businessman and honoured and most highly esteemed by his church and business and sporting associates. This was evidenced by the attendance at the funeral services, the largest funeral to leave the parlors of Chas. Berry, Magill-rd. The church extends its love and care to his beloved wife and three sons.

—J.W.L.

### Alice Ellen Bennett

Alice Ellen Bennett, wife of A. G. Bennett, passed away on Nov. 21. She had entered hospital only three days be-

fore, though she had been ill for a considerable time.

Mrs. Bennett, formerly Alice Harvey, was the daughter of Martin Harvey, and was connected with the beginnings of the church at Northcote (Vic.). She was baptised at North Fitzroy (Northcote church then meeting in a hall), as a result of a mission by H. G. Harwood.

Mrs. Bennett faithfully assisted her husband in his ministries at Williamstown, North Melbourne, Sunshine, Hawthorn and finally at Gardenvale, being there for seven years, and, in spite of illness, present at the final service of that church.

Mrs. Bennett was 79 years of age, and the day before her death marked the sixty-first year of her marriage.

Mr. Bennett's colleagues in the Orange Lodge, the Grand Secretary, John Morris, and the Grand Master, H. Coffey, of St. Luke's, South Melbourne, participated in the services.

With Mr. Bennett and his family, Edna (Mrs. Wollmer), Harold, Jean (Mrs. Davey), Wilbur, Lois (Mrs. Young) and Betty Pepyet, we share the hope and comfort of the gospel.

—A.B.W.

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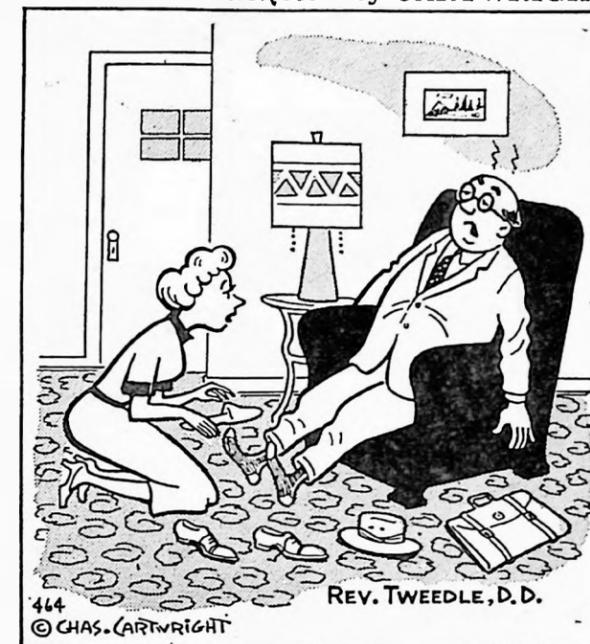
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**PROFANITY.** The man who swears does ten things: He (1) breaks God's command; (2) violates the law of the land; (3) transgresses good manners; (4) outrages decency; (5) insults good people; (6) profanes sacred things; (7) shows bad bringing up; (8) dishonours parents; (9) does what he is ashamed of; (10) does what he will regret.

**MISSIONARY AT WORK.** During October, H. Watson, of Shrigonda, India, gave 196 addresses, and held 100 meetings. He had 178 patients, and gave 400 treatments. Best of all, six were baptized.

**HERE AND THERE.** The Almanac for 1917 issued by The Austral Co., is printed in three colors on good paper. Price, 2d. post free . . . H. F. Leng completed his week at Ballarat and sailed for N.Z. on the "Palooma" . . . Charles Hercock, a member at Cottonville, S.A., heard a cry of "boy overboard" and "without divesting himself of his clothing, ran to the railing of the jetty and dived into the water, a distance of 12 ft. The rescuer quickly reached the boy, who was just sinking for the second time, and secured a hold upon him. This he maintained until a boat came to their assistance."

## Church Chuckles - by CARTWRIGHT



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### Will F. Newham.

When Will Newham died, after a long illness, on Jan. 13, the church at Surrey Hills, Vic., lost one of her most devoted and beloved members.

Will Newham was baptized in 1919, by Charles Young, in the old Burnley chapel. Some time later Will transferred his membership to the North Richmond church. Over 40 years ago he began to lead a boys' club at Surrey Hills, and a little later became a member of the Surrey Hills church, where he was to remain for the rest of his active and dedicated life. Here he was married to Netta Burns, by W. F. Nankivell in 1938.

In the local church Will began to play an increasingly vital part. Right from the start he showed a great concern for young people. For many years he led a big and thriving club for boys, with a regular membership of between 80 and 100. He only relinquished this work in recent times, but his interest remained to the end. The break-up party of the club, in Dec., 1966, was the only occasion he missed this function since the club began, and this was due to his illness. For many years he was B.S. supt. and also served as a teacher. In fact, he remained a teacher right through, for in recent days he has been the leader of our C.Y.F.

His interests were many and varied. For over 30 years he was an officer at Surrey Hills, first as a deacon, and latterly as an elder, a position he

greatly valued, and which he graced with his presence.

He loved to sing, and he used his voice to the glory of God. His singing teacher had advised him that if he was willing to concentrate on his singing career, he would have had great success. But being a man of God, who loved the church, he felt his service was to be found in other fields. However, he delighted to sing, and to lead others in singing, and this was a ministry he always cherished.

His work outside the church made big demands, which he freely and gladly accepted. For more than 30 years he was a Life Governor of the Burwood Boys' Home, where apart from serving on the Committee, he spent a great deal of time teaching the boys gymnastics. He served the community well, being a Justice of the Peace for over 15 years.

He was delighted when he was invited, in 1966, to become President-Elect for the brotherhood which he loved so well, and served so devotedly. For many years he had been associated with the Explorer Movement. He first made contact with this movement in 1940, and in 1942 became Chief explorer, a position he held for 18 years. In the field of boys' work he will be long remembered and respected. For many years he served on the Youth Dept., now called the Dept. of Christian Educ.

Even though he was not able to fulfil his dream by serving as Conference President, he left behind some notes

dealing with his intentions. The theme he suggested was: "Keep the Gospel Bells Ringing. It is the only salvation for the world."

Will Newham was a man who loved his family, lived his faith, and liked to be friendly. He was a man of humble spirit, dedicated service, quiet sincerity and patent simplicity. All of this was due to the fact that he had a great faith in a wonderful Saviour.

More than most he reminds us of Greatheart, in Pilgrim's Progress, of whom it was said, "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." One day I mentioned the words of Psalm 118, verse 14, "The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation." "Ah," he said, "that is my favorite Psalm, and that's a lovely verse, it has the sound of gospel bells about it." He dearly loved the gospel of the Grace of God.

Standing behind so much of the work he did, was the family he loved so deeply. To the members of that family, his wife Netta, his daughters Rosemary (Mrs. D. J. Andrews), Judy and Netta, and his sons Paul (W.A.), David, and John, and his mother, Mrs. E. Newham, we express our sincere Christian love and concern. With them we join in a tribute of thanksgiving to the memory of one of God's good men. In many a life, for many a year, will remain the influence of his daring and dedicated discipleship.

A large gathering of family and friends, along with so many brotherhood figures, paid tribute to him, when the funeral service was held in the Surrey Hills chapel, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 17. The writer was assisted in this service by Dr. G. H. Oldfield (Surrey Hills elder), W. W. Saunders (Conference Secretary), and John Way (from the D.C.E.). This was followed by a simple service at the Springvale Crematorium.—R.V.A.

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# OPEN FORUM

T. J. GORE.

To the Editor,

There must still be a few of your readers who have vivid memories of the people and events which you bring to life again in your quotations from the "A.C." of "50 Years Ago." I know it is not possible for you to go back in the same manner to "100 Years Ago." If that were possible you might choose to tell us of the arrival in Australia, on February 19, 1867, of T. J. Gore and G. L. Surber. T. J. Gore made South Australia his new home, and continued there for the rest of his long life. On March 3, 1867, he commenced his ministry in Adelaide. He gave 25 years of his successful life, in two ministries, to the church in Grote Street, Adelaide. He served many years at Unley. He formed churches at Glenelg and Beverly. He concluded his full-time ministry with the church at Henley Beach. It is not usual or a man to commence a new work at the age of 73 years.

T. J. Gore not only did this at Henley Beach, but he remained with the church there for almost four years. During his ministry there, at an advanced age, he visited every member, then the homes of all the parents of Sunday School scholars. After completing that task he began house to house visitation, walking from one end of Henley Beach to the other. In addition, he visited Lockleys and Fulham. T. J. Gore was a great scholar and teacher. He was also an editor and writer of great ability. Those who remember him today will recall his great work as leader of the Adelaide Bible Students' Training Class which he taught for more than fifty years. At 75 years of age nothing but extreme illness could keep him away from his Tuesday night class. Few men have been a better example of what a preacher and pastor should be. He went out of his way many times to help

and encourage young preachers. There are still some of us who could bear witness to this. Thank God again for the man who came to us from "his old Kentucky Home" just 100 years ago.

—Roy Raymond, W.A.

## OPEN LETTER.

Dear Adults,

We admit that most times you understand us, but isn't it also true that you are old fashioned? Please try to keep up with the times, and then we will understand each other better — after all, your generation and ours are living side by side in 1967.

It is necessary that you give us some guidance, because we are still learning. But please don't just "boss" us around! We can think for ourselves, you know, if you will let us.

Are we asking too much when we expect you to allow us to express ourselves by the clothes we wear, and the music we like? We don't mind if you point out to us that these things must not dominate our lives.

We resent the fact that you always hold others up to us as examples. Don't expect us to be bad simply because you know of many young folk who are failures; likewise, don't bawl us out if we don't do quite as well as some young person who may be a "genius," or a "model" son or daughter. Please have faith in us, that we will make good. You'll never know how much your trust means to us.

One of the best ways you can help us is by giving sound reasons for what you do yourself; or for why you don't permit us to do things. We realise that sometimes you have to say "No!", but please try to let us know why.

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## India . . . Wheat for Palamau

Australian Churches of Christ, through the Overseas Missions Board, are sending a consignment of wheat and Milk to the Palamau District in the Bihar State of India, where Keith Skillicorn, an Australian missionary serving with the British Churches of Christ, is working.

The Overseas Mission Board heard of the desperate plight of the people in this area, and wrote to Mr. Skillicorn offering assistance. He advised that every grain of wheat we could send would be welcome. It would be used particularly amongst the families of 324 leper patients. The Committee on Relief and Gift Supplies in New Delhi is able to provide wheat and milk for leprosy patients, but not for their families and dependants.

From the Wheat for India Fund, the Overseas Board is sending 290 cases of Sunshine milk (plus 24 cases donated by Nestles) and 10 tons of bagged wheat. A larger quantity could have been sent, but Mr. Skillicorn advised that this is the most he could handle, due to transport and storage problems.

We know that the brotherhood will fully endorse the decision to send food to these destitute people. Because the famine in India "waxes sore in the land" the Overseas Mission Board has not closed the Wheat for India appeal, and will continue to forward food supplies as finance is made available.

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## DR. ALLAN B. McDIARMID

(A tribute from a colleague at Drake University)

The death of Allan McDiarmid, Associate Professor of Religion, is an enormous loss to Drake and to the world. Regardless of the names of his courses, his subject was life itself. From Dr. McDee, as students called him, we learned how to live. He was himself intensely in love with life; hundreds of people were in love with him.

Above all he loved his wife and daughters. His response to the news that his illness was terminal was grief that he could no longer take care of them. Tears came especially when he knew of their immediate problems and could give no help.

In milder tones, he felt the same way about students, faculty colleagues, and church members in his many parishes. He took great pains to make sure that his students were treated as persons. Dean Woods reports that Allan was almost alone in the distinction of never having had a student complain that he had been unfair. A line which he used to describe a fellow-pastor fitted Dr. McDee himself: "He had his arm around the congregation." Especially with freshmen, he could scarcely bear to give a failing grade. How he would struggle to enable the student in difficulty to succeed.

His real talent for making people feel at ease led them to confide in him and to work out their personal problems in his presence. He had personal relationships in depth with a wide variety of people.

Allan's love of life made him a multi-faceted person. In addition to being a lover and a counsellor-teacher, he was a scholar, a churchman, a pastor, a leader, and an athlete. These roles he held together with a fascinating combination of winsome tenderness, tough-minded rigor, sparkling humor, and almost childlike confidence in the God of life. He thought of himself as a simple man resting his life on a few simple certitudes.

A line of Samuel Rutherford's describes him well: "He kept his heart in port, but his mind sailed the seas." His scholarship centred on the scientific study of the psychology of religion. He served on the editorial board of a professional journal. He often disagreed with trends in both

psychology and religion. No matter how often he disagreed, however, he would never condemn. Before writing off the other position as wrong, he would conclude that he needed more study. Such eagerness to learn kept him in schools most of his life. He told his students regularly that he learned more from them than he taught.

The vigor of his mind was matched by the power of his body. In his youth, he excelled in sports. As a fifty-year-old, he still delighted in demonstrating to friends how he could make his stomach muscles ripple. As an ardent basketball fan at Drake, he often spun stories about favorite athletes whom he had had in class. The shock of his cancer was all the greater because he had rarely been ill.

It was a perplexing experience to visit him after he knew that his death was certain. In those intervals between pain and sleep when drugs made him comfortable enough to talk, he ministered to his visitors. They came to comfort him; he ended up comforting them — with his courage, his confidence, his humor.

Allan McDiarmid had every right to be the Biblical Job, snaking his fist in God's face, saying, "Why me?" He was an eminently good man, not deserving to be cut down in his prime. His response was an intense drive to do what he could and a calm willingness to leave the rest up to God. His wife's words, accompanied with a radiant smile, said it well, "Yes, old boy, you've really given it a fight!"

But that is not to be the last word. The passion of his love for life made him sensitive to everything green and growing, in nature and in man. His realism acquainted him with the tragedies of human existence, but also alerted him to the genuine triumphs of Christian faith. That is the life he lived and taught. Near the end he quite often summarised his faith in the single line from Paul: "Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

—Dr. Dale Miller, Professor of Religion.

(See also "A.C." for Dec. 10, 1966).

## I.C.A. HELPS IN NEW INDIAN FAMINE CRISIS

(New Delhi). Because of the help given by churches around the world in response to the W.C.C.'s India famine appeal earlier this year, immediate measures could be taken to help meet a new emergency in the State of Bihar.

Well-drilling equipment — bought with funds from the W.C.C.'s special appeal — is being redeployed to work temporarily in the drought affected parts of Bihar. It will be manned by three of the churches' specialists, two workers from the Indian Social Institute's extension service, and a number of volunteers.

Emergency feeding programmes and food-for-work projects have also been started.

Bihar has a population of more than 50,000,000. At least 20 million of these people now face acute hunger and starvation. A mass migration appears to have begun from the affected areas, with an estimated 3,000 persons leaving every day for Calcutta.

The "Hindustan Times" New Delhi, says, "Bihar is facing one of the worst droughts of decades. Fields which are irrigated by the Lilagan irrigation scheme

are dry. Children are eating the pulp from a palm tree trunk. In Bahera village people are living on salt and water."—E.P.S.

A further description of the desperate plight of the inhabitants of Bihar is given in this extract from a letter from Keith Skillicorn:—

"Some folk around us are surviving, somehow, on grass seeds — but there isn't much grass left. Almost total failure of rice crop . . . Millions of cattle

faced with death through thirst, if not hunger. The situation is beyond critical, even catastrophic — it is frightening.

. . . Two rail wagons of U.S. wheat are due and National Christian Council . . . is willing to finance an armed guard. Judging by the desperate plight of the people I reckon that we'll need a platoon. We have 318 school children, nursing mothers, leprosy patients, T.B. cases, widows, etc. Brothers and sisters, pray for us!"

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—1 Sam. 3: 6.

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And rocks are rough, and still the  
clover —

The stony field will yet run over —  
And I know nothing that the true,  
The good, the gentle cannot do.

So toils an undiscouraged God  
And covers barren fields with sod;  
And so will hate and sin surrender  
To faith still strong and love still  
tender —

And I know nothing that the true,  
The good, the gentle cannot do.

—Author unknown.



"Truth often separates: Love always  
unites.

'Love me,' says Augustine, 'and then  
say anything to me and about  
me you like.'"

—Alex. Whyte.



Justice is too good for some people  
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—Norman Douglas.



No matter how bad prose is it might  
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**Television:** A kind of radio which lets  
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—Fred Allen.



A minister, out for his daily walk,  
came upon a group of boys gathered  
about a small puppy.

"What are you doing with the dog?"  
asked the kindly minister.

"Whoever tells the biggest lie gets to  
keep the dog," answered one of the boys.

"My, my," said the minister. "When  
I was a boy, I never told a lie."

There was a moment of silence, then:  
"Here, mister," said one of the boys,  
"you get the dog."