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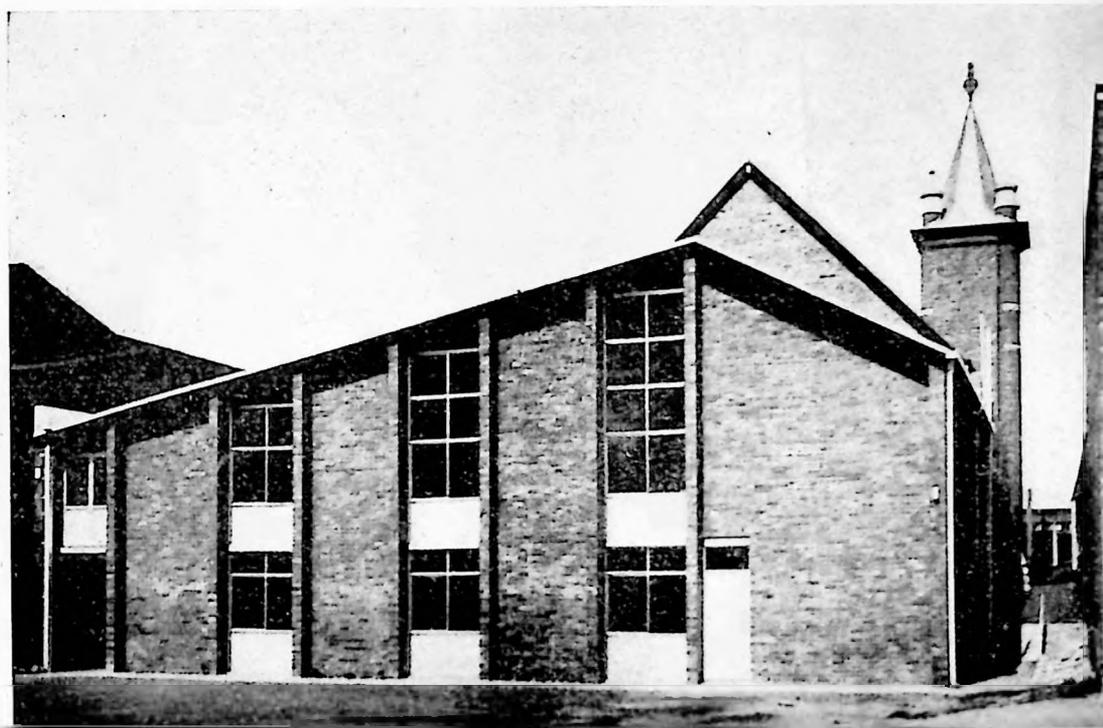
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TOOWOOMBA'S NEW HALL

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THE GREAT CONTEMPORARY

Pentecost, like other great days of the Christian Year — Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Day — is not something to be celebrated, it is meant to be experienced.

The worst thing we can do with Pentecost is to make it historical. Certainly, it had its beginning in an historical event. So did the sun. But it is not the sun's historical origin which gives us light and warmth, it is the great ball of fire in today's sky.

If the only people who can know about the Holy Spirit are the historians then we are in as bad a shape as it is possible to be.

The Holy Spirit of A.D. 33 will never be a rushing wind of change, or fire the hopes and endeavours of the millions of 1968—but the Holy Spirit of 1968, vital and creative in the lives of Christian people, can bring that renewal of which we hear so much but see so little.

Our need is not for patience to wait for power to come. Our desperate need is for courage to use the power we have.

The first disciples waited upon God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is God who now waits upon us—to use the resources he has already given.

HOW TO GET OUT . . . ?

If there is one thing upon which every ally of the Saigon government agrees, it is that we want to get out. Australia has only a minor commitment, but we would not stay a day if we could find an honourable way to leave.

America wants to get out. The adventure in Vietnam has been a terrible drain upon U.S. resources of money, man-power, and materials. Concentration upon this Asian problem destroyed President Johnson's noble ambition for a Great Society in his day, and was probably the main factor in cutting short his potential term of leadership.

America also wants to get out honourably, but how to do it has baffled all parties involved. It was a great step forward when negotiations began in Paris between spokesmen for Hanoi and Washington, but the results so far are not encouraging. The war of words is as indecisive as the jungle conflict has been.

John Kenneth Galbraith has offered an answer to the question, "How to get out . . . ?" Substantial extracts from his book have been reprinted as an advertisement in the daily papers. In view of the number of articles reprinted regularly as a matter of public interest and as a part of the normal service of newspapers, it passes comprehension that this article could be printed only by public subscription underwritten by a few interested individuals.

Galbraith is Professor of Economics at Harvard University, but he is far from being an armchair critic. He was a former colleague of President J. F. Kennedy, and was once U.S. Ambassador to India. He is widely and justly respected.

There is not room to outline Galbraith's proposals and, indeed, an outline without the reasoned argument would do less than justice to his position which is based on the assertion "that we are in conflict not alone with the Communists but with a strong sense of Vietnamese nationalism. If so (it follows) that we are in a war that we cannot win and, even more importantly, one that we should not wish to win."

This strong passion for nationalism is offered as the reason for the failure of the bombing of the North and all other efforts at a military solution. The pacification programme has also failed—of 12,500 hamlets or villages only 168 have been listed by U.S. authorities as completely secure.

Galbraith insists that the objectives of the war must be reviewed and that the present negotiations should continue with the guns silent and the planes grounded. What he pleads for will be rejected by those who still think a military solution is practicable, but he is asking for no more than has been urged by U Thant, Secretary-General of the U.N., and the majority of the world's Christian leaders.

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*I dare not slight the stranger at my door—
Threadbare of garb and sorrowful of lot—
Lest it be Christ that stands;
and goes His way
Because I, unworthy, knew Him not.*

*I dare not miss one flash of kindling cheer
From alien souls, in challenge glad
and high.
Ah, what if God be moving very near
And I, so blind, so deaf,
had passed Him by.*

—Laura Simmons.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

By G. O. SETSMAN

LIFE-GIVING AND INSPIRING

In the Old Testament "the Spirit of God" is both the agent of God to give life and to add certain qualities to life. Phrases as "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters," "the breath of God" and "the breath of life" (Gen. 1: 2, 6: 17, 7: 15; Ps. 104: 29; Ezek. 38: 8) portray the Spirit as life-giving. Others as "put a new and right spirit within me . . . take not thy Holy Spirit from me," and "I will . . . put a new spirit within them" (Ps. 51: 10, 11; Ezek. 11: 19, 36: 26) speaks of certain qualities, a fellowship with God, or to be inspired by God.

In the New Testament God is said to give the Holy Spirit or eternal life, and to give with the Holy Spirit certain "gifts" and "fruits." The Spirit of God, on the one hand, is the agent of God in creation and salvation, and on the other hand in motivation and inspiration.

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Christ said that the Holy Spirit is to witness only to Christ. ". . . your Advocate, the Holy Spirit . . . will call to mind all that I have told you." ". . . he will not speak on his own authority, but he will glorify me, for everything that he makes known to you he will draw from what is mine." (John 14: 3; 16: 13, 14). Thus the Holy Spirit becomes the Comforter, the revealer who has emotions, a will and knowledge (John 15: 26, 16: 12; Eph. 4: 30; Acts 16: 6, 7; 1 Cor. 2: 10).

The Holy Spirit has the same attributes as God. He is as much a "person" as God is a person. Those who deny the personality of the Holy Spirit must deny the same right to God for the scripture says: "God is Spirit" (John 4: 24).

After man broke fellowship with God through sin, God gave the Spirit to particular men. Among others the Spirit was given to Joshua, Gideon, David and was especially manifested in the prophets and was promised to the Messiah (Isaiah 11: 2, 42: 1) and to "all flesh" (Joel 2: 28).

Yet the Spirit does not work in a vacuum. At Mount Sinai the breath of God became crystallised: "all the people

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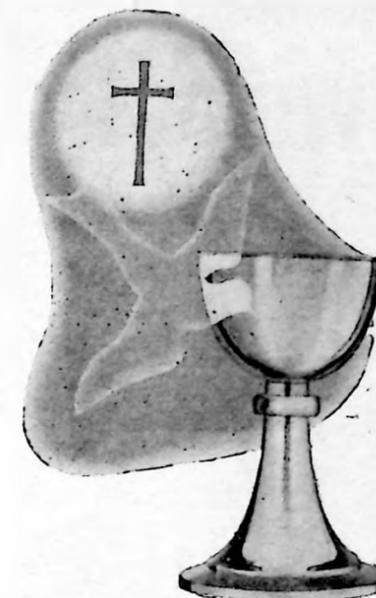
saw the thundering . . . the lightning and . . . the mountain smoking . . ." The breath of God reached the people. God said: "I will make my word fire . . . is not my word fire and like a hammer?" Thus God's law became chiselled by the breath of God into tablets of stone.

Later God wrote upon "hearts." Calvary resulted in Pentecost. "When . . . Pentecost had come, they were all together . . . and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rush of a mighty wind . . . and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The breath of God or the Spirit of God reached the hearts of men. Yet the Spirit and the Word of God work together. There is no such thing as "spirit alone" or "word alone." We are instructed "for sword, take that which the Spirit gives you—the words that come from God" (Eph. 6: 17). To quote from "A Biblical Approach to Unity," (p. 102): "Jesus said that man must be born of the Spirit. Peter and Paul testify to the instrument of this re-birth of the Spirit when they say respectively, that man is begotten through the Word of God, and through the gospel (1 Peter 1: 23, 1 Cor. 4: 15). In John 6: 44 Jesus says that none can come to him except the Father draw him and, in verse 45, he indicates that he means whereby men are drawn is the witness of teaching. "Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." Paul says, in Rom. 10: 17, that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The writer of the Hebrews declares that "the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword."

Thus the Spirit of God does not work independently and apart from the Word of God. They are inseparably connected in a certain way. The Word of God and the Spirit of God are one in the sense in which the words I speak are one with my breath.

THE GIFT OF GOD

". . . Peter said . . . 'Repent, and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Upon faith and obedience we are re-installed into fellowship with God and man. This "being received into" is the gift of God. We are saved by being brought into the kingdom of



His dear Son. "For by grace you have been saved through faith." (Eph. 2: 8). It must be noted that the gift of God differs from the "gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit." To be precise the gift of God is salvation and the gifts and fruit of the Spirit are consecration and sanctification. The Holy Spirit is given us upon certain conditions, e.g., faith and obedience. The gifts and fruit of the Spirit come to us according to aptitude and consecration.

1 Cor. 12: 4-6 says: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and . . . varieties of service, but the same Lord; and . . . varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one." God's gift the Holy Spirit, is like the tree trunk from which all branches spring. No one can claim that baptism of the Spirit, speaking in tongues or any other gift is necessary for salvation. The trunk does not depend upon the branches. Yet we know a Christian by his fruits. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5: 22). These are marks of our Master. "If a man does not possess the Spirit of Christ, he is no Christian." (Rom. 8: 9).

THERE IS NOTHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT THE SPIRIT

If you ask me how I know what the Holy Spirit wishes me to do I point to the Word which he inspired. For instance, I know what I must do to be saved and what fruit of the Spirit I ought to cultivate. In many things I do not have to pray for guidance as the will of God in certain matters is revealed to me in his word. In one sense we cannot receive the Holy Spirit or Christ or God into our lives unless we mean to receive the gospel truth. A person is said to be filled with the Spirit of the living God who has a firm grasp of the Word and is able to apply it to life. Christ himself sums up our discussion: "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6: 63).

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

HAROLD GROSS PREPARES FOR UPSALA

In preparation for the Uppsala Assembly of the World Council of Churches I have been reading the literature sent for preliminary study—700 pages of it! Included among the four books is "New Delhi to Amsterdam" which is the report of the Central Committee of the W.C.C. to its supervisory body, the Assembly itself, representing all the member churches.

From this report I have selected some points of interest. This selection, sometimes in my own words, sometimes in the words of the report itself, gives some idea of the impact and range of the World Council's work.

As a member-church of the World Council we are involved. As a member of a member-church this report is to you. This is your church at work on a world level.

THEME FOR UPSALA

"Behold, I make all things new." It is God who is speaking. Before the theme was adopted, the point was made and heeded that this verse from Rev. 21: 5 must be understood in the light of its context in the Biblical revelation of God's action. Human innovations are not the same thing as "God's creative gift of renewal."

WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM

The scope of this division can be judged from some of the sub-headings of the report: Joint Action for Mission; Urban and Industrial Mission; The Healing Ministry of the Church; Home and Family Life; Laymen Abroad; Preparation of Missionaries; Study and Study Centres; Christian Broadcasting; The Church and the Jewish People; Islam in Africa; World Christian Books; The Theological Education Fund; the Christian Literature Fund; the Christian Medical Commission.

STUDYING OUR INTERNAL DIVISIONS

It is now generally admitted that differences between Christians do not exist only along denominational lines. On many questions denominations are divided "down the middle." The churches together should study not only the divisions we inherit from the past, but those which divide us now.

BAPTISM AND PRAYER

These two topics are high on the agenda of the Commission on Faith and Order for the immediate future.

THE CONGREGATION GEARED FOR ITS EVANGELISTIC TASK

Reporting on "The Study on the Missionary Structure of the Congregation" the report says: "The Europeans asked the question this way: What must happen so that the way in which the churches communicate the gospel does not destroy that very gospel? . . . Consciously, or more often unconsciously, the existing forms of the life of the Christian community are taken as fixed once and for all; their historical nature—and that means their relativity and their changeability—is ignored . . . To cling tenaciously to this or any other form, without questioning it, and without, if it is found wanting, seeking to replace or supplement it, is to be imprisoned in the past, to be irrelevant in the present, and to turn one's back on the future."

KEEPING THE ECUMENICAL IDEAL ALIVE

"The Division (of Ecumenical Action) and its units have a measure of success in drawing larger and larger numbers of people into the ecumenical atmosphere and of fostering ecumenical attitudes among them. The task of the Division has been to make the ecumenical vision more widely seen, more deeply experienced and more faithfully obeyed. On the other hand, the ecumenical vision of most men in our time does not go very far beyond church-union negotiations, living-room dialogue and a few social and political statements and activities. Impatience with the slow pace of ecumenical advance on the part of the organised churches today increasingly finds expression in movements that seek to bypass the structures of the Church or rail against them with outright calumny. Many have lost the ardour of their first love; others are complacent about the ecumenical progress so far achieved and want to institutionalise it; yet others are lost in a whirl of meetings which have little more than a torrential output of words to show for their labours."

EVERYONE IS IN THE MINISTRY

"One of the main insights gained through the work of the Department of the Laity over the past years has been the conviction that the ministry is the responsibility of the whole Church and not only of those who are ordained, and that the variety of ministries find their place and are derived from the ministry that Christ has entrusted to the Church his body. This insight into the Biblical doctrine of the Church as a charismatic community of one body with several members having different functions and diverse gifts all contributing to the mission of Christ through his Church, found expression in a paper prepared in 1963 . . . This recovery is one of the most important facts of recent church history . . . While there is a continuance of the pre-New Delhi emphasis on the Christian and his daily work there is in a growing number of churches a deep concern to discover the role of the laity in the renewal and restructuring of church organisations including local congregations."

THE PLACE OF WOMEN

Women are taking an increasingly active part in church life, especially at local levels, but churches still send hardly any women to W.C.C. Assemblies and committees, although the W.C.C. itself co-opts the service of many women. On the other hand, intergovernmental organisations such as the Commission on the Status of Women of the U.N., the International Labour Office and U.N.E.S.C.O. "are convinced that the churches have in the past played an important role in the emancipation of women by pioneering in the education of women and girls even in countries where the society has been shaped by religions other than Christianity . . . They envy the World Council's opportunities to reach the common man and to educate public opinion. These same secular organisations also question the emphasis given by the Department to co-operation instead of to the advancement of women. No other body has yet dared to give up the traditional segregated pattern of women's departments or strictly women's groups, staffed and administered by women only."

ATTITUDE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth in our churches are more interested in involving Christians locally for action in the community, than in trying to involve denominations in the ecumenical movement, or solving questions about how to unite churches.

DEEDS MUST FOLLOW WORDS

It is tragic to see small groups being "written off" by the churches because they are "trying to implement words which the churches have themselves spoken in the ecumenical movement for 20 years."

HELP WHERE THERE IS NEED

The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service brings together "those churches which initiate calls for help and those churches and their agencies which are able to respond to such requests," the "Initiating" and the "Responding" churches, as they

are called. "Whereas most of the Responding Churches are members of the World Council, the Initiating Churches are not necessarily so, for the primary criterion that the Division applies when a request comes to it is that of need . . . All money subscribed through the Division for projects and emergencies is transmitted for the designated purpose without any deduction whatsoever." Administrative costs for the Division are raised quite independently.

ONE YEAR'S ASKING

In 1967 the Project List made a loose-leaf volume of 570 pages including its supplementary blue sheets. It described some 600 projects from 80 countries. The total requests for the year exceeded 16 million dollars. When projects are approved for listing it is always emphasised to the Initiating Churches that inclusion is no guarantee of support. Not all projects are underwritten, and some receive only partial support, but there is a growing volume of inter-church aid. The list is prepared for the guidance of church officers whose responsibility it is to confront Christian compassion with the hard facts of urgent human need.

In emergency situations, the aid that has been asked may be on its way within 48 hours of the request being received in Geneva; but lest even this delay should be too long, the Director has authority to cable up to \$10,000 to the ecumenical agency in the affected area so that it may begin a relief operation immediately. An average of 12 emergency appeals are made by the Division every year. They are for the relief of such disasters as volcanic eruptions, flood, typhoons, drought, and the devastation wrought by war and communal rioting; the response of the churches to these emergency appeals is never predictable and varies from one million dollars to three million dollars in cash. To this sum must be added the value of enormous quantities of material aid goods and of personal services rendered.

THE REFUGEE

During the past 17 years well over 300,000 persons have been re-settled overseas through the Refugee Programme. Moreover, lifetime care for many hundreds of aged and chronically sick refugees has been provided in old people's homes in France, Belgium, Austria, Greece and Australia which have been built or supported by the churches through the Division. Those helped have included Greeks, White Russians, Chinese, Yugoslavs, Turks, Tibetans and many others.

AID IN VIETNAM

The war in Vietnam presented special problems for the churches. A way was found to send a limited amount of hospital supplies to North Vietnam through the Red Cross and through Polish church channels. Much more would have been gladly done for North Vietnam if the opportunity had been given but the difficulty of communications with Hanoi was an insuperable obstacle. It

was, therefore, in South Vietnam, that most relief was given by the churches. The churches of the U.S.A. inaugurated their own identifiable programme known as the Vietnam Christian Service and by the end of 1966 it already had 70 workers in the field. The East Asia Christian Conference decided to set up its own project, which would represent the whole of its area, including Australia and New Zealand, and appealed to the W.C.C. for support in addition to what it could itself provide. The E.A.C.C.'s plan was to put two teams in the field. These teams included doctors, nurses, teachers and social workers, who became responsible for the rehabilitation of refugees in two particularly distressing camps.

THE TASK THAT HAS NO END

"Compared with the extent of the needs, what has so far been accomplished (by the Department of Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service) is extremely small, and represents work that is often, because of limited resources, timid, shabby and ineffective . . . It has an inescapable duty to go on striving ever to enlarge and improve the service it offers, and that is what, it is hoped, the proposals to be brought before the Fourth Assembly will effect."

HUMAN RIGHTS

The C.C.I.A. has felt that as yet not enough people care enough about human rights to ensure that these rights are upheld throughout the world. It has therefore constantly urged the need for more education to this end.

RISKS OF PEACE

"The idea of bringing outer space under international rule was championed, since rivalries on earth were too dangerous to be projected into the new arena of exploration. The W.C.C. Assembly's "New Delhi Appeal" called on nations to run reasonable risks for peace in order to break the vicious circle of suspicion."

THE CHURCH WAS NOT SILENT

Included in the list of situations in which C.C.I.A. officers "attempted to make relevant and timely representations" were the following: Conflict and tensions in the Formosa Strait in 1955 and again in 1958; the 1958 crisis in Lebanon; the tragic events in Tibet the same year; the critical situation in the Congo beginning in 1960; U.S. involvement in a 1961 intervention in Cuba; the conflict in Laos in 1961, the continuing conflict in Algeria, the tensions between U.S. and Panama in 1964; the tensions and conflict in Cyprus that flared up in 1964; the "confrontation" of Malaysia by Indonesia; the mounting conflict in Vietnam and various measures of escalation; U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic in 1964; the fighting between Pakistan and India in 1965 against the background of the long-standing dispute over Kashmir. A very considerable amount of work has been done on the problems of disarmament.

RHODESIAN CHURCH COUNCIL ASKS CLEMENCY

(Salisbury). The Christian Council of Rhodesia has urged that clemency be shown to the prisoners still under sentence of death.

A resolution passed at the end of March expressed "relief" that clemency had been shown to men whose death sentences had been commuted to life imprisonment.

At the same time the Council noted that the execution of the remaining prisoners might increase racial tension and bring increasing danger to all communities.

"A Christian approach to justice recognises that the guilt in the crime committed does not rest wholly on the individual offender but in some measure on society as a whole," the Rhodesian council said. "Many men in our jails today in normal times would probably have lived their lives without breaking the law. As the existing social order is far from perfect and contains dangerous seeds of dissension, there should be caution in insisting that the law be allowed to take its full course."

In view of the existing legal uncertainty, it would be wiser to show restraint in exercising the law, the Council concluded.—E.P.S., Geneva.

NEED TO RE-THINK MISSION PATTERNS

(Galveston, Texas). The church in America should consider the possibility of receiving foreign missionaries, a leading ecumenist told a Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren consultation on co-operative mission here.

Dr. D. T. Niles of Ceylon, former general secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference, delivered one of the major addresses at the meeting of mission agencies of the two denominations.

Commenting on the need to re-think old patterns, the Methodist clergyman said that in areas where missionaries face entrance curbs, churches should create a "missionary pool" which could be staffed to see that the most urgent needs are met regardless of denominational interests.

Noting that lay missionaries find it easier to gain entrance to some countries, he urged the use of more laymen, especially those who could play a real role in the life of their adopted land.

"The churches must restructure themselves so that they are no longer dependent on a large full-time paid ministry. They must discover a new structure which rests upon laymen, and the laity must be trained to be the base of congregational life and ministry," he said.

—E.P.S.

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TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by RALPH MOULD

Ralph Mould, General Secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, visited Australia recently. At a meeting of Christian leaders in Melbourne, organised by the Australian Council of Churches, Division of Christian Education, he pointed out that in spite of great differences in their culture and stages of development, churches and countries round the world exhibit certain common trends in their approaches to Christian education. Here are 10 such trends:

1. High priority on Adult Christian Education

This does not mean that children's and youth work is neglected. But men and women too need help in understanding God's will in society and in their personal and social concerns. Besides this, work with children and youth becomes more than ever frustrating when there are not informed adults in the church, home and community, to determine the environment which is the greatest educational influence on young people.

2. Concern for modern youth

Inability to bridge effectively the gap between the generations is a serious world trend for which no one has the answer. The gap appears to widen; authority of all kinds is less trusted, for youth benefits from the knowledge explosion, their experience of life is considerable, and they are sceptical of the kind of world adults have built. So they seek new values which they feel will have value for them. They tend to look on the church as the religious "establishment," which asks for faithful conformity and does not allow them much voice. In countries which have well developed day school religious training programmes and confirmation classes, teenagers are conspicuous by their absence from congregational life. The problem is particularly acute in African countries where many young people are unemployed, school drop-outs, alienated from church and society.

3. Re-definition of goals

Traditional goals of Christian education—Bible knowledge, doctrine, churchmanship, discipleship—are not abandoned but increasingly they are seen to be inadequate as ends in themselves. Because of the ferment in contemporary theology, Bible scholarship and ethics, any simplistic individualistic understanding of the gospel is suspect. Though there is still uncertainty as to how it should be done, nevertheless, all over the world one goal of Christian education is being seen as helping people understand society and its structures in the light of the Christian faith, to appreciate what God in Christ is now doing in the world, what are his claims upon us, and how witnessing Christians should think and act in the world and live as God's people in God's world.

4. Curriculum development

The older churches are engaged widely in programmes of curriculum development, trying to produce materials which more adequately reflect new ways of thinking and which can be used more flexibly by teachers and congregations. This approach anticipates better trained teachers.

The younger churches of the Pacific, Africa, Latin America, Middle and Far East are busy developing their own local and distinctive curriculum materials, trying to achieve their own theological and educational selfhood, gearing their programmes to their own people and needs.

5. Responsibility to general education

It is increasingly clear that state education gives people a broad sweep of data about life, and inevitably, human values and beliefs are conveyed in the process. Often the churches can wholeheartedly support educational measures but they cannot become just a cheer leader for public education; but they have also a role of friendly and prophetic critic from a distinctive Christian position.

There is also the matter of religious education in day schools. Many societies are increasingly pluralistic and this deepens the problems of knowing how to approach Christian education. There is also a growing disenchantment with religious courses as they have been used in state schools, notably in Europe, and considerable search is going on to find better answers.

6. Urbanisation and Secularisation

Bangkok, Tokyo, Chicago, Nairobi—everywhere the pace of modernisation cannot be exaggerated. Pouring into the cities, people often become depersonalised and disorientated. The disruption of a known rural (and often religious) way of life spells acute human problems requiring specialised ministries, and Christian education programmes designed for suburbia are often valueless in both the rural and the city situation.

7. Joint action

Most Christian educators feel a positive imperative to act ecumenically. Ecumenical councils and conferences are leading the way all over the world in projects of Christian education.

8. Ecumenical education

Ecumenical education at the grass roots level is urgent and imperative. Amazing encounters are happening all over the world but, without proper understanding, there is a danger of people either rejecting, or romantically embracing such developments without understanding what is at stake.

9. Social service and action

Human needs and issues of every kind—race, discrimination, poverty, hunger, unemployment, labour-management relations, population control, illiteracy, disease, old age, family counselling, refugees and much more—are increasingly becoming the target of service and action projects by adults and youth. Emphasis is laid on the need for a concerned and informed laity, and for alliance of church and community agencies.

10. An urgent priority — development of strong leadership

Leadership and leadership training is top priority whenever churches, old or young, are asked about their needs. Clearly, much depends on the competence and concern of the pastor to help his leaders and to teach them himself in fields he knows. The pastor is increasingly being seen as having a key role in equipping church members for their ministry in Christian education.

• YOUTH CENTRE

OPENING AT TOOWOOMBA

(SEE COVER)

Margaret Street Church of Christ, Toowoomba, possesses a chapel of great architectural beauty, and in this sense has few equals throughout the brotherhood. However, the membership has struggled under great difficulties with all auxiliaries, and vigorous youth programmes, along with subsidiary activities such as the Bible Society, and W.C.T.U., functioning in a timber-lined corrugated hall originally erected as a temporary structure by the late Vic. Morris and E. C. Hinrichsen 30 years ago. Members gave little thought to their own needs but were determined to meet outlying needs at Harlaxton, Crown Street, Dalby, Mylo Aged People's Home, Caloundra Youth Camp, and brotherhood interests. Nevertheless there was always a dream that some day a youth centre would meet their ever expanding programme, and also enhance the main Margaret Street building. Certain monies were put aside, but even so the realisation of such a centre seemed very remote—and then, the dream came true, just through prayer and sheer determination.

On April 20, in blazing sunshine, the new youth centre costing \$36,000 was

opened in the presence of a great representative gathering, when the Right Hon. C. F. Adermann, P.C., handed the key to Miss E. Draney.

The youth centre is a magnificent brick and concrete building. The architect and builders are all former members at Margaret Street. F. Winter, Jnr., architect, H. Christensen and H. Scholl, builders, in planning and building created what they had longed to see in their own youthful days. The over-all building is designed to give excellent acoustics. Huge panels of tinted glass give the two-storey structure wonderful natural lighting from ceiling to ground level. The blue and white colour scheme in the main auditorium is effective, as also the grained timber panelling of the stage and kitchen. The kitchen was entirely equipped with cupboards by City Joiners, the Elliott family, proprietors, being in membership at Margaret Street. The kindergarden and all purpose hall on the ground floor are delightful and functional. Shower rooms have also been provided. A walk with tree-lined garden approaches the building and leads to a subway ingeniously incorporated in the

• PENTECOST MESSAGE

"A New Heart and a New Spirit"

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you."—Ezekiel 36: 26.

The Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches will meet at Uppsala, Sweden, July 4-20. Its theme will be the triumphant promise, "Behold I make all things new." (Rev. 21: 5). As Presidents of the World Council of Churches, on this day of Pentecost, we ask you to pray with us for the Spirit of God, who alone can make things new.

The New Testament promise of renewal is rooted in the Old Testament. The prophet Ezekiel proclaimed it to the exiles in Babylon. But he warned them that their return to the land of their fathers would not automatically ensure the creative renewal of their national life. The greed and injustice of the past must first be purged. In place of their hard hearts, they would need a new heart and a new spirit, which God alone could give them. God had promised to give them his own Spirit, that the dry bones of their common life might take flesh again and they might live as his people in harmony and at peace.

Christians believe that on the Day of Pentecost, this prophecy began to be fulfilled. On that day the Spirit of God was given to the followers of Jesus. A new community was born of those who in every age have sought in their life together to practise the love of God. We thank God that the Spirit is active in the Church; but we also ask his pardon, that by the faults and divisions of Christians, the work of the Spirit has so often been hindered. If the dry bones are to live, our hearts of stone must be converted.

We thank God, too, that we have seen the Spirit of God at work in the world, renewing society from within and transforming the relationships of men and of nations. The Spirit who makes all things new is active today in the common effort of men for justice and for peace, for education and for development. He is active as well in all scientific and technological advance in so far as it enables us to begin to supply the material needs of men and thus prepare the ground for a world community.

We call you, therefore, the people of God, to pray for the renewal and unity of the Church, and also for the renewal and unity of the world. Our task is not only to pray. In Ezekiel's message the transformation of society was to be the evidence of conversion. If God has given us a new heart and a new spirit, he expects of us prayers in our churches and deeds in the world. Let this Day of Pentecost be a day of renewal of our personal life; but let it also be a day of commitment for each congregation of God's people to loving and practical action for the renewal of society.—The Presidents of the World Council of Churches.

structure giving access to parking at the rear of the premises. A bequest by the late Mrs. Simpson made hall furnishings possible.

The Mayor of Toowoomba, Alderman N. Robinson, said it could never be said of the Church of Christ that it had ever lacked anything in the performance of its duty. "The church has marched forward in goodness and faith," the Mayor stated, "and this fine building will be largely devoted to teaching young people to be good, honest citizens—and they can have no greater gift than that. The city of Toowoomba thanks you for this great progressive step forward."

Prayers and greetings were given by Dr. A. C. Caldicott, minister, the president of Queensland State Conference, M. H. A. Pieper; the secretary of the Toowoomba Ministers' Fraternal, Pastor K. Steer; Harlaxton Church of Christ, F. J. Winter, who presented a cheque on behalf of Harlaxton. Past ministers were represented by Social Service director, E. T. Hart. Margaret St. secretary K. Paton expressed appreciation to F. N. Winter, architect, and the builders, Christensen and Scholl.

A thank offering of \$1,000 was received, after which a hymn written by Miss E. Draney was sung followed by a most challenging dedicatory address by the Right Hon. C. F. Adermann, P.C.

At the close of the dedicatory address, the hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung and H. Hansen, elder, pronounced the benediction. Afternoon tea was prepared on a grand scale by Mrs. Bade and helpers. Warren Savill, chairman of the board, chaired the proceedings throughout. Soloist was S. Burstow. Floral decorations were in the hands of Mrs. K. Paton.

(An address by the Right Hon. C. F. Adermann, P.C., will be printed in a later issue).

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GAMBLING FEVER

It is obvious that the carrot of big money is dangling succulently before the gambling asses.

A political party in Queensland is talking of a gambling casino on the Gold Coast. In N.S.W. a plan for a floating casino has been torpedoed but it is evident that the gambling interests have not ceased to hope.

In Hobart our Baptist brethren were to the fore in condemning plans for the international gambling casino on the apple isle. Baptists ought to fight these plans.

Fools talk of the need for sophisticated facilities for those who like the excitement of gambling. They have an angle—it's money. All they are interested in is taking advantage of the foolish and weak who risk their weekly pay packets—and sometimes other people's money—on the wheels of chance.

Attendant on gambling is the criminal element. Vice prospers in its shadow.

Christian people should be vocal at such a time as this and do all they can to ensure that there is no further increase in the already too many facilities for gambling.

—“The Aust. Baptist.”

STAGGERING PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM

The Communist offensive during Tet which shattered the “secure” feelings of city dwellers in South Vietnam and which resulted in the deaths of six Christian and Missionary Alliance personnel at Ban Me Thuot leprosy hospital has caused mission organisations in Vietnam to re-evaluate their policies. What the widespread damage, food and medical shortages, and people displacement in the large population areas will mean to the Church and to mission work will take months to assess.

Some missions are cutting their staffs and sending home women and children. Christian and Missionary Alliance reports they are evacuating 48 American and Canadian missionaries and 45 children. This will leave C.M.A. 50 men in Vietnam. World Vision International is also evacuating women and children, leaving only the men to carry on the work.

Except for the six killed and two missing from Ban Me Thuot, all Protestant and Catholic mission and relief personnel are accounted for and safe.

NOTED AND QUOTED

A CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

More than a century ago our Disciple Fathers brought forth upon the continents a new Christian Movement, conceived in the faith that all believers are one in Christ and dedicated to the proposition that every Christian has complete liberty in all matters of opinion.

Now we are engaged in a great crusade for a Christian world, testing whether this Movement, or any movement so conceived and so dedicated, can meet the present challenge with an effective witness for Christ. We are met here as a local congregation of that Movement. We have come to dedicate this local church to the achievement of our accepted goals.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this local church. The loyal men and women, our members past and present who laboured here across the years have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The brotherhood will little note, nor long remember, what we say here today; but it can never forget what they have done here.

It is for us, the present congregation, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who formerly laboured here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from those honoured men and women we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their full measure of devotion; that we here firmly resolve that our predecessors shall not have laboured in vain; that this brotherhood, under God, shall have a new spiritual birth, and this Movement of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth. (With apologies to Lincoln).—Herschell H. Richmond.

Many were rescued and brought to safety by American military personnel. Miss Betty Olsen of the C.M.A. and Hank Blood of Wycliffe Bible Translators, who were captured at Ban Me Thuot by North Vietnamese, are still unaccounted for.—“World Vision.”

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE?

The recently concluded drug probe in Sydney has revealed a surprisingly high proportion of women who were taking highly addictive pep pills.

The report revealed that many doctors were still prescribing pep pills for overweight women and that some brands of slimming tablets could be openly bought from chemists.

One alarming conclusion was that almost 16 per cent. of “pep pill takers” were under 20 and nearly 12 per cent. were college students just beginning university courses.

This is alarming because of world trends in drug addiction—the reported increase in marijuana users among teenagers in America and Canada and the “trip-philosophy” of some teenage cults.

Like “beatle hair-cuts” and music, the publicised addictions of teenage groups can rapidly leap geographical boundaries. Trends among young people spread rapidly from city to city. (And, too often, the trends are encouraged by adult commercial interests).

There is no evidence in S.A. of any extensive drug taking or peddling among teenagers, according to official Adelaide sources published a month or so ago in the Adelaide Press. But it was only last August that Mr. Jago, M.L.A., the N.S.W. Minister of Health, said the same thing about Sydney.

—“S.A. Methodist.”

THE CHURCH IN MISSION

Simple, familiar words often are found to conceal profound meanings. This is true in particular of the word “mis-

sion.” Its use immediately conjures up in the minds of older church members the idea of “a mission” with a special preacher and concentrated services over a short period of time. It is equally easy to confuse the word with “missionary,” and to have a picture of dedicated men and women going into the undeveloped parts of the world with the Christian message. Of recent times, however, “mission” has been rediscovered in its Biblical fullness.

It is the outworking of the purpose and will of God. As such it is HIS work. This is to be seen in his creative acts which are not confined to one single act of creation. In making Israel a people where there was no people, in his provision of prophets, in his sending of Jesus Christ, in the creation of the Church, the provision of the Sacrament of the Word, the continual activity of the Holy Spirit, in all these are to be seen the creative acts of God. Indeed it is being realised afresh that God is not confined in his creativity to either the Church or religious activity, but in innumerable ways, as the Uppsala text says, he is “making all things new.”

—Philip Morgan in “Christian Advocate.”

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WHY THE NEW HEBRIDES?

By ALAN FLETCHER

One of the most difficult tasks I have ever attempted was to phrase an answer to this question for the sake of the people of Asau who heard only a matter of days before our due arrival, that we were not coming.

Even then it was not a reason, but an explanation of how we felt, through many situations, things done and said, and circumstances that God was leading us to this decision.

There were regrets. No one can make a life, a home, and real friends without a sense of deep loss when it all comes to an end. But there was above it all the sense of peace that God knew the needs, and that his will was being done.

We have often had a deep and abiding satisfaction in seeing the positive proof of faith, and to see the evidence of Christ's presence with us. It was no idle promise when Christ said, “Go—and behold I am with you always.”

Little more than a week after our arrival, having just begun to realise how isolated Maewo really was, we welcomed some of the Pentecost folk on their way to Ndul Ndul. Their plans were to stay overnight and leave early Saturday morning. At 3 o'clock Stuart had a freak accident. Jumping from a step he stumbled and a piece of bamboo

in his hand swung up, entered his mouth and pierced the soft part of the roof before snapping off in his hand.

Quickly preparations were made to leave immediately. The small craft with additional passengers was heavily laden and the sea was coming up to a fair swell. The journey too was not without incident as we slipped the dinghy and had to make several sweeps to pick it up again. By 6.30 however a very drugged and miserable little boy was being examined by the doctor at the Anglican Mission Hospital. At 8 o'clock he was taken into the theatre and had the jagged tear stitched up.

On our way into the anchorage at Lololwai, we had passed the local inter-island trading ship. This vessel called in again the following morning to collect us and return us to Maewo. Instead of a rough wet trip by launch across the wind swept passage, a very subdued little fellow slept comfortably in the captain's cabin.

Accidents will happen, but we can praise God for his watchful care over us in times of need.

Why the New Hebrides?

Because God called to a need and having called he has gone before and prepared the way.

VICTORIA . . .

BAPTISM AT WARRACKNABEAL

(Vic.). Mrs. Faye White and David Lardner were baptized and welcomed into membership at morning service on May 19 . . . Harvey Goldsworthy was elected Officers' Board president, 1968-69 . . . Circuit Board approved plan to commence a Men's Society.

BAMBRA RD. ADDITIONS

(Caulfield, Vic.). During May there were three first decisions and six re-consecrations . . . The ladies (A.W.F.) held a mothers' afternoon on May 9, and a special Mothers' Day service on May 12. The music by the choir and young people was well appreciated . . . The S.S. Supt., P. Jones, underwent surgery, and is progressing favourably . . . The church was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Evans.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

(Preston, Vic.). Lieut.-Col. Brewer of the Salvation Army, spoke on missionary work in Indonesia to the C.W.A.F. birthday. Mrs. Qualfe was soloist. Fellowship with visiting women was enjoyed . . . On Mothers' Day auxiliaries took part in evening service . . . Five young people from Milleara visited the Sunday evening Y.P. club . . . On May 19, Mr. Willis, Leprosy Mission, showed film of the mission in New Guinea.

RESIGNATION FROM CASTLEMAINE

(Vic.). After two years in Castlemaine and Harcourt circuit, C. W. Jackel has resigned, and is seeking another field. In his six-monthly report to the combined board it was stated that 400 pastoral visits had been made and three confessions of faith received. Christian education was given weekly to 100 scholars and regular visits were made to Alexander Home and the Community Hospital. The preacher contributed to the “Castlemaine Mail.” Mr. Jackel is guest speaker at the Mile End Jubilee and an eight-day mission . . . The church seats are being renovated by H. Cattermole and N. Hall . . . At a Youth Rally and tea “The Gospelaires” from Ballarat, sang. Visitors came from Harcourt . . . Matron Gall from the Oakleigh Guest Home, will be speaker at the C.W.F. on May 22.

MARYBOROUGH'S 103rd

(Vic.). N. S. Moore from North Essendon, was guest speaker at 103rd Anniversary on May 5 and John Paver, of Ararat, spoke at the ladies' 53rd birthday on May 7 of his work in J Ward which houses the criminally insane at Ararat. Guests came from Ballarat churches, Dunolly and other local sister churches and auxiliaries . . . The W.E.F. held a successful street stall to assist with the new cupboards recently built into the kitchen . . . Prayers are continually sought for Mrs. A. Black and family, also A. Bursell and family.

TWELVE BREMERS

(Malvern, Vic.). About 12 members of the Bremner family were present at a church parade . . . Rev. A. Williams, Methodist, spoke for the Inter-Church Council for the Prayer for Christian Unity. Our minister, A. B. Clark, spoke at Malvern Baptist. W. Handley was speaker at a youth service on May 19 . . . Margaret Clydesdale has gone to W.A. . . . Mrs. Pfeifer, Miss Morley and Mr. Pfeifer have recovered from surgery. Mrs. Webb is still ill . . . Soloists have been Max and Neville Carr, Mrs. Judy Blackmore, Mrs. C. Leembruggen, Doug. Thomas, Mrs. M. Butler, Geoff Prentice and Mrs. I. Beazley . . . Allan Scrafton recently confessed Christ.

NEW ADULT GROUP

(West Preston, Vic.). The newly formed Young Adult Group has well attended meetings, with significant discussions . . . At the last After Church Fellowship the minister was “put on the spot” with questions put to him by those present . . . The Youth Centre continues to provide for young people . . . The C.W.E.F. conducted the gospel service on May 12. Mrs. David gave the message.

ADULT PROGRAMME

(Briar Hill, Vic.). Monthly A.C.E. programme made good start with 74 attending. Programme incorporates evening service . . . B.S. held “Open Day” when parents, members, and friends saw the school in action . . . Recent speakers have been A. B. Withers (Northcote), C. Kimber (Ivanhoe) and F. Cambridge (Social Service Dept.) . . . A working bee tidied church grounds and property . . . C.W.F. conducted recent evening service. The target for Manse land debt reduction (Jan.-June) has been reached . . . Miss D. Martin (Christian Service Centre) was visiting speaker recently at ladies' afternoon meeting. . . . Greetings were conveyed to the church by H. Earl (Ivanhoe church sec.) and Conference Executive on Briar Hill's affiliation with Conference.

MISSIONARY VISITOR

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Miss Francis Cole, returned voluntary missionary to New Hebrides, was welcomed en route to W.A. and also shared with C.E. . . . C.W.F. led a Mothers' Day gospel service and featured the theme, “Qualities of Motherhood.” A grandmother, mother of a teenager, and young mother each gave short talks . . . C.M.F. held open night when former quiz king, George Morris, gave interesting talk and showed slides of his trip to Red China . . . Mothers, old and young, enjoyed a social evening by C.W.E.F. Opportunity table realised \$55.

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TOO MODERN

To the Editor,

I usually enjoy the letters of "Tertius," but I wish the one using the heading "Too Modern" had not been written. It spoils a pretty good record.

Maybe the reason given for sacking the parson in question was too general to say anything, and does not give any real indication of the actual reason. There are some whose teachings are described in that rather misleading way whom, I think, Paul would have sacked. To compare some of these with Jesus Christ is very regrettable indeed.

However, the implications of the sentence, "People pay ministers to give them what they already believe in," disturb me even more. After a good number of years in the ministry I feel it is a shocking slander to suggest that churches generally adopt the attitude that they pay the piper and have a right to call the tune.

It is all very well to be sarcastic about the church expecting to hear what they already believe in, but for the life of me I cannot see why they should not expect to hear just that. There are surely some basic Christian beliefs that all Christians share, and which the churches have a right to expect to hear preached.

I am not pleading for anything static or traditionally conservative, but for a deeper note of responsibility in the statements of the critics of the church and the Christian faith.

—Allan B. Clark, (Vic.).

WAR AND CHRIST

To the Editor,

I wonder if Mr. Manallack, "A.C.," 20/4/68, has considered these points:

(1) If war and Christ are incompatible, then how come we have recorded in the O.T. some accounts of the bloodiest wars that I have heard of? Would it not have been more correct to say that sin and Christ are incompatible.

(2) War is not a disease. It is a symptom or sign of what is going on in the background. In the O.T., some of the wars were manifestations of the mighty power of God; but, in Vietnam, the war is a symptom of the unhealthy relationship between nations; and any good doctor will tell you that it is no use just treating symptoms.

(3) Demonstrators fail to recognise that a demonstration is itself a tiny war, in that one party is trying to bring another party into subjection to its demands. In Australia, we have not yet reached the stage of killing each other; but, in America and Europe, they have. I cannot remember that war was ever officially declared in Vietnam; so could it be that this is just a big demonstration? Where do we draw the line between a demonstration and war?

The problem of Vietnam (and demonstrations) therefore goes deeper apparently than Mr. Manallack could reach in his research.—D. B. Price, Qld.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

EFFICIENCY

To the Editor,

I am sure that Churches of Christ should employ an efficiency expert, or a time and motion man.

Our minister licks stamps and sends out circulars although he was trained to be a pastor and an evangelist.

Our women spend hours and nerve ends raising fifty dollars for a heater when all they need to do is collect after a specially cold morning service, to get the money in ten minutes.

Our church is half full twice on a Sunday.

Half of our families pass other Churches of Christ to get to church.

A spanking new church has been erected in a nearby housing area to tell the good news to the residents, but the residents don't come to hear it.

I am told that much time and money is spent by conference departments reminding responsible church officers to send along money already given in local churches for brotherhood purposes.

I heard the other day of an editor of an Australian church fortnightly who sends out the accounts, maintains the address lists, and types his own letters (and how!).

TERTIUS.

THE RESURRECTION

To the Editor,

It is essential that issue be taken with E. S. Sanders in the "A.C." in relation to the value of and essential belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A true disciple of Jesus believes everything that he claimed for himself. Mr. Sanders has acknowledged some of the fundamental experiences that go with belief in Almighty God, but his attitude towards the resurrection and those of the household of faith must be grievous to the Lord.

Mr. Sanders states that there are many Christians with a living vibrant faith who do not need a belief in the physical resurrection either of Christ or their own body. I draw his attention to the following scriptures: 1 Cor. 15: 3-5, 20-21; and Acts 17: 18.

The resurrection is everything to the Christian and cannot be ignored or lightly referred to.—Fred. Norwood, Qld.

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TEENAGE CAMP

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). 30 young people were in camp studying the theme, "Being Teenagers." . . . Church offerings are maintaining higher level following Stewardship Campaign last Feb. . . . Mother and daughter social held for over 80 mothers and daughters. C.W.F. took evening service on Mothers' Day with several ladies taking part. Mrs. D. Robinson gave the message . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Allsop in the loss of Mrs. Allsop's brother in Victoria.

HILTON DEVELOPING

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). Attendances at Hilton are increasing. 70 were present on May 12 when Hamilton Hill C.E. group led meeting. Graham Robinson was speaker . . . A ladies' choir assisted the minister, F. Rees, in a special Mothers' Day service . . . A young married woman has been baptized and received into membership . . . On May 9 the C.W.F.s of Fremantle-Hilton and Hamilton Hill combined for luncheon. Mrs. Stitt was speaker . . . Ailsa Cressie is leaving for a U.K. working holiday . . . Storm damage required the re-building of the older section of the church hall at Fremantle.

FOR NEW HALL

(Ormond Vic.). A coffee morning was held for funds for the new hall . . . The C.M.F. annual meeting and tea was held in our hall . . . Men's working bee for widows was held.

NEW MINISTRY

(Red Hill, Vic.). John Turner commenced a ministry with the church in April . . . Aborigines' Committee held meeting here on May 11. C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. provided lunch and afternoon tea. Doug. Nichols addressed football teams playing opposite church during half-time break . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ludbrook (S.A.) were guests of minister and Mrs. Turner and visitors at church . . . C.W.E.F. meeting on May 24 had Textile Promotions show materials and designs used in new season's fashion trends.

LOXTON BAPTISMS

(S.A.). At a special service on April 28 Misses Raynour Higgins and Janine Swanbury were baptized. It was also the first Girls' Brigade Church Parade for 1968. Parents and friends were among the 60 who attended and supper was served.

BUILDING TENDERS CALLED

(Horsham, Vic.). Tenders have been invited for alteration and extensions to existing buildings with a view to early commencement . . . C.E. have a missionary target of \$400. Recent projects have been making and selling of 224 dozen lamingtons and gathering 14 tons of wood . . . Church bus is largely responsible for increased attendances at S.S. and clubs. About 60 girls are in Junior and Senior Good Companions' clubs. They combined to present a concert on May 9, about half of the audience being non-church members . . . Recently formed Junior-Intermediate C.E. is functioning well.

MOTHERS' DAY

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). Mothers' Day services were held with S.S. scholars combining with adults in the morning and a group of mothers taking the evening service. Mrs. W. Lydon was speaker. . . . The badminton club after having held a car rally is now preparing a float for the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the foundation of Kalgoorlie. . . . The church witnessed the baptism of Robert Humphries.

CHRISTIAN EDUC. SUNDAY

(Beverly, S.A.). R. Innes, president of Youth for Christ in S.A., led a team on Christian Educ. Sunday. The film, "Crossroads of History" was screened at night . . . Mothers and others took part in a family service on Mothers' Day . . . A B.S. camp was held at Longwood . . . Boys' Brigade members attended the Clarendon camp with two of their leaders . . . The tennis club break-up picnic was held at Loftia Park when trophies were presented. Three girls' teams and a young men's team have been entered in basketball. There are also two table-tennis teams.

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S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

(Adelaide). S.A. Ministers' Fraternal meets Monday, June 3, 10.30 a.m., Gawler Place, Adelaide. Speaker: R. Tipsett. Subject: "Army Chaplaincy."

CHURCH MOURNS LOSS

(Grote St., Adelaide). The church extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Patricia Dennis and family in the tragic death of her husband, Len, through shooting accident at Esperance where they were missionaries at "Fairhaven." . . . Nurses' Special Service on May 12 was conducted by Hospital Chaplain, Jack Baker, with Chas. Dow, Director of D.C.E. as speaker. Mr. Dow also conducted the coffee hour. Jock Hunting, of Jewish Evangelical Witness, was morning speaker . . . Mrs. Bruggeman was welcomed back after several months' absence through sickness. Mrs. Brealey is confined to home through sickness. . . . There were two baptisms on the 19th. Attendances are always larger at night than mornings . . . Attention is again called to the advertisement for special services.

STEWARDSHIP REFRESHER

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). A refresher stewardship course was held May 19-26 led by K. D. Horne who spoke at both services for the 19th. The church board members visited members with material and pledge forms which were returned on May 26 . . . A special Mothers' Day service on May 12 was conducted by women of the church. Mrs. K. Crosby of Dulwich, was guest speaker . . . Annual business meeting held May 1. After seven years of valuable service N. Bright asked to be relieved of secretarial duties. Our new secretary is L. Rowley, assistant secretary, M. Bennett.

WITHOUT A MINISTER

(Pt. Lincoln, S.A.). Although without a minister the church is coming steadily along. Visiting "ministers of the word" have been received with gratitude. Two women have occupied the pulpit. The men of the church have taken extra duties in their stride, and the women have undertaken the looking after of visiting ministers.

MEN ENTERTAIN

(Unley, S.A.). Instead of their usual monthly dinner the C.M.S. recently took supper and a programme to our Christian Rest Home at St. George's . . . Four girls from S.S. and Girls' Brigade were among enquirers at Leighton Ford Mission . . . In April C.W.F. Evening group was represented at a meeting of women's church groups in Unley district where Mrs. E. V. Lawton was speaker . . . A recent visitor was Mrs. Linley Gordon from U.S.A. . . . Dr. John Lawton has returned from overseas, and Dr. Thornley Thomas, his wife Edda, and daughter have been welcomed home from India.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, STHN. DIST., S.A.

Seventy attended the 11th Annual Women's Conference in the Southern District held at Victor Harbour on April 18.

The president for the day was Mrs. B. Watts. Mrs. Simpson conveyed greetings from the State Women's Conference. Devotional messages were given by Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Oke. Guest speakers were Miss U. Clarke, a State Welfare officer in the Aborigines' Affairs Department, and Mrs. B. Coventry.

Mrs. Stevens, leader of the Aborigines' Dept., accepted a cheque for \$228.86, being the amount raised for our District Project which was to provide irons for the missionaries at Norse-

man, and a washing machine for those at Carnarvon. Mrs. Peters was soloist and two recitations were given by Mrs. Fooks.

The brief reports presented from the individual groups of Conference revealed that opportunities for practical Christian service had been accepted by the women of the district, and much good work done locally as well as for all State Conference Departments. Mrs. Simpson inducted the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. R. Oke; president-elect, Mrs. H. E. Greenwood; vice-president, Mrs. T. Laurie; secretary, Mrs. B. Tuckwell; treasurer, Miss R. Howard.

—B. M. Tuckwell, secretary.

THE BIGGEST

(Torrensville, S.A.). Invitations were given to each church member to invite one person to the special service on Mothers' Day. The result was a good morning response, and 90 at the evening service. The average is 35. The minister, A. E. Brown, took both services. After the evening service, the Ansva film, "Cross Roads of History" was shown.

CHOIR PRESENTS "MESSIAH"

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). The church choir led by Peter Tillet, presented Part 2 of Handel's "Messiah." Soloists were Daryl Reed (tenor) and Shirley Alderton (soprano) . . . The "A" cricket team won the premiership . . . Scott Davey is captain of the South Australian basketball team to compete in the Australian Championships in Sydney . . . The church has 10 women's and five men's basketball teams in the Churches of Christ Assoc. All basketball teams paraded on April 28. A young lady made her decision . . . Baptismal services were held on April 14 and May 5 . . . The S.S. (membership over 400) held its picnic at Loftia Park.

GIFT FOR CARNARVON

(Lenswood, S.A.). The Aborigines' Mission Dept. committee visited the Women's Auxiliary. A box of clothing, items of haberdashery and an offering were given for the Carnarvon Aborigines' Home . . . Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated on May 5. Miss Dianna Potter of Maylands was evening soloist. Parts of the display were given to Morialta Children's Home and a rest home.

(GAWLER, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain and several other members have recovered from illness . . . The church here combined with Kersbrook and Williamstown for the Good Friday service . . . Several members joined Leighton Ford Crusade classes. . . . Keen interest is shown in Junior Endeavour and Jewish Evangelical Witness meeting. Two meetings for 12 to 15-year-olds have been held in manse. . . . Four teams have joined the local basketball association.

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The three camps held over the Easter holiday period attracted just on 250 campers spread from Illawarra through Macquarie to Tamworth. The campers came from as far south as Wagga and north from Inverell.

The Holy Spirit was present in power. Many responded publicly while many felt the need to throw off half heartedness and come to grips with living for Jesus.

Camp Greenhalgh—Lake Illawarra

Nearly 100 went to our established site with Franklyn Elliott as leader.

Lake Macquarie

Over 100 campers attended the primitive but beautiful Lake Macquarie camp site. Even one camper from a Brethren camp down the line became carried away with the enthusiasm of our campers and came in with them until he discovered his mistake.

Camp Keepit—Tamworth

Nearly 50 from Orange, Gilgandra, Tamworth and Inverell met in the Tamworth Showground. Max Hall from Inverell was leader in charge and prepared the Quiet Time manual on Jonah which was used in all N.S.W. camps. In fact it was obtained and used outside the State. Over 400 copies were in print.

In all camps the studies were a series of four adapted from the book "Following Christ" recommended for Billy Graham follow-up Bible Study groups.

Dibism was used in each camp and campers are encouraged to continue this simple style of Bible discussion in their local churches.

Details of Dibism ideals and directions are obtainable from Focus vol. 1 no. 1 or by writing to the D.C.E., 69 Campbell Street, Surry Hills, 2010.

Appreciation is expressed to a number of full-time ministers who came away as leaders. Ray Evers, Noel and Jean Flint, Jay Bacik, Neal Hodgekiss, Doug Holloway, Barry Benz and Roger Foletta plus the camp directors were of the full-time variety. A very large contingent of Woolwich students were present and greatly appreciated.

Primary decisions were made by Warren Willis, John Monk, Jennifer Smith,

Ruth Kemp, Adelle White, Leonie Blundell, Stephen Sim, Sue Folp and Lyn McDougal.

Please note: There was a shifting population of those who wanted to come in and out of camp as it suited them. The D.C.E. does not encourage this. Youth leaders should please note and notify youth groups and members—visitors are welcome to the camp concert Saturday night only. Thank you.

Appreciation. Is always expressed to the unswerving faithfulness of the catering staff present at each camp.

FIRST FROM CRUSADE

(Granville, N.S.W.). May 19 saw the baptism of the first of many in our area who made decisions at the Billy Graham Crusade. Three follow-up Bible Study groups have been formed. 18 young people were referred to our church from the Crusade. Many were S.S. scholars . . . On May 12 and 13 the S.S. celebrated its 45th Anniversary. Guest speakers were C. Powell and R. Bartholomew. The film "Dave Collins" was screened.

DECISIONS AT DAPTO

(N.S.W.). During April, the church was thrilled to witness the first decisions for Christ in our newly instituted evening services, when four adults made commitment one Sunday, and a young person the next Sunday. The first month of evening services saw an average of 44 attend . . . Just begun also, Boys' Brigade with 18 enrolled, and Girls' Brigade with 24 . . . The Women's Fellowship is growing. Almost half of the 22 women who enjoyed a "bark making" demonstration were not church members . . . The first S.S. picnic had 90 of the enrolment of 104 at Mt. Kembla . . . The church supported and attended the Billy Graham Crusade and received four referrals for further counselling . . . A baptistery is being constructed after we were in the embarrassing position of having nine candidates for baptism but nowhere to baptize them . . . An Adult Christian Education discussion group has commenced.

RE-DISCOVERING THE HOLY SPIRIT

An Australia-wide Convention on Mission and Evangelism, organised by the Methodist Church, but open to Christians of all denominations, will be held in Sydney from Friday evening to Sunday, June 14-16.

SPONSORED JOINTLY

Sponsored jointly by the Methodist Division of Mission and Evangelism and the Central Methodist Mission, Sydney, the Convention will take up the theme "Rediscovering the Holy Spirit." In a series of public rallies, Bible studies, seminars, group discussions and special services, it will relate this theme to personal living, moral reformation, church renewal, world mission and world revolution.

The Convention will be based at Wesley Centre with some sessions in Wesley Chapel and the Lyceum.

Speakers for the Convention have been drawn from four States and the Australian Capital Territory. They include a theologian, the Director of Evangelism, a circuit minister, two Central Mission superintendents, a leading Presbyterian minister, a Labor member of Federal Parliament, and an active Methodist layman.

CONTEMPORARY TERMS

The Convention is built upon the conviction that the most important fundamental need is to rediscover in contemporary terms the significance of the doctrine and experience of the Holy Spirit.

As a consequence the Convention programme will commence with the claim that the Holy Spirit is the neglected factor in the church. It will proceed to an examination of New Testament teaching about the Holy Spirit and, in conjunction with that, will examine critically the significance of the modern Pentecostal movement. The programme has been designed to maintain a careful balance between the meaning of the Holy Spirit's action in personal terms and in broader terms through the life of the Church and through the world revolutionary movements of our time. Speakers will not simply talk about the Holy Spirit. The very practical question—"How May I Rediscover Him?"—will be honestly faced.

REGISTRATION

The Convention will be open to ministers and laymen throughout Australia who may attend as delegates on payment of \$1 registration fee. A brochure setting out full details of the Convention programme, accommodation arrangements, etc., has been prepared and copies have been distributed to circuits throughout N.S.W. Interstate and other interested enquirers may obtain copies from: Rev. N. D. Arthur, Dept. of Home Missions, 139 Castle-reagh Street, Sydney, N.S.W., 2000.

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TONY HICKS GIVES TALK

(Inglewood, W.A.). Tony Hicks was guest speaker to Young Married's Group. He is the first Aboriginal medical student to enter W.A. University. Work amongst his people was discussed . . . Kinder. and Primary Depts. of the church school invited mothers to a service on May 12. At night women's groups conducted the service and provided choir. Church women entertained the ladies from the "Carinya" Village one afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Verco, transferred in employment from Sydney, are meeting with us . . . Mesdames Cranwell, Builder, Peacock, Wortlehook, and Ray Cheeseman have all been hospitalised during the past month, but are now home and progressing . . . 60 attended Y.P.'s International Night.

FROM REDCLIFFE

(Qld.). A married lady and two S.S. teachers were baptized recently . . . The church business meeting elected A. Pieper, H. J. Plint and P. Smith as elders. P. Smith is sec., A. Hilford is treas., and T. Mears is S.S. Supt. . . . Mesdames Plint, Machin and Rankin attended Women's Camp at Emu Park, Rockhampton . . . J. Wiltshire gave an illustrated message on Aborigine Work Fellowship . . . Mrs. Waldron is C.W.F. Pres. . . . Cecily Waldron completed the 21-mile Walkathon on Anzac Day. . . . Eric Hart was guest speaker on Mothers' Day. 90 attended Family Fellowship tea with men as hosts. The cake was cut by Mrs. Holden. Mrs. Plint gave the message. A regular announcement and news sheet is being prepared by Messrs. Hilford and Springhall.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

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

VICTORIA

MAY:
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.
19-28—Explorer Indoor Sports (Zones).
22—B.S. One-Day Teacher Training Conference—Ballarat.
29—C.Y.F. Annual Dinner and Meeting.
June 26-Aug. 21—Leadership and Y.A.F. Sensitivity Training Programme (9 Wednesdays).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JUNE:
May 31-June 2—Superintendents' Conf. Balaklava (C. H. Dow).
2—Church Life Conference, Unley.
15—Seminar on "Communicating the Gospel." Northern churches at Balaklava. (C. H. Dow).
16—Brotherhood Sunday.
21-23—Church Life Conference at Beverley. (K. D. Horne).
22—Eyre Peninsula Conf., Tumbay Bay.
23—Christian Educ. Evaluation, Pt. Lincoln.
25—Christian Unity Seminar, Maylands.
28-29—"Communicating the Gospel". Southern Conf. Churches at Pt. Sturt.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

EDITORIAL (Continued from page 2)

He concludes, "let us stop thinking of a solution in Vietnam as impossible. It is not at all impossible; it is only that we have resolutely refused to proceed on any but the wrong path." The way to get on a wiser path "is by everyone possible being persuaded that there is a wiser path. Here every individual has a personal obligation. That is to aid in this task of persuasion. The White House, Senators, Congressmen, delegates who will write the planks and select the candidates at the forthcoming party conventions, all require the attention of the concerned citizen. But so do one's friends, neighbours, fellow workers, fellow church members, and fellow voters."

Galbraith's message is important. If it can be refuted, then we ought to read the refutation also. We may be excused for not solving a problem that has divided the world, but we cannot be excused for not making some effort to understand what is being done in our name.

TEACHING MINISTRY

(Cottesloe, W.A.). A recently concluded teaching ministry following on the Ford Crusade, had David Hammer as teacher . . . Mrs. Minnie Prior passed away after some months of suffering. She was a very faithful member and her simple faith encouraged many . . . Two boys and two girls were baptized, having made decisions at the Crusade. A number of our members took part in Crusade committees and as ushers and choir members . . . The church has appointed Vic. Cousins and Bert Blundell as elders. D. K. Croot has agreed to a further three-year term of ministry . . . In basketball competitions we have entered two senior men's, one junior boys', and two junior girls' teams. Men's association is using our newly renovated court each week.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE

(Melb.). In connection with the week of prayer for Christian unity a special ecumenical service will be held in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Melbourne, on Pentecost Sunday, June 2, 1968, at 3 p.m.

Archbishop Woods will lead the service. The Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church, Norman Faichney, will be the preacher and Dr. Knox, R.C. Archbishop of Melbourne, will lead prayer for unity. Representatives of other Christian churches will take part.

Ministers and members of all churches are invited to participate.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The next C.W.F. Council meeting will be held in the reception room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

QLD. MINISTERS' WIVES

The Qld. Ministers' Wives' Fellowship joined with the Ministers' Fraternal in their annual conference dinner held at Canberra Hotel Orchid Room. Mrs. M. J. Bedwell was elected president, and Mrs. Walmsley re-elected as secretary. The work of the past-president, Mrs. A. Surtees, was spoken of with appreciation.

\$80,000 GIFT

(Bunbury, W.A.). The Bunbury Town Council has donated \$80,000 to the future construction of Aged Persons' Frail Home Units at the Elanora Villas' site. This is a brotherhood venture situated on five acres of land in a choice residential location. 12 flats are in operation with one vacancy at present . . . Mr. Carslake and two local doctors formed a panel at a "P. and C." meeting of 60 to discuss Sex Education in High Schools . . . There was one decision at the first Y.P. tea and service for this year . . . Boys' Brigade had 35 attend first night. They combined with the Girls' Brigade for Church Parade . . . A bookshop has been set up in the church. The C.W.F. averages over 20 in the new hall . . . Coralie Beckett is home on holidays from the Norseman Mission.

MISSIONARIES WELCOMED HOME

(Wembley, W.A.). At a special meeting Dr. and Mrs. T. Thomas and Joanne who are living links of the church, were welcomed home from India. A welcome was given by local and brotherhood representatives including the Federal Overseas Sec., R. S. A. McLean. Both Dr. and Mrs. Thomas spoke briefly of their experiences in India. After the meeting supper was served in the hall . . . On Mother's Day the J.C.E. had a special Mothers' Day meeting. The ladies of the church assisted at gospel service. A special mothers and daughters choral item was presented . . . At a youth service 16 young people who have formed a beach singing group, sang to the accompaniment of two guitars. Phillip Slater gave the message . . . Robert Paget who recently returned from Geraldton, is now B.S. Supt.

CRUCIFIXION DRAMA

(Albion, Qld.). Special features for Sunday evening have included a dramatization of the Crucifixion by the S.S. and Girls' Choir, and a Mothers' Day service presented by the J.C.E. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon programme was presented by the Girls' Choir and assisting artists. The J.C.E. again sponsored a successful egg appeal on behalf of Burdeu House.

83 YEARS' SERVICE

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). Members from Gatton, Toowoomba, Harlaxton, Ipswich and Annerley shared in 83rd anniversary tea. Bruce Roberts, of Harlaxton, was guest speaker. Lloyd Martin, Conf. vice-pres., represented Mr. Pieper. Instrumental items were given by "The Joytones," and Mrs. M. McNicol was soloist. R. Poole was song leader, Betty Evans was pianiste, and Judith Roberts was at the electronic organ. The minister, V. G. Boettcher, presented a Bible to E. F. Cole as a 70th birthday gift and in recognition of 30 years' service as secretary and 50 years as deacon. E. T. Hart, Social Services Director, gave the Sunday messages. Gatton church combined for night meeting . . . A brick fence has been erected at the chapel. . . . The minister and four delegates attended State Conference.

CHANGE FROM KEDRON

(Qld.). The church has received with regret the resignation of G. Chapman who has accepted a call to Hurstville, N.S.W., and concludes his ministry in July . . . Mrs. J. Dawe and her daughter Robyn were injured in a car accident while returning from Caloundra Camp celebration on April 25 and are both still in hospital . . . Ian Martin, of Warwick, spoke on May 5 and also addressed the Youth Fellowship.

FURTHER TERM

(Mt. Compass, S.A.). H. E. Greenwood has accepted a further term of ministry until Jan. 31, 1971, with the Goolwa-Mt. Compass circuit . . . The film "Dead Men on Furlough" was screened at a gospel service. Two girls made decisions . . . The S.S. anniversary on May 4, had Nick Gavros as speaker. Phillip Peters trained the scholars singing and Sandra Jacobs was pianist. One girl accepted Christ. The programmes were prepared by Misses Betty and Helen Jacobs . . . Youth Sunday was observed on Mothers' Day. Joan Jacobs, from Nepabunna Mission, preached the sermon . . . The whole church was saddened by the death of Cecil Skewes, a foundation member who had held the offices of secretary, S.S. teacher, deacon and was speaker at many churches in the State, in spite of a physical handicap which caused him great suffering.

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DEATH OF ABORIGINES MISSIONARY . . .



Mr. and Mrs. LEN DENNIS

The whole "family" of our Aborigines' Mission work has been bereaved by the accidental death of Len Dennis, of "Fairhaven" Training Hostel, Esperance. The tragedy occurred on Tuesday evening, May 14, during a car trip to look for kangaroos. Len was wounded in a gun explosion, and died the next morning, without regaining consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis had been missionaries for scarcely a year, but it was the fulfilment of a dream of many years' duration. Mrs. Dennis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finck, who were U.A.M. missionaries at Colebrook Home in S.A. They are members of the Grote Street Church, Adelaide, from which Len and Trish Dennis came into the mission work.

At 25 years of age, Len was a carpenter of experience, and had dedicated his abilities to the Lord's work. Their first temporary appointment was to Norseman Christian Centre, where they helped in the adult work while engaged in the completion of the building programme of new hall, etc. Early this year they moved on to "Fairhaven" for the responsible task of building the extensions for which the W.A. Government has promised finance. In the true pioneering tradition of our Mission work, they and their three young children shifted into temporary accommodation on the site. On the completion of this project, they were hoping to be used in the Children's Homes' work of our Missions.

The funeral service on May 17 was conducted by E. A. Stevenson, Superintendent of "Fairhaven," with A. M. Bell, Chairman, and D. C. Hammer, Secretary of the Federal Board assisting. The large number of mourners included the mothers of both Len and Trish (who had travelled by air to Perth, and then came 450 miles by road to be present), fellow-missionaries from Esperance and Norseman and other Missions, and many of the Aboriginal Christians. The whole brotherhood of Churches of Christ will share in their sympathetic concern.

The town of Esperance has shown a wonderful spirit of sympathy. The R.C. priest, whose presbytery is over the road from "Fairhaven," immediately commenced a fund for financial assistance to the widow, and gifts are coming in from various local sources, as well as from our own churches.

The Aborigines' Mission Board now faces the problem of the continuance of the building programme at "Fairhaven." Initial work has been done, and all materials have been obtained. In a literal sense, the foundations have been laid, but on these foundations another man builds. We are looking to our Heavenly Father in confident trust to supply the man or men to complete this important project at "Fairhaven."—David Hammer.

NIGHT FEATURES

(Ascot Park, S.A.). April features were a favourite hymn night and a Question Box night, when the minister answered questions presented . . . Scholars and teachers of the B.S. went on a Mystery Hike on Anzac Day. None got lost—but some felt a little the worse for wear at the end. D. G. Fenn was organiser. On April 28 Janet and Ian McDonald made decisions.

DAMAGE AT BURWOOD

(Vic.). A wild storm which struck Melbourne on May 23 tore off about half of the roof and about a third of the ceiling of the Church of Christ in Highbury Rd., Burwood. There was no structural damage to the rest of the building although the floor suffered whilst it was open to the rain. The repairs, which will be completed in time for the building to be used on June 2, are estimated to cost about \$2000.

COLLINGWOOD'S 100th

(Vic.). For the church's 100th birthday there were attendances up to 500 in the afternoon. Fellowship was enjoyed by past members (two baptized there 70 years ago) and from the messages of Rev. Horne, exhorting personal involvement in church and community. Excellent musical items complemented each session. An average of 160 people greeted the hot lunch and tea prepared by the ladies. The local Mayor commended the church on its continued witness while other churches in the area have closed. Thank offering of over \$500 was received in addition to the \$500 World Missionary Fund fulfilled during the past year . . . A brief history of the church buildings, ministers and members has been compiled and is available at 50c per copy from the secretary, R. Warry, 118 Easey St., Collingwood. (See advertisement on page 19).



R. V. AMOS
President, 1968-69

• 103rd CONFERENCE

VICTORIA & TASMANIA

UNITED GOSPEL WITNESS—Conference began at the Melb. Town Hall where about 2300 shared in a combined Sunday evening service. Most suburban churches closed their own meetings to encourage attendance and the results in worship, evangelism, and post meeting friendship justified this action. G. K. Moyes, of Cheltenham, was the preacher, the Choral Society and the Part Time Singers gave items, and Glen Witham of Hamilton, was organist.

BUSINESS MEETINGS—These were held in Nicholas Hall, a good central position and most sessions enjoyed good attendances. Graham Gilmour climaxed a splendid year as President. He was firm enough when necessary but — as should be — he was ready to bend the rules governing time and debating procedures to ensure that contentious matters should be given adequate airing before voting.

W. W. Saunders, Conf. Secretary, before, during, and after conference placed us further in his debt.

Departments are required to give an account of their stewardship so that approval, or correction if necessary, and direction for the future may be given, but some feel that more time should be given to the discussion of issues which challenge our attitudes and actions in the church and community, and that less time should be given to more formal matters. Some addresses, given in moving and seconding reports, said little more than was already printed in the hand-book and shortened the related question time.

On the other hand, there were occasions when important reports were presented and received with practically no comment from the floor of Conference.

WORSHIP—The evening worship sessions were led by A. John Lloyd of Croydon church. These halfway pauses were times of commitment and challenge as they related all of Conference to the theme "Worthy of the Gospel."

VISITORS—I. J. Chivell, Secretary of S.A. Conference, was speaker at the Ministers' and Secretaries' Tea and also at the ministers' sessions. Mrs. R. D.

Main, C.W.F. President, N.S.W., gave the Overseas Missions Focus and was guest speaker at Women's Conference.

THE EXECUTIVE REPORT — There was a further decline of 92 in active membership. Because the returns were not complete it is not possible to give an accurate average attendance figure, but a check on some of the larger churches suggests that the percentage of attendance to membership is also falling slightly. There was a marked lack of support for the implementation of the Commission on Membership's recommendations despite the fact that the D.C.E. and the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. are sponsoring "Consultations on Evangelism and Membership Conservation."

Shortage of finance is again hindering expansion and even threatens the continuation of present programmes. V. L. Gole said that while planned giving programmes have increased the giving by churches by up to 80%, this increase has not been reflected in the giving to Departments.

Many of the inter-church organisations with which we are associated do not receive enough to make their services effective.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE—The Federal Conference Secretary, E. W. Rofey, directed attention to the forthcoming Conference in Sydney and also suggested that each church encourage its minister to attend by meeting the cost (in whole or in part) of travel and accommodation. The first national seminar of our ministers is an additional reason for ministers to go to Sydney in Oct., 1968. This seminar could make a great contribution to the life of the churches.

WORLD CONVENTION—I. J. Chivell pointed us to Oct. 20-26, 1970, for the 8th World Convention. Although Adelaide will be the host city to the world brotherhood, it is Australia, rather than the State of South Australia, which must carry the responsibility of providing resources for the Convention. These resources are partly financial, but, shared by all of the churches and spread over several years, the estimated cost of \$12,500 will not be hard to meet.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS—One of the most interesting and dramatic moments of Conference was provided by Mrs. R. D. Main. She brought a vital message on the continuing need for overseas missions. Her recent visit to India has given her vivid pictures of a frightening number of problems facing that country, and of the missionary's capacity to help the people overcome those problems. The capacity of the missionary depends a great deal upon understanding and commitment at home.

CHRISTIAN UNION—While there was evidence of impatience with the slow progress towards union, the position of our churches was confirmed as continuing "in conversation" with the three negotiating churches. "Conversation" means "observation and exchange of views, not formal negotiation."

There is a general willingness to unite, but there were some aspects of our plea that were not negotiable. The possibility, however, that more of the present difficulties could be overcome was indicated by the removal by the U.C.A. parties of two early obstacles. One was the proposed relationship of the U.C.A. to the Church of South India. The latter has practices which we would find it difficult to accept, but the proposed agreement with the C.S.I. has been dropped. Another factor that worried us was the place bishops would have in the Uniting Church. This obstacle has also been removed because the negotiating churches have themselves rejected the traditional role of the bishop. Many barriers still remain between us and others—but there are also barriers between the other churches which are seeking to become one.

It is increasingly evident that all of the churches in negotiation and discussion are genuinely seeking a path that all can follow—not through compromise but by conviction.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—A resolution of major importance relating to co-operation by the Federal Board of Christian Education with the Joint Board of Christian Education (representing Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches) was passed almost unanimously. The resolution supported co-operation in the production of a new curriculum for 1970, provided that "the witness of our brotherhood can be preserved." The Joint Board is as anxious as we are that such witness is preserved and to ensure this a major editorial position will be filled from our churches.

The appointment was announced of Ray McKenzie as the new Director of Christian Education for Vic. and Tas.

ABORIGINES—Appreciation was expressed of the impetus being given to a better deal for Aborigines in the light of new interest by the Federal Government and the appointment of Mr. W. C. Wentworth to a new Ministry to care for the old Australians.

WAR IN VIETNAM—No question has so divided and disturbed the community as our involvement in the war in Vietnam. The division and disturbance were also evident in the Conference debate. The compromise motion which appears below received strong support, but many

delegates felt that this was one item which should have been given time for a full dress debate and discussion.

SOCIAL SERVICE—A milestone was marked with the announcement that Charles Young has commenced his 21st year as part-time hospital chaplain. Mr. Young is known and appreciated in every hospital in Melbourne and has made a unique contribution in a ministry which has touched all ages and ignored religious and social boundaries.

Conference requested the Social Service Department to consider the appointment of a full-time Hospital Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS:

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

That the Social Service Department give consideration to the possibility of appointing a full-time Hospital Chaplain.

WAR IN VIETNAM

(a) That Conference affirms that the continuance of the war in Vietnam is contrary to the mind and spirit of Christ.

(b) Conference appreciates recent efforts at de-escalation of the war in Vietnam, and the possibility of peace negotiations commencing in the near future.

(c) Conference believes that an unconditional cessation of bombing of North Vietnam, and/or the withdrawal of North Vietnam forces, would expedite the commencement of peace negotiations.

(d) Conference assures prayer support for all who are seeking to bring the conflicting parties to the conference table.

G.T.V.9

That Conference expresses its appreciation to Channel G.T.V.9, Melbourne, for providing a relay of the Graham Crusade in Sydney to Melbourne viewers on Tuesday, April 23.

PROPERTIES TRUSTEE

Conference approves the appointment of P. A. Williams as a Trustee of the Properties Corporation in place of retiring Trustee, A. W. Cleland.

Miss F. HAINES

That Conference place on record its deep appreciation of the brotherhood ministry of Miss F. Haines through the years. Conference expresses its good wishes to her upon her retirement, and assures her of a continuing place in our hearts.

CO-OPERATION WITH JOINT BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This State Conference supports the recommendation of the Federal Board of Christian Education to co-operate with the Joint Board of Christian Education in the production of a new curriculum for 1970, provided that the witness of our brotherhood can be preserved within such curriculum.

SCHOOL EDUCATION ABOUT ALCOHOL

This Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania draws the attention of the Government to the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Liquor (1964) in relation to the school education programme.

We note with grave concern that, in spite of the adoption by the Government of the report of the Royal Commission on Liquor and immediate action on a number of recommendations, no education programme has yet been implemented, unless on a limited scale.

In view of recent evidence of widespread and excessive drinking among young people we urgently request the Government to take steps to implement this recommendation fully without further delay.

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GETHING (Bartlett).—At Benalla District and Memorial Hospital, to Richard and Dianne, a daughter—Donna Rae.

GRAHAM (Mudford).—On May 15, at Stanistreet House, Bendigo, to Rennice and Alan, a daughter—Janine Rennice. Both well. Sister for Craig.

WING TANG (Mott).—To Margaret and Peter, a daughter—Amanda Jane, on May 20. Sister for Michael and Simon.

ENGAGEMENT

CHAPPELL-PFEIFER.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Chappell, Linton, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Robert (student at the College of the Bible), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pfeifer, 23 Warley-rd., East Malvern, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

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GOLDEN WEDDING

TATE-STENHOUSE. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Tate announce with great pleasure the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding, celebrated on June 8, 1918 by the late Joseph Whelan at Footscray, Vic. Present address: 65 Williams-rd., Blackburn, Vic., 3130.

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5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m.: Mr. F. A. Youens.

DEATHS

BUTLER.—On April 24 (suddenly) at Bendigo, Charles Patullo, dearly loved husband of Olive, devoted father of Marjory (Mrs. I. Birkett, E. Burwood, Vic.), loving father-in-law of Ian and loving grandpa of Stephen and Heather. "In God's care."

DONNELLY, John David.—On April 17, late of 5 Florence-ave., Gosford, N.S.W., (formerly of Earlwood), dearly beloved husband of Nell, dear father of Barbara (Mrs. Spence, Saratoga), Valerie (Mrs. Webb, Camp Hill, Qld.), John (Penrith), Joan (Mrs. Dundas, Belfields); dear father-in-law of Paul, Allan, Patricia and Ken; devoted grandfather of Julie, Graham, Janelle and Stephen. Aged 70 years. "Forever with the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

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FOCUS ON HOME MISSIONS (Vic.-Tas.)

CHURCH REDUNDANT?

A recent controversy highlighted in the Melbourne daily Press has suggested that along with large areas of doctrine, the Church itself appears to be redundant in the community.

NEW MINISTRY

Milleara Road, East Keilor is a relatively new congregation receiving its first full-time ministry this year. It is justifiable to ask how the community reacts to such a happening. Mr. E. C. L. Ots, the newly appointed minister, reports a warm community response to his coming. Municipal representatives, already appreciative of the congregation's role in this new community, have clearly expressed their pleasure at the move. Until this year the church buildings had been used for municipal infant welfare services. They continue to be used for community purposes. Only now is the municipality able to plan for community facilities. Mr. Ots is the first resident minister in the area and along with the local doctor would be alone in any full time service ministry to the many young families.

NEEDS

There is a clear need for a wide ministry among people already contacted. Family needs and problems are demanding the minister's attention. Health in its widest understanding is important to the whole structure of society. Mr. Ots has also been trained as an industrial chaplain. Convictions and insights about the Christian faith give both minister and congregation an ability to share with the community in its multiple needs. This is why North Essendon congregation had a vision to establish Christian witness in the area. This is why the C.W.F. helped Home Missions share in the appointment of trained leadership. The convictions are two thousand years old, but they are ever finding new forms of expression.

RESPONSE

At Easter, numerous families loosely connected with the church attended special services. On every hand there are expressions of appreciation and interest in what is being attempted. This congregation, with its strong convictions, has no feeling of redundancy.

SECRETARY FOR 29 YEARS

(Chelsea, Vic.). A presentation was made to A. Augustine in recognition of his faithful and capable service to the church as secretary for 29 years. . . . The Ladies' Evening Fellowship presented a concert with visitors and local talent. . . . T. Caulton of Stawell, was a recent speaker. . . . Many reports showing continuing interest and achievement were received at annual business meeting. . . . G. Collins is making good progress after his recent illness in Heidelberg Hospital. . . . Eight mothers took part in evening services for Mothers' Day.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

(Hartwell, Vic.). A young man was baptized on May 5 and was received into fellowship on the 12th. The minister is conducting senior classes of B.S. in a series of four lessons designed to lead up to church membership. They will culminate in a Decision Day on Pentecost Sunday. . . . On Mothers' Day the evening message was on the theme, "A Woman's Place is—Where?"

COLLECTING FOR MISSIONARY

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). Women's Mission Band are collecting for Mrs. Archbold, one of our members who has been accepted by Wycliffe Bible Translators for work in New Guinea. . . . Mrs. Crouch is making progress after illness in hospital. . . . Graeme Cann, of Leprosy Mission, was guest

speaker at Easter, while Mr. Stevens and young people were in camp at Hall's Gap. . . . The church picnic on Anzac Day was held at the You-Yangs. . . . Several members travelled to Melbourne for Lay Institute of Evangelism. . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Rogers in the death of her son. . . . C.W.E.F. shared in the Mothers' Day service. Their birthday night, Gingham Gaieties, beautiful gingham work on display and parade, items, competitions and supper.

PLANNED GIVING REVIEW

(Ararat, Vic.). A Planned Giving Review programme was held with K. Harvey. Alan Rowe was guest artist for the review programme family night. . . . At the annual meeting, R. Johnstone and R. Sellwood were elected as Elders. R. Johnstone is secretary. . . . C.Y.F. raised \$125 on a sponsored walk for the organ fund. . . . Good Companions and Explorers had a successful camp at Hall's Gap.

RENOVATIONS AT DUNOLLY

(Vic.). Church renovations have given the vestry a new roof, floor, lining and paint. . . . A Mothers' Day service was conducted by the C.W.F. The minister's wife, Mrs. Nancarrow, gave the address, "Mothers Plus God." . . . The C.Y.F. entered a team in a wheelbarrow race to raise money for the Hospital Mothers' Day Appeal. They ran six miles in 32 minutes to finish third. The five teams raised \$75.15.

MOTHERS' SERVICE

(Doncaster, Vic.). The ladies of the C.W.F. conducted evening service on May 12. Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Richard Jenkins were joint speakers. Mrs. Wood-Burgess led the service and musical items were provided by a ladies' quintette and soloist Mrs. Robert Nelson. . . . In an exchange of pulpits, Doncaster welcomed E. W. Heard on May 12. Another recent preacher was Rev. Brian Walsh, secretary of Inter-Church Aid (Vic.). . . . The church mourned the passing of H. Blomfield and the death of the baby daughter of Ken and Pauline Gray. There was sadness also for Mrs. Bob Rogerson who gave birth to a still-born baby.

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Attention of the delegates at the 83rd Annual Conference of N.S.W. Churches was drawn to the fact that P. E. Thomas has served in the ministry of Churches of Christ for a period of 50 years. This record is unique also in that he has sustained the whole of his term of service among churches in N.S.W.

As a young man, Mr. Thomas heard and responded to the call of Christ to the ministry of the Word and went overseas for training, to Culver-Stockton College, Missouri, U.S.A., one of the prominent educational institutions set up for the training of ministers by our American brotherhood. He graduated with his B.A. degree in 1918, and in that same year returned to Australia to take up the work with the church

at Taree. In 1923, he was called to Belmore, where he remained for nearly 16 years. This long and worthy ministry was followed by a shorter term with the church at Hamilton, in the Newcastle district. In 1940, Mr. Thomas began another lengthy and fruitful pastorate with the church at Marrickville, where he laboured until 1956. He then removed to Lane Cove until 1959, and since that time has been highly regarded for his conduct of interim ministries—at Marrickville, Belmore, Earlwood and Taree, and more recently at Hurstville.

In his prime, Mr. Thomas was much sought-after throughout the churches as a speaker at B.S. anniversaries and among young people. He has been noted not only for his outstanding work in the pulpit but has always been a greatly loved and highly-esteemed pastor who, with gentle and gracious care, has ministered to the flock of God.

Our congratulations and good wishes are extended to our brother and his wife—who unfortunately for some years now has been handicapped by ill-health—and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for this achievement of a half-century in magnificent service to our churches. Our prayer is that they may both be spared for many more years and that Mr. Thomas may continue this gracious witness to the Master he has served with such consistency and distinction.—A.G.E.

NEW SOUTH WALES . . .

MINISTER HONOURED

(Taree, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas, of Marrickville, Sydney, were visitors on May 12. It was a special occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas as well as for the Taree church as Mr. Thomas had just completed 50 years in the Church of Christ ministry in N.S.W. After graduation from a college in America Mr. Thomas had his first full-time ministry at Taree, commencing May, 1918. The minister of the church, L. E. Wylie, extended the congratulations of the Taree church and the deep appreciation of many of our N.S.W. brotherhood for his loyalty and deep devotion to every Christian duty. Mr. Thomas had two long ministries, each being for a period of 17 years. These were with the churches at Belmore and Marrickville. Mr. Thomas brought an appreciated message at morning worship.

STUDENTS IN CONFERENCES

(N.S.W.). 170 student delegates from all over N.S.W. attended the recent I.S.C.F. Leadership Conference at Richmond and Mt. Victoria, May 10-15.

The aim was to train students for leadership in Evangelical Unions, I.S.C.F. groups and church youth groups.

20 CRUSADE DECISIONS

(Epping, N.S.W.). Follow-up has now begun with 20 who made initial decisions at the Billy Graham Crusade. . . . Recent speakers have been D. Mills and K. Oliver. . . . Ladies attended a Mothers' Day luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mary Elsmore. The C.W.F. conducted the Mothers' Day gospel service, choral items by ladies, Mr. Long gave the message. . . . The B.S. held its picnic at Carss Park.

100 RELAY ENQUIRERS

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The Billy Graham relay services in Inverell challenged approximately 100 (mainly young people) to come forward for decisions and enquiries. . . . Winter Cottage Prayer meetings will be held in various parts of the town using the Billy Graham follow-up material. . . . Bill Russell of Gideons International, spoke on May 5, telling of the wonderful work being carried out by this medium of evangelism. . . . At a C.W.F. sponsored Mothers' Evening, a panel of teenagers and mothers answered questions relevant to today's teenage problems. Daughters later served supper to their respective "adopted" mothers. . . . A choir has been commenced with Friday evening practice. . . . Sympathy is expressed to the relatives of Norman Harding, who died on April 18.

VICTORIA

COMMUNITY CHEST

(Mitcham, Vic.). A number of members participated in Nunawading Community Chest Door-Knock. . . . C.W.F. members led Mothers' Day service. Speaker was Mrs. Matthews, vocal items by Mrs. Davis, Hartwell. . . . Good Companions entertained mothers on May 9, juniors presented musical items and seniors a play. Each mother was presented with a gift made by girls. . . . Recent speakers have been K. Coulton, Stawell, and J. Shaw. . . . Members attended "Discovering Man" arranged by Nunawading Inter-Church Council. Girls and boys have entered competition basketball for first time.

PLAN FOR LADIES

(Knoxfield, Vic.). Last year the men of the church decided that ladies should be invited to read God's Word at the morning services. This was so well received that it has now been extended to include presiding at these services. As an introduction, the Mothers' Day service was led entirely by mothers, with Mrs. E. L. Williams as the speaker. One of the readers, Mrs. Gwen Smith, was received into membership during the service. . . . Good Companions' Club for girls aged 9-12, commenced in April and the Boys' Explorers' Club first met soon after Easter. Each club has an average attendance of 16. . . . The Knoxfield-Boronia C.W.E.F. birthday meeting heard more of the work being done by Mrs. Rule (Shire of Knox welfare worker) and her helpers. . . . S.S. mothers were invited to Open Day in Primary and Kindergarten Depts. on Mothers' Day.

COLLEGE GAINS

(Berwick, Vic.). Goods from the Harvest Festival on May 5 were sent to C.O.B. . . . Conference president R. V. Amos was speaker on May 12. . . . C. Cooke of C.M.S. who is stationed at Oenpelli Mission Station, Arnhem Land, showed slides, tape-recorded hymns sung by natives in their own language, and spoke of the work to S.S. A donation of \$10 was given towards mission work. . . . Rev. Michael Spurgeon, Baptist minister, spoke prior to his departure for England.

MEN AT CHURCH

(Reservoir, Vic.). On May 19 after a Men's Fellowship Tea, men led the evening service, with song-leading, testimonies, etc. . . . Miss Faye Blanks led the State Good Companions' Camp at Monbulk during school holidays.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

(Swan Hill, Vic.). The Board has elected M. Douglas as secretary and R. Rogers is new treasurer, replacing E. Hampson who did not seek reelection after 12 years in that office. . . . 106 attended the guest service on May 19 held in conjunction with programme of "Outreach and Evangelism." A. Cant, Blackburn, was guest preacher and also addressed combined evening service in Presbyterian building.

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WORKING FOR BANKSIA

(Box Hill, Vic.). C.E. held a car trial and Explorer boys a Service Month to help pay for the building of a kitchen and dining room at the Banksia Camp near Bairnsdale . . . Malcolm Humphries, with other Glen Iris students, is conducting a mission with the church at Shepparton . . . Concerning B.H. Inter-Church Council, Mr. Dewberry was interviewed, together with the local Catholic priest, on 3AW . . . Owing to health reasons, Ron Earl's withdrawal from eldership was received with regret. . . Mrs. Hattersley, Mrs. Vernon and Ted Gray are progressing after illness. Mrs. Massey is in Repatriation Hospital. . . Seven ladies participated in an "Interview with Hannah" at a Mothers' Day service. C.W.F. Mothers' Day meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Keith Jeffery. Mrs. H. Dickson, Ivanhoe, was speaker . . . A baptismal service was held on the 12th and another lad made the good confession.

CRUSADE FOLLOW-UP

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The church supported the Billy Graham Crusade each night. 13 names were referred to Mr. Oldfield. Plans are in hand for the follow-up. Miss Mocatta was an advisor and Mr. Ellerby a counsellor . . . D. A. Oldfield conducted Good Friday service with B. Harris (Asquith) as soloist . . . The Bible Class of the B.S. were at a Blue Mountains camp led by Mr. and Mrs. Riggall . . . Gospel services now commence at 5 p.m.

QUARTERLY EXCHANGE

(Albert Park, S.A.). Four "Port Line" churches are exchanging preachers once a quarter. J. Wise, Queenstown, spoke on April 21 . . . A choral service was successfully recorded at the evening service on May 5 . . . Special Mothers' Day services included evening meeting conducted by Ladies' Fellowship . . . Boys' Brigade camp was held at Loftia Park during Easter holidays.

T.V. PROGRAMME

(Townsville, Qld.). Our T.V. programme was well received by an extensive audience . . . During Mr. Acland's absence brethren from Townsville have assisted at Sunday services . . . The C.W.F. held a successful musical afternoon and also provided morning tea at a cookery demonstration by T.R.E.B. to raise funds for clothing for an Aborigine child . . . Church members participated in the "Door Knock" Appeal for the Blue Nursing Association . . . The young people's "car wash" raised \$20 . . . 19 Seniors from Townsville and Charters Towers attended a holiday weekend at Magnetic Island camp. The next week 15 Juniors were in camp with our minister, B. L. Reid, as leader. Camp cooks were Mrs. C. E. Brumby and Mrs. K. Hanson. Operation Countdown, to aid the rebuilding programme at Camp Irwin, is being supported by a "Buy a Brick" campaign and an individual bank accounts system.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Adelaide Constance Saunders

With the death, on March 1, in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, of Mrs. A. G. Saunders, we were separated from one of God's great hearts. She was the youngest of nine children born to Alfred and Margaret Masters, of New Zealand, and was the last member of the family to be called home. She joined the Church of Christ as a teenager and this proved to be quite an ordeal, as her family was not interested, and her close friends were hostile. She even had to leave the home of close family friends. She was able to find board (at a nominal cost) with a family closely related to Mrs. Grace Waterman, who were members at Vivian St. Church of Christ. Later she became a member at Nelson, whilst being in that city as the head milliner and designer for a main city store. About 1920 she moved to Invercargill, where G. T. Fitzgerald was minister, to train as a nurse at Southland Hospital. Even at this time she had missionary service in mind, expecting to serve on one of the fields operated by the N.Z. churches. When Reg. Ennis visited N.Z. to recruit for the Australian mission fields, she felt that she would go to India. However, in 1922 she travelled to Australia to join Dr. E. R. Killmier, Miss Gladys Mudford (soon to become Mrs. Killmier), and a fellow-New Zealander, and connection by marriage, Miss G. Metzenthon, who was going to China to marry Will Waterman. They travelled together to China, and en route to the mission field Miss Masters met A. G. Saunders, at Manila, in the Philippine Islands, where he was a missionary with the American Disciples of Christ. In China they joined Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, and Will Waterman. Mr. Anderson performed the marriages of the Killmiers and the Watermans. Miss Masters was a nurse at Hueli-jo during 1924 (where, for example, she helped unbind the feet of Pearl Anderson). She remained there until 1925, when she was married in Shanghai, after a correspondence courtship, to Mr. Saunders. In January, 1925, two ceremonies took place—one by the British Consul, and the second by Albert Anderson (later to serve for many years as Federal Secretary for Overseas Missions). Leaving China, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders returned to Australia, where Mr. Saunders became minister of the Lygon St. church. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders also served at Subiaco, W.A., Vivian St., Wellington, N.Z., and Taree, N.S.W. Taree proved to be the last ministry of Mr. Saunders. In all of these fields Mrs. Saunders was the devoted wife and companion of her very gifted husband, who was one of Australia's finest preachers. Mrs. Saunders was Women's Conference President both in W.A. and N.Z. She became a widow in 1944. During the war she became second in command of the local N.E.S. She had a very good contralto voice and sang at local, com-

lined church gatherings and functions. She was a very capable chair-woman, and women's work leader and organiser. She combined, for many years, the duties of a minister's wife in the church, with home and hospitality duties. After 1944 she was Matron at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, and she also did some private nursing. From 1947 she was, for 18 months, Matron of what was to become the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee. She then returned to do part-time nursing in small private hospitals. She served on the Overseas Mission Committee in Victoria, from 1947 to 1954. She entered Emmaus Home about the end of 1958, as her health had deteriorated. In Nov. 1962 she suffered a bad stroke, and was noticeably frailer. After a further stroke in Aug. 1966 she entered the "frail aged" section of the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, where she remained till Sept., 1967, when her delicate health made it necessary for her to become a patient in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, where she died in March this year. Mrs. Saunders is survived by her only child, St. Clair, who is Mrs. W. Oldfield. To Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldfield, Iain, Zaita, and Richard, we extend our Christian love. The funeral services at Fawkner were conducted by R. V. Amos. In N.S.W., her ashes were interred beside her husband. A memorial service was observed during morning worship at the Taree church, conducted by L. E. Wylie, minister of the church.—R.V.A.

Thomas Edward Batty

It is easy to pay tribute to Thomas Edward Batty for his long association with our churches was characterised by a passionate love for the Lord. After early years in Bet Bet, and a few months in Lygon Street College in 1909, Tom came to Melbourne following service in World War I. First at Preston, then at Thornbury during the 1920's, in 1932 he transferred to West Preston where he remained in membership until his death on May 3. His wife, Daisy, predeceased him by seven years. Tom was an enthusiast in everything—sport, gardening, hospitality, and especially in his first love—the church. Many have testified to the personal help and encouragement given by Tom Batty. He had the capacity to stand by you to help you

feel you could go a little further in the Master's service. His home, and leisure time, were so often devoted to extra work for the Lord. He sacrificed personal luxuries that he might support phases of Christian enterprise. Tom died at the W. H. Clay Nursing Home, being cared for by the people he loved, during a few last weeks of illness. "He fought a good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith." Services at West Preston chapel and Fawkner Crematorium were conducted by Bert Storar and George Grainger.—G.A.G.

Mrs. Mabel Buckley

Members of the church at Hampton, Vic., were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Buckley at her home on April 4. She had bravely endured a period of suffering for many months, and manifested her eagerness to meet with the church by allowing herself to be brought to the place of worship in a wheel-chair. She came to Hampton with her late husband, J. Y. Buckley, in 1925, after fellowship with churches at Swanston Street, Essendon and Malvern. Except for a period during the Second World War, when Mr. and Mrs. Buckley met with the church at Rockdale, N.S.W., her association with Hampton was continuous. She was consistent in service, and gave much faithful support to the work of the ladies. She supported her husband in his work as church officer and choir-leader, and when he retired through failing health she gave him the loving care which he so much needed. A daughter, Miss June Buckley, now Mrs. J. Lunn, lives with her family in Queensland. She was able to be with her mother during part of her last illness. We commend her and the sisters of Mrs. Buckley to the care of the loving Heavenly Father. Funeral services were conducted by R. N. Gilmore, minister of the church at Brighton.—R.T.P.

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VICTORIA

MAYOR AT SERVICE

(Frankston, Vic.). At a recent meeting we were privileged to have with us the Mayor of Frankston, Cr. V. McComb and Mrs. McComb . . . On May 5, the ladies of the church in commemoration of Mothers' Day, presented a service written by Mrs. L. Wylie, of N.S.W., and Mrs. L. Armstrong, of Qld. . . . The choir rendered a negro spiritual "Dust and Ashes" at a recent Sunday morning . . . John Parratt, a member and church school teacher, has been elected as chairman of the local committee for Austcare . . . On April 21, Mrs. Gowty represented us at the official opening of the second new ward of the Cheltenham Home for the Aged . . . Presentations have been made to Mrs. Bentley and Mr. Turriff in appreciation of their work with the S.S. during past years.

CAR DRIVE FOR W. H. CLAY GUESTS

(Ormond, Vic.). C.M.F. held car drive for W. H. Clay guests . . . Russell Kay has left for Vietnam . . . Plans for new hall have been approved by council and M.M.B.W. All auxiliaries are working to supply furnishings . . . E.W.F. ladies held a luncheon for Christian Educ. Centre fund . . . Members attended a discussion on "Making Marriage Work" at Moorabbin Town Hall. . . . Y.A.F. arranged a night away from home at Red Hill . . . On April 28, David Marr, minister of Echuca, spoke on the work at Echuca and thanked members for their interest in a country church . . . We have three girls' teams in basketball competition.

G.C. AS HOSTESSES

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). On May 6, the Good Companions were hostesses to mothers and the C.W.E.F. to an evening of devotions, games, etc., to honour mother . . . Bible studies held each Wednesday are led by the minister, R. V. Amos . . . On May 4, David Potter of the College of the Bible, was welcomed. He will assist Mr. Amos during his year as Conf. Pres. At an after-church fellowship at the manse he met members informally . . . Several of our young people attended a Carnegie C.Y.F. programme . . . The C.Y.F. featured "An Asian Night."

CAMP CLEAN UP

(Stawell, Vic.). The C.Y.F. as part of their service project spent a Saturday afternoon cleaning up the camp site at Hall's Gap. The C.Y.F. has lost its secretary Kevin Hillier who has joined the Navy as a junior musician . . . The C.W.F. held an Easter service on April 11, supported by women from other local churches and Ararat. Local women took main roles in leadership. . . . There was a combined service on Good Friday. Some of the members helped to carry the Cross to Big Hill where a dawn service was held on Easter Sunday . . . D. Hillier, I. Shirriff and Mr. Armstrong were recent speakers.

OBITUARY

Eric McClean

Eric McClean died on Sunday morning, March 24. The whole period of his Christian life had been spent in the fellowship of the Lygon St. church in which he represented the third generation of the McClean family. His grandmother, Maria McClean, had discontinued her association with St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill, to become a member at Lygon St. Her son, Frank, also entered the Christian fellowship. In due course he began, in his own place of business, the mission to the Chinese in Melbourne, this becoming, ultimately, the Queensberry St. Chinese Church of Christ. Frank McClean's son, Eric, received Christ at an early age being baptized in 1909. In 1938 he was elected to the diaconate of the church and was appointed, too, to preside at Sunday morning services. These offices he held for the remaining 30 years of his life. In 1922, he married Miss Hazel Coleman. Their son, Laurence, maintains the faithful witness, in church and busi-

ness, established by his father and grandfather. There were three major interests in the life of Mr. McClean: his family, his business, and the church. In each of these areas he manifested the gracious spirit of one in whose heart Christ reigned. He conducted his business according to Christian principles, while the church constantly benefited by his faithful leadership, wise counsels, and devout example. He rendered a gracious service by maintaining constant contact, by means of letters and visitation, with elderly and infirm members of the church. He served on various committees and for many years was treasurer of the Evangelical Fellowship. He was a frequent visitor to, and speaker at, the Carlton Homes for the Elderly. His constant emphasis on the importance of Overseas Missions stimulated the interest and practical support of his fellow-believers. His messages were prepared with every care, and always exalted Christ. On March 28 the funeral service was conducted by the present minister, P. Kavanagh. The burial took place in the Melbourne General Cemetery. The loving sympathy of their many friends is extended to Mrs. McClean, Laurie and all in the family circle.

BOX HILL'S 57TH

(Vic.). 57th Church Anniversary featured choir led by Eric Hammond, guest soloists were Mrs. Dorothy Langford, Miss Margot Cory and Graeme Wall. Guest speakers were Principal Himbury of Baptist Theological College and Messrs. Gordon Moyes, Ian Mullen and Malcolm Humphries. 200 enjoyed the church dinner catered for by the ladies. Keith Steele was thanked for the gift of three pictorial studies of the expansion and progress of the church's property over the years . . . Patients at Mosgiel Hospital greatly appreciated colour slides of Mrs. Hall's recent overseas trip . . . Garry Fromhold won the Australian Junior Cycling Championship contested in Perth . . . Miss Eileen Steenson returned to New Guinea after furlough . . . Mrs. Hattersley home from hospital but still very weak. Stephen

Ritter recovering after hospitalisation. Mrs. Vernon and Mrs. Price very ill and Mrs. Marchant suffered injury in accident. Sympathy expressed to Mr. Mitchell and family in the loss of wife and mother after a brief illness, also to Ken and Pauline Gray in the loss of their baby daughter . . . Two young people have been baptized, and another has made decision.

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CHURCHES MEET ABORIGINAL WELFARE DIRECTOR

(Melb.). The Aborigines Committee of the Vic. Council of Churches met with Mr. R. Worthy, Director of Aboriginal Welfare in Vic. The committee, which is representative of the Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends, heard Mr. Worthy outline his work indicating the importance of clear policy on work, rather than stop-gap expediency. Mr. Worthy called on the churches to co-operate in making the policy effective, and to show its concern for all Aborigines.

The committee agreed to a Statement of Guiding Principles for work among Aborigines. The two-page document

details five major concerns: Self Determination, Responsibility, Consultation, Self Sufficiency, and Non-Discrimination. The document will be circulated among the churches for study. Commenting on it, the Rev. G. A. Pearson, chairman of the committee, said that it was designed to help to move towards a positive programme of action. He hoped that the principle would challenge the churches to re-examine their involvement in work among Aborigines. In the past these people had been given inadequate participation in carrying out schemes aimed at their own betterment. Too often they had been the objects of charity, and too little challenged with the need to help themselves, he said.—V.C.C.

BRITISH BAPTISTS URGE UNITY

(London). A forthright and positive call to fellow-Baptists to take the ecumenical issue in Britain much more seriously, has been issued by a group of West Midlands clergy and laity under the title "Baptists for Unity."

In marked contrast to the 1967 Baptist Union report "Baptists and Unity" (and recent statements by the B.U. Council) refusing to commit Baptists to negotiations towards unity by 1980, "Baptists for Unity" puts forward an ecumenical agenda for Baptists, in the spirit of the Nottingham Conference on Faith and Order held in 1964.—E.P.S.

HEAD OF KYODAN IN U.S.A.

(Indianapolis, Indiana). Christians exert far more influence in Japan than their numbers would indicate, the moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) asserted during a visit to the U.S.A. The Rev. Masahisa Suzuki of Tokyo said that although Christians represent less than one per cent of the population, they hold 20 seats in the governing Diet and play prominent roles in Japanese life.

Mr. Suzuki estimated that 10 per cent of the Japanese have a "preference" for Christianity. Three million Bibles were sold last year.—E.P.S.

GLOOMY REPORT FROM NEAR EAST

(Paris). Little hope for settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict was held out by the Rev. Charles Westphal, president of the French Protestant Federation, on his return from a visit to Lebanon, Jerusalem and Jordan.

"I have returned almost in despair. I left Lebanon with the feeling that communication between Arabs and Israelis is absolutely impossible.

"The Arabs are living in this double dream of a humiliation that must be wiped out, an injustice which must be repaired, and visions of a great Arab world wishing to rediscover its unity and splendour. They absolutely refuse to recognise the State of Israel. Consequently, no negotiations are possible."

While in Beirut, Mr. Westphal said he tried to help the Arabs understand that the return of the Jews to Palestine is not ordinary colonialism but has a spiritual significance for the Jews themselves.

Commenting on the Palestinian refugee problem, he said: "If the millions of francs spent on keeping the refugees alive had been used to give them possibilities for work and re-settlement in certain virgin territories, we would have performed a useful and moral work . . . There is an incontestable guilt on the part of the West."—E.P.S.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"What with belonging to the church Bowling Team, the Square Dance Group and the Men's Club, my husband can't spare any more time for church activities."

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

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

On the Kinematograph. It is our profound conviction that, as picture theatres are conducted at present, their influence is much more for evil than for good. Probably, if the Christian people of our land would rigidly boycott every theatre in which immoral, indecent, or suggestive pictures are shown, a greatly diminished revenue would provide both healthy entertainment and education.

On Youth. Young people are allowed so much licence in these days that the moral condition of the community is affected . . . The manner of life is changing in these days, and expenditure on amusements and dress is out of proportion to income.

Here and There. W. B. Blakemore has had the misfortune to lose his pocket diary and would be pleased if churches with whom he has appointments would communicate with him . . . J. W. Baker has completed the 15th year of his ministry at North Fitzroy . . . The Chandler-Clay mission at Balaklava, S.A., had an average attendance of 370 on Sundays and 176 on weekdays. There were 74 converts of whom 56 have been baptized. The population of the town is 1,400.

WOMEN IN CONFERENCE

VIC. - TAS.

A Call to Worship entitled "The Lord is my Light" was given by the President, Mrs. Ferguson, to commence the 82nd C.W.F. (Vic.-Tas.) Conference held in the St. Kilda Town Hall on April 24.

Mrs. Mavis Bryant took as the title of her devotions the Conference theme "Be ye perfect." Mrs. Saltmarsh and Mrs. Gore were soloists.

Interstate and inter-church visitors were welcomed, also past presidents and 68 delegates representing 29 groups. Attendances at the three sessions were 550, 600 and 650. Mrs. G. Moore was Tasmanian representative.

Mr. Ots expressed appreciation and thanks to the C.W.F. for enabling the

H.M. Dept. to appoint him as the first full-time minister at Milleara. Mrs. Strack reported for the World C.W.F. and the Australian Church Women. The Women's Inter-Church Council report was brought by Mrs. Gillespie.

The afternoon session commenced with a "Service of Commitment and Dedication" prepared by Mrs. S. McCann. Delegates brought the Golden Bag offering for the Brotherhood Centre and the presentation of the 1967 contributions to the following were made: H.M. Dept. \$1,725, Overseas Mission Dept. \$1,380, College of the Bible \$345, and the Evening Fellowship Special Effort for the Dept. of Christian Educ. \$239. Mr. Saunders received the Golden Bag offering.

G. H. Gilmour, Pres. of General Conference, brought greetings to the meeting.

QUEENSLAND

"God with us" was the feeling right through the Queensland Women's Conference 1968. Mrs. Cassie Baker opened the Conference with Psalm 106 and singing of the hymn "To God the only wise." The Resolution of Loyalty was led by Mrs. M. Pieper, of Gatton, wife of the General Conf. Pres. There were many greetings including one recorded by the World C.W.F. President.

Mrs. Acland (Charters Towers) responded for country fellowships and Mrs. Bedwell (Albion) for ministers' wives new to the State. Two new fellowships were welcomed—Salisbury and the Autumn Fellowship formed at Burdeu House, the first fellowship to be formed at an aged people's home. The Overseas Missions Supt. (Mrs. Scott) led in prayer of dedication and thanks for the offering, which was for overseas work.

Mrs. Baker introduced Mrs. M. Chapman, of Rocklea, as the new president and presented her with the President's Bible. Mrs. Chapman responded and spoke of the consecrated work which had been done by Mrs. Baker during her term as president and presented her with a shoulder spray and a book. A presentation was also made to Mrs. S. Smith who had retired from the position of treasurer after 17 years' service. Miss V. Callanan, of Southport, was elected Senior Vice-Pres. and Mrs. L. Holmes Vice-Pres. Mrs. E. W. Potter was elected secretary, Mrs. N. Robbins asst.-secretary and Mrs. W. Cobine treasurer. The secretary read the names of elected officers, superintendents and representatives to other organisations and the Conf. Pres. (Mr. M. Pieper) brought a greeting from Conference and led in a dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Chapman read the scripture, the Ann Street Ladies' Choir presented an item and Principal A. W. Stephenson, Federal Conf. Pres., guest speaker, spoke on "Wings of Man" and the "Wings of God," emphasising how we can

safely abide under his wings for ever if we be still and know God, and if we wait upon him. Mrs. Seip of Sunnybank, sang "O Lord most Holy."

After lunch, Mrs. H. Plint (Sympathy Supt.) of Redcliffe, led in the Obituary Session.

The secretary and treasurer presented reports and recommendation for dis-

THE WEST

Mrs. W. Robartson presided over the first auxiliary meeting for the new Conference year. Morning meditations were conducted by the executive. Mrs. Robartson spoke on her motto for the year, "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." (11 Cor. 2: 14). Soloist was Mrs. Ellement. Prayer for the sick and bereaved was offered by Mrs. C. R. Johnstone and the missionary prayer by Mrs. L. W. Lodner.

Mrs. J. A. Manallack presented Conference impressions. Mrs. Robartson thanked Mrs. F. Newcombe for her efficient leadership throughout the women's day of Conference and Christ-like example over the past Conference year.

The President-elect is Mrs. A. H. Walkington, Wembley Downs. Superintendents appointed since Conference: Mrs. Wyss (isolated members) and Mrs. E. Plenty who will serve as Joint Supt. with Mrs. O'Meara. Mrs. J. A. Stewart led in prayer of committal.

A reply has been received from the Premier's Dept. acknowledging the resolution passed at Conference opposing the lowering of the legal age of drinking intoxicating liquors.

Mrs. D. R. Manning was appointed the editress of the monthly Women's Auxiliary Conference Bulletin which is to be published.

President's aims: Theme for the year "Living Triumphantly."

A welcome was extended to Mrs. R. D. Main, N.S.W. C.W.F. Conf. Pres., who was the speaker at the afternoon session. "As I Walked Down The Street" was the title of her address. Mrs. Main gave a vivid and informative talk of her experiences as she visited her son John Main, his wife and family. Mr. Main is in charge of the Friendship Centre, Indapur, India.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Lowrey on her retirement as superintendent of the Catering Committee, for 26 years of loyal service.

Dr. Leon Morris, Principal of Ridley College, was evening speaker. Dr. Morris gave an interesting discourse on Psalm 1.

Office-bearers, 1967/68: President, Mrs. R. Rankine; President-elect, Mrs. R. Muller; Junior President-elect, Mrs. G. Barnett; Secretary, Mrs. F. Morris; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. M. Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Allison; Additional member, Mrs. G. Buckmaster; Tasmanian representatives, Mrs. L. Moore, Miss D. Allen.—M.N.

tribution of the budget finance. A committee has been appointed to check the Constitution before reprint. Mrs. L. Armstrong was appointed chairman of a committee formed to organise a Woman to Woman Evangelism Campaign. To equip our women for this task five lectures have been arranged commencing on July 9.

1. Through prayer. (1) Begin with self, then reach out into the home, neighbours, church and mission fields; (2) Prayer partners to be encouraged, also prayer fellowship by a larger C.W.F. adopting a smaller C.W.F. in the city and country.

2. Through Stewardship of Treasure: (1) Budget aim \$3,000. (2) Blessing bags—dual project. (a) Furnishings for "Fairhaven," Esperance; (b) Vacation for Overseas Missionaries while they are on the field; (3) Proceeds from auxiliary sandwiches to Christian Centre maintenance.

3. Through Inspiration and Witness. Auxiliary meditations—prepared by missionaries on the field to be presented by C.W.F. presidents. Evening rallies, weekend convention, bus trip into the country, a concert, and picnic at the Zoo during the Christmas vacation with our missionaries and the children from Carnarvon and Norseman Mission Stations, are some of the special features to be planned for this year.

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On June 14, 1968, "Bethany" Children's Home, Lindisfarne, Tasmania, will celebrate its 21st Birthday. 21 years ago, June 14, 1947, the then Minister for Health, Mr. A. J. White (now Agent-General for Tasmania in London) performed the opening ceremony at Dover in the presence of the Warden of Esperance and approximately 250 people.

"Bethany" was born at Dover but transferred to its present home at Lindisfarne in Jan., 1956.

"Bethany" began as an idea in March, 1945, when the late W. Harper Knight and his wife made a gift of a house at Dover to the Tasmanian Conference of Churches of Christ. On the same day, the first committee of management

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was elected. It comprised C. P. Hughes (President), the late W. Harper Knight (vice-president), R. V. Amos (secretary), Mrs. W. Harper Knight (treasurer) and Mrs. A. Madel-Cole (deceased), Josiah Park (deceased) and A. E. Heard as committee members.

The committee in office when "Bethany" was opened comprised A. E. Heard (president), R. J. Boxhall (secretary), the late Mrs. A. Madel-Cole (treasurer), together with B. J. Golder, C. J. Mason, the late W. Harper-Knight, the late Josiah Park, Mrs. W. Harper-Knight and Mrs. J. Boxhall, Snr.

The original Superintendent and Matron were Mr. and Mrs. J. Hindman who took up duty on Feb. 21, 1947. The first boys moved in during October, 1947.

Many of our brotherhood members have given devoted service over the years and this service continues today to the glory of God and the benefit of orphans or boys from broken homes.

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Mrs. Ray Morffew. This dedicated couple were appointed in July, 1955, and have served "Bethany" for almost 13 years. Ray and Gwen Morffew have been "Dad" and "Mum" to many boys including their own family. They have the respect and affection of the whole brotherhood. Today, they have the devoted assistance of Miss Shirley Byard who commenced at "Bethany" in Oct., 1963.

Today's committee comprises W. D. Hemmings (chairman), S. H. Cooper (treasurer), Mrs. N. R. Holland, D. F. Hutchinson, R. G. Jacobson, G. J. McQueeney, M. Warmbrunn, working as directly responsible to the State Social Service Committee which has L. G. Cooke (chairman), A. T. Orr (secretary), Mrs. D. Cleaver, G. H. Street and H. E. Sulzberger.

Conducting "Bethany" has not been an easy task for staff or committee. There has often been difficulty in obtaining sufficient funds. One recalls the

tradesmen having to be paid part of their accounts because the bank balance wouldn't meet the full payment. Then the working bees—building, painting, renovating; the seeking after secondhand beds and furniture; the effort to clothe the boys (God bless the sewing and mending groups); the absconders, the tearful, the defiant, the fearful. Most of the lads came from broken homes. Many of them had known a succession of foster-parents and thought "Bethany" would be just another move. Their previous environments left indelible impressions which have only been erased by love and assurance and stability of home-life.

For those who count success in the boys who have confessed Christ as Saviour and joined the church, the success is there. A number have done this.

Others of us count success by the degree in which we have revealed the spirit of Christ and demonstrated the love of God for his children. In this there is no doubt. The children have seen and lived with love in action.

For all these reasons it is our privilege to wish "Bethany" the happiest of birthdays as it attains its 21st and to pray for the sake and the souls of many children—

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