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Proverbs 3: 27. Withhold
not good from them to whom
it is due, when it is in the
power of thy hand to do it.

**COURAGE
IN
DARKNESS**
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WHO CAN READ THE HEART?

The focus of public attention upon Simon Townsend and other conscientious objectors may persuade the authorities that a court of law is not the most suitable instrument for judging whether or not a person's declared beliefs are genuine. There may be a better way.

It was only after many appeals that Townsend won exemption yet his sincerity was evident to almost everyone except those who sat in judgment on him. That he won exemption at last was probably due to the influence of overwhelming public support from people of all kinds of political persuasion and from every social stratum.

David Skewes, who recently resigned from the College of the Bible at Glen Iris to begin a teacher-training course, has also been exempted. In a Melbourne court Judge Frederico found that Mr. Skewes has a genuine belief that war is against the teachings of Jesus Christ. This young man had strong support in court from his church and former college. His sincerity and consistency over a long period could hardly be doubted.

Yet it is disturbing to reflect that other persons, equally genuine in their beliefs, have not been able to produce such strong support, and have failed in their claims. The onus of proof rests too heavily upon the conscientious objector.

As such appeals are likely to increase it is to be hoped that a better method will be devised for considering them — maybe a board of appeal charged with this one task. It could include, among others, legal and religious representatives. Such a board would have many advantages over the present method, including that of relieving conscientious objectors of the need to engage expensive counsel.

LET GEORGE DO IT

Some time ago at the airport at Essendon, we were given some clues about the automatic pilot (named George for short). It, (or her), is a fascinating device. Once the plane is upstairs and headed in the right direction, the automatic pilot (or George) can be put into action. The controls are set and the human pilot can relax while the A.P. (or George) does the work.

Some people get the idea that they can make religion work like an automatic pilot. They think that once they get started and headed in the right direction, they can set the controls, relax, and let George do it!

It would be very convenient if we had some angelic automatic pilot guide us to some heavenly city. But there is one fatal flaw about the automatic pilot theory of life. It doesn't work! There is nothing automatic about our daily living. Every true advantage gained, any progress achieved, any victory won — everything worthwhile in the building of character is the result of effort.

This doesn't mean that we cannot get help. We can. But it is not automatic. It is a conscious and deliberate co-operation with the purposes of God. We consider choices, make decisions, use any skill we may possess, and use all our physical, mental, and spiritual resources. With God guiding our lives, our progress is not automatic, but it is sure. If we commit our way to him, he will bring us safely to our destiny.

NIGERIA'S AGONY

It is really Biafra's agony, for that part of an apparently promising democracy in Africa declared its independence, and the cost of its bid for freedom has been terrible, and it has not yet been paid in full.

No one pretends that the new African States have made much of a showing so far, nor can we shrug off the frightening events of the last ten years simply as an awkward phase of growing up. But the nations which have won or been given their independence may have had deep-seated area hostilities, or regional industrial or mineral wealth to provoke greed, or there may be strong religious antipathies. Behind the Nigerian dispute are all of these factors. Indeed, the longer the Nigerian fighting lasts the more we are reminded by African experts that there never was a genuine hope of reconciling the country in a national unity.

Maybe the forces and reasons are different, but we may be seeing the beginning of permanent division. To the two Koreas and the two Vietnams will be added the two Nigerias.

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THE AFFLUENT CHRIST

*I give my grief—my life was not enough—
To this end
That you be one.
My eyes are dry of tears long shed,
My heart that bleeds while still it beats
For all the sorrow of all men.
O be you kind to one another!
You starve my children, Christian.
While kneeling pitiful before my cross
Within my Church,
You let me die
Hungry, sick, and wounded, in the street.*

— St. Clair Oldfield,
Surrey Hills, Vic.

• CHRISTIAN WOMEN SERVING

THE OPEN DOOR

By MARY DORNING

"The church can help delinquents" was a leading article in the "Australian Christian" in 1960. Today, as this problem has increased, every church should sincerely ask: Can the church help delinquents? In 1950 a group of Christian women of differing denominational beliefs met together to pray; they had been burdened with the delinquent girls and women of Melbourne and met to consider how best they could present the gospel and help materially these women who are rejected by society. Since then many have heard the claims of Christ on their lives whilst serving time in Her Majesty's Prison—by film, song, testimony—and humour, a relationship has been built up; and it was interesting to hear the Governor of Fairlea say, "You do not have to do any more to show you care, each one here knows that it is only the Christians that they can rely on."

By serving these women we are fulfilling our Lord's command, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." The command of him who loved the sinner and forgave her sin 14 years ago little was done to rehabilitate the prisoner, (today every effort is put forth to help them). This group of women decided to obtain a house and take in any who was desirous of help; but before this house was opened we were constrained to help women before they entered prison. I testify to God's guidance and goodness. We had no diploma of Social Studies, and very little money, but we had and have a wonderful Father! We relied on the promise "Our God is able . . . and he will." A builder, who had recently been converted, offered to build the house at no profit to himself. He, too, acted in faith, as he was fully aware of our financial state, and he also knew that we would not make any public appeal for finance. At the opening, 10 months later, a cheque was handed to him and the deeds were ours—isn't God wonderful? Also, the "Open Door Home for Girls" was fully equipped with furniture, Venetian blinds, preserves and groceries—all that it takes to make a house a home, and owing to the faith-

Mrs. Dorning is a member of the Briar Hill church. She came into the South Yarra church from Roman Catholicism during the ministry of A. W. Ladbroke. The Briar Hill C.W.F. began in her home.

ful giving of Christians, in 13 years we have not closed our books in the red.

Six lively delinquents came to live there, and, two young women in the mid-twenties took over the responsibility of training them for society, finding them work and telling them of the one who truly loves them. Doesn't it sound easy? Surely the girls must love them, and the opportunity of a lovely home!

The opposite was the case, they were hated with a strong hatred.

A girl who has been rejected by her parents pours out all her bitterness on the one who represents that parent.

A girl who has known no moral standard sneers because she believes (and knows) that you do not understand her temptation.

The writer has sat in a car with a lass of 15 years, who is pleading for strength to overcome the desires in her—desires that have never been guided or controlled—and the only answer we know is to fill her life with other things that she enjoys, such as swimming, gardening, or something creative, and pray that, in a small way, she will learn of him who understands and cares, and strengthens.

In 1964, at the time we commenced the home, an eight-year-old girl was being used by her father to satisfy his own lusts. When it was reported to the police—she was placed in a home amongst delinquents—there was no other place at this period, for her to go, and at the age of 14 she was sent to relatives and immediately had a baby; we then took her into our care, and her mother, who was a prostitute, recognising that now she had a daughter, applied to Welfare for her return, and as the Government is sure that a girl needs a parent she was returned, but another baby was born! Once again we offered help and gladly she came back to "The Open Door."

Do you condemn her, you who profess to follow Jesus, who touched the leper, the symbol or type of all that is vile? That girl today is happily married with a child of her own and is "in her right mind" with a grateful heart to God and his people. Not all turn out like this; but can we rob them of the opportunity of knowing that someone—through Jesus Christ—cares? Patience Strong wrote these words—"I believe in Miracle, breaking

bud, and leafing tree, life and immortality;" I believe there is a plan for the destiny of man.

"I believe a human clod can become a child of God." Is this what you believe? If you do not, you limit the power of God! We are always grateful for his leading. We who were not trained had decided to have a cottage with six girls only, as we felt this was the only way to meet their emotional needs. You are all aware that 15 years ago all institutions were large with a great number of inmates, but today, cottage systems are the accepted principle, but God had led us to see that many years ago. Truly he uses the weak things of this world to confound the mighty!

For a period we sheltered recommended prisoners, and it was a time of peace, as the prisoner is usually charged with only one offence, and often there is a simple answer, "such as killing a husband," but she still has to pay the price that the law demands, but the young delinquent is torn with emotions and complexes, and as we find suitable employment, we find in most cases they do not want to work, they are so afraid of life, and our Matron needs much patience and LOVE. Without LOVE it is impossible to serve him who loved us and gave himself for us.

P.S. "For sometime we have been concerned about where to place the girls as the time arrived to move them on, and make room for another. We approached Youth Welfare for advice, as we could see problems in our ideas and yet we could see no other way. The Government do all in their power to help these girls and we felt if the money was available to us, it would be wrong not to use it, as it would not be given to other Christian work. We planned four self-contained units and a shared lounge. Attached would be the Superintendent's quarters similar to a motel unit. Each girl would care and cook for herself, but in case of sickness or need of guidance, the Superintendent would then step in. The opportunities amongst the girls in the older group would be tremendous.

"We praise the Lord for his guidance as the Welfare Dept. have allotted us over \$11,000 to extend our work and we are trusting him, who is also to supply all our need, for the remaining \$6,000."



THE RELEVANCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TODAY

By Dr. JAMES H. JAUNCEY

I once heard of a little boy who defined faith as "believing what you know ain't true just because it happens to be good for you." This kind of faith is utterly useless in the world in which we live today. It is absolutely necessary to base the things on which we live upon absolute fact.

In coming to this question of the authority of the Old Testament, we can put it on that basis. That is, we do not believe in the Old Testament merely because it is good for us. We believe in the Old Testament because it is true.

As a scientist I would say that if in science we only accepted the things which have been proved to be true, we would not be able to accept very much. A great deal in science has to be taken on faith because the evidences show that way. In Christianity we have something that has been tested down through the years.

In the 18th century there was a philosophy in Europe which was known as the "Enlightenment." It was not quite as enlightening as the name implies, because most of the people who followed it, felt that they must give over the things that had been accepted by faith, and to imagine that God was not active in the world. This was very quickly applied to the Old Testament. It was felt that the Old Testament could not be true because it was a human book. Gradually a deal of theory was wrapped around this. Unfortunately, most of this was referred to as historical science, and thereby many people accepted it as true. It had really two great bases which did a great deal of damage. One of these was the theory of evolution of religion and the other one was the study of the literary qualities of the Old Testament.

What has happened is that both of these ideas, used a couple of centuries ago to discredit the Bible, have now been abandoned by continuing research.

The Bible is being increasingly vindicated. Now I am not suggesting that we should wait for the answer to scholarship on many of these issues. This can never be true for the Christian. The Christian is actually tied up already. The Christian must accept the authority of Christ, and Christ long ago gave his authority and his seal to the Old Testament. It is just as simple as this. If the Old Testament could be proved to be false, Christ would have been proved to be false, and therefore he could not be the Son of God. It means that we can have full confidence in the Bible already. Long before scholarship has been able to go through all its channels, we have the truth straight from Jesus Christ.

When I first went to the university a generation ago, it was estimated in America that about 8% of scientists were believers in God. According to figures which I saw a year or two ago, it has now increased to 80%, an increase of 72% on the part of scientists in one generation. Now what has happened here, is that increasing information coming in both science and religion has shown that many of the things which used to be a problem have disappeared.

It is very obvious that in this progression of science to find truth, it will come occasionally upon false hypotheses and opinions which will later be falsified by the facts. But when these things occur and they seem to be contrary to something in the Bible, we need not give up our faith in the Bible. All we need to do is to wait and see where the truth ultimately will come out. This is a very important principle, and a principle which scientists themselves will recognise. I have seen again and again, where a man as a scientist, away from the laboratory comes across a theory which may be contradictory to something he

believes as a Christian, he does not give up either religion or science, he simply waits until greater truth comes in to solve the problem.

There is one final point that I want to mention with regard to the authority of the Old Testament. I suppose that the greatest reason for our confidence in it comes not from scholarship. This is just as well for those of you who do not know the original languages or do not have the other necessary disciplines. You would never be able to have this certainty. I think that mostly this certainty comes from personal recognition. I believed in the Old Testament long before I undertook the scholarship which I have been referring to. And the reason why I believed in the Old Testament was because I came face to face with God in the Old Testament and still do. Phillips referred to the fact that the Bible has the ring of truth. This was something that warmed my own heart, because it is the kind of thing that happened years ago and still happens to me now. When I go to the Old Testament, I realise that I am coming to the fountain of truth because God speaks to me through it.

The prime purpose of the Bible is to confront us with God. Go to the Bible and ask God to speak. In this way, as God gives the stories of the bad things and the good things that people did long ago, you will find that God will be speaking to you in the same way. The extent to which you are aware of God in the Old Testament, to that extent you will be aware of its truth.

If we go to these scriptures, God will speak to us, God will reveal himself, and as a result of this, we will be able to bring him to a world which needs him more badly now than ever before in its history.

(Address given at a Rally sponsored by Evangelical Fellowship in 1968).

TASMANIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



L. G. COOKE, Tasmanian District President, 1968-69

Why do Conferences appoint a reporter for "The Christian"? Is it assumed that readers want to be informed, at least annually, about what is going on here and there throughout Australia? If so, is that assumption correct? And if it is correct, just what do readers want to be informed about? For example, what is your interest or concern about our Tasmanian District Conference?

Who led Worship Sessions? Who were Visitors?

Home Missions preacher Bill Flett brought thoughts halfway through business on the Saturday morning. Mr. Flett received a special welcome as the newest addition to the preaching force of the State. Since Feb. 1968 he has been minister to the Nubeena-Highcroft circuit and would be the southernmost based preacher of our Australian churches.

Mr. Flett was also guest speaker at the Sunday evening worship and evangelism service.

It was not the fault of Bass Strait that Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres., R. V. Amos, was late for Conference. It was because thriving Devonport had a surplus harbour trade. Our president had an hour's extra voyage on the "Princess" for no extra cost before there was a berth available. There was real value in that trip for Mr. Amos and on the Sunday morning he led our thoughts emphasising the value to the world of Christ's church and reminding us that this church is comprised of many parts, small and large, and all important to Christ's kingdom on earth.

Dr. K. Bowes flew over to Tassie. There is no truth in the rumour that he is considering taking out Tasmanian naturalisation papers—in fact there is not even a rumour—but it is true that Tasmanians are pleased that circumstances have brought him this direction more times than is our share considering the very wide and exacting activities in which he is engaged. He spoke at an Inspirational Rally with accent on youth. Items were brought by the "L.B.J.'s" singing foursome and two soloists and by rousing congregational singing.

Other special visitors were Mrs. R. Rankine, Pres. Vic-Tas. Women's Conf.; D. H. Smith, secretary, Dept. of H.M. and Evang., and W. W. Saunders, Vic-Tas. Conf. Sec.

Conference paused to remember that the past year had taken some great stalwarts linked with the work of the

brotherhood over many years. Mentioned by name were the late Josiah Park and Mrs. A. E. Heard.

What did Conference do concerning the Elderly?

It gave a negative answer to notices of motion which related to the setting up of a Home for Elderly People. Tasmania has not gone hard-hearted or disinterested—it just feels that at this point of time it cannot undertake this service in the way it must be done to meet the real needs of the elderly. In considering this matter, the need for the continuance of the Bethany Children's Home was reaffirmed.

What did Conference do concerning Young People?

Very definite progress was reported in the building and furnishing of Bicheno Camp. Although the year was not very successful with regard to the number of camps held, there are signs of a revival of interest in camping. The Victorian Boys' Explorer Clubs will be hiking through Central Tasmanian Highlands early next year and it seeks the company of Tasmanian young boys on the hike.

Was there anything about children?

Yes, for sure. Bethany Children's Home has reached its majority. Conference rejoices in the privilege of being associated with the care and support of children through Bethany over these years. We were told by Supt. Ray Morf-few that the home is "a knitted family." Substantial building improvements to the home have been carried out in recent months made possible through a State Government grant.

The Devonport Church Boys' Brigade gave a demonstration display of its activities on the Sunday afternoon whilst the Women's Conference met.

What was there about people in general?

L. G. Cooke told us of the year's work with 30 families, representing 60 adults and 40 children, who were involved in the February '67 fires in Southern Tasmania and of all that had been possible because of the sympathy and assistance given by so many right throughout the Australian brotherhood. Something like \$23,700 was made available in money and there was also much voluntary help and practical assistance.

It was not pleasant news to learn that the church at Sandhill is in the process of winding up its witness and

the building is being sold. This decision would be one of the hardest the members of Sandhill have had to make.

In the interests of all people, Conference saw fit to register its protest against the establishment in Tasmania of a gambling casino. Some tell us that our interstate and overseas visitors need such a facility. Shame on you all!

A motion to support joint board publication of lesson material was defeated as was a motion to recommend the use of "standard" material.

An announcement that R. E. Pfeiffer, at present at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, is to commence an associate ministry with Mr. Cooke at the Collins St. Church, Hobart, represents a real step forward in the planning of outreach work for the State capital and indeed, for the whole State.

President at Conference was Colin Orr. The ultimate success of Conference was in a great way due to his quiet leadership of it. The president for 1969 is L. G. Cooke.

Devonport church has above average facilities for a District Conference. It also has the more essential attribute—a band of very willing workers both young and not so young. The guests of the Devonport church were treated as such and all are much indebted to all those who assisted in making Conference '68 one which gave satisfaction to those present.—L.E.B.

MAINLAND VISITORS

(Hobart, Tas.). R. V. Amos, Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres., visited Dover and Copping and spoke at Collins St. D. H. Smith visited Nubeena, and also met with Hobart church officers on the appointment of an associate minister. Mrs. Rankine met with the C.W.F. groups in Hobart and Copping. . . . The church extends its sympathy to the family of Mrs. A. E. Heard, who passed on after a long illness. . . . Mothers' Day service was led by the women. Mrs. J. Cauldicott presided and Mrs. L. Cooke spoke. . . . A number of members represented the church at the Tas. District Conference at Devonport.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE SYDNEY

OCTOBER 16 - 22, 1968

TOURS FOR DELEGATES

AROUND Sydney there are many delightful tourist attractions. In planning the official tours for Federal Conference care has been taken to include the better known tourist runs but also to include calls at some of the various Churches of Christ Social Service homes and the Bible College.

A Tours Brochure will be sent to all interstate members who register for Conference.

For the information of any who have not yet registered but are still considering whether they will be coming to Sydney, we publish a list of the tours and outings which have been planned for the enjoyment of those attending Conference.

FULL DAY TOURS

Wed., October 16 — HAWKESBURY RIVER - NORTHERN BEACHES. Departs 9 a.m. Leave the city by Western Suburbs via Pennant Hills for visit to Koala Bear Farm. Then to Bobbin Head—Motor Launch cruise to Cowan Waters, Broken Bay, and on to Palm Beach to rejoin coach. Return trip via Northern Beaches, Manly, Spit Bridge. Fare \$4.10. Children \$2.50.

Wed., October 16—KATOOMBA-BLUE MOUNTAINS. Departs 9 a.m. Leave city through Western Suburbs to Parramatta, Penrith, Lawson, Leura, to Katoomba for lunch. Visit Echo Point. Tour continues through Blackheath, Mt. Victoria to Mt. Wilson. Return to city through Kurrajong Heights, Richmond and Windsor. Fare \$4.10. Children \$2.50.

Wed., October 23—PENDLE HILL HOMES—WINDSOR—KURRAJONG HEIGHTS. Departs 9 a.m. Leave Sydney for Parramatta to join the Great Western Highway. Call Pendle Hill to visit Boys' Home and Social Service Homes. Then to Valley Heights for lunch. After lunch the tour follows the scenic Hawkesbury Road to historic Richmond and Windsor returning to Sydney through the Hills District. Fare \$4.10. Children \$2.50.



HALF-DAY TOURS

Sat., October 19—HARBOUR CRUISE. Departs 2.30 p.m. Circular Quay. This is a most delightful way to see Sydney from its magnificent harbour. Ferry has a passenger capacity of 1,000. An excellent opportunity for fellowship with delegates from all States. Fare 60c adults, 30c children.

Tues., October 22—WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE—EASTERN SUBURBS—VAUCLUSE HOUSE. Departs 1.30 p.m. Pass Sydney University, inner suburbs—over Gladesville Bridge to Woolwich to inspect Bible College. Then by way of Pacific Highway and Harbour Bridge to Kings Cross and Eastern Suburbs for inspection of historic Vaucluse House and return to City. (Entrance fee Vaucluse House is nominal, but not included in fare). Fare \$2.00, children \$1.50.

Tues., October 22—PALM BEACH BY NORTHERN BEACHES. Departs 1.30 p.m. Leaving Martin Place over Harbour Bridge through Mosman, Spit Bridge. Visit Lookout at Tania Park, Manly, Dee Why, Collaroy, Mona Vale, Whale Beach, Palm Beach, Church Point, French's Forest. Return over Roseville Bridge and Harbour Bridge. Fare \$2.10, children \$1.50.

EXTENDED TOURS (brief details)

Pre-Conference 4-DAY TOUR. Departs MELBOURNE October 12, 8.15 a.m. for SYDNEY via Canberra and South Coast of N.S.W. Fare \$50, children \$45.

Post-Conference Tour SIX DAYS to Snowy Mountains—Canberra—South Coast N.S.W. Departs Sydney Wed., October 23, 8.15 a.m., arriving back in Sydney Monday evening, October 28. Fare \$68, children \$60.

Post-Conference Tour SYDNEY to MELBOURNE via Jenolan Caves—Bathurst. Departs Thursday, October 24 from Sydney at 8.15 a.m., arriving Melbourne at 5.30 p.m. approx. on Sat., October 26. Fare \$39, children \$34.

REGISTER NOW—and you will receive full details of the tours. If you have any inquiries write to:—

F. J. Stephenson, 409A Sailors Bay Rd., Northbridge, N.S.W. 2063

HAVE YOU REGISTERED? — IF NOT, DO IT NOW!

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



We had such great hopes for our marriage but, after five years, something seems to have gone wrong. Is it possible for a marriage to fail if both partners are Christian?

The answer is, Yes, it is possible, if by "Christian" you mean an average church member. If Christians are selfish, immature, intolerant, unfaithful, or unloving, then their marriages are just as likely to break up as any others. Perhaps more likely, because you would have to add the ingredient of hypocrisy.

This does not mean that I think that yours is failing. I don't know enough about it, and if I knew a lot more my long distance opinion would not be worth nearly as much as your own close-up view.

It is important for you to see your minister about your difficulties. I know that it is a common practice to pretend to ministers that there is nothing wrong with members of the church, but

HOSPITAL VISITOR

A MEMORY OF PETER

Not so very long ago, a small boy named Peter, came to the Royal Children's Hospital and after several months of serious illness, went to live with Jesus.

In the months that followed, his mother busied herself making toys for the Churches of Christ hospital visitors to use, and on occasions when visitors were ill, she, too, would go and visit the children—even to the very ward in which her son had been.

For her, this was no easy task, and often she would be seen in some corner regaining her composure so that she might go back into the ward again. Her courage was noted by the staff and she became a real inspiration to all the visitors.

In February of this year, Peter's sister joined the Reservoir West Girl Guides, and among her tests were those for earning a toy-maker's badge.

The Captain of the group decided to challenge the girls to greater efforts, and offered points for each toy or scrap book made. Peter's mother was called upon to teach the girls to sew, and to assist in the provision of materials, filling and patterns. And it was at her suggestion that the girls decided to donate the toys they made to our hospital committee with the proviso that they

it is a very poor practice. Believe me, he ought to know. Maybe he suspects, anyhow. It is not so easy as many think for personal troubles to go unnoticed.

Your minister may recommend you to see a marriage counsellor. If so, accept his advice. Most ministers engage in counselling but sometimes they recommend persons to a specialist counsellor—there could be medical, psychiatric, or even legal matters beyond the minister's resources, but most probably he himself will be able to help you.

I cannot give much assistance through this column and if I make comments it will only be to strengthen the suggestion that you talk to your pastor. I take it for granted that you have shared your concerns with your husband. If not, this is one of the first things you will be asked to do. Counsellors seldom help individuals, only partners.

You mention that you have no children and that there is tension because of this. You do not indicate whether it is by choice that there is no family. It is therefore impossible to say whether an answer may be found in medical or psychiatric help, or in adoption.

I note that you have continued in employment since your marriage. Many wives do this because of economic pressures. Is there a relationship between your job and the empty cradle? I have heard of couples delaying a family until they have everything they need and find that they never do have everything. Babies, too, have a right to some kind of priority.

piece of mind

The Presbyterian church at Captain's Flat in N.S.W. has disappeared—just vanished!

We can be quite sure that it was not taken by a congregation in search of a building, no matter how hard up they were. It is an axiom that church people do not steal churches.

It was some time before the church was missed. In fact, its loss was known only when the police reported the dangerous state of the chimney which was left behind by the thieves.

The delay in missing it, and in fact the knavery itself, was possible only because the town is practically deserted.

Nevertheless, the disappearance of a church makes one think. Could it happen to your church and mine? It would be even worse if the thieves took the church people and left the church building.

Maybe, the folk in the community might not even notice that the church was gone. The police would be aware of it at once for, of course, it would leave behind a dangerous void.

Have a good look next Sunday, to see if your church is still there—being the church!

The protests against the Vietnam War moved into a new phase with the pamphlet, "How not to join the Army." The pamphlet gives do-it-yourself directions for starting fires, wrecking radar installations, silencing radio stations, destroying motor vehicles, and even putting aircraft out of action.

This sort of thing will wreck more than the Army. It will wreck democracy itself because it rejects the basic democratic principle of debate and agreement. It is advocating the very thing against which most protests have so far been directed—the misuse of power.

The new stage follows the trend in Europe and America where students and others have started smashing and burning things.

I looked at and listened to the young international protesters brought together on a recent BBC programme, and almost every week we have our own young dissenters on radio and TV. I got the message loud and clear that they don't like things as they are (who does?), but no matter how hard I concentrated I couldn't get a clue as to what they want in place of what there is.

It is not to be expected that they show us the blue print for the perfect society, but it is stupid to smash and burn when they have no clear idea of what they want.

I did hear the phrase "participatory democracy" a few times, but the explanation of it seemed more like a description of anarchy. Obviously, the students think that they should be participants in some new expression of society, but they won't earn that right by violence.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS OFFERING — JULY 7

PROFILE

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JAMES P. FOOT
OF LAUNCESTON

Dr. James Black tells of an absent-minded minister who was given a packet of nasturtium seeds to plant in his garden. He carried that packet around for so long, the seeds broke loose and wherever he went he left behind him a splash of colour in his parish. A good man, it is said, does more for the Kingdom of Heaven by having a hole in his pocket through which seeds of unconscious blessing may fall to bring brightness to other lives, than preaching. Most of us have been, consciously or unconsciously influenced by the example of good men. "The perfume of holiness travels even against the wind."

James Portrey Foot, of Launceston, is a man with holes in his pocket. He was already something of a legend when the writer first made his acquaintance 10 years ago. Many ministers had spoken affectionately of him as a beloved elder of the church at Margaret Street, Launceston. At the age of 78 he is still an active and honoured servant of Jesus Christ.

James Foot was baptized in 1908 in an independent mission church, now a Baptist church in Launceston. He became associated with the Churches of Christ during the Griffiths Mission in that city at which more than 200 converts were added to the congregation in 1913.

He never sought honours, yet he was destined to serve the Tasmanian brotherhood in many capacities, filling almost every executive office in the State Conference, president, secretary,

LIBERAL PARTY DEATH KNELL

(London). The death knell for the Liberal Party in South Africa is expected within the next two weeks when the Prohibition of Improper Interference becomes law.

In a letter to "The Times," Alan Paton, the distinguished novelist who is national president of the party, explains that it can no longer continue as a political organisation of people of different race groups. It will also be an offence for any person to address a political meeting if the majority of those present belong to a race other than his own.

According to Mr. Paton, the Liberal Party was based on "the principle of non-racialism . . . Its membership was fully representative of all the people of South Africa, and equally representative were its committees, from the lowest to the highest, and during these 15 years there was never any division of opinion on racial lines."—E.P.S.

treasurer, as well as Secretary of Overseas Missions, and Treasurer of Home Missions in this island State. He was also treasurer of the first Federal Conference held in Tasmania in 1933. In the local church he was secretary for 22 years, yet with all his activity within the brotherhood, he was able to devote considerable time and energy to the humane work of the Launceston City Mission, the Tasmanian Council of Churches, and other interdenominational interests.

He never lost the common touch. A keen football fan, he seldom misses a match at Launceston, and is a supporter of the century-old Launceston Club.

He tells that when he was married, in 1914 to Susan Shields, on a Launceston Show Day, they went for their honeymoon to Georgetown by river ferry, which became fogbound all night. To add to their discomfort, J.P. developed a bilious attack. But this was only a minor handicap that J.P. overcame to serve his Lord. Peritonitis left him with a limp that never keeps him from the Table of the Lord, and he overcame a serious speech impediment to be one of the most acceptable presidents at the Lord's Table. Many have been deeply moved by his words of deep devotion to Christ.

Mrs. Foot passed away soon after their golden jubilee, but he is still the loved pa-pa of his grandchildren, and the devoted father of G. J. Foot, M.L.C., and Gwen.

A piece of homely philosophy enjoins us not to withhold approbation from any man until he lies with snowy lilacs on his brow, because he cannot read his tombstone when he is dead. So we take pleasure in paying this tribute to one of God's good men who has a hole in his pocket through which seeds of blessing sometimes fall. But J. P. Foot is neither absentminded nor inactive. May he live long to enjoy the tributes of grateful ministers.—C.J.R.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Meaning
of the Cross



As Jesus gathers his disciples around him for the Passover celebration his public ministry is drawing to a close. As he faces the Cross he realises that his teaching ministry with the disciples must conclude at this point and prepares them for what is to follow as he explains the new meaning of these familiar Passover symbols.

The sanctuary of the Upper Room is soon left behind and Jesus comes face to face with his adversaries; but he faces them alone; forsaken, denied. This is a bitter moment. After three crowded years of teaching and sharing with his disciples the nature and person of the Father and His eternal purpose, the Messiah is left — abandoned by those whose lives were so pledged to him right up to the end. Has all this been in vain? Where now is the power and authority of his teaching? Yet these appearances are misleading, for on the day of Pentecost these same disciples boldly proclaim the message of salvation in Christ. It was because of the Cross that the teaching could be transformed into life itself as the lives of the disciples themselves are miraculously transformed in the aftermath of the crucifixion.

The key to this amazing transformation is in what Jesus has said concerning the Passover elements. The bread—his body offered in sacrifice. Jesus offers himself in our place, as our substitute, dying the death we ourselves deserve. The cup—his blood as the means of our forgiveness and cleansing from sin. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were so useable because they were clean vessels by which God could communicate his message.

The Lord's Supper thus becomes a regular reminder of what should be, in practice, a moment-by-moment experience; dying to self that Jesus' life may be reproduced in us in all its fullness and power, and appropriating the forgiveness and cleansing that his blood means. In taking the bread and the cup today we visualise what this really means.—John F. Morris, N.S.W.

THANKS FOR BREAD:

This bread reminds us, Lord, of all that you are in our lives & of our own inadequacy. It brings from our hearts the response that costs us our all, that Christ's life, may have its rightful place. Amen.

THANKS FOR CUP:

Make us fit to be used, Lord, as cleansed vessels. Find in our hearts an environment perfected by Christ in which you will be pleased to dwell & in which you can do what you will. Amen.

Qld. & S.A.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

For everyone to gain the full benefit from the address and question time, immediately after devotions came the address from Miss Elaine Treagus. This talk on the Aborigine people living in our community made the June conference meeting really special. We hear so often of these people on the mission stations but to hear of their problems living in a big city challenged questions as to what we could do. A tape recording was made of this meeting and is available for interested groups through the Christian Educ. Dept. of Women's Conf.

Nominations for State Conference are now open. Voting was carried out for the Women's Federal Panel for Federal Conference.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT

(Mackay, Qld.). The presidential visit of M. H. A. Pieper, with Mrs. Pieper and Kerry, was much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Surtees shared with us on their way to the Northern churches and Mt. Isa. On the return trip, Mr. Surtees led the Revival Fellowship meeting. A surprise visit by Mr. and Mrs. Jenner, of Gladstone, enabled them to meet members. He led the cottage R.F. meeting . . . B.S. scholars gave a fine programme to parents and visitors on Mothers' Day. Guest speaker gave a flannelgraph talk on "Widow's Oil Multiplied."

TEN YOUTH BAPTISMS

(Chinchilla-Hopeland, Qld.). Ten young people were recently baptized and welcomed into the churches. Four of them made decisions at the Billy Graham Crusade landline . . . The Hopeland annual business meeting elected three elders and nine deacons to office for the coming year. Reports highlighted growth particularly in missionary outreach and the commencement of an adult class in the B.S. . . . Chinchilla J.C.E. Society continues to grow led by Mrs. L. Holt and Miss M. Flett . . . N. Flett has been elected president of the North Western Downs District C.E. Union . . . Recent visitors included representatives from Overseas and Aborigines' Missions. Ron Tinney spoke and showed slides on Aborigines at the June fellowship tea in Chinchilla . . . Our minister, D. J. Schofield, has been elected to the Kenmore College Board of Management, and co-opted to the Christian Education sub-committee.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS

(Grote St., Adelaide). Five new members have been received into fellowship. . . . Special services on prophecy have resulted in increased night attendances. . . . Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Furness are sufferers from heart sickness. Mrs. E. M. Burford is in "Holdfast" Hospital, Glenelg. W. Maxwell, treasurer, has resigned through ill-health.

CHURCH LIFE PROGRAMME

(Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.). The church is preparing for Church Life Programme to be led by H.M. Director, A. McK. Surtees, in July . . . The C.Y.F. will organise "Teens' Week" at Ann St. church in September . . . 120 attended gospel service on June 16, and social hall was full for after-church coffee pot programme. A young man has been baptized and received into fellowship. . . . Aged Mrs. Robinson passed away on May 31 after long and painful illness. Church was deeply saddened by sudden death of Guy Pitman on June 7. A large crowd attended his funeral service conducted by L. G. Armstrong. Loving sympathy is extended to Mrs. Pitman and the family. Mrs. McLane is in hospital following eye surgery. Mrs. D. Steele is convalescing following major surgery.

SCHOLARS NOT TEACHERS

(Redcliffe, Qld.). In a report from this church in "A.C.," June 1, 1968, it was stated that "two S.S. teachers" were baptized. This should have read "two S.S. scholars." We apologise for the error.

DECISIONS AND ADDITIONS

(Bundaberg, Qld.). So far this year nine have made decisions and three have been baptized. Twelve others have been welcomed through transfer . . . Attendances have grown steadily to an average of 114 for a.m. and 80 for p.m. services . . . The State H.M. organiser chaired the annual business meeting. R. Ball and W. DeoBritz were elected as elders . . . On another visit Mr. Surtees showed slides of the work at Gladstone and shared a weekend with us. He will conduct a "Deeper Life Mission" for one week in July . . . Special efforts are being made in the Sims Road area . . . R. H. Holt is minister.

ADDITION AT BALAKLAVA

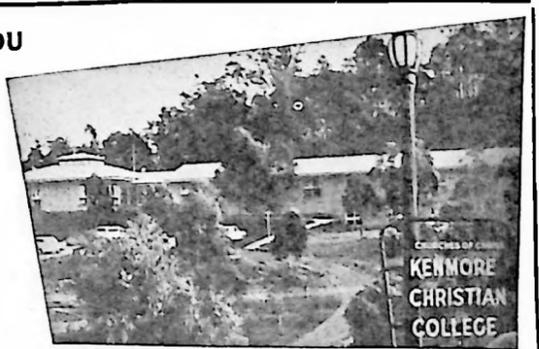
(S.A.). Mrs. Val Roberts was baptized at a family service on Mothers' Day, led by women of the church . . . C.E. Rally had Bill Magor (C.S.S.M.) and M. Armstrong as speakers . . . The church has farewellled Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jones who now reside at Christies Beach. Church and auxiliary leaders and representatives from Long Plains and Moonta spoke in appreciation . . . The film "Faith of our Families" has been screened.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Alice Gibb

Mrs. Alice Emily Ada Gibb died on April 22, 1968, at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Gibb, along with her brother, Spencer Woolley, confessed her faith in Christ at Auburn, N.S.W. in 1916, during the ministry of F. Saunders. Together they were baptized and were welcomed into the church at Auburn on December 31. Throughout the years that followed Mrs. Gibb lovingly devoted herself to the Lord and served him well, and became well known amongst the churches. For many years she served as a B.S. teacher, Girls' Club leader and deaconess. In 1934 she joined the staff of the B. & F.B.S. and for over 26 years continued as a full-time worker with the society in their Sydney offices and bookrooms. She maintained an active interest in this work till the time of her death. In 1952 she became married to James Gibb, well known as "Scotty Gibb," who was associated some years ago with E. C. Hinrichsen as song leader and personal worker. It is very evident that Mrs. Gibb lived close to the Lord as she was so faithful and consistent in her service and there are many who testify to her gracious and loving spirit. She was particularly known as one who never complained about her own circumstances or about other people. At the funeral service at Auburn church A. Scott, State Secretary of the B. & F.B.S., gave the eulogy, R. Kallmier, student minister and relative, read the scripture, R. Hickin, a friend of long standing and Bible Soc. worker, spoke at the graveside and the service was led by the minister at Auburn, A. Rae.—A.R.

"THIS IS IT"

(Dalby, Qld.). The C.Y.F. group conducted a "This Is It" weekend with pop singing groups and folk singers to cater for the younger age groups. They included local as well as groups from Toowoomba and the Brisbane area. Bruce Armstrong, N.S.W. Youth Director, with "Sergeant Leon," was guest speaker. No visible results were obtained but the C.Y.F. group was greatly encouraged . . . H. Chilcott and J. Lunn have been re-elected as deacons . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Oakey Creek.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"THE POOR ARE ALWAYS WITH US"

To the Editor,

My mate from St. Chad's is up on all the latest books on church-world theology. Being something of a captive audience I have to listen to him for hours on end, while he criticises the church. One of his favorite topics is that the church is out of touch with the poor.

But he's changed his tune. They made him finance warden of St. Chad's... a classy name for treasurer. He came over the other night and said, "Tertius, you know what I've always been saying about the church being out of touch with the poor. By the look of the collections at St. Chad's, we've got all the poor in our church!"

I couldn't help thinking, "Thank God salvation is free, or some of us wouldn't get much of it!" We Christians are lucky to be under grace rather than under the law. Under the law they had to give a tenth. Under the envelope system you give what you think you can afford, and no one can see what you give.

At our church we had a stewardship campaign and most of us made pledges because it was mighty hard to get out of it. But they gave us an escape clause. It said, "This pledge is made on the understanding that it can be increased or decreased according to changes in financial circumstances." Our treasurer really believes that our members have been the victims of floods, bushfires, droughts, theft, robbery, arson, and a run on the stock exchange.

Just as well God loves cheerful givers. Most of us can give cheerfully if we don't have to give too much.

The poor, like editors, are always with us!

TERTIUS.

OPEN FORUM

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND BAPTISM

To the Editor,

A note on the back page of pamphlet Nos. 156-157, states "that the opinions expressed are the author's." In view of this, what has been stated by the writer, M. J. Savage, may, or may not be, the teachings of the Church of Christ on baptism, even supposing that body to be, as the author seems to regard it, a denomination (page 12).

The whole question should be decided by what those who were especially ordained spoke with authority.

We shall find a unity in their teachings, and no suggestion of "fluidity or flexibility" as Mr. Savage says existed in the New Testament period.

Paul, writing to Christians at Corinth, urged them to "all speak the same thing—perfected together in the same mind and judgment." He asserts in Galatians that what he preached was essentially the same as the other apostles.

He informed the Ephesian Christians that certain gifts had been given to various men for the specific purposes. (4: 12-16).

The writer to the Hebrew Christians refers them to the instructions given to Moses when about to build the tabernacle, implying the same attention to detail in the substance as was required in the shadow, and Heb. 13: 8 excludes any suggestion of change over the years.

As we accept the writings of the N.T. as a reliable source of information, are we inferior to those early disciples that we cannot "grow in grace and knowledge" as they did?

The writer of the pamphlet mentions

that in a book on baptism of some 400 pages, the author Alexander Campbell, only devotes about 22 pages to a study of the design of baptism. (Not a small allocation when we consider Mr. Savage deals with the whole subject in 14 pages!). However, Campbell concludes the first chapter on the design of baptism with these words: "From the express authority and evidence of apostles and evangelists, without any inferential reasoning, we feel constrained to conclude that the baptisms of this New Testament, both of John and Jesus, were for the true, real, and formal remission of sins through faith in the Messiah and a genuine repentance toward God." Is this the teaching of the Church of Christ (N.T.) regarding the Christian ordinance of baptism?

—T. Orr (Tas.)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

The Honorable Mr. A. S. Hulme, Postmaster General, Parliament House, Canberra.

The Board of Officers of this church express grave concern at the low moral and ethical standard of many TV programmes being introduced into such a vast number of homes in the community through the A.B.C.

Much of the objectionable material seems to come from English sources either as complete programmes and series or as plays. A particular example of the former is the series "Till Death Us Do Part."

Recent episodes have featured as their theme sex before marriage, and whether God would take time off from creating the universe to help paper a living room. The great Australian (?) adjective is used liberally to tie each episode together. An example of the other type of play is summed up by the "plug" of the hostess, following a spicy

trailer, we quote—"Adultery is Adult Comedy."

It will be argued that these programmes have some merit in that they provide evidence of the causes of a "sick society," and life as it is lived as a result. However, it is the opinion of this board that its introduction into Australia, particularly over such a wide medium, is far more dangerous to the Australian way of life than, say, Foot and Mouth disease. A country can recover from an outbreak of this disease, but only history will tell whether a nation can recover or survive when suffering from moral and spiritual decay of which this type of programme is a symptom.

We feel that it is the responsibility of Governments, national cultural and educational institutions (including the A.B.C. and commercial radio/T.V.) along with the Church, to recognise the symptoms of moral and spiritual diseases in other places and to prevent them damaging the Australian way of life.

It is possible that you are not familiar with these programmes thus would you please have them investigated and let us have your opinion on their suitability.

We look to our national leaders to protect our society from this danger and pledge our support for any preventive programme they may introduce.

—The church at Maryborough-Bad-dow-Hervey Bay (Qld.).

FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

Having just examined the published details of how contributions to the (W.C.C.) Christmas Bowl 1967 were spent, the following information would probably be of interest to our members: \$1,000 was used for a training centre for orthodox priests in Western Europe; \$500 went to provide facilities at an Armenian Orthodox Seminary at Antelias; \$1,000 was given to the World Organisation for Orthodox Youth; \$500 to assist unsalaried Orthodox priests in Australia; and \$500 went to Russian Orthodox Sunday School in France.

The crying need of the world today for the gospel of Christ seems to be a forgotten truth when we openly support even to a small degree an institution such as the Orthodox Church with its veneration of Mary, doctrine of transubstantiation, etc.

Surely our churches would do better to channel their special Christmas offerings through our Overseas Mission Board. We would then be assured that these would be used to further the kingdom of God in a manner acceptable to Christian people.—H. C. Wheat (N.S.W.).

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BOOKS

"FEELING KIND OF TEMPORARY"

By Frank Edmund See (Fleming H. Revell, New York). S. John Bacon, Melbourne, Aust.).

Popular preachers usually come up with books of sermons. Then comes one who passes up the sermons and writes essays, and makes one wish for some of his sermons also! This is such a book from the pen of the Senior Minister of the First Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A. It is his first book and, we hope, the beginning of many more.

Frank See has rare gifts of putting sentences together. He opens every chapter with a vivid description of something he has seen in his travels abroad including his journey to American Forces abroad. As for the titles, one, simply has to read the essay to see what it could possibly be all about! Dr. See does not try to cover up when he confronts his American people with the world situation, particularly where starvation confronts the affluent society in so many places. In one place he says, "We have humanised God and made him an ardent supporter of the American way of life."

The book is rich in story and apt quotations from a mind stocked with a literary appreciation. Frank See does not try to explain away things, for instance in "Hero in a Bedstead" he looks at human suffering and shows how to handle it with courage and faith. He writes to the famous and blithely asks for their favourite text of scripture, tells their story, and then preaches from the text!

This is a book for ministers who want to read the work of a craftsman; and it is for the average reader who is willing to be disturbed in confrontation with a world which can never be viewed through rose coloured glasses. It is a book which gives the reader a sense of the rocklike realities which make up faith in God and Christ.

It was a privilege to visit the great 3500-member church at Tulsa, and to learn to love and appreciate Frank See. He is a tireless pastor, a preacher of outstanding ability, and a man with a message.

That title deserves a word. Frank See believes that man is as eternal as the God who made him, but the wretchedness of man's inability to cope with himself suggests that

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"DANGER—GOD AT WORK!" (Mark).

at best he is pretty "temporary" in the place where God has placed him.

This is a good book, and it's worth buying; in fact, any church board will do their minister a favour in purchasing it for him!—E. P. C. Hollard.

NO GRAVEN IMAGE

By Elizabeth Elliott (Hodder & Stoughton). \$2.30.

Elizabeth Elliott is the author of "Through Gates of Splendour," the story of the death of the five missionaries who were murdered by the Auca Indians in Ecuador. One of these men was her husband. I have just read Mrs. Elliott's first novel "No Graven Image" and I find it provocative.

"No Graven Image" is an excellent novel based on the experience of a single lady missionary in her first term amongst the Indian village people of the high Andes. It is an excellent story of her courage, perseverance, earnestness, disappointment and rediscovery of her task as a missionary. It discusses the dangers of putting people into categories, of writing home letters which people want to read (rather than the truth), and the shallowness which is possible even at a conference of Christian workers. Essentially the book describes a struggle for Miss Sparhawk to separate the romantic side of missionary life from reality. She not only had to rid herself of the romance of adventure, success and victory; she also had to see that there was danger in romanticising hardship, tragedies and disappointments.

To my mind, one of the advantages of the book, is that although as a novel it is complete, the questions raised are not all neatly answered. There are always unanswered questions and problems in the life of any Christian worker. Whether he is in Australia or a primitive missionary situation, there will be trials and triumphs, disappointments and victories. The successes do not usually outnumber the failures. Hence it is important to know what is our purpose in seeking souls for God as Christian workers. Is each conversion or transformed family to be an encouragement to us, a triumph which will inspire us to do great things for God? What if there are no successes? What if we preach and no one listens? Do we pack up and move to another more fruitful scene? The book suggests that success is only one of the graven images that a Christian worker may worship.

This is a book which can be quickly read, but not easily forgotten once it is finished. I found it a shattering experience. It should be compulsory reading for every Christian worker.—Barry Jenkins (India).

I AM NOT ASHAMED!

By MAURIE H. A. PIEPER

It was Easter Sunday in the year 1906. Like many other ministers in the city of San Francisco, Charles Reynolds Brown preached that day to crowded congregations. Years later, speaking of that particular Sunday, as he lectured at Yale University, he said: "How differently I would have preached, if I had only known that many of those who listened to me that day were hearing their last message from God's Word!" History records that the great San Francisco earthquake and fire on the following Wednesday ushered hundreds into eternity without another chance of hearing the gospel message.

Such an experience underlines the urgency and challenge of the Word of God for every one of us!

It is imperative that Christians live each day as though it were their last opportunity to declare their faith in Jesus Christ. Christian, live fully for him now! You have no mortgage on time!

The urgency and challenge of his Word for Christian and sinner alike in this hour is gathered up in the testimony of the apostle Paul to the people of Rome when he declared: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." (Rom. 1: 16).

1. JESUS CHRIST—THE GREATEST PERSON WE CAN EVER KNOW

It is clear that Paul meant it when he said that he was not ashamed of Christ. He had preached Christ in Tarsus, the city of his own birth and education; in Jerusalem, the world's holy city; in Damascus, one of the world's most ancient cities; in Ephesus, the great temple city of the goddess Diana; in Athens, the city of the philosophers; in Corinth, the corrupt city. And now, as he gives his testimony, he looks across the blue waters of the Ionian Sea eagerly anticipating the time when he will preach Christ in Rome, the city of the Caesars. Paul's consuming passion is to preach Christ!

(A) CHRIST IS THE LORD OF ETERNITY

This is the Lord of whom Paul says in his letter to the Christians of Colossae that, "he is before all things" (Col.

(Mr. Pieper is minister at Gatton, Qld., and is President of Queensland Conference).

1: 17), and of whom it is testified in the letter to the Hebrews that he is "the same yesterday, today and for ever." (Heb. 13: 8).

(B) JESUS IS THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE

He is there in the opening sentence of scripture when we read in Genesis 1: 1 that "In the beginning God created." He is the One of whom the Holy Spirit declares that "by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." (Col. 1: 16).

There is no room for the theory of evolution here! No suggestion of a single cell of life coming up out of the primeval ooze and changing from one form of life to another until at last man emerges!

(C) CHRIST IS KING OF AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM

Almost 150 years ago one of the greatest conquerors of all time, standing on his rock prison in the mid-Atlantic and contemplating his approaching end, declared: "I die before my time. My body will be given back to the earth to be done with as men please, and to become the food of worms. Such will be the fate of him who has been called the Great Napoleon! What an abyss there is between my deep misery and the eternal kingdom of Christ."

(D) JESUS IS GOD REVEALED IN THE FLESH

This One who spans eternity also stands in the stream of time and human history. The apostle John declares that "the Word was God" (John 1: 1) and that "the Word was made flesh." (John 1: 14). Here is the grandest and most glorious truth of all about Jesus Christ who is the centre of God's revelation to us and the greatest person you can ever know! God coming in the form of our flesh to rescue us from the condemnation of sin and give us eternal life.

2. THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL JESUS CHRIST—THE GREATEST MESSAGE WE WILL EVER HEAR

(A) This message tells us of the great miracle by which Christ came into the world.

I believe as the Bible says that Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary and was born of her. That in this fashion God became flesh and dwelt among men, being tempted and tried in every way as we are, yet remaining pure and without sin.

(B) This message tells us of the great miracles wrought by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry.

It tells how he walked on the turbulent sea and commanded it to be still. It tells how he fed the 5,000 with five barley loaves and two small fish; how he gave sight to the blind, cast out demons, made the deaf hear, the lame walk, cleansed the lepers, and raised the dead to life again!

And the Holy Spirit says through the apostle John that these miracles are recorded that our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God should be confirmed and that believing we might have life through his name.

(C) This message tells of the authoritative teachings of Jesus Christ.

The systems and schemes and philosophies of men have blossomed and withered and disappeared like the leaves of the forests, but in the words of Jesus are evergreen! He never wrote a line—save on one occasion in the dust—yet the words that he spoke have brought more hope and joy and righteousness into the world than all the sayings of all the wise men of all the ages.

There is no saying of Jesus which is obsolete! There is no word of Jesus which needs revision! Even his enemies had to admit that, "never man spoke like this man." (John 7: 46). And Jesus himself declared, "my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24: 35).

(D) This message tells us that Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary, that he was buried in a tomb, and that he rose again.

Jesus Christ shed his blood on the Cross for our sin. He paid the price of sin for every one of us. He became sin for us. And his resurrection from the dead is the sign and seal of his power to give us everlasting life.

It is fashionable these days for some theologians and others to discount and discredit the teachings concerning the virgin birth, the miracles, the power of the Saviour's shed blood, and his physical resurrection. The facts of the gospel are measured by the puny minds of men and rejected because they are too great to be absorbed by human reason alone.

Just recently I was reading the comments of one writer who obviously did not believe in the bodily or physical resurrection of Jesus. He claimed that our eternal life does not depend on various doctrines including that of the resurrection but rather on the forgiving grace and loving purpose of God.

But if the doctrines of the virgin birth, the blood of Christ, the bodily resurrection, and others are dispensed with then the whole framework of our faith falls, for it is through these that

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COURAGE IN DARKNESS

(See Cover)

THE cover picture shows Mrs. Dora Smith, 85, receiving a kiss from a young relative, Jenny Campbell, 2½, of Forest Hill, after accepting her Royal Humane Society award at the Kooyong Blind Citizens' Community Centre.

Mrs. Smith was presented with her award by the president of the society, Mr. L. R. Spellman.

Mrs. Smith, blind since she was six, was presented with the society's Silver Medal for bravery when she tried to put out her husband's blazing clothing in their South Yarra home last year.

Mr. Smith, also totally blind, had fallen against a gas heater and Mrs.

Smith put out the flames, using her hands and body, but her husband later died in hospital.

She has lived since then at the Association for the Blind's home at Brighton Beach.

Mrs. Smith has been a member of the Church of Christ at South Yarra, Vic., since 1920 when she was married there. She still takes an interest and church members take communion to her.

THREE DIRECTORS FOR A.C.C. DIVISION

The Australian Council of Churches has appointed three directors to handle the work of its Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

The division is responsible for an overseas aid programme of about \$750,000 annually and the bringing to Australia of refugees and needy migrants.

Each of the directors will have overall national responsibility for an area of work.

The Rev. E. H. Arblaster has been named Director of Inter-Church Aid; Dr. Laszlo Benyei as Director of Resettlement; and Miss Elsie Needham as Director of Integration.

The appointments follow a review of work by the Division.

The Rev. Harvey L. Perkins, who has been the division's secretary since 1965, resigned at the beginning of May. He is now full-time Secretary for Inter-Church Aid and Mission for the East Asia Christian Conference, a regional ecumenical organisation. For the present he will work from Sydney.

UNUSUAL OFFERING GETS RING(ING) ENDORSEMENT

(Chicago, Ill.). What does a church do when a diamond ring appears in the offering plate one Sunday morning?

That was the quandary faced by the board at Villa Park Christian Church, southwest of Chicago. The decision was to advertise the item in their church newsletter and in the local newspaper.

When no one claimed the ring they decided to place it in the church safe deposit box for a year.

The year ended and still no one had inquired about the ring. So this month it was sold for \$85 and the money added to general church funds.

Richard King, the pastor, told the final chapter of the story in the newsletter and inquired, "Anyone else have any valuable jewellery for the offering plate?"

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SYMPOSIUM ON SCIENTIST-THEOLOGIAN

About 150 Protestants, Roman Catholics and non-churchgoers are expected to meet in Sydney to discuss the impact of a major contemporary scientist-theologian, Teilhard de Chardin.

The symposium, arranged by Australian Frontier, is to be at St. James' Hall, Phillip Street, Sydney, Sat., July 6.

Lecturers will be the Rev. J. C. Alexander, Vice-Master of Ormond College, Melbourne; Prof. Charles Birch, head of the School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney; and W. J. Ginnane, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Aust. National University.

Registration forms for the symposium, which will include a light luncheon, are available at the office of Australian Frontier, 26 O'Connell Street, Sydney. Phone 255-985.

OUTREACH CHURCHES

(Indianapolis, Ind.). The United Christian Missionary Society has spent nearly half a million dollars this decade in establishing new churches outside the United States.

The major agency of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) reports the spending of \$486,390 since 1960, over half of it in Puerto Rico. Assistance has also been given to Hong Kong, the Congo, Jamaica, Mexico, India, the Philippines, Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, Argentina, and Paraguay.

He advocated "melting down of golden candlesticks and silver plate and using the money from their sale to send pig breeders to assist the poor in Zambia, and rat catchers to Bihar, and guerrilla priests to Guatemala."

During his current stay in Britain Mr. Temple has chaired the group which produced the recent Haslemere Declaration, a radical approach to the problem of world poverty.

Appointed a Methodist missionary to Northern Rhodesia in 1943, Mr. Temple taught at the Kafue School, established the first rural training centre in Northern Rhodesia, and worked at the Christian Literature Society before he was asked by President Kenneth Kaunda to become deputy director of the Zambia Youth Service in 1964.—E.P.S.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

(St. Louis, Mo.). Christian women ought to be where the action is—participating with men in all aspects of church life and attacking social problems head-on.

More "involvement" of women—not as females but as competent and concerned persons—emerged as a clear objective in a Consultation on Women in the Church by the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

FORMER MISSIONARY FASTS

(London). The Rev. Merfyn Temple, former Methodist missionary in Zambia who is now secretary of the country's Land Settlement Board, began a fast on May 21 in Westminster Abbey to protest against the wealth of the Church in the face of world poverty.

"I don't know how long I can hang on, but I hope it will be a week or 10 days on water and orange juice," he said.

"In a world in which the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, I have come to believe that all the money raised in the churches for the world's poor is worth nothing unless at the same time the Church declares its intention to sell all that it has and give it to the poor," he said.

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S.S. HELPS EIDSVDOLD

(Southport, Qld.). Children of the S.S. take a special interest in the cause at Eidsvold and in the last six months have donated \$130 for work there . . . The S.S. anniversary theme at Parents' and Pupils' night was "Christ is the Answer." . . . The Friendship Hour, led by Mrs. Betty Carter, which encourages women from outside the church to share in fellowship, held its anniversary on June 11. Bring and Buy stalls at these functions and at C.W.F. raise funds for a manse . . . 20 meet each Sunday night for tea and C.Y.F. Bible study at home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson . . . C.W.F. ladies recently visited Murwillumbah. Miss V. Callanan addressed the Moorooka C.W.F. . . . E. Watson is minister.

FIRST RESIDENT MINISTER

(Mandurah, W.A.). Ron Cook, of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, will be the first resident minister of this church. He will commence early in 1969. The church is negotiating for a manse . . . Assist. Sec., Fred Lucraft, collapsed while making the announcements on May 19, and died a few minutes later. . . . Mervyn Livingstone (church secretary) and his wife are at present in England.

VOLUNTEER FOR NORSEMAN

(Warrnambool, Vic.). Mrs. Groves is at Norseman, W.A., on voluntary relief work with the mission. Home commitments will necessitate her return in August. Gifts from the church and B.S. were made prior to leaving Warrnambool . . . An offer has been made by Mrs. Souter to replace the old sandstone wall with brick as a memorial to her family (Stevens). . . . Mrs. Hose is still confined to hospital. N. Crocker is home following hospitalisation and Mr. and Mrs. S. Harrop have been confined to their home . . . Mid-week family tea and Bible Study group Fellowship has resumed after a recess of some weeks.

THINGS TO COME

- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- JULY:**
- 4 — Christian Women's Fellowship "Convention Day" — at Burwood.
 - 7 — Overseas Mission Sunday — in all Churches.
- VICTORIA**
- JUNE:**
- 29 — C.Y.F. Annual Dinner and Meeting.
 - June 26-Aug. 21—Leadership and Y.A.F. Sensitivity Training Programme (9 Wednesdays).
- JULY:**
- 5 — Good Companions Worship Services.
 - 6 — FOYA.
 - 6 — Explorer Indoor Sports Final.
 - 7 — Overseas Mission Sunday — in all Churches.
 - 13 — C.E. Inter-Y.F. Function.
 - 17 — H.M. & Evang. Prayer Rallies.
 - 19 — Impact.
 - 20-21 — Explorer Leader Training Camp.
 - 26 — Soc. Service Women's Comm. Luncheon.
 - 27 — Impact (Country).
 - 28 — Girls' Sunday.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
- JUNE:**
- 28-29 — "Communicating the Gospel". Southern Conf. Churches at Pt. Sturt.
- JULY:**
- 7 — Overseas Mission Sunday — in all Churches.
 - 12-21 — Stewardship Programme, Cheltenham.
 - 14 — Christian Educ. Evaluation, Blackwood.
 - 30 — Second Christian Union Seminar, Maylands.

FUND FOR ABORIGINES

The secretary of the A.C.C. Division of Mission (the Rev. F. G. Engel) has advocated creation of a national fund of at least \$200,000,000 to compensate Aborigines for land taken from them.

Addressing the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Mr. Engel made a strong plea for Aborigines to be recognised as people entitled to their own land, culture and customs.

Mr. Engel said the national land fund should be established to break down widespread paternalism of whites and the dependency of Aborigines.

Describing the taking of the Aborigines' land as "the greatest act of piracy," he said it was now possible to assess exactly how much the lands taken from them should be valued at.

Mr. Engel said the \$200 million fund would indicate clearly to the Aborigines and the world that Australians were no longer prepared to imagine that the comforts of civilisation or access to social welfare benefits or maintenance on a government settlement were adequate compensation for a continent, and the disruption of a total, stable way of life.

"Such a fund would be used to provide finance for the education of every Aboriginal child, recognising that without adequate financial support their families cannot afford to keep them at school long enough, nor let them proceed to higher education," he said.

He said the fund should be established by Federal Government action and administered by trustees or a grants commission, the membership of which would be Aborigines, or include a majority of Aborigines.

• MEN'S WORK

UNUSED RESOURCES

This is true of the men of our churches. Nearly 250 men met for tea during the Vic.-Tas. Conference a few weeks ago and when we consider the numbers and the quality of the men in our churches it is obvious that much more could be done.

In a remote corner of a popular tourist resort on the island of Viti Levu of the Fijian group, there is a small cemetery. Amongst the ageing tombstones there is one which has inscribed on the headstone, the epitaph "Brothers, I have done my best."

Of how many Christian men could this be written? Yet we are expected to do our best in service for the Master in his church.

There are many and varied activities of the Christian Men's Fellowship. Men are working together and finding a wonderful satisfaction and an opportunity of greater fellowship and sharing with others in our brotherhood.

There are many avenues where we can help one-another.

We need the support of every man to assure the effective service.

Has your church appointed a delegate

S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Next meeting of the Fraternal will be held at Gawler Place on Monday, July 1 at 10.30 a.m. Speaker: C. G. Flood.

A.C.C. SEEKS MEMBER FOR YOUTH WORK

The Australian Council of Churches is seeking a member of staff for youth.

The appointment will be a new one. The successful applicant will function in the field of youth work in general and be associated with the Inter-Church Aid programme in particular.

The appointment is for two to three years in the first instance, the staff member will work from Sydney.

Full details of the position are available from: The General Secretary, Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent Street, Sydney, N.S.W., 2000.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The next C.W.F. Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, July 5 at 11 a.m. W. T. Atkin will speak on little known aspects of the Social Service Dept.

DISCIPLES IN JAMAICA

The Disciples of Christ in Jamaica have voted to become a part of the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman, a body currently embracing Congregational, Presbyterian and Moravian traditions. The addition of the 5,270-member communion would increase the size of the United Church by about one-third.—E.P.S.



D. E. STEWART

The Traralgon church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. and Evang., announce that D. E. Stewart, an exit student from Kenmore Christian College, will commence the church's first full-time ministry in Feb., 1969. Mr. Stewart holds diploma qualifications in electrical and mechanical engineering and anticipates completing a B.A. degree with the University of Queensland this year. He has had teaching experience with the Queensland Educ. Dept. and has served as a C.M.F. commissioned officer in the Royal Australian Engineers. Mr. Stewart is married with two children.

This appointment marks a major developmental move in the Department's strategy in the Latrobe Valley. During the 1950's the Dept. pioneered the work at Morwell and a virile self-supporting church now represents us in that town. In 1965 new work was commenced at Churchill with the co-operative pro-

LATROBE VALLEY APPOINTMENT

gramme between Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Churches of Christ. Mr. Stewart and B. C. Snoxall, the Morwell minister, will work in a team association and share responsibilities for the area development. The Bentleigh church assisted Traralgon financially during 1966-67 and expects to make a substantial contribution to the new proposal for 1969.

The present membership at Traralgon is a relatively small one and the church faces great demands upon it for future development and outreach. There is a real sense in which people in the Public Service such as teachers, policemen and others in private employment might consider the possibility of transfer to Traralgon. The work of the church would be greatly aided by the addition of a number of member families. The Dept. would be pleased to supply any information.

DEATH OF JOE BLINCO

(Cal., U.S.A.). The death is announced of Rev. Joe Blinco. He will be remembered as a member of the Billy Graham team in the Crusade of 1959 in Australia.

BUILDING RESTORED

(Burwood, Vic.). The church building is now restored after the recent storm removed one-third of the roof. The total cost was met by insurance . . . Sunday evening services for June and July are held at 4.30 p.m. Rev. Les. Hahn, Monash University Chaplain, was interviewed and spoke at the 4.30 service, June 16 . . . G. J. Lord is minister.

NEW HALL OPENED

(Bunbury, W.A.). After a service of dedication for the \$16,000 hall the doors were opened by Mrs. A. Horn, the only surviving foundation member from 1902, and S. Hicks. 150 attended the Saturday tea and social when F. Rees, of Fremantle, led in devotions. Sunday speakers were T. A. Morrison (past member) and former minister D. W. Tonkin (Leonora). Thank offerings were \$228. 12 oil paintings by local member Mrs. Dean were for sale and some were sold. Proceeds will go to hall equipment. The brotherhood and many churches were

HURSTVILLE'S NEW MINISTER

(N.S.W.). The church at Hurstville has intimated that Graeme Chapman, at present serving with the church at Kedron, Queensland, will commence a ministry in July of this year. Hurstville has been served recently by P. E. Thomas in an interim ministry and Ed. Holt, final year Woolwich student. . . . Mrs. A. Copley screened slides of her overseas trip at ladies' fellowship evening . . . Pendle Hill boys were guests for a splendid P.S.A. programme on Harvest Festival Sunday. They also attended evening service.

MONTH FOR UNITY

(Scarborough, W.A.). The annual business meeting set aside June for the month for teaching and discussion on Christian Unity. It was also decided to appoint a caretaker to care for the grounds and buildings . . . During the absence of L. Fitch, Len. Jones has been appointed S.S. Supt. . . . Several families have transferred to the Scarborough church and two lads were baptized and welcomed into fellowship.

INVERELL CONFESSIONS

(N.S.W.). Two young people have confessed Christ at recent meetings . . . The recently formed choir is assisting at evening services . . . 50 ladies attended a tea to hear Mrs. Main, Women's Conf. Pres., speak and to see slides of India . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barry Morris, now living at Tamworth, were farewelled at a church supper . . . Billy Graham follow-up material is promoting interesting discussion at winter cottage Bible studies . . . Maxwell Hall is minister.

TARGET: 49 JOBS

(Morwell, Vic.). 40 out of 49 listed jobs were completed in a successful night working bee. There was a big attendance of all ages . . . At an Overseas Missions night the general sec., Ron McLean, was speaker. Coloured slides of work in New Hebrides, New Guinea and India were shown . . . A men's basketball team has been entered in Latrobe Valley winter competitions. Players are from Y.A.F. and Teens Time.

8 A.M. CHURCH

(Knoxfield, Vic.). The church will experiment with an early time for morning worship. From the first Sunday in July, services will be held at 8 a.m., followed by B.S. at 9.30 a.m. . . . Recent speakers have included Principal E. L. Williams of Boronia, on regular monthly exchange with the Knoxfield student minister, R. Pfeifer, and D. H. Smith, H.M. Secretary . . . A book stall was set up in the church for Literature Week . . . Mrs. Ruth Knight is president of the C.W.E.F. The secretary is Mrs. Ruth Finger . . . 15 young people share in C.Y.F. activities led by Geoff. Benson, assistant student minister.

80th MILESTONE

(Vic.). Will R. Hibbert, minister, youth leader, counsellor, writer, editor, and adventurer in the regions of mind and spirit, is living in some sort of retirement in Melbourne. He celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary on June 21, and receives a friendly wave from us all.

FIRST DECISION AT KELMSCOTT

(W.A.). A young lad, David Gilbert, was the first person to confess his faith at the new Kelmscott church. He was baptized at South Perth. Encouraging attendances are being maintained at Kelmscott. George Wood preaches at 5 p.m. on Sundays, and Frank Raymond gives the morning addresses.

VIC.-TAS. D.C.E. ON THE MOVE

The Department has purchased a house in Normanby Ave., East Bentleigh, for the use of the incoming Director . . . B.S. committee has conducted two successful "Activities in Teaching" conferences at Brighton and Ballarat . . . Nicholas Hall was again filled to capacity for Impact programme on Witness which included the film, "Your Last Chance" and an interview of Olympic runner, Peter Norman . . . One-day conference on the work of the Dept. was held at Ararat for country ministers in west and north of Victoria. One minister did a five-hour drive

each way to attend and then wrote to thank the Dept. for arranging the day. . . . Explorer boys had record number at mid-year tea to consider ways of challenging boys . . . 68 trainee leaders spent a weekend at Monbulk under Good Companions' guidance . . . Young people from the central-northern churches travelled in numbers to Bendigo for the first country Impact for 1968. The C.Y.F. team then shared in services on Sunday at Swan Hill, Woorinen, Echuca, Shepparton, Mooroopna and Kyneton. Leaders are training for the Tassie Trek in Jan. 1969, organised by the Explorers for boys 14 and over.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

At the first council meeting of the new Conference year the president, Mrs. Rankine, welcomed 159 delegates and visitors representing 61 churches. R. V. Amos, General Conference President, who brought a greeting, then led the devotions.

Total contributions for 1968 Golden Bag Appeal for the Brotherhood Centre were \$2,131.05. \$30 from the Missionary Camp account has been donated to provide S.S. lesson material for the Cummeragunga Mission.

Mrs. Morrison reported on the Lay Institute for Evangelism seminar. Attention was drawn to three new seminars to be held.

Next council meeting is on July 5, 11 a.m.

UNITED WITNESS

(E. Preston, Vic.). The church shared in united witness in Preston Town Hall to close "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." The message was given by Rev. Himbury of Whitley College . . . Some members are involved in studies based on the booklet "Renewal." Groups selected from Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Church of Christ congregations meet on Sunday evenings . . . 20 attend C.Y.F. and occasionally include "Impact" as a programme item . . . Heather Stirling has been appointed school captain at Lakeside High . . . Temple Day target has been set for \$1,000.

"FORGET-ME-NOTS"

(West Preston, Vic.). During the year, older members of the church, older relatives of church members, and others in need of friendship, have had joyous moments as folk in the church have sent cards, greetings, encouraging letters and flowers. The recipients were unaware of who their friend had been but on June 16 both met and the secret was out. They had tea in the Youth Centre where Mrs. Maralyn Jones entertained. Most then attended the gospel service. . . . At our recent youth service, Colin Ware was speaker and Joan Ware was soloiste . . . The Junior C.E. continues to visit the Janefield Training Home, and the young people recently entertained at the Mont Park Psychiatric Hospital . . . Ian Holtham has made his decision for discipleship.

MISSIONARIES FAREWELLED

(Bentleigh, Vic.). The Poona and Inland Village Mission combined with our church to farewell Mr. and Mrs. R. Robotham prior to their returning to India. Rev. J. G. Miller gave a challenging message. Fred. Levett was song leader and soloist . . . On Queen's Birthday weekend the church combined with East Kew for a family camp at Monbulk. W. W. Saunders was leader . . . A Fact and Faith film, "The Prior Claim" has been screened . . . The ladies are meeting fortnightly for morning prayer and Bible study. The weekly prayer and Bible study meetings for the winter months are held in homes of members . . . Planned missionary giving is keeping ahead of promises.

MINI-MISSION

(Cheltenham, Vic.). A special Mini-Mission for three Sunday nights began in the Cheltenham Hall on June 16. Early Wednesday morning prayer meetings have prepared for the mission . . . The church offers its sympathy to Mrs. Moyes on the death of her mother, Mrs. E. Vernon . . . The church has despatched a cheque for \$1,000, the first half of our financial support for Brotherhood Outreach projects . . . Recent features have been a teachers' dedication service, special Mothers' Day service conducted by ladies, the singing of C.W.E.F. choir at Hampton church on May 29, and attendance by 30 campers at Seaview long weekend camp . . . The church now conducts an extra morning service at 9.30 a.m.

MEN IN ACTION

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). The C.M.F. gave a Black and White Minstrel Show at the Footscray Methodist Church to raise funds for their parsonage repairs. The B. & W. group was formed 12 months ago to raise money for new seating in our own church. Since then the show has been staged at other churches including Ararat Church of Christ . . . The C.Y.F. joined with the C.M.F. to hear Mr. Steer outline the working of the Christian Building Trust. J. D. Watt and Alan Fergus from the Central Board of the C.M.F. screened the Ansvar film "Crossroads of History." . . . Men have helped with visitation work at Mount Royal Hospital.

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A.C.C. SEEKS SECRETARY FOR STUDIES DIVISION

The Australian Council of Churches is seeking a secretary for its Division of Studies and Communication. The present secretary, the Rev. Rex Davis, is leaving in September to join the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

Full details of the position are available from the General Secretary, Australian Council of Churches, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney, N.S.W., 2000.

INTER-SCHOOL CAMPS

Six evangelistic camps for school pupils were conducted by the I.S.C.F. during May vacation.

These were part of a major programme of 42 camps for the year and emphasise specialised activities to attract the unchurched teenager.

They included a cruising holiday on the Hawkesbury River for 3rd and 4th form students and a touring camp for 5th and 6th formers, covering 1,000 miles of South Western N.S.W.

Of special interest was a camp on "Christian Living" for "enquirers" from the Billy Graham Crusade.

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to a debate on "Agnosticism v. Christianity." The preacher read the note aloud to his audience and then said, "I will accept on these conditions. Mr. Lewis must bring with him one man who was an outcast of society but who is now wonderfully changed by the message of unbelief. And he must also bring one woman who was a stranger to purity but is now living a pure and holy life as a result of the message of agnosticism. And I will bring one hundred men and women who were just such lost souls, but who have been marvellously transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and have found new life and joy in him."

This was too much for the agnostic who made a quick and silent departure!

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A boat was leaving for a distant land. On board was a group of soldiers going to fight a war in that land. They stood at one end of the deck leaning over the rail as a great crowd gathered below to bid them farewell. On the other end of the deck, and also looking down on the wharf was the lone figure of a young man going as a missionary to that same country. Only one man, his father, stood below him on the wharf. As the crowd waved to the soldiers they cried, "Give them hell, boys, give them hell!" The father of that missionary looked up into his son's face and said, "My son, you give them Jesus Christ; you give them Jesus Christ!"

ISRAEL TO PAY WAR DAMAGE

(Jerusalem). Israel has agreed to pay full compensation for damage suffered by churches in the wars of 1948 and 1967.

Three religious groups are involved: the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the Armenian Patriarchate, and the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, which represents Catholic property rights.

The agreement did not specify the amount of money involved. This will be determined by a group of experts. —E.P.S.

WOMEN IN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Edinburgh). The Church of Scotland, by a large majority in its General Assembly, voted to admit women to the ministry.

The action concluded a campaign extending back for almost 40 years. Four years ago the Rev. Mary Lusk, a Presbyterian who later married a Church of Scotland minister, unsuccessfully petitioned the Assembly for ordination. Her action put the issue in the forefront of church politics.—E.P.S.

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DIRECTOR DISCUSSES FUTURE

(Tweed Heads, N.S.W.). Kevin Crawford, Director of Evang. and H.M. for N.S.W., was guest speaker at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah. During his visit he met the Murwillumbah church board and the two student ministers, G. Poulton and B. Cutchie, to discuss developments in the area and future plans. . . . A number of ladies from Tweed Heads attended the anniversary service of the Murwillumbah C.W.F. Mrs. R. D. Main, Women's Conf. Pres., was guest speaker and soloiste. 130 attended.

18 DECISIONS

(Burwood, N.S.W.). During the past eight weeks there have been six additions by faith and baptism. A further twelve, principally young people from the Brigades and B.S. have confessed their faith in Christ and are being counselled. A very active Youth Group makes spiritual and social provisions. . . . The church is embarking on a faith venture with the view of supporting a missionary in the field. . . . The church was saddened by the sudden death of Dr. Len. Rasmussen.

F. A. ELLIOTT IN THE U.S.A.

(N.S.W.). Franklyn A. Elliott, minister of the church at Caringbah, left recently for a three-months' assignment tour of the U.S.A. Mr. Elliott has been associated with the "Navigators" in "Follow-up" work in connection with the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney, and while in North America he will serve as song-leader and group-leader at "Navigator" Study Camps in Colorado, North Platte, Nebraska, and Massanetta Springs, Virginia. He expects to return in September via Great Britain and the Continent.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST:

We invite all readers to share with us in prayer on behalf of—

1. All engaged in planning for Federal Conference, Sydney, Oct. 16-22.
2. Overseas Mission workers on every field—but in particular those engaged in medical service, at Dhond, India; at Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides, and the patrol work of the nurses and "doctor-boys" in New Guinea.
3. The boys and girls of our Aborigines' Mission centres in W.A.—at Carnarvon, at Norseman, and at Esperance.
4. All who serve in musical activities in our local churches, in N.S.W. and throughout the Commonwealth — organists, pianists, song-leaders, choirs and choir-masters and soloists.
5. All church officers, whether elders or deacons, both within the local church and also in the ever-widening field of witness in the community.
6. The door-keepers and ushers who so unobtrusively give of their time and service—that they may offer a friendly welcome to all who come to know more of God's all-embracing love.

B.S. WORKERS' "HOUSE-PARTY"

(N.S.W.). A B.S. Workers' House-Party was conducted by the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ., June 7-10 at Camp Greenhagh, Lake Illawarra.

Charles Dainty, Fraternal President, and Miss Dawn Fishburn, secretary, led the planning arrangements. D.C.E. Director, Bruce Armstrong, gave the introductory message on various current procedures in the field of Christian Education, and discussion developed on the themes of "Your Children," "Your Lesson," "Study Courses," "Lesson Materials" and "Problems and Ideas Exchange."

The Conf. Pres., H. M. Long, spoke at the Sunday communion service. In addition, prepared "Quiet Time" material provided the basis for the spiritual tone at the commencement of each day's programme.

Guest lecturer for the house party was Dr. A. G. Elliott, of Woolwich College, who delivered a series of messages on "Bible Background—the Old and the New Testaments."

Warren Murray and Les Pilkington assisted ably on the musical side, and Kath and Norm Armstrong and their helpers served in the kitchen.

C.W.F. HOUSE PARTIES

(N.S.W.). Two very successful house parties have been conducted in March and June at Gilbulla, Minangle, led by Mrs. Peggy Henderson.

Mrs. A. M. Chambers was the guest lecturer at both. 84 ladies attended each, including some from country and interstate. Mrs. Chambers is very well-known for her talks on how the Bible speaks to women.

The March studies were on the First Letter to Timothy and June studies on the Book of Romans. Question time was a real help to many and interest was such that only a short concert was presented on the June Saturday night to allow Mrs. Chambers to finish unanswered questions.

The weekends proved a time of spiritual blessing.—Dorothy Dainty.

CRUSADE NEWS

(N.S.W.). For most of our churches in the Sydney and suburban districts the 1968 Billy Graham Crusade is a continuing adventure. About 500 inquirers have been referred to Churches of Christ, and ministers, counsellors and other trained workers are working round the clock in the "follow-up" programme. Individuals are being visited and contacted by telephone. Classes have been organised for Bible study and prayer. Special group-discussion classes and seminars in N.T. teaching are being featured in most of our churches. A 20th century Book of Acts could be written as a record of the way in which the Lord is using and blessing whole families, and enriching and revitalising the churches.

Kevin E. Crawford, Director of H.M. and Evang., has been responsible for much of the organisation and distribution of "follow-up" study materials to serve the needs of the many classes that have been formed.

J.E.W. DIRECTOR AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). The Australian Director of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, J. Hunting, shared with the students of the Woolwich Bible College on May 28 and told something of the story of recent events in Israel since the Six Days War and the lightning victories of June, 1967. At lunch, Mr. Hunting outlined some of the vital activities of the J.E.W. in its efforts to take the gospel to the modern Hebrew people.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Prayer text for June: "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33: 3).

Morning meditation was prepared by W.A.'s living link, Mrs. K. Ludgater, New Hebrides, and presented by Mrs. Cole, president Fremantle C.W.F. The theme was "Victorious Living." Soloiste, Mrs. D. Plenty. Mrs. D. G. Hammer led in intercessory prayer.

The president, Mrs. W. Robartson, welcomed 83 ladies from 22 C.W.F.'s A special welcome was extended to Mrs. L. C. Peacock after illness, and Mrs. Lyons recently returned from extended holiday in U.S.A.

Sample copies of the proposed Women's Auxiliary Bulletin were issued, also the "1968 Messenger."

Mrs. L. W. Ladner presented the Overseas Missions focus, an audio visual, "The Londua Story."

It was a special privilege to entertain Mrs. Bloore, Fed. Women's Pres., to morning tea when she passed through Fremantle en route to England.

160 women attended a Mother and Daughter Rally in May. Mrs. G. Wood assisted by South Perth C.W.F., presented an illustrated address, "Pattern for Living."—Dora Gordon, Sec.

12th BIRTHDAY

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). 42 attended the C.W.E.F.'s 12th birthday. Miss E. Hammond (pres. of Women's Conf.), was guest speaker. Mrs. G. Howell led in devotions, and items were given by Mesdames I. Roberts, H. Long, J. Deed and A. Reu. The birthday cake was made by Mrs. V. Hennig, and iced by Miss L. Hennig. . . . After long illness A. C. Page has been able to attend services. . . . The church extends sincere sympathy to Mrs. E. Couch in the loss of her husband on June 3. . . . Recent speakers have included Messrs. Marker and Newman (Blackwood), and M. Arnot (College of the Bible, Glen Iris). . . . Mrs. O. Lind, Messrs. G. Bywaters and S. Carruthers have returned to their homes following a period of hospitalisation. . . . Pastor Samuels of the United Aborigines' Mission addressed a combined churches' meeting in our chapel in May.

SMOKING DISCUSSION

(Morawa, W.A.). George Smith and Miles Green recently showed films on the danger of smoking and were available for questioning. . . . Friendship meetings still maintains the interest of town ladies. Features were a Mother and Daughter evening and the film, "Vietnam Profile." . . . Mrs. Applin is assisting with the growing kindergarten. Three Y.P. groups are now functioning. . . . A combined gospel service on June 2 had N. Hogg of Methodist Coorow circuit as speaker and the Church of England rector led the service. . . . A S.S. scholar was baptised on June 9. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. Heier are home from holidays spent in S.A. and Tas.

"WALK AGAINST WANT"

(S.A.). Sir Charles Moses made news recently when he walked 23 miles from Sydney to Parramatta and in this way contributed \$1,350 toward the support of "self help" development projects in Asia, Africa and India.

This money was part of the \$45,000 paid by sponsors of the 3,200 walkers who completed all or part of the course.

The organisers of this "Walk Against Want" (Community Aid Abroad), plan similar walks to be held simultaneously in Adelaide and various country centres on Sunday, August 18.

The recent E.C.A.F.E. Conference in Canberra stressed the importance of Australia's role as a leader in the development of the economies and liv-

ing standards of countries in the E.C.A.F.E. area (Asia and the Far East).

These "Walks Against Want" are one of the means used by Community Aid Abroad to focus public attention on these development needs.

To make it a State wide function, the Adelaide office of Community Aid Abroad, 5a Gay's Arcade, invites the co-operation of any organisation or individual anywhere who would like to participate or organise a local walk.

Sponsors of individual walkers guarantee to pay 5c or more per mile for every mile walked, it is not a race; but in this way funds are provided for the support of people to people "self help" projects overseas.

DOOR-KNOCK FOR DISCIPLESHIP

(Bowral, N.S.W.). After training in Life and Witness classes each Wednesday night, the members are ready to embark on a door-knock campaign of the town, seeking to win disciples. . . . There have been decisions and baptisms recently, including the two eldest daughters of the minister, E. K. Scott. . . . A new study and kitchen have been added to the church.

C.S.S. MISSION

(Geraldton, W.A.). The C.S.S. Mission was well supported. Church members helped in Austcare '68, in door-to-door canvass on May 26. . . . The Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican and Church of Christ churches shared in the Presbyterian church for Unity Week service. The Church of Christ minister was the preacher. After the service, slides were shown in the hall by the Anglican Bishop of Zambia. . . . Our minister, Mr. Gordon, was study leader at the Shenton Park Youth Camp. . . . The World Vision movie film on Vietnam was screened on June 12 by Mr. Anderson, minister at Morawa. . . . 60 song books have been donated to the church.

ASSISTING AUSTCARE

(Kensington Park, S.A.). The minister, W. Bartlett, assisted by members, delivered and collected envelopes for Austcare. . . . A J.C.E. has been commenced with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wehr as leaders. . . . S.S. anniversary services began with communion and teachers' dedication. Speakers included W. N. Bartlett, Dean Hutton, A. Norris and W. J. Philp. Mr. Barnes conducted the choir with Mrs. McKay and Ron Dix as pianist and organist. . . . \$14, proceeds from film show sponsored by S.S. will help support an Aboriginal child. C.W.F. visited "shut in" members. . . . Social Club had a handicraft evening with Mesdames Molloy and Wehr as instructresses.

CRUSADE FOLLOW-UP

(Epping, N.S.W.). Many have been helped in Crusade Follow-up Bible studies in cottage groups. . . . On Queen's Birthday holiday three young men arranged a mystery car rally. . . . R. Story of U.F.M., addressed Youth Fellowship Tea meeting and took part in gospel service. . . . C. Cole, Director of Social Service, spoke recently at Sunday services, and at an after-church fellowship on department activities.

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ORMOND MINISTRY

(Vic.). When R. C. McKenzie leaves here in Dec., 1969, to take up his appointment with the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E., he will be followed in the ministry by L. F. Barker, now of Balwyn . . . The student minister, Barry Heath, leaves next month to serve at Chelsea. His place will be taken by Keith Fechner . . . The afternoon C.W.F. group has celebrated its birthday.

DIRECTOR VISITS

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). Brian Stitt, State Youth Director, spoke at a youth tea and also took the evening service . . . The minister, I. Allsop, has recovered from an ankle injury . . . Prayers are requested for the Chris. Bridge family. Mrs. Laurel Bridge is very ill in hospital . . . C.W.F. features have included visits to St. David's "At Home" and also the Methodist ladies' afternoon. At an open C.W.F. meeting Miss Weymouth of B. & F.B. Society, was speaker. At another meeting Wycliffe Translators representatives gave slides and talk which was very interesting.

DANDENONG'S INTERIM

(Vic.). K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip. R.E., has accepted the invitation to serve this church as interim part-time minister from February to June. This will cover the period between the ministries of A. R. Lloyd and A. A. Avery. . . . C.Y.F. studied "Workshop on Prayer" by V. C. Stafford at a Berwick weekend camp . . . Over 100 ladies attended our C.W.F. Afternoon Group's 39th birthday on June 5. Guest speaker

OVERSEAS MISSIONS OFFERING — JULY 7

was Miss Mary McLean of the Save the Children Fund. A collection for this fund realised \$21. Also collectors from this church collected \$80 for Austcare. C.W.F. ladies presented a programme at Emmaus Rest Home . . . Sunday night services are now held at 5 p.m. . . . Some young people attended the Good Companions' leadership training weekend course at Monbulk . . . Mrs. Selby is now in England staying with her late husband's relatives.

NTH. PARRAMATTA BAPTISMS

(N.S.W.). Church members joined with Nth. Parramatta Gospel Chapel in providing buses to the Billy Graham Crusade. Eight young people made decisions during the Crusade. Dr. A. G. Elliott is leading in an interim ministry and conducting special "follow-up" classes. . . . A recent baptismal service was very well attended . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Swinfield have removed to the Picton district. David Bunt is now B.S. Supt. . . . An electronic organ has been purchased and is a helpful addition to the services . . . A Youth Tea was held on June 2.

NORTH WESTERN CAMP

(Ararat, Vic.). North Western District Youth Camp was held at Hall's Gap over Queen's Birthday weekend. 40 campers came from Horsham, Haven, Warracknabeal, Portland, Stawell, Knoxfield and Ararat. Studies led by Malcolm Gray featured parables. A workshop was conducted on devotion. Stawell was host church for the Sunday night gospel service in which the campers took part.

SECOND MILE GIVING

(North Turramurra, N.S.W.). At the 3rd annual business meeting the church approved a weekly budget of \$174 and endorsed the Board's recommendation to accept an Overseas Missions Finance Project (\$500 onwards) as second mile giving. Those elected to office included A. M. Cave (treas.) and P. V. Jackson (sec.). The membership, now 87, has weekly attendances of 95 to 100, a.m.,

and 55 to 60, p.m. S.S. reached record attendance of 103 on June 2 . . . Members meet Thursday evenings for Graham Crusade Bible study follow-up series and for prayer 7.30 a.m. Sat. mornings. . . . 28 girls in the Brigade were recently successful in gaining Rhythmic Movement badge—club now restricted to 50 girls with a growing waiting list . . . \$389 was collected for Austcare Refugee Appeal.

FIRST BAPTISM

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). The first baptism service in our new chapel was held on June 2 when seven people including a husband and wife were immersed. The same night a young man confessed his faith in Christ . . . The B.S. is overflowing and teaching staff is stretched to the limit. The school appreciates help given by Noel Culbert, of Ann Street, Brisbane, while here on National Service . . . Our church sec., Bert Cox, has moved to Carlingford, but is continuing to serve here in spite of travel involved . . . The Christian Book Room in Liverpool, established by the church here, is filling a great need. . . . The minister is D. O. Norling.

OBITUARY

Mrs. A. (Millie) Skewes

The church at Ormond is the poorer with the sudden death of Mrs. Skewes. As a teenager Millie Hunt linked up with our movement at Dandenong. In 1935 she was married to Bert Skewes at Oakleigh. At that church, and then here at Ormond, she was most faithful in her attendance and service for Christ. As leader of the Phi Beta Pi Club for many years she saw hundreds of girls pass through the club. Many of these were present at the service in the chapel on June 13 and formed a guard of honour outside the church. Mrs. Skewes was also church organiste for many years, and she used her artistic talent with flowers for the church. For 28 years the Ormond church was blessed with her ministries. A large and representative gathering was present in the chapel and at Springvale Lawn Cemetery. We commend the loved ones, Mr. Skewes, Neville and Anita (Mrs. Galbraith) and families, to our Heavenly Father.—R. McK.

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DEATH OF DR. FRY

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches lost one of its top elected officials with the death of Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, 67, chairman of its 100-member Central Committee. He died in New Rochelle, New York, on June 6.

He had entered hospital on May 22. When he learned that he was "gravely ill," he offered his resignation as president of the 3.2 million-member Lutheran Church in America, largest Lutheran body in the U.S.

Dr. Fry's death is a serious blow to the World Council of Churches, since he was to preside at many business sessions of the Fourth Assembly, which opens in Uppsala, Sweden, on July 4. He was preparing an address to the Assembly at the time of his death.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, W.C.C. general secretary, said: "Few church presidents or bishops have had so great an influence over so long a period as had Franklin Clark Fry. He was elected president of the United Lutheran Church in 1945. Since 1954 he had been the chief officer of the Central and Executive Committees of the W.C.C. His leadership was widely appreciated by churchmen in all our member churches; and it is difficult to contemplate going into the next period lacking his experience, his wisdom, his presence, and his personal commitment and generous loyalty to all the concerns of the W.C.C. and the ecumenical movement as a whole."

MISSIONARIES TO U.S. SOUGHT

(New York). Approximately 70 American missionaries and leaders of churches around the world are being sought to work in U.S. ghetto and suburban areas during the next seven months.

At the request of the United Presbyterian Church's Council on Evangelism, a call has gone out for personnel willing to take special temporary assignments in America's cities beginning in June. The overseas churchmen will help give a world perspective to interpretation of the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, which singled out white racism as the major cause of racial unrest.—E.P.S.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

FOR PAKISTANI FARMERS

(S.A.). The Australian Freedom From Hunger Campaign is paying for a Farmer Training Scheme at Baradi, East Pakistan, in which more than 400 young farmers and extension workers will be trained this year, said the chairman of the Country Division (David Cowell) of the S.A. Committee.

The campaign has provided \$95,528 to equip the training centre and to pay for courses for the next three years.

The training scheme is part of an irrigation project using waters from the Ganges to re-settle 20,000 farmers on productive farms.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPENT ON SOUP DIET

(Modesto, Calif.). No solid food for a week: This was the pledge undertaken by some members of First Christian Church here who were concerned by the world hunger situation vividly depicted prior to the "Week of Compassion."

A number of the members lived on

MILLION DOLLAR CHRISTMAS BOWL

"We make no apology for asking for a million dollar Christmas Bowl," said the Rev. Edmund H. Arblaster, newly appointed A.C.C. Director of Inter-Church Aid, commenting on the recently announced target of \$1,000,000 for the 1968 Christmas Bowl to service a programme of World Christian Action through Inter-Church Aid.

In figures published in "A Factual Study of Asia," Rycroft & Clemmer, 1963, Australia was reckoned to have one hospital bed per 90 inhabitants of the country; Hong Kong one bed per 500; Indonesia one per 1,300; Thailand one per 1,580; India one per 3,060. These figures, based on a U.N. report will not be up to date now, but the proportions have not changed radically. How can we fail to be moved by the need in these other countries?—A.C.C.

soup the entire week, reports the pastor, Charles L. Lindberg.

Contributions, made in lieu of food expenditures, were more than \$1,000 above that ever previously recorded by the congregation for the annual February relief offering.

SOUTH AFRICA OUSTS ANGLICAN BISHOP

(Capetown). Anglican Bishop Robert H. Mize of Damaraland, is being forced by the government of South Africa to leave the country.

A native of the United States, he is the second Anglican bishop to be expelled during the past year. Bishop C. Edward Crowther, formerly of Kimberley and Kuruman, was expelled in 1967.

Bishop Mize has headed the diocese, one of the largest in the Anglican Church, since 1960. For eight years his residence in South Africa has depended on temporary permits which ranged in

duration from three to six months. He was informed by the Ministry of the Interior early this year that his permit would not be renewed after July 1, when he is scheduled to leave South Africa to attend the Lambeth Conference in London.

The Minister gave no explanation for the expulsion but pointed out that the Immigrants Selection Board had turned down Bishop Mize's application for permanent residence "and the department cannot continue to allow you to sojourn in Southwest Africa on a temporary basis."—E.P.S.

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VICTORIA

FIVE BAPTISMS

(Warragul, Vic.). At an impressive service on June 9 five young people were baptized, and received into membership . . . Congratulations were tendered by the church to C. W. Pedersen, who has been honoured by the conferring of the M.B.E. . . . The B.S. produces its own monthly newspaper, "The School's Own." . . . Ladies have forwarded three boxes of clothing to Social Service . . . C.Y.F. has been meeting in homes of church members. . . . Church women will assist in the newly initiated "Meals on Wheels" service . . . Church members are joining in Inter-Church Council's study sessions . . . 23 young people from Cheltenham church attended morning service on June 9 and assisted in service. . . . Women of the church will provide clothing for a six-year-old girl at Carnarvon Mission . . . Quarterly United Service will be held in the Seventh-Day Adventist church, with the Methodist minister preaching . . . The minister, T. V. Weir, is commencing a training class in church membership for older B.S. children.

NEW B.S. PLANNED

(Springvale, Vic.). The B.S. has received the approval of the Officers' Board to commence a new school at Springvale South on July 14 . . . Two young people have been received into fellowship, following confessions and baptism . . . Ladies' afternoon and evening groups are working for special projects. Mrs. R. V. Amos was a recent speaker . . . Young people's functions included a coffee night and a youth rally in Collins St. Baptist Church. They produce a monthly newsletter "Teen-talk." . . . Good Companions are knitting squares and making rugs. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Aiton have left us to reside at Rosanna . . . K. Turner is minister.

DUNOLLY, Vic. At the annual meeting, F. A. Robertson was elected secretary and J. Cole treasurer . . . The youths held a table tennis night on June 15 followed by supper.

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LATROBE VALLEY LIFE LINE

(Vic.). Life Line Latrobe Valley will commence in August of this year at the completion of the first counsellor training course.

The move to start Life Line in the Latrobe Valley stemmed from the Church and Life Movement studies. The Morwell Council of Churches set up a committee to consider the formation of an emergency telephone counselling service for the Latrobe Valley. Close contact was made with L.L. International headquarters in Sydney.

A counsellor training course began on May 2, with a public meeting addressed by the Rev. Alan Walker. The training course is being attended by approx. 85 people, and will last for three months, and covers such subjects as human personality, personal relationships and defences, domestic and marital prob-

MINISTRY TO TERMINATE

(Sunshine, Vic.). V. Quayle will terminate his ministry in Jan., 1969 . . . A monthly youth service and tea with guest artists is a popular feature. A young man recently made his decision . . . Mid-week fellowship meetings are held in members' homes . . . Another series of after-school Happy Hours for children was conducted by minister. Contact was made with 54 who do not attend any S.S.

MORNING CONFESSION

(Hartwell, Vic.). A young man made his confession at morning service on June 2 . . . Evening services during winter season commence at 5 p.m. Numbers more than double previous Sundays. The theme for June is "Making Our Religion Real." . . . C.W.F. visited Emmaus Guest Home on June 11 and presented a programme arranged by Mrs. Ross and Miss Secomb . . . Foundations for new manse garage and church storage are being prepared for brick work.

NEW MANSE FOR OLD

(Gardiner, Vic.). The manse in Kent Street, having become overshadowed by blocks of flats, has been sold and a new one bought in Great Valley Road . . . On May 25, 18 members shared in the Austcare Door-knock . . . C.W.F. took lonely migrant women (mostly Greek) for a motor outing in the hills on May 30 . . . On June 2, 40 attended

lems, child and youth problems, compulsive problems, the paralysis of sin, psychological disturbance and suicide, principles of counselling, and telephone techniques.

The Board of Management appointed as its first chairman, Brian Snoxall, minister of the Church of Christ, Morwell, representing the Morwell Council of Churches on the board. The Rev. Graeme Silverwood, minister of the United Methodist, Presbyterian Church of Morwell, is suggested as director.

The office for Life Line operations will be in the Church of Christ, Morwell, and the number will be 43636. Work is being carried out on this at the present moment. The emergency telephone counselling service available from Life Line is for 24 hours per day, every day for any person with any problem. Staffing will be in about five shifts per day.

our third church luncheon followed by groups discussing the theme of "A Call to Mission." Recommendations were made that the official board be asked to explore the possibility of implementing a programme of community social service and friendship cultivation. The latter by providing a coffee lounge . . . A thankoffering for the safe return of Douglas Mudie from service in Vietnam resulted in \$96.15 being contributed for the relief of suffering there.

NEW FELLOWSHIP

(Tootgarook, Vic.). C.Y.F. and young adults held successful after-church fellowship . . . 25 Boys' Explorers' names are now on roll. Dick Copland is assisting Graham Bryant in leadership . . . Mrs. Whitfield was appointed as correspondence secretary to assist Mr. Burris . . . In the absence of minister, E. Sanders, of the Temperance Alliance, took the services and screened the film "Verdict at 1.32." . . . Mrs. M. Smith attended luncheon on June 19 and spoke on the work in New Hebrides.

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ASIAN METHODIST REPLACES M. L. KING

(Geneva). A widely-known Asian Christian leader who preached at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches 20 years ago will give the opening sermon of the Fourth Assembly this summer, replacing the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assassinated U.S. civil rights leader and minister.

The Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles, of Ceylon, chairman of the East Asia Christian Conference, will fill the vacancy created by Dr. King's death on April 4. The sermon on the Assembly theme, "Behold, I make all things new," will be delivered in the historic Cathedral of Uppsala, Sweden, on July 4.

Attending the Assembly will be 2,250 Christian leaders from around the world, including 800 delegates from the 232 Protestant, Anglican, Old Catholic and Orthodox churches belonging to the World Council.

"At this great Christian Conference from July 4 to 19 at Uppsala, in Sweden, the Churches will be able to learn from one another as they seek the will of God for them in this critical time in the world's history. It is our conviction that no Church can meet the great tasks of our time in isolation. Together they will look for renewal in their work for unity and in their witness to Jesus Christ amidst the problems of personal, social, economic, national and international life. The Assembly at Uppsala will be considering the ways in which the Churches may work together in the coming years. Pray that

God will inspire those who attend it with wisdom, love and courage and will use it in His purpose of healing our sinful and divided world."

—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

CONGO APPOINTMENT

New general secretary of the Congo Protestant Council is Jean B. Bokeleale, head of the Church of Christ in the Congo (Disciples) and vice-president of the World Convention of Churches of Christ. The council is composed of 40 denominations.—E.P.S.

INTER-CHURCH AID TO DOUBLE TARGET

Australian Inter-Church Aid will double its target for contributions next year.

It will seek to raise \$1,000,000 from its Christmas Bowl appeal in December.

In 1967, Inter-Church Aid received \$750,492 from all sources, including the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, refugee and other community organisations.

This was a slight decrease over 1966 income, which totalled \$768,061.

In setting \$1,000,000 as the target for this year's Christmas Bowl, the Inter-Church Aid Divisional Committee considered:

- The mounting requests from churches in developing countries seeking to expand food production, refugee care and social welfare programmes.

- The continuing decline in the real value of the \$ and the resulting in-

creased income for most Australian families.

- The need for Australian churches to realise the opportunities they have for helping in world development.

- The responsibility of Inter-Church Aid to faithfully represent to Australian churches the current needs of people and churches in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Inter-Church Aid will seek wider participation in its Christmas Bowl appeal and will promote higher targets for individual giving.

"We have asked Australian Christians to contribute to Inter-Church Aid the value of their Christmas meal," an Inter-Church Aid officer said.

"Many people have done this, and much more. But at the same time many people have failed to recognise that realistic sharing through Inter-Church Aid is an essential part of Christian responsibility today."—A.C.C.

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

HYMN AWARD. The versatility of our Vic. Conf. Pres. is remarkable. We knew that T. H. Scambler could preach, teach, lecture, sing and conduct a choir, but we were not prepared for his appearance as a poet. In the recent Prohibition Hymn Competition, there were 285 entries and Mr. Scambler's "The Call of God," won second prize. (This is now in our hymn book, No. 589).

HONOURED ATTENDANCE. Joseph Thompson has missed attendance at the North Carlton S.S. only twice in 26 years. Others recently honoured were Miss Grace Perry, a Box Hill teacher with unbroken attendance for 18 years, and Miss Lottie Walton, of Cheltenham, 13 years without absence.

HERE AND THERE . . . W. R. Hibburt, on leaving for W.A., was farewelled at a social evening at the College of the Bible . . . There were nine confessions at the Brunswick mission. A. G. Bennett, missionary . . . A. W. Connor is returning from W.A. to serve at Ballarat . . . A. J. Gard has been choirmaster at Grote St., Adelaide, continuously for 21 years.

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This is a part of stewardship, but only a part, and not the basic part. Actually, evangelism is a much more fundamental aspect of stewardship than finances are.

The parable of the talents, in which certain servants (referred to as "stewards") are entrusted by their master with varying sums of money for investment, is no more a parable especially about money, than the parable of the ninety-and-nine is a parable about sheep.

Faithful stewardship of course includes the responsible use of money and of everything else that we receive in trust, but we should not shrink from the meaning of that noble word by making it apply only or chiefly to money.

What, then, is the greatest treasure that has been entrusted to Christians and of which they are the trustees or stewards?

It is the gospel itself in all the fullness and richness of its meaning. This

is the gift of God to men, for their benefit, for use and application in all their relationships, and for their sowing at home and abroad.

—W. E. Garrison in "Christian Advocate."

MERGING TRAFFIC

Driving along our modern super-highways at 50-60-70 m.p.h., we cannot but be amazed at what the freeway engineers have accomplished in speeding up traffic and reducing hazards. One striking phenomenon is the ease with which cars come into the main stream. No stoplights or slowing down on the main flow, just a warning sign MERGING TRAFFIC, and the oncomers, biding their time in a parallel lane, enter quickly and continue as part of the procession.

There is another superhighway of great significance, on which engineers in Christian statesmanship have worked devotedly for some time and now with substantial accomplishment. We might call it the Freeway of Ecumenicity. Many of us can recall when each community boasted of rival churches which graced the corners of every intersection. Any gestures of friendliness were like the handclasps of boxers before the main bout.

Crossing traffic was hazardous and working into a main stream of unity required infinite patience and forbearance.

But just as we have adjusted from the meandering dirt road to the one-way limited access highway, so we are, perhaps more reluctantly, accepting the Council of Churches' concept which spells our Merging Traffic. Yes, we are doing things together that as separate denominations we were not equipped to do. As yet we may not go all out to help each other, but very little effort is longer spent in decrying the beliefs and practices of those we once thought were lost souls.

—Carl R. Brown in "The Christian."

JAPAN: THE TIMID GIANT

Now this "timid" giant is being encouraged to be conscious of his greatness. President Lyndon B. Johnson stressed a "responsibility in partnership" in speaking to Prime Minister Sato of Japan when Mr. Sato visited Washington, D.C., last fall. President Johnson referred to our responsibility as a powerful nation in the Far East.

What happened, then? Mr. Sato returned to Japan with an emphatic appeal for the cause of national defence and patriotism. Very important is the fact that he did not and would not call it a need for the defence of liberty and democracy. He translated it to the need for love of the land. Mr. Sato's government now moves to strengthen a reviving Japanese nationalism.

I am on the Social Work Committee of the United Church of Japan (the Kyodan) and take part in the formulation of the social policy of the Kyodan. From this standpoint, I would like to tell you frankly of a serious problem we face in Japan. Very embarrassing is the fact that America, whom we acknowledge as the defender of democracy, is giving a helping hand to the revival of a Japanese nationalism that would erode the spiritual basis of democracy in our country.

—Hideo Oki in "World Call."

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEWS FROM PIR

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There are many difficulties. We minister to three villages comprising about 500 people in all. Situated in hilly country, the outlying villages of Temnung and Minung are only accessible after a stiff walk over a slippery muddy track. Like most new Guineans, the people are friendly and happy in the main, but overshadowed by fears and taboos which inhibit normal life as we know it. There is a mixed attitude towards the gospel. In some quarters real coldness is evident while in others there seems to be a real interest growing. Many of the young men and women seem to be particularly reachable and we look forward to being sufficiently conversant with "pidgin" to launch a discipleship class.

Rhonda has a vital contact with the young women through a meeting held after school on Friday afternoons. Some of the younger mothers are showing the influence of the mission upon their thinking as evidenced by the careful mothercraft they exercise even in conditions that we would not consider altogether hygienic. There are plans for the men to get together to make bush timber playground equipment. These are opportunities afforded us at this early stage of having contact with them in a real way even though faced with an imperfect communication situation.

We just received a new supply of mission box clothes and various oddments that the people prize so much. In a situation such as we face here, it is always a great help where the people have little money, to be able to make available some needed article of clothing, a bar of soap, or some such necessity. We warmly and sincerely thank all those who participate in getting together these mission boxes.

We are feeling the need of utter and selfless consecration to the Lord so that we might redeem the time yet available to us for our Master.

I particularly like the words of Hannah W. Smith, "I suppose that if when we made our acts of consecration, we could actually see him (our Lord) present with us we should feel it to be a very real thing, and would realise that we had given our word to him, and could not dare to take it back. Such a transaction would have to us the binding power that a spoken promise always has to a man of honour. What we need therefore is to see that God's presence is a certain fact always, and that every word spoken in prayer is as really spoken to him as if our eyes could see him, and our hands could touch him."

How real our Saviour is to us and yet how often we his people live as if he were still in that garden tomb.

He's vitally with us today, what a glorious truth. How dare we glibly make vows to him and then fail to fulfill them.

We have just seen the successful conclusion of a convention held at Asau. The time was one of spiritual refreshment for indigine and missionary alike. At times such as these missionaries are able to share in their mutual plans and objectives and gain insight for the work that lies ahead in the future. The indigines learn to share with others of differing tribal background and realise

that the gospel encompasses all conditions of men. Deputations to the convention came from Chungribu, Tsumba, Pir, Bunapas and Asau. The emphasis was on the disciplined Christian life—including the daily observance of disciplined life of prayer and Bible study. Discussion was held on man's attitude to God and his fellows in the course of which several of the indigines showed a keen awareness of the implications of the gospel.

There are reports that the B. & F.B.S.'s production of the New Testament in pidgin English is ready for press and should be in our hands sometime this year. While we have had the gospels and some N.T. letters in separate volumes this now means a complete N.T. in one volume which will be most eagerly received by all of us here.

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE LOVED

George F. MacLeod has said: "I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the centre of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. . . . Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek (or shall we say in English, in Bantu and in Afrikaans?); at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where he died. And that is what he died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmen should be about."

And if we do all this, what then? Will it solve the problems that have led to so many voices crying in the wilderness of despair and poverty?

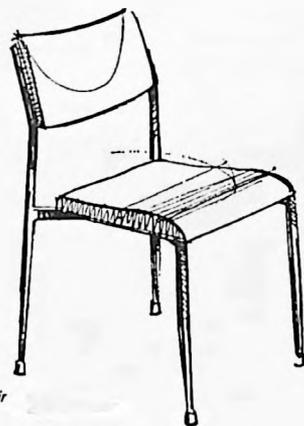
I don't know. But I believe we are called, not to success necessarily, but to faithfulness. I know, for example, that some years ago a minister brought Negro and white young people together for a number of inter-racial camping experiences. This minister, in his warmly human way, put his arms around many a young person in a gesture of Christian love. During the Watts riots some of those Negro young people, now a bit older, said they could not harm a white person because in the face of every white person they met they could see the face of that minister and those young people who a few years ago accepted them as fellow Christians. One of them said, "Someone put his arms around me and I knew for the first time what is meant to be loved."—(United Church Herald.)

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For Persistence

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"We don't mind being lost," was the reply. "It's being discovered that worries us."