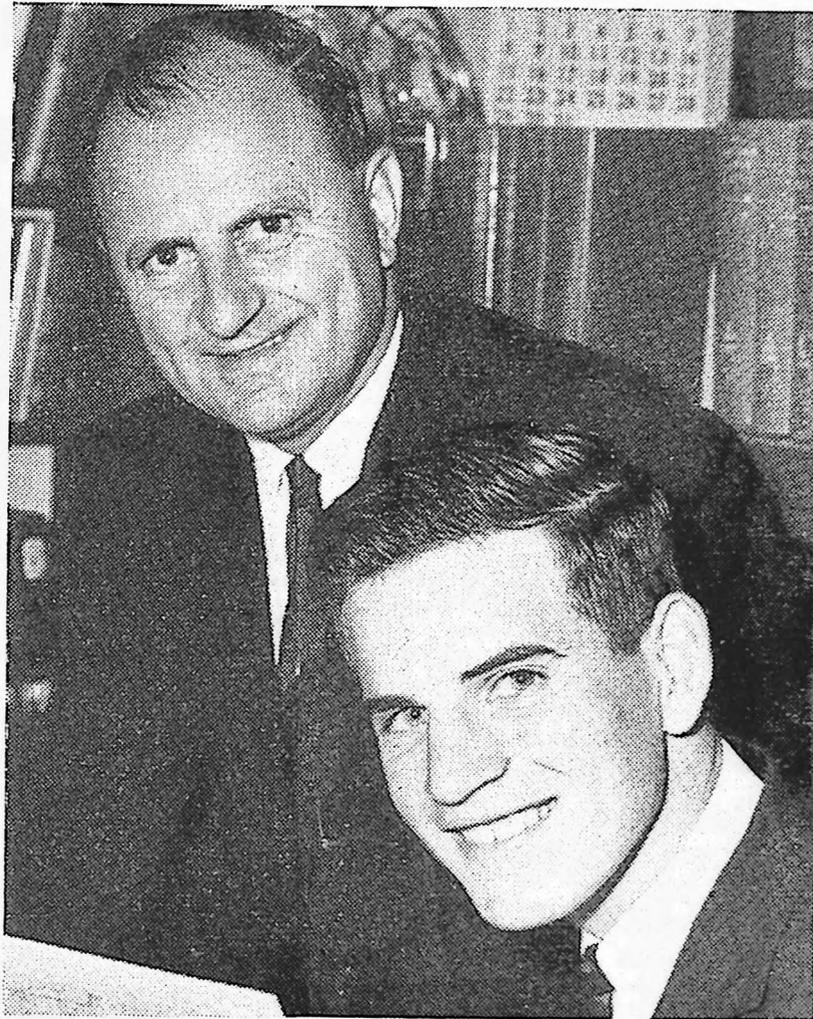


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Following the issue of "The Australian Christian" for March 4, the national journal of Churches of Christ will be published fortnightly.

It is with great regret that this announcement is made, and the Board of Management explored every means of continuing the "Christian" as a weekly journal before reluctantly accepting the fact that there was no possibility of meeting the financial obligations of a weekly paper.

Where other churches have some form of subsidy, "The Australian Christian" has tried to exist on its income from subscriptions and advertising alone. We have kept on attempting to do what no other church has succeeded in doing. But this unequal struggle cannot continue. With no possibility of gaining an effective subsidy, the only practical alternatives were to increase the price of the weekly journal or reduce the cost of production by publishing fortnightly. The latter decision was made because it seemed that the interests of our brotherhood could best be served in this way.

MORE PAGES, MORE FEATURES

The subscription rate for "The Australian Christian" fortnightly will remain at \$1 a quarter, or \$4 a year. There will be eight extra pages with a greater variety of reading. The regular popular features will be retained and others will be added.

If our new move is to succeed we shall need to retain our present number of subscribers. Indeed, a determined effort will be made to increase the number of readers.

"The Australian Christian" has served the churches faithfully since 1898, but its unbroken history goes back much further than that. The "A.C." came into being through the merging of **The Australian Christian Standard** and **The Christian Pioneer**. Earlier journals were the **A.C. Pioneer**, the **Advocate**, **Witness**, and **Watchman**. Built upon this splendid tradition of devotion to the Christian faith and journalistic skill and scholarship, "The Australian Christian" has been a loyal servant of Christ, committed to the New Testament church and its mission, and has always sought to be true to an early motto: "In fundamentals, Unity; in incidentals, Liberty; in all things, Love."

Our church journal is an essential means of communication. Through it we can talk to each other, inform, inspire, encourage, and, where necessary, rebuke one another in Christian love. We need this journal to make our witness and to promote all of the things of Christ at home and abroad.

The decision made by the Board of Management has been a crucial one, aimed at survival. But it is not enough merely to survive, and it would not be worth the effort if all that we gain is a few more years of troubled existence. The journal must not only survive, it must be alive, alert and active in its ministry.

This is true for the church itself. Sometimes it looks as though the church also is struggling to survive in an age where many believe that God is dead and that the Christian faith is an anachronism in an advanced scientific age. It is not enough that the church should drag out an existence. The church, to be the church, must be strong in word and deed to know, to show, and to do the will of God.

"The Australian Christian" is a part of the church and an essential instrument in its mission. It, too, must be strong.

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W.A. NOTES

EASTER ARRANGEMENTS.

The usual Easter devotional service will be conducted in the Christian Centre on Good Friday, March 24, at 10.30 a.m. The preacher will be C. G. Flood, of the Dalkeith Road church.

On Easter Monday, there will be another sports day programme at McCallum Park. We hope the weather will be kinder than it was last year.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The 70th Annual Conference will commence with the Women's Auxiliary meetings on Wed., March 29, with the opening rally of the General Conference on Thurs., March 30.

The guest speaker this year will be S. Russell Baker, immediate Past Pres. of Federal Conf., and the Gen. Sec. for the British and Foreign Bible Society in Vic. He will give the addresses on March 30, at the Missionary Rally on Sat., April 1, and the Conference Sermon on Sunday, April 2. The theme for Conference is "The Written, the Living, and the Spoken Word."

Business sessions will be held as usual on Friday evening, Mar. 31, and all day on Saturday, April 1. Monday, April 3, will be the Youth Night, and Conference will conclude on Tuesday, April 4.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, 1968.

It is not too early to start thinking about Federal Conference next year, even though we do seem to have only just come back from the last!

New fares are about to be announced and as soon as they are available, churches will be advised. As usual, we ask you to apply for berths on the train, even if you are only thinking of going. It is much easier to cancel than to book later. By August, I shall have to

give the Railway Dept. an approximate idea of the number required.

As it is not expected that the direct standard gauge line to Sydney will be operating until the end of 1968, the journey will be via Adelaide and Melbourne as usual.

The tentative dates for Conference are October 16-22, 1968, so that we will probably need to leave Perth on Thursday, Oct. 10. However, Friday would be a better day, and if there are sufficient reservations it may be possible to arrange for a special train that night as we did for the Hobart Conference.

One of the big things about Federal Conference for Western Australians is the "fellowship of travel." Many are now "regulars." Won't you try and come too?—A. D. Pyne, Conf. Sec.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIRECTOR

(W.A.). George Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre in W.A., has been granted a Mature Age Scholarship by the Canteens Trust. This scholarship will enable him to complete an Arts Degree over three years, to be followed by Post Graduate work in Social Studies for a further eighteen months. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable mature age persons to devote their time to realms of social service likely to assist ex-servicemen and their families.

CRUSADE BRINGS RESULTS

(Cottesloe, W.A.). There have been a number of decisions for Christ in the weeks following our Youth Crusade late last year. Four young people have been baptized in the last month. A series of Bible studies on the Holy Spirit has just concluded. Discipleship classes are being held each week . . . The Holliday family were farewelled as they moved to Busselton to take up the ministry of our church there . . . The Robinson family have returned after a year in the North . . . B.S. numbers have increased. 14 High School young people are taking the Junior Certificate syllabus at B.S.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

"BY THEIR FRUITS"

To the Editor,

Joe has a fruit shop. It is a good one. He is also a loyal member of our church. But his main hobby seems to be disagreeing, often volubly, with the minister's methods and ideas and organisational ability. "He's a good bloke!" says Joe, "but he doesn't know the first thing about running a church."

The minister takes it with good nature. But the other night, at the quarterly business meeting, he almost blew a fuse. Joe held the floor in his usual manner. The minister must have still been a bit sore the next morning. He went into Joe's shop for some fruit. There was no one else in the shop, so the minister started to tell Joe how to improve his business. "Why don't you pile those oranges into a pyramid?" he said. He went on, "Wouldn't it be better to go to the market on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays? Why don't you get your name printed on the sides of the bags? Don't you think the notice about not handling the fruit is offensive?" But the minister's subtlety was all wasted on Joe. I came into the shop a bit later. Joe said, "That minister's the limit. He can't run his own church for nuts, and he comes in here and tells me how to run my business!"

You should meet Joe. He'd tell you how to run the "A.C."

TERTIUS.

NEW SOUTH WALES

BOOKS FOR WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). Woolwich College has very gratefully taken delivery of a gift of books for the College Library, brought from India by Miss Dorothy Geyer. These volumes of theological, philosophical and psychological works of considerable value, were the gift of the late John Bairagi, of Baramati, who served so faithfully for many years in the educational work of our Mission Field in Western India. The books will not only be a worthwhile addition to the Library, but will also remain as a permanent memorial to the splendid spiritual and scholarly contribution of John Bairagi.

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

(Sydney). The first Conference of the Australian Society for Theological Studies has just concluded at Wesley College, University of Sydney, under the patronage of the Chancellor, Sir Charles McDonald. The Conference attracted scholars and theological teachers from many parts of Aust. and N.Z., and included representatives from ministerial training institutions among Anglicans, Baptists, Churches of Christ, Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. Among our representatives were Dr. A. G. Elliott, of Woolwich College, who served as chairman of the Sectional Conference on Studies in Church History and Theology of the Reformation, Ken Clinton, of Glen Iris, and Harold Hayward, a graduate of Woolwich who is engaged in post-graduate studies at Sydney University.

FILM AT CAMPBELL PARK

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The quarterly combined service of the churches was recently held in the lovely setting of Campbell Park. The film of the Billy Graham Crusade at Denver, U.S.A., was screened . . . Recent services have been taken by men of the church, and also Pastor Jones of the Baptist fellowship. . . . C.W.F. members participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer service in the Presbyterian Church. 100 ladies attended, and Mrs. Sharpe, of Warialda, gave an inspiring message on "The Kingdom" . . . C.E. members were challenged by talk on "Wanted — An Objective," by Mrs. Bailey, of the Church of England . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hamilton and family in the recent sad loss of their husband and father, Maxwell Hamilton.

INDIAN VISITOR

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Hariba Waghmode addressed the midweek meeting on the work in India . . . Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Whale and her daughter Win. (Mrs. Alan Leane) on the passing of Mr. Whale . . . John Love and Tony Paine have been co-opted to the Officers' Board to represent the Y.P. work. . . . J. Love has resigned as B.S. supt. Mrs. Denice Brown has joined the Kinder. staff to replace Miss Genevieve Zambra, who is on an extended working holiday in New Zealand . . . Y.P. have been following the story of the missionaries to the Aucas in recent weeks. . . . Special collection was taken on Feb. 12 to assist victims of the disastrous fires in Tasmania.

SORROW AT DEATH OF DIBELIUS

(Berlin). Bishop Otto Dibelius, who served as a President of the W.C.C., 1954-1961, died on Jan. 31 at the age of 86.

One of Germany's most noted Protestant churchmen, Bishop Dibelius had frequently been in headlines for his outspoken opposition to the restriction of religious liberty in the German Democratic Republic (DDR).

Dr. Dibelius had been Evangelical Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, 1945-1966. He had also been chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (comprising 28 regional churches in the two parts of the politically divided Germany), 1949-1961.

Vitally interested in ecumenical developments, Dr. Dibelius took part in the first Faith and Order conference at Stockholm in 1925, and had been present at every W.C.C. assembly.

Born in Berlin on May 15, 1880, Otto Dibelius came to prominence as the result of a sermon preached at Potsdam in 1933, in which he rebuked mem-

bers of the government for aspiring to totalitarian rule. He was dismissed from his post by the Nazi authorities. Undeterred by frequent arrests and bans on his preaching, he organised the "Confessing Church" movement's resistance to Nazi ideology in Berlin, in close association with Dr. Martin Niemöller. —E.P.S.

ALL-BRITAIN CRUSADE, 1967

Twenty-six strategic centres are currently planning to participate in a nation-wide Closed Circuit Television Crusade, when Dr. Billy Graham returns to Great Britain in June. The Evangelist's meetings will be transmitted live from Earl's Court Arena, London, June 23 to July 1, 1967.

Crusade officials in London have announced that the network of closed-circuit television relays will be carried to more centres than any previous event in Britain, including the Cooper-Clay boxing match, which went to 22 cities.

Through this vast television link-up it

is expected that as many people will hear Billy Graham in eight nights as it did in the month-long London Crusade last June. Total attendance then was 916,000.

The technical aspects of the television relay scheme will be handled by Television Advisors Ltd., the company of which Wynford Vaughan-Thomas is Managing Director.

MONITORING CHRISTIANS

(London). A group of Christians in Great Britain has served notice that they will be monitoring radio and television programmes in coming months.

Hundreds of viewers and listeners in all parts of Britain will send reports to the Rev. Reginald Doncaster, in Nottinghamshire, on how programmes deal with family life, womanhood, relationships, authority, money, crime, violence and religion. They will also note attitudes towards excessive drinking and drug-addiction.

On questions of religion they will indicate whether particular programmes show the Christian faith as true, relevant, or out-moded, or provide misrepresentation. The National Viewers' Assn. will tabulate results.—E.P.S.

— WORLD NEWS —

SPAIN'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LAW WILL TEST ALL PARTIES

(Geneva). Promulgation of the law on religious liberty by the Spanish Government will be "a revolutionary, strange and dangerous event," according to Pastor Humberto Capo, secretary of the Spanish Evangelical Church Council.

Pastor Capo made this statement in an address delivered here Feb. 1. His topic was "Spanish Protestantism on the Eve of the Promulgation of the Law on Religious Liberty."

The event will be "revolutionary," he said, because the Roman Catholic Church now finds itself challenged by the very regime which had given the church every opportunity to institute religious uniformity as a bulwark of political uniformity.

The law's promulgation will be "strange" because the law itself satisfies neither the Government, the Catholics, nor the Protestants.

Explaining that the Government had been obliged to take the action due to external pressures, Pastor Capo noted that Catholics have great difficulty in applying the decisions of the Second Vatican Council.

Protestants, who were never consulted on the matter, are uncertain how the law will be applied.

Pastor Capo used the term "dangerous" because he said, "it is certain that this freedom will be costly."

"A new era is undoubtedly opening for the Protestant minority (one out of every 1,000 citizens). It is an era full of promise," said the Evangelical chairman.

"Whatever the motives that dictated the change, it should be welcomed, even though we are well aware of all the difficulties that must be faced and surmounted," said Pastor Capo.—E.P.S.

CHARGES AGAINST CHILEAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(Santiago). A Baptist minister, the Rev. Jose Giordano Cavagnino, has presented to Chile's Senate constitutional charges against the Minister of Public Education, Juan Gomez Millas.

Criticism was voiced of the latter's role in implementing a law passed last May which makes Roman Catholic religious instruction compulsory in all public schools. Pastor Giordano declared that the law does untold moral damage to "thousands and thousands of children in whose homes a religion other than the Roman Catholic is practised." —E.P.S.

SPAIN'S UNITY WEEK MARKED BY ANGLO-CATHOLIC SERVICE

(Madrid). A historic Anglican-Roman Catholic prayer service was held in the Anglican Church of St. George here on the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The service was conducted in English by Archdeacon Basil Ney, chaplain at the church, and Jesuit Father Rovira, Director of St. Ignatius of Loyola College. Permission for Catholic participation had been granted by Archbishop Casimiro Morcillo Gonzalez, of Madrid.

Among the 350 worshippers were Sir Alan William, British Ambassador to Spain, and W. W. Walker, counsellor at the U.S. Embassy, who represented Ambassador Angler Biddle Duke.

Noting the "real spirit of reform in the Roman Catholic Church today," the Archdeacon said, "it would be a great mistake on our part as Anglicans if we believed there was not room for reform and change within our branch of the Catholic church." Father Rovira emphasised the growing necessity for an ecumenical spirit and unity among Christians of all denominations.—E.P.S.

ALAN WALKER CRITICAL OF NEGATIVE PREACHERS

(Dallas). Ministers and theologians who express negative and despondent opinions about the church should "keep quiet, get into the front line of the struggle where God is working or resign and join the honest atheists."

In the closing session of the National Evangelistic Assoc. of the Christian Churches, Dr. Alan Walker, superintendent of Sydney's Central Methodist Mission, lambasted his colleagues around the world who throw out "sombre phrases of betrayal — 'post-Christian era,' 'the suburban church is finished,' 'the day of preaching is done,' and the most fatuous of them all, 'God is dead.'"

"The defeatist factory is working overtime," Dr. Walker declared.

"Christianity," he said, "is centred in a person, the person of Jesus; in him is seen the kind of life every man and woman would like to be able to live, and the whole world must constantly be reminded to remember Jesus.

"God is regrouping and reorganising his church for the next thrust forward of the Kingdom of God . . . within the church is the renaissance of the laity," Dr. Walker assured the evangelistic association.—"The Christian."

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Why do preachers preach on what they preach about? How and why do they choose their subjects?

There must be a hundred and one different answers to this question. I can only give one.

The subjects of sermons are chosen largely on the basis of what God wants the minister to say and on what the people need to hear.

Where there are two services every Sunday it is the general practice to preach on the suggested morning reading. This almost certainly ensures that God's will and the people's need will meet in the message. It is almost as great a certainty that there will be variety in topics and methods of dealing with them. (Not always, of course, I heard of one minister who preached on the same theme in the same way, no matter what his starting point may have been!)

Following the morning reading also helps us to keep the mighty acts of God and the great words of the Christian faith before the congregation. Ministers should keep a record of what they preach, to ensure that no essential area of the story of God and man is left out of our preaching. One minister was shocked to find that for three years he had not preached one sermon about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We should have no hesitation in departing from the suggested morning reading, if it is desirable to do so. To speak adequately for God and to man is far more important than to follow a suggested scripture reading plan.

It is also necessary for the minister to keep the church informed about the church's mission of today. Our sermons must reflect the activity of the church at home and abroad.

The work of the brotherhood departments is our work, an extension of our own commitment and service, and our church must know about it.

As more and more churches use the budget system in the stewardship of money, rather than the special offering days, it is possible for the story of our conference departments to remain untold. It would be a shame if this happened, for that story tells excitingly of lives won for Christ, boys and girls equipped for discipleship, young men trained for the ministry, the care of the aged, the young, and the in-betweens, the building and strengthening of our churches. All are vital themes to be shared with the church and there is no excuse for one dull sermon about our outreach.

These are some of the reasons why sermons should be planned well ahead. (More on this question next week).

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S.A.

An announcement for South Australian subscriptions will be made shortly.

A.C.T.

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TRACTOR FOR NEW GUINEA

(Wagga, N.S.W.). The church is raising \$900 to buy a tractor to help in the construction of the airfields for Churches of Christ missionaries in New Guinea. In addition to the general advantages of air communication it will ensure speedy medical attention for missionaries and their families, and, of course, the other inhabitants of this rugged New Guinea terrain.

The Wagga congregation raised the

\$900 in less than three months, and the tractor has been purchased and is on display at the church. A further \$700 is needed to pay for auxiliary equipment and shipping charges.

Once in New Guinea, the tractor will enable the missionaries serving in the Bunapas-Tung district to complete their second airfield and start on a third.

This project was given impetus last year during a visit by Alan Fletcher, a missionary who served in New Guinea.

Chaplain Badcock, with his wife and children, Lorraine and Graham, have transferred to Kapooka, in the Wagga area, and have been welcomed into membership with the Wagga church. The minister is Peter French.

PICNIC AT FIRE SPOT

(Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.). A most enjoyable B.S. picnic was held on the Australia Day holiday at Snug. A week later the township was almost completely razed by bush fires. Hobart wishes to express its appreciation to all who have spontaneously sent messages of sympathy, and have given assistance during this tragic period. We recently enjoyed fellowship with Carol and Graham Bray and Graham Marsh. The two students from the C.O.B., Carol Bray and Graham Marsh, gave valuable assistance in the worship services.

MINISTERS

S. H. WILSON CORRESPONDENCE

Several people have contacted the Victorian Conference office enquiring if S. H. Wilson and family have left their residence in Leicester England, as correspondence has been returned from the dead letter office. It would appear that this has happened because letters have been addressed to 18 Stanley Street, instead of 18 Stanley Road. The former residence has been demolished, but the Wilson's are still at the latter address. To ensure delivery correspondents are urged to address mail to Church of Christ Manse, 18 Stanley Road, Leicester, England.

GRAHAM LORD AT BURWOOD

(Vic.). At the induction service of G. Lord, on Feb. 5, there were 196 present. The induction to this first full-time ministry was carried out by H. J. Patterson, who had just completed a deeply appreciated part-time ministry of five years. On the following Saturday evening there was a church welcome to the minister, with representation from surrounding churches, and the H.M. Dept., which is assisting the local church. The new manse maintains the high standard of buildings which the church has been fortunate to acquire, and working bees are helping get its grounds in order. The B.S. supt., J. Sutton, has the assistance of several new teachers. Almost all decisions and baptisms over the past year have been of B.S. scholars, whose response is encouraging to all staff. G. Lord, R. Fidler, K.

Knight and K. Smith have joined R. Booth in leadership of the C.Y.F. The church building has been made available to a local Scout group for the coming months.

PRESTON MINISTRY

(Vic.). G. J. Crossman commenced his ministry on Jan. 15. He and Mrs. Crossman were welcomed into fellowship, after which Mr. Crossman addressed church and conducted evening gospel service. At the induction service, on Feb. 2, L. G. Crisp, Thornbury, delivered charge to minister and congregation. Other representative speakers took part, including the Mayor of Preston. F. T. Morgan is undergoing surgery in hospital. Church has suffered a great loss in sudden passing of Mrs. A. G. Day, and extends sympathy to family and relatives. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Crossman.

D. HAMMER, Jnr., COMMENCES

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). With much regret the church farewelled Barry and Gay McMurtrie, on Jan. 29. They had endeared themselves to all during their short interim ministry. A presentation was made. Mr. and Mrs. David Hammer were welcomed on Feb. 1. C. Cole, Conf. Pres., officially welcomed these former missionaries to their new ministry, and the church was challenged to work together with them in the district. The midweek Prayer and Bible Study group has been most rewarding. The Church School does not go into recess over the holiday period and is again back to normal. The supt. is Stan Craven. The annual picnic was held on Feb. 18.

COLIN HEIER AT INVERMAY

(Tas.). C. J. Heier began his ministry on Feb. 5, with well attended services and a warm spirit of enthusiasm. The church came through the long period without a minister in good shape, and is ready for forward moves in the coming days. A very impressive induction service was held on Feb. 2, when the Conf. Pres., A. W. Gilbertson, challenged both church and minister to go forward together in the work of the Lord. Representatives brought greetings and good wishes from the North Launceston Ministers' Fraternal; the Launceston Ministers' Fraternal; the Churches of Christ at Margaret St. and Sandhill; the Tas. Women's Conference; the National C.E.

District Union. Written greetings were received from the Churches of Christ at Caveside, Ulverstone and Hobart.

Mrs. W. W. Bailey, on behalf of the local C.W.A.F. group, presented a sheaf of flowers to Mrs. Heier.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heier made suitable responses, and a time of social fellowship closed a very happy evening.

INDUCTION SERVICE

(Hampton, Vic.). A large number of people attended the final service of C. L. Smith, when a presentation was made to him and Mrs. Smith, prior to their moving to S.A. On Feb. 5, D. R. Olafsen was inducted into the ministry of the church by K. A. Jones.

INDUCTION AT FLINDERS PARK

(S.A.). H. S. Prime and family were received into fellowship on Feb. 12, by one of the church elders. J. Chivell performed the induction ceremony. After-church fellowship was held after the evening service to help Mr. Prime get to know the members.

WELCOME TO TAREE

(N.S.W.). On the eve of their ministry with the church at Taree, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wiley were extended a public welcome on Feb. 4. The meeting was under the chairmanship of F. V. Murray, who welcomed Mrs. and Mrs. Wiley and other specially invited guests. The Mayor, Alderman W. J. Kennedy, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, extended a welcome on behalf of Taree Municipal Council and citizens of Taree. The sec., D. E. Billingham, spoke on behalf of the church members, whilst C. A. Norling brought a word of welcome from the Board of Officers. Mrs. M. Solomon gave the greeting on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, whilst a women's group presented vocal items. Rev. N. Ward spoke on behalf of the Taree Ministers' Fraternal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wiley acknowledged the greetings and thanked the church for help already given through the courtesies of the secretary. On Feb. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley commenced their ministry. The charge to the church and to minister was given by David Mansell, minister at Wollongong. The greeting and official welcome by the church on Sunday morning was made by one of the church elders in extending the right hand of fellowship.

NATIONAL DIARY

VICTORIA

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24-26—C.W.F. Missionary Camp — Monbulk.
25—Young Adults' "Fova."
26—C.Y.F. "F Day."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FEBRUARY:
24-26—C.E. Seminar at Rockingham Baptist Camp Site.

MARCH:
23-27—Easter Youth Camps at Waterman's Bay, Point Peron, and country districts.
27—Brotherhood Sports Day at McLean Park.

APRIL:
3—Conference Youth Service, at the Christian Centre.

GATHERING RESPONSE TO TASMANIA

Last Sunday offerings were received in many churches to assist those in Tasmania who have lost their homes, their belongings, or their jobs.

There has been a splendid response already. One Victorian member has offered a home for any family needing it. Two other families have offered to receive children. Another member has offered to go to Tasmania and assist in rebuilding.

However, the present and most urgent need is for money. The Vic.-Tas. Social Service Dept. has received \$1580 from a few individuals and churches, but the results of last Sunday's offering are not yet known.

All of the States are sharing in this fellowship of giving. Churches and individuals are requested to make their gifts through the Social Service Dept. in their own State.

S.S. AT STH. CANBERRA

(Canberra, A.C.T.). The Sunday School and Christian Educ. sessions commenced in South Canberra on Feb. 5, in the Lyons Primary School Hall. The form of the session is 45 mins. worship service and 30 mins. classes. It includes an adult group, which is discussing key questions on the relevance of the Christian faith. Attendance after two months of meetings is up to 75. A number of new families are already worshipping. The foundations for our own buildings have been laid. Twice over last six weeks family services have been held on Sunday nights, with 100-150 people sitting round tables for worship and fellowship, refreshments are served, and music is provided by a band. On Feb. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Maln, of Warrawong, screened slides at the service of our Indian missions.

OUR YOUTH AT YOU YANGS

(Norlane, Vic.). 30 teenagers from the church attended a barbecue and a hike at the You Yangs on Feb. 11. The youth tea, on Feb. 12, was also attended by 30 young people. Y.F.C. team provided items and a speaker. Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitehouse, from M.E.G.M., conducted a missionary evening on Feb. 4. Slides were shown and a question time was held. The induction service of Milton Drake will be conducted on Feb. 26, by Principal E. L. Williams. In the meantime lay preachers have conducted some very good services.

FOR U.S. STUDY TOUR (see cover)

(Vic.). Bruce Harman, pictured on our cover with his father, has qualified for an American Field International Scholarship.

Bruce is one of 28 chosen from 34 Victorian finalists whose particulars were sent to America for final selection. He will leave for the U.S.A. in August of this year and will be absent for twelve months. His trip will include a visit to Washington, with a possible meeting with President Johnson.

Last year, Bruce gained his Leaving Certificate at the Heidelberg High School, and will commence matriculation studies this year. He hopes to complete them after his return in 1968.

The Harmans are prominent in the Church of Christ at Moreland. Mr. Harman, who is Coburg's Deputy Town Clerk, is superintendent of the church school, having been on the school staff for 30 years. Mrs. Harman is member of the Church Board, and Bruce is assistant leader of the Boys' Explorers.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR 4TH W.C.C.E.I.

The fourth World Council of Christian Education World Institute on Christian Education is to be held at Nairobi, East Africa, July 17-28, 1967. The theme is "God's People in God's World — Living - Learning - Teaching." Seven commissions will concentrate on different aspects of the theme.

60-65 per cent of the delegates will be lay members who work in "Secular" callings — business, industry, farming, civil service, education, etc.,

35-40 per cent of the delegates will

be professional Christian Educationalists. Australia has been invited to send seven delegates, five of whom are to be lay people.

Delegates will have to meet their own travel costs to Nairobi. Accommodation costs will be a further \$35.00.

Applications are being received by the A.C.C.E., 100 Flinders-st., Melbourne. Notification is required immediately from those who would like to attend.

A.C.C.E. reserves the right to make final selection of delegates.

STOVE FOR WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). The women of our churches have made a splendid contribution toward a new stove for the Woolwich College kitchen. For weeks now large and small amounts have been coming in from the various local Christian Women's Fellowships, and the "Special Effort" Fund has exceeded \$1100, and in addition to the stove, there will be sufficient in the fund to supply other needs of the kitchen also.

CHANGE OF VENUE

(Ayr, Qld.). The C.W.A. Hall, where evening services were held over a number of years, has now been secured by another church group. Our members met for the first time on Feb. 5 in the Aust. Sugar Producers' Assoc. Hall, in the main street, when Ross Nielsen conducted the service, with 13 in attendance. The well-appointed hall is very suitable for our meetings. However, owing to the absence of a piano, music is provided by tape recorder. We would

appreciate taped messages and tape recordings of complete morning services from churches able to assist in this way. . . . Newly formed Y.C.F. plan to meet on Friday evenings. . . . The church at Ayr suffered a severe loss through the untimely death of Mrs. Palmer and the transfer to Hervey Bay of Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire and Phillip.

OFFERING FOR FIRE RELIEF

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). J. R. Welden, the minister, assisted over holidays, at Torquay Beach with Children's Special Service Mission. Recent speakers have been L. Snow, A. Haskell, L. Firth and J. Redding. Presentation made to Miss Ruth Welden, on return to Sth. Aust., in appreciation of her services and fellowship over past 12 months. There was a well attended church family picnic at Werribee. . . . Inspiration was added to evening service on Feb. 12 by duets rendered by Joan Neville and Sandra Woodward. . . . Offering for Tasmanian Fire Relief sent through Social Service Dept. . . . Sympathy of church extended to Bryant and Firth families in loss of loved ones.

\$800 AT TEMPLE DAY

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). The church anniversary had as guest speaker, H. Long, and the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon featured the Salvation Army Songsters, and a talk by Dr. Frank Garlick, from Vellore Hospital, India. The Temple Day offering of over \$800 will help towards the debt for the new building work. . . . Miss Jenny Smith is back with us from the New Guinea Mission field for medical treatment. . . . Many favorable comments are still being received concerning the National broadcast service on Nov. 27 last.



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NEW SOUTH WALES

N.S.W. 82nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 11 to 19

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

We invite the interest and prayerful co-operation of readers in the following items of importance in connection with the work and witness of the brotherhood in New South Wales.

1. The current visit of Hariba Waghmode, from our Indian Mission field, to the churches, that the challenge he presents may encourage even greater support for Overseas Missions generally and for the task in India in particular.
2. The N.S.W. Dept. of H.M. and Evan., led by the Director, Kevin E. Crawford, in their plans among our growing churches during this year, especially in the new housing estates.
3. The N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee as it develops its programme of education throughout the brotherhood in the distinctive witness of our churches in the fields of Evangelism and Christian Unity.
4. The ventures among the youth of our State, entrusted to the able leadership of the Dept. of Christian Educ., with Director Bruce Armstrong.
5. The ministers of our churches and the members of church officers' boards, elders, deacons and deaconesses — in their local task, not only in planning and administration and in giving an essential lead in personal devotion and spiritual commitment to Christ.
6. The forthcoming N.S.W. Conference, March 11-19 — that it may provide not only an opportunity for a review of purpose, policy and planning, but also a deeper sense of spiritual need and a challenge to greater spiritual maturity in the richly-rewarding and compelling service of Christ at brotherhood levels.

PRESIDENT AT TAMWORTH

(N.S.W.). The Federal President, A. W. Stephenson, spoke at both services at Tamworth on Feb. 5. Two young people made decisions at night . . . The Men's Society sponsored World Wide film, "Vietnam Profile." This was screened to over 100 people. A retiring offering of \$31.50 was received for the church in that land . . . Y.P.C.E. was launched at a fellowship tea. W. Russell, area pres., of J.C.E., was speaker.

The 82nd Annual Conference of our churches in New South Wales will be held this year from Saturday March 11 to Sunday March 19. All gatherings will take place at Enmore, with the exception of the Sunday afternoon "Conference Sermon" Session, in which we will share with the British and Foreign Bible Society in the 150th Anniversary celebrations, and which will be held in the Sydney Town Hall.

A synopsis of the programme for Conference is as follows:

- SATURDAY, MARCH 11** — 7.30 p.m., YOUTH RALLY, Enmore Tabernacle.
Speaker: Fred Nile, Dip.R.E. (National Director of Christian Endeavour in Australia).
- SUNDAY, MARCH 12** — 2.45 p.m., YOUTH CONFERENCE, Enmore Tabernacle.
- MONDAY, MARCH 13** — 6 p.m., PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.
7.15 p.m., OPENING BUSINESS SESSION.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 14** — 10 a.m., CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Speaker: Mrs. D. Main.
7.15 p.m., BUSINESS SESSION.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15** — 7.15 p.m., MISSIONARY RALLY.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 16** — 10.30 a.m., MINISTERS' CONFERENCE. Messages from Delegates from World Conference on Evangelism at Berlin.
6 p.m., MEN'S WORK TEA. 7.15 p.m., BUSINESS SESSION.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 17** — 7.15 p.m., SOCIAL SERVICE and BOYS' HOME RALLY.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 18** — 10 a.m., ALL-DAY BUSINESS SESSION.
7.15 p.m., HOME MISSION and BIBLE COLLEGE RALLY.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 19** — 2.45 p.m., CONFERENCE SERMON SESSION, Sydney Town Hall. Guest Preacher: Dr. J. T. Watson, of Great Britain (General Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society).

TREASURER FOR 46 YEARS

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). The church annual meeting, on Feb. 4, accepted with much regret the resignation of Mrs. V. Burling, as treasurer, which work she has done with detailed precision for 46 years. Our love and thoughts will go with her as she takes up residence at Henley . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Messrs. Hart, Hammer, and Principal Stephenson, from the College at Woolwich. E. T. Hart is always a welcome visitor. Mr. Hammer told us of the work in New Guinea. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsman paid a farewell visit before leaving to work at Norseman Mission, and the prayers and best wishes of the church go with them in this endeavour . . . Barbara Inglis, Jeannine Kemple and June Johnson, Warrant-Officers in Girls' Brigade, went to Perth, W.A., for a training camp. . . . K. Farmer is student minister.

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1967 Conference Sermon

The Executive of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference has pleasure in announcing that Dr. Lloyd E. Jones, minister of the Swanston St., church, Melbourne, has accepted an invitation to preach the 1967 Conference Sermon in the Melbourne Town Hall, on Sunday, April 16.

TOYS FOR SONNY GRAHAM

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). The toys brought by the S.S. children prior to Christmas have been sent to Sonny Graham, of Norseman, J. Tocknell, of Collie, W.A., and R. Combridge, New Hebrides . . . On Feb. 12, at evening service, we enjoyed the fellowship of a large group of young people from West Preston, who were returning from a weekend seaside camp . . . Recent speakers have been Dr. T. Banks, R. Grazeles, W. W. Saunders, Mr. Comar and B. Tattersall. Activities have recommenced and we are looking forward for another year in his service.

SEC. and ASST. FAREWELLED

(Balwyn, Vic.). On Feb. 19, secretary Frank Evans, and assist. sec., Robin Trotter, who have resigned after many years of faithful service were presented with books as a token of esteem and appreciation . . . An impressive service and vital address given by Chaplain Stan. Bannon at the teachers' dedication service was greatly appreciated . . . Mrs. Doris Smith is now sec. of C.W.F., replacing Miss Ludbrook, who is leaving for overseas . . . C.W.F. commenced with open night for all ladies to hear S. R. Baker, and see his slides on his trip to Puerto Rico.

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At the Victorian February Council Meeting of C.W.F., 129 delegates heard W. H. Phillips, Superintendent and Secretary of the Burwood Boys' Home, speak on "The Challenge of the World Today for Young People." He pointed out that parental permissiveness was the cause of much of the trouble today, and that parents had forgotten how to say "No" and mean it.

The vital years for parental care were between the ages of five and ten, and parents needed to use the yardstick of Christian principles.

Council approved the raising of \$220 towards the support of a deaconess in Footscray Girls' High School.

Intercessory prayer was offered, especially remembering the families of Will Newham, Mrs. Johnson and Fred Strack.

Secretaries were urged to send in Camp registrations for the Monbulk Camp on Feb. 24-26, and the Evening Fellowship Highland Night, on Monday, March 6, in Richmond Church Hall, was announced.—F. Morris, asst.-sec.

NEW HEBRIDES VISITOR

(Bentleigh, Vic.). On Feb. 12, Jack Edwards, from the New Hebrides, was our speaker at the evening service. Mrs. C. Brown, Miss C. Dahl and Miss R. Williams gave their testimonies. All are connected with M.B.I., and training for further Christian service . . . Our church has embarked on a positive programme of evangelism called "Faith in Action" . . . The donation for Food for India appeal now stands at \$169.98 . . . The C.W.F. re-commenced with an interesting programme . . . The Missionary Prayer Fellowship meets in the 4th Wed. in each month.

FAMILY FAREWELLED

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). In Jan., the previous Warracknabeal church secretary, Les. Wills, and his wife and family, were farewelled. They have transferred to Horsham, where Mr. Wills is now employed. At an after-church fellowship, various speakers expressed appreciation and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wills. He was also S.S. sec. while Mrs. Wills was a S.S. teacher and sec. of the C.W.F. Martin Suter, who is a teacher at the Warracknabeal High School, was elected as the new church secretary.



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RICE DINNER

(Shepparton, Vic.). To assist the work by the churches for refugees and destitute children and adults in the world, and to help our own understanding in the matter, we held a "rice" dinner. The 70 people attending had a meal of rice and dry biscuits. A charge of 50 cents was made and \$43 was forwarded to the fund. A visitor, Thomas Lam, of Hong Kong, asked the blessing prior to the meal . . . The church is now in its third year of Planned Giving . . . Mrs. G. Smedley, pres. of C.W.A.F. for the past three years, was re-elected at the annual meeting; all other office-bearers were also returned . . . Many people from all parts have visited the church at Shepparton over the holiday period and all have been full of interest and praise for the new buildings and lovely renovated chapel . . . Ladies of the church have catered for a wedding reception, when 96 guests attended. Everyone, workers and guests alike, were very appreciative of the facilities now available in our Church Family Centre. The latest addition to the kitchen is a refrigerator, provided by the C.W.A.F. This was in use for the wedding and proved very acceptable on the hot day.

LOSS MOURNED

(Harcourt, Vic.). The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Jackel. Mr. Jackel continues to make progress after recent illness, although it may be some weeks before he is able to take the services again. Recent speakers have been supplied from Ballarat churches, also Barry Rice, Senior Deputy Student at Adelaide Bible Institute . . . Congratulations were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Broad, on silver wedding anniversary . . . Youth for Christ team will visit the district, with local church as its headquarters, on Feb. 25 and 26.

ST. ARNAUD SHARES LOSS

(Wedderburn - St. Arnaud Circuit Vic.). It is with sincere regret we report the passing of Mrs. Ivy Jackel, wife of C. Jackel, of Castlemaine, the mother of Graeme, minister of this Circuit. Mrs. Jackel was the daughter of the highly esteemed Oxley family, of St. Arnaud district . . . St. Arnaud is still holding the Sunday morning service at 9.45.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langford, and Peter, Belmont; Miss Thompson, North Richmond, to Blackburn, Vic.

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Janice Standen to John King; Joan Pargeter to Peter Bauer, Manifold Heights, Vic.

Beverley Snee to Laurence Whitmore, Flinders Park, S.A.

Yvonne Helndrich to Norm White, Boronia, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. H. G. Finger, Boronia, Vic.
Mrs. Ada Simeon, Bert Pateman, Parkdale, Vic.
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LANGLEY (Thornton). — Lois and John are happy to announce the safe arrival of a daughter — Meredith Georgina — on Feb. 2, at Bendigo, Vic. Sister for Phillip and Helen.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

BURCH - LEACH. — The marriage of Thelma, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burch, 10 Dixon-ave., Croydon, and Robin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leach, Swan Hill, will be celebrated at Croydon Church of Christ, Vic., on Friday, March 3, at 5.30 p.m., A. J. Lloyd and W. J. Thomson officiating.

ENGAGEMENT

GILMARTIN - ALVES. — Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Gilmartin, 14 Orange-grove, North Essendon, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Patricia to Robert Stuart, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Alves, 33 Renown-st., North Essendon.

DEATHS

HOUGHTON. — On Feb. 10, at the Yarrowonga District Hospital, Vic., John, loved husband of Laura, dear father of John; father-in-law of Nancy; grandpa of Helen and Elizabeth. Aged 82 years, 2 months. "Severed only till he come."

SAUNDERS, William George. — On Feb. 16 (age 82), at his residence, dearly loved husband of Lily, loved father of Doris (Mrs. Skerman) and Joyce (Mrs. Farmer); fond father-in-law of Colin and Harry; loved pa of Glenice, Raymond, John, Gary, Neville and Keith. "The dead in Christ shall rise first."

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STUDENT CHANGE

(Middle Park, Vic.). On Jan. 22, B. Duff terminated his student ministry, and at an after-church fellowship Mr. Harrison presented Mr. Duff with a satchel on behalf of the church . . . Recent speakers have been H. Hood, Adams, P. Thickins and L. Stewart. The church is looking forward to the student ministry of Doug. Smith.

MOOMBA CHURCH SERVICE

(Melb.) For the first time, a church service has been included in the Moomba programme. This will be on Sunday, March 12, at 7 p.m., at the Independent Church, Collins Street.

As part of the service, The Avenue Church Players, including the "Churingas" folk singers, will perform a modern musical play, "He Dies on Friday," written by the Rev. Douglas McKenzie, of Blackburn.

DECISION AT NORTHCOTE

(Vic.). Church is back to normal after a number of small meetings in holiday season . . . An elderly lady made her decision and was baptized at a recent gospel service.

FIFTH YEAR COMMENCED

(Chadstone, Vic.). P. E. Perry is commencing fifth year of ministry here . . . Local men, Messrs. Brewster, Downard and Field, were recent speakers . . . Miss M. Coventry re-elected as B.S. supt.

ANGLESEA INVASION

(West Preston, Vic.). The annual W.P. young people's C.E. camp, held Feb. 10-12, at Anglesea National Fitness Camp, was attended by a record 60 young people. Studies based on "Fellowship" were led by Messrs. A. J. Storay, the new minister, and T. H. Harman. A variety of other activities were enjoyed, including swimming, physical fitness, games, a social, camp communion, and much eating. The new minister experienced warmth of West Preston fellowship by being gently and unexpectedly immersed in the cold sea, at the hand of several young members. Climax to camp came when campers shared in gospel service at Manifold Heights (Geelong) church on journey home.

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The Dept. of Christian Educ. announces details of Easter Camps for Youth. Application forms are available from the Department; also from church secretaries and/or ministers.

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EVANGELISM PREPARATION

(Parkdale, Vic.). As the church enters into its Year of Evangelism, the committee is active with preparations in a number of ways. Feb. 19 featured announcement Sunday, when prayer covenant and contact cards were issued . . . Church has been saddened by the passing of two senior members . . . The various youth activities are settling down to work for the year.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

(Blackburn, Vic.). The church board has decided that a Planned Giving Programme will be conducted later in the year . . . Good Companions and Explorers have commenced under leadership of Mrs. A. Cant and John Davis respectively . . . C.M.F. commenced year's activities with a games, movie film and barbecue night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kruse . . . W. J. Thompson was speaker at both services on Jan. 29. . . The church annual picnic was held at Edithvale on Feb. 4 . . . During a teacher recognition service, on Feb. 12, a presentation was made to Malcolm Humphries, prior to his entering the C.O.B. to train for the full-time ministry. At evening service the minister, A. Cant, interviewed Mrs. S. Davey (a social worker with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence).

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INTERSTATE NEWS

JOINT ACTION AT EARLWOOD

(N.S.W.). Recently, at the invitation of the Board of Officers at Earlwood church, Kevin E. Crawford, Director of H. M. and Evang., and Bruce Armstrong, Director of Christian Educ., shared in a special meeting to consider the total programme of the local church. Following this consultation, the Earlwood officers, and the minister, Neal Hodgekiss, will continue in co-operation with the Departments concerned. Such helpful joint-action in relation to local churches and Conference Departments is most commendable and should be encouraged in other districts and at various levels.

CONCERT REPEATED

(Echuca, Vic.). Last December's concert, arranged by the C.Y.F., was so well received that it has been repeated. The amount raised was \$93 . . . Recent speakers have been Mr. Mumme, of the Methodist church, Leith Ratten and Brian Kirchofer . . . There were two decisions on Feb. 12 . . . The annual conference of the Nthn. Dist. is to be held in Echuca on March 4.

MISS MUDFORD GOES TO CROYDON

(N.S.W.). Since Mrs. Graham Warne concluded her work at the Croydon Christian Guest Home, Miss Pauline Jones, formerly of the New Hebrides, has been serving in an interim capacity, but will relinquish this task on Feb. 27, when Miss Rhonda Mudford will take over as Associate-Matron with Mrs. Hart. Miss Mudford, who is a fully-qualified Nursing Sister, served in a voluntary capacity in New Guinea for a short time. She is a graduate of Woolwich College. Croydon Christian Guest Home is supplying a tremendous need and is truly one of the "show places" of the Social Services and Homes Dept. of N.S.W.

HARVEST FOR MYLO

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Harvest thanksgiving was held on Feb. 5. Donations were given to Mylo Home for Aged . . . Ian Prollocks, from Margaret-st., and Mrs. Winslow, from Caloundra, were baptized . . . Monthly fellowship tea held Feb. 12, and a mission film on Ethiopia was screened . . . Two of our young ladies have gone to Teachers' Training College in Brisbane — Christine Hall and Winifred Spriggs.

COURSES IN SOCIAL WORK

(N.S.W.). Through the instrumentality of the Social Services and Homes Dept. of N.S.W., special courses have been inaugurated at the University of N.S.W., in Dept. of Social Studies entitled "The Minister and Social Work." The course is open to ministers of all communions, and the response has been gratifying. The initial series of lectures, on "Selected Aspects of Psychology," concluded in December, while the second series, under the heading, "Sociological Aspects of the Christian Ministry," commenced in January of this year. Each of the courses covers a wide field of interests, especially for men engaged in local pastoral work, visitation of the sick, etc., and consists of approximately 30 lectures and seminars. A number of our own men are involved in these worthwhile courses.

HARIBA WAGHMODE IN N.S.W.

Hariba Waghmode's informed presentation of the work on our Mission Fields in India has brought greater understanding and appreciation of many of the difficulties and problems, and has also given the people who have heard him much cause for thanksgiving to God and encouragement to redouble their efforts in support of this worthy enterprise. Even though his visit was brief, from Feb. 8 to 12, he was able to address churches at Kingsford, North Turramurra, Chatswood and Belmore. New South Wales folk are looking forward to his presence at the State Conference gatherings in March.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

Examination Amendment

(Glen Iris). The name of Doug. Good was omitted from the list of those who gained passes in New Testament Exegesis for the L.Th. Examinations.

SHARING AT BRIAR HILL

(Ivanhoe - Briar Hill, Vic.). E. K. Bannon and K. H. Turtman (C.O.B.) are sharing in Ivanhoe-Briar Hill ministry with E. W. Roffey . . . Church combined with other Protestant churches in Ivanhoe for evening services during January . . . Minister is conducting special training classes for presidents, readers and helpers . . . Jack Edwards, on furlough from New Hebrides, addressed church and showed slides of his work at special after-church fellowship on Feb. 12 . . . K. Gray is in Austin Hospital with head injuries, requiring surgery, after being hit with masonry falling from passing lorry.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Jenkin.

The church at Brunswick, Vic., suffered a sad loss in the sudden home call of one of our senior members, Mrs. Mary Jenkin, at the age of 81 years. Her association with the church at Brunswick extended over a period of 55 years, during which time she had served in many positions, including that of Sunday School teacher, deaconess, and treasurer of the Women's Fellowship for many years. She was associated with the Church of Christ Choir. Her early years were spent with the church at Moreland and Gore St., Fitzroy. Her long years of service, in conjunction with her late husband, Will Jenkin, greatly enriched the fellowship and work of the church, and endeared her to the many friends she made. Shortly before the passing of her husband they celebrated their golden wedding. Her long discipleship was marked by devotion and regularity, which continued up to the time of her death. The service was at the chapel and later at Fawcner Crematorium, and was conducted by the writer. Our deepest sympathy goes to her children, Ossie and Gwen (Mrs. Hartley) and in gratitude we shall always remember the wonderful contribution our sister made to our cause.—R. B. E. Burns.

Mrs. Jessie Ellen Daniel.

Mrs. J. E. Daniel died at her home in Launceston, Tas., on Feb. 3. She was within four days of her 82nd birthday. Born in Beaconsfield, Tas., she there met and married her husband, Frederick John Daniel, with whom she shared the mixed fortunes of 61 years. There were twelve children of the marriage, one of whom pre-deceased her. Convicted of the need to be baptized into Christ, she followed her husband into the church in Margaret St., Launceston. When the church at Sandhill was commenced she became a foundation member, and her loyalty to our witness in both these churches continued unbroken to the end. An exemplary wife and mother, she beautifully ministered to her family through years that could not have been easy, earning the admiration of a wide circle, and learning the lessons of quiet trust in a loving Father. The crowded funeral service in the Sandhill chapel was a magnificent tribute to the influence of a simple life that found greatness in the doing of one thing supremely well. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by T. Orr, who out of a close and long knowledge of the family, offered a fitting word of commendation. We assure Mr. Daniel and his family of our loving sympathy in their bereavement.—L. G. Read.

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FROM THE FIELD. Harvey, W.A. Bro. Johnston is giving capable leadership and does most of the speaking. The love and appreciation of the church was shown in a practical way, by presenting him with a bicycle. A number of new subscribers has been gained for the "Christian." Maryborough, Vic. There have been ten confessions in three weeks.

Mile End, S.A. The business meeting carried three resolutions unanimously: 1. That Bro. Wiltshire be re-engaged for an indefinite term; 2. that the five retiring deacons be re-elected — T. Bartholomew, J. Pillar, A. J. Cherry, T. Smith, J. Williams. 3. that the Home Mission Committee be informed that we shall now be self-supporting.

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OPEN FORUM

To the Editor,

Why does the "Christian" print such articles as "The Non-Attendees," 4/2/67? Is it to stir my thinking? Tertius does this, and with brilliance and lurking humour (at our own foolishness) and an obvious knowledge of what the Christian way is all about.

"The Non-Attendees" lacks all these attributes. Yet it is a good article I will admit, the phrasing clever, the reasoning reasonable (and what more can we ask of reason?). Now, why is my poor brain, after such programming, not computing?

Because neither the church nor I have to reason to know what is wise, what is moral, what is universal need. God's Word (not common sense) tells me, and believing, I walk, not by man's reasoning, but by faith.

—Dorothy Bedwell, N.S.W.

[Ed. "The Non-A's" was printed because we have to listen to those who have criticisms to offer. Where the criticism is just we can try to put things right. Where the charges are unfair, we can say so. If the fault is in the eye of the critic, we can also say this with love. That others find the content of "The Non-A's" significant, if disturbing, is demonstrated in that another church journal has asked for permission to reprint the points raised.]

THE NON-ATTENDERS.

To the Editor,

Mrs. A. Windram looks for definite answers from the church and feels let down. To her "habit attenders, solace-seekers, moral guidance seekers," I may add the disgruntled and the deserters.

A local estimate (Gawler) is that only 10 per cent of citizens are attending church. Can this minority be strafed for the sins of the world at large? The church has an answer, but this answer must be made "flesh" to every age, and what if many will not translate it?

Mrs. Windram's experience of the local church is poor, yet she is a member of it. To what degree is the church to blame? An Australian is part of the whole social, economic, political as well as the religious life. We are effected and belong to the whole. The perplexed, solace seeking person is a sinner, but more so he who seeks to destroy solidarity, security, love, warmth, understanding, mutual respect and equality. The value of church and society must be assessed. Both are responsible.

Mrs. Windram stresses the need for an educated mind. I agree, but this is not enough. We have much of the know-how that is required for a better world. We have tried both fine learning and love and found both wanting. Why? The answer lies in the will. If we fail it is because we do not will it. We need the Mrs. Windrams to take their stand with the old and young, with the wise and not-so-wise, and share with us as we study to show ourselves approved.

—G. Setsman, S.A.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

To the Editor,

It was good to read in the "A.C." Feb. 4, where Christians of the Methodist Church in S.A., in two instances, had been convicted of the truth of believers' baptism, and that the baptisteries of our churches were gladly made available for the candidates. This is as it should be, with every encouragement given to any committed Christians to obey the Lord in this command.

It was also good to read in the press, in 1966, that two Anglican ministers in England declared they would not, in future, sprinkle infants as Christian baptism, declaring that there was no Bible authority for so doing.

It was also good reading in the "A.C." that happy fellowship took place during the Christmas period with the Baptist minister and people at Gatton in Qld., and also in other States within the various groups of Lord's people.

This truly is sowing the seed for a greater unity of Christ's Church. Jesus prayed that we all may be one, and we all have room to grow in the knowledge of the will of God and should be willing to absorb any truth that applies to our generation, for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven and the glory of God.

—Fred. Norwood, Qld.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

To the Editor,

In reply to A. J. Ludbrook's letter, "A.C." 11/2/67, p. 18, the references to "self-styled Christians" (suggesting our brother has a monopoly on truth and understanding) and "louder-mouthed clergy of other communions" are, to say the least, not very charitable.

Secondly, I think he has demonstrated a failure to understand his subject—the majority of voices raised on the Ryan question were not, as I understand, in defence of the man, but of a principle.

Anyone in their right mind must, of course, be filled with abhorrence at the displays of violence listed, but my main point of disagreement with Mr. Ludbrook concerns the attitude to be shown to the "sinners" concerned.

The Master said the first commandment was to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind and strength, and that the second was like unto it—to love one's neighbour as one's self (Matt. 12: 30). Now should a person find difficulty in fitting another into the category of "neighbour" there is also the Master's injunction to "love your enemies" (Matt. 5: 44).

Again, as I understand the gospel story, Christ's purpose in coming into the world was to save sinners. Is anyone of us competent to determine when in point of time another human being is beyond redemption's point?

Or to put it another way, is it to be suggested that we are competent to determine the day beyond which Christ's redemptive power ceases to be effective? Such reasoning is to attribute Divine omniscience to man and to deny omnipotence to God.

—Andrew Augustine, Vic.

CAESAR AND GOD.

To the Editor,

Even though I think that you are simpler, and more naive in the way you "accept" the Governments today than the New Testament gives warrant, my purpose is rather to deal with my Lord's message in Luke 20: 24. I joined the church at Warragul, Vic., in 1912, and later spent 18 months at Glen Iris, yet I have never read one proper application of those verses.

It is usually said that as our Lord told the Jews to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" we must, therefore, give our Governments those services they demand of us. Except, of course, where such demands are not right in God's light. We differ over military service—some accepting it as justified, others not.

We also drag in Romans 13: 1, which gives us the reason why they are ordained, and not the bare fact that they are ordained. When we study Luke 20: 24 we find that it is not the Jewish political set-up and the religious rule that are in question. Caesar was a foreign power, and somewhat oppressive. The nearest analogy would be for us to be under Japan or China. John 17: 14-16 tells us that the disciples are not of this world; even as our Lord Jesus was not. We are not subject to any demands which we say had no application to him.

The powers ordained of God do not necessarily belong to all who grasp them! And even when truthfully informed, the voice of the people is not the voice of God.

—Herbert W. Drake, Qld.

WHERE IS MOOROOPNA?

To the Editor,

In a recent edition of the "Australian Christian" an emphasis was placed upon the work of our Aborigines Missions. Nowhere in that issue was there mention of the work at Mooroopna, in Victoria. Why?

In an area where Aborigines are notorious for their unreliability, the members of our church set a fine example of faithfulness and dedication.

Their task is not an easy one, and it is made even more difficult when their presence and their efforts are not recognised. Also, how can the brotherhood help if it is unaware of pressing needs in that area. The work at Mooroopna is small, but no less important than the larger endeavours elsewhere.

Two among the many things that Mooroopna lacks are adequate publicity of the actual position there, and representation at State Committee level. I feel sure that if the Vic. Comm. sought for a representative from the Mooroopna-Shepparton area one would be readily available.

—John R. C. Wise, S.A.

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TASMANIAN BUSHFIRE DISASTER

Churches in Emergency.

I went to Hobart to see what part the churches were playing and, in the weeks ahead, could play in the emergency. One thing was quickly clear. Church members had thrown their full weight into the general community relief operation with thought only for those who were suffering. Hundreds were giving selfless service.

In the four days since an avalanche of flame had hurtled across Southern Tasmania, Hobart had turned from a stunned community into a seeming beehive of compassion.

On Feb. 7, the bushfire's torrents of raging flame had, within 12 hours, destroyed 54 lives, 800 homes, thousands of livestock, more than 100 motor vehicles, orchards, crops. Property loss is esti-

BY VAUGHAN HINTON

A.C.C. Staff Writer.

mated at 20,000,000 dollars. Twenty-eight churches were no more.

In Hobart itself the flames had licked away whole streets of homes, not only on the outskirts, but near the heart of the city itself. One Baptist minister described it as "like an Apocalyptic event," with the skies dark at midday, the sun a weird orange glow, streets and homes dense with smoke and pulsating heat and eerie light from the surrounding hills.

No one could see what was happening. Afterwards, no one could believe what had.

Army of Relief Workers.

But as realisation of the disaster grew, on Wednesday and Thursday churches went into action. The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Wesley Church—

the three centres best equipped for such an emergency—opened their doors to the homeless, prepared thousands of meals for the mounting army of relief workers, found shelter and bed and food. Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in the suburbs that had escaped became receiving and sorting depots for needed material.

The Red Cross, equipped for emergency action, and skilled at coping with the problems of such disasters, distributed supplies, enrolled workers. By Friday the various relief operations were co-ordinated under its guidance. Central depots were operating and church activities were readily channelled into this one overall operation.

Leaders of all the churches announced their backing for the general community operation and appeals for funds for the Governor's Bushfire Appeal were announced for all churches on Sunday.

Many Churches Destroyed.

Many of the churches destroyed will not be rebuilt, and it seems certain that some will go up again to be used jointly by two or more denominations.

The Anglican Church lost 12 church buildings, two halls, a youth centre; the Methodist Church lost three churches, a Sunday School, a parsonage; the Congregational Church lost two churches; the Baptist Church, one; the Salvation Army, three halls and a home; the Presbyterian Church, part of a youth camp; the Roman Catholic Church, four churches and a school severely damaged. In all it represents at least 100,000 dollars' worth of property.

In the year ahead many budgets will certainly go unmet, as many church members struggle to re-establish themselves and their families.

But for the moment these concerns for church property are far from the

minds of Southern Tasmania's church leaders and public alike.

What matters is that those 3,000 people who lost so much and have endured such horror in the bushfires of last week should be helped back to their places in the life of the community.

DEAF TO "CHRIST'S INSTRUCTION"

(Johannesburg). The "vast majority of ministers of the three Afrikaans Churches," were criticised by Dr. W. B. de Villiers, a member of the Christian Institute, for maintaining that the time is not yet ripe for Christian action in the country because it could endanger the "traditional way of life."

Dr. de Villiers' statement was contained in the magazine "Pro Veritate," published by the Institute.

Nowhere in the Gospel, particularly in the New Testament, is tradition ever elevated to something divine, he stated. Nor is adherence to tradition ever described as a Christian virtue, according to the writer.

"The levelling of the officially determined barriers between the races, even in the purely religious sphere of joint worship, represent an incalculable risk and holds immeasurable danger for the comfort and security of the numerically inferior white population," Dr. de Villiers noted.

For this reason, he said, the vast majority of ministers of the Afrikaans churches "prefer to close their eyes and ears to the clear instruction of Christ in this regard. They let things go their course a little longer and soothe their moral conscience with all kinds of theological casuistry and rationalisation." —E.P.S.

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When men pray they are employing spiritual forces as real as the material forces of gravitation and cohesion. —J. H. Jowett.



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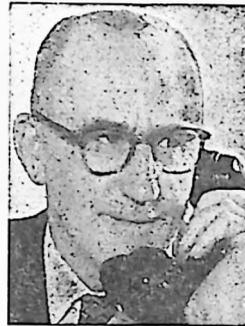
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