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AUSTCARE '68

This is Human Rights Year, May is Humanity Month, and May 20-26 is Humanity Week — which brings to a climax the appeal by Austcare '68 for \$1,000,000.

"Austcare '68" stands for "Australians care for world refugees" and is an appeal sponsored by the combined churches of Australia. There are no divisions between the churches in this great sharing of concern for the 14 million displaced and distressed men, women, and children of 1968. No wonder that the organisers of the appeal claim that "the sun never sets on the refugee problem."

When there is such a call for help, Australia usually makes a splendid response. During World Refugee Year, 1959-60, an Australian National Committee raised \$1,216,000 from the community. This placed Australia among the first three countries in the world in terms of average giving. We must give again.

There is much to be done in order to catch up with refugee suffering. Here are just a few of the areas: Vietnam — refugee camps in which there are children, mothers, pregnant women, old men; no water for washing, no escape from the stench; no relief from pain, ugliness or filth; no news of those they love, no hope, nothing to hold on to . . . East Pakistan — two and a half million known cases of T.B. . . . Middle East — refugees from the 1967 June war who need hospitals . . . Europe — medical care for Jewish refugees from Arab countries . . . Africa — education and hygiene needs of children in Burundi, and refugees from Portuguese Guinea in Senegal.

There are no tests applied other than those relating to need. As Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan (U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees) said, "We are like doctors who hasten to help the injured without seeking to know who caused the injury..."

Austcare '68 will be our response. It is not a new organisation, it is simply the expression of the concern we all feel, especially those who have the Christian obligation to help the broken and rejected of the world.

During Humanity Week, May 20-26, give generously. You will probably be knocking on the doors of others, if not, answer the knock on your own with your hand and your heart.

REACTION, REVOLUTION, OR RENEWAL

We shall have to examine more and more thoroughly the nature and mission of the church.

There are some who think that there is nothing at all the matter with the traditional local church. They believe that all we need is more prayer, harder work, and a greater trust in God.

There are others who feel that the local church has had it, that there is no point in persevering any longer with such an ineffective institution in fulfilling the mission of Christ.

The majority of us are most unhappy with both of these viewpoints. We know only too well that the churches have many weaknesses and that a small gain here and there cannot hide the fact that the church is a diminishing force in a world of increasing numbers and need.

To acknowledge this does not put us in the camp of those who seem anxious to break-up what they think is an outmoded vehicle, without suggesting how we are going to travel toward our goal of a world of freedom, justice, peace and brotherhood.

We are far from advocating the twiddling of pious thumbs in the hope that the world will start running backwards, but we think that it is stupid to belittle and further weaken the church. Where else can we look for men and resources to do whatever is to be done? Unless we get rid of God as well as institutional church, the demands of this new age will be met (if they are to be met at all) by Christian men and women. We are much more likely to find such people in the churches — for all their weakness — than out of them.

Not pious reaction, not destructive revolution, but Christian renewal may be the direction in which we should be looking.

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*God, grant to us Thy blessed gift again,
To walk with us, as once in Galilee—
Talking of pebbles, and of birds o'erhead;
Of little children and our daily bread—
To us, Thy lowly fisher folk! Make plain
The shining wonder of Himself again
That we may touch the seamless garment's
hem,
And be made whole of selfishness and sin;
Behold, the hearts made humble and
contrite—
Lord, that we may at last receive our sight!*

—Laura Simmons.



NEW PRESIDENT . . .
A. H. WALKINGTON, B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed.

The Conference week was certainly a successful one. Some have said that it was "the best for years." Attendance seemed down at some sessions and up at others, but a wonderful spirit pervaded them all.

The programme began with a "President's Tea." The idea has been mooted for years, and was realised on April 4. 170 sat down to a meal provided by the ladies, and greetings were brought by representatives of the Anglican, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. At the evening meeting, an excellent audio-visual film in colour, illustrated the great part played by the Christian Welfare Centre, Bethesda Hospital and the Aged Persons' Homes. R. J. Brown is to be congratulated on this production. Following the film, the president, T. D. Maiden, introduced the theme for Conference—"The New Covenant in Action."

Business was conducted on Friday night and all day Saturday. There was considerable discussion, with varied viewpoints, but always in a brotherly spirit. The president exercised firm control and the delegates co-operated, with the result that business ran to time and the conference concluded punctually.

One of the best missionary programmes for years was presented on the Saturday night. D. G. Hammer, Secretary Federal Aborigines' Board, interviewed several young people—products of our missions, and now in Perth—ranging from an apprentice painter to a first year medical student. Prior to an excellent message by Ron McLean, Secretary Overseas Missions Board, pictures of the mission fields were shown.

The Conference sermon—"Restoring the Spiritual Life of the New Testament Church"—was delivered by A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., minister at Harvey after many years in Rhodesia as a missionary. So far as Australians are concerned, he is probably better known for his service with the colleges at Glen Iris and Woolwich. D. A. Ladbroke, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dip.R.E., minister at

W.A.'s

71st CONFERENCE

Wembley, read the scripture lesson. It was a unique event for W.A. to have a father and son, both ministers, sharing in same Conference service.

On Monday night the Youth and Christian Education Committee presented an outstanding programme. Following the dedication service for Brian Stitt, B.A., Dip.Ed., as Youth Director, we witnessed a musical drama "The Paul Story." Presented in a modern setting with the Youth Choir as the background, the message came through in no uncertain way, led by magnificent singing by Barry Goddard as Paul, and Ron Gething as Stephen.

The Women's Auxiliary Conference was under the presidency of Mrs. Newcombe. The Conference president presented a Bible to Mrs. Newcombe.

Conference concluded on Thursday night, the programme including the declaration of the poll, recognition of the outgoing president by the presentation of a Bible, and the introduction of the incoming president, A. H. Walkington, B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed.

The appreciation of the brotherhood was expressed to F. L. Mogridge, A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., who retired from the Conference Executive after 13 years as Conf. Treas. He has been a most faithful and efficient servant of the churches, one who has never looked for praise or thanks in what he has done. The president presented him with a wristlet watch as a tangible expression of the brotherhood's gratitude.

Following the change in Constitution last year reports were to November 30 only. Highlights were:

- Churches at Albany and Manjlmup admitted to Conference.
- Record number of full time ministers in the State.
- Expanding Social Service activity.
- Appointment of B. Stitt, B.A., Dip.Ed., as Youth and Christian Education Director.
- Record active membership of 3,605—total membership 5,586.

● Record B.S. enrolment—679 teachers and 4,263 scholars.

● Record of \$239,827 received for all purposes.

● Lift installed in Christian Centre in time for Conference.

● Outreach and Development Fund has realised over \$31,000 since inception in April, 1964.

● Mutual Fund deposits \$67,000.

● Expanding Youth and Social Service programmes required opening up the floor over the City Church chapel, hence the lift.

● Aged Persons' Homes Board projects now house 154 and contract for \$360,000 has been let to erect building for 51 frail aged at Carinya Village.

● Bookshop showed net profit of \$530.

● Christian Centre debt reduced by \$45,000 in seven years. Approximately \$1,800 interest also paid.

● J. J. Collingwood laid down office of Properties Committee secretary after 25 years.

Officers and Committees appointed, including those not required to stand for re-election, are as follows:

Executive: A. H. Walkington, B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed., (President); G. E. Powell (Pres.-elect); T. D. Maiden (Past Pres.); K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com. (State Organiser); A. D. Pyne (Conf. Sec.); G. A. Ewers (Asst. Sec.); A. E. Chatfield, L.H.A., F.A.C.S., A.C.I.S., (Treas.); T. Banks, H. Heyhoe, B.A., Dip.Ed., T. A. Morrison, F. Rees, G. Wood.

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Restoring The Spiritual Life of the New Testament Church

An outline of the Conference Sermon given at the Conference of the Churches of Christ in Western Australia, April 7, 1968.

Conscious of the need to exemplify our plea as well as to proclaim it, we in the Churches of Christ have examined very carefully the New Testament picture of the early church. One vital characteristic of that church which we have not found it easy to reproduce is the quality of its spiritual life.

I. IT WAS A PRAYING CHURCH

The inspiration of its praying may be traced back to the praying of Jesus himself, who was asked by his disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray." He had times for regular prayer, Mark 1 v. 35, Matthew 14 v. 23. In times of special need however, he set aside extra time for special prayer, such as when he chose the apostles, and in Gethsemane.

The church's first major problem, described in Acts ch. 4, was the threat of persecution. It was made a matter of special prayer. No request was made for the danger to be removed but supplication was made for courage to meet it. Then what threatened to be a calamity turned out to be a blessing in disguise, it sent the church to prayer which quickened spiritual life and strengthened faith.

How are we getting on in our restoration of the prayer life of the early church? Some suggestions: i. Prayer is first and foremost a fellowship with God based on our relationship with him, those of: (a) Father and child; (b) Lover and beloved; (c) Friend and friend.

ii. Quite a number of verses use the words "whatsoever" and "anything" in promises relating to prayer, for example 1 John ch. 3 v. 22 and ch. 5 v. 14. If our praying does not seem to be effective the fault is on our side, God is always more eager to give than we are to receive. There are conditions to be kept by those who pray. Consider James ch. 4 v. 3, Mark 11 v. 25, Luke 22 v. 42, Isaiah 59 v. 2.

iii. Matters regarded as important and urgent are given a high priority. What priority is given to praying in our day's programme and in the church's programme?

"Christ never asks of us such busy labour, As leaves no time for sitting at his feet."

2. IT WAS A SHARING CHURCH

And again, the inspiration of sharing goes back to the church's Lord and Head. Human needs: suffering, bereavement, hunger, were a magnet that drew compassion from Jesus. The first Christians expressed their compassion for the needy by sharing with them. It was unthinkable to them that any should have too much while others had too little. "This sharing was not the result of legislation, it was spontaneous. It is not when the law compels us to share but when the heart moves us to share, that society becomes Christian," —Barclay. Our sharing must be on two levels, material and spiritual. "I am debtor," Paul wrote, . . . "both to the wise and the unwise." He lived and ministered under the constraint of owing to every person he met the witness of what Christ meant to him.

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By A. W. LADBROOK

3. IT WAS A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

"Within" is one of the key words of the new covenant. Speaking to his disciples of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, "He dwelleth with you," present tense, "and shall be in you," future tense, anticipating the wonderful days to be, after Calvary and Pentecost. Calvary made provision for cleansing through the blood of Christ and Pentecost marked the coming of the Spirit into cleansed hearts and lives. In Acts 2 v. 38 Peter put Calvary and Pentecost together into one verse: "the remission of sins" and "the gift of the Holy Spirit."

What a difference there is between some of the stories we read of the apostles in the gospels and the stories we read of those same men in the book of Acts: Competing individuals became fellow-members of the body of Christ. (Continued on page 5)

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LIFE IN THE N.T. CHURCH — continued

Fear was replaced by faith and courage, a courage which made the Sanhedrin "take knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." What made the difference? The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave them an unbreakable unshakeable confidence in him as their risen living Lord whose promise was fulfilled, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." After Pentecost the Spirit was constantly in evidence, empowering the church and directing its activities, so much so indeed that it has been suggested that the book of Acts of Apostles might fittingly be called the book of Acts of the Holy Spirit. "And the Spirit said unto Philip, 'Go near and join thyself to this chariot.'" "And they (Barnabas and Saul) being sent forth by the Holy Spirit sailed to Cyprus." A conference in Jerusalem was able to say, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us."

This same Holy Spirit is just as willing, yea as eager, to work today in and through persons and churches. But, as with our praying, there are conditions to be kept by us. "Grieve not the

Spirit," Paul warned the church at Ephesus. The sentence comes in the middle of a list of sins of thought, speech and action, Ephesians 4 vs. 25-31. To the church at Thessalonica Paul found it needful to write, "Quench not the Spirit." We quench a fire or a light when we put it out. When we do not respond to the promptings of the Spirit, when he opens a door of opportunity to us and we do not enter it, when he is ignored while decisions are being made needing his guidance, when worship and prayer are an empty formalism, the fiery zeal of the Spirit is being quenched. He is quenched also by quarrels and divisions and consequent ill feeling in a church. This was surely a major reason why Paul was so anxious over the church at Corinth when he heard of its divisions. "For whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal?" "Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3: 3, 16.

Sometimes we pray for more of the Holy Spirit in our lives when we should

rather pray with heart-searching that the Holy Spirit may have more of us.

"Have I grieved Thy Holy Spirit? Have I quenched His power within? If I have, O Lord forgive me, Cleanse my heart from every sin."

It is humbling to think of what the early church did not have that we do have. It had no church buildings of its own with all that goes with church buildings today. It had none of the advertising media that we have, the printing press, the wireless, the TV. It had none of the modern means of transport that make travel easy and speedy for us. But in stark contrast with the poverty of material equipment was its wealth of spiritual equipment, prayer life, sharing which bound giver and receiver in the bonds of Christian love and the riches and power of partnership with the Holy Spirit.

The book of Acts of Apostles has no formal conclusion. Luke simply put down his pen and stopped writing. The book is still being written and a chapter is being written by each of the churches to which we all belong. How do they compare with the earlier chapters, the ones which have been included in the New Testament?

OUR FIRST ABORIGINAL MEDICAL STUDENT

(SEE COVER PICTURE)

Under the above heading the W.A. "Sunday Times" recently featured Tony Hicks, of Carnarvon Mission, on the front page. The article in part reads:

"A 20-year-old tribesman from the Hamersleys has become the first Aboriginal to study medicine in Western Australia.

Tony Hicks, born into the Galah totem of the Bundjimai is in his first term at the university Medical School — and according to the Dean, Professor G. Gordon Lennan, is proving a more than promising student.

Tony's enrolment follows primary education at the Church of Christ Mission at Carnarvon, and matriculation in five subjects in South Australia.

"I have wanted to be a doctor ever since I was in second grade," he said. "Two years ago I came back from South Australia and enrolled for an Arts course.

"But medicine kept calling, and after returning to the Hamersleys for family reasons I came back to Perth to start medical school.

"I have had very little trouble fitting in at the University," he said. "The only unpleasantness was from some young Aborigines at Porb Hedland who seemed to think I was abandoning my race. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I am proud of being an Aboriginal, and although it is a bit embarrassing to be the first in this field of study, I hope more Aborigines will follow me."

(Tony is living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Paget of Wembley Church, and attends Wembley Church while in Perth.)

CHURCHES REPORT ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

"Conscientious Objection to Military Service in Australia," the report of the A.C.C. working group on the subject, is published.

The report represents a considerable amount of investigation by a small group of churchmen and lawyers who worked throughout last year.

They compared the Australian Act and regulations on conscientious objection with similar Acts in other countries, inquired into the way the Act is implemented in our courts, studied Biblical and general ethical principles

involved and ended up with a host of recommended changes. Following their acceptance by the A.C.C. annual meeting, these are being urged in Canberra.

This is a well-researched subject, impartially treated and responsibly presented. Many readers of the report have been surprised that they are discovering for the first time just what conscientious objection is all about.

The printed report costs 60c and is available from the Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent Street, Sydney, 2001.

WIDE ASIAN PARTICIPATION

(Singapore). This city-state which was originally called Singapura meaning "lion city" will have its "lion's share" of church dignitaries and leading church laymen, Nov. 5-13, 1968.

Selected church officials and lay leaders from various countries of Asia and the South Pacific will meet here. Occasion of the gathering which is considered the first of its kind and expected to be the largest and most widely-represented international church leadership conference ever to be held in this part of the world, will be the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism. Venue of the Congress will be the Dewan Persidangan Singapura (Singapore Conference Hall) which is equipped with simultaneous translation facilities.

During its initial meeting the Executive Committee stated that Christian laymen are the hope of the Asian church in reaching Asia's 2.8 billion people with the Christian message.

In recognition of what it described as "the strategic role of the laity in evangelism," the committee agreed that half of those invited to participate in the Congress should be Christian laymen who are active in evangelism and who would have great potential in lay evangelism during the next 20 years.

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BAPTISM IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST

Let us be quite frank here and say that baptism should never be an appeal to the pride of a person insofar that in being baptized he is doing the "right thing." Nor is it a device for church membership, nor an invitation to respectability. These attitudes are no guarantee that baptism is an instrument of God's grace!

Baptism involves the choice both of God and man. God's choice is seen in the cross of Calvary—the act of redemption. In the cross God is saying to me, "I choose you." Man's choice is as he "works out his own salvation . . ." in an act of humility, a spiritual experience, an encounter with Christ which is redemptive of the past, the present and the future. In a man's baptism he says, "I choose you" to Christ.

So we see that baptism is an HISTORIC act in the Cross of Redemption. It is an EXISTENTIAL REALITY in the identification with Christ. It is a SECOND COMING HOPE.

Is it not true that in faith one accepts Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in baptism one encounters Him in the tomb?

BAPTISM IS ALSO A PRESENT MORAL FORCE

In the Acts of Apostles at least three outcomes of baptism are seen.

Acts 2: 38 and 22: 16 "forgiveness of sins" is related — covering the past.

Acts 2: 41; 8: 12-13; 18: 8 these were all added to the Lord—a present experience.

Acts 2: 38 the Holy Spirit is promised after obedience—a future experience on obeying.

In Galatians 5: 22 Paul lists the "fruits of the Spirit," all indicating a moral change climaxed by love. This is the theme of Romans 6 and the inference of Colossians 3: 13-14, "for you died and your life is hid with God in Christ." In all this receiving baptism is the assured sign.

Dr. C. H. Dodd in his commentary on Romans 6, asserts, "the whole sacrament is an act by which the believer enters into all that Christ did as his

Representative, in that he was delivered up for our trespasses and raised that we might be justified." He also adds, "a real death of self is involved in the sacramental death to sin by which a man enters the Christian community."

Baptism is the expression of hope. There are Second Coming implications also. As the Lord's Supper proclaims "till He comes," so the symbol of rising from the grave as the climax of redemption is surely an affirmation of the end of all things. Here the Romans 6: 8, 9 passage is worth thought. "We believe that as we have died with Christ we shall also live with him; for we know that Christ never dies after His resurrection from the dead—death has no more hold over Him . . ." What is being said here? Here is the assurance of immortality! And immortality and the future life with God are inseparable. And the future life begins to take full meaning in the Second Coming of Christ.

So our baptism "into Christ" asserts our hope. Now we are "in him," then we shall be "with him."

To sum up let us say that we should disabuse our minds of some ideas which have become easily accepted; and mostly so because repetitive statements without little thought have brought this result.

Some say that to be baptized is to be identified with the treasures of God's grace—i.e., a kind of treasure house from which we draw on a merit basis. This isn't so, for we are "baptized into Christ."

Some assert that to be baptized is to be identified with the new covenant and the covenant people, the Church. This has only a semblance of truth. We are still "baptized into Christ."

Some suggest that to be baptized is to be identified with a local church, and hence with the spiritual church. The Church is those who have come to Christ, but we are still "baptized into Christ."

Baptism can never be an identification with anything other than the Saviour. It signifies our acceptance of his lordship, it identifies with his atoning work and the appropriation of his life and spirit. It is the "new birth" made visible. As marriage does not mean the beginning of love, but that responsible

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

active expression of love is evident, so baptism says that some thing which has happened is now evident. We are putting ourselves under the Lordship of Christ in active, willing participation in kingdom standards and work.

We repeat, baptism isn't a tool for adding members to the Church! It is something linked with the love of God in Christ, and because so many have looked upon it as a "church joining technique" they have simply gone down into a baptistery and left their cross lying beside it when they came out!

When Jesus says, "if ye love me keep my commandments" he not only refers to the life of character and witness which he asks of us, BUT also the very act which commences that life of character and witness. Surely one is bound up in the other.

The question may be asked—"should I be baptized?" and that isn't a very worthy question at all, because it presupposes that there is something "to be done" (oh, how loathsome is that all too prevalent comment, "I was done at such and such a church!"). No, the better question is this, "In view of all that Jesus Christ has done for me on the cross; in view of the fact that baptism is a gift of God; in view of the fact that it indicates a clear cut, willing choice of God's gift and Christ's sacrifice, COULD I EVER DESIRE TO DO LESS?"

A FINAL WORD is a personal experience. One day I stood with my wife in the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, and there looked upon the traditional empty tomb wherein the Saviour is reputed to have been buried. It was an amazing experience, and in fancy many scenes of the gospel story came vividly to heart and mind. But, transcending every other thought was this one—"I have been here before." Accepting the thought of Karl Barth, one felt that in his baptism, wherever it may have been, one had walked back through the corridors of history and had entered that tomb with the Saviour so many centuries ago. Baptism is such a complete presentation of that event, that to know it, understand it, and then enter that ancient tomb was to feel the sense of Himself sharing in spirit.

End

E. S. Sanders Leaves Alliance . . .

The general secretary of the Victorian Temperance Alliance, E. S. Sanders, has resigned and has accepted an appointment with the Father & Son, Mother & Daughter Welfare Movement.

Mr. Sanders has been secretary of the Alliance for 6½ years. He said, "My resignation is really an evolution of events—you set yourself certain goals, and either you sit back and take it easy when they are achieved, or you face up to new challenges." He felt that he had achieved most of the things he had wanted when he first joined the Alliance.

The main achievement had been in making the community aware of the existence of alcoholism, and of the prevalence of alcohol in road accidents.

The Alliance calls for applicants for the position of general secretary in an advertisement in this issue.

FOUR BAPTISMS

(Nailsworth, S.A.). Four young men baptized during April . . . To follow up suggestions from the recent Church Life Conference many committees have been formed . . . Changes of residence bring Mr. and Mrs. Dahlenberg and family from Forestville into Nailsworth area while Mr. and Mrs. Pittman move to Glenelg . . . Pioneer minister Roy Raymond, of Perth, has accepted the church's invitation to be a guest speaker at Jubilee Celebrations in June, 1969 . . . A programme of renovation of property is in hand . . . P. R. Whitmore is minister.

FOR ORGAN

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). C.Y.F. held a successful "mini fete" on April 19. \$114 was raised for new electronic organ fund . . . M. Milne and V. Jenkins (Mildura) were recent speakers . . . Prayer and Bible Study meetings have resumed after harvest . . . Mr. Cave conducted a special discussion group on April 28 on "I Believe in God." . . . The annual B.S. picnic was held at the river beach at Karadoc.

VIETNAM APPEAL

(Footscray, Vic.). Offering for Vietnam appeal amounted to \$77.50 . . . On April 28 Good Companions and Explorer clubs assisted in evening service. Many parents attended . . . On May 5 church celebrated 90th Anniversary. Guest speaker was L. G. Crisp. At night the Campbell Singers contributed items . . . The Mission Band birthday was celebrated on May 8. Mrs. E. Rankine led devotions, Mrs. J. Smith spoke and Mrs. B. Ferguson was soloist . . . Ladies enjoyed an outing to Como House . . . Church and family picnic was held at Kinglake.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Christian Educ. Sunday featured a youth service. Ralph Bilette presided, scripture read by Colin Norman, papers given by Robyn Green and Megan Emery, and a pianoforte solo by Dianne Emery . . . The Promotion Committee organised a film evening in aid of church funds and a church picnic at Belair . . . At a basketball tea for girls and boys on April 28, 54 young people heard guest speaker Scott Davie, leading basketball player. Peter Johnson spoke at the gospel service. Mrs. Wehr and Miss Pat Walkley sang a duet. Graham Burdon presided.

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fact in April . . . After-church youth fellowship hours are held every fortnight . . . J. Lowrey (Dareton) provoked interested discussion on Aboriginal problems at April meeting of "Twentyman's Club." . . . Geelong R.S.L. members shared in service on April 21 . . . Church was represented at every session of Conference with delegates and others travelling to Melbourne each day.

ENLARGING BIBLE SCHOOL

(Thomson, Vic.). Work has begun on building extensions to accommodate increasing number attending B.S. Prize night was well attended by parents . . . Mrs. Baks and David McKinlay have been baptized and received into membership . . . Young people have visited "Ancient Times House," Melb. . . . C.W.E.F. visited Norlane group with an Easter programme and have also held an Aboriginal night. 100 ladies were present at a Knitting Parade arranged by ladies of Latrobe Terrace in aid of Thomson building fund . . . Recent speakers have been J. Smail, R. Gra-zules and W. Readhead. J. McCulloch was guest speaker at youth tea and gave testimony at the gospel service.

900 AGAINST WANT

(Belmont, Vic.). The minister, D. A. V. Thomas was one of 900 who took part in C.A.A. "Walk Against Want" over a 15-mile course recently. Church was well represented in this community service . . . A junior tennis club has been formed with older members as teachers . . . Good Companions' basketball team has commenced season by winning . . . Many members and friends of church have been in hospital recently. Three have undergone surgery. . . . C.Y.F. visited Melbourne for Im-

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THE AUSTRAL BOOKROOM, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, will cease to trade as a retail bookroom from the close of business on SATURDAY, 29th JUNE, 1968.

The bookroom was opened as a service to the brotherhood some years ago but small numerical strength of church membership, lack of "passing" trade in the locality and insufficient patronage from churches, schools and members generally over the years have forced a withdrawal of the service.

Churches will continue to be supplied with regular stationery, record books, Churches of Christ literature, tracts, hymn books, communion supplies, etc., and Sunday Schools with roll books, stationery, etc., all of which may be obtained by mail or phone order or personal shopping to

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BOOKS

THE POOR WORLD

By Bernard Llewellyn (Zenith Paperback, Aust. 80 cents).

This original paperback is another disturbing book from the author of "Asia Now." It gives facts and figures about our sick, suffering world.

Not all countries are poor. Some are rich, like Australia, where the national rate of production is growing at the rate of about 4.5% a year and where, in real terms, folk are 25% richer than they were 15 years ago.

Like many wealthy people, we may not even know that the poor man, Lazarus, is sitting at our own doors. He is. It would be difficult to find a list acceptable to everyone, but it is generally agreed that the poor countries in the world include every country in the South Pacific except Aust. and New Zealand; every country in Asia except Japan; every country in North and South America except Canada and the U.S.A.; and every country in Africa except South Africa! The European poor include Cyprus, Malta, Greece, Spain, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

With the rich nations getting richer and the poor nations becoming more populous and poorer (one in every ten of Calcutta's teeming millions lives in the streets), there is developing a tension which can end only in a disastrous explosion.

Although the danger is extreme, most of us don't know it exists, or if we do, we are comforted by the fact that it exists some place else. "The Poor World" argues that time is running out but, late as it is, it is not too late to avert disaster if we act quickly, with courage and compassion.

Llewellyn's quote from Plato is apt: "Any ordinary city, however small, is divided into two cities, one the city of the poor, the other of the rich, at war with one another." The world, thanks to modern communications is fast becoming one great city of great extremes.

This book should be in every church library and required reading for teachers, leaders, ministers and politicians.

THE RING OF TRUTH

By J. B. Phillips (Hodder & Stoughton). \$2.30.

Reversing the usual process, this book, which was first printed as a paper-back, has now been re-issued with a hard cover. Reviewed in the "A.C.," Sept. 2, 1967, the spiritual testimony of the great New Testament scholar has had phenomenal sales. It is a clear, simple statement of the meaning of many of the fundamental Christian doctrines which have been so much under attack in our day.

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

By Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan Publishing House, Aust. \$2.65).

There are many ways of telling the story of the Passion Week. Dr. Lockyer has chosen to unfold the events leading up to and beyond the Cross as they occurred from day to day.

He has introductory chapters setting out the Bible passages to support his view of the chronology of incidents from Sunday to Sunday in the drama-packed week. He also gives a list of O.T. prophecies and their N.T. fulfilments.

The device of alliteration is much in evidence. Chapters are headed: Day of Acclaim, Authority, Argument, Apartness, Action, Agony, Absence, Appearances.

Each section includes Bible study passages and suggested sermon outline.

THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU

By A. M. Stibbs and J. I. Packer (Hodder and Stoughton Christian Foundations Series. Aust. 80c)

This small paperback (93 pages) is a helpful, practical study of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit works in our lives. It is a most useful introduction.

It points out two great dangers, that of ignoring the Holy Spirit completely (as many modern authors and preachers do), and that of over-emphasising certain aspects of the work of the Spirit.

Although the book comes from Anglican scholars, it is by no means an apology for Anglicanism. For example, the authors say "In confirmation and elsewhere it is high time that Christ and the Gospel should increase and the bishop and episcopal ceremony decrease."

There is sound argument against those who claim to be a spiritual elite by means of a second blessing through the baptism of the Spirit. The authors state that the gift of the Spirit is given equally to all alike. The baptism is an initiating event common to all Christians, bringing them from the start into a full community life as functioning church members.

There is no detailed examination of the current "tongues" movement, but while the authors do not question the real importance of the blessing that may come to individuals through the practice of glossolalia, they speak against the efforts of those who seek to spread the practice. On the other hand, they feel that those who are trying to stamp it out have also lost their sense of proportion. There is the expected emphasis, in such a sane booklet, that we should seek the "best gifts" rather than the second best.

A BLADE OF GRASS (A Book of Devotions)

By Gladys and Gordon De Pree (Zondervan Pub. House. Aust. \$4.40).

We all need a daily tonic for effective Christian living, and there are numerous attempts to satisfy the growing demand. "A Blade of Grass" is another.

Perhaps the best way to know if it is suitable for you is to give an example. This is the reading for one day.

"The Lord is the strength of his people."—Psalm 28: 8 (RSV)

<p>MAY 22</p> <p>Every Day upon awakening I must think of the activities of that day.</p> <p>There must be one which is outstanding, fresh, creative, something which gives the day character and worth...</p>	<p>and that thing gives me strength, and courage for the things that are simply "to be done".</p> <p>So upon awakening, the thought of God, the thought of His existence and my relationship to Him, should make me glad, and this gladness makes me strong.</p>
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FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

By David Winter (Hodder and Stoughton. Aust. 60 cents).

Although this book marks the centenary of the Scripture Union and refers again and again to that movement and to the related activities of the Children's Special Service Mission and the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, it is not a study of the movement.

It is rather a collection of stories about the Bible and the people it is influencing and inspiring. The Scripture Union is a movement dedicated to making God's Word accessible for all the people and this cross section of experiences shows that people of all ages and all walks of life can be won.

The S.U., with 100 years' experience, is still planning new ways for the old Book to speak. That it is needed is shown by one of its surveys which revealed that only two out of every five regular churchgoers read the Bible themselves. They hear it read in church, they may even believe in its value, but they do not actually read it. The S.U., both in the church and in the world, is making sure that all the people will know that the Bible is worth reading.

UNION PLAN CRITICIZED

(London). Two noted churchmen—the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, and Dr. Leslie A. Newman, a Methodist minister—are among the first critics of the plan for union of the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

The plan was published recently. It provides for full communion in the first stage, with the Methodist Church becoming an episcopal body, and a second stage of full organic union. It was immediately welcomed as a step forward by leading newspapers of both churches, and others, but now the first criticism is being sounded.

Lord Fisher, who made a speech in 1946 which is generally regarded as initiating conversations between the two churches, declared from his home in southern England where he is living in retirement: "I am profoundly unhappy about some of the doctrines of the Church of England which the report abandons and about one or two doctrines which it imports."

Dr. Newman expressed his objections as chairman of the Voice of Methodist Association, which had consistently opposed the earlier proposals for union

on a number of doctrinal grounds, especially as they concerned the integration of the two ministries.

Dr. Newman made clear there was a lot in the report he approved of, but he said the main stumbling block in his opinion centred on the Services of Reconciliation, whereby the two churches will be reconciled and their ministries integrated.

An evangelical Anglican on the Unity Commission who declined to sign the report was Dr. J. I. Packer, who said he could not endorse the central proposal that full communion between the two churches should depend on the integration of their ministries as prescribed in the Services of Reconciliation.

Dr. Newman, echoing this criticism, said, "I am entirely with him (Dr. Packer) when he says that the historic episcopate is entirely without foundation in the New Testament. I cannot conceive many Methodist ministers not agreeing with his position, and I am staggered to notice that not one Methodist on the commission had the courage to agree with Dr. Packer on this. It took an Anglican to say what many of us dissentients have constantly stated."—E.P.S.

CHURCH GIVES MORAL FORCE

(Beirut). The Christian churches could play a major role in mobilising the moral forces necessary to achieve a global strategy of economic development.

This was the consensus of several representatives of intergovernmental agencies who addressed opening sessions of the first joint conference on development sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace meeting here in April.—E.P.S.

METHODIST-E.U.B. UNION

(Dallas, Texas). The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church joined forces here April 23 to create a new denomination—the United Methodist Church.

The special ceremony officially commencing the union was a highlight of the Uniting Conference of the two groups.

The new United Methodist Church has more than 11 million members in the United States and Canada—10,289,000 from the Methodist Church and 745,000 from the E.U.B. Church. In addition, there are nearly one million members overseas.

Methodists and E.U.B.'s share a common historical and spiritual heritage and hold the same basic doctrines, with similar ecclesiastical organisations.—E.P.S.

WORLD CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

The second Assembly of the World Association for Christian Broadcasting will meet in Oslo, Norway, from June 22 to 27. Members from more than 30 countries and from every continent will attend. The Assembly will examine how the Church can make greater use of electronic communication in its world responsibilities.

Four major matters will be considered in its business sessions. The new chairman and officers will be elected. The members will vote on a new constitution designed to unify the Co-ordinating Committee for Christian Broadcasting (C.C.C.B.) and the World Association for Christian Broadcasting (W.A.C.B.). They will set priorities for future research and promotion. They will determine the new overall strategy of the organisation.

Dr. Klaus von Bismarck who holds a high position in German broadcasting, will give the keynote address. He will speak on "Responsibility in Broadcasting." The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, will be another prominent speaker. He will suggest further ways to integrate broadcasting into the life and work of the Church. Prominent professional experts will deal with technical developments and outstanding church leaders will re-define the Church's greater involvement in broadcasting as a result of the increased impact of communications on all human relationships.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

To Participate



We come to the table of the Lord not to partake of white bread and grape juice. We come to participate in nothing less than Christ's broken body and shed blood.

We are reminded: as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you demonstrate or witness to Christ's death. It is not an occasion to receive sudden inspiration, but rather an opportunity for us to demonstrate or witness to our readiness to give out or lay open our lives in complete sacrifice. The extent to which we should do this is made obvious and we should look to the living and dying Christ, seeing him not as some wonderful impossible ideal completely beyond reach, but as the life lived which we are meant to follow.

The whole life of Jesus was a continuous adventure in breaking down the barriers that separate people from each other and therefore from their God. When we are invited to follow this life, it means that we are to do just this, not just follow from a distance and thus avoid any physical involvement while giving intellectual assent to the worth of a theoretical life. It means involvement in the things in which Christ was involved and nothing less. How far Christ was prepared to become involved in the everyday events of human beings is graphically demonstrated in the brokenness of his body (as seen in the bread) and the shedding of his very life blood (as seen in the wine) which we have before us at the Lord's Table.

When Christ says to partake of the bread, he means that we are to remember him in an active way, i.e., the complete giving of our bodies in everyday service. When Jesus spoke of his "cup" he was talking about his cross. "Remove this cup from me," he prayed, "nevertheless not my will but thine be done." When he invites us to partake of his "cup," he is inviting us to participate in the breaking down of all barriers, in living and dying as representatives of God's great plan.—Ian Stewart, Wembley Downs, W.A.

THANKS FOR BREAD

Our Father, this bread reminds us of the example life of Christ given as a gift for each one of us. Make us aware of the fullness of this gift if we choose not to follow completely. Amen.

THANKS FOR CUP

Our Father by taking this cup we would be fully involved in the things for which Christ was prepared to shed his blood. We thank you for Christ's willingness to show us the way we are to go. Amen.

OPEN FORUM

UNITY

To the Editor,

It was heartening to read G. R. Stirling's letter in "A.C.," 20/4/68. Such graciousness is surely one of the fruits of the spirit and is a quality which all need in greater measure, not only in our daily walk but more particularly in discussions about Christian unity.

Despite our Lord's warning to "judge not that ye be not judged" it is a very common experience to read and hear judgment passed on other persons and churches and of course upon "the denominations." No man has a right to pass judgment on another's standing in Christ nor upon the spirituality of other churches which may differ in their practices from our own. May God give us grace to see the beams in our own eyes and make us humble enough to accept the fact that other Christians have facets of the truth to share with us as we seek to talk and to listen to them.

Finally, a word of reassurance for the fearful. When an individual, or a church, or a brotherhood enters into talks with other Christians, even with Roman Catholics, there is no need whatsoever to assume that compromise takes place. It is rather an occasion for rejoicing and for earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and minds of those so engaged so that they will be open to His truth and together will seek to know His will for Christ's church. The more firmly we are assured of those things which have "been delivered" unto us the greater should be our joy in being able to share them with others, and the greater should be our readiness to listen to others as they share their own assurance with us. So often, the result of such en-

counter is the conviction that the things which unite us in Christ are much more significant than those which tend to divide us.—K. G. Dawson, S.A.

UNITY

To the Editor,

Some vital issues re unity have been raised in the "A.C.," but a problem suggests itself in Mr. Stirling's letter, as to how much agreement the brotherhood needs before any real moves can be made towards unity with other communions.

Without wishing to show an un-Christian pessimism, I seriously ask whether we are likely to have sufficient agreement as a brotherhood on this question in the future when time does not seem to be on our side? Already some considerable impatience is being shown among many Christian thinkers to the extent of rejecting the church as an institution, for the fulfilment of Christ's mission.

To me there seems to be an element of risk in waiting unduly, just as there may well be in rushing ahead. Risks will have to be taken, and in view of the very rapid movement of events in our world which we cannot ignore, who can blame those, as individuals or churches, who wish earnestly to go ahead in faith? It may be argued that while we are waiting for the Holy Spirit, he may be waiting for us.

These "irreconcilable" differences are no doubt a danger, and we should respect those who desire to prevent at all costs serious rifts within the movement, but one wonders if a certain measure of confrontation, to say the least, must not be inevitable if real progress is to take place.

Some very recent letters to this column must reveal clearly to discerning readers the problems that differing theories of scriptural inspiration pre-

sent. If our approach to the unity conference table is to be Biblically based, how can these and other matters be resolved? Will time alone suffice?

Would it be too presumptuous to suggest that many of our differences should be clearly and honestly aired by means of articles, studies and meetings throughout the brotherhood? Could ministers and other church leaders in particular get together more often to share their personal thoughts and feelings in a prayerful atmosphere, so that we might better set ourselves right as well as attempt to set others right?

—Darrell K. Thoday, S.A.

COLLEGE MAGAZINES

To the Editor,

I appreciate the generous spirit of Dr. J. H. Jauncey in offering to promote the distribution of Woolwich and Glen Iris magazines in Queensland, and his willingness to do this for projects initiated by these colleges. While I appreciate this attitude, I do not think it is wise to promote the work of any of the colleges outside of its particular constituency. The distribution of the magazines is a matter of minor importance, but probably it would be regarded as promotion. Would it not be better to promote the magazine within the acknowledged constituency of each college, and, if the magazines are requested by individuals or churches outside of their respective constituency, then, of course, they would be sent. There is a difference between supplying upon request and "promoting the distribution." I hope I have been as kindly in spirit in this letter as Dr. Jauncey has been in his letter to the Australian Christian of April 20, 1968. I have written because I am afraid this could cause confusion in the minds of our people if the magazines of the three colleges are promoted throughout all States.

—I. J. Chivell, S.A.

NAMES

To the Editor,

I have been re-reading your Profile No. 68 ("A.C.," 6/4/68) and still find the over-familiar use of the Christian name "Dorothy" offensive.

I suppose I shall never know a more remarkable or gracious woman than Mrs. Potter, with her rare spirit of real humility, friendliness and helpfulness. Surely, in her lengthening years (a span belied by her ability, activity and devotion) she merits more than the reference to "Dorothy."

In recent years I have deplored the increasing use among our churches of unprejudiced Christian names in so many embarrassing places, including pulpit and platform. Among targets for the trend are people respected for responsible positions they hold in church and secular life. I know so many of those who use this undignified approach would resent its application to themselves in similar circumstances.

—G. McKelvie, N.S.W.

(Ed. Maybe the writer was simply following the example of Luke and Paul in Acts 9: 36, Acts 18: 26, 2 Tim. 1: 5, etc.)

NEW LIFE SLOWLY

To the Editor,

I feel compelled to write and express my concern at the kind of thinking evidenced in the letters of D. B. Price and John Mann, "A.C.," March 23, 1968. Both appear to believe that the act of becoming a "born again" Christian, automatically, and, it seems, in some quite material and physical way, provides us with a new heart, a complete and immediately effective new set of values, and a disinclination to indulge in what just a short time before were habits of thought or action.

This seems to me to be quite an unfounded assumption, which cannot be supported by evidence from the Bible or from human experience. Surely the process of being "born again" is a continual and gradual one, even if it does have a definite starting point. Surely the process of becoming Christ-like, of controlling and refining our attitudes and actions until they are in line with those of Christ, is something which does not and can not happen "automatically" and "immediately." At least, it didn't happen like that with the disciples, or Paul, and hasn't with any Christians I know.

When we think like this we are not only deluding ourselves, which is sad, but we are also giving those outside the church reason to believe that we have not emerged from the black-magical middle ages in our thinking, which is sadder still.—Judith B. Fitzgerald, S.A.

W.A. CONFERENCE CORRECTION

See page 3 for report on Western Australia's Conference. The second last highlight in column 3 should read:

• Christian Centre debt reduced by \$45,000 in seven years. Approximately \$18,000 interest also paid.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"TOO MODERN"

To the Editor,

The other day I read in the newspaper about a church of a certain denomination that sacked its parson because he was too modern.

I am sure that the church was right. After all, when people come along looking for a bit of spiritual food and a bit of comfort after a hard week, it is not fair for them to go away upset and bewildered by a lot of new ideas. The old paths are tried paths and comfortable paths. It stands to reason that no one wants to pay to be disturbed by a lot of new ideas. People pay ministers to give them what they already believe in.

In a democracy "modern" ministers have the right to hold their ideas and to express them, but they don't have the right to put them across people who are paying to hear something else.

But I must confess that there is something that disturbs me about all of this. Jesus Christ was crucified for being too modern and for forsaking the old paths. The Apostle Paul was accused of preaching "new doctrine". Thomas and Alexander Campbell were in trouble all the time because of their new ideas.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, when we have the "new heavens and the new earth" promised us in the Bible, conservatives like you and me will be asking "Where can one find the old paths in this new-fangled place?"

TERTIUS.

My Neighbour's Pen

WHAT
OTHER
JOURNALS
ARE
SAYING



MINORITY GROUP

"Christians must learn to accept the fact that they belong to a minority and learn to live with their 'radical' neighbours. While the gospel has been heard in every land, the world has not been evangelised. The Church has been planted everywhere, but everywhere the Church is a minority."

—Howard H. Clark in "World Call."

THE ONE TEXTBOOK

God is other. There is no other way than through our brother to find this God of ours, but once we meet him, once we love our brother enough to see through him to his very being, that kernel in every man wherein reigns the God and Lord of history, then we may live our lives in turmoil, but we will never doubt the reality of Yahweh. For beneath all turmoil, beneath all the excitement, all the terrible loneliness, all the vagabondage and pilgrimage which is discipleship, which is what Bonhoeffer calls "the cost of discipleship," there is peace, that peace which Christ gives, not a peace which is complacent, a peace which is crisisless, but a peace which is the knowledge that one is doing what he must do, what he was born to do, what makes him most like God.

A tree is never more like God than when it is completely a tree. And so, too, we are never more like God than when we are completely ourselves, following our conscience and what Michael Novak calls the drive in every man to understand, to learn, to grow.

As much as I read theology books, especially those of the new theology, I am convinced that there is but one textbook, no matter what the age . . . And that textbook is the Cross.

In the Cross one finds the answer, that to be human and to be Christian (which, incidentally, may very well be the same), is to love without limit, to love as far as Calvary, knowing that the hill, Skull Mount—the gibbet and the nails and the thorns and the spit and the gall and the wine, the vinegar, the bourbon, the muscatel, all this—is not the end, but the beginning.

—"Listen, Pilgrim," by Christopher William Jones. Quoted in "Christian Century."

MR. WENTWORTH'S WALKABOUT

Whatever the Minister in Charge of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Wentworth, actually does in the future, what he is saying in the present makes good, solid sense.

There is something attractive in the picture of the minister flying unheralded to Central Australia to get a good look for himself, squatting down in the dust with the Aborigines dressed no less casually than they, then conducting an impromptu press conference sprawling on a bed in the aforesaid dress. This is not the behaviour to which we are accustomed from Federal politicians!

Mr. Wentworth is, of course, well known for his occasional unorthodoxy of approach; as he is equally well known for his passionate concern for Aboriginal welfare. And it may well be that this same unorthodoxy is just the thing to shift what has hitherto appeared to be an intractable problem—the relationship of the European and Aboriginal communities.—"The Aust. Baptist."

CHANGING ROLE

The role of the missionary is changing but his importance is not diminishing. The missionary has a role of training and collaboration, rather than outright leadership. Eventually, the missionary will become a helper, rather than a leader among churches abroad."

—Horace L. Fenton, Jr., Evangelical missionary to Latin America in "World Call."

DAY FOR THE REALIST

However the Negro population of the United States may act over the next few months following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, the two sections of the American people now seem embarked on a collision course.

Along with that has been developing a more dangerous form of racial revolt which says that the Negro does not want anything from the white majority but to be left to live his own life—that not integration but separation holds the real future for him and his children. And by separation the leaders of this movement do not mean the old form of division, in which the privileges were held by the whites; they mean a new Negro society strong enough to demand the things it wants for a good life, turned in on itself and limiting its contacts with the white population to an essential minimum.

And yet no great country such as the United States still is, despite the calumnies of some of its detractors, will allow itself to be torn in two even by such deep-seated divisions. It has been said that in any revolution the early struggle throws up the idealists and the opportunists but that in the end it is the realists who prevail. At some stage in the American racial ferment the realists will emerge on both sides and effect some sort of adjustment which will enable the two groups to live, if not amicably, at least peacefully, as members of a common society.

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LETTER FROM INDIA



LAND ROVER READY FOR ACTION.

To every member,
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DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

You have probably heard by this that the new Land Rover Station Wagon has arrived here in India. Way back in Dec., 1960 a decision was made to sell some of our old vehicles and replace them with new vehicles. Last Wednesday at 10.15 a.m., almost eight years later, we took delivery of the Land Rover. It has been a long wait. There have been many disappointments and frustrations as we have sought permission to import this vehicle. At times we have all felt that it is impossible to import a vehicle from Australia. But now that the vehicle has arrived we can forget all the delays and praise God that all things have worked together for good.

It is a little hard to express my feelings as I walked into the Customs' shed in Bombay and saw the Land Rover standing there. I know that I wanted to take every member of our Glenelg church by the hand and say "Thank you" to them for their grand effort. Also the women of the South East Conference in South Australia, and the untiring efforts of Ron McLean and the Home Board. Then as I walked closer to the car I read these words on the door: "Donated by the Churches of Christ in Australia, to the Churches of

Christ in Western India." These words will remain for many to read as this vehicle moves about India. They express something of the bond of fellowship that is between our churches. No New Testament church ever received the gift of a Land Rover from a sister church, but it was this kind of giving that expressed the churches' love and fellowship for each other. It was possibly this kind of giving that prompted one to say, "See how these Christians love one another."

Transport is a very big problem here in India. In Shrigonda we are especially isolated. There is public transport of sorts but not very often and not very reliable. Without our own vehicle our work is greatly hindered. Our International has served us amazingly well over the past 21 years. It has taken missionaries and evangelists thousands of miles with the message of Christ. It has been used as an ambulance, a taxi, a literature van. We cannot tell how many lives have been saved because this vehicle has enabled sick people to get to hospital quickly. We cannot tell how many have heard the words of eternal life from its doors. This vehicle has probably carried many tons of books and gospels and tracts to all parts of India—a labour that will not be in vain. But now, after many years it is old and must be retired. Often it has been off the road

and we have been without transport. For years it has been in bad repair, nearly always calling for five-six men to push it to start. But those days are over. It is a pleasure to press the starter and hear the engine kick over. It is a new experience to drive without rattles and bone shattering bumps. Our minds, too, are at rest lest anyone should fall sick, or be injured and we are without transport to a doctor. So we thank God for every one who has played a part in making this vehicle a reality. It will be used for many works, chief of which will be the proclamation of the message of the gospel. May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

RAY VEAL.

P.S.—I couldn't understand why the Customs officers sent four husky men along with me when I went to collect the car. They had handed me the keys and let me sit in the driver's seat before they said, "We'll have to push it to the gate—half a mile away—as there is no petrol in the tank." So even new cars have to be pushed!

With the provision of the Land Rover Station Wagon, three new vehicles have been supplied and the Overseas Mission Board has given approval for the purchase of the fourth vehicle which is needed for the work at Baramati.

The suggestion has been made that if 30 groups each contributed \$100, sufficient finance would be available for the purchase of this vehicle.

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DECISION MAKING

There are two things I hope to convince you of my life: First—that I do not jump at a decision, but consider it from all sides, getting advice from every reliable source, and then reaching from the conflicting opinions my own decision. Second—that I am not led by others, even by a large majority, unless they happen to be in harmony with my standards of decision. Those standards are: (a) Holy Spirit, who guides in co-operation with (b) The Scriptures; (c) Reason—not feeling; (d) Conscience; (e) Providential events.

I have never regretted a decision that I made by these guiding standards. If you have them on your side what matters it though the whole world be against you, for God is then on your side and if God be for you who can be against you?—John R. Mott.



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MT. GAMBIER MINISTRY

(S.A.). After a five-year ministry T. R. Mason has tendered his resignation to the church to take effect from the end of the year . . . Planned evangelism programme has been launched under the leadership of K. D. Horne. Prior to the first guest service on April 28, about 80 people met for coffee. The film "Conversion Plus" was screened. . . . The B.S. held its "best ever" picnic at Karnkendi, the Presbyterian campsite at Nelson . . . A service of dedication was held for B.S. teachers and the church . . . The tennis club wound up the season's activities with a barbecue. B2 and D1 teams finished in third and fourth positions respectively. The church has entered teams in B2 and E Grades in girls' basketball . . . C.Y.F. has resumed after a year in recess. About 15 to 20 young people are involved . . . The church was host to the South Eastern District C.W.F. Conf. on May 1. Mrs. T. Sims, who works among mentally retarded children in this city, gave the address . . . Combined monthly services with the Presbyterians and Methodists are continuing.

MINISTRY CLOSES

(Col. Light Gdns., S.A.). A. G. Mathieson's ministry will close on May 19. He will assist the Overseas Mission Dept. for a few weeks with deputation work before taking up other duties. C. Cunningham will commence June 2, with an interim ministry for six months. T. R. Mason, now serving at Mt. Gambier, has accepted an invitation to commence a full-time ministry from Jan., 1969. . . . Classes in membership have been conducted in recent months and several decisions have been recorded in the past few weeks. Mr. Mathieson also conducted an experimental programme amongst the young people, wherein they meet for breakfast, with devotions, Bible study and discussion. These meetings, at his home, have proved very successful. His ministry has been greatly appreciated over the three years and the church regrets his leaving.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

MAY:
21—Woolwich College Second Term commences.
27—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal meeting, 10 a.m. at Burwood.

JUNE:
7—C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple, 11 a.m.
7-10—B.S. Workers' Guild "Seminar", "Camp Greenhalgh", Lake Illawarra.
17-22—Lay Institute For Evangelism, Paramatta District.
21-22—Newcastle & Northern Dist. Convention—Men's Camp, "Halifax Park", Nelson Bay.

VICTORIA

MAY:
EXPLORERS' SERVICE MONTH
24-25—TASMANIAN DISTRICT CONF.
31—Impact.
24-June 2—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
JUNE:
1—Impact (Country Programme).
2—Pentecost Sunday.
4—Explorer Mid-Year Tea and Meeting.
14-16—Good Companions' Leader Training Camp—Monbulk.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

PROMOTER FOR MISSIONS

(Robinvale, Vic.). Earle Chislett is sharing his experiences in N.G. with the church both in services and auxiliaries and private conversation. He went to Mayfield, N.S.W., to discuss sending a plough to the mission field . . . A suitcase was presented to Robyn Chislett as a farewell gift as she leaves us for Melbourne . . . Easter services, including combined service on Good Friday, were the best attended for some time . . . Recent speakers were Jim Rogerson and Gordon Chislett . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Staley in their recent bereavement—"Auntie Lil" Mott.

ANNIVERSARY CLIMAX

(Grote St., S.A.). Harold Norris is speaker at B.S. Anniversary. Appreciation was expressed in a presentation to Colin Pearce for leading the singing. Final session was climaxed with Dianne Clerke making her decision for Christ. . . . Miss Val Stubbins has been appointed as asst. organist . . . Attention is called to the special advertisement in this issue for special services on Prophecy and the Second Coming.

CRUSADE REFERRALS

(Telopea, N.S.W.). Full participation in Graham Crusade has resulted in a number of referrals being received . . . B. White is minister . . . Church members and friends shared in a camp at Halifax Park, Nelsons Bay, at Easter. Two of the B.S. staff in Mr. and Mrs. Stimson have been transferred to Melb. Mrs. Stimson has been Kinder. Supt. . . . 57 local Senior Citizens were entertained at luncheon prior to Mother's Day. Items were provided by church members. Several of the elderly folk are now worshipping with us and joining in other church activities . . . At the gospel services the average attendance is over 80 . . . Teenage B.S. classes held a weekend camp.

BIBLES FOR THE "CRUSADE"

(N.S.W.). The State Secretary of the B. & F.B.S., Rev. Alan F. Scott, B.E.M., recently shared in the Conference Session of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal. He has also intimated that a free gift of some 58,000 copies of the Gospel of John has been made available by the society in N.S.W. for distribution to new converts in connection with the Billy Graham Crusade and the "follow-up" classes.

YOUTH SURVEY

(Berri, S.A.). A look at youth work by youth director C. Dow proved successful . . . The minister, R. L. Baxter, was chaplain at Easter Camp at Barmera. Evening service was conducted by campers with Mr. Sercombe speaking. 130 young people attended after-church "sing song." . . . Church stewardship programme was conducted by Officers' Board. I. J. Chivell was speaker at stewardship dinner attended by 75 members. He also spoke at Thanksgiving service on April 21.

OVER \$3000 PROFIT

(The Patch, Vic.). On March 16 the church journeyed to Toorourrong by bus for the annual picnic . . . The annual business meeting elected H. Easton, Sec., R. Johnston, Treas., and A. E. Hurren, elder . . . Profit from the Opportunity Shop is now \$3,274.45, distribution being as follows: off The Patch church debt \$1,370; Ferntree Benevolent Society \$360; Support-a-Child (one in India, three at Carnarvon) \$210; help amongst the needy in our own district \$160.76; duplicator and typewriter \$215.20; Living Link (India) \$20; tools for Barry Baker at the Mission in New Hebrides \$25, with \$913.49 in hand . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray and Mr. E. Beament have been on the sick list. Members attended the memorial service to Mrs. Vera Price.

VISITOR FROM F.B.C.E.

(Collins Street, Hobart). Of particular interest has been the visit of Dr. K. Bowes on behalf of the Fed. Board of Christian Education . . . The cricket club concluded a very successful season with a church parade, with members participating. Guest speaker was Don Closs . . . Two audio visuals, "The Crucifixion," and "The Peace of Israel" have been shown . . . Some of the "younger set" attended Easter camp.

STRONG BRIGADES

(Devonport, Tas.). The Boys' Brigade paraded on March 24, and on April 28, 50 girls of Girls' Brigade paraded. Awards were presented. On 30th an open day for parents and friends of Cadets was held. 15 Pioneers of G.B. were in camp with leaders at Port Sorell . . . There were three baptisms and a decision on March 31 . . . During the Easter period Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were leaders at a camp held at Bicheno. 67 young people attended. On Easter Sunday evening a Billy Graham film was screened. Campers took part in the service on April 21 . . . A number of members attended the Billy Graham Landline Relay held in Launceston.

ELDERS LOST FROM FREMANTLE

(W.A.). On April 12, Elder S. G. Taylor passed away. Like Life Elder F. J. Vanstan, who pre-deceased him on March 31, he had been associated with the Fremantle church for over 65 years. At the morning service on April 21, Mr. Rees paid a tribute to these two men and challenged all to emulate their example of dedicated service. That evening a large congregation witnessed the baptism of seven young people who had been in a discipleship class, and heard the guest speaker, K. Maddern, present a special message to young people . . . The C.W.F. visited a local rest home for elderly ladies to present a programme of vocal items.

LANDLINE IN WEST

(Morawa, W.A.). Four Landline meetings of Leighton Ford Crusade were held. There were no decisions . . . Two who made decisions from Dalwallinu came to Morawa for baptism . . . Friendship meeting for April had the Home Science teacher as guest speaker who judged cakes for competition. Mrs. McIlwaine's devotional was based on "Taste and see that the Lord is good." . . . J. Gordon conducted Good Friday service and speakers on Easter Sunday were R. McLean and L. Fisher who were leaders of Youth Camp at farm of G. D. Carslake.

ON A.B.C. RADIO

"Vietnam—Hope or Despair?" Vaughan Hinton of the Aust. Council of Churches examines Christian services in Vietnam, especially in refugee camps. June 2, 2BL, 2NC, 3AR, 4QG, 5CL, 6WN, 7ZL, 2CY (7.30 a.m. E.T., 7 a.m., C.A.T., 7.50 a.m., W.A.T.).

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HOME FROM INDIA

(Unley, S.A.). A brotherhood welcome was given to Dr. and Mrs. Thornley Thomas after five years' service in India. The meeting was chaired by Unley's minister, R. V. Holmes, and there was a large representative gathering. Speakers expressed welcome on behalf of S.A. Conf., Women's Conf. and Overseas Missions Board and Committee . . . John Halbert has accepted position of General Supt. of S.S.

LIBRARY AS MEMORIAL

(Cheltenham, Vic.). The church is to create a living memorial to the life of V. C. Stafford in the form of a library. It will be known as the "V. C. Stafford Church Library." Architects' plans have been drawn up and many donations have been made in tribute to this fine man . . . The church is saddened at the death of Mrs. E. J. Wallington . . . 20 children from Gordon Boys' Homes have commenced S.S. with us . . . Church picnic was held at Carrum Beach on March 23 . . . 130 young people attended "Bayside '68" social . . . Intermediates held an 8.30 a.m. breakfast, followed by a special baptism service at 9.30 a.m. on April 7. . . . Many members attended the beautiful Maundy Thursday Communion service in the church lounge on April 11.

BIBLE SOCIETY WORKER PASSES

(N.S.W.). Mrs. A. Gibb, devoted member of the church at Auburn, and formerly a well-known worker with the B. & F.B.S. in the Sydney offices and bookrooms, died recently. Mrs. Gibb was the wife of the late "Scotty" Gibb who was associated some years ago with E. C. Hinrichsen as song leader and personal worker in evangelistic campaigns in N.S.W.

POTENTIAL AT SOUTH PERTH

(W.A.). All folk attending the evening services at South Perth in March were asked to fill in attendance cards. The result revealed 169 different people, non-members, who attended at least one of the meetings.

The minister, George Wood, selected 72 of these folk who were entertained at a Discipleship Tea on April 21 by church officers and their families. Implications of decision for Christ and church membership were outlined to the guests. The result of the venture is now being awaited.

THE FORD LINE

(Bunbury, W.A.). Local churches combined for the Leighton Ford Crusade. 400 attended the chicken supper with the film "The Restless Ones." 600 attended the landline meetings. There were 11 inquiries. Our minister, G. B. Carslake, was in charge of counselling and follow-up . . . Mr. Carslake has been released to do visitation work in the Manjimup-Bridgetown area every two months until a resident minister is secured . . . The men's basketball team

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. . . Basketball teams had tea at the church and after attending evening service shared fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton . . . 44 attended annual gift evening arranged by afternoon C.W.F. on May 2. Total receipts of \$38 to be given to Home and Overseas Missions. Mr. and Mrs. David Brook spoke and showed slides of mission work in Japan . . . The second Sunday afternoon Seminar on May 5, with paper and discussion on "What the Bible Teaches—On Family Life."

finished third in its first season . . . Five attend church services from the brotherhood-owned aged persons' home units at Eleanora Villas . . . Padre Andrews of the local Flying Angel Mission to Seamen spoke to the C.W.F. recently . . . A Back-to-Bunbury is planned for June 1-3 to celebrate the completion of a new \$15,000 hall.

W.A. ON A.B.C.

(Subiaco). Our church presented the "Community Hymn Singing" on the A.B.C. on April 28 . . . The C.W.F. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Black to see a movie film of our mission fields in New Guinea, New Hebrides and India and also slides presented by Ron McLean.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). The minister, C. G. Taylor, is now convalescing at home after two operations and two months in hospital. Church is indebted to guest preachers and to elders, deacons and all who undertook extra responsibilities to maintain the church's work effectively . . . Church youth auxiliaries took part in local council's "Youth Spectacular" programme . . . D. Bamford, J. Saxby and A. Williams are new members on Official Board . . . Chartered buses took members to Graham Crusade. Follow-up and discipleship classes are being held for local inquirers and contacts . . . Girls' basketball team is having successful season . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. Bloore left for overseas trip, May 3. Mrs. Bloore is Women's Federal President, and will return in time for Federal Conference.

NEW ORGAN

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The church has purchased a new electronic organ, with over one-third of the amount already promised by members . . . A Fellowship Tea was held for members to meet Mr. and Mrs. I. Nixon. Mr. Nixon is assisting with a Sunday ministry . . . C.W.E.F. meetings have included a visit to the Mentally Retarded Children's Occupation Centre, and a games evening with ladies from the Presbyterian Church as guests . . . A good representation attended Southern District Women's Conference at Victor Harbour. Mrs. R. Watts is president . . . A. C. Page is home again and slowly improving in health following a serious illness. Mrs. Lind and Miss C. Phillips have returned to their homes following hospitalisation . . . Mrs. Morphet recently celebrated her 94th birthday.

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MINISTER

IS A.L.P.

CANDIDATE



Haydn Sargent, Church of Christ minister, has been endorsed as the Australian Labour Party candidate for the seat of Ashgrove in the next Queensland State election. He will oppose Mr. Tooth, the present State Health Minister.

Following his ministry at Annerley, Mr. Sargent has been on the staff at Channel O TV station in Brisbane. In the week that his endorsement for Ashgrove was announced he was given written notice that his daily current affairs

and interview programme "Look" would end and that his service would be terminated.

Although the channel's operations manager said that it was a case of re-programming, an A.L.P. spokesman said that the dismissal was "blatant and political discrimination."

Mr. Sargent, who is married with four children, still serves as a minister at weekends. His future plans are not known.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

Please join us in daily prayer for:

1. Federal Aborigines' Missions, directed by the Board in W.A. through the faithful leadership of the Federal Secretary, David G. Hammer, in the work at Carnarvon, Norseman and Esperance, as well as the care of native people in Vic., Qld. and N.S.W.

2. The plans of the Arrangements Committee for Federal Conference, Sydney, Oct. 16-22.

3. The vital "follow-up" work in N.S.W. resulting from the victories of the Billy Graham Crusade, especially as it effects our own churches in Sydney and suburbs—and also on the country Landlines.

4. The newly-elected leaders of the brotherhood in N.S.W., Conf. Pres. Harold M. Long, of Epping, and State Pres. of the C.W.F., Mrs. R. D. Main, of Warrawong.

5. The students of the Woolwich Bible College, in their ministry among the student-churches, week by week and especially as they give practical implementation to the things learned at the recent "School of Evangelism."

6. The quiet, unobtrusive folk in all of our churches throughout our Commonwealth who are used by the Lord in faithful service, in floral ministries, in church cleaning activities, in musical and vocal contributions in worship, in leading societies, clubs, Bible study groups and kindred unspectacular tasks, and in personal witnessing.

N.S.W. BROADCASTS

Station 2CH, Sydney, in connection with the N.S.W. Council of Churches, announce the following: Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m., Fri., May 10, Bruce Armstrong, L.Th., Dip.R.E., Director of Christian Educ.; Wed., May 22, Tues., June 4, Sat., June 15, and Thurs., June 27, Franklyn Elliott, B.A., of Caringbah.

Sunday Service: Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m., Church of Christ, Marrickville, R. C. Dixon.

ASHWOOD HOUSE CELEBRATION

Memories of the historic occasion of 30 years ago were revived and interim happenings recounted on April 19, when 133 women met at Pendle Hill to join in a Thanksgiving service for Ashwood House.

Only 16 of these had been present when this home for aged women was presented to the N.S.W. Women's Conference by Miss F. M. Ashwood on April 18, 1938.

Over the years devoted women have served on a committee governing the management of the home. Words of thanks and appreciation were spoken to them by our Federal President, Mrs. Bloore.

An article from "The Christian Messenger" of August, 1938, read by Mrs. Mackenzie, reminded us of those who had laid the foundations and donated

MISSIONARIES ON THE BORDER

(Albury, Wodonga, Lavington). The church has enjoyed fellowship with visiting missionaries, including nursing Sisters Beryl Winch, and Grace Grisswood of Carnarvon, Rosalie Rofe of New Guinea, and Helen Johnstone, candidate for missionary nursing service with S.I.M., Ethiopia. Mr. Willis, Leprosy Mission, and Ed. Smith, W.E.C., were also here . . . Joy and John Prossor were farewelled after two years' service in youth work . . . The C.W.F. afternoon group (Albury and Wodonga) and the evening group (Lavington) are giving emphasis to prayer and personal evangelism . . . Members shared in the Life and Witness classes held as preparation for the Graham Crusade Landline meetings . . . Russell Craig is minister.

REMOTE CONTROL

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church took part in the Dr. Billy Graham Campaign in Sydney through direct Landline, the united meetings being in the local Savoy Theatre for the entire campaign, April 20-28 . . . The church received with regret the news that Ray Kennedy, a radio and television announcer, would be leaving the district having accepted a similar position at Orange. The minister, L. E. Wylie, expressed the good wishes of the congregation and made a presentation . . . The Taree church welcomed 37 visitors at the Easter weekend.

the original furnishings. Today some of these costs have increased tenfold.

Mrs. Dickson presented leading questions to some of the notable committee personnel—past and present—and in reply Miss Ashwood told of the vision of her own mother and others of her day, and of how the dream was brought to fruition. Mrs. Larcombe, a member of the committee for 20 years, described the home's contribution as "wonderful" and others traced its development over the years. We are challenged by the needs and this year the C.W.F. is making Ashwood House the object of its "Special Effort."

Baskets of flowers were presented to Miss Ashwood, Mrs. Hall, secretary now for 16 years, and to Mrs. Bloore as a token of loving farewell as she goes abroad. Our hearts were all in tune with Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Kirby as they culminated the occasion by singing "Thanks be to God."

SIX MORE BAPTISMS

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). Six additional baptisms make a total of 23 since March 31, 1968. In an endeavour to follow the New Testament pattern, commitments are being made in the home, then after a confession of faith in Christ has been declared at the conclusion of the gospel service, candidates are baptized immediately. Follow-up is being carried out by mature Christians who are nurturing the new disciples . . . Gospel services from May 12 will commence at 5 p.m.

12 GO VISITING

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). Twelve members joined in Threshold Visitation for the Billy Graham Crusade. A number attended the Life and Witness classes and several were appointed as counselors. Buses were chartered to attend the Saturday meetings at Sydney Showground, and all other meetings were heard by landline relays . . . Among many visitors have been the Conf. Pres., P. H. Morton, who addressed the church, and Miss Noela Mobbs, our Living Link from New Guinea . . . A family tea organised by the B.S. enabled many parents to attend the evening service . . . Young people attended Easter Camp at Lake Macquarie.

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STIRLING CELEBRATES CENTURY OF SERVICE

One hundred years of service in the Hills district was celebrated by the Stirling Church of Christ on March 17. A special day of celebration was held at which pages of history were turned back.

(S.A.). A family communion service was conducted by the minister, Ivan Hull, and attended by 180 people. Among those present was a one-time minister of the church, Mr. Theo Edwards.

At the afternoon meeting a tableau "Even a Motor Bike" was presented to about 350 people. The tableau was a series of scenes depicting the church's history. The title referred to a minister of the church, Robert Harkness, who in 1907 travelled the district on a motor bike.

Among those present were Cr. S. W. Rogers, chairman of Stirling District Council, and Mrs. Rogers, Sir Phillip Messent of Unley Church of Christ (President of World Convention), Stan Neighbour (President of Churches of Christ Conf.) past ministers of Stirling church and members.

At the evening service greetings were read, one being from Mrs. J. E. Thomas of Melbourne, whose late husband was a minister of the church.

A display of old photographs, antiques, paper reports, etc., added interest to the proceedings.

FIRST MEETING IN 1867

According to a history of the Stirling Church of Christ, compiled by Mr. Hull, at the first meeting held in Feb.,

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Miss Hammond presided over the April meeting and welcomed Mrs. Bone from Victoria, Mrs. Verco from Bordertown and Mrs. Burford from Naracoorte.

On doctor's orders, Mrs. Lawrance tendered her resignation and she will surely be missed from this work that she loves so dearly.

The financial statement included a record of the \$70 which was the prize-money for receiving first prize for the Flower Day exhibit during the Festival of Arts. Mrs. Jean Taylor can receive our thanks for the arranging of this in the name of Women's Conference. Thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie who arranged the beautiful trough in the non-competitive section.

Nominations for the Federal panel are now open. From the recent voting for the Federal presidency, the leaders for the Federal panel will be: Pres., Mrs. A. Jones and vice-pres., Mrs. J. Cunningham.

This meeting was an all-day conference and the women discussed matters for which a morning business session does not always allow time.

1867, a fund was established to support an evangelist.

On Jan. 2, 1868, a fund for building a chapel was established by the transfer of £1 from "church" funds.

The deed covering the purchase of a block on 16/3/1868 records S. Kidner, Z. Batt, R. K. Spotswood, T. Hussion, W. Bruce and Mr. P. D. Pranker and Mrs. L. H. Pranker as trustees purchasing land from Robert Stuckey Esq. and Rev. George Henry Farr. The conveyance upon trust was "for the erection of a chapel and use of all persons being members of the Church of Christian Disciples." The purchase price was five pounds sterling.

PIONEER

James W. Webb was the first minister, but Dr. Samuel Kidner was the pioneer. Many references have been made to his work in the records.

A presentation of books was made to him, obviously an expression of appreciation to the pioneer unpaid evangelist.

Other reports show that he was involved in the work of pioneering churches at Two Wells, Mallala, Willunga and Fulham (Henley Beach). His name frequently occurs in accounts of the early work of Churches of Christ in South Australia.

STRATHALBYN BAPTISMS

(S.A.). On Easter Sunday two young girls were baptized. J.C.E. and I.C.E. shared in the C.E. Rally at Woodside Methodist Church . . . Trevor Lawrie, of Victor Harbour, was speaker at Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 17. Goods were given to the Rest Home, St. George's, and the girls' hostel . . . The second Hills Christian Youth Rally was held at Echunga with Rev. I. Clarkson as speaker . . . Many members attended the Leighton Ford Crusade in Adelaide . . . The C.W.F. held a bridal evening featuring old and new wedding and bridesmaids' dresses . . . Good Friday service was in the Presbyterian church.

ADDITIONS AT FLINDERS PK.

(S.A.). Three teenage girls were baptized on April 14 . . . On April 10 C.W.F. gave a dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Prime on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary . . . The month of May will feature special follow-up meetings after the Leighton Ford Crusade.

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Mr. and Mrs. Les Quarmbly, from Wagga; Leigh Drew, from Bentleigh; Wilfred Bee, from Charlestown, to Mayfield, N.S.W.

Mrs. Heard, from Maidstone, to Parkdale, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Susan Sparrow to A. Cunningham; Diedre Brand to T. Williams, Colonel Light Gardens, S.A.

Linda Morris to Doug Macarthur, Telopea, N.S.W.

Wendy Porter to Gerry Commerford, Mayfield, N.S.W.

Lyndel Forsyth to Graeme Crutchfield; Marlene Hall to Desmond Munday, East Kew, Vic.

Faye Turpie to Brian Crozier, Red Cliffs, Vic.

Marion Warmbrunn to Peter Jones; Glenice Berthelsen to Bruce Vout, Dandenong, Vic.

Adele Blain to Douglas McCubbin, Moreland, Vic.

Diana Kilpatrick to Jim Parker, Stirling East, S.A.

Janice Margaret White to Gary Owen Mills, Broken Hill, S.A.

Wendy Chester to David Vickers, Colac, Vic.

Veronica Wishart to Roger Leaney, Grote St., Adelaide.

Robyn Chislett to Kenneth Geyer, Robinvale, Vic.

DEATHS

C. Skuse, Col. Light Gdns., S.A.

W. Toogood, Dandenong, Vic.

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Mrs. Louie Ferguson, Essendon, Vic.

Mrs. Sophie Mitchell, Box Hill, Vic.

Mrs. E. E. Mott, Robinvale, Vic.

BIRTHS

FISHER (Chatley).—Dawn and Ron are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Dean Ronald at St. Andrew's Hospital, Melbourne, on May 5.

ROGERS (O'Bree).—At Swan Hill on May 7, to Marj. and Bob. God's gift of twins. A daughter—Hayley Jan—and a son—Darren Keith.

ENGAGEMENTS

CRISP-McALLEY.—The engagement is announced of Helen Maree, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Crisp, The Manse, 426 St. George's-rd., Thornbury, to Peter Philip, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. McAlley, 21 Myrtle Grove, Reservoir.

HARRIS-WEATHERHEAD.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Weatherhead have much pleasure in joining Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris in announcing the engagement of Marilyn and Alan.

ILIFF-STEELE.—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Iliff, 27 Fifth-st., Eildon, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Judith, to George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Steele, of 38 Clyde-st., Box Hill, Vic.

McLEOD-SOUTH.—Mr. and Mrs. R. McLeod, 230 Dowling-st., Wendouree, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter, Joy Elizabeth, to Terry Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. South, 45 Robert-st., Tamworth, N.S.W. Both are students at Kenmore Christian College, Queensland.

RUBY WEDDING

MARKS-BALLOCH.—Bob and Melville announce with pleasure, the 40th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated on May 12, 1928, at Gardiner Church of Christ, by the late Ralph Gebbie.—Present address, 16 Foam-st., Rosebud, Vic., 3939.

APPRECIATION

I WOULD like to express my thanks to the Matron, Sisters and staff of the Christian Guest Home, for their kindness and understanding during my brother's illness. And for their continued care of his wife.—N. Collyer.

TAYLOR.—The sons (Geoff., Cliff., Len.) and daughters (Betty, Kathleen) of the late Samuel George Taylor, 8 Pilbarra-st., South Fremantle, W.A., desire to thank all who in various ways have paid their tribute to "a fine Christian gentleman," now "forever with the Lord" whom he served so faithfully for many years. They thank God for the priceless heritage of godly parents, who brought them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

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BATTY.—On May 3, Thomas Edward, of West Preston, dear friend of Bert and Merle Watson, loved Uncle Tom of Bev., Peg., Richard and Geoff. "Till we meet again."

MOTT.—On May 2, at Elgar Private Hospital, Box Hill, Elizabeth Emily, beloved wife of George Albert; loved step-mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Staley), Colin, Hazel (Mrs. Hilman, dec.), and Joan (Mrs. Scott); loved step mother-in-law of Allen, Myrtle, Ron (dec.) and Don; fond Auntie Lill to 14 grandchildren. "At rest."

HILL, Robert Hugh.—On May 10, at P.A.N.C.H., of 5 Harry-st., Thornbury, late of Maryborough and Ararat, dearly loved husband of Effie, loved father of Dorothy (Mrs. Weir, Perth, W.A.), Thelma (Mrs. Bell, Terang), Alan (Glen Waverley), Esmá (Mrs. Verdon, Ararat), Evelyn (Mrs. Bryant, Ararat); loved father-in-law of Neil (dec.), Allan, Joyce, Jack V., and Jack B. Loved Pa of 12 grandchildren. "Till we meet again."

IN MEMORIAM

KEATS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Pearl Alma, May 20, 1962, and Dad, Albert Orton, March 8, 1966. "Always remembered."—Myra, Laurie, Barry, Rodney and Jeffrey Ladgrove.

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April 20-28 were days crammed with thrilling anticipation and rejoicing — anticipation of victories won for Christ in the preaching of the gospel, and rejoicing in the fact accomplished through the clear and obvious manifestation of the power of the Spirit of God.

EAGER EXPECTATION

Thousands of workers were involved in preparatory days, giving of their best. Over four weeks 12,000 people attended classes in the city and suburbs to train as counsellors. These were conducted by Dan Piatt and Henry Holley and were called "Christian Life and Witness" classes.

There was also the task of training the huge choir, the preparation of the Showgrounds by a large army of workers, and the spiritual lead given by the hundreds of small yet obviously effective prayer groups.

POWERFUL PRESENTATION

This was a characteristic we have come to associate with the Graham team. The fervent Biblical preaching of Mr. Graham, together with the glorious singing of George Beverley Shea and the choir of 2,500 voices under the leadership of Cliff Barrows, with Tedd Smith at the piano and John Innes at the organ—all combined to make for a powerful presentation of the gospel. The crusade attracted even greater crowds

than in 1959. Beginning on the opening Saturday evening with a record first-night gathering of 34,000, the meetings swelled to the gigantic Sunday afternoon service that packed the Sydney Showground with over 100,000 people and overflowed into the adjacent Cricket Ground. Total attendances for the week reached the colossal figure of approximately 418,000. In all of the nine meetings some 22,420 inquirers came forward for commitment to Christ. About 80 per cent of those who responded were young people under the age of 25 years.

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

A feature of the crusade was the excellent coverage provided by the Sydney newspapers—"The Sydney Morning Herald," "The Daily Telegraph," "The Mirror," and the "Sun-Herald," and the splendid publicity given by television stations Channel 2 and 10.

Simultaneously with the crusade a most vital part of the team's effort was the organisation of the School of Evangelism which catered mainly for students from ministerial colleges and continued throughout the week under the direction of Dr. Nelson—with Dr. Roy Gustafson, Dr. Akbar Haqq and Dr. John Wesley White.

FAITHFUL FOLLOW-UP

This has been the activity of all concerned in the crusade concluded. In fact, crusades conducted by the Billy Graham team present certain notable challenges:

(1) **The Power of Preaching**—and that the proclamation of the simple gospel, the positive Word of God, brings results today just as it did in the 1st Century.

(2) **The Power of Prayer**—and that the vast impact of prayer-backing is

used by the Holy Spirit to bring victory and glad rejoicing into thousands of lives.

(3) **The Positive Value of Organisation**—and that organisation and publicity in its wide and varied ramifications involves a huge supporting band of consecrated workers in sincere, spiritual activity.

(4) **The Positive Value of Follow-up**—and that the new convert must be constantly kept in close contact with the fellowship of the Church. Perhaps the most significant thing about the Billy Graham organisation is its Follow-up programme.

Possibly more than anything else their contribution to modern evangelism has been in this hitherto neglected field. This most recent crusade in Sydney, as well as the many other similar campaigns in other parts of the Commonwealth and throughout the world, has shown clearly that it is not enough to plan a special effort and by preaching to lead men and women to Christ. Those whose lives have been touched by the Spirit of God must be spiritually integrated into the Christian continuum — the warm, vigorous, witnessing fellowship of other Christians. Hence it is imperative that Christian nurture in the fellowship of the Church, in the practical, local sphere of daily community life—be the atmosphere of growth into which new converts are plunged. This nurture and fellowship, leading gradually to real spiritual maturity, is as compellingly important today as it was in the churches of the New Testament. Babies in Christ must be fed and cared for until they become strong witnessing channels of the Spirit of the Living God. The Sydney Crusade has awakened us more than ever to this need and enlivened and stimulated us in this task.

Because of this enriching experience there are many who are no longer merely satisfied to save their consciences by "talking about" evangelism in comfortable armchair complacency of "discussion-group-ism"—but who also have become "living letters" seen and read in the hubbub and turmoil of daily community life. And this is all of God. His Spirit has breathed through it all. We can do no other than fall at his feet in grateful acknowledgment, crying from the depths of our hearts, "How Great Thou Art!"

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(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). Hampstead Road Baptist Church combined with us for Good Friday communion service. Our Mr. Williams presided and Mr. Asser (Baptist) gave the address . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Morialta Reserve on April 6 . . . Thanksgiving for harvest and industry was given special emphasis on March 31. Goods displayed were given to Morialta Children's Homes . . . A. N. Bright and M. F. Parker have been re-elected as elders . . . A special youth service and sports parade held on April 21 had several young people taking part. M. D. Williams gave the message.

"THE PROTOTYPE"

(Inglewood, W.A.). A reading of the play "The Prototype" was given at the gospel service prior to Easter . . . A committee of auxiliary leaders is meeting with the elders bi-monthly . . . The B.S. raised \$18.50 for B. & F. Bible Society . . . J. Cranwell, E. Wortlehook, K. Eaton were elected as elders . . . The basketball club has entered two men's, one women's and one boys' team is this year's competition . . . Trevor Woodward is to enter National Service in May . . . Ladies ran a successful "Trip to Iceland" film evening . . . Four women are attending Social Service Dept. training course.

INTERSTATE NEWS

JOHN BIRT AT YOUTH SERVICE-

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). About 20 teenagers from nearby homes attended a youth service at which John Birt, captain-coach of West Torrens Football Club, was the speaker. A fellowship supper was held afterwards . . . Mrs. Morris is Pres. and Mrs. Page re-elected as Sec. of C.W.F. . . . A choir has been formed to sing monthly at gospel services . . . An "Over 21" group is meeting bi-monthly. Thirty were at the first meeting . . . Prior to the Leighton Ford Crusade, visitation was carried out by church members, inviting others to attend. Buses left the church for each meeting. Three boys from the B.S. were inquirers at the crusade . . . An informal picnic was held in the East Parklands on Anzac Day.

CRUSADE CONTACTS

(Canley Heights, N.S.W.). The Billy Graham Crusade was attended by many folk and the impact is being felt by the church with quite a number of contacts coming in . . . The women's work is growing . . . At the Girls' Brigade annual church parade the company and individual members presented excellent items . . . The Boys' Brigade have conducted a very successful camp and church parade. At this service two young men made decisions . . . The Youth Fellowship continues to grow in number . . . Mrs. F. Stimson and Mrs. Dalziel are now able to attend services after illness.

H. R. FITCH AT MERREDIN

(W.A.). H. R. Fitch has commenced ministry in Merredin . . . The 10th Anniversary of the opening of the chapel has been observed. Anniversary tea was followed by slides of the work at Carnarvon Mission . . . 30 to 40 girls are attending Girls' Club . . . The new church hall is in course of erection . . . Attendances for both services and offerings for the corresponding period last year have increased.

S.A. AUXILIARY TO B. & F.B.S.

Annual General Meeting of the B. & F.B.S. on Friday, May 31, at the Girl Guides' Hall, 278 South Terrace, Adelaide, commencing at 6 p.m. with a buffet tea, and concluding by 8 p.m. Following tea, the speaker at an inspirational service will be S. Russell Baker, the newly appointed Acting Secretary of the society in S.A. Musical items will be provided.

R.S.V.P. to Bible House, 133 Rundle Street, Adelaide, 5000, or telephone 23 3833, by May 24, to assist catering arrangements would be appreciated.

NORTH ADELAIDE (Kermode St.). Chas. Schwab gave the message on May 5. Colin Stock is now giving the monthly prophecy address . . . Messages are being given in The Jew, Israel and the Coming of the Lord . . . B. W. Manning is still able to conduct the morning service.

DEACONESS ON BOARD

(Broken Hill, N.S.W.). At the annual meeting two deaconesses were elected to the Board, which now comprises elder and chairman N. Sonsie, treasurer, G. Lee; secretary, Mrs. N. Sonsie and five others . . . D.C.E. Director, C. Dow, visited the church in April to discuss youth matters and a planned evangelism programme . . . Two young men were baptized at night. The film "Man in Fifth Dimension" was shown on Easter Sunday night to over 120 . . . The minister, R. C. Sack, was chairman of Landline Committee for Sydney Crusade and successful local meetings were held . . . The proposed Stewardship Campaign has been postponed till later in the year . . . After a long illness, Mrs. Sack has recovered and is taking active interest in church work.

HELPING AT EMMAUS

(Maidstone, Vic.). Several members have been taking part in services at Emmaus Christian Rest Home . . . Several of our ladies attended Women's Conference, St. Kilda Town Hall . . . Sporting activities still going strong, but lack encouragement from parents . . . Easter service was presided over by Mr. Patterson, helped by his son. Mr. Geake and his son assisted.

LOSS FROM MORELAND

(Vic.). All members were saddened at the death of Mrs. E. M. Nicholls after rendering 47 years of service to the church. The church extends its deepest sympathy to the family . . . Mrs. C. Macdonald and Mrs. E. M. Taylor are home after periods of hospitalisation . . . The S.S. picnic was held on Anzac Day at Waringal Park, Heidelberg.



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FOR THIRD YEAR

(Tootgarook, Vic.). Student minister, D. Good, is serving his third year as weekend minister . . . At the annual meeting the church decided to send a gift of finance to assist Bob Williams in his service to the Aborigines in W.A. . . . 30 young people and leaders attended a very successful weekend youth camp at Shoreham. On returning to church for tea and service the film "Clockmaker's Secret" was screened.

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

(Balwyn, Vic.). The Balwyn Wesleyan Methodist Church joined us for evening service to witness the baptism of their minister's son, Ron Wilson, together with Ian Johnston and Lindsay Swan of our congregation. Ron Wilson will receive "Apprentice of the Year" award from the Duke of Edinburgh . . . Church members entertained Elderly Citizens with P.S.A. . . . Mrs. Walsh and family have moved to Adelaide. C. Carr has returned to the U.S.A. Jim Burns has had period of illness in Calcutta Hospital. Mr. Warmbrunn continues to improve.

"YOUTH FOR CHRIST" RESULTS

(Dandenong, Vic.). Five young people made decisions at the evening service on April 28 conducted by a "Youth for Christ" team . . . The "Campbell Singers" sang here in March, when one young man came forward. Recent speakers have been A. Fletcher, missionary-elect to New Hebrides . . . Miss Wendy Reveleigh has returned after three years in Canada . . . The elders and church members gave a quiet party to H. S. Ritchie for his 90th birthday and for E. F. Badenhop for his 94th. The latter still attends church . . . The Good Companions held a cake stall outside the church to raise money for Jack and Barbara Edwards of the New Hebrides . . . On April 21 the congregation attended the "United Gospel Witness" at the Melb. Town Hall. Regular interesting letters are being received from our Miss Mina Burgermeister who is a voluntary teacher in the New Hebrides . . . Sunday night services will be held at 5 p.m. for June, July and August . . . Mrs. Dot Pearson is in St. Vincent's Hospital after being hit by a car.

SECRETARY FAREWELLED

(Colac, Vic.). A social evening was held on April 27 to farewell our secretary, Tony Jerome, who moves to Wangaratta. He will be a great loss to the work of Colac. He was presented with a travelling rug . . . On May 5 a Ballarat team took the meeting. F. C. Hunting preached at both services. The visitors shared with us in a fellowship tea. Two Ballarat girls helped evening service with music and solos. The help of these folk is greatly appreciated . . . Miss B. Carrs is now our church organist.

EIGHT DECISIONS

(Reservoir, Vic.). In the past weeks there have been at least eight decisions. Two young ladies were baptized at special youth services on May 5. A young man made the Good Confession. Splendid support was given by young Endeavourers, together with Y.P. Musical Group . . . Mr. Fennell is in P.A.N.C.H. Prayers of the church are with him . . . G. Harrison, minister from Swan Hill, recently addressed morning worship . . . Evening after-church singalongs are proving a valuable source of witness especially with young people . . . C.W.F. recently made visit to Barton House, Reservoir, Old Folks' Home, when gifts were distributed for Mothers' Day . . . Special service on Mothers' Day included a "household" baptism.

DAWN SERVICE

(Croydon, Vic.). C.M.F. held usual Dawn Service on Easter Sunday at the property of Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, enjoying their usual breakfast served by Mrs. Bullen . . . Many members attended the United Gospel Service at Melb. Town Hall on April 21. 11 men attended the Men's Conference Dinner at Coles' Cafeteria . . . Young Marrieds' meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Becker . . . A baptismal service was held on April 28 . . . Mrs. Bullen has undergone surgery. Sister Bernice Gairns has moved to Perth, W.A. to further her nursing experience . . . Explorer boys paraded on May 5 . . . Prayer meetings continue to be held in the homes each week.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Anderson

The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Anderson on March 20 at the age of 86 years. Mrs. Anderson was born at Hambdon, Mackay, and lived the whole of her life in this district. He joined the Church of Christ during the Hinrichsen-Morris mission in 1937, and since that time has always taken an active interest in all church activities, rarely missing attendance at the Lord's Table. For some time she had not enjoyed good health, and was taken to the Mackay Base Hospital. She was preserved from suffering, and in a few short hours peacefully "fell asleep" in Jesus. The lives of all who have known Mrs. Anderson have been enriched by her gracious Christian character and example. We thank God for having known one who worshipped and served Him so well.—E.W.N.

Ernest Hansen Duus

Ernie Duus, one of the most well-known and civic minded men died after a long illness. Right up to the time of his death on April 2, aged 73, he was actively associated with public organisations and the church. He was particularly well known in three circles, hospital administration, a Trades Hall delegate, and a Justice of the Peace. He was also active in church life and occupied pulpits in two of Bendigo's major churches. For the past 30 years Mr. Duus served on the Committee of Management of the Bendigo Base Hospital. He was twice honoured with its presidency. He was also a member of the Cancer Institute Board. He was a member of the Victorian Country Hospitals Association and was its president for the past two years. Born at Chewton he served his apprenticeship in boiler making at Castlemaine, then joined the V.R. workshop in Bendigo. He was keenly interested in union affairs, was appointed delegate to the Trades Hall Council, and was three times elected T.H.C. president. As a Justice of the Peace Mr. Duus served regularly in the courts. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Masonic choir. During World War II Mr. Duus served as a volunteer, working in the Railways servicing troop trains in Central Australia. This active man has held all positions within the life and witness of the church that it is possible to hold. The Bendigo churches recently honoured him by making him elder emeritus. A description of a man in the N.T. fits Ernie Duus perfectly. Of Barnabas it is said, "He was a good man full of the Holy Spirit." Mr. Duus was a good man on whom the Spirit of God rested. His field of service could be said to be the world, and he gave a long life to serve Christ in every way that opened to him. In all this he was the humblest of men. His practical Christian faith enabled him to bear many personal disappointments with fortitude. His life is the admiration of us all. He spoke freely concerning his coming death. For him dying was not something that happens to a man but something he does. He looked

upon his death as a home call. His preparation for the future was beautiful to see, and having prepared, he trusted in the goodness of God. His two children have pre-deceased him but the church extends sympathy to his wife who survives him. Crowded services at the church and graveside were conducted by the minister R. Pritchard.

Mrs. Margaret Hall

Mrs. Hall died on April 3, 1968 in her 95th year. She was born on Hindmarsh Island in 1873, daughter of Donald McBeath, a devout Presbyterian. Margaret McBeath was married to George Hall in Goolwa, 1896. There were three children, two died in early life. Mrs. May Fox is the sole surviving daughter. In 1909 Mrs. Hall committed her life to Christ during the ministry of the late J. T. Train. She immediately became active in the church specialising in C.E. work as Supt. and organist. The J.C.E. commenced with 10 members and increased to 24 in a year. The J.C.E. made garments for Pentecost Mission. Mrs. Hall continued her long membership with Goolwa church for 59 years. She was active in ladies' guild and all church work. She presented a beautiful Christian witness. She gave hospitality to many visiting preachers. Although many sorrows entered her life she remained loyal to her Lord. In later years increasing age and much sickness prevented her attendance at church. Her devotion and faith never wavered. Her latter years were lived with her daughter, Mrs. Fox, receiving Christian loving care and attention. Stan Neighbour, S.A. Conf. Pres., who knew her well in his early life at Goolwa, conducted the funeral service at the crematorium and paid a well-deserved tribute. Her husband predeceased her about 26 years ago. Her daughter, Mrs. Fox, is also a member of Goolwa church although living in Adelaide. In her younger days Mrs. Hall's home gave hospitality to many of our visiting preachers. Church offers sincere Christian sympathy and love to her daughter.—Arthur Neighbour.

James Hancock

In 1878 James Hancock was born at Fryerstown in Victoria near Castlemaine, of Methodist parentage. After a period in W.A. he came to Melbourne. At Newmarket he became interested in Churches of Christ largely through the friendly disposition of the people and became a member. He lived at Greensborough, Moonee Ponds, Footscray, Ashburton and Olinda and had association with various churches, but in more recent years with Hartwell and Montrose. He loved the open spaces, the trees, the garden, his family and the church. "Sundays are always a red-letter day to us, so full of blessing." He was an ardent conversationalist, a man of conviction and yet always with a mind open to new truth. God gave him many years of enjoyable living. Quoting the Psalms and having in mind the home he loved in the Dandenongs, he wrote, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord." He died in his 90th year, ready to go, and victorious in his faith. Two daughters,

Mrs. Lindsay McDonald and Mrs. Neville Ross, are members at Hartwell and together with Nana, his widow, sorrow but in sure hope of the resurrection. The writer conducted the services at the funeral parlours and at Springvale.

—H. J. Patterson

Harry Bransby Holmes.

Harry Holmes died on April 21 at the age of 63. It was in a Hinrichsen Tent Mission, during 1938, that Harry Holmes put on Christ in baptism, and became a member of the Dawson St. Church, Ballarat. His wife, Esther, also joined the church during this same mission. Thus began 30 years of faithful loyalty to the Lord. During the ministry of W. W. Saunders, Harry, although a cabinet maker and a joiner by trade, was persuaded to become church treasurer. This proved to be an excellent decision, and for 21 years, until ill health made it impossible for him to carry on, Mr. Holmes proved to be a most efficient and reliable treasurer. Of quiet and retiring disposition, both in his business life and in the church, he was greatly respected and loved. The real quality of his Christian faith was brought out when, eight years ago, he was stricken with the disease which eventually caused his death. There were times when he suffered acutely, and his battle with weakness and pain was constant, yet he worked for as long as he could, and when unable to do so, exhibited a wonderful Christian spirit of triumph over bodily pain and weakness. To Mrs. Esther Holmes, Jill (Mrs. Ballinger), Gail (Mrs. Spark), Mrs. Myrtle Williams, and other members of the family, we extend our sincere Christian sympathies.—F.C.H.

Eva Mary Nicholls

Moreland members were shocked and saddened by the sudden home call of Mrs. Nicholls on April 20 after more than 60 years' membership with Churches of Christ. She joined the church at Bet Bet, as Eva Sewell, and 54 years ago, married Joe Nicholls there. They came to Melbourne in 1919, spent two years at Hawthorn, then came to Moreland where the family has continued in fellowship for 47 years. For half her life she carried a physical handicap which resulted from a simple accident, but it did not deter her from regular attendance at the Lord's House. In later years she carried an illness which few knew about, she kept it hidden under a cheerful disposition. Mrs. Nicholls' faithfulness grew out of an intense conviction that the hope of the world lay in Christ the Saviour. The Moreland church offers prayerful sympathy to Joe, Dorothy and Mervyn.—G.A.G.

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MEMBER TO MISSION

(Essendon, Vic.). Presentations were made to Mrs. P. Lynch who has taken up work with Aboriginal girls at Esperance, W.A. at Fairhaven Girls' Hostel, and also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Corbett who left on May 12 for missionary aviation work in New Guinea. Many visitors were present to farewell Phyllis, Verna and Robert . . . Heather Ferguson won the Rotary youth leadership award for Essendon . . . The "Part Time Singers" from our church, Heather, Max and George, did well at the United Witness Service in the Melb. Town Hall . . . Our new hall is progressing and should be ready for opening in June . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid and family from Wollongong, N.S.W., were recent visitors. Mr. Reid presided at morning service.

IN THE UPPER ROOM

(Chadstone, Vic.). The church celebrated Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday at a special "Upper Room Communion Service" held by candlelight. 34 members attended . . . P. E. Perry has accepted an invitation to extend his ministry till the beginning of 1970. He is in his sixth year with the church. . . Combined worship held on Good Friday with Baptists and Presbyterians. . . H. Whittaker added to Official Board . . . Mrs. B. Field is president and Mrs. S. Flanders secretary of E.W.F. . . The organ fund is growing and ladies are hopeful of purchasing it soon . . . Five tennis teams are entered in winter competition.

SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). With a new Conference year commencing the church here would appreciate the prayerful support of all brotherhood members for Mr. Amos as he serves in his capacity of president . . . N. Carr appointed Board chairman . . . A stained glass window is to be installed later this year as a memorial to the late W. F. Newham. If any would like to give to this fund, contributions would be gratefully received . . . At the young peoples' Easter camp at Hepburn Springs, one of the leaders was David Potter, a student from the C.O.B. He will be the assistant to Mr. Amos during his presidential year . . . The Board of Officers assisted at a recent Sunday evening service, this being the first of a series of auxiliary parades.

GAINS AT EAST KEW

(Vic.). The church rejoices in five recent decisions and baptisms . . . The Girls' Good Companions won the recent swimming competitions at the Richmond Baths against 31 other teams. The pennant was presented during the evening service on April 28 . . . An Intermediate C.E. was recently commenced and is increasing in numbers. Fourteen have signed the C.E. pledge . . . The church Planning Committee has met for further planning of church activities . . . On April 10 East Kew churches' combined service in our chapel was led by the minister, H. K. Christensen. A. B. Clark of Malvern-Caulfield was guest

speaker. Mr. Christensen was recently elected as Vic. Pres. of Churches of Christ C.E. . . . Several teenagers attended the Easter Missionary Camp at Cheshunt . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sturgess have celebrated their ruby wedding.

THREE BAPTISMS

(East Preston, Vic.). The baptism of three young people and the illness of Mrs. Douglas and David Fleming call for supporting prayers and practical service . . . Two pre-Easter study sessions on the Resurrection proved stimulating . . . B.S. picnic and graduation day were valuable as avenues for parent contact . . . Hazel Pritchard has gone to Tasmania for 12 months to continue her nursing training. Some members are active in the district Inter-Church Council which is planning combined meetings and home study groups. The annual meeting decided to repeat the church camp and consideration was given to an extension of Teach-in type meetings . . . A. V. Page is minister.

EASTER CAMP—HALL'S GAP

(Vic.). The churches involved were Ballarat, Geelong, Frankston, South Yarra and others. There were 140 campers and the leader was F. C. Hunting. It was a great singing camp, led by Bert Stevens. All over the camp the praises of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas and her cookhouse staff were sung by the campers for the meals they provided. Splendid leadership was given in Bible studies, group discussions, outdoor activities, and the night programmes, including the open-air meeting. Although various people were responsible for the programme which began at 6 a.m. in the morning and ended with the Vespers at night, the whole programme had a oneness and unity which made one feel that each had been guided by the Holy Spirit.

STRUGGLE FOR CHURCH

(Avonsleigh, Vic.). Since the death of W. A. Boys, who led this small church for 30 years, the church has been helped, first by Will Nightingale who ministered for four weeks whilst en route to W.A. and later by Mr. Harvey, of Belgrave.

DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION

(Morwell, Vic.). At a Young Adults' Fellowship evening service the young people commenced with a song service by way of guitars. A dialogue took place between a teenage girl and a representative of school. A panel of four young people answered questions presented by the minister . . . A social tennis club is functioning on Saturdays . . . Easter Camp was held at Banksia. There were two decisions.

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CHRISTIAN - MARXIST DIALOGUE

On March 28 at International House, Sydney, six Christians and six Marxists sat around a table. They met in the hope of finding whether a mutually fruitful dialogue might be pursued in this country.

In some senses it was a provocative action even to meet. The initiative for the gathering came from the Division of Studies of the Australian Council of Churches. Certainly the Christians wondered whether they would leave the meeting to face a blast of criticism from fellow-Christians.

It came as something of a surprise when the first Marxist to speak expressed their reservations "because many of our flock will not understand what we're doing here. They might regard it the way Christians would if you were to sit down with the devil."

So much for mutual misgivings!

The Christians involved in the talks came from a number of backgrounds. Initiative for the meeting had come from the Rev. Rex Davis, the Studies Division secretary and an Anglican. There was the Rev. Father John Burnheim, a prominent Roman Catholic intellectual; the Rev. Dr. Angus Holland, a Presbyterian; Dr. Des. Crowley, N.S.W. Adult Education Director and a member of the Churches of Christ; Mr. Val Brown, the A.C.C. General Secretary, and Mr. Vaughan Hinton from the Council's Information Department.

Marxists were all from the Commu-

nist Party of Australia, Mr. Eric Aarons, Mr. P. Clancy, Mrs. Mavis Robertson, Miss Patricia Healey, Mr. William Brown, and Dr. R. Mackinson.

It was soon clear to all that the basis for any dialogue must lie in consideration of the philosophic basis of the two parties' appreciation of man.

Does each understand what the other is committed to? Is Marxism opposed to God and his worship? Do Christians want to mould society for their ecclesiastical advantages? Are Christians and Marxists prepared to listen to the judgments of the other? What is our expectation of society, its aim and its eventual end?

After two hours of comment and discussion it was clear that a basis for dialogue in better-prepared circumstances had been established. A meeting of about 20 Christians and Marxists is being planned for mid-August when they will meet for several days and discuss issues raised in papers that will be prepared by members of the two groups.

This sort of dialogue, which is only now being ventured upon in Australia, has been pursued over many years in Europe, where its importance may be more clearly seen. There Marxism is a more real presence and many churches exist under Marxist regimes or in States where Marxist parties wield considerable social and political influence.

—"A.C.C."

ACTION CAMPAIGN ON WORLD POVERTY

(London). The twin issues of world poverty and overseas aid are to be pressed home with increased forcefulness in Britain by means of a campaign launched here by The Haslemere Group. The group was formed after meetings at Haslemere, a town in Surrey.

Out of these discussions emerged an 18-page document — "The Haslemere Declaration." It has been signed by 32 men and women working for 17 organisations, including such bodies as Christian Aid (British Council of Churches), the (Roman) Catholic Institute for International Relations, and Oxfam.

The declaration stated, "Most of the 'developing world' is not developing. If the existing policies, complacency and lack of interest of the governments of the industrialised nations continue, it is unlikely they will ever help it to do so.

"Overseas Aid' is largely a myth; at best, a wholly inadequate payment for goods received, at worst another name for the continued exploitation of the poor countries by the rich. This exploitation takes many forms . . . principally it is the refusal of the rich countries to allow the poor to own and use what natural resources they possess in their own interests and in their own way."

The declaration made eight proposals to the British Government as to how they should act in this area.

Most of those who signed The Haslemere Declaration work for organisations directly concerned with world poverty and aid, but they have launched this campaign as individuals.—E.P.S.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

(From "The Australian Christian," May, 1918)

LOST IN ACTION. The sad intimation was received that Sgt. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale of Nth. Melb., has been killed in action . . . Harold S. Butterfield, of Hawthorn, enlisted on March 8, 1915, and on March 8, 1918, died of wounds. He saw active service in Egypt, Gallipoli, and France . . . Previously reported missing on Feb. 17, Lieut. C. H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps, was posted killed in air fight over enemy lines. He belonged to the Middle Park church.

CONFERENCE MACHINERY. R. A. Wright of Northern and Middle Districts Conf., N.Z., spoke of the danger of too much machinery. He was reminded of a steamboat chartered to take coal from Wellington to Wanganui. The venture was not a success because it used all of the coal it could carry before it reached its destination.

DAY OF FASTING. President Wilson has proclaimed May 30 as a "day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer for our cause, to beseech God to give victory to our armies, as they fight for freedom, bringing at last the peace in which men's hearts can rest, because it is founded upon mercy, justice and goodwill."

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"Rollo has some silly theory about getting his hell right here on Earth!"

FOCUS ON QLD. CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

Any group of people who head up any organisation have to be prepared to accept the vague title of "they." "They make the rules and run the show, it's up to them."

Our Conference Executive may seem to be just another greishy body floating in the murky mist and the Church's modern machinery, to the uninvolved and unformed spectator. To the person closely aligned with the aspirations and dreams that the executive has for the Sunshine State the "they" becomes a very real body of consecrated people at work for the whole of the brotherhood.

This year **Maurie Pieper**, is president. He is the minister of our Gatton church and as such travels at least 120 miles to attend a meeting in Brisbane.

Women's Conference president, **Mrs. Baker**, of Annerley, midst her busy round finds time to bring her values on life to bear at this top-level planning committee.

Lloyd Martin, of Annerley, Queensland Chief Crown Prosecutor, is the senior vice-president even though complicated legal cases take toll on his time.

Rex Ellis, B.A., of Salisbury, Registrar at Kenmore College, is nominated for the position of vice-president for the coming year though serving as chairman of the Overseas Mission Board, lecturer and minister at Salisbury.

A. C. Male, of Camp Hill, is nominated for junior vice-president, though his work is extremely demanding as Director of Christian Educ.

Kevin Ludgater, of Ann Street, has been honorary Conference secretary for five years now and still feels courageous enough to accept another year of office.

Dorothy and Eric Potter, of Ann Street, personalise the scriptural phrase of "well done good and faithful servants," as minute secretary and treasurer respectively.

Alex Surtees, of Albion, Home Mission Director and past president, brings to the Executive his wealth of business administrative ability and detailed knowledge of Queensland churches.

Keith Burkhead, of Wynnum, immediate past president

as Home Missions representative shares in Executive planning.

Len Brooks, of Kedron, former Federal Conference Arrangements Secretary and chairman of the Youth Dept., infuses his stable assessment of various situations and casts his vote accordingly.

Alan Dunn, of Albion, Land's Department executive, adds his hard-hitting, honest approach.

Harold Plint, of Redcliffe, lends colour to the meeting with his "the devil had better care" approach to the things of the kingdom.

Des. Collins and Ron. Tinney, both of Camp Hill, are the quiet gentlemen who symbolise the types upon whom our whole brotherhood structure is built.

Bill Howard, of Ann Street, shares his appreciation of years in the brotherhood at Executive meetings.

Eddie Neumann, of Sunnybank, representative of the Property Committee and is always available for constructive comments, on building requirements.

Lindsay Neil and Henry Curtis, both of Albion, represent the Social Service Committee and bring their active participation in brotherhood activities to bear on Queensland's special needs.

Mrs. Machin, of Redcliffe, shares with **Bob Malcolm** of Sunnybank, in presenting the needs of the Overseas Missions Department and their contribution is valued and respected.

The discussion rages on at times and the air is heated by words spoken out of deep conviction that reminds one of the great Ignatius,

"To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wound."

But at the end of the discussion the majority decision is accepted and no grudges are held whether you were amongst the majority or minority.

No vague "they," this Executive, but a platoon of soldiers at the front-line banded together to serve the great company of believers.

• SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

THE CLOSED DOOR

On most Sunday nights the doors of our church are closed. Most of our members "voted to close the church" not maliciously or intentionally but thoughtlessly and indifferently. You see . . . they could have gone to church last Sunday, they should have gone to church last Sunday . . . but they didn't. They stayed away, and by their laziness and indifference they voted to close the church. This is the reason that our doors are closed most Sunday nights.

Small and dwindling evening congregations were also the experience of the other churches in the town. Concern was being expressed by a few but no solution was being discovered because no experimentation was under way. The few faithfuls who did attend of an evening often did so out of a sense of loyalty and went away dejected and uninspired.

But all this has changed over the last few months. When we do open our doors every three or four weeks our building is nearly full, the singing is inspiring, the sermon challenging, and the Holy Spirit is working. We experience the presence of God.

At the suggestion of the officers of the Presbyterian Church combined evening services between the Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church and the Church of Christ commenced in Oct., 1967 and are held in rotation in each of the church buildings. This experiment is to be reviewed and assessed from time to time. These churches were joined by the Anglican church on Dec. 31, 1967 for an experimental period of six weeks.

At the commencement of this venture an order of service similar to our own evening service was agreed upon, and has been used in all the churches. When the Anglican Church joined us in this experiment they agreed to use this order of worship when we visited their building.

Many reading this will ask: "What about your evangelistic outreach and appeal?" "What about those things you have to do and accept, to be in this venture?" "Has the venture been a success?" Let us answer these questions in turn.

Our "gospel" service was not evangelistic and the appeal was pointless, as only church members (the old faithfuls) were there to appeal to. Since this venture commenced we have had non-members attend combined services frequently who rarely attended our own evening services. It is now planned that as often as is practical and as the situation demands, appeals will be made in the morning communion service. This will be more effective as regularly there are non-members in this service.

Being in this venture we have had to accept each other as children of God, and as part of the worship ser-

vice we have accepted a choir and an offering. We would have had a choir if we could have raised the personnel so we have gained in this respect.

Success is difficult to ascertain. We are being inspired and challenged by these services in a way that our evening services never accomplished. Friendships are being produced out of business acquaintances. A sense of co-operation and awareness of others who live for Christ is being developed. If spiritual challenge to commitment is the criterion then these services are a success; if outreach to those who don't normally worship in a church service, then success has been ours. If numbers are the yard stick then success is ours, as 20-30 more people than previously

attended our separate services have attended the combined services.

To conclude that this experiment is a success may be incorrect, because sufficient time has not yet elapsed or in assessing the facts we may have erred so as to support our own whims and prejudices. We have been accused of capitulating to the other churches, yet it would seem that if any capitulation has occurred then all the churches combining have capitulated not to each other but to the Holy Spirit. "For whether it be of God or of man I know not; one thing I know" that whereas once we were discouraged and dejected keeping "open the doors," we are now rejoicing looking forward to our next encounter with God, as we worship. Since we have closed our doors we have not only opened them to our brethren of the other denominations but also to Christ and we exclaim to all: EMMANUEL—GOD IS WITH US.

—R. G. Douglas, Sec.,
Swan Hill Officers' Board

EASTER CAMP, CALOUNDRA

Booked out weeks ahead, young people from Maryborough to Roma enjoyed Easter camp.

A waiting list had to be introduced and 33 part-timers were unable to attend as preference was given to full-time campers. Studies were conducted on an elective basis.

A Smorgasbord dinner on Saturday night was a tremendous success with all the young people mixing freely. The film, "Martin Luther" was screened as a serial on two nights. Sunday morning a sunrise service was conducted at Buderim Mountain, with Rod Feldhahn (Kenmore) presiding and A. Weedon (Dalby minister) bringing the address. John Kane (Annerley) sang "Let us fall on our knees with our face towards the rising sun."

The open air chapel was used for the moonlight service when the film "Dawn of Victory" was screened. After the service, a headland meditation was held at Moffatt Headlands.

This camp saw the introduction of Easter bonnets, which were towelling hats in varying shades which proved very popular and easily distinguished the campers on the beach. Also the Department's cloth badge was introduced here and each camper had one sewn onto their towelling hats.

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The venue was Emu Park, near Rockhampton, 500 miles from the capital, with 29 women meeting on the weekend and six extras on the Saturday, from points as far apart as Nambour, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton. The metropolitan contingent arrived at camp after a 14-hour bus trip and returned on the Monday.

"The Difference Christ Makes" formed the basis of discussion with speakers taking different aspects. Miss Callanan of the Southport Home spoke on Time, Talent and Treasure; Mrs. Plint (Redcliffe) on Home, Mother, Wife and Neighbour and Mrs. Chapman (Rocklea) on the Spiritual Life, the Holy Spirit.

Miss Callanan conducted communion on Sunday and Mrs. Plint spoke on the subject "Wholly Committed."

Workshop subjects were led on "The Faith We Share" by Miss Callanan and "Experiments in Prayer" by Mrs. Glezendanner (Moorooka).

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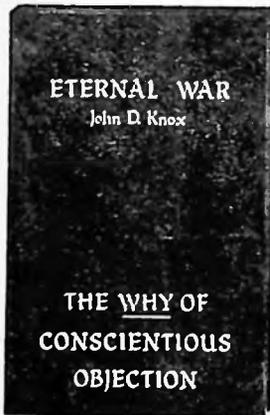
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