

***TIME
FOR
ACTION—
NOW***



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New Guinea

Choir,
New Hebrides

Village preaching,
India

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MISSIONARIES FROM WITHIN

The missionary lady announced that from now on she would wear the clothes of those she served. As she packed away her dresses, one of her flock asked what would become of them. The missionary replied that she would keep them to wear on visits to the city and on special occasions. The sad question came, "Does that mean that you do not want to be like us in the city or on special occasions?"

This story points to the difficulties experienced by those who try to be missionaries from within.

Once upon a time, the appeal of the missionary sounded very much like an appeal to accept western customs. The hymns of Victorian England were exported to India, and trousers and skirts were sent to Africa to cover the nakedness of the "natives". Christ was an import from missionary-sending countries and the church (with its divisions and divisiveness) retained national and societal characteristics in a new land.

We have learned a lot since then. We know now that Indians, Africans, and Islanders do not have to be British, American, or Australian before they can be Christian. On the other hand, an identity with another people is not effected simply by wearing their clothes or eating their food.

It has been established in many missionary lands that indigenous movements tend to increase more rapidly than those which are controlled through some external influence. The distant church can even be a handicap to the gospel if it prevents local development and individual expression.

Our missionaries, working with the established "partnership" churches of India and the New Hebrides, and with the growing church in New Guinea are very conscious of the need to be missionaries from within. This does not mean making them like the missionaries, but to help them be themselves, Christ's men and women in their own land. The missionary's task is to help the people find the Christ who is among them, who has been there all the time. Christ, too, is indigenous.

Given time, there will be a steady development, in the size and quality of the mission churches. But the missionary theme of this issue is that time is a commodity in short supply. New difficulties, are present in India, the pressures for self-determination in New Guinea are building up and may bring adverse changes. In the New Hebrides, too, the clock is moving faster than the church.

We haven't any doubt that God has sent us into our mission areas. We must be equally convinced of the need to make the best possible use of our opportunities and resources now.

HELEN KELLER

She has gone from us, that great spirit who, while deaf and blind, heard and saw so much more of our world than most of us who, having ears and eyes, do not use them. With two-thirds of this century gone, it is strange to remember that Mark Twain said "that the two most interesting characters of the 19th century were Napoleon and Helen Keller."

Miss Keller has been universally admired and justly honoured. It would have been remarkable if she had but learned enough to endure her handicaps, but with three senses instead of five she overcame every obstacle, became an inspiration for thousands and made us redefine the word "handicap". There is no true handicap to a life which does not accept defeat. Helen Keller refused to surrender to her difficulties and all of human life took on a new meaning and dignity because of her victory. She invested all that she had. Her all appeared to be little, but few lives have found greater rewards.

She needed a key to the treasure house of knowledge and her key was named Anne Sullivan. The hands and the love of Miss Sullivan opened a mind that was joyous and enthusiastic.

In her autobiography, Miss Keller wrote: "At the Cape of Good Hope exhibit, I learned much about the processes of mining diamonds. Whenever it was possible, I touched the machinery while it was in motion, so as to get a clearer idea how the stones were weighed, cut and polished. I searched in the washings for a diamond and found it myself — the only true diamond, they said, that was ever found in the United States."

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ON AN AUTUMN MORNING

*How still the morn!
The trees and shrubs and hillside
Are softened by a filter made of mist —
There is no harshness anywhere.
The mellow sun breaks through,
Draws up the mist from valley, field and hill
And leaves the gums and grasses sparkling green.
The while, the sun transforms deciduous trees —
The golden ash, the blood-red liquid ambar
And the burnished-copper beech.
The still wet leaves and grasses heliograph to me,
"Come, walk amongst us, climb the hillside,
There are many wondrous things to see".
And ere I go —
Dear Lord, accept my thanks whilst
wond'ring here I stand,
Absorbing, like the sun, the mist, the
gentle work of thy strong hand,
That I have eyes to see and heart to understand,
That in this very hour Eternity and Time
are spanned.*

— Wilkie J. Thomson.



Towards the end of July last year the Government of Assam ordered three American missionaries to quit the country. The reason given by the Government to the Press was that the missionaries were engaged in "objectionable," meaning political activities. Since then we learn that all of the 70 overseas missionaries working north of the Brahmaputra in Assam will have to leave in a year as their permits to stay will not be renewed. Early this year a missionary from Poona was given very short notice to quit India. Another has been given orders to quit by the end of this month.

In some states where the Congress is out of power certain parties are free to take steps against Christian work. There are very definite steps being taken to restrict the religious freedom of the individual. Such a step is the Bill passed by the Orissa State legislature and awaiting the President's assent—called the Orissa Freedom of Religion Bill. It prohibits "forcible conversion . . . by the use of force or inducement or by any fraudulent means." It defines force as any "threat of divine displeasure" and "inducement shall include . . . the offer of any benefit, pecuniary or otherwise."

As a Christian we could say "amen" to these provisions. We do not approve of conversions made on the threat of divine displeasure or by the offer of inducements. But what does concern us is that these provisions are vague enough to be interpreted in any way a prejudiced Government may desire. An individual who wishes to change his faith out of genuine conviction may be harassed and punished with imprisonment up to one year and a fine of \$600 or both.

These expulsion orders on missionaries working in certain parts of India, the restrictions imposed by the Government on conversion, and the general change of climate of missionary work is not a call for panic, yet there is apprehension. The policy of the Indian Government regarding the admission of missionaries into India was formulated in 1955. It states, "foreign missionaries coming as additional members of the mission or in replacement of the existing missionaries will be admitted provided they possess outstanding qualifications or specialised experience." And provided

that suitable Indians are not available. The Government also decided that missionaries from Commonwealth countries should, like missionaries from other countries, be required to obtain special endorsements before proceeding to India. Since 1966 these endorsements are issued by the Home Ministry in Delhi. (Previously they were issued by the Indian Embassy in the country of origin). Since then very few missionaries have been given permission to enter India—unless they have obtained a "no objection to return certificate" before leaving the country. Further regulations have come into force since the end of April, 1967 which require missionaries from Commonwealth countries to register with the police and to obtain residential permits which have to be renewed annually.

These are signs of change. More and more frequently reports are appearing in the Press not very flattering to missionaries. At this stage there is no cause for undue fear that the Indian Government will demand the wholesale dismissal of all missionaries. Nor is there cause for complacency. To date no missionary has been refused entry to our own work. But charges can arise against any missionary out of some local officer's misunderstanding or prejudice. Or some local group may bring charges against missionaries over some dispute, or out of sheer hostility. The situation in India calls for the church to do some serious thinking. The implementation of Government policy is making it difficult for the church to plan her work in terms of personnel both in short term and long term planning. The work of many institutions throughout India is threatened. The church is wondering whether she is to have the freedom to invite from abroad those whom she wishes to serve with her. India still needs all the help she can get from abroad. Educationally she is far from self-sufficient. Medical progress is being made but all too slowly. Illiteracy is still very high. Moral and social uplift is as urgent as ever.

Above all, India needs the Gospel message which alone has the power to transform a man's heart and his home and his nature. We pray that the Indian Government will allow the doors to remain open for missionaries to come and go and to work to the end that Christ will be made known to many.

★ TO SUPPORT

18 Missionaries in India, 21 Missionaries in New Hebrides, 20 Missionaries in New Guinea.

★ TO GIVE

Past support is most gratefully acknowledged. Present income, however, is barely adequate to maintain today's programme. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving so that new areas can be entered for Christ.

★ TO MAINTAIN

6 Mission Hospitals, 14 Mission Schools, 3 Children's Homes, 1 Bible College.

★ TO WITNESS

Through Personal Evangelism, Distribution of Literature, Bible Correspondence, Open air preaching, Radio Broadcasting, Church Worship.

★ TO REACH

Thousands living without Christ in India, New Guinea and New Hebrides.

★ TO PRAY

Our Lord is prepared to give "exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think." Will you come into the presence of the King and petition Him for the needs of Overseas Missions?

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CHANGES IN INDIA

By RAY VEAL

"WANTED — MEN OF ACTION"

By DAVID EAGLING

"Son of man, I have made Thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word of my mouth and give them warning from Me."
—Ezekiel 3: 17.

Ezekiel faced a tremendous challenge, the Word of the Lord was before him, he must do something about it. The Lord's Word required instant obedience, a life dedicated to witness. Men everywhere today face tremendous challenges for Christ. He calls for his disciples to be up and about his business. His word must be preached with conviction and compassion.

Young men in the New Hebrides are facing the challenge of Christ's command to go, across the seas, into the valleys, on the mountains and into the villages to bring Christ to these people, ignorant, afraid and bound by superstition, fear and custom. Recent letters received tell how some of the new pastors are accepting the challenge.

In the past three years the young men of the college have conducted preaching tours and extensive visitation on Aoba in the three areas of Ndui Ndui, Lombaha and Longana; at Maewo, visiting every village and preaching each night to the gathered villagers; at North Pentecost, dividing into teams of four and spreading out into all the villages with final combined meetings in the centrally located village.

Visits have been made continuously to the heathen villages on the East Coast of Pentecost. It is a wonderful experience to be with these young men when they go on trek. Passing through a heathen village is a time of opportunity to witness in every way, spoken and unspoken. There is a real burden on the hearts of these young pastors for the people of Bonlap, a village of 173 people living as their forefathers did, in primitive village life, indescribably filthy with pigs everywhere. In the middle of all this a people held together by the forceful personality of their chief, called Bong, a man arrogant and proud of his heathenism, yet a man to be loved for Christ.

The situation in the New Hebrides can be multiplied many times over, around the world—people need a Saviour—they need Christ, the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. There is no time to wait, the need is now. Where are the men and women of action today, ready for today's work, to enter today's open doors to meet the needs of a lost humanity for Christ?

Illustrations:

TOP: (From left) Elder Abel Bani, Heathenman, Chief Buluk—new work on Santo Island.

CENTRE: Group Aoban Christians near church built in new area—Santo.

BOTTOM: D. Eagling and first Graduates Banmatmat Bible College.



The Ongoing Mission Church

By H. J. FINGER

I have been asked to write about the changes which have taken place in the New Hebrides in the last decade.

One of the major changes is the change of policy by both British and French Administrations, and one that was long overdue. This of course has come about everywhere as a result of the uplifting of peoples such as the New Hebrideans, and in no small part because of the work of British Protestant Missions. Some of us have fought very hard for the rights of the people. The shocking things which went on before would not be tolerated today. The Churches of Christ in Australia have every reason to be glad in having shared in the uplifting of the ongoing church in our mission field here.

All of the changes which are noticeable, may be attributed fundamentally to a continuing desire to remain under the influence of the gospel. Always coupled with the desire to have the best, is the problem of changing many lives to fit into the conditions necessary to receive the best. Many of the older folk have faced a revolution in this respect, in their own thinking. Many have not been able to adapt, and sometimes have been a hindrance to progress. We do not condemn them.

That small fire of spiritual growth has continued throughout the years, but not yet do we really see what we would long to see. We believe it will come. Many young men and women are trying to walk closer to their Lord and Master, and many are succeeding. They find it very difficult to break with tradi-



CHURCH LEADERS — NEW HEBRIDES.

tion. And many of us prefer to see this small growth each year continuing, instead of some explosion which would soon fizzle out. There is no doubt that the Church is moving onward today because it refuses to be stamped into doing things which it does not understand. Sometimes we may lose patience and long for quicker growth, but we strive for enduring growth.

This is one reason why the changes which have come spiritually and physically have had the co-operation of the Church. In our onward programme of education, in village schools, in mission schools on mission stations and also at Banmatmat, and also in our onward programme in medical work, it has been the Church which has wanted these moves for progress. The desire

to share with the Australian brotherhood has been quickened. The ministry of the Church is something which is dawning upon the mission church today and the desire to be a better missionary church has been capturing the minds of many. This has resulted from a continuing interest in reaching out to heathen in various places and also in New Guinea.

Great days are ahead for the young church here. These are days for action now, because not yet has there been any sign of a let-up in wanting the brotherhood to help. When so many nations are turning against the missionary church we should appreciate the fact that the New Hebridean Church wants us to share and help. Let us seize the time now.

SERVING CHRIST AT RANWADI

What do we do at Ranwadi? Well, we teach boys and girls to read and write, to play games. The girls are taught to sew—make clothes for themselves as well as babies' and children's clothes. We teach them elementary hygiene—cleanliness in home and village. They are taught baby care also as many leave school to get married. This however is not our prime task. Our prime task is to introduce these young people to the Saviour. There is a wonderful opportunity — 150 young people whom we see every day, to whom we can speak both collectively and individually of the Saviour and friend.

Here we have the opportunity to teach the Word of God. There are not many places where one can teach young people to love and revere the Word of God. To them we can say, "Here we find the way to Christ, come follow," and many do.

Living in such a close community, we are able to teach Christian living by

living Christ—by setting an example. This is one of the most difficult tasks we have and it is only by moment-by-moment trust in Christ himself that we are able to do this.

We are able to show them how to teach in Sunday School—each Sunday

By BETHEL CLAPP

eight of the senior scholars teach classes at our Bible School. During the week the teachers gather together for teacher training classes, where they can talk over any problems they have and can be helped with teaching methods. This gives them experience and preparation for the time when they return to their villages.

Mary was a pupil here last year. She is 23 years old, from Ndui Ndui, and up until 1965 was at school there. Early last year she indicated a desire for Bible training. Up until this time there

was no thought of having women students at Banmatmat and yet Mary is there now because God opened the way. She is the only woman student and is, I think, a little lonely. The study is difficult but she said to me, "I know you are all praying for me, so it's all right." We hope Mary won't be the last woman student at Banmatmat, for there is a wonderful ministry they can render to the village women.

Judith was a pupil here two years ago and went to Vila to train to be a teacher. She found it very difficult at first, away from home and friends, and being a Christian is not easy in such a place. Yet Judith stood firm, trusting the Saviour, and suffering certain persecutions from fellow students. This year she was honoured by being made senior girl prefect at the College.

It gives us joy to see these young people growing up into Christ and we know that it is NOW we must tell them. Later may be too late.

TIME FOR ACTION

NOW!

By J. MAIN

Like when you're running for the bus. You knew that your watch was slow, and that you would have to hurry. And then you paused just to hear the last news item. And on the very day when it was essential to get to work on time. And now the bus is likely to have gone. Action, desperate action. If only I had left earlier! If only I had not waited for the weather report! If only . . .

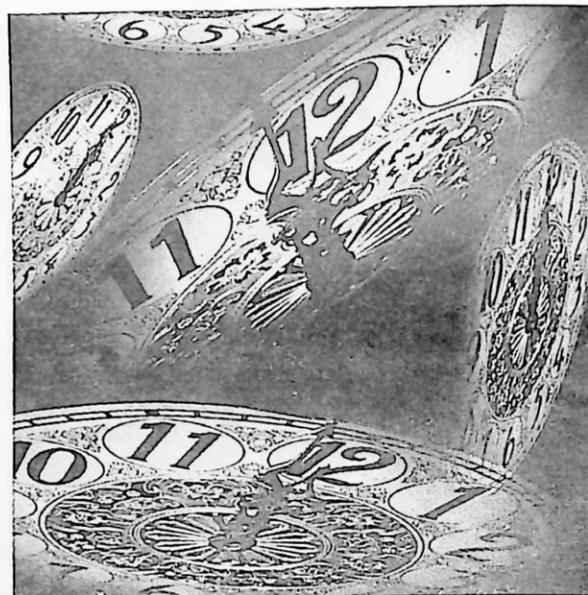
The same here. Time is slipping by. The Government continually reminds us that when independence came the missionaries agreed to stay on the basis

that they train Indian leadership to maintain the many and complex Christian institutions throughout the country. And now, 20 years later they are saying, "All right, where is your Indian leadership?" On the questionnaire that has to be filled out for every new or returning missionary before they are allowed into the country there is a section which asks, "Do you have an Indian who can fill this position?" "If not, why not?" "Have you advertised in the daily Press?" Penetrating questions. We don't like to answer them, for we are embarrassed.

TIME FOR ACTION—NOW: Quick, send us a factory, to produce leaders.

Sorry, leaders do not come like that. Leaders take time, education, patience, dedication, prayer, inspiration, prayer, time . . .

Have we missed the bus? I don't believe so. This is God's work and he would not really let that happen. But he will let us have a very close run for it. Just so we will realise for the future. Time for action. Action for leaders. Action here and prayerful action from you. **NOW.**



SATISFYING THEIR HUNGER

By Miss HAZEL SKUCE

In 2 Timothy 2: 15, Paul writes, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of Truth."

As we think of the future of the Indian Church, we know that we must have men and women grounded in the Word of God to carry on the great task of witnessing—men and women who will stand fast in the face of persecution.

Today, we are finding that more and more Christian young men and women with their Hindu friends are keen on studying God's Word. They have come to realise that this deep need in their hearts can only be met by the Lord Jesus Christ and they long to know him better. They have tried living by

worldly standards, and have found how much lacking there is in worldly peace, and in their need they are turning to God's Word. A medical student writes, "I received your letter yesterday. My sincerest thanks for it. I found a warm kindness and reassurance in it. I have now completely dedicated my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Future does not worry me now. I know he will mould my life in the way he would want me to live. As I write these lines, I experience a profound peace, and I am greatly aware of his existence—his gentleness, his power and the loving care he extends towards me."

As this young man begins walking in the path of his new-found faith, let us pray for him that he may be strengthened daily in his witness for Christ.

He has no worry about the future now because he has put his future in Christ's hands. We must also pray for many of the young people like him, who through the study of God's word, have come to know the Lord in a personal experience.

An 18-year-old girl from Malaysia writes, "I am a Christian, but I am very poor in my religious knowledge (this we soon saw as we began to correct her papers) but through the Bible Correspondence Course I am beginning to gain knowledge." Diana is only one of the many hundreds of the Christian young people who are doing the studies and whom we find are very poor in their knowledge of the scriptures. If we want to have a living witnessing Church, it is these young people whom we must reach.

Apart from the Bible, even after years of experience in life, they may never have a personal experience of Christ. Hence we must not wait. Today, while they have a hunger in their hearts for God's Word.

TIME FOR ACTION . . . NOW!

OFFERING OVERSEAS MISSIONS, JULY 7

DINKER, DINKER, AND DANIEL

By Mrs. BETTY RYALL



Mr. and Mrs. ROGER RYALL, serving Baramati Boys' Home, India.

We are so pleased to tell you that on Easter Sunday, five of our boarding boys were baptized. One of these was Dinker. He has been in the Baramati Boys' Home for 10 years, and came to us from St. Crispin's Home in Poona. This is mainly a home for girls, so the boys usually come to us when they turn six years of age. Dinker and his half brother, Shanker, have grown up in our boarding. Shanker also is a Christian and has just sat for his matriculation exam. Their father was a Hindu of the low Mahar caste. He is a leper and had two wives (also lepers). The "family" lived in a hut on the leprosy compound at Miraj. They are destitute and live by begging. Our records show that, at first, Dinker wasn't very bright at school, but he has slowly improved and in his last exam he gained thirteenth place in a class of 52 in 9th standard High School.

When I first met Dinker, I was told he was the "clown" of the Boys' Home. He still is a real "actor," but we see signs of his growing up. I was moved as I watched the serious look on this young lad's face at his baptism and welcome into the church.

From a destitute leper home—to the start of technical training (June 1968). This is what has been accomplished! Do you think it is worthwhile?

We have another Dinker in the Boys' Home. He has been with us only for one year. He is short for his age but plump, with an engaging smile, the kind of boy everyone would like to spoil! His mother is dead. When he fell ill his father had him admitted to a hospital in Poona and left him there. He never visited him and noth-

ing has been heard of him since. All efforts to trace him have failed. The boy spent several years in St. Crispin's Home before he was committed to our care. Dinker was second in his class in the last school exams.

Daniel also came to us along with little Dinker. His father died when he was two years old. Soon after, his mother became blind and she died in 1964. Daniel had to be kept in a Sholapur hospital after he was born because he was a weak child and had a club foot. His foot was successfully operated on, and he attended St. Crispin's Home before he came to us last year. Daniel isn't very bright at school, but watching him play in the Boys' Home one would never know he had been a sickly child. He can get up to all the mischief young boys usually find to do.

SO MUCH TO DO

— BUT THE TIME
IS LIMITED



SISTER J. HUNTING

Since work commenced in the Pater-noster Memorial Hospital at Bunapas our medical work as far as inpatients is concerned hasn't looked back. In August 1967, a section of the General Ward accommodating 18 beds, was completed by the Victorian work party.

We are finding that people are coming in fairly readily from many of the river villages and they continue to come from the inland villages. An improved inland road will make the hospital more accessible to these people.

Occasionally our number of patients drops, but never for long. With the airstrip open much anxiety has been relieved when we have seriously ill patients as they can readily be sent to Madang or Wewak.

Dr. Stanhope has been continuing his six monthly visits to the area. He has been able to give us valuable advice and help with minor surgery.

Only yesterday, a six weeks old baby arrived seriously ill with pneumonia. It is too ill to be moved to Madang but thanks to the new hospital and better equipment we are able to give it a

chance of survival. 18 months ago this would have been practically impossible.

Our hearts sometimes fail us when we think of how much there is to do and teach. We are still unable to do a lot of midwifery as we haven't sufficient staff. Ignorance, fear, and often filth seem to prevail.

A man, physically well and healthy after a thorough medical examination, is dying in his village. He believes someone has "poisoned" or worked sorcery on him. This man's great need is for liberating faith in Jesus Christ which would overcome these fears.

Slowly but surely some people are learning the value of medicine. There is definite goodwill built up among successfully treated people.

Our medical orderlies can often be heard comforting, reassuring a worried parent. Frequently we hear them explaining a sickness or treatment. Here is real hope for here is a "black man" saying that life is possible for a "black-skin" as well as white.

So much still to do. The goodwill produced is good soil for the gospel seeds sown. Young men are being trained and enlightened. More and more there is a feeling that our time in New Guinea is limited. Help us to make the most of it now.



EXPERIENCES OF A VOLUNTARY WORKER IN NEW GUINEA

By Miss E. SMITH

Some of my most satisfying experiences have been those casual contacts with the people where one learns to think and feel things from the indigenes' point of view. It could be sitting around a cooking-pot with a group of women, or sharing news with a wrinkled village elder. Or it may be sitting on an upturned canoe, singing favourite choruses with children.

But the most uplifting times have been those connected with straightout evangelistic work. In my first experience of a Pidgin Prayer meeting at Grengabu, as we prayed together, I knew more vividly than ever before that "in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek . . . BLACK NOR WHITE . . . but we are all one in Christ Jesus." Likewise, the Lord's Supper seems to take on a fresh meaning as we remember Christ's sacrifice using the emblems of sago-bread and coconut-milk.

Another day, at Pakingabu, our congregation included several dogs, chickens and even a pig. But later, listening to Oga, local evangelist, simply and sincerely telling them about the Parable of the Sower, I praised God for these "new babes" who are so willing to share Christ with others. A fortnight later I returned there to give my first Pidgin sermon. It is humbling to know that God can use such stumbling efforts.

Quite recently the New Guinea elections were held. Watching our people vote, I began to wonder about the future of Christian Missions in New Guinea. Will we always enjoy such freedom? Will the Government always be so willing to support us? Or will the day come when foreign missionaries are forced to leave, as in other places?

I don't know the answers to these questions, but this I do know: Christ commanded us to "go out and make disciples of all nations . . ." We can all share in this task wherever we are, but how glad I am that God has sent me up here for a year. With the psalmist I say: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in Thee, I will sing praise to Thy Name O Most High."

PHOTOS:

TOP: Smiling New Guinea child. Ramu River area.

CENTRE: Group of men waiting for church service to commence at Minung.

BOTTOM: Two married couples baptized at Bunapas, July, 1967.



AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Achievement Through Anguish



How easy it is for a missile to be thrown off course by crosswinds! An arrow may be deflected by the slightest breeze, and the archer must make allowances.

"The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost" — the target was plainly visible; but at the very last moment, the crosswinds of doubt might well have deflected him from his purpose.

As the small party left the upper room to proceed to Gethsemane with its struggle and victory, the wind blew a stronger gust: "Every one of you will lose your faith in me," observed Jesus.

These chaps are very ordinary, very fickle! They are typical of the whole human race! Are they worth the trouble? Why should I be breaking my heart over them? Can I devote my energies in a more useful enterprise? The winds blew hard!

But the arrow struck home! And the score was recorded! "At the cost of his blood, we are redeemed . . . we are inside the circle of God's love . . . we are reconciled to God."

Now it is abundantly clear to the no longer bewildered disciples, Jesus had made allowances for their weaknesses because no crosswind was strong enough to deflect his love!

As we meditate upon the meaning of the bread and the cup, there is no longer any need for us to dwell miserably upon our off-course lives. God makes allowance for us! He meets us here! He remembers that we are dust!

The love which makes allowances for our follies, likewise takes into account the weaknesses of the world in which we move. They will break our heart, too! But this is the privilege resulting from our grasp of the truth that God is in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

The bread and the cup loudly assert that God is making allowances for the currents, the crosswinds and the crashes of human nature.

THANKS FOR BREAD

God, let this bread remind us of the lives we are pledged to live, in imitation of Him who gave His life for us. Amen.

THANKS FOR CUP

Father, may our thanks for this cup be reflected in our attitude to our fellow-beings. Help us to pour out our best in the strength of Him who loves us in spite of the anguish our rebellion causes. Amen.

"Hey! Church Lady!"

"Hey! Church lady!"—a voice from a corner bed yells at the top of her voice, and seven-year-old Karen wants to know if we have remembered to bring the doll's clothes we promised the week before. Yes, Karen is lucky—we have remembered, and this is some feat when you have visited 150 others as well with varying requests.

Joseph follows us from room to room then looks up into our faces as he is handed a covered cheese box full of boys' treasures, "Is it Christmas today?" he asks.

A Roman Catholic sister comes to you and says she has been watching what we have been doing and asks to see what else we have in our cases.

Sister-in-charge asks for some clothing for a little boy whose body is misshapen and whose mind is troubled through ill-treatment at home, and we give the assurance that this can be supplied.

It doesn't always end happily—as when Cherie asked for daffodils when they are first beginning to flower, and after begging or buying them you go back to find that Cherie isn't there for

God in his love or mercy has taken her to be with him.

Or a little boy named Peter who has known more suffering than many adults ever know, looks angrily into your case and says, "Don't your helpers know there's boys in this hospital, too? You've just got nothing for boys."

How does a hospital visitor feel when some church members ask if it is necessary to go each week and give away all those toys to just anybody. She feels sorry for the persons who have never experienced the feeling of being so needed, for the wonderful opportunity of witnessing to doctors and nurses and some parents of the 400 children in the hospital. Most weeks there is a new group of children — a new congregation to whom the visitor can minister.

She feels grateful for the opportunity, and deep down in her heart there is a warm feeling of happiness and gratitude that God is using her in this way. And her prayer?—why, that one day, not only will there be weekly visits, but a full-time Churches of Christ deaconess will be on hand at the Royal Children's Hospital.



FEDERAL
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EDUCATION

FOURTH NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

The 4th National Youth Convention to be held in Brisbane, January 6-12, 1969, is for young people 15 years and over. The programme will include an inaugural dinner at "Cloudland" on the Brisbane heights; Bible studies under the direction of Gordon Stirling, B.A.; workshops on important issues confronting young people today; informal evening gatherings for inspiration and recreation; organised tours of the Gold Coast and Caloundra; and good fellowship.

A package deal will include full accommodation in the Convention Village, Queensland University, and the Coast tours, for \$50. It is expected that young people from many of our churches across Australia will attend. Registration forms are available from ministers and State Departments of Christian Education.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

At the beginning of August the Federal Board of Christian Education will move into the rooms which have been occupied for a number of years by the Austral Bookroom. The offices at Highett have served the Board well over the past 11 years, but, with the closing of the Austral Bookroom and because of changes within the Federal Board, the opportunity to move into this more central position was accepted. The Board's address from August 1 will be 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

MISS DEANE TO LEAVE STAFF

Miss Marjorie Deane, who has been associated with the Federal Board from its inception 20 years ago, has indicated her desire to relinquish her position with the Board as from January, 1969.

When the late V. C. Stafford was made director and editor of the Federal Board when it was constituted at Federal Conference, Perth, 1948, Miss Deane commenced to give office assistance in a voluntary capacity. In 1952 she came on to the staff as secretary and, later, assumed responsibility as associate editor. Through her insights into the work and her dedication to the task she has given invaluable service to the Australian brotherhood and will be greatly missed.

—G. A. Whiting, Acting Director.

OPEN FORUM

P. E. THOMAS

To the Editor,

We were very happy to see the record of the appreciation extended to P. E. Thomas at N.S.W. Conference. Until recently my husband was the minister at Marrickville, and although Mrs. Thomas was greatly handicapped by ill-health I must also pay tribute to her. She was a constant inspiration to all by her faithfulness, and consistent attendance at all church services. Despite her illness she set a high standard for all us younger ones, and together with other older members of the church there who were handicapped by ill-health set an example of love and graciousness and faithfulness that will forever remain with me. They came to God's house even when it seemed physically impossible to do so and by their very presence ministered to us all without a word.

—Dorothy Bedwell (Qld.)

IMMEDIATELY

To the Editor,

I, too, feel compelled to refer to Judith B. Fitzgerald's letter, "A.C.," May 18. We should not seek to govern God's Holy Spirit by our human standards. Your correspondent seems to state that the new birth is a gradual process and rules out the possibility of this happening immediately.

The gospel records the calling of the disciples as, straightway, they left all and followed him. Acts 9 records Paul's experience as "suddenly" both these expressions can mean "immediately." The gospel records the various healing miracles of the Lord as "immediate" and if the Lord Jesus was able to bring relief to all sorts of sufferers immediately, he is able to save the soul immediately as in my experience.

Well into adult age, with an anti-God attitude of mind, I received a visit from a Christian minister and God's Holy Spirit revealed a desperate need. The response: the spiritual experience of the "new life" was immediate. There were new habits and an outlook completely changed. It happened "immediately"—just like that. There is a continual note of "joy."

Harry C. Burriss (Vic.)

BAPTISM

To the Editor,

The position of baptism has sometimes been confused by people who have found difficulty with the thief on the Cross. However, since Jesus had power to forgive persons (Matt. 9: 1-7, John 8: 1-11) he also had power to forgive the thief on the Cross.

The command for baptism was not given until after the resurrection. Because it is a command, we are not able to do as we please about it. It is a command from our Lord.

When a penitent believer sees, believes, and understands that baptism is symbolical of a death, burial and a resurrection to a new life (Rom. 6), then baptism becomes essential to him.

—E. W. Nielsen, Qld.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LUNCH HOUR SOLILOQUY

To the Editor,

My mate from St. Lemming's swallowed his sandwich and grumbled, "Our parson's the limit; he seems to think we are paying him to empty the church. On Sundays he tells that the old shapes of worship have had it, and we are waiting for new shapes to emerge to match this secular age. So most of the parishioners are staying away until he lets them know when the new shapes have arrived."

"We started a men's group and gave him the honour of being first speaker. Our idea was for a bit of fellowship and discussion and service. He told us that he didn't approve of such groups . . . that the men ought to spend their time in the pubs and clubs being the presence of Christ in the world."

"We had a young fellow lined up to take the boys' club. Our parson convinced him that he ought to serve the community by becoming racquet boy at the local squash club. The boys had the church hall wrecked before any one knew he wasn't coming."

"He doesn't approve of spending money on church renovations . . . the money should go to the poor he says. But he's on us to carpet his study and instal a coffee percolator. And now he says he doesn't know whether he believes in God or not. He sets us a good example of "the church being in the world" though. He's on so many community committees that we can never find him if some one's sick or dying. He says that he aims to get St. Lemming's church out into the world. Well he's succeeded; that's where they are, because we never see them in church any more."

"He won't let us have an urgently needed stewardship campaign because such things belong to Christendom before man became of age and found heaven in the secular society. But he still expects us to pay his salary at the end of the week"

My mate stuffed his last gerkin into his mouth, and fed up, said, "It's enough to make you believe in Billy Graham!"

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

CHORDS OF MEMORY

Geo. T. Page, of Nelson, N.Z., writes, "In the 'A.C.' for April 6, 1968, there were items of tremendous interest to me. In 50 Years Ago there was a letter signed S. J. Mathieson. He was a personal friend of mine and I called on him in Denver when I was in the U.S.A. to attend the Buffalo World Convention. Sam Mathieson was a great preacher and had a congregation of 450. Mrs. Mathieson still lives there.

"Then there was the tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Saunders. I knew Mrs. Saunders when she was Ada Masters, head milliner of one of the shops in Nelson.

"The article about Mrs. Dorothy Potter also interested me. Her grandfather, W. T. Clapham, was well known to me. He was minister at Nelson and I suppose that I am the only one left who remembers him.

"There was also a recent tribute to V. C. Stafford. He was held in fond remembrance by the brethren at Vivian St., Wellington."

(Mr. Page is now 90 years of age. He suffered a stroke about six years ago. He was Mayor of Nelson, 1935-1941, and during his term of office introduced prayer to commence council meetings, a practice which still continues. Mrs. Page died in 1966).



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B.A., B.D., M.TH., PH.D.

Mr. JOHN TUDOR,
B.COMM., L.TH.

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7 p.m.: **GOD FOR MODERNS:**
June 16: **WHAT IS GOD LIKE?**

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our youth group is having troubles. Half of the youth are gone and the half that is left is only half converted. Is there any future for youth work?

Youth work is a fairly modern activity of the church. Organised youth activities such as Scouts, Boys' Brigades, and Christian Endeavour were all begun in the 19th century.

We have grown up in an era that saw the Sunday School as a vital necessity for the church. Yet, the church managed to sustain itself for more than 1,600 years without any kind of Sunday school, and it will not be until 1980 that we shall celebrate the 200th anniversary of Robert Raikes.

In my youth, boys and girls were strictly segregated in the church, then the mixed youth group claimed its place. Camping has had a tremendous impact upon church life and leadership, yet many of us can remember the first camps.

These observations are made to emphasise the fact that there will always be change in the needs of youth and the ways in which those needs are met.

FIRE VICTIM AIDS WAR SUFFERERS

One of the most energetic supporters of the "Austcare" appeal for refugees has been Miss Jean Tice of Tasmania.

Miss Tice lives alone with scores of dogs and cats at her Shamrock Holiday Home for animals at Ridgeway.

She lost most of her buildings and stock in the bush fires last year, and claims she could not have survived if it had not been for the assistance she received from others.

With the help of fire relief organisations, she has now re-established her boarding kennels, and again can make her living.

Recently she took time off from her work to deliver an "Austcare" envelope containing her contribution for "Austcare." Miss Tice said she thought she would like to reciprocate and help other unfortunate people just as she had been helped.

"Austcare" was organised by 15 churches throughout Australia. About 3,000,000 envelopes were circulated throughout Australia.

1968

We may be sentimental about the vehicles of inspiration and service that seemed so important to our day but, if there is one thing certain about the uncertain future of youth work, it is that there will be more and more change.

This may not be a bad thing. Almost every significant youth programme or organisation had to win its way through opposition. The Sunday Schools and Christian Youth Fellowships were roundly condemned at their beginnings. Perhaps out of the turmoil in which we now find ourselves, there will come some equally helpful answer to the undefined but real needs of youth.

Organisationally, the answer may be different from anything we have known. In fact, the findings of a recent survey in England suggest that "the culture in which we now live is one that requires "functional groups" and not "organisational ones."

I am sure that there is plenty of future for youth work, but success will not just happen. Any advance will be in relation to our consecration, our motives, the quality of our leadership, our imaginativeness, our daring, and our willingness to spend our resources for a grand purpose. We must also be ready to risk some humiliating mistakes.

There is nothing I can say about your own youth group and its troubles. These may be due to the general cultural disturbances or to specific area problems. I suggest that your church consult the Director for Christian Education in your State.

Finally, I don't know how you measured the conversion quality of your young people, but be careful not to rely on superficial differences. The fact that youth may reject a local church organisation and its leaders, does not necessarily mean that they are also rejecting Christ.

MINISTER AND YOUNG PEOPLE

(Albion, Qld.) Mr. Bedwell, the minister, has oversight of young people's work. 35 to 40 young people meet every Sunday for tea after which they form into Intermediate C.E. and C.Y.F. groups. They also attend the pre-gospel prayer meeting and the gospel service. 40 young people had an outing to Caloundra and a barbecue tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horne at Glasshouse Mountains. Five young people raised over \$50 in the "Walk for Wealth" for the Youth and Christian Educ. Dept. The Buds and Junior C.E. led by Mrs. Dack, conducted the Mothers' Day service. Every Endeavourer took part. Mrs. Dorothy Bedwell gave the address.

LOST FROM KINGSFORD

(N.S.W.) Mr. and Mrs. John Love were given presentations by B.S. and church prior to their departure from the district. We will miss them very much . . . A recent evening service was conducted by Charles Cole and the C.F.A.

piece of mind

When the going gets hard, there is a temptation to look for an easier path. The Anglicans in North Queensland, faced with financial difficulty, found their easier path in an endorsement of gambling to augment church funds.

Anglicans in Tasmania reported similar money shortages. But all churches have the same problem, if not to the same degree. Gambling is not the answer.

It is a bad thing when the church gives approval to a national disease. It turns upside down the motivation for sacrificial giving and makes gifts to God on a level with the losing end of an art union.

The announcement said that actors and T.V. stars would add their influence and talents to support an anti-Vietnam pleasant Sunday afternoon at Melbourne's Princess Theatre.

Because we take seriously protests which have the blessing of church leaders and world statesmen of integrity, we went along to learn some more. Unfortunately, we were in time only for Ray Taylor's one-man show.

Mr. Taylor gave a perfect pig-sty of a performance—he left no filthy stone unturned in a lewd crawl through sexuality, homosexuality, and personal innuendo which lost none of its ugliness because it was supposed to be funny.

His efforts were quite irrelevant to the purposes of the afternoon and the further he went the more embarrassed became the parents who had brought young children for a Sunday outing. His contribution would have an effect the reverse of that desired by the sponsoring committee. People might start to measure the value of the crusade by the stature of the wrong-way crusader on stage.

A very odd thing about the performance was that some applause was given to Taylor's un-subtle attack on Victoria's censorship laws. The fact is that any State which permits Ray Taylor is too permissive rather than too restrictive. These may seem strong words in a Christian journal, but the provocation could not have been greater.

Corinne Kerby closed the show when Taylor left the stage—she should have closed it before he went on.

When the nation learned of conscientious objector Townsend's torture treatment at Holsworthy military prison there was widespread indignation that such things could happen in this land.

Politicians on both sides of the House, newspapers without exception, academics, psychiatrists, medicos, and professional men on every hand condemned what had been done. The Army authorities took immediate action to end this kind of treatment for any detainees.

In fact there was such universal reaction against the cruelty, that one must ask why it was that the only persons apparently insensitive to the torture were those who were inflicting it.

Jubilee at Mile End

(S.A.). Work began at 7 a.m. on May 26 to prepare the Town Hall, adjacent to the church, for the Jubilee Dinner. At the communion service, W. Green presided. 400 were present, and C. W. Jackel preached on the subject, "Back to God—Forward with Christ." 500 sat down to the special dinner prepared by the ladies of the church.

Two past preachers were present, and five preachers who left as young men from Mile End to enter the ministry. Greetings were received from others. Several spoke on the days gone by, including Mrs. Warwick, the only foundation member still in membership.

At the P.S.A., the Churches of Christ Choral Assoc., led by C. Thomas (a past member) gave items, and Mr. Jackel gave the address. The "Abundant Life Crusade," a week of mission, commenced at the gospel service. At the after-church Fellowship Hour, Miss Ruth Buxton delighted with her singing and Mrs. Leane, L. Hearnden and B. Benz gave instrumental items.

Jubilee Sunday was the only day for three weeks when there have not been bitter winds and driving rain at the time when folk were moving about the various buildings. Because of low-lying cloud, the jets moved off in a different direction, and did not drown out any portion of the services in the day (we are in the normal direct line from the airport). Many felt it was "the best ever day we have had at Mile End."

The "Abundant Life Crusade" concluded on Pentecost Sunday. The crusade was held in the church building, and delegations came from some churches, and a number of past Mile End members returned for one or two nights. The song leader, Len Hearnden, was previously a young man at Mile End.

At the final service three adults committed themselves to Christ. At a "Friendly Hour" afterwards thanks were expressed to the missionary, Mr. Jackel, and song leader. The Mile End minister, J. A. Luff, had oversight of the whole campaign.

N.S.W.

O/SEAS MISSION VISITOR

(Taree, N.S.W.). George Mathieson, formerly of Colonel Light Gardens, S.A., visited the church on May 29 on behalf of the Overseas Mission Board. His slides and talk on the work in the New Hebrides had special interest as the Taree church has four of its own missionaries stationed in that area.

PROGRESS REPORTED

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). Annual meeting revealed that the membership has increased, attendances have improved and the giving to the Lord's work has increased. The Board of Officers includes Elders Ron Bartholomew and L. Riggall, Mrs. E. R. Bishop (treasurer) and J. V. Ellerby (secretary). Mrs. Oldfield is the new C.W.F. president following Mrs. Ron Bartholomew who has served as president for the past eight years. . . . The 62nd Church Anniversary celebrations featured a Smorgasbord Dinner on May 25. Items were rendered by guests of "Bingley Hall" and Mrs. Moses and Miss M. Riggall. D. A. Oldfield presided on May 26 when H. M. Long, Conf. Pres. was guest speaker and Mrs. Inglis was soloist. The film, "Windows of the Soul" was screened.

MISSIONARY RALLY

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). At a district rally on May 28, G. Matheson was guest speaker on the theme of missionary work in New Guinea. . . . During the absence of the minister, W. D. Howard, recent speakers were R. Page, B. & F.B.S.; G. McKelvie, Mayfield; and Peter Looney. . . . Many members are unable to attend because of illness.

VACATION B.S.

(Belmore, N.S.W.). The enrolment for the Vacation B.S., May 13-17, totalled 68 of which 50 were from non-church families. 35 attended every day. Each day began with a worship session at 9.30 a.m. including the Hudson Taylor serial story. Each of four sections then conducted their own lesson time. After morning tea of cordial and biscuits, games were played. Handicrafts were also featured. . . . At a missionary day Mrs. Hammer presented slides and spoke of work in New Guinea. An offering of \$10 was received. . . . A demonstration night included a kindergarten demonstration, a primary play of Jonah, and a segment of "Peanuts" using puppets.

MACEDONIAN CALL!

(Slavic Church, Sydney). On June 1, 12 members of the Slavic Church in Sydney went to Cringila-Wollongong. An open air meeting was held and approx. 70 people on their way home from work stopped to hear the gospel message and then stood around for another 1½ hours asking questions and discussing the Bible. We are told that there are about 7,000 or more Yugoslavs in Cringila and Port Kembla area and a big percentage of them are Macedonians. If you see the vision that Paul saw, then pray! The Slavic church, meeting at City Temple on Sunday afternoons is being kept busy following the Billy Graham Crusade.

FOR BURWOOD, N.S.W.

Maurie H. A. Pieper will conclude a four-year ministry with the Gattton, Qld. church on Dec. 22. He will commence a ministry with Burwood in Sydney on Jan. 26, 1969. Dennis Usher, who will graduate from Kenmore, Dec., 1968, has accepted a call to minister at Gattton.

CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). Mr. Chivell conducted a Church Life Conference at Victor Harbour. Mr. Chivell said, "The Church finds itself as it becomes involved in the needs of the community." Sunday morning worship was followed by a basket lunch. During the afternoon members joined in discussion groups, followed by an early evening service. . . . Many footballers attended a special service. The speaker was Keith Chessell of the Sturt Football Club.

STEWARDSHIP ADVANCE

(Glenelg, S.A.). The special stewardship campaign has resulted in weekly offerings up to \$100 above 1967 giving. A committee is now considering a building programme to give better facilities for larger congregations and more useful youth and B.S. activities. . . . Men's Fellowship averages 50 men for dinner and programme. Guest speakers have been A. M. Ramsay, Chairman of S.A. Housing Trust and Ken Parish, Editor of the "Sunday Mail." . . . C.W.F. has held garden party for G.L.B. funds and raised over \$100. . . . Youth Choir now appears at monthly youth services led by John Pederson. A recent speaker was John Birt. . . . Mr. Holland's recent sermon on "What of the Agnostic" has been duplicated and is enjoying wide circulation among members and friends. He is also lecturing this term at the Adelaide Bible College. . . . Special visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roffey (Mr. Roffey is Fed. Conf. Sec.), and Sister Ruth Roberts and Miss Shantabai of India.

Appeal for Religious Centre

(Adelaide). On June 2 representatives of all faiths in Adelaide met at the invitation of the leaders of the Christian and Jewish communities, to launch the appeal for a Religious Centre at the second S.A. University (Flinders) at Bedford Park. The University theatre was packed as the Pro-Chancellor called upon the campaign chairman, Gordon George, the Vice-Chancellor of Adelaide University, Dr. Frank Hambly, and Archbishop Gleeson of the Roman Catholic Church. Concluding prayer was offered by the head of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The project is to set aside a centre for the conduct of religious activities within the life of the University. The centre will serve the whole University and this will include the students of the adjacent Bedford Park

Teachers' College who have all the privileges of membership in the university community.

Second, it will ensure adequate facilities for the meetings of any religious society in the university.

Third, it will provide an integrating factor in the life of the university by the establishment of a common place of worship for the use of all religious faiths.

Fourth, it enables chaplains appointed to the university to meet with students in an easily accessible room and assist them with the many problems which are part of academic life.

The total cost with furnishings and other expenses is \$60,000. It is hoped the target can be reached by December 31, 1968.

ABOVE THE PLEDGES

(Edwardstown, S.A.). The church was led by K. D. Horne in its Stewardship Campaign. Ladies provided an excellent dinner when Mr. Horne outlined the programme. Pledge cards promised the weekly amount of \$144. Offerings have risen above this amount. . . . During past month six B.S. scholars have made decisions. . . . Junior Endeavourers assisted in evening service with a play on three of the parables. Miss Margaret Bartlett, State President of J.C.E., gave a greeting. . . . C. E. Curtis is minister.

PLANNING FOR 75th

(Prospect, S.A.). The church will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in November. . . . The church took an active part in the Austcare appeal. . . . Mothers' Day was marked in a special way when the mothers took an active part in leading the service.

MINISTERS' FAMILY SOCIAL

(S.A.). The annual social evening arranged by the Ministers' Wives' Association of Churches of Christ in S.A. was held in the Grote St. hall. Mrs. Ron Saunders, Pres., welcomed all present, making special mention of those who arrived this year—Mr. and Mrs. C. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. C. Dow (Mr. Dow was at Superintendents' Camp). Young people from these families were also welcomed.

Items were given by Mrs. Dow, R. Greenhalgh and Gaynor Philp. Margaret Saunders was pianist and R. Saunders gave the devotional message. S. Neighbour, Conf. Pres., closed with prayer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESPONSE

(Lenswood, S.A.). The Christian Education Dept. offering amounted to \$35.80. . . . Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards, from Maylands, Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson, from Kensington Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Magor from the Scripture Union. . . . Glenelg young people joined us on May 25 for supper.

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT (S.A.) WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The eighth Annual Conference was held at Mt. Gambler. 72 ladies represented the affiliated churches, Bordertown, Naracoorte, Mundalla, Wamponny, Keith, Tarpeena and Mt. Gambler attended. Mrs. T. R. Mason of Mt. Gambler was president.

Obituary prayer and report was presented by Mrs. W. Fisher and paid tribute to Mesdames T. Hamilton, W. Dungey, J. Maney, L. Dodd and A. Tilley.

The project for the past year was for the "Fairhaven" Aborigine Girls' Hostel at Esperance, W.A., and realised \$436.72 which has been forwarded to the Aborigines' Dept. The project for 1968/69 will assist the Home Mission General Funds.

The following officers were declared and dedicated for the coming year: Pres., Mrs. E. Buckley (Bordertown); Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Milne (Bordertown);

Pres.-elect, Mrs. A. Leane (Naracoorte); Sec., Mrs. L. Taylor (Bordertown); Asst. Sec., Mrs. R. Davies (Naracoorte); Treas., Mrs. G. Wiese (Bordertown).

A display of the work of the children from the Mt. Gambler Child Occupation Centre was on view and included paintings, pieces of handcraft, and pot plants which the children had planted and looked after.

Mrs. T. Sims from the Occupation Centre, was guest speaker and she told of the different ways a child can be retarded and how with love, care and guidance can be made into a useful self-supporting citizen. It was interesting to hear how much the centre had progressed in the three years it has been open. A hostel for the children attending the centre is also closer to realisation.

Next conference will be at Bordertown, April 30, 1969.

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"APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR"

On May 31, in the Melbourne Town Hall, before a capacity crowd, Gavin Baulch, a member of the Footscray (Vic.) church, was presented by the Minister for Labour and Industry, the Hon. J. Rossiter, to His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, as "Apprentice of the Year."

Along with 47 other apprentices from a wide range of trades Gavin received a bronze medallion, awarded by the Apprenticeship Commission, for being an outstanding apprentice. Last year he received a bronze medallion for craftsmanship. His apprenticeship has been served in Photo-engraving, a branch of the printing trade, under the guidance of the Government Printer. He has been a student at the Melbourne School of Printing and Graphic Arts. His selection as "Apprentice of the Year" comes towards the end of a five-year apprenticeship.

In the course of his remarks, the Minister referred to the high quality of Gavin's work throughout his apprenticeship, to his personal qualities, and to his community service, all of which were taken into consideration in making the selection. Special mention was made of his S.S. teaching, his leadership in church youth work, his assistance in church services, and his interests in the Y.M.C.A.

DUKE'S AWARD

(Unley, S.A.). Miss Vera Harding, church organist and leader of Girls' Brigade, has received the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal Award . . . A Church Life Conference led by K. D. Horne was well attended and aroused considerable interest . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. D. E. Bowes after several months in hospital. Sympathy expressed to her four sons, Lindsay, Colin, Don and Keith.

RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

(Subiaco, W.A.). The church renovations are now completed. New window frames have been put in, a new roof, complete painting of the interior of the church. The C.W.F. have provided new carpets for the platform and side aisles in royal blue.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

JUNE:
17-22—Lay Institute For Evangelism, Paramatta District.
21-22—Newcastle & Northern Dist. Convention — Men's Camp, "Halifax Park", Nelson Bay.
24—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal.

VICTORIA

JUNE:
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:
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.

EDITORIALS (from page 2)

HELEN KELLER (Contd.)

With the senses of touch and smell, Helen Keller found treasures everywhere, in field and forest, in museums and art galleries, in books (she read widely in English, French, and German, knew much of Shakespeare by heart, and loved the Bible — "How shall I speak of the glories I have since discovered in the Bible?"), in sport (she loved cycling — tandem — and sailing), and in people, especially people. "My friends have made the story of my life. In a thousand ways they have turned my limitations into privileges, and enabled me to walk serene and happy in the shadow cast by my deprivation."

She did rely on people. So do we all, and we are greatly indebted to Miss Keller for a great life. Mark Twain is entitled to his opinion. Our vote is for Helen Keller in both centuries.

R. F. K.

It is useless to look for a reasoned motive in the assassination of Robert Kennedy. It was a deed of irrational violence. It may be that the young Jordanian saw his act as some kind of protest against the sufferings of his native land. If so, he wounded even the cause of the country he professed to love.

A revolver in the hand of a representative of the world's poverty can destroy the symbol of the world's wealthiest nation, but it does not lessen the poverty of the one nor diminish the stature of the other.

The killer would not have been able to foresee the consequences of his crime. To a nation already struggling to justify a place of moral leadership in the world it brought even deeper guilt-ridden questioning of its acts and attitudes. To a people not knowing where to go it brought a great fear it might have lost the man who could have guided them. To a close-knit family whose wealth had served to multiply its grief, it brought a world wave of sharing sorrow.

One can admire the Kennedys without worshipping them, and applaud their achievements without thinking them infallible. But there was a spiritual strength and motivation in the brothers. Of the two who died so close together, in the same arena, and from the same kind of unreason, one, the late President John Kennedy, had achieved true greatness, and the other, Senator Robert Kennedy, showed the promise of it. The remaining brother, Edward, could well be a third.

Edward Kennedy's tribute in the Cathedral will pass into the world's treasury of unforgettable words: "My brother need not be idealised, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life, to be remembered simply as a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.

"Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today, pray that what he was to us, and what he wished for others, will some day come to pass for all the world."

R.Y.L.A.

(Melb., Vic.). These letters stand for "Rotary Youth Leadership Awardee." The community service organisation Rotary, conducted a live-in seminar at Melbourne University, May 19-26, for leaders among youth of our community.

Eighty-four awardees from Victoria and Southern N.S.W. were chosen for their interest and activity, and were within the 17-23 age range. Backgrounds included community youth clubs, Scouting and Guides, rural youth and Young Farmers, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and church organisations.

The programme included lectures by leading scholars, discussion and group work, and practical sessions in bush-walking, public speaking and music.

Significant? Yes indeed! Leaders from various walks of life found they held many similar ideas in youth work, thus breaking down barriers of ignorance that often separate different movements. In addition, sound scholarship and fresh ideas didn't go amiss.

Churches of Christ were well represented with four awardees and one counsellor.



ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR HOBART

R. E. PFEIFER

The Hobart church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism announce that R. E. Pfeifer, an exit student from the College of the Bible, will commence a ministry in Feb., 1969. Mr. Pfeifer has completed his L.Th. and is a qualified actuary—F.F.A. He anticipates completing a B.A. degree

CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Brooklyn Park, S.A.). A weekend Church Life Conference was conducted by K. D. Horne. Nearly all families were represented. 81 members volunteered for sub-committees for further action in seven main areas of church activity . . . High worship attendances maintained sacrificial giving programme passed \$2,500 mark for new chapel . . . Teenagers sent carton of school equipment to an Aust. unit in Vietnam. They also collected Austcare envelopes . . . Seven girls' and four boys' basketball teams are having a successful season.

WORLD BROTHERHOOD ROUND-UP

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

David Mansell, minister of Wollongong Church of Christ in Australia is at present in the U.S.A. conducting evangelistic meetings and researching on evangelism. A recent news item in the "Christian Standard" tells of his involvement with service camps and conferences.

Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia in October will see the World Secretary, Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick present and taking part in the Conference. With the World Convention only two years off in Adelaide, it is expected that "Dr. Larry" will be visiting this country with some degree of frequency.

Study groups setting out the course and formula for the studies at World Convention have been meeting with regularity in Adelaide. Their consequent findings will go out to churches around the world as time for Adelaide 1970 draws near.

with Monash University at the end of 1968. He will be married in Jan., 1969. This appointment brings to fruition plans for the enlargement of outreach in Hobart. Mr. Pfeifer will join the present minister, L. G. Cooke, and take special responsibilities for youth work, leadership training and development of work among young adults. A survey of the church's whole strategy and outreach will be undertaken. It is hoped that the survey and exploratory activities will yield guidance in respect to the development of new causes in the metropolitan area. A legacy from the estate of the late Tasman Gillie has facilitated the development of this project. D. H. Smith recently conferred in Tasmania with Hobart representatives and Tasmanian Sub-Committee secretary C. J. Orr. The ramifications of the proposal give a uniqueness to the appointment among our Australian churches.

DECISIONS AT ASCOT PARK

(S.A.). Kay Simpson, Joyleen Scoble and June Camplin made decisions on May 26. On Pentecost Sunday, June 2, the church was full, when eight young people were baptized. They had shared in a course of instruction. Six more young people came forward after the message. They were Jacqueline Edwards, Bernice Barr, Michelle Rogers, Barry Fisher, John Crowley and Bruce Chambers.

FAMILY PROGRAMMES

(Parkdale, Vic.). A series of Family Programmes for parents is being held in various homes. Discussions are based on "Adventures in Parenthood," by Dr. Thompson . . . Ron McLean challenged the church with the missionary story on June 2 . . . W.E.F. conducted the evening service and there has been a marriage re-dedication service . . . 30 young people and helpers were in holiday weekend camp at Cheshunt on the King River.

YOUTH WEEK SERVICE

(Gatton, Qld.). The annual Commonwealth Youth Week service was held in our building on June 2. Attendance of 135 included many young people from the town and districts and 20 students from the Queensland Agricultural College. Young people presented the gospel in song and Gary Staddan of Kenmore Christian College, delivered the message. The minister, Maurie H. A. Pieper, has been elected president of the Lockyer District C.E. Union.

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VICTORIAN MINISTERS' WIVES

(Melb.). The Victorian ministers' wives will meet on Monday, June 17 at 11.30 a.m. in the Reception Room of the Brotherhood Centre. The speaker will be Mrs. De Wilt. "Life in Holland! How is it?"

YUKANA SINGERS

(Bayswater, Vic.). This name given to the C.W.F. choir, means "Praise." Mrs. West, of Knoxfield, is leader. Mrs. Morrison, of Hartwell, is guest speaker on Mothers' Day . . . 184 guests at the "Cafe Chantant" evening were entertained by Alan Rowe, Anita Skewes, Mrs. De Jong, Daniel Hills and the Mitcham Singers . . . Good Companions held a Mother and Daughter Night. Mrs. David Bullen led devotions . . . Several ladies shared in the annual Eastern Districts outing.

MINISTER AWAITED

(Chelsea, Vic.). D. Oakes, now of Bordertown, will commence a ministry in January, 1969. M. Gaskin's interim ministry will conclude on July 28 . . . A presentation has been made to A. Augustine in recognition of 29 years as church secretary . . . B. J. Combridge, church elder, has asked to be relieved of further service on the church plan, for health reasons . . . Deacons recently elected were L. Smith, chairman; H. Taylor, sec.; H. Barnden, treas.

CHANGE AT BOX HILL

(Vic.). L. S. Dewberry will terminate his ministry at the end of 1968 completing seven years of happy and successful ministry. G. Grainger will be coming as minister early in 1969.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND CHURCH

(Vic.). Meetings continue in Toora Hall. Over past few months members have enjoyed fellowship of a number of visitors. Bentleigh C.E. Society visited church a few months ago and conducted the meeting. Visiting speakers have included A. E. Stevens (Manifold Heights), M. Munyard, C.O.B., and A. Reed (The Patch). Prayer and Bible study night is now held fortnightly with good attendances. Members continue to support Bible student in New Hebrides. . . . Several Christians from Yarram are now meeting regularly with church. Average attendance for past six months is 19.

MINISTER FOR UPPSALA

(Brighton, Vic.). The minister, Neil Gilmore, was farewelled on May 26 prior to leaving for the W.C.C. Assembly meetings at Uppsala, Sweden. Stanley Sewell commenced a weekend ministry on June 2. The church is organised for pastoral care during minister's absence. . . . There were four decisions during the past month . . . 51 attended the Christian Student Fellowship camp at Manyung during Queen's Birthday weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olafsen, Mr. and Mrs. Max Blsmire, Miss Beverley Lewis and Malcolm Chisholm were leaders. Young people are raising \$400 to help in the education of the family of Simba Mumbengegwi, a Rhodesian student at Monash University . . . Mrs. Joyce Hart has recovered after surgery. Mrs. Dawn Rollinson sustained a broken arm . . . Led by Mrs. Hazelhurst, young people presented a play at Impact on June 7 and again at Bendigo on June 8.

PENTECOST COMBINED SERVICE

(Doncaster, Vic.). Concluding a week of prayer for Christian Unity and recognising Pentecost, representatives of all communions in Doncaster, Templestowe and Bulleen shared combined meeting praying for unity. Baptist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic clergy conducted the service in the Doncaster chapel . . . On June 2, the C.Y.F. dramatised in modern medium the message of the Prodigal Son. The Asst. minister, Malcolm Gray, led the meeting . . . The staff of the church school, with many helpers, entertained parents of scholars at a buffet dinner. About 200 were present . . . 30 Doncaster church members visited for Austcare. The total raised by this church was \$536.45.

FIRST A BOY, THEN A GIRL

(Frankston, Vic.). The C.W.F. have been paying \$10 to support an aboriginal boy, William Dwyer, at Norseman. William has left the mission to return home. The ladies are now supporting 16-year-old Ann Flanagan at Norseman . . . At the High St. Methodist Church a meeting was led by Mr. Phillip Lynch, Minister for the Army, and Rev. Bruce Silverwood, talking about "Australia's Involvement in Vietnam." . . . On Mothers' Day, four ladies with eight Good Companions visited two wards at Cheltenham Home for the Aged to hand around sandwiches, cakes

and a white flower . . . Colin Thompson and Graeme Bentley organised our area of the Austcare '68 Appeal. John Parratt was chairman of the Frankston Committee for Austcare which raised over \$2,000 . . . On a Sunday morning nine babies were involved in a Child Recognition Service . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, out from England about eight weeks, have been worshipping with us. Their son Stanley was a missionary in Thailand with our British Churches of Christ. He is now living in Victoria.

TO MT. DANDENONG

(Croydon, Vic.). The Good Companions recently hiked to Mt. Dandenong. A Mother and Daughter night was held, and a make-up demonstration given to senior girls . . . An offering for C.W.F. funds was received when Mrs. Morrall entertained at her home and gave a talk on "Off the Beaten Track." C.W.F. entertained mothers of B.S. scholars at luncheon where items were given by Mrs. Drummy and Mrs. Burch . . . C.W.E.F. members visited ladies at "Ardrossan" to present Mothers' Day bouquets and serve afternoon tea . . . A. Emmett of Bayswater was a recent speaker . . . The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was observed with special services . . . Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Bullen are progressing after hospitalisation. Mrs. Parker has been ill for some time.

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EVANGELISM PROGRAMME

(Robinvale, Vic.). The intensive phase of the Year of Evangelism begins in June, with a visit from A. A. Avery. Special activities in May included Mothers' Day tableau planned by Mrs. C. Chislett; Florence Nightingale Memorial Service, and Harvest Thanksgiving—Rev. N. Anderson, Congregational Union sec., was guest speaker. All gifts were forwarded to local hospital and S.C.F. Rev. Anderson addressed a public meeting on "War and Peace." . . . C.Y.F. planned and presented a programme, "Is it better to live the Christian life?" . . . A three-day camp activity was held in local hall, with Bible studies, outdoor and craft activities. The folk lunched together but returned home for tea and sleep.

MISSION IN MAY

(Shepparton, Vic.). Morie Arnott and Malcolm Humphries, from the College of the Bible, conducted the "Mission in May" during their college vacation. Morning coffee hours were held at Shepparton, Mooroopna and Numurkah with five evening discussion group sessions and "Happy Hours" for children each afternoon. They were also guest speakers at the Mooroopna and Numurkah ser-

vices on May 12 and 17 . . . Recent baptisms have been for Anne McIntosh, daughter of the minister, and Victor and Allan Charles and Edwin Higgins of the Mooroopna church. The ladies of the church catered for Naturalisation Ceremony at the Civic Centre when members of Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Tour were present. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norm Read and family who have moved to Forrest Hill were farewelled at a church luncheon.

YOUTH INVASION

(Kaniva, Vic.). A band of young people from East Kew stormed our quiet town and brightened our weekend by sharing in services on May 19 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allan Williams and family have left the district to live in Noble Park.

G. GRAINGER TO BOX HILL

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Grainger have accepted our invitation to the ministry at Box Hill commencing early 1969 . . . Mr. Dewberry participated in combined meeting of Box Hill churches in St. Peter's Anglican Hall in the service led by Canon Thomas and Father Conquest . . . M. Farmer was elected as elder, J. Winkler secretary; R. Ritter, assist.; K. Mitchell, treas.; H. Smedley, assist.; B. McFarlane, B.S. Supt.; Mrs. H. Smedley, Press correspondent. R. Clare's withdrawal from Board of Elders

NINE DECISIONS

(North Essendon, Vic.). Nine members of the Intermediate Dept. of the B.S. confessed their faith in Christ at a service which followed a Tea for this Dept. on May 26. There have been two recent baptisms. . . . Mrs. J. Vickers has resigned from the position of Primary Supt., a position she graciously held for many years. Miss Beverley Follett has accepted this appointment . . . In observance of a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Rev. Frank Moyle, minister of the Essendon Church of England, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Moore . . . K. J. Harvey launched a Friendship and Development Programme on June 7 . . . Ten groups, totalling 140, from various denominations in the district attended a W.E.F. "Getting to Know You" evening . . . K. McDonald has been appointed chairman of the board.

and Deacons owing to pressing studies, was received with regret . . . H. McCracken gave an illustrated talk on South East Asia at Men's Fellowship, also gospel message . . . There has been another decision . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Vernon and Mrs. M. Bannon . . . Terry Poustie had to undergo urgent surgery as a result of injury sustained whilst playing in the church football team . . . St. Andrew's Glee Club entertained members of Evening C.W.F. at their birthday meeting.

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PEDERSON (nee Hollard).—To John and Elwyn of West Beach, S.A., on May 30, a son—Stephen Martin.

WAY (Morris).—To Wendy and John, on May 26 in Canberra, a daughter—Robyn Louise. Sister for Jennifer and Fiona.

ENGAGEMENT

GREEN-DALTON.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Green, McNamara-st., West Preston, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Judith, to Gary, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. C. Dalton, Murray-rd., Preston.

DEATHS

BARNES, Evelyn Maude.—At hospital on May 22, 1968, much loved sister and brother-in-law of Winnie and Harold Hutchens, and loved Auntie of Dick, Audrey and Ron. "At rest."

BOWES, Dorothy Evelyn.—of 51 Eton-st., Malvern, S.A., dearly loved wife of the late Theodore Burton, and loved mother of Lindsay (Unley, S.A.), Colin (Sydney), Don (Glasgow, Scotland), and Keith (College of the Bible), passed away peacefully on May 30.

ROGERS.—On May 24 at Belgrave, Samuel, dearly loved husband of Beth, brother-in-law of Lillian (Mrs. Lee) and Lottie (Mrs. Hough).

VERNON.—On May 25 at Sandringham Hospital, Edith Winifred, of Mont Albert, dearly loved wife of the late Thomas William, loved mother of Jim, Gwen (Mrs. J. Russell, North Essendon), Lawrie, and Beverley (Mrs. G. Moyes, Cheltenham), loving stepmother of Mabel, Tom and Herb., and treasured Nannie of Chris and Robert Vernon, and Jenny, Peter and David Moyes.

IN MEMORIAM

WESTERLAND.—Loving memories of Stanley Jonas, who passed away June 15, 1967, loved husband of Mary, dear father of Max and Margaret; father-in-law of June and Reg; grandpa of Gillian, Glenn and Mark Westerland; Kenneth and Meredith Evans. "Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion."

BALLOCK.—In loving memory of our beloved parents, who were called home, Mother, June 18, 1964; and Father, April 9, 1952; also our beloved sister Jean Scott, October 4, 1958. "Always in our thoughts."—Their devoted family.

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STUDENTS CARRY ON

(Ipswich, Qld.). Being without a preacher since February, the work of the three churches is being carried on by two student ministers, Don Stewart and Bruce Gaunson . . . The Leichhardt ladies had a successful concert to raise funds for new building . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Somerset Dam. . . Miss Sherenne Risson gained first in Qld. in her fourth year as Queensland's outstanding apprentice hairdresser.

GRANDSON BAPTIZED

(Moorooka - Rocklea, Qld.). Harvey Giezendanner, grandson of the minister, W. Giezendanner, made his decision and has been baptized . . . Mothers' Day was observed at both churches. Kenmore students, Joy McLeod and Barry Thygesen, spoke at Moorooka . . . J. Vicars, Temperance League, addressed both churches on May 19.

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

(Arana Hills, Qld.). In this growing suburb new contacts are being made particularly through the young people. B.S. adds new members almost every week, total 95 including Cradle Roll of 24. Special meetings require some "unusual" arrangements, as these cannot be held in the Wilson's home as on normal occasions. At B.S. anniversary tarpaulins were used to roof and surround the front lawn, with the patio being used as a stage. 90 were present. . . Our first permanent building may soon eventuate as the Rosevale brethren have offered most of the repayments necessary for the first three years, so that we may make the most of the present tremendous opportunities . . . Alan Webb (Camp Hill) and Bruce Heyworth (Kenmore Christian College) were speakers at our 2nd Anniversary meetings.

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This Crusade was held May 10-12 in the local dance hall, St. Joseph's Hall. The guest speaker was Bruce Armstrong, N.S.W. Youth Director, and song leader was Bruce Roberts. Music was provided by groups from Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba and Dalby.

As part of the preparation, the young people went as a group to the Billy Graham Crusade counselling classes, and met regularly for early morning prayer. For an advertising gimmick members of the young people wore sandwich boards in the main shopping centre. A picture of these appeared on the front page of the local paper with details of the Crusade. Regular advertisements were also placed in the paper. Each home received an attractive leaflet advertising the meetings, and a car with amplifying equipment travelled the streets announcing the

CHRISTIAN BOOKS IN AFRICA

(Nairobi). A plea that Christian publishing be recognised as "an important and effective means of evangelism" was voiced when 20 delegates from 11 African nations gathered here for the Christian Publishers' Staff Conference late last month. Sponsor was the World Council of Churches' Christian Literature Fund.

The churches in Africa were asked to give a much higher priority to the production and distribution of Christian literature by providing adequate staff, finance, and facilities.

More and more Africans are being influenced by what they read, said the publishers.—E.P.S.

BIAFRAN YOUTH ASK BRITAIN TO STOP AIDING NIGERIA

(Aba). Five Christian youth and student groups in Biafra have called on Great Britain to stop sending military aid to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Anglican Youth Fellowship, Baptist Youth Fellowship, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and the Student Christian Movement cited a recent statement by Biafra's Commissioner for Information, Dr. Ifegwu Eke, to the effect that Britain had

Crusade and playing the theme, "This Is It."

The hall was decorated with coloured lights, and seating was set around candle-lit tables to create an informal atmosphere. The programme included three singing groups each night, a number of brief "singalongs," "Sgt. Leon," and the message.

Free coffee was served afterwards, and more music followed. During the coffee break, the young people and leaders moved among the tables, endeavouring to lead conversation to spiritual matters, and seeking to help where possible. The coffee hour was concluded with another brief challenge from the guest speaker.

Attendances were 150, 160 and 240. Local reactions were: "When is the next one?" and "There should be more of it."

supplied several hundred non-commissioned officers and 150 armoured cars to Nigeria in January and February.

Journalists were told that Britain cannot justify her claim to be a mediator between the contending parties if she continues sending military personnel to Nigeria. He called on churchmen in Britain to respond to the joint call for peace by the World Council of Churches and the Vatican Council by bringing pressure to bear on Britain to stop supporting the Federal Republic.—E.P.S.

CHURCHES AID POOR

(Washington, D.C.). Churches, synagogues and convents here are providing food and accommodation for the thousands of poor people now in the nation's capital in response to a call issued by the late Dr. Martin Luther King.—E.P.S.

INDIA'S MILLIONS

India's population has reached 520 millions, and is expected to rise above 530 millions by the end of the year, according to the Family Planning Ministry. More than one million births were registered during April.—E.P.S.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

YOUTH ON THE AIR

(Goolwa, S.A.). Young members presented dialogue on 5GW with help of minister: "Dialogue of a Radio Station" . . . Miss Gwen Reed has returned after hospitalisation and making splendid recovery. Her position as church organist has been ably carried out by Mrs. R. Tuckwell and her daughter Glenice . . . Young people attended youth camp at Longwood during school holidays . . . Recent visitor, R. Pittman, a past President of S.A. Conf., gave an address.

EVANGELISM DEBATED

(Dulwich, S.A.). Teams of mixed adults and youth debaters discussed the proposition "That evangelistic crusades of the Billy Graham type are a misdirection of Christian energy." The "ayes" were led by A. Schammer and the "noes" by I. Lewis. An audience vote based on listeners' assessment of the teams' presentation of their cases (with personal views set aside) resulted in 18 votes for the "noes" and 16 for the "ayes." Ian Wilson, secretary of the S.A. Baptist Dept. of Evangelism and a member of Leighton Ford Organising Committee, listened to the debate. The next Sunday night, Mr. Wilson, a layman, reviewed the debate and gave his views . . . Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby spoke on Mother's Day with Kevin Edwards at the evening youth service . . . Edgar Kentish celebrated his 85th birthday on May 15.

CUT BY NONAGENARIAN

(Fullarton, S.A.). C.W.F. celebrated its 12th birthday by entertaining guests at Everard Park Home. Birthday cake was cut by 90-year-old Mrs. Thurgood. Miss Taylor spoke and showed slides on behalf of the Crippled Children's Assoc. Ladies gave item when they visited Wayville Baptist for luncheon. At special Mothers' Day service ladies formed choir and C.W.F. president Mrs. Chigwidden assisted minister. The Overseas Committee visited Ladies' Guild. . . Three girls and one boys' basketball teams are playing in Churches of Christ Assoc. . . B.S. has enrolled six new scholars in recent weeks . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Gavros in the death of her mother. Foundation member Mrs. Ding passed away recently.

GOOD PROMOTION

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Since its inception 12 months ago, the Promotion Committee has raised \$325 to assist church funds . . . G. Smith is president of the Board of Officers; S. Stevens secretary, and A. Braddock, treasurer . . . Deep regret was expressed at the sudden death of Len Dennis who once attended this church and was accidentally shot at Esperance. Special prayer was offered for his wife and family . . . The boys and girls each have three teams in basketball . . . C.W.F. have had an all day sewing day for wives and children of prisoners.

BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY

For a considerable time, the organisers in South Australia have discussed the wisdom of having one Sunday in the year when in all our churches, the attention of our brethren is concentrated upon what we are doing together as a Brotherhood. This is being done on June 16, this year.

We have prepared an order of service for the morning worship which we have asked all the churches to use. Each two months, we print a Brotherhood Digest, a four-page sheet of up-to-date news of our work, which is distributed to our membership. The issue for June carries this order of service on the back page. Hymns have been chosen, suitable scripture readings, scripture passages and a responsive reading to introduce the Communion, prayers of thanks to be prayed in unison and directed prayers for our Brotherhood work to be led by the minister.

We have requested that the digest be given to the worshippers as they enter the service so that the prepared order will be in their hands, and the minister can take the news items printed in it as a basis for his address in which he will elaborate upon all aspects of our departmental work and Conference involvements.

The purpose of this special day is threefold.

(1) To increase our awareness that we are a Brotherhood.

To read the same scripture, sing the same hymns, pray the same prayers, approach the same act of communion repeating the same words of scripture, and to think together about the work we are doing together, will surely deepen our sense of oneness as a Brotherhood.

(2) It is to be used as a means of education.

We need to know what we are doing in overseas and aborigines' work. We

need to think of the ministers being maintained in our smaller churches only because we have joined our hands as a Brotherhood. It is important to learn of what we are doing to help those in need, and of our care for the aged amongst us. Most of our additions are coming from our young people and it is extremely important to learn of what is being done at this level. In these days of deep concern for the unity of the Church, we need to hear of our involvement in what is taking place. Basic in all our work is the training of our ministers and missionaries in our Federal College. In short, there are many amongst us who have seldom looked over their community fence. It has been my experience that when you get them to peep over at the wider Brotherhood fields, they are pleasantly surprised by what they see. Finance is not our primary concern, but to inform our people of what their money is enabling us to do in the name of Christ.

(3) It will enrich our individual Christian experience.

We are made for each other. Fellowship is a deep need in every life. We find fellowship in the local church. We cramp our souls if we stop there. It is enriching to share with our brethren by visiting other congregations, in conference gatherings, through our national journal and by learning together about the work to which we have committed ourselves as a group of churches. Brotherhood Sunday will deepen our sense of belonging, with a warm consciousness, to a great fellowship which extends through city and country areas in this State, to our Aboriginal Mission fields, to our three Overseas Mission fields and to the many countries overseas where our brethren are to be found. We will understand a little more clearly what Peter means when he writes "Love the Brotherhood." —I. J. Chivell

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LIFE DEACON

(Perth, W.A.). In recognition of the long and valuable contribution that he has made to the life of the church, the Board has conferred on Len Berry the honour of Deacon Emeritus (Life Deacon) . . . 22 from Perth church were in a weekend camp at Roleystone. The studies considered concepts of God and what it means to be in relationship with him. Camp songs were from the freshly printed modern Youth Songbook . . . The Warden of Wollaston College (Anglican Theological Training Institute) Canon C. A. Pierce, and his students attended a recent communion service as part of their educational training . . . A Boys' Club has commenced, led by K. R. Maddern and two assistants. Membership is 28 after the first four weeks' activities.

BAPTISM AT WHYALLA

(S.A.). Miss Hammond, Pres. S.A. Women's Conference, and Miss Scarlet visited the church during May. Miss Scarlet spoke in the morning and Miss Hammond at night during baptismal service. The two visitors also shared in C.W.F. meeting. The ladies are preparing clothes for children in Vietnam . . . The ladies led the Mothers' Day service from C.W.F. Handbook . . . The film "Conversion Plus" was screened . . . A class of Methodist S.S. children were visitors at a morning service . . . There was an evening parent dedication service for Jack and Julie Negovetic and baby Andrew John.

LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT?

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). The church trustees have been authorised to raise a special loan of \$1,000 for Home Mission work at Orange . . . At the Billy Graham Crusade, three B.S. scholars made decisions: Jeannette Hor-Kwong, Lyndall Carter and David McElvenny. . . Kinders entertained mothers at a special B.S. programme on Mothers' Day. The B.S. has accepted with regret the resignations of John Love (Supt.) and Mrs. Yvonne Love (Sec.) as they move to another district. John Elliott-Watson is new Supt., Mrs. Maria Bruce, Asst. Supt., and Miss Lorna Kickbusch, Sec. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Briguglio are now residing in the area.

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While this questioning has been going on, the Australian Student Christian Movement in Schools has been developing a new approach to this vexed problem of promoting an effective Christian presence in our schools. For 70 years the A.S.C.M. have maintained S.C.M. groups in some schools, mostly independent, but these groups have sometimes been on the fringe of the school's life, and therefore of doubtful value. Something new was needed.

It all began in the Camberwell area in Melbourne in 1963. Following a pattern already successfully pioneered by the S.C.M. in England, the A.S.C.M. in Schools approached the headmasters of several schools in Camberwell, both independent and State High Schools. The idea was to organise a half-day conference in school hours, at which matriculation students of the participating schools would be given the opportunity to listen to an expert speaker and explore the issues raised in discussion groups.

Since the success of that first pilot scheme, the A.S.C.M. in Schools has promoted matriculation conferences throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area as well as in other States. Only limited A.S.C.M.S. resources have prevented more conferences becoming established. Last year over 50 schools took part in matriculation conferences. This year the number could be 65.

What do we hope to achieve by these conferences? The immediate aim is not obviously evangelistic; on the other hand we would hope that the conference would leave students with a more enquiring mind towards Christianity. The aim is to confront the whole student population, not just a small group on the fringe of student activity, not just a restless captive audience, but the whole spectrum of students with some vital issue. A Christian approach to this issue is put in an authoritative fashion

which compels the students' respect and demands serious attention. So often the faith which has been contemptuously dismissed as hog wash and so remote that it doesn't matter anyway, suddenly appears as meriting attention, relevant, even academically respectable.

Most educationists welcome the conferences as a means of providing badly needed diversity. Some hesitate to overload an already overloaded matriculation timetable.

R. B. Garner, Deputy Headmaster of Ivanhoe Grammar School, has this to say: "I hold the view very strongly that all sixth formers from all schools should be given the opportunity to listen to and to participate actively in conferences related either directly or indirectly to specific problems which arise in society. The teaching of religious education in sixth forms can only be presented by using a very high quality of speaker, and the student must be able to respect the intellectual standard of dialogue being used."

In addition to matriculation conferences special projects are being devised in many centres to meet specific needs, whether student leadership camps, a new project for early school leavers on careers, a weekend conference on the deeper issues inherent in novels studied in English subjects, and so on.

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OBITUARY

Robert Hugh Hill

Robert Hugh Hill was born in Have-lock 69 years ago. His father was engaged in shoreling timber for gold-mining, an active industry in those days. Across the State steam trains were hauling their extensive rolling stock which to Robert Hill's boyhood mind made tremendous appeal. He joined the railways and reached a very senior position in the rolling stock branch. As a young man Mr. Hill came under the influence of Lars Larsen who was minister in the Dunolly circuit. He was baptized by Mr. Larsen at Bet Bet. It has been suggested that Mr. Hill had three loves, the railways, his church, and his family and home. His love for Christ and the church never flagged from the day he was received into its fellowship. He served as an elder, S.S. Supt., Secretary of the Midlands Conf. of Churches of Christ, Secretary, and later Treasurer, of the Maryborough church. He was the friend of every minister. Many bear testimony to the blessing of this good man's encouragement, his kindly words and his love and loyalty to the prayer and gospel services of the church. Everything Mr. Hill did he did meticulously. His home and his garden and his car were kept in an immaculate condition and this was part of his Christian witness. He was ill for six months and bore his infirmity with tremendous personal courage. If he realised his illness was of a terminal nature, he never spoke of it out of his great love and consideration for his beloved family. His confidence in his doctors right to the end was an inspiration and his dear wife did not spare herself in any way to alleviate his distress. Thornbury mourns the loss of a brother beloved whose presiding and whose prayers truly led us to the throne of grace. He slipped quietly away on May 10 and the writer was assisted at the funeral parlours by Arthur Withers, a life long friend, and Charles Young.—L. G. Crisp.

T. T. Macaulay

As a young man Mr. Macaulay linked with our church at Taree, N.S.W. Since that day his interest in the life and witness of the church has never ceased to grow. The Ormond (Vic.) church is the poorer for his passing. In so many ways he was active in the life of the church. He was very active in the work of the B. & F.B.S. over many years. Subsequent to retiring he took up part-time clerical work with the Salvation Army. He was at work up until two days before his death. Following a coronary attack he died on May 9 in hospital. At the services on May 11 the writer was assisted by Mr. McEwen (Reformed Presbyterian), M. Brewer (B. & F.B.S.) and Colonel Watson (Salvation Army). Each paid fitting tributes to this good man. We commend Mrs. Macaulay and family to our heavenly Father and thank God for the life and witness of their loved one.—R. McK.

Mrs. Ada Petty

Mrs. Petty was a person with a warmth of friendship for young and old, and the news of her death on Feb. 19 brought expressions of sympathy from the whole church community. Her husband had died some 30 years earlier. She was born in Doncaster 77 years ago. Her father, the late John Tully, was President of Conference in 1918. She was baptized into Christ at an early age, and served in many varying tasks and facets of the work of the church. She had a special love for Overseas Missions, and took delight in keeping in constant personal touch with missionaries. Her interests were wide, and she was active in many auxiliaries within the community. Mrs. Petty entered hospital for surgery and was making progress toward recovery when she suffered a sudden setback. The great tribute came on the day of her funeral when the church was packed for the service. There were many who gave personal testimony of what this gracious lady had done for them, and the joyous experience which had been theirs in knowing her. There was a Christlike quality about her relationships. The sadness of the loss to the family brought with it an intensity of joy knowing that so many gave tribute to her memory. Age made no difference to her. Her outlook was youthful. The church was her love and her life. She is missed, and earth is poorer for her passing.

John Edward Russell

Mr. Russell died suddenly on April 11 after having recovered from pneumonia at Greenslopes Military Hospital, at the age of 68. An ex-serviceman, he had been a sufferer for many years. He became a member of the Rocklea church 20 years ago and served as B.S. Supt. as long as his health permitted him, and was secretary and treasurer till the end. Services at the funeral parlour and the graveside were conducted by Rev. G. Durward, Baptist minister and a friend for many years. Mr. Durward paid tribute to Mr. Russell, whose witness had won him to Christ. Interment took place in the soldiers' section at Mt. Gravatt Cemetery, where the writer assisted. Sympathy goes to Mrs. Russell, Doreen (Mrs. Howell), Harold, John and Douglas. Rocklea church thanks God for the life and labours of Mr. Russell and intends to carry on his work.

—W. Giezendanner.

P. C. Talbot

The late P. C. Talbot, Elder Emeritus of the Church of Christ, Hamilton, N.S.W., was a man who loved Christ dearly, served the church faithfully, lived life abundantly, and anticipated death eagerly. Perc. Talbot confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized in the old Merewether Church of Christ in 1919. Throughout the whole course of his discipleship Christ moulded his character and guided his life. Christ was reflected in his honesty, integrity, purity and humility. In rich measure Mr. Talbot reflected the spirit, and love, and grace of Christ. For 49 years he served the church faithfully. He was a deacon and secretary of the Merewether church.

In 1923 he transferred to Hamilton where he held office for 42 years including 18 as church secretary. In 1935 he was appointed to the Eldership. In 1966 the church conferred on him the honour of Elder Emeritus. His ministries as a preacher, and president, and visitor were richly blessed by God. Despite much personal hardship and trial, Perc. Talbot lived life abundantly. During the difficulties of the depression his faith never faltered. Throughout the long and fatal illness of his beloved wife his trust in God grew continually. Poor health over many years never hindered his rejoicing in the Lord. In a unique and marvellous way Mr. Talbot anticipated death eagerly. Whilst life on earth with Christ was wonderfully sweet, he steadfastly believed that life with Christ in glory would be infinitely sweeter.—W.D.H.



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VICTORIA

CO-OPERATION AT CHURCHILL

The Co-operating Churches of Churchill (Vic.) have moved another step forward when the Minister for Housing, Mr. Meagher, officially opened the new Community Centre and Church Meeting House at 14 McDonald Way. Representatives from the four co-operating churches (Anglican, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian) shared in the dedication service for the new building.

Recently the Churchill Committee for Church Co-operation held its annual meeting. Bishop Garnsey was re-elected as chairman.

Matters raised in the quarterly meeting were: (1) The proposed new minister's residence will cost within the vicinity of \$16,650; (2) Land for the church would cost within the region of \$18,000. It will be approximately 12 blocks; (3) The need for a second minister was discussed.

The full committee meets quarterly, but there is an Advisory Committee with the Rev. Peter Arch as chairman, and B. C. Snoxall secretary.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). The church has invited J. T. Timms to continue in ministry for a further three years from June, 1969. The church will release Mr. Timms for up to two months of each year to do evangelistic work outside of Peel St., and fully support him while he is doing so . . . Cottage prayer meetings have commenced in three sectors of the city in preparation for the J. K. Bond Mission in November . . . Basketball and badminton teams are in action again . . . 70 Good Companions and Explorer boys had a night-hike through bushland to Little Bendigo State School. The new C.Y.F. has led its first young person to accept Christ. A Youth Fellowship Hour, supported by Dawson St. Y.P.S.C.E., had the P.K.'s (Malvern) as guest artists, and A. Graham as speaker . . . As part of their R.I., Mr. Timms led a service in our chapel attended by 200 children from the Humffray St. State School.

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CHURCH

(Vic.). This is the theme for the 1968 Mental Health Week, July 21-28, under the auspices of the Victorian Mental Health Authority. Ministers and church boards are requested to observe Sunday, July 21 as Mental Health Sunday and that there will be special services or appropriate references in all churches. Speakers will be available through Dr. Rachele Banchevska, Mental Health Education Officer, telephone 67-7743; to address special groups, both lay and professional, during the week of observance.

A highlight of the occasion will be a 3½-day seminar for ministers, July 22-25.

C.T.A.V. DIRECTOR FOR OSLO

(Vic.). The Christian Television Assoc., Vic., is sending its director, Douglas Tasker, to a World Association for Christian Communication Conference in Oslo.

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o SOCIAL SERVICE

MEMBERS HONOURED AT DEDICATION SERVICE

(Vic.). It was not a surprise party, but the evening held a surprise for several people in the Reception Room of the Brotherhood Centre on May 10. The occasion was the Dedication Service of the Social Service Committee, recently elected for 1968-69, which followed the first business meeting of the conference year. Wives, husbands and friends of committee members and members of the women's committee were present as well as auditors, the matrons of the three homes for the aged and office staff.

Mrs. G. Barnett, vice-president of C.W.F. and R. V. Amos, president of Conference, brought greetings to the meeting. G. A. Grainger, the newly appointed chairman of the committee, extended a welcome to all.

The first surprise was a presentation to Charles Young who, as hospital chaplain, has represented Churches of Christ for 21 years. R. V. Amos spoke of Mr. Young's excellent and capable service and on behalf of the committee presented him with a letter of appreciation, a transistor radio and a cheque. Mr. Young, whose family was also present, thanked the committee and told of the deep satisfaction he is deriving from this service.

G. A. Grainger then called on Mrs. M. Ward to accept a letter of appreciation from the committee and presented a fireside chair to her. Mrs. Ward, who was very surprised, in thanking the committee told of the great joy which is hers as a result of her service as superintendent of the women's committee. She has served for many years in a practical way.

W. T. Atkin then spoke of the work of Mrs. L. L. Lowrey who has been hostess for the department for a number of years and presented her with

BALLARAT JUNIOR CAMP

(Vic.). Ballarat churches' Junior Camp at Hall's Gap in May holidays saw 14 young people make decisions. Campers from the Ballarat churches at Dawson St., Peel St. and York St., were joined by representatives from Ararat, Bacchus Marsh, Dimboola, Mt. Clear, Norlane, Red Cliffs and Stawell, to make a total of 93 led by J. T. Timms. Features included studies, quiet times, worship services on the Lord's day, group projects, hikes, sports carnival, sing-alongs, question-box, films, concert, court cases, and wonderful times of friendship and fellowship.

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a copy of the R.S.V. Bible and a letter of appreciation from the committee. Mrs. Lowrey expressed her pleasure at being able to undertake this service and thanked the committee for the gift.

Mr. Grainger referred to the dedication of members of committee, office staff, auditors, chaplain, matrons and chaplains of the homes. R. V. Amos led in a prayer of dedication.

Two very appropriate solos were rendered during the evening by Mrs. M. Gullidge with Clive Ward at the piano.

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"GOOD NEWS," by J. B. Phillips.

The name of J. B. Phillips is linked, in the minds of most people, with his popular and well known Bible translations. However, in addition, he has been the author of a large number of worthwhile religious books. In 1963 there was published a volume entitled "Good News" of which it was said, "here J. B. Phillips has collected the best of his writings, broadcasts and sermons, basing them on New Testament passages." (E. H. Robertson). The author gives as a subtitle "Thoughts on God and Man." The book itself covers five areas — The Purpose of God, Faith, Hope, Love, and the Christian Year. Each of these themes is dealt with tastefully, and with charm and insight. It is very pleasing, therefore, that at the present moment a paper-back edition of this book, published by Pyramid Press (U.S.A.), is being released at the cost of 65c. This thoughtful book makes for very good reading. It is filled with wise and helpful sayings. Here, for example, is one—"The only solvent that I know for dissolving pride is to receive more and more of the love of God and to give more and more love to other people." If the reader takes time to read carefully, he will find these pages to be most thought-provoking. Here is a book to read, and to share with others.—R.V.A.

"THE LORD'S SUPPER," by William Barclay (S.C.M. Press).

Dr. Barclay has once again placed us all in his debt by this exhaustive, yet most readable treatment, of the central act of all Christian worship. We, of the Churches of Christ, who have placed the communion so much at the very heart of our discipleship should be particularly anxious and willing to read all we can find on the sacrament in relation to its origin, history and relevance for this present age.

Commencing with a chapter on need to understand the place of the sacraments, and in particular that of the Lord's Supper, in the life of the Church, Dr. Barclay proceeds through problems associated with date, differing accounts in the scriptures, to more theological matters associated with

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

(From "The Australian Christian," June, 1918.)

PATRIOTIC GAMBLING. Efforts to raise money for the Red Cross have been most successful. It is a source of satisfaction that the people recognise so generously such a worthy cause. We feel, however, that since the War Council undertook to guide these appeals there has been an alarming increase of gambling that is a reproach upon the community.

HERE AND THERE. If instead of writing a brief, crisp notice of some church event, you are thinking of sending a cutting from a local newspaper. **DON'T.** . . . "In April, 1915, Mr. Lloyd George said, 'One of the things this country cannot afford is a drink bill of £160,000,000.' We have lived to see a U.K. drink bill of £259,000,000." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Watson, from Shrigonda, India, passed through Fremantle on their way east.

FOR WHOM? Andrew Fuller once asked an old friend for money for Foreign Missions. The friend said: "I will give you five pounds, Andrew, seeing it is for you." Fuller handed it back. "I will take nothing," he said, "seeing it is for I." The man saw the point and replied, "Andrew, you are right. Here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus!"

what "takes place" in the observance of the Supper and its history and treatment in the Reformed Churches.

The final chapter, "The Meaning for Today," is especially helpful in that not only is the relevance of the Supper for modern Christian worship maintained, but in that also readers will find much of a more devotional nature that will considerably assist them in their own personal keeping of the feast. The book concludes with an Order for a Communion Service (this contains most useful prayers and readings), a bibliography, and a threefold index of biblical references, names and subjects.

All who share in the Lord's Supper as worshippers will benefit from reading this little book, and as for those amongst us who preside at the Table this ought to be required preparation for them!—M.J.S.

"GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE," by Ronald Clements, S.C.M. Press Ltd., London, 1968. 119 pages.

The sub-title of this book is "A Theological Interpretation of the Book of Deuteronomy." Don't let the word "theological" put you off this book.

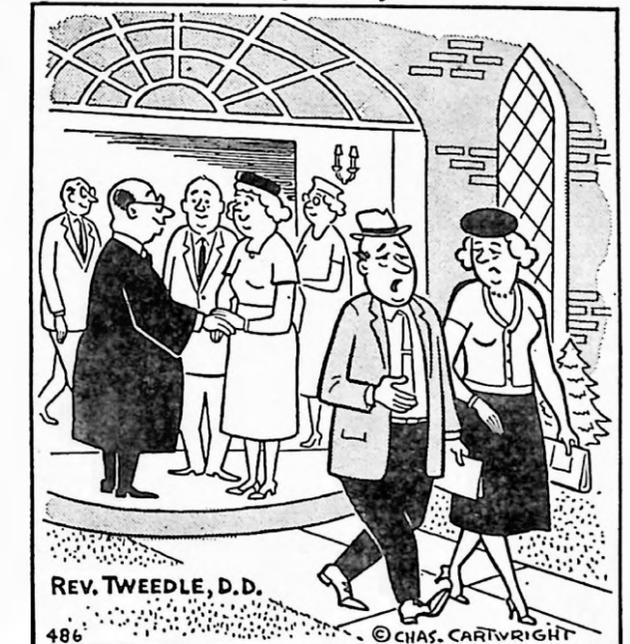
Dr. Clements writes at a popular level for readers who want an understanding of the nature of the faith of ancient Israel.

Deuteronomy was written at a time when Israel needed a comprehensive reform in its religious life or it was doomed to perish. It sought to call Israel back to its true nature as a holy people devoted to the worship of God, both in the Temple at Jerusalem and in its activities of daily life.

It does this through the medium of sermons by Moses, which give a consistent theological interpretation of the faith of Israel as a whole.

Questions were being raised in that day which are being raised today. How are we to relate the absolute moral demands which God makes on us with a belief in a God who freely gives without conditions? What is the proper relationship between our formal acts of worship and our daily behaviour? How can the old story of what God did for us long ago have any relevance for us now? Dr. Clements shows how Deuteronomy deals with such questions as these and so underlines the fact that the Old Testament still has importance for the life of faith of the 20th century Christian.—K.J.C.

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PROFILE

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ROCKDALE N.S.W.

By G. MAXWELL

Rockdale church was born in 1887, during a time of change. Only three years earlier a seven-mile rail link with Sydney was opened, whilst the first public school in the area commenced a year later. Early "church records" show the gradual advance of literacy and with frank humour interspersed. A rubber stamp and pad was needed, but the scribe of the day recorded "much talk but no action."

There followed ups and downs, association with Conference and withdrawals. The Chandler-Clay Tent Mission in 1919 revived and consolidated the small church and in four years it outgrew hired halls and opened its own chapel on an ideal site opposite the future Town Hall and Civic Centre. J. Clydesdale was the minister.

During the lean years of the 1930's the church received several "applications" from would-be ministers, even though the general fund was in the red.

Better times followed, and ministers who had assiduously visited the flock on foot moved up through bicycle and motorcycle to car. A manse was bought and gradually paid for. Then, realising that the old multi-purpose chapel was inadequate, the mind of our architect, Keith Sawdy, was enlisted. Meanwhile, the Copley family with many helpers conducted wayside stalls and raised \$12,000—half the cost of the new chapel.

In 1959 this attractive building was opened for service and many modern ideas were incorporated—from a parquet floor on a concrete slab, to the aluminium roof supported on straight steel joists rising from exterior concrete pads. Featured too is a garden beside the open baptistry. Of special interest

is the symbol of the Christian Church: the empty cross—designed by Robin Norling as an aid to worship. He also made, on the outer wall, the mosaic of Jesus and his fishermen disciples.

More recently, the old hall was replaced by a modern kitchen and hall. The whole area is made beautiful by well-kept gardens. Deliberately planned to belong to the community, these premises are intended to attract folk. The chapel is open through the day—an oasis where it is easy to meet God. Adjacent is the minister's office with its busy 'phone. Usually just more than 100 meet the Master around his Communion Table. The fellowship is enriched by visitors and there have been many non-Christians present at every gospel service. A most successful innovation is the after-church "Christian Cafe."

It is interesting to note that most of the Bible School scholars come from homes of non-members.

Co-operation with other communions is evident in combined "Holy Week" services—this year in our own chapel. Also there is mounting united participation in the Billy Graham Crusade.

During her 80 years, many have gone into full-time ministries and allied service. The present minister, C. J. Mackenzie, commenced when the new chapel was opened. He has twice been "lent" to serve as chaplain on migrant ships. Mrs. Mackenzie was recently honoured as State President of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

The church was born in a time of change and lives in a time of change. The outreach of the future may well need to centre on senior citizens and youth, social service and counselling.

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"WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING"

By the Right Hon. C. F. ADERMANN, P.C.

This expansion, this building, this provision for social fellowship, this asset for youth work, this assistance to the central work of evangelisation is made possible by the faithfulness of members and of those pioneers who loyally and consistently adhered to the faith through the years.

It's grand when such consistency is rewarded in such a practical way. And it is fitting that a tribute should be paid to all past and present members. It is a worthy and a practical thought when Miss Draney was given the honour of opening the building on behalf of the pioneers and the present members. We thank her sincerely, and those whom she represents for their great work.

VISION

It was said of old time, "Where there is no vision the people perish." And in that vision of the future, the vision of youth and the future church at work, the vision of growing needs of a people still needing a Saviour and his love, you have implemented, in part, that vision into a reality by erecting a structure and providing a place wherein to work, teach, and witness to the gospel of Christ.

In part, because much more than a building is required. For it will stand as a monument of success and glory to God, or to failure, according to how it is used for the future. And so the question—

Who builds the Church? Each child and man,
Who lends name and talent to the whole,
All blended to achieve his plan,
All fruiting in a Gothic soul . . .

God builds the Church from all the skills
Of human minds and human wills,
From stalwart brawn and brilliant brain,
From artist's dream and muscle strain,
From childhood's mite, from gifts of age—
God builds the Church, our heritage.

The records of history serve as a timely reminder of the heritage which is ours. We who are Christ's ought to be willing to share his life with others. Hence Christ's message must be sent forth today with no uncertain voice.

The world is in a state of confusion. There are wars and rumours of wars. There are riots and rebellions. There are broken homes, and probably worst of all "utter indifference to Christ,"—men scorning God.

And whilst there is no real peace, no confidence between nations, the condition of mind among men seems to rival

the international atmosphere. In other words man's mind is confused. Yet I believe that underneath all this confusion there is abroad a spiritual hunger. There is evidence of the longings of people even though they live under suppression. And this need must be met by the Christian Church, for Governments do not fulfil that need. Governments are but machines and Christians should operate them with humanitarianism and love.

Our responsibility as Christians is to get men into the kingdom of God and get the kingdom of God into men. A confused world without hope is lost unless we impart to them the hope that is in Christ Jesus.

One purpose for which this Centre will be used, will certainly be the youth work. This is so vital, since more and more youth is claiming leadership. And when that occurs we would have them worthy of the responsibility they seek to accept.

Youth can have so many associations, many partnerships — Youth and the World, Youth and Sin, Youth and Pleasure, Youth and Wealth, Youth and Selfishness, Youth and Crime, Youth and Satan,—and not one of these associations would be complimentary to youth. Yet much of youth today is linking up its powers, its thoughts, its interests with some of these aspects.

Youth and Christ should be companions. Christ is the link with God. These other evils separate from God. A link with Christ will save youth from a dangerous state of mind. The fellowship that will be engendered in this Toowoomba Centre will be designed to create a partnership between youth and Christ.

LIBERTY

We have a freedom today which we term democracy. Freedom to elect our governments with equal rights to all, and to protect the rights of all. Freedom to worship. We may speak as we desire, choose our own vocation. But is this a limitless liberty? No, you cannot slander another or harm him, or steal, or destroy his property. Thus we have

laws to define what we can or cannot do. But man wants no restraint . . . "This is a free country. Why can't I do as I like," he says. In many ways he challenges restraint. I give an example in the liquor trade: A man drinks his soul, his home, his loved ones to degradation. He says it's his right, and professes love to his own, yet destroys their happiness. He claims the right to haunt the roads with death, when he can control neither himself nor the vehicle he is driving. Man also destroys another's character in infamous ways—destroys his livelihood by false pretences. And he, in this material age calls this liberty.

Peter has a word to say on this, "While they promise them liberty they themselves are the servants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." (2 Peter 2: 19).

Similarly, nationally and internationally we have the picture reproduced—nations enslaved in the name of freedom, men's minds twisted, home life and love destroyed, worship forbidden.

Faith in God is primary to freedom. History has recorded the downfall of civilisations, and in all cases, it has been moral decay—with godless people at the base of this decay. You cannot hope to build, or to fulfil a spiritual mission, by erecting a material Utopia.

As the architect and the builder of this hall would make certain that the foundation of this structure was sure and satisfactory, so the Church, not the building, but the Church which Christ established must, too, build upon the right foundation, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

We come to dedicate this building in the spirit of the Christ of the Church to the work of God. In the course of years may we see fellowship experienced, love practised, truth be witnessed to, an influence exerted such as would bring men to Christ, and God be glorified within its walls.

The need today is spiritual, and we applaud the building of this Centre because it will be used for spiritual purposes. May every exercise herein bring home to young and old alike, and emphasise again and again, the fact that the one hope of degenerate man is still the resurrected Christ. To the work of proclaiming that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, we dedicate this building.

(This address was delivered at the opening of Toowoomba's new Youth Centre. See news item in last issue).

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how can your Kingdom come until we
love you more than we love the king-
doms of this world. Oh, let not our
hearts be lost to you. In Jesus' name.
Amen.



Plants in the garden grow not
where they will but where they must.



How easy in prosperity to give advice
to the afflicted.

Aeschylus.



So live that you wouldn't be
ashamed to sell your parrot to the
town gossip.



Ten years ago, the moon was an
inspiration to poets and an opportunity
for lovers. Ten years from now, it will
be just another airport.



If you would know the value of
money, try to borrow some.

—Ben. Franklin.



Little girl, rebelliously practising the
piano, to father: "Another way for me
to be popular when I grow up is for
you to be rich!"