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THE DUTCH DISCOVER MISSIONS

The heading is misleading. The Dutch have been supporting missions to the extent of 20 million guilders a year. The Netherlands churches have mission stations and missionaries in many lands.

What the Dutch have discovered is a new incentive for increasing mission activity, and a new way of doing it.

After surveying world missions and their problems, and realising that the missionary is a healer, teacher, and social worker as well as evangelist, eleven Dutch churches sought the co-operation of service organisations in a massive campaign. A fund raising committee invited ten journalists and radio reporters to see the need at first hand and sent them on a tour of mission fields in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The professional newsmen were impressed and the daily newspapers printed long articles about mission stations and missionaries. Radio and T-V stations presented hour-long programmes.

Plans were then made to visit the homes of the people on one special night. A target of 20 million guilders was set, an amount equal to their normal annual missionary offerings. When the night of giving arrived, 100,000 visitors called at the homes of Dutch Protestants. Before midnight, radio and T-V stations announced that the goal had been reached and passed. The giving continued until nearly 30,000,000 guilders had been received, nearly SA8,000,000.

The costs of the campaign were less than five per cent of the amount received. It had been feared by some that a big response to this appeal would reduce the amount of normal missionary giving. Instead, normal mission giving is up by about 20%.

About half of the money will be used to meet the extraordinary demands of the situation in Indonesia, where a great inflow of Christian disciples requires pastors, buildings, hospitals, and training colleges. Similar assistance will be given to other areas.

This result reminds us that we need not be timid in telling the story of missions or in asking for sacrificial support. With the theological turmoil inside the church, and the chaotic mess in the world outside, many of us tend to think in terms of survival. If only we maintain what we have we shall do well!

The early church would not have understood this attitude. Its position was much more precarious than ours. It did not think of survival but of capturing the whole world for Christ. The Dutch have shown us that daring advances are still possible.

UNUSUAL GRADUATION

On the A.B.C. radio programme, "A.M.", the other morning, it was good to hear the familiar voice of Allan C. Male, the Director of Christian Education for our churches in Queensland.

He was being interviewed about the church and community programme he is heading, and which is aimed at helping and restoring young people who have been brought before the courts. Where the young people were once sent to institutions or to an inadequate probation programme, some of them are now obliged to attend a course which lasts for about six months, but takes only a few hours a week.

The programme includes physical, social, and citizenship activities, as well as personality developing sessions. It has the support and interest of many competent leaders and influential organisations. It also has government financial support.

The occasion of the "A.M." interview was the "graduation" of boys at the conclusion of the first course. Mr. Male stated that so far there had been a 100% response in that none of the boys had reverted to the way of life that had brought them before the courts. "Of course," he added, "it may be that they haven't been caught!"

It is unlikely that this splendid achievement will be wholly maintained but there is sufficient evidence to indicate that boys are being won over to a new set of values and a decent way of life.

Our Queensland churches are to be congratulated in making it possible for their youth director to make such a significant Christian contribution to a serious social problem.

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BUILDING BRIDGES

To try to understand our fellowmen.
To see thro' eyes of God his various ways.
To be a friend thro' all his troubled days,
To be a strength in every way we can.
To build a bridge across to unknown friends,
To forge the links of chains that bind us dear.
To help some souls to feel that God is near.
This makes for peace that all men comprehend.

— Lesley Stirling.

OPENING AT UPPSALA

By HAROLD F. GROSS

The Australian delegation, 20 strong, were, characteristically enough, one of the last to get themselves organised into ranks of four for the procession to the Cathedral. The sun shone from a cloudless sky; the day was (for us) pleasantly warm. If we stared a little at the range of ecclesiastical drapery that swirled around us kaleidoscopically, perhaps the Father who remembers that we are dust could smile at his children who, child-like, still enjoy getting "all dressed up." As befitted representatives of those "whose tradition is not to have a tradition," Neil Gilmore and I wore the uniform of the ministry of Churches of Christ, the lounge suit, but in one case at least, for this occasion, it had to be a new one!

Just before 10 a.m. we set off, free-step, to cover the several hundred yards to the twin-spired red brick cathedral, its entrance approached beneath a gold and crimson canopy. Nearing the entrance there was a temporary pause as a motorcade swept by, escorting King Gustav VI Adolf to the service. As Crown Prince, in 1925, King Gustav had been a daily attendee at the Stockholm Life and Work Conference.

The procession had been marshalled alphabetically by nations, so the Australians were almost at its head. Everyone except the official delegates were already in their places, as we were directed to our seats. Being among the first, we were seated in the chancel, in rows of chairs at right angles to the altar. A modernistic composition for a wind ensemble was played by musicians garbed in a crimson gown, with bands of yellow running from the shoulder. To our left, and slightly behind us, was the blue-robed choir. Facing us, in the chancel aisle, and about 15 feet away, sat the king, and to his left, and just behind him were President Kenneth Kaunda, of Zambia, and his lady, the latter in national costume.

We followed our English order of service as the O.T. lesson (Jer. 31: 31-34) was read in German by Pastor Hans Frei, the young international secretary of the Old Catholics, a Swiss pastor with whom I break my boiled egg every morning at breakfast. A litany of thanksgiving and supplication followed.

The service moved on. "Hear how, in Jesus Christ, God's new creation has begun" introduced the N.T. lesson, the Resurrection narrative, John 20: 1-23. Then another hymn; the sermon; anthem; the Apostles' Creed; a prayer of dedication for the Fourth Assembly ("... Give us power to serve you in this Assembly... Help us to see your purpose for the world in which we live... Remember for good the churches from which we come... renew in them a living confidence that you can do more than we ask or think..."); the Lord's Prayer (each in his native tongue); and a closing hymn.

The closing prayers had been led by the Metropolitan Meliton of Chalcedon in English; the Benediction pronounced by Archbishop Josefson of Uppsala, in Swedish; and the Postlude (Psalm 150, the "Gloria in Excelsis" and "Veni Creator Spiritus") sung in Latin by the choir.

Those who have heard Dr. D. T. Niles, the Methodist leader from Ceylon, will not be surprised to hear that

his address revealed his masterly exegetical gift. He used the passage Rev. 21: 5-6 as his text, in which appear the words of promise which form the theme of the Assembly, "I am making all things new." He spoke of the Divine Promise. "That which is promised is the complete and final fulfilment of what is already available as present experience." It is Christ who is now at work, and it is Christ who will bring all things to their appointed end. He selects whom he wills as the "sign bearers" of his mercy. We must discern what the Cross makes possible. "We must be alert to hear the cry, which rises from the ground, of the blood which has been shed of man by brother-man... and hear the divine response to that cry." (Gen. 4: 10).

The divine promise produces The Believing Community which is characterised by worship. "Is not formal worship, some ask, an irrelevant waste of time? Perhaps it can be so construed. For candles and flowers are as irrelevant as the song of birds; hymn and chant are as non-utilitarian as a lover's kiss; prayers and litanies are just words — cheap as children's smiles. And yet, that is the whole point of it—that we who are poor bring to God who lacks nothing that which costs us nothing to bring, but which expresses to him our faith and devotion; and before the world, our dependence... This service... represents the essential posture of this Assembly."

The story which the Bible tells is one of God's Universal Design... "the story of the nations—the migration of peoples, the rise and fall of empires, the human community in its struggle for peace and justice, societies in their search for power and freedom... and wedged within this story is the story of Israel through which God makes himself known as the God of all people... When Jesus arrives the story climbs to its climax" in the universal community of the Church. But the end is

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Uppsala Cathedral

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES 1968

By ELIZABETH DODDEMEADE
(W.A.)

The Australian Aborigines as they are known today, the original human inhabitants of this continent, possibly migrated here from South East Asia, between 10,000 and 20,000 years ago. It was the husbands' duty to provide food, which they obtained through their skill as hunters. There was little time for laziness and their tribal customs called for strict discipline. They were a deeply religious people.

In 1616, Dirk Hartog landed on the West Coast of Australia. He was the first known European to set foot here. In later years, England began using

Australia as a convict settlement. Reports regarding prison conditions in Australia in 1770, state, because of the scarcity of food, each prisoner received only one meal per day and three pints of water per day for all drinking and washing requirements.

We only have to read English history of those days to know the ghastly conditions of the English prisons. In that civilised country with hundreds of years' tradition behind it, Mrs. Elizabeth Fry in 1813, still found 300 young girls held because of minor crimes, and hardened criminals, herded together and

crammed into windowless rooms. Many had babies with them. The bedding consisted of a little dirty straw and a few rags.

Along with the advent of the white man to Australia, came this so called civilisation. In this same year of 1813, Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth found their way across the Blue Mountains. In 1844 and 1845, Captain Charles Sturt and John McDouall Stuart explored the dry interior of Australia. White men had begun settling, fencing, farming and shooting. The best grazing lands were claimed by them. The buffaloes, kangaroos and emus were shot or driven further inland into more arid areas where their physical condition deteriorated. To survive, the semi-nomadic tribes had to follow them, necessitating travelling long distances. The only alternative was to become dependent on the white man and his way of life.

What has the European race done for the Australian Aborigines? It has inter-bred with them so that the children although still possessing many of the instincts of the full blooded Aborigines, are torn between the desire of a former way of life and a desire for European living, liquor, tobacco, soft foods, bright lights and laxity. Many are three parts white and only one part native, yet they are still classed as "Aboriginal" but have to "conform" to white men's ideas.

The Europeans have helped the Aborigines with medical skill and medicines. Due to the white influence, leprosy is under control, but venereal disease and influenza have increased amongst them. They have been taught motor mechanics and how to cultivate land, plant crops, and shear sheep, but how many can own their own property? The Native Welfare Department and missions have instructed a percentage of the Aboriginal women in hygiene, cooking, sewing and housekeeping because they now have to live in houses, sleep in beds, sit on chairs and eat at tables using knives and forks.

God does not differentiate between the races, but men do, and unless men overcome this prejudice Australia will have the same racial problems the U.S.A. is facing at this present time.

These people are being forced to live in third-rate houses, amid squalor, because there is nothing better and if there was, they couldn't live in it because the majority have not been educated to a higher standard of living. It is only because we have been reared in a home environment by our parents and they by their parents and trained in the efficient organising and caring of a home, that we are capable of coping in that situation. Without this education, people are unable to become "homemakers" and fulfil the requirements of today's standard. This does not mean we all must have exactly the same standard of living. A labourer on his income, cannot afford the same as a professional or business man, but the living conditions must be adequate. School education needs to be encouraged, opportunity for advancement must be given, and general education is essential for better living, as well as conventional type housing made available.

POVERTY

By GEORGE SMITH

There is an old saying that "half the world doesn't know how the other half lives." One of the many studies being undertaken by various service groups during 1968, which has been nominated as Human Rights Year, is the question of poverty. Such studies will enable a few, at least, to know their neighbours. In point of fact responsible citizens will want to know.

"Poverty," my dictionary says, "is the condition of having little or no wealth or material possessions": it implies "need, indigence, deficiency, dearth, scarcity, lack of means of subsistence."

John Stubbs says: "Poverty can often be seen in an expression. It is in a mother's face, careworn, prematurely aged and lined, with a brave but slightly baffled look. Poverty can be seen in the stooped shoulders of a middle-aged labourer, in the thin legs of a poorly nourished schoolboy. Poverty can be a smell—of clothing that is washed without hot water and soap; of food where there is no refrigerator; in the dingy house of an old, or sick person who receives inadequate care; in the rooms of a family which has no access to an outside area so that nappies and other washing must be hung in already crowded rooms."

For many years my vocation has taken me amongst people who live in conditions which are unsatisfactory and intolerable. Situations where men, women and children are deprived of the basic necessities of life, namely adequate food, adequate accommodation, adequate clothing and adequate fuel. These people have entered into a grey world. Their chief prospect in life is the constant battle for bodily survival . . . a battle which denies them the promise of birth, growth and development. These are thwarted and frustrated by poverty.

The welfare worker comes to grips with poverty as he sees it afflicting individuals. He attempts to break through the walls of poverty to enable the individual to find a way of escape and to apply his or her inherent skills to society and to find a rightful place in the wider

A talk given by Geo. Smith, Director, Christian Welfare Centre, Churches of Christ in W.A., over the A.B.C. radio network in July.

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world. The worker goes into each situation with a conviction that there is a way out. No situation is so bad that it cannot be bettered. To a certain extent there may be a manipulation of the environment, but a far greater emphasis is placed in the individual's co-operation and active participation in the solution. Many people, in society's "submerged group," cannot solve their problems unaided. Living below subsistence or at poverty level, they look for someone who understands and appreciates their level of existence, and someone who will walk with them at least for some of the way until they are out of the maze. Many of these people are capable of goal-directed behaviour. But they need someone who knows both the goal and the direction.

Poverty is not only a matter of material need. There are other areas in man's make-up which suffer deprivation. Man is a tri-une being. He has a body . . . but he does not live by bread alone.

It is highly conceivable that having accumulated as much wealth as is humanly possible, a man may be bankrupt in the more essential things of the mind and of the spirit. J. D. Rockefeller put it this way: "The poorest man I know is the man who has nothing but money."

What then is the answer to man's poverty of spirit? Or perhaps it would be better to ask: "Who then, is the answer?" Is there one who is able to break through the walls of poverty within us and lead us out to take our rightful place in God's economy?

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 8, verse 9, he says: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

I find this utterance totally inspiring. Here was one who cared for our need, our indigence, our deficiency. One whose will and determination knew no bounds to break through the walls of our poverty that we in turn might find ourselves, and apply ourselves to the highest and the best.

The extent of this grace, of which Paul speaks, and of our Lord's step from what He was, and who He was and

where He was . . . to what we are and where we are . . . is brought out in Philipians chapter 2 . . . "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

Jesus said some remarkable things. One which has challenged our thinking is the beatitude of Luke 6: 20 . . . "Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God." Goodspeed translates this verse: "Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need."

How difficult it is for men to measure poverty in the realm of the spiritual. Many feel they can get along quite well without God. Human pride is a declaration of independence of God. How hopeless a position a man is in when he declares there is nothing wrong with him.

On some occasions I have had people who lack nothing in this world's goods admit how empty their lives are. Christ came to lead us out of our emptiness into a realm in which God rules.

AUSTRALIAN PRINCIPAL OF RHODESIAN COLLEGE

The United College of Education, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, has opened in temporary premises with Mr. W. G. McD. Partridge of Adelaide as its first principal. Mr. Partridge was formerly Principal of the Hope Foundation Institution. He went to Rhodesia from Australia in 1946 under the auspices of the Congregational Council for World Mission.

He has been responsible for significant developments in African education.

The United College has come into being through the co-operation of churches in Rhodesia, the Rhodesian Government and churches around the world.

A building programme to the value of \$1,900,000 will begin shortly. Of this amount \$1,300,000 have been contributed by churches overseas.

The Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist and Congregational churches in Rhodesia are supporting the college as well as the Church of Christ and the Salvation Army.

GREEK CHURCH SENDS DELEGATES TO UPPSALA

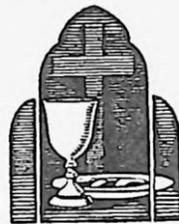
(Geneva). Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Prof. Nikos A. Nissiotis, general secretary and associate general secretary respectively of the W.C.C., conferred in Athens with Archbishop Hieronymos, Primate of Greece, concerning participation of the Church of Greece in the Fourth Assembly of the World Council at Uppsala, Sweden.

On June 14, the Holy Synod of the Greek Church voted to modify its earlier decision not to send delegates to the Assembly. It appointed four of the 17 delegates to which it was entitled.

—E.P.S.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion Talk



Christianity deals in the main with intangibles—ideas, concepts, values. We talk in terms of "love," "faith," "peace"—none of which can be touched or seen. The existence of God himself is constantly under attack for this self-same reason: that he is beyond the reach of our senses.

There are, however, three physical aspects of our faith to which we can point and these are enough for us to see that God is and that he desires man to achieve a personal relationship with himself.

We have the Word of God which contains the very words of Christ who came to reveal God to the world of his own creation.

We have the Church in its strict sense of the body of Christ; a group of people who are bonded together by a common faith in God through Christ.

We have the emblems of the bread and the cup. For those who love God, these are perhaps the most intimate, for the Lord himself took materials of almost identical nature as these which we use. These emblems are the most dramatic part of our heritage for in them we see concentrated the essence of God's love for mankind. They do not remind us of some ancient mystic, some great prophet or of an intensely moral man but rather of Him who said:

"He who has seen me has seen the Father."

At the foot of the cross stood the Centurion who had supervised the crucifixion. As he watched Christ die, his words were:

"Truly this man was the Son of God."

In this bread are indelibly written the words: "This is my body which is broken for you." As we contemplate this, our hearts must respond: "Truly this man was the Son of God."

In the cup we see written in Christ's blood: "This cup is the new agreement between God and man sealed with my blood."

And again we respond: "Truly this man was the Son of God."

J. M. Pederson, Glenelg, S.A.

THANKS FOR THE BREAD
O God, we thank you for these symbols which speak so eloquently of your great love for us. We thank you that it is only through the death and resurrection of your Son that we can achieve the relationship with you which you desire. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP
O God, we come from a time when doubt is commonplace and when denying your existence is one of the norms of life. Grant us through this cup the re-assurance of your love for men that we may go into your world and spread that assurance.

OPENING AT UPPSALA (continued)

not yet. There is a sifting and a judgment to take place. Christ, God's "new" event, will make even the "new community" new, as the parable of the wheat and the tares suggests.

"Not only is it impossible (for us) to say who are wheat and who are tares, but also we do not know who will be wheat and who will be tares on the day of harvest. The possibility of conversion is the heart of the gospel. Hence the warning that we give up attempting to distinguish between wheat and tares, and simply put all our energies into tending the field." God's "new" is an Eschatological Event.

But it is also a matter of Contemporary Obedience. "Only as we watch can we serve a living God . . . Oh for the eyes to see what God is doing and how he is doing it. Oh for the courage to move . . ." Only as we allow our very selves to be swept into the stream which in God's purpose will be tomorrow's flood" shall we find the way.

The eternal city, Dr. Niles reminded us, is a secular city, with no Temple—no one place specifically set aside for worship. But we haven't arrived there yet! In our cities God is remembered and forgotten, acknowledged and denied. We must therefore maintain "the testimony to God as God which is essen-

tial to the health of human living," Dr. Niles concluded.

"Should Jesus ask us now what we would have him do for us (cf. Luke 12: 13) what would we ask? Justice among men! Yes. Freedom for all from fear and want! Yes. Peace between peoples and reconciliation between individuals! Yes. The unity of the Church and the renewal of its mission! Yes.

But above all, would we not ask for that which is the direct need of the human heart, and which he alone can supply?

"Show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."—H.F.G.

YOUTH POWER

The remark was made to me by one of the other Australian delegates that it is one of the sources of apprehension that so many men re-appear regularly at Assembly after Assembly of the World Council of Churches and its major conferences for various purposes. And they are 20 or 30 years older than when they first appeared in the ecumenical arena. True, there is a non-voting group of officially invited youth delegates, 150 strong, here at Uppsala, who themselves met for several days prior to the Assembly to formulate their

point of view, and to plan how to get it across to the delegates. A small minority, mainly Europeans, advocated "direct action," but it would seem that more moderate councils are still prevailing.

Many of them marched behind the official procession on the opening day, and later issued a statement to all delegates, which said, "We are making our way to worship as we are, without the trappings of grandeur. By participating in the act of worship we recognise the value of it, but we cannot happily accept the structures which produce the subsequent procession."

On the floor of the Assembly there was a successful move to seat two "youth" representatives on the Nominations Committee, even though, constitutionally, they must be found from among official delegates. Val Brown, the secretary of the A.C.C. is encouraging the delegates from Australia to meet our own youth unofficially, to exchange views, and to become informed of youths' outlook.

Miss J. Lawrence, a Negress from Georgia, U.S.A., represented youth on the panel which discussed, on the opening evening, how God is to be seen at work today. If Governor George Wallace can feel that his brutal repression has God's blessing (she spoke calmly, but her own brother had been killed by police who did not stop to ask questions), surely her generation, she claimed, could be understood for believing that God might be at work in and through situations where violence does occur inevitably (whatever the original intention may have been), as the depressed groups of the world struggle for equality and justice.

In his exciting address "The Mandate of the Ecumenical Movement," for which he received a standing ovation, Dr. Visser t'Hooft said, "However vague the aspirations of this new generation may be the questions they raise are real questions. Youth rightly expects answers . . . Behind it all there lies the issue of the total orientation of our civilisation. Youth performs its historical mission of confronting us brutally with the question of the meaning of our common life . . . We did not plan that this Assembly on the God-given renewal of all things should be held in the very year of explosive demands for radical renewal of society. But now that without our doing, but not without higher guidance, we are in that unprecedented situation, we are bound to make clear that He who will make all things new at the end of time has a word of hope and direction for all those who look for renewal in the present."

Young people are performing many of the lowly, but necessary tasks at the Assembly, including those of hosts and hostesses in the residential quarters, and stewards for the meetings. Dr. Visser t'Hooft reminded us that Dag Hammarskjöld was a steward at "Life and Work," Stockholm, 1925. As he said, "We need to take our stewards seriously."

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

OUR FIRST WEEK HOME

Sixteen hours after leaving Auckland we were once again entering our island home after a night in Fiji. The sights, sounds and smells that we had left over one year ago made us feel warm inside. The sun made us very warm outside, but it was the faces of good friends that brought joy to our hearts and lumps to our throats.

By Dr. D. COULTER, New Hebrides

Keith Ludgater, Valerie Crowte and Abel Bani, Abel Vora and others were at the airstrip to meet us, and after the 20-minute truck ride to Ndul Ndul many others greeted us warmly. It was wonderful to be home again amongst loved ones in Christ that we had missed over the past year.

The children had a very exciting time. Ruth was immediately re-exploring old haunts that had grown unfamiliar. Bronwyn had no real memory of things and felt a little lost. They were, however, soon embracing some good friends that will never be forgotten, particularly two of our old housegirls.

The first week was mainly spent organising and cleaning up our old home once again. This included digging up the kitchen drain with the help of Abel Vora and trying to fix the plumbing so that we could catch the last of the wet season's rain.

Some usual and one unusual medical emergencies made frequent visits to the hospital essential. There was an infant desperately ill with a respiratory infection. Fortunately he survived after a

struggle of several days. Then at 6 a.m. one morning I was called to see a man who had been shot through the chest and right across the upper abdomen. This occurred at 2 a.m. in a village only 20 minutes away, but because the hospital truck was off the road it was four hours before he arrived at hospital. We did what we could, then sent him by specially chartered aircraft at 10.15 a.m. to Santo where he later died.

PRAYER TIME — NEW GUINEA

Each Saturday lunch time we have a time on the schedule to tell of happenings on the stations and give points of prayer. This came from a suggestion from Elaine Chamberlain. Chungribu mentioned on Saturday that they are going to try a new method of having services in that area. Each Sunday morning there will be a service at Chungribu and one at Grengabu. This will mean that everyone is able to share in communion. Then in the afternoon various indigenous folk will go out to the other villages and have a service and stay overnight and talk with the folk. Before they used to go out to the villages in the morning and then leave after the service. There is also a discipleship class at Chungribu as well as a class to help those who preach in the services.

Possibly July or early August will be the time for the baptisms of those in the class at the Keram. No definite time has been chosen as yet. Another group

The next emergency was a woman with a miscarriage and to complete my introduction to the medical work in our first week home, a man arrived with a strangulated hernia. Unfortunately our three sources of power were all broken down. In our early days here I had tried operating by torch light but declined to face this difficulty again. Fortunately we were able to get the patient away to Santo and he is well again.

We hope everything can be fixed up in the near future because as things are it makes the work very difficult and transport to Santo is not always available.

We are very happy to be back and are thankful for the privilege of serving God amongst these people again.

By Miss A. DRANEY

dren. Rosalie Rofe has also started a Christian Endeavour with the youngsters on a Tuesday night.

At Pir, Bob and Rhonda Whan have been having an early service each Sunday morning and then going on to Temnung after this for a service and some days right through to Minung. They are thinking of starting a discussion type meeting for Sunday afternoon for those who may be interested. Bunapas also has a discipleship class and a Bible training class. The school children are enjoying their Endeavour meeting each Tuesday night.

WOMEN'S CONVENTIONS DAY

The Melbourne Committee of the Australian Christian Women's Conventions (Interdenominational) announces a Day of Meetings for Women at the Assembly Hall Collins St., Melbourne, Thursday, August 8:

10.15 a.m.: Morning Session; 12 noon: Basket Luncheon at Scots Hall, 99 Russell St.; 1 p.m.: "Woman to Woman" panel will be conducted, followed by Afternoon Session at 2 p.m. (to conclude by 3 o'clock).

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Fowchuk, formerly of Canada, now resident in Sydney.

There will be provision of a creche for small children at Scots Hall.

6.30 p.m. on Aug. 8: A.C.W.C. Dinner for Business and Professional Women at Union House, University of Melbourne, Parkville. Tickets on application to 848-1310 (evenings).

FACES AND PLACES

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WALLY and MAY KUSAY

Wally Kusay was born at Mundubbera, Qld., in 1926, 15 years after his parents arrived from Germany. As part of the migration scheme his parents selected "O Bil Bil."

After some formal schooling, Wally Kusay worked at bridge and dam construction in the Dawson Valley and Northern N.S.W. During his wandering days he met May Wright and they were married in Newcastle.

The Superintendent of the Georgetown church, Will Fraser, where May had been brought up in the Church of Christ, had a large bearing on the life of this couple.

With typical large heartedness and singleness of purpose in serving Christ, May was Superintendent of the Methodist Church S.S. at Mundubbera and Wal. was a teacher for three years.

During a visit to the Kusay's farm for only three days the impact of Will Fraser's personal witness was such that Wal. felt a certain lack of his own commitment. He was baptized in Maryborough in 1958.

For five years he was mainly responsible for the total worship services at Eldsvold, where Churches of Christ now have a witness in the town. Eldsvold has

a population of 1,000, with its main support coming from the timber and cattle industries. The services are attended by about 14 in the morning and 30 at the evening. The church became affiliated three years ago. All of the congregation except the Kusay and the Morris families are dark folk.

The Federal Aborigines' Board subsidised the work and great things are expected now that Lyle and Hazel Morris have commenced their ministry. There is a great need for a manse and a hostel. Prayer requests are made for their facilities to be provided in the near future.

The Kusay family consist of Wally, May, Ann, Jill, Chris and Steve. Their whole approach and attitude to the Kingdom of God is summed up in an anonymous poem that Wal. claims is one that has helped him greatly.

One day the Saviour met me on life's way,
He knew how far my feet had gone astray,
He changed my life and nothing can repay,
All that he did for me that day.
"He touched my heart, how could I say Him nay,
When He had died my debt to pay."

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

By DAVID M. SURTEES, L.Th.

Over the past 50 years, there has been a remarkable increase in human knowledge. The late John F. Kennedy wrote, "Condense, if you will, the fifty thousand years of man's recorded history into half a century . . . About ten years ago man emerged from his cave . . . five years ago man learned to write. Last month, electric lights and telephones and automobiles and airplanes. Only last week, nuclear power. And now if America's new spacecraft succeeds in reaching Venus, we will have literally reached the stars by midnight tonight."

DISCIPLES ARE LEARNERS

Man has learned a great deal, and it would seem there is no limit to his accelerating capacity to learn. He is a born disciple, for the word means "a learner," "a pupil." He is a disciple of science and technology. He is a disciple of materialism and progress. He is a disciple of culture and economics. He is a disciple within the sphere of a hundred and one things—but, with all his learning, he still remains strangely ignorant in the school of spiritual values. He is at one and the same time an intellectual genius and a spiritual ignoramus. He is a fool. In 1863 an inventory of basic social problems numbered 22, beginning, alphabetically, with abolition and ending with slavery. 50 years later they numbered 26, beginning with administration of public institutions for the dependant and ending with urban problems. Today they number 90, beginning with accidents and ending with war. Albert Einstein once asked, "Why does this magnificent applied science, which saves work and makes life easier bring us so little happiness?" The prophet Jeremiah said of his people, "they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." (Jeremiah 4: 22).

Centuries later his words are still tragically true of the human race.

What is the answer? How are we to learn? We must recognise at once the need for men to become disciples of Christ. "Take my yoke upon you and

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learn of me . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matt. 11: 29). The law is the "schoolmaster" by which we are made aware of our sin problem, but for the solution we need to graduate to Christ. Jesus said, "I am the Truth." (John 14: 6). Christian discipleship is in learning to know that Truth.

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

But what of the cost? What is involved? Where do we begin? One of the things we are forced to accept today is the fact that education is costly. There is a price to pay, not only in dollars and cents, but in time, in energy, in devotion, and in consecrated effort. It is a long hard road, and for learning to be at all effective it must be translated into experience. Should we expect, then, that Christian discipleship will involve none of these? On the contrary, Jesus makes it very plain that to be his disciples involves self-denial and complete renunciation. "Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16: 24). This involves the total abandonment of life. To hold back a part for yourself is disaster, for Jesus goes on to say in the next verse, "for whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

At the end of the 14th chapter of Luke's Gospel, Jesus uses the vivid stories of the man building the tower, and the king going to war, to illustrate the foolishness of not counting the cost before entering into Christian discipleship. In this passage the phrase "cannot be my disciple" appears three times. In verse 28—"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple," in verse 27—"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple," and verse 33—"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Jesus leaves us in no doubt as to the cost. To be a disciple of Christ you must lose yourself in him.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

But, the cost of discipleship is more than self-denial, cross-bearing, and renunciation. It also involves steadfastness, and fruitfulness. In John 8: 31, Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." We need to go on learning. As more is revealed to us by Christ, so we steadfastly endure. As we learn, so more is expected of us, and as we continue to learn, so the fruit is borne. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15: 8).

"This I say therefore . . . that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them . . . but ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus." (Ephesians 4: 17-21).

Yes, in these days, perhaps more than ever before, the world needs disciples of Christ. As Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim. 3: 1-7) we are in perilous days, when men are "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

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INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The Tragedy of Biafra

Dark, deep and complex are the passions of human beings. Africans generally have the reputation of being happy, friendly, easy-going people, yet not long ago in the Congo, and now in Nigeria, senseless and cruel slaughter is taking place.

By Dr. DESMOND CROWLEY

Self-government and democracy did not come easily to Africa. In nearly every state democracy has broken down. A glance at Africa reminds us that democracy is a sophisticated system of government, dependent more than we tend to remember upon mutual trust and toleration, and respect for order. It can hardly endure when emotions take charge.

Over most of Africa mutual suspicions, bottled up for many years by colonial rule, have been too deep and strong. The detribalised coastal African against the tribal African of the interior; the educated, ambitious young men against the bewildered, fearful elders; language group against language group. And the pickings of graft and demagoguery have lain too ready for the taking. (Some writers have pointed out that democracy has never

worked successfully yet where there was no middle-class).

The tensions have long been building up in Nigeria. When the British left, they had great difficulty in designing a federal constitution that had a chance of holding the country together. If made too strong at the centre, it would be likely to blow itself apart; if too decentralised, it would disintegrate, the British feared, from centrifugal forces. They compromised, but still have been unsuccessful.

The Moslems of the northern region, proud and conservative descendants of Semetic peoples who came out of the Sahara and imposed their emirates on the negroes, have suspected the easy going but radical Yoruba of the West—who live in large cities and for centuries have traded up and down the African coast. Both have hated and resented the Ibos—a vigorous, thrusting people who came out of the jungles of the Eastern Region with nothing to lose and everything to gain by penetrating the society of the West and North. In recent years Ibos have advanced everywhere, into positions in the civil service, the police, the army and commerce. Their political party even won seats in the West.

Now the floodgates have burst. Impatient at the resentment against them, the Ibos formed Biafra and tried to break away from their neighbours. Fierce and bitter civil war has resulted.

It is not for us to sneer: it is not so many years ago in history that the European Crusaders, on their holy mission, sacked cities and countrysides that refused to be denuded of food. Is blind, vengeful anger in Nigeria worse than unfeeling cruelty in Vietnam? Or than the systematic annihilation of the Jews, or the cynical murders of Stalinism?

The African states have to grow into stable political communities; and we shall have to hope and pray that there will not be too many Congos or Biafras in the process. The more quickly the African states become prosperous the sooner they will be stable; but let us hope they will develop into more sensitive political communities than ours. Meanwhile those of us who are in education (and possibly many others) frequently meet Africans touring Australia, diligently seeking better to equip themselves for the devoted, difficult, conscientious work they do in their homelands. To meet them is to learn that not all Africans are bitter and belligerent.

NEW WORK TEAM FOR NEW GUINEA

The Christian Men's Fellowship of Vic. and Tas. have announced plans for the sending of a work team to our mission area in New Guinea, probably in June, 1969. It is expected that it will have similar aims to the team of young men from the Victorian C.Y.F. and C.E. which went to the mission in 1967 and carried out much urgently needed building work and construction of airstrips, etc.

Sharing in the work and life of the mission can be a great blessing to those who go as well as an encouragement to

the missionary. It also frees the missionary for the much more important task of winning souls.

Final details of projects to be tackled are at present being worked out between the fellowship and the Overseas Mission Board. As soon as finality is reached on these matters a call for volunteers will be made. Any further information desired at this stage can be obtained from F. J. Richards, 890 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East, 3109, phone 8481458 (Melb.).

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NEW FAMILY CENTRE AT ESSENDON

At least 12 years of waiting and planning came to fruition on June 30 when the Mayor of Essendon, Cr. John Williams declared the Family Centre open. Mr. Williams said that he was pleased that this was to be called a Family Centre as the basis of a good community is a good family and anything which would help to build families as a unit is worthwhile.

The building was designed by R. Drayton, of Drayton and Coleman, and built by A. R. & N. R. Taylor and Sons at a cost of \$28,000. The centre was planned so that it could be used for many different purposes which will be necessary in the on going church. Without very much effort the Centre can be changed from a complete Bible School unit to a Centre which will cater for elderly citizens for meals, handicraft, reading and community singing and the like. Many cupboards have been built into the Centre so that chairs and tables can be stored away so that the main hall can be used by boys' and girls' clubs without the nuisance of having chairs in the way.

The Christian Youth Fellowship is paying for the sound system which has been installed throughout the Centre and the Christian Men's Fellowship is donating the hall curtains. The C.W.F. have bought new crockery and equipment for the new kitchen.

V. Quayle, immediate past minister of Essendon, led the church in the Centre's dedication and after the declaration by the Mayor, Mrs. B. J. Kemp, the member of longest standing, opened the door and about 300 people joined in the inspection of the Centre and afternoon tea.



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CHRISTIAN-MARXIST DIALOGUE

To the Editor,

Your A.C.C. report ("A.C.," May 18, 1968) of a "Christian-Marxist Dialogue" raises the very important question of what we mean by "Marxist." The general assumption that even this article betrays is that "Marxist" equals "Communist" and this unfortunate assumption must necessarily cloud any attempt at a dialogue. The Communist Party subscribes to the economic theories of Marx which are grounded on the misconceptions of Ricardo and Adam Smith who prophesied a progressive worsening of the condition of the working classes. These theories are generally refuted by modern economists.

Economics, however, are only one aspect of Marx's voluminous writings. In the 1930's Marx's hitherto unknown "1844 Manuscripts" were published. These writings express Marx's theories of man's alienation from his fellow man and man's alienation from himself. It is these writings which have commanded a vast following over the last 30 years and which are pointedly ignored by traditional Communists. These are the ideas of Marx which may profitably be compared and contrasted with Christian teachings. It is only if we limit our term "Marxist" to exclude "Marxian Economics" and "Marxian Politics" that there will be any point to a "Christian-Marxist Dialogue."

—Robert Ashley Skillicorn (Eng.)

FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

I utterly deplore the attack on Mr. H. C. Wheat accusing him of sectarianism foreign to the Churches of Christ. Those of us who know Mr. Wheat know that he is a true "Restoration" preacher, who holds dear the principles of New Testament Christianity. Unfortunately there are too few like him. Furthermore he is not alone in his query as to the allocation of funds from the Christmas Bowl Appeal. There are more of us who are not content to applaud any act just because it is done in the name of the World Council of Churches. It is quite immaterial whether 0.5% or 99.5% has been given to our Orthodox "brethren" (?). In past years allocations have also been a cause of concern to many of us, because over the years these "small" portions amount to a large sum of money. The advertisement each Christmas extolling the Christmas Bowl Appeal shows a hungry child with an empty plate, and it is difficult to reconcile the actual allocation with this advertisement.

The criticisms of Mr. Wheat accuse him of disregard for the sorry plight of a "bleeding world." This is both un-Christian and unfair. At Kingaroy we have long had our reservations about the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Therefore, each year at Christmas we have our own Christmas Bowl Appeal, and all proceeds are sent to our own overseas missionaries to help the needy and the hungry. At least we know that 100% of these donations are applied to the

purposes for which they were intended. In fact, such an appeal meets with a reader response than the W.C.C. appeal. It is a most deplorable criticism to brand Mr. Wheat or any of his supporters as "uncharitable" because they question the allocations of funds from the Christmas Bowl. Rather I would brand as "uncharitable" much of the criticism so readily aimed at Mr. Wheat.

—A. Evan Adermann (Qld.)

FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

Why did not Mr. Wheat (in "A.C." 29/6/68) mention that \$602,180 was disbursed for Christian service around the world (this in addition to the small amount of \$3,500 which he mentions went to Orthodox projects)?

Why did he call the source of funds "the (W.C.C.) Christmas Bowl 1967"? In fact, the brochure he refers to is a publication of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the Australian Council of Churches (not the W.C.C.). Its sources of funds are not only the Australian Christmas Bowl Appeal but also the Freedom from Hunger Campaign \$50,000, the International Refugee Year Campaign \$80,906, the Milk for India Appeal \$25,108, the Australian Council for Aid to Refugees \$1,000, and Community Aid Abroad \$315. Perhaps the paltry \$3,500 came from one or other of these sources!

Why did he not mention that Australian Churches of Christ have an understanding with the Australian Council of Churches that no funds donated by Churches of Christ are to go to Orthodox projects?

Does he know that our Western Indian Churches of Christ (our mission field) receive aid from other parts of the world in similar inter-church Christian aid programmes?

As the distribution of the Australian

Inter-Church Aid funds is a task of the Australian churches through the A.C.C., why did he not enquire of our Federal Conference Executive on the point of aid to the Orthodox, instead of trying to score a point in the "A.C."?

In the light of the above, I think it is very difficult for Mr. Wheat to sustain the propositions that "we openly support even to a small degree an institution such as the Orthodox Church" and that people cannot be Christian who give to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Thousands of us claim to be both Christian and contributors to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.—K. J. Patterson (W.A.).

FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

Your correspondents to "A.C." July 13, have missed, or ignored, the point made by H. C. Wheat ("A.C." June 29).

If conviction concerning the truth of New Testament teachings and their propagation in contrast with dissent concerning the perpetuation of the mumbo-jumbo doctrines of Orthodox churches, etc. is classed as "a small attitude" and "reflects a sectarianism we do not expect to find in Churches of Christ" then, so help me God, but here I stand!

Jesus certainly did not ask those he helped physically concerning their theological beliefs before he helped them—neither should we. But I cannot imagine Jesus voluntarily giving money (which is a little different from paying Federal Income Tax!) to support the false teachings of the scribes and pharisees whom he blasted for their false doctrines and life in doing which he apparently displayed "a small attitude" and "a sectarianism we do not expect to find in . . . Christ."

When I give to the Christmas Bowl Appeal I want my money to go 100% towards the alleviation of physical suf-

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"I LIKE SWIPE"

To the Editor,

My wife has been "Swiped"! She is the latest devotee of an American sales gimmick for a cleaning fluid called "Swipe". She wears a big badge that says, "I Like Swipe". The idea is that some one says, "What's with the badge?" and before you can say "detergent", she has produced a bottle and cleaned the dirtiest thing nearby, and sold it to the fellow before he knows whether he needs it or not.

I wondered if we couldn't use the same method for personal evangelism. It's been tried of course. Some years ago some people used to wear "Jesus Saves" badges. But I should think that a "Jesus Saves" badge could be guaranteed to send running fast any prospective subject for personal evangelism. It's a bit too direct.

What I had in mind was wearing a big badge saying, "I Like Atheists" or "I Like Agnostics" or "I Like Pagans." Such a badge would put us in very good company, because God also likes these types (Romans 5: 8). It would certainly get people talking. And perhaps it would help people who have been made to feel enemies of the church, to know that we care about them and would like to talk with them. Maybe we don't win many of them because we don't like them!

Will future purchasers of "Swipe" please mention this journal?

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fering (whatever form that may take) irrespective of the race, class, or creed of the receivers. But I don't want even .00000001% of it to go towards perpetuating false doctrines.

By the way, it's time the Christmas Bowl Appeal posters displayed not only the starving child with the empty bowl, but also the Orthodox seminaries, etc. supported by the appeal if this sort of variation in distribution is to continue. Let's have the true picture in Christmas Bowl advertising. This will effectively inform everyone.

—Maurie H. A. Pieper (Qld.)

CHURCHES SHARE PROJECT

(Ioannina, Greece). An automated plant for a one million dollar poultry project fostered by the churches was dedicated on June 30.

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—E.P.S.

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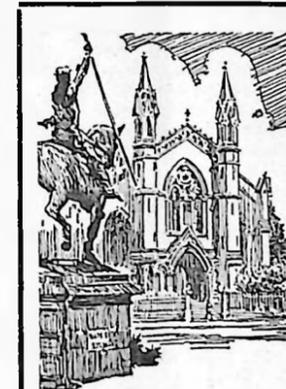
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VIC.-TAS. HALF YEARLY CONVENTION

Members of the Vic.-Tas. churches are requested to begin planning now to participate in the 1968 Half-Yearly Convention. The five Geelong churches—Belmont, Latrobe Tce., Manifold Heights, Norlane and Thomson—have invited Conference Executive to hold this brotherhood gathering in their city. The invitation has been gladly accepted on behalf of all other congregations.

Headquarters for the Convention will be the Geelong West Town Hall, situated behind the public library in Pakington Street.

Usually only of one day's duration the Convention has been extended, at the request of the Geelong churches, to include the evening of Friday, Septem-

ber 6, in addition to Saturday, September 7. It is hoped that young people will journey en masse to Geelong for the Friday evening session which will be especially theirs. There will be Bible studies Saturday morning and afternoon and the closing inspirational rally at night. The Geelong churches would be happy to have visitors stay on over Sunday and to this end will gladly book accommodation in motels, guest houses and caravan parks, or provide hospitality in church homes. Those attending the Convention are requested to register with their church secretary. This will greatly assist the Convention hosts in their preparations to receive and cater for their guests.

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, August 2 at 8 p.m. Miss Rita Roberts is guest speaker.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE HOUSE

(Box Hill, Vic.). Stewardship addresses at morning services have been given by L. S. Dewberry, Ron Muller and Will Wigney. House meetings have also been conducted in this connection. . . . C.W.F. Birthday meeting was held in the Presbyterian Hall as our halls are being used temporarily for the local Court. Nearly 100 guests heard Miss Kay Sarll tell of Europe-Australian Christian fellowship which assists migrants. Mrs. Secomb was soloiste, and all demoninations represented. Mrs. M. Smith was a visitor from Camperdown. . . . Sgt. Seedsman, Fingerprint Dept., Victoria Police, was speaker at Men's Fellowship. . . . June Ferris welcomed home after overseas trip. Church saddened by the passing of Ron Earl, esteemed elder and deacon. . . . Mrs. McFarlane, Mr. Tilley and Mr. Cotton are ill. Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Hattersley, Mrs. Street and Mr. Davis have improved. Terry Poustie had to undergo further surgery.

FIRST HAND REPORT

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). Earle Chislett, from Robinvale church, showed slides of the work on which he was engaged in N.G. The offering of \$20 was used for a year's education of two N.G. children. . . . Recently C.W.F. was addressed by the Mayor of Mildura, Cr. Roy Burr, on "Having an aim in life." . . . C.Y.F. have been "pulling out" on vines to raise money for the Organ Fund. They received \$20 from a Coca Cola film night. Their office-bearers are: Pres., Miss Shirley Sprigg; sec., Miss G. Edwards; treas., John Hill. . . . C.W.E.F. pres. is Mrs. T. Sires, sec., Mrs. W. French, treas., Mrs. W. Chislett. C.W.A.F. pres. is Mrs. H. Cave, sec., Mrs. L. Chislett, treas., Mrs. O. Bennett. . . . G. Andrews, of B. & F.B.S., was speaker on June 23.

NEW HALL OPENED

(Essendon, Vic.). After a service of dedication, the Mayor of Essendon, W. J. Williams, officially opened the new Family Centre. The honour of opening the door was given to Mrs. B. J. Kemp. Mrs. Glenys Reaby was soloiste at the 5 p.m. service. Mr. Bannon, chaplain of Essendon Tech. School was speaker. Many visitors were present. . . . The Senior Citizens held their 9th Birthday on July 3. Entertainment was provided by Alan Rowe. . . . Over 100 girls and leaders (Western Zone) attended Good Companions' worship service. Leader was Mrs. Margaret Driver (Milleara) and the speaker was Mr. Keating (Sth. Melb.). . . . C.M.S. arranged a Family Tea after 5 p.m. meeting on July 7. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, retired missionaries from New Hebrides, were guest speakers. . . . Many church members assisted Salvation Army in their Door-Knock Appeal.

SUNSHINE INTERIM

(Vic.). S. Wilkerson, at present minister at Collingwood, accepted an invitation as part-time minister at Sunshine from Feb., 1969. . . . Members assisted in "Austcare" appeal collection. . . . Ladies' groups are preparing a Manchester parcel for Carnarvon Mission. . . . Young people's C.E. took service in homes of elderly folk and assisted another with working bee in home and garden. . . . A pulpit exchange was made with local Baptist minister, R. Gill. . . . Two attended group participation course arranged by Young Adult Fellowship and D.C.E.

ILLNESS AT HARCOURT

(Vic.). Attendances have been greatly reduced over the past few weeks owing to illness. However, there was a good congregation on July 14, when G. J. Andrews (B. & F.B.S.) was speaker. . . . C.Y.F. has been re-organised with Arthur Symes as president. . . . At annual circuit meeting all retiring officers were re-elected with the addition of N. Marks as vice-president.

NEW CHAPEL PLANS

(Chelsea, Vic.). Plans submitted by the architect, Ray Drayton, have been approved for a new chapel to be built in the form of a square. . . . M. Gaskin will continue to serve the church until Aug. 18. The new interim student minister is B. Heath. . . . Explorer boys came third in both senior and junior aged groups in metropolitan indoor sports. . . . B. J. Combridge has been well enough to attend morning services. . . . 59 young people from Companion and Explorer clubs were at monthly church parade. . . . Mrs. D. Sando has sold her home and is moving to East Preston.

EXTENSION OF MINISTRY

(Noble Park, Vic.). A. B. Titter has been engaged for a further term as part-time minister. . . . On July 1, R. S. A. McLean gave an illustrated address on our New Guinea field. . . . On July 10, a representative from the Kew Cottages addressed C.W.F.

FAMILY PROGRAMMES

(Parkdale, Vic.). A series of family programme nights stimulated much interest among parents who attended. An extra evening was added to consider parents' approach to teenagers today and now they are anxious to meet a group of teens in discussion. . . . After the Good Companions' Area Worship Service in the chapel over 50 girls from the local club went to camp at Berwick. . . . A Family Guest Service was held on June 30 at 10 a.m., B.S. being closed so that parents and children could worship together. R. McKenzie was guest speaker. . . . Leprosy Mission speaker, Mr. Willis, presented the story of that mission in word and film. . . . A recent exchange of speakers was made with the Mordialloc Baptist Church.

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In 1966 a new wing was completed and this modern building is much in demand as patients appreciate the rooms which look out over the broad expanses of the Swan River. The hospital has modern up-to-date equipment and has over the past two years maintained an average bed occupancy of over 85%. Approximately 2,500 in-patients pass through its walls annually and over 1,600 operations are

performed in the theatres.

Just recently a Sanctuary has been added and this little Chapel is available for any who care to meditate and pray in a quiet worshipful atmosphere. Further property adjoining has also been acquired and the Board of Management has visions of one day erecting a multi-storey hospital on this excellent site.

One of the features of the daily life of this hospital is the broadcast of a Christian message by Matron every day and all patients have the opportunity to tune in to these moments of worship and meditation. Many have testified to the blessings received through this service.

Churches of Christ in W.A. are proud of their hospital, which started some 25 years ago through the faith and vision of one or two humble Christians who were able to inspire others to bring their dreams to reality.

We pray that God will richly bless all those who have helped to build it into the institution it is today, and all who will be concerned with the maintenance of this sphere of Christian service.

ASSISTANCE AT DIANELLA

(Inglewood, W.A.). The minister, Kelvin Parry, is assisting the Dianella church by preaching once a month and doing some pastoral work for them. . . . Bible study this month was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don King. Sue Chesson is recovering after an appendix operation. . . . Alan Hancock has gone on a working holiday to New Guinea, joining his brother Jeff. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Claude Candy, Reservoir, Vic., are over in the West for a month visiting their daughter Lauris and Brian Kidd and their new daughter Melissa. . . . A Youth Tea and discussion was held in the manse. The young people held their third folk concert, "Fire Side Folk," in the Christian Centre. Approx. 400 attended and a profit of \$91 was made. The new format for the evening service commenced with an early service followed by a family tea. . . . Glenis Hansen has returned after a working holiday in Sydney.

FOUR DECISIONS

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). Four young people acknowledged Christ as Saviour and another six re-affirmed their faith at the Youth Gospel Service on July 14. Music was provided by the youth choir and a trio of guitarists, one of whom was the guest speaker, Graham Laycock, who is a blind physiotherapist. He read from a portion of the Bible in braille.

NORTH PERTH MINISTRY

(W.A.). The minister, J. K. Robinson, has accepted another term of two years at the completion of his present engagement. The church gives thanks to God for this continuing ministry. Mrs. Robinson is president of C.W.F. . . . The church celebrated its 63rd anniversary with special services. Conf. Pres., A. H. Walkington, was guest speaker. . . . Bible study group invited members of other denominations to share in studying "Renewal" during July. . . . Diane Roberts and Pam Chatfield are on a working holiday in Melbourne.

PREACHING ASSISTANCE

(Bunbury, W.A.). The local church has supplied preachers to many S-W churches while without regular ministries. L. Crawford, S. Hicks, R. Bain and J. Dean have preached at Collie, Bridgetown, Manjimup, and Busselton. . . . 15 local women attended the yearly C.W.F. Conference for S-W Churches held at Bridgetown. A car load came up from Albany for the first time. Over 50 attended. . . . The Friends and Neighbours had M. Williams, M.L.A., as guest. Slides of the N. West were shown. . . . There was a good attendance at the film service when "Touch of Brass" was screened. . . . There was one baptism and two more decisions during the month by Y.P. . . . Mr. Carslake spoke at the combined Girls' Brigade-Pioneer graduation service and at the Collie C.E. rally tea. . . . A new church sign has been erected. . . . The B.S. concert led by A. Chessell had many parents in attendance.

APPOINTED TO BRIDGETOWN

(W.A.). Mr. and Mrs. B. Thornton will commence a ministry for Bridgetown-Manjimup from Jan., 1969. . . . On June 12, 85 ladies shared in the C.W.F. South-West Conference here. At the C.W.F. annual meeting Mrs. G. Castle accepted the presidency and Mrs. R. Elwin is sec.-treas. . . . The church garden has been weeded and should present an array of colour in the spring-time, thanks to Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Baker. . . . Each month groceries will be distributed by the women to those in need around the district. . . . "Woman to Woman" has recommenced with a musical evening at the home of Mrs. A. Ogden. . . . Plans for a S.S. hall have been drawn up by G. Castle and it is hoped that work will be started in the near future.

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WINTER PROGRAMME SUCCESS

(Swanston St., Melb.). Since the winter programme was launched there have been 10 decisions spread over several Sunday nights. On July 7, Miss Harding, Dr. Cheng and Mr. Brabham were baptised and welcomed into the church. Current discipleship classes are preparing teenagers and adults for baptism and church membership. . . . A record 140 young people attended our last monthly Teen 'n' Twenty Fellowship Tea. . . . Dr. Lloyd Jones has been able to do most of the preaching with John Tudor sharing in the mid-week Bible study sessions and during the week speaking to University, College and nursing groups. The Victorian Teachers' Christian Fellowship held their annual parade here recently and the following Sunday night the Melbourne Bible Institute Choir rendered the Missionary Cantata. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyall have left for an extended holiday in Honolulu and some members are spending several months in Queensland. . . . One of our very faithful shut-in members has provided a large donation to purchase a new piano for the chapel.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

AUGUST:

- 2 - State C.W.F. Monthly meeting - 11 a.m. City Temple, Sydney.
- 21 - State C.W.F. Country "Convention" - at Taree.
- 24 - Second Term ends at Woolwich College.
- 25-Sept. 1 - "Bible Week" in Churches of Christ in N.S.W. - coinciding with National Bible Society Week.
- 26 - N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal monthly meeting - 10 a.m. at Burwood.

VICTORIA

June 26-Aug. 21 - Leadership and Y.A.F. Sensitivity Training Programme (9 Wednesdays).

JULY:

28 - Girls' Sunday.

AUGUST:

- 2-4 - C.E. State Convention.
- 3 - Cent. & Nth. Dist. Half-yearly Conf.
- 9-22 - Explorer Worship Activities.
- 10 - B.S. One-day Teacher Training Conf.
- 14 - C.W.F. Missionary Rally, Brotherhood Centre.
- 16-18 - C.W.F. Evening Fellowship Camp - Monbulk.
- 18 - ANNUAL OFFERING - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.
- 26-31 - Explorer Camp - Monbulk.
- 26-31 - Explorer Camp - Hall's Gap.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JULY:

30 - Second Christian Union Seminar, Maylands.

AUGUST:

- 2, 3, 4 - Teen and Twenty Mission. (C. G. Flood, Guest Preacher.)
- 2, 3, 4 - Church Life Conference, Berri.
- 10-18 - Stewardship Programme, Naracoorte.
- 16, 17, 18 - Tumby Bay Church Life Conference.
- 14-25 - Planned Evangelism Programme, Whyalla.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUGUST:

- 16-18 - C.W.F. Convention at Yancheep.
- 7 - Overseas Mission Sunday - in all Churches.
- 7 - Overseas Offering.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN CONFERENCE

(A special meeting of the Federal Board of Christian Education, at which all State Directors were present, was held at Blackburn (Vic.), June 26-28. The Board met to assess the position in each State regarding the Federal Board, Joint Board proposals on curriculum; to make decision regarding the immediate future of the Board; to consider their approach to Federal Conference in October and give thought to the future structure and staffing of the Board.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:

1. A careful analysis of the position in each State revealing that whilst there is a significant dissent to co-operation in curriculum production with the Joint Board of Christian Education, the great majority of schools and churches across Australia favoured such partnership;

2. A re-examination of the possible alternatives in curriculum production, which included a re-appraisal of Standard Lesson Materials, the possibility of producing materials on our own and the factors for and against co-operation with the Joint Board;

3. The impossibility of continuing as an economic entity with rising costs of production and declining sales, together with the staff requirements to produce curriculum on our own;

THE FEDERAL BOARD DECIDED:

1. To re-affirm its decision taken at the annual meeting in 1967, that "this conference re-affirms the policy of the

Federal Board of Christian Education producing lesson materials which reflect the main stream of the theological thinking of our Australian brotherhood. We acknowledge that this material does not meet with full acceptance in every church and State Department. We regret any departure from federally-produced materials, at the same time recognising the right of any church or Department to use other materials."

2. To present two motions to Federal Conference; one seeking the approval of conference to make an official approach to the Joint Board of Christian Education to become a partner in the Joint Board in the production of curriculum materials, believing that editorial rights within such a venture will ensure the preservation of our own distinctive witness; and, secondly, affirming the necessity for the continuance of the Federal Board of Christian Education as a separate entity within the brotherhood.

EDITORSHIP

Consideration was given to the future shape and functioning of the Federal Board in the light of possible co-operation with the Joint Board in the production of curriculum materials and this led to certain changes being made. A unanimous invitation was extended to Dr. G. A. Whiting to become editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education. The board deeply regrets that Dr. Whiting has subsequently indicated that he is unable to accept the invitation. It is expected that he will terminate his ministry in January, 1969.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

(Beverly Hills, N.S.W.). The church celebrated its Golden Jubilee services with attendances exceeding 250. The ministry of Ross Beadle (Nelson, N.Z.) was greatly appreciated. . . . The half-year's special efforts have raised \$400 for the manse fund. . . . 100 girls attended a recent Brigade Church Parade. . . . The church mourns the loss of W. J. E. Lewis and N. Weedon. . . . Three young men have been received into membership following faith and baptism.

L. G. CRISP AS SHIP CHAPLAIN

(Vic.). L. G. Crisp, the minister of the church at Thornbury, has been asked by the Immigration Dept. and the Social Questions and Services Board of Churches of Christ in Australia to act as Chaplain on the "Castel Felice" to serve migrants en route to Australia. The "Castel Felice" leaves England on October 18.

The Thornbury church has co-operated enthusiastically in the venture and has made it possible for Mrs. Crisp to accompany her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Crisp will leave Melbourne on the "Fairstar" on August 3.

L.I.F.E.

(Lismore, N.S.W.). A Lay Institute For Evangelism was conducted by Kevin Crawford, July 19-21. . . . Service at St. Anne's Rest Home was conducted on June 30. Several items were given by our Kindergarten children. . . . Our Girls' Brigade Company won recent district sports and now retains cup permanently. . . . A choir has been commenced and assists in gospel meeting. . . . An exchange with Goonellabah and Bangalow ministers takes place once a month.

INTERIM MINISTRY

(Ipswich, Qld.). While waiting for a response to the call to minister here, the church is grateful to F. Winter, of Toowoomba, who is sharing the preaching with two students. . . . 31 attended the last monthly meeting of the Young Marrieds. . . . 130 were at the C.W.F. Birthday Luncheon when E. T. Hart, Social Service Director, was guest speaker. . . . Les. Gehrke and Wayne Newman led the way home in the 21-mile Walkathon to Caloundra. . . . Leichhardt B.S. anniversary presented "What Jesus Means to Me" in drama and song. Roger Risson was guest speaker.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE

There are only 12 weeks before Sydney churches will be hosts to the Australian Brotherhood at the 32nd Federal Conference.

Provision is made in this issue on page 19 for late planners or slow thinkers, or new opportunists, to register and to be in Sydney from October 16 to 22. To make it easy, there is a clip out coupon to send in order to get things moving.

Even if you cannot attend, you are still urged to register. You will receive information about Conference, and you will be sharing from a distance in the ongoing life and work of the church.

RE-ENGAGEMENT OFFERED

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The church has requested the re-engagement of the minister, Maxwell Hall, for a further two years. . . . Three young men were welcomed into the fellowship during the month. . . . Bob Story of the Unevangelised Fields Mission, showed films of the work with primitive tribes in New Guinea. Mr. Story also spoke to the S.S. scholars. . . . Guest speaker at the quarterly Combined Town Hall Service was Alex Gilchrist, a director of the Billy Graham team. Mr. Gilchrist showed slides of the recent Crusade in Sydney. . . . At C.W.F., a Fire Officer from the local brigade, gave a most informative talk on "Fire Hazards and Dangers." . . . Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Vincent Fiori, who died suddenly on July 11.

NOT SOUP KITCHEN AID

"Australians have to get away from the soup kitchen philosophy in overseas aid," Mrs. G. N. Frost, Victorian chairman of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, said today.

"Too many people believe that the only way to feed the world's hungry is to send shiploads of food from Australia. Gifts of food should only be required in times of disaster," she said. "The only way to overcome world hunger is to help the world's hungry to help themselves."

Mrs. Frost said that this year the Freedom from Hunger Campaign in Victoria was appealing for \$350,000 which would be used to support food production projects in most Asian countries.

The schemes include intensive training programmes on agricultural methods.

SKILlicORNs IN ENGLAND

Ruth and Keith Skillicorn, missionaries to India, will be in England from July 26 to Oct. 22. Their address will be c/o Mrs. N. Hudson, 18 Elizabeth Drive, Oadby, Leicester, LE2, 4RD, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Skillicorn apologise because their correspondence is about a year in arrears owing to the famine involvement and subsequent programmes.

Paul Skillicorn will be in Melbourne for 10 days from July 27, 1968. He has been awarded scholarships for further study in the U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skillicorn have both graduated from Hull Univ., England, with B.A. degrees.

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ANNERLEY'S 55th

(Qld.). A Friday night Family Dinner was held with a large attendance when Len. Wyeth, home after 27 years at Mackay, reflected on past experiences. Former minister, V. F. Parker (Sunnybank) spoke on the early history of the church. Mrs. Miller and Lyn rendered a duet. A movie of 20 minutes' duration was screened by Bert Anderson, which depicted the building of the present chapel. Mrs. J. Ewers, M.A. (interim minister) concluded with a suitable address. Vic. Parker preached on the Sunday.

"ALL AGE" CONCERT

(Albion, Qld.). As a fund-raising venture the All Age Bible School arranged a concert. Children and older members and visiting artists presented a wide variety of items in the church hall which is proving eminently satisfactory for functions of this kind. An instrumental item by the Bedwell family proved very popular. . . . The church picnic was held at Mt. Glorious. . . . The film "Crossroads of History" was screened by Ansva at a Sunday evening service.

FAREWELL TO CHAPMANS

(Kedron, Qld.). A teenage girl made her decision at the closing service of the ministry of Graeme Chapman on July 7. At a farewell tea representative speakers expressed appreciation of the valued services of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman in church and local activities. Gifts from the church were made to them and to Rebecca. . . . The Women's Fellowships have Mrs. R. Haigh as president and continue to hold day-evening meetings. . . . P. E. Thomas was speaker on July 14.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Bridgetown: s., R. E. Elwin; mem., 35.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Balaklava: m., C. A. R. Smith; s., R. E. Shepherd; mem., 111; "AC" 25.

Berri: m., R. L. Baxter; s., K. L. Hammond; mem., 90.

Barmera: m., R. Brown; s., D. J. Creeper; mem., 28.

Beverley: m., M. T. Lawrie; s., B. J. Harding; mem., 57; "AC" 6.

VICTORIA

Ballarat: (Dawson St., Brougham St., Mt. Clear), m., F. C. Hunting, J. Byrnes (Asst.); s., J. L. Price (Dawson St.), J. H. Morris (Brougham St.), H. Trezise (Mt. Clear); mem., 269; "AC" 44.

Ballarat: (Peel St.), m., J. T. Timms; s., L. T. Murphy; mem., 115; "AC" 5.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Bangalow: s., D. Barnes; mem., 23.

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Bexley North: m., D. Hammer; s., L. C. Yelds; mem., 134; "AC" 10.

QUEENSLAND

Boonah: m., H. Davies; s., F. S. Warwick; mem., 108; "AC" 10.

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TEACHERS PLAN

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). Teachers met around luncheon table to plan programme and discuss problems of S.S. N. Fisher is General Supt. . . . C.W.F. recently enjoyed morning coffee session, a speaker from Austin Hospital, and visitation of shut-ins . . . Successful Bonanza featuring sale of work, arts and crafts display, slide competition and hot meals, raised \$330 for building fund. Sale of newspapers, egg cartons and milk bottle tops and direct giving increased this to \$1,400 as 50th church anniversary effort . . . Evening after-church "sing-ins" in private homes are proving popular . . . B. McKinnon showed interesting slides of her overseas trip, with emphasis on Russia, at after-church fellowship.

TEMPLE DAY

(Carnegie, Vic.). On Temple Day 220 attended morning service, offering being \$120. Dinner was provided by the ladies for 160. Temple Day offering was \$911. . . . Arrangements are being made for alteration to front of church . . . Mid-gets and Junior Explorers were first and second in competition . . . Good Companions conducted evening service on July 7 . . . Minister and B.S. Supt. attended seminar at Monbulk . . . A Youth Tea was held on July 7 . . . Mrs. Warmbrunn has been in hospital. Slight improvement report from Mr. Fullerton. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now in England . . . Friendship Forum is being conducted fortnightly in members' homes.

AFTER MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

(Ashburton, Vic.). Five young adults have been baptized after attending membership classes conducted by Dr. Whiting . . . Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones have been welcomed into membership from U.S.A. . . . The church has endorsed a proposal to widen membership to include "Christians in fellowship." . . . Young adults and C.Y.F. groups are meeting on alternate Sunday evenings after church . . . Two successful family church services have been held in conjunction with the S.S.

OVERSEAS MISSIONARY GIVING

(Gardiner, Vic.). We are pledged to contribute \$1,200 for the support of two missionaries. Our annual offering for Overseas Missions has reached \$1,465. Besides this, an anonymous donor made a gift of \$400 to be sent to New Guinea to help some urgent work which Mrs. Frank Beale will nominate.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

(Peel Street, Ballarat, Vic.). The church shared in a four-day stewardship campaign from July 7-10, with Allan Avery of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. It was not a planned giving programme but aimed to show the church its responsibility to tithe. Some 37 members indicated their willingness and desire to tithe. As well as the Lord's Day services, and a Youth Tea, Mr. Avery conducted morning prayer daily from 6.30-8.30 a.m., and informal meetings in homes on three consecutive nights, with the whole church sharing instruction and discussion.

C.M.S. ANNUAL DINNER

On July 8 at 6 p.m., 210 men gathered at the Flinders Park church, S.A., for the annual dinner arranged by the State Committee of the Christian Men's Society. The chairman of the committee, R. L. Hocking, presided and the organising of the details of the arrangements were in the hands of the secretary, G. Molyneux.

Amongst those present were representatives of men's work in the Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Anglican churches. There were men from 27 of our city, and six of our country churches.

The ladies of the Flinders Park church served a hot meal for the whole gathering. It was a big task, excellently done under the direction of Mrs. R. Gordge. Miss Cheryl Hubbard officiated at the electronic organ.

The address was given by John Birt, captain/coach of the West Torrens Football Club, and a member of our Clovelly Park church. Mr. Birt spoke of his 11 years of football experience in Victoria, of world events in the area of sport which are to take place in the near future and of his association with his present football club. The men asked their questions regarding the game and Mr. Birt's experience as a Christian in sport. This continued until 9.30 p.m.

A comment made by the speaker as

he concluded his address, was significant of the emphasis he made—"The greatest opportunity which has come to me through football is to witness to my faith in Christ. We have the privilege of knowing Christ, therefore, it is our duty to tell others about him."

R. E. PITTMAN MOVES

(Nallsforth, S.A.). After 15 years of faithful and valued service to the church, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pittman have moved from the district. At an after-church farewell on June 30 the church expressed its appreciation and goodwill. The gracious and willing spirit of co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Pittman have been a fine example to all. . . . The annual meeting elected H. Moore, M. Purdie, S. Roberts, G. Spangenberg and R. Stacey as deacons . . . Dr. Thornley Thomas was speaker at recent mid-week meeting where he showed slides of the work in India.

\$500 FOR MISSIONS

(Grote St., Adelaide, S.A.). The Overseas Mission offering amounted to \$503.68 . . . Mrs. Patricia Dennis, widow of late Len. Dennis, accidentally killed at Esperance where they were missionaries with the Aborigines, has now settled in her own home at 60 Barnes

Ave., Magill, S.A., 5072. Mrs. Dennis gratefully acknowledges sympathetic interest and financial support from Grote St. members and many Aust. churches. . . . Five cartons of milk and milk foods were recently sent to John Short working with refugees in Hong Kong. . . . A social evening raised \$63.20 for a two-way radio for Bryan and Janet Ezard, with Wycliffe Bible Translators and about to go to Fergusson Island, New Guinea. Baby Carolyn Ezard, operated on for dendritic ulcer, is improving . . . Mrs. Angell has entered R.A.H. for surgery.

VISITORS TO STRATHALBYN

(S.A.). Dr. Thornley Thomas, on furlough from India, was speaker at a missionary rally on July 4. On July 7, Mr. Archbold, Sudan United Mission, spoke at the worship service and at night an A.B.I. team represented the Scripture Union . . . C.W.F. held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Garwood where Mr. Roberts, of Roberts Bros., gave a talk on meat preparation . . . 120 attended the church's first social on July 12 with K. Cross as compare . . . The Circuit Men's Fellowship visited the Grenfell St. Mail Exchange. . . . The church made a presentation to Brian Patterson prior to his commencing National Service.

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 Geoffrey Winkler, Box Hill, Vic.
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 Judy Rumpff, Dandenong, Vic.
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 Lorraine Dickenson, Parkdale, Vic.
 Colin and Russell Neyland, Robyn Parker, Greg. Kenney, Harry Stobbe, Ivanhoe, Vic.
 Yvonne Watson, Alan Russell, Barry Kennedy, Maryborough, Vic.
 Lawrence Briggs, Hampton, Vic.
 A. Small, Noble Park, Vic.
 Nola Abel, Judith Fisher, Lois and Lyn White, Wayne Devenish, Ashburton, Vic.
 Bev. Tassell, Bunbury, W.A.
 Peter Chaston, Brighton, Vic.
 Noel Smith, Ian Wilson, Burwood, N.S.W.

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 T. Willis, from East Bentleigh to Dandenong, Vic.
 Mrs. Ried from Roma; Mrs. Schoffow from Silverdale, to Hervey Bay, Qld.
 Miss Elsie Lawson, from Townsville to Maryborough, Qld.
 Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones from U.S.A. to Ashburton, Vic.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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 H. D. Farmer, secretary, Bambra-rd. Caulfield church, 30 Seaview-st., South Caulfield Vic., 3162.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Griffin, from Mildura; Mr. and Mrs. G. Billington from Caulfield, to Shepparton, Vic.
 Mrs. G. Fergus, from North Essendon; Mrs. B. Mulholland, from Carnegie; Mr. and Mrs. H. Dickson, from Moreland, to Ivanhoe, Vic.
 Mrs. V. Burnside, Mrs. L. Schwenesen, B. Titter, K. Goebly, to Noble Park, Vic.
 Elizabeth Davies, from Elizabeth, to Port Pirie, S.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Cavill, from Mildura; Miss G. Edwards, from Wattle Park to Red Cliffs, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor to Hartwell, Vic.
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 Mrs. G. Crabtree, from Frankston; Mrs. Robson, from Richmond, to Parkdale, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Morris, from Inverell to Tamworth, N.S.W.
 Beverley and Geoff. Clow, from Bundaberg to Albion, Qld.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Partington, from Boronia to Stawell, Vic.
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MARRIAGES

Margaret Ford to Wayne Crawford, Hobart, Tas.
 June Finney to John Davis, Brighton, Vic.
 Verna Anderson to John McGuire; Fay Bester to Bruce Cook, Ivanhoe, Vic.
 Pam Fletcher to Peter Clark, Albion, Qld.
 Pam Facey to Gary Broughton, Manifold Heights, Vic.
 Jill Evans to Phillip Michael, North Perth, W.A.

DEATHS

W. J. Evan Lewis; Noel Weedon, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Bertha Black, Maryborough, Vic.
 Ron Earl, Box Hill, Vic.
 Mrs. Pilmore, Strathalbyn, S.A.
 Mrs. Margaret Allen, Fremantle, W.A.
 Andrew Mark Brown (4 yrs.), Horsham, Vic.
 Mrs. R. Parker, Croydon, Vic.
 Paul Henning, E. Preston, Vic.

N. L. E. Carter, secretary, Frankston church, 188 Cranbourne-rd., Frankston, Vic., 3199. Phone 783-7074 (Melb.).

K. Torney, secretary, Red Hill church, Flinders, Vic., 3929.

A. G. Leane, minister, Naracoorte, Church of Christ Manse, 14 Fifth-ave., Naracoorte, S.A., 5271.

BIRTHS

BAXTER (nee Williams).—To Lesley and Lynn, God's gift, a son—Lyndon John, at Berri on May 30.
 BOLDUAN (Sampson).—To Bob and Eve, at Geelong on June 11, a son—Mark Atkins. Both very well.
 REID (Wood).—To Barry and Phyllis (minister, Townsville, Qld.), God's gift of a daughter—Christine Elizabeth, born July 4, 1968. Sister for Robyn and David.
 WRIGHT (Crilly).—On June 7 at Morwell, to Dawn and Graeme, a daughter—Trina Narelle. Sister to Darren and Warren. A loving welcome from grandparents (Vera and Stan Crilly) and great grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richardson).
 FERGUSON (Wright).—To Judy and Ian, a daughter—Diane Joy, born June 21, 1968. Sister for Janine. (18 Glenwood-ave., Glen Waverley).

DEATH

BERRY, George Ellis.—Suddenly, at 28 Cresswell Cresc., Mitcham, on July 14, beloved husband of Elsie, dear father of Edith and Stan (dec.), and Dorothy and Ted (Heard), loving grandpa of Lyn, Ian and David, "Sunny" and Hema. "In peace, with Christ."

IN MEMORIAM

CORNISH, Phyllis Helen.—Called home July 19, 1967. In memory of our loving Phyl., sadly missed by family and friends. "In God's care."—Inserted by sister Glad. and family.
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LAUNDER.—Loving memories of Graham, our dear son and brother, passed away Aug. 6, 1957. "Some-day we will meet again."—Father, Mother, Malcolm and Joy.

MACDONALD.—In loving memory of my parents, Nellie (died 25/8/60) and John Alexander (died 19/6/68). "Beyond the sunset, Oh blissful morning."—Jeanette Adams, Seaford.

MORTLOCK.—Loving memories of my dear husband, Eli, who passed away July 28, 1966. "Thinking of you always."—Your loving wife, Sylvia.

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OBITUARY

W. J. Evan Lewis

W. J. Evan Lewis died on June 26 after a long and fruitful life of 90 years. His relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects in the Beverly Hills, N.S.W. chapel, when G. Hopson paid tribute to the Christian witness of a faithful servant. It was fitting that so many honoured one who held the respect and esteem of all. Not only Beverly Hills, where Mr. Lewis settled after his retirement from the Education Dept., but the whole brotherhood is richer for the example he has left. In the churches at Enmore and Marrickville he left his mark and for many years his pen was used in the service of temperance when his relevant and lucid letters appeared in city newspapers. Until the last year of his life, he often presided at the Lord's Table when the church was uplifted and encouraged by his wise words. He will be remembered for his love of people and his unfailing graciousness. We commend Mrs. Lewis, Joy, Yvonne and family to the love and comfort of the heavenly Father.—N. Cook.

George Graham

In the city of Ballarat, Vic., the name Graham means a lot to many people, because it is associated with a family of five brothers who are highly respected and loved by the folk in the churches. George Graham was the first to move on to higher service. On June 30, after four years of suffering, he died. He leaves a widow and two daughters, whose faith, like their husband and father, is planted deeply in the risen Christ. For his friends, he leaves cherished memories of a man who practised what he preached, a man who never let his right hand know what his left hand was doing. Many lives have been helped, many faiths strengthened by the kind deeds and words of our late brother. For over 30 years, he witnessed to what the life of Christ within really meant, and even in his greatest hour of need, his faith in Christ was strong. He was a loving husband, devoted father, cherished brother in Christ; worthy of Christ's Name.—J.T.T.

William Easton

The church at Sunshine (Vic.) has lost a faithful member in the death of Will. Easton, aged 74 years. With the exception of two years the whole of his life was spent in the Footscray and Sunshine district where he was held in high esteem by those who knew him. The greater part of his life was with the church at Footscray where he was baptised, and he gave splendid service in a number of offices, serving as a deacon, teacher and chorlmaster for the church and S.S. He transferred to Sunshine seven years ago and moved quietly into service there, and at the time of his death was an esteemed elder of the church. Although he did not enjoy good health for a number of years he still maintained a very lively interest in the worship and witness of the

Mrs. Florence Hinrichsen

On April 30, 1960, the church at Northcote (Vic.) suffered the loss of Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen, and on July 4, 1968, a similar loss came in the death of Mrs. Hinrichsen. Florence Hall was baptised as a girl of some 12 years, at Williamstown. In 1909, the family moved to South Yarra, where Florence joined with the church, and remained there when others of the family returned to Williamstown. In the meantime her twin sister died. This was in 1917. At South Yarra, where she was leader of a girls' club, Florence met W. H. Hinrichsen, afterwards Dr. Hinrichsen, to whom she was married in 1923. At this time W. H. Hinrichsen was preaching at Northcote, having begun a ministry there in 1920. Mrs. Hinrichsen won the affection of many people, but perhaps particularly evident is the love of the girls of the church for her as their leader. What she was to them is still evident in the continued membership of some of them at Northcote to the present time, and some are members elsewhere. Some will recall Mrs. Hinrichsen's visits

to the churches in the year in which her husband was Conference President and when he journeyed widely and rapidly through the State. Mrs. Hinrichsen remained a member at Northcote from her coming until her death, even after removal from the neighbourhood. She did this without urging or constraint. Her quiet faithfulness, her ability to estimate, her graciousness, her enjoyment of people and situations, are characteristics which have been evident. And this says nothing of her kindness. How careful she was not to say anything which might wrongly place another! She was so very careful in this. We shall greatly miss her cheeriness, her genuineness, and her humility. To her daughter, Dr. Gladys Watkins, her sons Kevin Hinrichsen, Ian and Gordon, and to her sisters Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Wickham, as well as to the grandchildren, we express our sympathy, but rejoice in the faith of this one, a faith described in one of its attributes as unshakable, and in the hope of life eternal.—A.B.W.

Mrs. Ruth Parker

Mrs. Ruth Parker died on July 6 at the age of 65 years. She was born in England. She was still very young when her parents died and she was cared for by grandparents. When they also died other relatives looked after her until she was sent to Australia to relatives at Ringwood. The various people who had cared for her belonged to different denominations including an immersionist body. She conformed with whatever church she was taken to. In 1936 she was married to George Parker, of Croydon, and linked with the church there with her husband. She was a consistent member and in their home many of the student ministers were cared for regularly. In the women's work she was both co-operative and reliable and could be depended upon to carry out any task which she accepted. For many years she was a member of the Eastern District Conference Catering Committee. Her husband and daughter cared for her at home during the last two years of suffering which she endured bravely. Funeral services were conducted in the Croydon chapel and at Springvale Crematorium. The deepest sympathy is offered to her husband and daughter Joyce (Mrs. Rattle), her husband Geoff., and three grandsons.—W.J.T.

Mrs. Travill

Mrs. Madge Travill, a member of the church at Northcote, died on June 19 after a short time in hospital. Though given all possible attention locally, and then by specialist treatment, Mrs. Travill did not recover. Mrs. Travill came into the church in 1959. Her children had attended the school and clubs of the Northcote church, but she remained detached from the church until the Graham Crusade, during which she came to decision and subsequently was baptised. Thereafter she showed a great interest in the church and proved a very consistent member. Her daughter, Mrs. D'Ambrosia, who preceded her mother into the church is still in membership at Northcote, and her son, Fred, though about to move from Northcote, is also a member there and leader of the Boys' Club. Northcote church regrets the passing of this good woman, but is thankful for the years both of her earlier interest and her more recently confessed belief. The love of the church is assured to Shirley and Fred, Greg and Lorraine, and the grandchildren Peter, Pam, Trevor, and Paul, Mark and Grant.—A.B.W.

CHILD CARE WEEK

(Melb.). The Children's Welfare Association of Victoria has chosen "Child Care—Competition or Co-operation" as the theme for Child Care Week, Aug. 3 to 9, 1968.

The principal speaker is the Rev. E. L. Reilly, B. Soc. Stud., Dip. Div., Tutor in the Dept. of Soc. Studies, Qld. Uni. He will be guest speaker at the official opening of the week on Child Care Sunday at Wesley Church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon on August 4 at 3 p.m.

There will be special programmes in the city and in regional centres and the climax will be the Wattle Day Appeal and the Wattle Day Fair in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on August 9.

BUILDING STAGES

(Horsham, Vic.). The church building programme is being divided into two stages. Stage 1 includes all new buildings and renovations, except the chapel. It is anticipated that this work could commence by end of July. The Presbyterian church has kindly loaned us the use of a hall for all purposes during the inconvenience . . . Mrs. Jan. Smith, after major surgery, is back in fellowship . . . Officers' Board held a camp at Halls Gap, July 12-14, to discuss matters vital to the church and the future . . . There were two decisions on July 14 . . . Church has been saddened by the death of little Mark Brown, aged 4 years.

LOSS AT CROYDON

(Vic.). The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. R. Parker after a long illness. Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Parker and family . . . Young marrieds' monthly meeting was held at the home of Lyn and Doug. Smith . . . Recent services of C.W.E.F. group were a sewing night at Montrose church and an apron parade and recipe night at the home of Mrs. Galletly. C.W.F. ladies are sending a parcel of clothing for an 11-year-old boy at our Aboriginal Mission. Parcels of clothing have also been sent to the Social Service Dept. . . . A special service on June 23 included a S.S. demonstration, teacher dedication service and communion . . . Miss Bernice Cotton has entered Heidelberg Hospital as a trainee nurse . . . A devotional service for women is held each Tuesday morning.

CAMP REUNION

(Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic.). More than 100 attended the Easter Camp Reunion tea and rally. Paul Burnham was compere and Albert Stevens was song leader. Highlights were re-lived and testimonies were given. John Byrnes brought the gospel challenge . . . 70 attended the Teens 'n' Twenties coffee and cabaret. The hall was decorated to depict underwater scenery. Artists brought a variety of items. Max White of Peel St., spoke on "Following the Footsteps of Jesus." . . . The reformed Christian Men's Fellowship held an open film night and screened the provocative "Mr. Brown Comes Down." Miss Franklin has suffered some falls which have necessitated her removal to the Queen Elizabeth Home. She is showing improvement. Miss Franklin has been a member for over 70 years.

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300 AT RALLY

(Hartwell, Vic.). Over 300 girls and their leaders shared in the Good Companions' Combined Spiritual Rally at Hartwell on July 5 . . . On July 7, V. Longthorp exchanged pulpits with Mr. Savage, who went to Camberwell . . . The church was saddened by collapse of Stan. Jones who died suddenly on July 1. R. Tyler, elder, successfully underwent an eye operation and is making good progress . . . The church regrets the departure of church secretary, Max Hurren, and his wife, on being transferred in his work to Yackandandah.

Y.P. AID "AUSTCARE"

(Brighton, Vic.). Young people collected \$300 for Austcare . . . 46 young people held weekend camp at Manyung June 8-10 . . . 150 young people gathered for Coffee Hour after service on July 14 . . . Mrs. Kenner, Sen., is back at services after illness . . . Mrs. Gilmore's mother from Coff's Harbour, is assisting with children during the absence of minister at Uppsala. Mrs. Leach and Christine have returned from overseas. Mrs. Alma Scott is recovering after surgery. Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. F. Baker, Mrs. A. E. Forbes are all unwell.

HAMPTON DECISION

(Vic.). There was a confession of faith on June 16 . . . Mrs. Krone, of Brighton, is acting as organist at evening services . . . A committee has been appointed to consider plans for future work . . . T. T. Robinson of East Bentleigh, was speaker on July 7 when neighbouring ministers exchanged pulpits . . . B.S. teachers and scholars shared in breakfast on June 30, when a class competition was launched. Three new scholars have been enrolled.

THREE BAPTISMS

(Maryborough, Vic.). Three young people have made decisions and have been baptized . . . The Mission Band have completed their parcel of clothing for an Aboriginal youth in the Carnarvon Mission . . . The church hall was filled on July 6 when the Youth For Christ team presented the programme. . . . On July 13 the young people held a youth weekend, with a "Music for Guitars" on Saturday night, and special Sunday services. The film "Dust or Destiny" was screened . . . The ladies held a successful jumble sale to assist with the building fund.

NEW KINDER ROOM

(Thomson, Vic.). The new Primary room (40 x 21) is now being used for S.S. by the delighted Kinder. Supt., Mrs. L. Simper, and staff. With the increased facilities the large Junior Girls' Club is now able to meet in two groups . . . The church anniversary services on July 7 had F. C. Hunting, of Ballarat, as guest speaker. 100 were present at 5 p.m. for the Geelong Youth for Christ team which presented items at the Family Tea. R. A. Banks was speaker at night with Y.F.C. assisting . . . Church membership now 63, 47 breaking bread and S.S. averages 115 . . . A mission with Kevin Christensen is planned for Sept. 22-Oct. 6.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

(Footscray, Vic.). Recent E.F. programmes included a musical appreciation evening provided by Miss Lynette Alcorn, and a visit by two Port Hostesses from the Melbourne Harbour Trust . . . During winter months weekly prayer and Bible study meetings are held in homes of members . . . Daytime Crusade prayer meetings are being conducted by the ladies . . . Good Companions attended a combined worship service at Essendon . . . Ladies have supplied clothing for an Aboriginal girl . . . Young people visited Olympic Consolidated Industries computer and also visited "Westhaven" Baptist Home to provide a programme.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

(Box Hill, Vic.). Stewardship brochures have been distributed and "house meetings" held in connection with Stewardship commitment . . . Malcolm Humphries was speaker on July 14 . . . Thornbury Y.P.C.E. met with Box Hill to view the film "The Sheaves" conducted by David Cummings of Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . C.W.F. Evening Group has elected: Pres., Mrs. Heather White; secretary, Mrs. Lorraine Blake; treasurer, Mrs. June Jones. C.W.F. members entertained guests at the W. H. Clay Homes, Murrumbidgee . . . Rosemary Blanchflower passed mothercraft nursing with distinction . . . Miss Gladys Wheaton and Mr. Hiron had to undergo surgery. George Steele improving after accident to eyes. Mrs. Sutherland became suddenly ill on her 80th birthday. . . . L. S. Dewberry is minister.

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"TEEN 'N TWENTY" PRAYER BREAKFAST

(S.A.). Every metropolitan church was represented at a "Teen 'n Twenty" Prayer Breakfast at Hindmarsh Church of Christ at 7.30 a.m. on July 13. 100 people representing 38 churches came together to pray for the forthcoming "Teen 'n Twenty" Mission to be held Aug. 2, 3, 4. Cyril G. Flood met with the key youth workers of our churches and the Director, Charles Dow, M.A., outlined the forthcoming plans and arrangements. Jack Maxted challenged us to organise, to pray, to work for the success of this evangelistic outreach programme.

DR. WILLIAMS AT COLAC

(Vic.). The church has had a missionary visit from Dr. and Mrs. Williams . . . Our young people took the evening service recently. Graham Lord from Burwood, spent a weekend with us, meeting with young people on Sat. night, speaking at both services on July 14 and sharing in a fellowship tea, also a conference with B.S. teachers . . . Some strangers have been attending evening services . . . The minister, B. Duff, was on the radio each morning last week.

BAPTISMS AND DECISIONS

(Epping, N.S.W.). There were four baptisms when H. M. Long spoke on "The Lord's Baptism and Ours." Six more have responded to follow in obedience in baptism . . . J. Henderson spoke at recent gospel service, and Rev. John Gunson, from Cheltenham Congregational Church, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Long . . . Young people went to "Northside" house party held at Port Hacking for week-end.

BURWOOD'S LINK

(N.S.W.). The Conf. Pres., Harold Long, of Epping, was guest speaker at our Missionary Convention, June 28-30. The New Hebrides work was specially featured. No special offering was taken; however, the church launched a Faith Offering to provide \$750 each year for the support of a missionary in the field. We are advised that Miss K. Williams has been allotted to us as our Living Link. Two lads made decisions for Christ and following baptism were received into the church membership.

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MUSIC AND YOUTH

(Dunolly, Vic.). On July 13 the young people travelled to Maryborough church for evening of music and guitars featuring Peter and Henny Dewildt, the P.K.'s and local artists. On Sunday there was a youth tea and a sing-along. The film "Dust or Destiny" was screened. There was a gospel sing-in and Peter Dewildt and wife again brought messages in song . . . Three of our young people Jeannette Robertson, Glenys Bryant (Mrs. Billings) and Chris Spiker won the area debate finals in Senior Young Farmers. The subject was "Farm and Home Safety." They defeated Echuca and go now to State finals.

Mr. NOMINAL CHRISTIAN

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). A special feature on June 13 was the presentation of the play, "Mr. Nominal Christian" by the young people and the singing of old hymns with modern tunes led by T. Smith . . . On July 7, Mr. Oldfield baptized two young ladies. The Gospel Saints' musical team sang at this service and the film "Facts of Faith" was screened. Recent gospel services have been very well attended as a result of the Billy Graham Crusade . . . The C.W.F. held a film evening, the proceeds going to Ashwood House.

CHURCH LOSES MEMBERS

(Goolwa, S.A.). Annual business meeting elected W. J. Burgar as secretary and R. J. Spencer as treasurer . . . Removals have reduced our membership. The importance of active participation in stewardship in church life for progress was emphasised . . . Renovation to the interior wall of church hall now completed . . . The removal of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley and family are a great loss to the church. John and Pam were most active in all church work and will be difficult to replace. We wish them well at Mt. Gambier.

STREET STALL

(Whyalla, S.A.). A successful street stall was held by C.W.F. in aid of Kindness Week and "Bibles for Indonesia." . . . The B.S. anniversary featured a Saturday Family Social with film and talk from S. R. Baker (Acting Sec., B. & F.B.S.). Kinder and Primary service used the theme "The Life of Jesus." Speaker was Lt. Joan Bailey of Salvation Army. Senior B.S. led the evening service. The puppet play on The Conversion of Saul was directed by John Lawrie. Speaker was Dean Stevenson, a Baptist minister.

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(N.S.W.). Baptisms are taking place almost every Sunday for which we give praise to God . . . July is Loyalty Month, asking for every member present at both services on Sunday and one representative from each family for prayer fellowship . . . Many members have pledged one dollar per week for the work at Orange where our previous minister, Ray Hawkins, is serving . . . C.W.F. meeting had a panel of women to answer pertinent questions regarding church and family life. Mrs. Foletta is president . . . A creche operates in the new small hall on Sunday mornings. . . . Young Marrieds' evenings to be held with the "oldies" of the C.W.F. baby-sitting for them . . . Mr. Hawkins (Orange) was guest speaker at the Y.P.C.E. Anniversary on July 20-21.

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Christianity's Last Chance?

The two hundred or more television and radio men and women who met in Oslo for a week to seek ways of making religious broadcasting match up to the mood of present-day society heard a saintly Norwegian bishop tell them that broadcasting gave the Church its greatest, and possibly its last chance to put the Christian message to the world as the answer to life's problems. Theirs, he said, was the greatest pulpit of all time. No-one could fault him on either point, and his words gave the assembled producers, to say nothing of the Church leaders who were there as well, plenty to think about as they showed one another their pet programmes.

By DOUGLAS BROWN

In what is euphemistically known as a plural society — words often bandied about here as a polite term for a society little interested in religion—or worse—indifferent—some of their problems seemed to border on the insuperable. But they showed courage. They formed a new world-wide organisation of Protestant broadcasters to be known as the World Association for Christian Communication. This was done by amalgamating the five-year-old World Association for Christian Broadcasting—based in London — with its American-based opposite number—the international Coordinating Committee for Christian Broadcasting. They now have greater strength and more money—a closer marriage of studio and church, but with what degree of harmony no-one can yet tell.

Their problems remain. The pews become emptier and emptier in so many places, a clear indication that the traditional formula of pulpit, prayer desk and lectern have little or no meaning for the new generation and are losing much of what they had for their elders, too. Broadcasters know, too, that European forms of religious expression find little favour in the emerging nations of Africa and Asia. And all the time there is that nagging challenge to overcome audience resistance. They must match their message to the thinking and symbols and social patterns of the secular world, and at the same time not lose the Christian essentials. They must use Mammon yet not serve him. And they must overcome the resistance of professional colleagues with their eye on mass audiences, and who think of religious broadcasting as the biggest switch-off of all, and something to be relegated to non-peak periods of viewing and listening.

But having said all these things, there's no doubt that this conference

has awakened religious broadcasters as never before to the dangers, to the problems, of using secular forms of communication to convey the Christian challenge. This is their cleft stick. You abandon old ways, but the new ways go sour on you. This was driven home hard enough by the American-made film for the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala—"Another Pilgrim." A young Protestant minister is tormented by secular symbols as he conducts his morning service in a big American city. The congregation and the pattern of the service are familiar enough. He raises his hands as he calls the congregation to prayer; we cut to a ballet dancer raising her hands in the dance. Scenes of sex and drugs and violence are cut in at an alarming speed. In the end the minister starts to take off his clothes and there he is—naked as the day he was born.

It was a brave attempt to convey—presumably — the starkness of self-examination; the nakedness of man in the sight of God. The director, surely, must be a worshipper at the shrine of Sweden's Ingmar Bergman, but disciples and masters are not the same thing. Be that as it may, this film will be one of Uppsala's talking points. Some will doubtless see it as a challenge, some as slightly ridiculous, some perhaps as blasphemous. But no-one will ignore it. And there could be no greater justification for making it.

Symbolism in Christian worship is one thing; symbolism in Christian television another. When does symbolism become so abstract that it distracts? This led to endless discussion after the showing of a brilliantly shot contribution from Sweden. What are the values of symbols if they are not easily comprehended?

No less a personage than Eugene Carson Blake, American general secretary of the World Council of Churches, came down strongly in favour of the

think-and-talk type of programme. Many must have gone all the way with him after hearing the unrehearsed, unscripted radio interview with the president of Zambia, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, on his brand of Christian humanism. The weight of the man and his thinking, his sincerity and his easy application of Christian principles to the problems of an emerging nation were all brought out in a magnificent half-hour of questions and answers.

The simplicity and thoughtfulness of the main BBC television contribution—"A Life of Christ"—underlined the point that was made so often. There is no place for the well-meaning amateur in Christian broadcasting. Here was professionalism of the highest order. Malcolm Muggeridge, an English journalist and broadcaster lately turned seer, once an atheist and now Christian, goes to what we used to call Palestine and tells in words and pictures what his feelings are at being there. He manages to avoid the ghastliness in that tormented land and finds things enduring and meaningful—Bethlehem removed from touts and guides. A quiet stretch of the Jordan with meditative discourse on John the Baptist and the baptism of Christ. It fortified and revived.

So we come to the crux—the church in the modern world. One of Britain's independent companies gave us the Salvation Army and called it "The Warmongers." It was uncomplicated and direct. The sequences and dialogues were essays in sincerity. The slightly comic side of "The Army" wasn't glossed over—the mock martial posturing was there as well as the massive concern for people.

But what seemed to me to matter was the way the director and his team bent their skills to bring out over and over again the compassion and love of these Christian soldiers for the dejected, lonely, underprivileged and defeated. And when that happens, surely, Christian broadcasters have done what they should.

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RURAL MINISTERS CONFER

(Vic.). Ministers from Red Cliffs, Mil-dura, Dareton, Robinvale, Swan Hill, Echuca, Stawell and Wedderburn-St. Arnaud met on June 24-25 in a rural church ministers' conference. It was held under the auspices of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. and Evang. D. H. Smith, A. A. Avery and Dr. G. A. Whiting shared the leadership of the sessions. Dr. Whiting introduced sessions on a biblical basis for evangelism and the influence and values of contemporary theological discussions. His range of thinking and practical help were greatly appreciated by the participants. The team shared in discussion on Department strategy, on traditional appreciation of evangelism and new expressions of evangelism in our witness today. Time was spent in aspects of pro-

gramme planning for the rural church and participants shared their own insights and experiences. From the discussions there emerged a very real confidence on the worthwhileness of the ministry to a local congregation and the satisfaction experienced therein. Time was spent in discussion and meditation around the scriptures as well as experiences in group prayer. Swan Hill church acted as hosts to the conference and C.W.F. members provided meals. Participating ministers expressed real appreciation of the value of the conference to them at various levels of their work. A further conference will be planned at a later date. Department staff hope to involve other groups of ministers within the Conference in similar experiences.

COUNTRY CAMPBELL SINGERS

(Shepparton, Vic.). The Campbell Singers visited Shepparton for the June long weekend. A delightful concert was enjoyed in the church Family Centre on Saturday. Services were taken at Numurkah, the Shepparton "Feature at Five" and Mooroopna . . . Elaine and Ruth Farrar from the Numurkah church were baptised . . . Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Billington have transferred to the Shepparton church.

YOUTH CENTRE BUSY

(West Preston, Vic.). The Youth Centre is being used extensively. Buildings are in use six nights a week, and also during the day as well as usual Sunday activities. The squash court is in use five nights a week and is also being used by friends from the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches. Over 120 young people attend Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as members of Coburg Church of Christ who attend Monday evenings . . . At a recent gospel service Bob Watson and Graeme Bradley of the Melbourne Bible Institute, conducted the service and gave testimonies.

NEARLY 500 AT EXPLORER SPORTS FINALS

(Vic.). The North Fitzroy Hall was packed for the Metropolitan Finals of the Indoor Sports for Explorer Boys' Clubs on July 6 under the auspices of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education.

In the Midget age group, the championship pennant was won by Carnegie from Glen Waverley (2nd), and Boronia, Burwood, Chadstone and Wattle Park.

The Junior Championship was won by Chadstone, with the minor placings going to Carnegie, Chelsea, North Williamstown, Box Hill, Richmond, Ormond, Blackburn and Pascoe Vale.

The Senior Pennant winners were Oakleigh, followed by Burwood, Chelsea, Box Hill, North Fitzroy, Ormond, Moreland and Maldstone in that order.

Among the three records broken was

NEW ORGAN

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). With Cedric Gower as guest organist the new Hammond organ was dedicated to the worship of God . . . Guest speakers have been Dr. Williams who spoke on mission work in India, and Mr. Cumming of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, who was accompanied by Mrs. Archbold, our worker about to leave for New Guinea. . . . K. J. Harvey led a stewardship review programme and held informal fellowship programmes. The Mission Band has collected a parcel of clothing for May Kibberly, of Carnarvon . . . Our oldest member, Mr. McKay, is 93. . . . Mrs. Pearce is new C.W.E.F. president. Mrs. Hall is sec. . . . Mrs. Scheflerle is entering hospital for surgery.

BERWICK IS 99

(Vic.). The 99th Anniversary of the church and Temple Day was held on June 30. E. W. Roffey, Fed. Conference sec., was speaker and R. Gore, of East Kew, assisted as organist. Mrs. Gore gave messages in song. Temple Day offering was approx. \$100 . . . In C.W.F. Mrs. W. Aitken was nominated as president and Mrs. W. Fletcher as secretary.

the Junior Skip in which John Farmer (Box Hill) created the new record of 213 skips per minute.

The finals were the culmination of the Zone Sports held in 11 suburban venues at which a total of 1,408 boys, leaders and visitors were involved in the elimination contests.

In addition, over 150 attended the first-ever Country Zone Sports for Western Region. This was held at Ararat on June 15, for Explorer Clubs at Dimboola, Portland, Norlane, Belmont, Ararat, Dawson St., Ballarat and Peel St., Ballarat.

The thrilling night at North Fitzroy was climaxed by a challenging talk from organiser G. Beard (Burwood), who spoke of the need, value and availability of prayer "to give real strength."

-L.L.S.

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A group of Multiple Sclerotics formed A.L.A.R.M.S.—Association Leading to Aid and Relief for Multiple Sclerotics, for there is no such help to be found in Victoria and the Association aims to set-up such aid and relief as can be afforded to the unfortunate victims of Multiple Sclerosis. Outings and amusements are not enough: a Centre is needed where Multiple Sclerotics can learn to live with what can be now described as a living death. Ladies' Auxiliaries would be most helpful to raise funds, provide motor transport, man facilities and help in innumerable ways. There are about 3,500 cases in Victoria.

Further information may be obtained from the Art Gallery, Shop No. 12, Princes Gate Arcade, Flinders Street, Melbourne, telephone 639161 or the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Merrile, 'phone 925969 or Denys Conway, 'phone 432066.

EDGAR G. BURTON DIES

(Toronto, Canada). Edgar G. Burton, 64, prominent Canadian Disciple, died May 8. Memorial services were held at Hillcrest Christian Church. He was president of the World Convention of Churches of Christ when the convention met in Toronto in 1955.

One of Canada's most prominent industrialists, he was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by Bethany College in 1956. Dr. Burton was president of the Robert Simpson Company and its subsidiary companies, director of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, the London Life Insurance Co., Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Co. Ltd., Bank of Canada, and associated with many other industrial groups.

FREEDOM IN THAILAND

(Bangkok). Religious freedom is guaranteed under the new constitution which has been promulgated in Thailand.

This freedom is restricted only by a proviso that a man's right to worship as he pleases must not clash with his duties as a citizen or with the demands of public order or good morals. The new constitution restores some freedoms which have been suspended during the past 10 years of military rule.—E.P.S.

BAPTISM UNDER FIRE

(Nashville, U.S.A.). Faced with a lack of baptistries in the chapels and churches of Vietnam, Southern Baptist missionaries and chaplains are turning to the seas and swimming pools to baptize new converts.

Capt. Jack S. McMichael, a former S.S. superintendent in Daleville, Ala.,

reported in a letter to Baptist headquarters here, the unique way the clergymen have met the problem.

"Braced against the pounding surf of the South China Sea at Da Nang," Capt. McMichael wrote, Chaplain William K. Bagnal baptized two new converts while a lifeguard "stood by as protection against the treacherous undertow which prevails during the winter months."

"The actual words of the service were lost in the noises of the sea, guns and airplanes, but the chaplain's uplifted hand signaled the baptismal proclamation."

SALVATION ARMY IN VIETNAM

The South Vietnamese Government requested the Salvation Army in Hong Kong to help with its refugee problems. In response, a five-member team has been sent for at least six months. The Salvation Army in the U.S.A. is providing the finance and the team includes a doctor, a nurse and three social workers.

THE CHURCH IN SIBERIA

The existence of at least one million Lutherans living in Siberia was disclosed by the Russia Institute of Munich, Germany. According to letters received, these Lutherans have started to reorganise their church life. Most of them were deported from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

They have no pastors or church buildings. Their total religious life centres around their homes where they hold Bible classes and services. Small groups gather nightly for prayer meetings. On Sundays groups gather in homes to read the Bible, pray, and sing.

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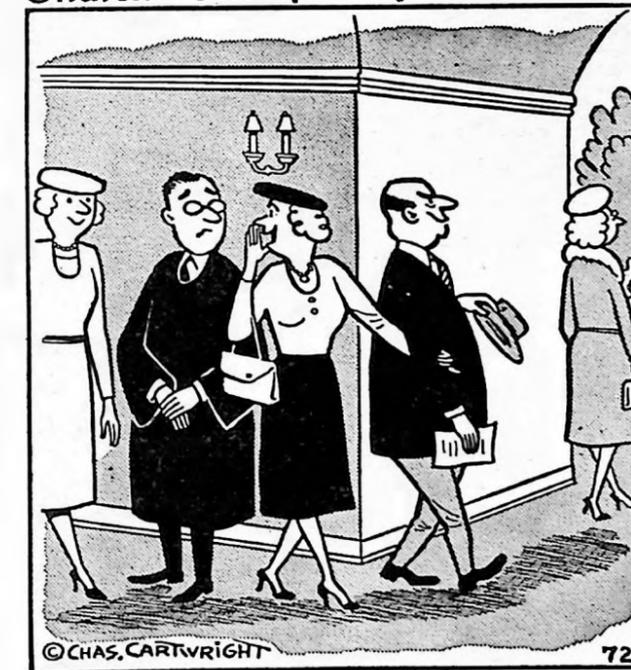
50 YEARS AGO

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

JESUITS IN HISTORY. "Our dearly beloved sons in Christ, the Kings of France, Spain, Portugal, and Sicily, found themselves reduced to the necessity of driving from their states, kingdoms and provinces those Companions of Jesus, persuaded that there remained no other remedy to so great evils . . . even this remedy would not be sufficient towards reconciling the whole Christian world, unless the said Society were absolutely abolished and suppressed . . . after a mature deliberation we do . . . suppress and abolish the said Company," Pope Clement XIV, 1773. (Quoted in Editorial).

FROM THE FIELD. Toowoomba (Qld.). A welcome social was given to Evangelist Geo. E. and Mrs. Burns . . . Dunedin, N.Z. The five churches in Dunedin have united in a series of four Sunday evening after-church services. S. G. Griffiths is speaker . . . Mile End, S.A. The church has been under a great sorrow on learning by cable from China that our Bro. S. G. Wiltshire of the C.I.M. has been called home just one week from the anniversary of his wife's death and there are two dear little girls left as orphans . . . Moonta, S.A. We have had a special service in memory of our fallen soldiers, the chapel being draped with allied flags and violets . . . Hurstville, N.S.W. Have completed building of baptistery mainly by voluntary labour.

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FOCUS ON N.S.W. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

With a deep sense of Thanksgiving we enter into the 75th Anniversary year of women's work in N.S.W. It is to be a year of stocktaking and challenge and as we look back how we thank God for those who have laid such solid foundations and for those who through the years have built upon these beginnings to provide a channel whereby all the women of our churches may be joined in fellowship and through which by prayer, study and service we may make a worthy contribution to the extension of God's Kingdom.

For the first time we have as our President a country C.W.F. member in Mrs. D. Main, of Warrarong church. Under her capable and enthusiastic leadership we are being challenged to "Know God."

We are being encouraged to grow in our knowledge of Him—through study.

Many of our women have participated in Lay Institutes of Evangelism and Christian Witness classes in preparation for the Graham Crusade. This year two Bible Study Camps have been held at "Gilbulla," bringing many into a deeper knowledge of God. Arrangements are in hand by the Executive for a Study Day at Taree in August.

THROUGH INSPIRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

At the monthly meetings, inspirational messages are being given on different aspects of "Knowing God," e.g.,

Knowing God as Healer, Knowing God in Christ, etc. Special times of blessing have been shared when we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of "Ashwood House" and Convention Day. As we look forward to W.C.W.F. birthday celebrations and the Delegates' Luncheon at Federal Conference, rich times of inspiration and fellowship are anticipated.

THROUGH SERVICE

As the women work on the many C.W.F. Committees and in Community Service they are growing in knowledge of God's way and will for their lives. Many boxes of clothing are being prepared for both Overseas and Aborigine Missions. This year we clothed 45 Aborigine children. A special avenue of service has been the privilege of those who have served on the Federal Executive.

THROUGH GIVING

The proposed budget of \$1,920 goes to help each committee of the brotherhood and a Special Effort Offering is made each year. This year it will be a Thanksgiving Offering to go to "Ashwood House."

As the challenge comes in these many and varied ways to "Know God" may our hearts truly respond, for, "they that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

—Rita Dickson.

Women of the West



Prayer text for month: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Luke 11: 9).

Prayer is the key to God's treasury. Faith is the key which opens it.

Morning meditations were prepared by Mrs. Parkhe, of India, and presented by Mrs. G. A. Ewers, President Perth C.W.F. The thought—Christians can really live triumphantly when they give thanks to God who gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ and remain unmoved, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Mrs. Calladine and Mrs. Conigrave brought the message in song. Mrs. C. R. Johnstone led in prayer of intercession.

The President, Mrs. W. Robartson, welcomed 81 ladies from 21 C.W.F.'s.

Newly-elected H.M. Supt. is Mrs. Brian Thomas, daughter of the President and grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt. The guest speaker, K. J. Patterson, introduced representatives from Edward Lumley & Sons Pty. Ltd., insurance brokers, who explained the special insurance scheme through which the Christian Centre Maintenance Fund will benefit.

Women were requested to continue to protest to their Local Government Member and Premier Brand concerning the lowering of the age for drinking alcoholic beverages in W.A. — from 21 years to 18 years. This is causing grave concern. It was pointed out that wage earners spent more on alcohol than on dental and medical services; also that the growth of alcoholism was increasing at a rate faster than the population explosion.

The South West Women's Conf. was held at Bridgetown. All the South West towns were represented—Albany for the first time.

Mrs. Robartson was supported by Mrs. Ladner, Overseas Supt.; Mrs. Pal-

lot, Aborigine Supt.; and Mrs. Stephenson, Hospital Supt. The incoming President is Mrs. White, of Collie.

Prayer and Praise Points: 1. Our world leaders. 2. That legislation will not lower the drinking age. 3. Visas for outgoing missionaries.

Programmes: C.W.F. Convention at Lanchep, Aug. 16-18; Carnarvon C.W.F. "At Home," Aug. 1.

—D. M. Gordon, Secretary

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

The July Council meeting was attended by 145 delegates and visitors representing 54 churches.

The President, Mrs. Rankine, welcomed W. T. Atkin who spoke on the work of the Social Service Department apart from conducting the two Homes and the Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

"God let me be aware" was the theme of the devotional session taken by Mrs. Keatch. Mrs. Stafford led in the Intercessory Prayer.

Aborigine clothing parcels will be received at the August Council meeting.

Evening Fellowship Camps will be held Aug. 16-18 and Sept. 13-15. Studies entitled "Let Us Unite" will be led by Dr. K. Bowes. Registration forms to be returned by Aug. 2.

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BIRD WATCHING

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There are, as any experienced driver knows, many strange birds on the highway. Here are a few you might encounter:

The Red-eyed Veerer —

Is he drunk or tired? You can't be sure; but this bird, usually spotted late in the day, meanders from lane to lane in an erratic manner. He may be travelling much in excess of or much below the posted limit. A nodding head motion may be the tip-off when you approach him. Pass with care.

The Grey-tufted Dowager —

This dainty little bird is usually found perched in a huge chrome-festooned nest out of which she can barely see through the spokes of the steering wheel. She may be accompanied by a species of the Garbled Chatterer which distracts her attention. From the rear, these birds can be spotted by constant wing motions which accompany their chirping and by the way they constantly look at each other to make sure the other is still there. Watch out for them for they may not be watching out for you.

The Scarlet Teenager —

Most youthful drivers accept the adult responsibility that driving entails, but there are a few who see every other car on the road the way Don Quixote saw windmills: for some reason they have to prove their cars and their driving abilities are better. They may react unpredictably to real or imagined slights from other drivers, turning scarlet and stomping on the accelerator. May be accompanied by a Snuggling Chick which may give the occupants the appearance of a two-headed bird due to her close roosting. If so, beware that the driver may not be aware.

The Great-horned Grouch —

This bird sounds a blaring call as he perches on your back bumper. The best thing to do is not to speed up (he will, too), but maintain your speed, signal that you will pull over and let him fly by — hopefully into the arms of the Gold-crested Speeder-catcher.

The Dim-bulbed Fender-nicker —

This bird is a mobile slob. You can spot it by broken or burned-out tail lights, headlights and turn signals as well as a dull plumage often mottled with battle scars and rust. His flight is as sloppy as his appearance, and physically he may be suffering from bald tyres, loose steering or bad brakes.

The Homing Pigeon —

This bird could be you returning to the nest with your flock after a long vacation drive. Don't let the fledglings, the cooling mate or the other birds ruffle your feathers. Of all the creatures in the aviary, this is the one you most often have to watch like a hawk. — (VW's "Small World.")

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TEMPERANCE AMBASSADOR

(S.A.). The S.A. Temperance Alliance held an Ambassadors' Quest. The quest was open to any person 17 to 23 years in a youth group affiliated with the "Allied Youth" section of the Y.P. Temperance Union. The aim was to promote interest in alcohol education with our young people. The entrants were judged on their knowledge and concern for the problems associated with alcohol, and such things as deportment, public speaking, and social etiquette in general. An ambassador and an ambadress were chosen. The successful entrants won a trip to Brisbane for two weeks where they were the guests of the Queensland Temperance League. They stayed in the Canberra Temperance Hotel and co-operated with members of the League in youth meetings, women's meetings, meetings of country branches of the league and at various other functions.

The ambassador, Barry Galliford, a 19-year-old police cadet, from the Croydon Church of Christ, claims his success was due to a Christian home, and his police training.

In connection with alcohol education Barry was interviewed by two radio stations, a television station, and newspapers in Toowoomba and Kingaroy.

Barry and Jenny Byerlee, the ambadress, from Salisbury Methodist Church, have recently returned from their fortnight trip to Brisbane.

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WORD...**

We have Progressed

Lord Jesus, we know that we are not
what we ought to be; and we know
that we are not yet what we will be; but
we thank Thee that we are not what we
once were. For whatever progress Thou
hast made with us we give Thee thanks,
and by Thy grace we are kept from des-
pair.—Peter Marshall.



Many a false step is made by
standing still.

—Lord Dewar.



Never itch for anything you are un-
willing to scratch for.



God looks not at what we give, but
at what is left behind.

—Ambrose of Milan.



Getting a husband is like buying an
old house. You don't see it the way it
is, but the way you think it's going to
be when you get it remodelled.



Lucky is the defeated parliamentary
candidate—he doesn't have to explain
why he couldn't keep his promises.



A youngster walked into a bank to
open an account with \$25. The teller
smiled and asked him how he had
accumulated so much money.

"Selling magazine subscriptions," said
the boy.

"You've done very well. Lots of people
must have bought them."

"Nope," answered the boy proudly.
"Only one family—its dog bit me."