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## SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

Whenever the church or the churches give a job to a man or to a group, it is imperative that adequate resources be supplied in order to fulfil the task.

It would be silly to call a preacher to preach if we did not provide him with a pulpit. It is foolish to call a teacher to teach if we do not provide him with teaching materials and equipment. It makes nonsense of missions if we send a missionary overseas but fail to give him the means to fulfil his mission.

Among those whom we have called to special tasks are those who minister in the Social Service Departments of our churches. Their fields are many and varied as you will find in this issue. None of the jobs we have asked them to do are being done as widely and effectively as the churches expect and as the Departments desire.

The reason for this is that we haven't given them the resources to do what they see as their reasonable service. We have another opportunity to make this right. We can support Social Service through our church budget programmes or we can increase our giving on Social Service Offering Day on August 18.

## UNPOPULAR PAPAL EDICT

The long awaited encyclical of Pope Paul on birth control was certain to get a mixed reception no matter what decision was made. Now it is known that the hopes of many for a changed attitude in the Roman Catholic Church have been disappointed. The encyclical rules out all artificial forms of contraception.

The Pope himself predicted that the ruling would be against the desires of many of the world's 500 million Roman Catholics, but the Vatican is reported to be surprised by the volume and the strength of the protests against this re-affirmation of the Church's traditional position.

If, as suggested, the Pope's decision was actually against the majority view of the commission which has been studying the question on his behalf, it is reasonable to suggest that this Pope could have made a different decision and that another Pope could reverse it. There is plenty of evidence in the reaction of R.C. leaders to indicate that Papal edicts will not any longer be accepted as infallible, unchangeable, or even automatically accepted and acted upon. Those Catholics who have previously ignored their Church's traditional teaching (e.g. it has been stated that 60% of Catholic women in Holland practise birth control) will not easily surrender their right to personal judgment in this area. If Papal authority to decide on morality is questioned, it may be expected that matters of faith will also be subjected to criticism and change.

Already there has been strong criticism from clerics as well as laymen in the Catholic Church. Such criticism is not intended to weaken the Pope's authority, but it cannot fail to have this effect.

The Pope himself has been deeply troubled by the decision which had to be made. He is a man with a genuine concern for people everywhere and his true compassion for those of every race and religion has been clearly demonstrated. The New York "Times" said, it was tragically ironic that Pope Paul who was one of the most passionate pleaders for peace and human dignity, "may be most remembered for an encyclical that can only strengthen the twin evils of war and poverty, against which he has so courageously spoken out."

The decision of the Pope was honest and courageous. Unfortunately, it was also wrong. There is a direct relationship between poverty and war, and there is a direct relationship between the population explosion and poverty. Success in planned and restricted families is vital for India and China today, it will be as vital for the whole world in two decades. The Pope's encyclical will postpone effective co-operation by the Western nations in a world-wide programme of the resources for family planning and the education to achieve it.

There is also the threat to personal freedom, dignity, and responsibility which many Catholics find inherent in the edict. The means for family planning permitted by the encyclical have been demonstrated by Roman Catholics themselves as inadequate and ineffective.

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And for friendship's boundless wealth,  
For the power to think aright,  
And for religion's guiding light—  
We give Thee thanks.*

—Anon.

## • A NEW DIRECTOR LOOKS AT

# BRICKS, MORTAR AND PEOPLE



E. T. HART

The earlier years of my ministry found me nursing a real regret in my heart because the Christian Church at large and the Protestant Church in particular had yielded up two areas of evangelism they should have clung to with might and main. Coupled with this was a sense of frustration because my common sense told me that the limited numerical strength of the Churches of Christ in our land would probably mean we would never be able to enter these fields in the name of Christ.

The first was the area of education. I am convinced the Church should never have vacated this important field, and indeed it is a hope I cherish that now, since we have three Colleges embarked on the theological training of our ministers at least one of them some day will add a high school top to their facility and enable some of our splendid young people to complete their education in an essentially Christian atmosphere.

I have always admired those who have managed to maintain this type of service in the face of soaring costs, cost that I felt at one time we as a people could never face. Indeed, I say it now to my shame I remember campaigning very vigorously in one Conference against a proposal to establish such a facility in our midst.

I think I had even deeper regret in the second field that has always been to me a real field of evangelism. That is the service to humanity through Homes and Hospitals. In this realm my admiration has always gone out to the Salvation Army who, though numerically small, so majored in this work they were able to serve so many more than their numbers warranted. This too, in a day when Government help was far from as generous as it is today.

It is in this realm that the change has been so dramatic in the past 20 years. Across Australia our churches have seized the opportunity provided by Government subsidy at Commonwealth level, strengthened in some States by generous help at State and even municipal level to enter this vital field of service and evangelism.

At this very point of time our churches can compliment themselves on the fact that they, too, are doing more than would be expected of a group of people of our numerical strength and by a natural expansion this help will more than double in the next 10 years.

All this thrills my soul because out of my own experience I can look back to the old age of my own parents and realise that in their need practically the only place to go to was "The Old Men's Home" or the "Old Ladies' Home" often State run, or under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, who, let us say it to their eternal credit, refused point blank to vacate either of the great fields of service I have mentioned above.

You will understand why it is that I always have my own loved ones in mind when I am discussing a proposal for entry into one or other of our Homes or planning a new construction with the members of my committee and the quality of the building and uplift of the service can never be too good for these folk who so remind me of my own folk.

The remarkable progress achieved in these all too brief years often finds the jibe hurled at Social Service Committees that they are becoming obsessed with bricks and mortar. These, of course, take a great deal of time and effort, but in the process keep in mind that every building opened and every new facility provided means that burdens are lifted and troubled years reach a haven of peace and with the ever expanding outreach into Children's Homes and Hostels it is an "all-age" venture in which we share.

But if ever this project loses its evangelistic fervour then better we vacate the field and leave it to the dogooders of the community who can provide more elegant buildings, more comfortable lounge chairs. But I am still young enough in this job to have my rosy dreams that this is an evangelistic enterprise. Full stop! An enterprise of such evangelistic opportunity that does bring joy to the heart of him . . . "who went about doing good and healing . . ."

But this is not just an adventure in bricks and mortar at all. These are days of intense activity in every department of the ministry. The men of the new breed in the ministry must be adept at handling more problems than their fathers ever dreamed about. They need and must have an adequately equipped and experienced Social Service Department. This too, I am proud to say is something our departments across Australia provide for our churches and their leaders. These are days when there is such affluence abroad that one would wonder if the "hand-outs" or the material help we heard about in other days was really necessary.

It is still true for our generation that sin breeds poverty. Couple with this the complex situation people find themselves facing these days and realise that even the best of homes are not immune and you catch something of the breadth of this work in all its aspects.

Often it is not a question of providing the "know-how" but knowing where the "know-how" can be procured and this is part of the vital work accomplished by your departments across Australia undergirding the ministry of your man in your pulpit.

It is no longer just a Jericho Road ambulance brigade that has to be provided, though this type of service is often called for still, but the call comes these days from many a home that a generation ago would have felt itself immune from such disaster. The iron gates these days close behind people brought up in the best areas of the community and it is comforting to know that you have at hand a department that can reach behind bars and be waiting there in the name of Christ when the gates open again.

This is soul winning opportunity at a point we dare not neglect. This is door-marked opportunity for the whole church to enter and lend a hand.

Though I come new to the field I know that I speak on behalf of every Social Service Department and Committee across the land in saying "thank you" for entrusting us with this ministry.



**A. C. MALE, Queensland —**

I began writing this article while seated at the premiere of Brisbane's newest discotheque—"Adam and Eve's." (We were given an apple when we arrived. That's where the "theological" connotation ends!). The cacophony of sound from the imported orchestras; the near fanatical gyrations of the young people; their obvious desire to keep active seemed so different from the needs of the aged and infirm of our community.

The Homes for the Aged with their peaceful and serene surroundings, the slow shuffle of the less mobile patients and the desire to "take it easy," are a direct contrast to the younger generation's outlook on life.

But, the golden cord that links the generations—that which combines the crinoline with the mini is that both ages have needs. Needs that are best met by a loving concern and Christian compassion for the individual.

God bless our Social Service aspects that illustrate in concrete terms through the **Homes for the Aged** this love and concern.

**P. H. MORTON, New South Wales —**

"Am I my brother's keeper?" "The voice of thy brother crieth unto me." Do we as ambassadors of Christ hear that voice? Worship is good but it is not enough; there must be an outflowing into the lives of others. Take in to give out is the true mark of discipleship.

With the growing complexes of life in this new age, people are faced with new situations and new problems where the trained social worker is a necessity and one of the most important fields of service today is that of **counselling**—helping people to solve their problems. Our Social Service Departments with their trained leaders are able to help in marriage guidance, family frictions and stresses caused by mental and physical disabilities, bereavements and old age. There are problems that money cannot solve and can only be met by the wise counsel of trained Christian workers.

We commend the Social Service Departments of the brotherhood in their comprehensive service on our behalf.

**F. P. CHIPPERFIELD, Victoria —**

The work of our Social Service Departments is to be commended because, amongst other reasons, it is an integral part of our **Programme of Outreach**.

In meeting people at the point of their need, "especially those of the household of faith," these departments are being brought into contact with people who have not answered the claims of Christ on their lives or who have drifted from his church.

But there is the wider sense in which Social Service is the "visible" ministry of the church and becomes the plain answer to those who claim that the church has outlived its usefulness. Then by raising the voice of the church on **social issues** it becomes part of the "leavening" of the church in society.

All of our Social Service Departments feel the frustration of limited resources in facing this huge task. It behoves each one of us to give them our best support.

# The Church in Service



Churches of Christ Social Service is not just another social service agency but **IT IS THE SERVING CHURCH SERVING THE COMMUNITY** and the great majority of members of course is conscious of the obligation to carry on this work effectively.

**C. R. EDMUNDS, Tasmania —**

The little boy on the TV screen was crying miserably. Restless, pain-wracked, tormented by hunger, dying from malnutrition. He lived in Biafra, and sharply symbolised the agony of that strife-torn country. He had no future except death by starvation.

The little girl on the screen at church was laughing happily. Chubby, well cared for, surrounded by love, assured of a bright future. She lived at our Carnarvon Children's Mission, and is a shining example of the love of Christ outworking in his people.

Recently it was reported in the Melbourne "Herald" that about one person in sixteen lives in poverty, and half of them are children. Assuming a similar position throughout Australia, there is a challenging need for ever increasing concern about poverty in this land, especially as it affects the children.

The Departments of Social Service lead the churches in practical concern for the underprivileged. I strongly commend the 1968 appeal to the brotherhood, with particular emphasis on the work in **Children's Homes. This need is desperately urgent.**

**S. NEIGHBOUR, South Australia —**

Social Service includes **chaplaincy work in prisons, hospitals and industry.**

**Prison chaplaincy** involves the conduct of Sunday services, Bible studies and personal counselling for prisoners. Rehabilitation of prisoners on their release including accommodation, employment, and where necessary, help for families.

Various duties occupy the **hospital chaplain.** Personal visitation, to assess reactions and states of mind, is invaluable to patients and staff. In one hospital the chaplain lectures new trainees, transfer nurses from country centres, staff nurses and sisters. Subjects are orientation, ethics of nursing and new techniques, including therapeutics of chaplaincy.

Churches of Christ are well represented in **industrial chaplaincy.** Chaplains affirm that it takes 12 to 18 months to gain the confidence of employees so that, on their own initiative, they discuss problems of Christian faith. Prior to this, family, marital and financial problems are freely discussed.

Only good can come from this, taking Christ and the church to people.

**J. K. ROBINSON, Western Australia —**

Welfare work is not to be equated with a mere hand-out of material assistance. It covers anything that promotes the welfare of people who have some specific need. As such it is:

**A labour of love.** It is motivated by love for God and love for man. It has its roots in the fact that God loves us and that our needy fellowmen have a claim on our love and practical goodwill.

**A self-appointed task.** It is not done under arbitrary compulsion. Those who undertake it do so willingly in response to others' needs. Such people take into their hearts concerns they do not need to bother about, lay upon their shoulders burdens they do not need to carry, and accept sacrifices they do not need accept.

**A gratuitous service.** No return is looked for. It is sufficient reward if people are helped. The Christian welfare motto is "By love serving." In generously supporting our church organisations which exist to carry out welfare work we are sharing in this service.

"LIVING IS ENHANCED BY GIVING"

—LORD MAYOR OF BRISBANE.

GIVE TO SOCIAL SERVICE  
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# "I'M ALL RIGHT JACK!"

During the drought in India last year, a Christian missionary working to help the starving was confronted with numerous Indians who wanted to know, "What do you get out of it?" This same missionary was unjustly expelled from India because they claimed he was feeding the starving so they would become Christians.

Why should we help other people? Isn't it our job to preach the gospel and win others to our faith? Should we be worried about helping people materially?

When faced with the temptation in the wilderness, our Lord thought about ways in which he could win people to God; he considered turning the stones to bread to feed the hungry, he thought of jumping off the temple and being miraculously saved, he thought of using force, Satan's way, to build his kingdom. He rejected the first method as he felt it was bribery, the second as "showing off," showmanship, and the third method of force was foreign to his whole programme. Instead of these methods he talked about "LOVE." He talked about being concerned about people for their own sake.

What is the motive behind so much of our church activity? Are we interested in people as potential church members? Do we promise in our preaching, that if you follow this life you will live in endless sunshine, all life's problems will disappear? Would our Lord see "bribery" in some of our preaching, "showmanship" in some of our quick-sell methods to fill the churches? Would our Lord direct us to consider again his own temptations lest we forget his caring about people? Caring about people, not just to convert them, but to love them for their own sakes, year in and year out.

What do we class as a successful church? One at which the building is packed to capacity morning and night? One which has beautiful new buildings? One that has plenty of money and gives liberally to worthy causes?

A successful church is one in which there has been the birth of compassion. Where there are people, they may be poor and only a few, but they care about people for their own sakes because they are people whom God loves even as they are.

Mr. Bannon is a Technical School Chaplain working with the Council for Christian Education in Schools.

I know a man who gathers truck loads of firewood each winter and saws it into burnable pieces, then he delivers it to the elderly people of his community.

He doesn't ask if they attend any church, he doesn't try to persuade them to attend his church; they are people who are cold and need help. He helps them as an expression of caring, not for any reward save that of helping a person who needs help.

How much of our church organisation has this sort of love as its motive? How much of our organisation demands the reward of new converts or we scrap the scheme as unprofitable? It has been

By S. K. BANNON, Dip. R.E.

said, "Happiness is something that eludes you as long as you seek it." When we forget our own happiness in serving others we find happiness. Perhaps the same may be true of a successful church.

The sort of caring Jesus talked about is costly.

A young priest was part of a group of men being sent to varied appointments. The archbishop indicated that there was one task to which he could not send a man; but a man was needed to tend lepers who had been taken from various Pacific islands and exiled on one island to rot and die. There was no medical or spiritual care. To many, they were out of sight, out of mind. When the archbishop laid the challenge, Father Damien stepped forward and went . . . to his death. When he landed on the island the lepers rejected him. They wanted a doctor, not a priest. Damien took off his coat,

he built shelters for them, he tended their wounds, he organised them into a community of people with self respect and hope. Damien caught leprosy and died with them. He loved, he cared, as Jesus did. He went not to win converts, but because these people needed help. Converts came, for sure, as they saw the quality of this self sacrificial love. This love cost Damien everything he had.

Jesus cared about people and it cost him his life. Paul followed his master and suffered hunger, floggings, derision and death. Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, followed their Master in caring about people. These men could have lived long lives, resting in the lap of luxury. They chose, instead, to go out into the murk of the world to help people. The birth of compassion for the needy was the driving power of their lives. This was a costly caring, it cost them their lives. What did they get out of it? Suffering and death! But they cared too much about people to stop. Stephen lay dying on the ground as his enemies pressed close to finish him off. They could not stop his love. "Lord, lay not this sin against them." As we see in our mind's eye, Jesus dying on the cross, can't we hear him saying, this is how much God cared about people. "Father, forgive them."

Jesus said, "If any man would be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me." He was talking about that bad back, that nagging husband, that arthritis attack in cold weather. He was talking about the birth of compassion within the soul, for suffering mankind.

There are only two kinds of people in the world. Those who are part of its disease and those who are part of its cure. Those who say "I'm all right, Jack, hang everyone else. Why should I worry? I'm all right so why get involved with the problems of others." Then there are those who, like the Master, care about people. Those in whose hearts there has been the birth of compassion.

A little Japanese man, with a weak heart, half a lung left after suffering T.B., half sight from a disease caught among slum dwellers. Kagawa, this little Japanese, went down into the slums of Shinkawa, the worst slums in the world till Kagawa went there. Someone said, "You are too sick to worry about others." The little man replied, "But this is what Jesus would do."

Are you part of the disease or part of the cure?

GEORGE A. GRAINGER, Chairman of Federal Social Services Questions Board commends the Annual Offering:

## "Let Them See"

Our world is becoming more impressed by what it sees rather than by what it hears. A gospel of word will not penetrate the walls of indifference which man has thrown up between himself and the Church. Our words need works to strengthen them. Christian Social Service appeals through the eyes of man, sees the Church in action. Man believes what he sees. Now is the time to "let our light shine before men, that they may glorify our Father . . ."

# A RURAL CHURCH REACHES OUT

Someone has said, "If God made the country, man made the city, then the Devil made the little country town." Yet out of the country town has flowed through all of time, men and women to enrich the cities of the world. Passing through the little country town the metropolitan sophisticate may be tempted to agree with the quotation. But the country town exists to do far more than populate the city.

## CRITICISM

And what of the church in the small town? Is it to merit some of the contemporary criticisms as do its city counterparts? Irrelevant, introspective, selfish, obscurantist indeed marginal to life and man's broader interests. Some of this criticism may indeed have a thrust of truth about it. Each congregation must answer for itself.

## PURPOSE

In a recent book "Parishes with a Purpose," Neville Cryer relates something of his journeys through England today to see the local church in action. He can find the small country church with a purpose. So can we. Robinvale is such an example. The town area houses about 1,000 people with a surrounding rural area of some 3,000. This is certainly small by Victorian standards. What can we expect of the church here? A ghetto of Christians huddled together for survival and comfort or the missionary presence of God in the community? The facts seem to suggest the latter. In the Robinvale congregation's July, 1968 annual report can be found some significant emphases.

## PASTORAL CONCERN

E. K. Morrison, minister of the church, observes in his report that whereas once the church was a tight knit circle of some 50 member and associate families it now has a pastoral concern for some 150 families. At the outset of the church's three-year development programme each auxiliary was asked to help build bridges into the community. Each group has done good work. Bible School and Christian Youth Fellowship contact expanded beyond expectation. Such a dramatic increase in families for which the church has pastoral concern makes heavy inroads into the minister's time and energy. E. K. Morrison reports that elders, deacons and church members are playing their part in pastoral work. In a recent newsletter from the W.C.C., Dept. of World Mission & Evangelism, there is a report of a Swiss sociological study into community expectation and needs in relation to the local congregation. The community expressed the overwhelming desire for pastoral work in its midst and family visitation. Many families were only indirectly related to

the church. Both these stories seem to speak to us about the validity and continuing need for an intensive pastoral ministry to people.

## RESPONSE

Indicative of the interest and response of contact families was the fact that when members called on families in June with an invitation to attend a special guest service, some 194 responded to the invitation. A normal Robinvale evening service would approximate 40. On this occasion Graham H. Gilmour, the immediate Past-President of Conference was the preacher. This particular programme of outreach and visitation is under the direction of Vic.-Tas. Home Mission field officer, Allan Avery. The response suggests that amid all the secularity of life in a town such as this, people can and do respond to the church's concern and interest in them. In October Allan Avery will spend an intensive two weeks of group meetings for member and associate families. The emphasis will be upon witnessing and sharing together in the gospel's relevance to life in this community. Last year the emphasis was upon stewardship with Kevin Harvey concluding the emphasis with a planned giving programme.

## INVOLVEMENT

Some contemporary critics see such work as propping up old church structures. This congregation has felt its work to be touched with Christ's concern for people. In June, Mr. Morrison attended a H.M. Dept.-sponsored rural church ministers' conference. Discussion ranged over a broad range of subjects and some considerable attention was given to the church's involvement in community life and service. Following this discussion the minister returned home and assessed the situation something like this. On the Benevolent Society, minister and church secretary are president and treasurer respectively. Rotary has three church members involved including the minister. The Consolidated School Advisory Council, the Mothers' Club, the Save the Children Fund, all have church members accepting leadership roles. An interesting group is the Manatunga Social Club for Aboriginal children. Mr. Morrison is involved with social activities and the junior cricket team. It is a ministry which leads to other areas of need and community action.

## SPORT

No country town is complete without its array of sporting clubs. Three church men are involved at different levels of football club life, while another has served for three years as president of the local tennis club. The local volunteer fire brigade as a piece of community self-help and service has also had support from men of the church.

Obviously this list is incomplete, but it does say one thing. Robinvale members are not shut off from the world with a philosophy of withdrawal and retreat. Rather are they involved with some real depth of responsibility and leadership. Across our churches this is surely not an unfamiliar picture.

## MISSION

Pastoral concern, preaching, evangelism, stewardship, education, involvement, these are all operative concepts in the church's programme. Over it all is the Lordship of Jesus Christ sending his followers out on their mission. Robinvale's story is neither a remarkable story, nor a solitary one. It is the story of many churches on mission.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

(Melb.). The Annual Prayer Breakfast of the Inter-church Council of Men's Societies was held at Coles' Cafeteria on Aug. 3. There were about 900 present.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Arthur Preston, O.B.E., Superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission. He spoke on the Importance of the Individual.

Churches of Christ men were well represented at the tables and two were involved in the programme. Senator Ivor Greenwood read the scripture and Cyril Minns, of Berwick, gave a testimony. Mr. Minns is the first blind fully-licensed radio operator. He passed the examination for such operators as set by the P.M.G. this year.

Another who gave a testimony was Peter Norman, an Olympic runner who will shortly be leaving for the Mexico Games.

## PLANNING A

# Missionary Programme?

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## BUILDING AT ALBANY

Work on the first unit of building at Albany has begun. The contract was signed on July 15 with Ulster Builders in the office of the project architect, B. Kidd. Their tender price was \$19,429 which is regarded as very reasonable as generally Albany building prices are about 30% higher than at Perth.

The unit consists of kindergarten room (25' x 25'); primary room (21' x 21'); classroom (14' x 12'), store and work room (21' x 8'), conveniences and 4.6 squares of verandahs.

The commencement of this building has given a big lift to the spirits of the Albany church. W.A. Home Missions and Federal Home Evangelism have shared greatly in helping plan ahead for the development now being witnessed.

The church began to meet for weekly communion in Dec., 1962 in the home of Mrs. Bunny after a visit by H.M. committeemen, E. R. Fitch and H. W. Seaby.

Following a visit by the Home Missions secretary, K. J. Patterson, early in 1963, meetings were transferred to the Spencer Park Primary School.

The death of the late I. W. Potter in mid-1964 and the removal of members from Albany led to monthly meet-

ings until the arrival from Merredin of F. Hunt and family in 1965 when weekly services resumed.

In February, 1967, E. B. Clapp began the first full-time ministry substantially provided by grants from Federal and State Home Missions.

Today the membership of the church is above 40, as against 12 in June, 1966. E. B. Clapp writes, "We have had very few Sunday morning meetings (in Spencer Park School) with less than 30 for a long time, and mostly we are on the upper side of 40. Odd occasions see the number in the 50-60 bracket."

Sunday evening meetings are held in the commodious lounge of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith; mid-week fellowship in the homes of the members. C.W.F. meetings regularly witness the attendance of 16 or 17 ladies.

A youth group meets in the manse on Friday nights and the girls now have a basketball team in the local association. Two months ago the school commenced with Derryck Rees, formerly of Coburg, Vic., as superintendent. Attendances have reached 23.

The W.A. brotherhood purchased a site of three lots on the corner of Campbell and David Roads in April,

1963 for \$3,600. The cost has been met by special gifts from individuals: \$140, the brotherhood's land purchase fund (from duplex envelopes, etc.): \$1,000, and the Nelson Trust: \$2,460.

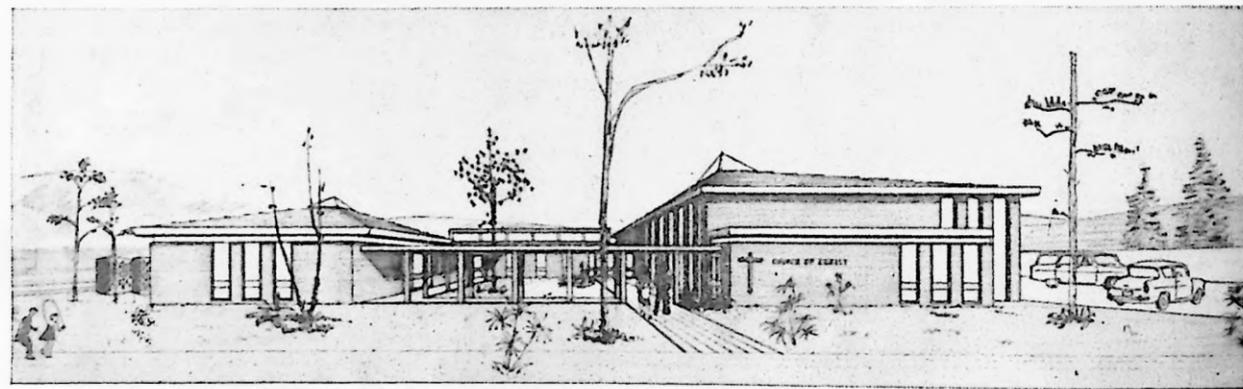
A bank loan of \$12,000 has been secured. \$750 has been contributed by non-Albany members to the Church of Christ Albany School Building Fund. Donations to this fund are allowable deductions for income tax purposes.

Building funds raised by the local Albany people (\$3,000 to date) and contributions to the W.A. Fellowship of 500, together with the \$1,500 building grant from Federal Home Evangelism are being reserved for the future multi-purpose hall and church, but in the meanwhile will help the State's Mutual Fund to finance the present project.

The youth of the W.A. churches, as part of their 1968 missionary project, are aiming to raise \$1,000 for the required equipment and furnishings of the school building. The new facilities should be ready for occupation by the end of November, and will provide greatly increased opportunities for our witness.

Albany is 155 miles from its next nearest brotherhood congregation. It is the fourth largest town of the West, 340 miles by rail and 250 miles by road from Perth. It is famous for its scenic beauty, magnificent harbour, growing industry and rich agricultural and pastoral hinterland. The population of the town and shire now exceeds 15,000.

Present church officers are: Mrs. E. L. Bunny, 13 Tassel Street, Secretary; F. P. Hunt, 59 McKail Street, Treasurer; E. B. Clapp, 10 Muir Street, Minister.



### CHURCH ROLE FOR ABORIGINES

(Qld.). On July 12, Rex Ellis gave the address at the public meeting of N.A.D.O.C. (National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee) in Brisbane. Usually the speaker is a Cabinet Minister in State or Federal Parliament or perhaps an anthropologist. This year, C. R. Burdeu suggested the Committee wait until they heard Rex Ellis tell the Missionary Council of Queensland the story of our work among the Aborigines. Mr. Ellis gave a very eloquent and informative address to the Council. That is why he was selected for the N.A.D.O.C. public meeting.

Whilst N.A.D.O.C. is sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches, the speakers have given secular addresses, some of which have been very good. Religion has rarely been referred to. However, on this occasion most of the emphasis was on Christian work and the success which has been achieved in integration in our W.A. churches. Mr. Ellis showed that the very ideal sought by the Aborigines and the white community for the perfect blending and working together of both races was not only possible, but is a reality in the Christian Church.

Mr. Ellis demonstrated from our own work, without showing who conducted the churches and missions.

Mr. Burdeu said that this was the first occasion in his years of experience on the Committee that the Christian bias has been given at a public function of the Queensland Branch of N.A.D.O.C., which, after all, is a Christian organisation.

Whilst the occasion was primarily to highlight the need for the elevation of the Aboriginal race, it is right the church should stress its mission, especially when there is good proof that it works.

## OPEN FORUM

### FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

I believe that it is right for Colin Wheat and Ken Patterson to draw our attention to the application of Inter-Church Aid money. But why do so many of us have to be so fierce with one another on these issues, even accusing one another of disloyalty to the "position" of Churches of Christ?

The Orthodox churches have added a few sacraments to the two in the New Testament (baptism and the Lord's Supper). The Salvation Army on the other hand do not even recognise the two that are there. But a lot of us give happily enough to the Salvation Army collectors, believing that according to their lights they are doing a good job. Others of us cannot in all conscience support a group that sits so lightly to the sacraments. Likewise some of us are happy enough to help Orthodox churches that are having a rough spin, because according to their lights, they are doing a good job, especially in Communist countries, and in those countries where they are holding the fort until the Restoration Movement gets there. But others of us on principle cannot support them in any way at all. So why not give each other the right to act in good faith, either way, and also the right to try to get others to think as we do, if we can?

The tragic need of the world is so vast that there is plenty of room for us all to get in and help somewhere and still remain true to our personal convictions. Perhaps we pampered, affluent Westerners need to give even more than the tragic underprivileged need to receive, lest we suffer from fatty degeneration of the soul.

In closing, I am interested in Maurie Pleper's comment, "I cannot imagine Jesus voluntarily giving money to support the false teachings of the scribes and pharisees." Perhaps he has overlooked the little miracle in Matthew 17: 24-27.—G. R. Stirling (A.C.T.).

### SUPERVISION OR REHABILITATION?

To the Editor,

I was interested to note comment in "A.C.," July 27, regarding Alan Male's involvement in a programme for the restoration of young people who have come before the courts and placed on probation.

I rate probation work as a wonderful avenue of service, but one which is exacting, demanding and full of responsibility. It is considered that the Victorian system of probation is adequate if carried out correctly. Unfortunately, many honorary Probationary Officers see their task simply in terms "of giving the probationer a good talking to."

The Honorary Probationary Officer's fundamental task is to help the probationer become a more responsible and better adjusted person. The essence of probation is good casework, not mere supervision, and its aim is individual rehabilitation, not the relief of crowded

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### A LATE ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL

To the Editor,

Brian Andrews has been coming to our gospel services with his wife ever since they moved here. We've all been praying for him because he's not a member. Brian and I have got to know one another quite well because our wives are pretty thick. So one night I said to him, "Brian, have you ever thought of coming right in with us at the church?" He said, "Yes I have; but I could never go down to the front during the invitation hymn for the life of me. I'm a believer in Christ, and I'd like to be baptized, but that's it." I felt then that I was hearing his confession of faith, just like it was in the New Testament. But our minister tells me that Brian still has to go down to the front before he is baptized.

I was so worried that I read right through the New Testament. All I found was that in those days they couldn't go down to the front seat because they didn't have aisles and front seats, and that the Holy Spirit was active in conversion many other times than on Sunday nights.

I did find one verse that supports going down to the front as part of the plan of salvation. It is Mark 16:21. But authorities say that this verse is a late addition to the original, being added sometime in the nineteenth century.

Talking of editors, you are also a late addition to the originals . . . but none the less authentic!

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institutions. It is my concern that not all Probationary Officers see this as the basis for their task.

Time and training are required to fulfil this task, but many do not or cannot give high priority to this work, and some do not have adequate training.

Suitable lay people are required to dedicate themselves to this important task.—John Paver (Vic.).

### THE ORTHODOX

To the Editor,

One hopes there were no Orthodox Church members reading the "A.C." for July 27 where Orthodox doctrines are described as "mumbo jumbo" in "Open Forum." What an insulting and rude way to speak of another's belief!

I am sure almost every reader of this journal would disagree on aspects of Orthodox teaching and practice. Disagree though I may, I am nevertheless conscious that Orthodoxy as a whole has been and is a great and historic church. Her basic tenets of faith have much in common with ours. Her members have weathered the centuries amid persecution, victimisation, loss of political rights, national and racial bitterness. It is more than Churches of Christ have done as a people. But such a comparison is perhaps pointless. Whatever our disagreement, here is a great church, ministering to people. Has she any more right to your correspondent's rebuke and rudeness than some other denominations or we ourselves deserve for our frailty of dogma and viewpoint?

I have several Roman Catholic acquaintances. I think we have a like commitment to Christ. I find myself disagreeing over aspects of doctrine, but to speak of their beliefs in the way mentioned, would be to break fellowship and to lessen my ability to be their neighbour and friend. Rather do I need to see their situation historically, to appreciate what

I can, disagree where I must, but never to insult.

Surely we must all learn to appreciate other nations, cultures, backgrounds and environmental factors. To insult them because they are different is out of touch with Christian character and a basic understanding of human relations.—Mrs. L. M. Smith (Vic.).

### FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

For the life of me I cannot comprehend why some members of Churches of Christ get irate because a section of the church which has some unacceptable points in their total doctrinal position, is helped by the rest of the Church! Would those who oppose giving anything to Orthodox Churches to promote their life prefer to see NO Christian witness in those parts of the world where the Orthodox Church is the only Christian community? Would they prefer Communism to take over from a church which died because no one would help? Although the Orthodox Churches have some doctrines with which we don't agree—they have a lot with which we DO agree! I hold out my hand to a man as a Christian brother when he says (as in the Apostles' Creed): "I believe in Jesus Christ his Only Son our Lord."

But let's think of this from another point of view. We would surely agree that he would be a poor son whose sonship did not make him desire the welfare of ALL mothers. He would be a poor patriot whose patriotism did not make him understand how ALL men feel about their homelands. And, he would be a poor Christian whose churchmanship did not make him sympathetic to another's love of his church. I am glad to be able to give some small gifts to the Orthodox Churches of the world, that their churches may be strong, for Christ has taught me to

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pray with them: "OUR Father which art in heaven."

This means that I am one member of Churches of Christ who wishes that we did NOT have an understanding with the A.C.C. that funds donated by Churches of Christ were not to go to Orthodox projects—A. F. Cant (Vic.).

#### FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

We hope that the great numbers who support the Inter-Church Aid programme will not be disturbed by those who feel difficulties about it. A programme which is supported by a wide range of communions stretching from Eastern Orthodox to Pentecostal will also minister to and through a wide range of communions.

While we may not agree with some traditions of other Christians we must recognize that all churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour hold in common the basic Christian faith.

In some countries where non-Christian pressures are strong, Eastern Orthodox Churches are either the only or the prevailing medium of Christian witness. Further, there are many people now in Australia who will receive Christian ministry only through an Eastern Orthodox Church. Many of us, though we differ strongly from them at some points, will want to aid them in their particular difficulties.

The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service is so named to indicate that part of its programme is an expression of the fellowship of the whole Church. The Church in one area helps the Church in another area to fulfil its mission in worship, witness and service. By his grace God uses men and institutions in spite of their weaknesses and errors.

Careful consideration has been given to the annual Remembrance Bowl poster. It is not possible to feature the whole programme in a poster in which it is difficult to present more than one aspect. With relief playing such a large part this has been featured in various posters. However, the wide and varied publicity of Inter-Church Aid, including pamphlets distributed in the churches for the Christmas appeal, clearly indicates the varied range of projects that make up the programme. The publicity of Inter-Church Aid is as honest as its programme is magnificent.

—E. L. Williams (Vic.).

#### FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

In reply to H. C. Wheat's letter, "A.C." June 29. Your correspondent apparently derived his information from the 1967 report of the financial distribution of Inter-Church Aid funds, entitled "Inter-Church Aid Action." This report shows the complete picture of the valuable work of Inter-Church Aid in relieving need wherever it exists, which unfortunately H. C. Wheat does not show. From over 100 entries totalling \$605,180, he has chosen five with a value of \$3,500 representing 0.6% of the total. His choice may have given your readers an erroneous impression.

The total amount was divided as follows: Food production \$77,864; Disaster

relief \$54,508; Refugees and Uprooted People \$223,753; Education \$60,444; Ecumenical services \$58,500; Community development \$58,770; Health and medical aid \$23,888; Service of youth \$21,171; Pastoral care and evangelism \$26,282.

Orthodox Christians themselves contribute to Inter-Church Aid. Despite this fact, what right has anyone to judge the worth of a member of the body of Christ even though he may hold beliefs different from those whom he would judge? The far-seeing, rational, positive manner in which Inter-Church Aid funds are distributed must commend itself to all Christians as worthy of their fullest support.—Roy L. Arnold (S.A.)

#### FROM THE BOWL

To the Editor,

Your correspondents who hasten to defend the W.C.C. Christmas Bowl Appeal have completely missed the point of my letter. No one is denying the need to minister to the needy or suggesting that we should examine the wounded traveler's theological opinions before ministering to him. What we are affirming however is that as "good Samaritans" we should not allow the precious sustenance to trickle down upon the ground and waste. Let's make sure that it is the needy person who gets the provisions and not others who may be on the same road. When we have given and given again there will still be crying needs.

People like your correspondents will always be saying, "by not giving to this particular organisation you are denying relief to some particular needs." That may be so. It is clear that we will never be able to satisfy all the needs that are evident or that become evident in the world today. But as Christians we must do our best. We are suggesting that our brethren give through channels where all of the money will be used to help those in need and also present to them the true "Bread of Life" for which they hunger. Surely we have such confidence in our missionaries to be able to do this, and through the

#### FROM HONG KONG

(Unley, S.A.). The Rev. Dr. John Fu, of Hong Kong, writer and Principal of Christian Training College, recently addressed the church. . . . The minister has commenced discipleship classes for older scholars. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodall are visiting New Guinea. . . . The church has lost a loyal member in the death of Mrs. H. R. Taylor. Although shut-in and a sufferer for many years, she retained her keen and practical interest in church life. Afternoon C.W.F. remember Mrs. Taylor as President for a considerable time and express appreciation of her work amongst them.

#### ANNIVERSARY AT FULLARTON

(S.A.). For the 43rd church anniversary services the C.W.F. ladies prepared luncheon for 120. Past minister, A. Morris, spoke and showed slides of former days. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Manning were able to attend. In the afternoon, the Youth for Christ Choir provided a musical programme, and \$222 was received. N. Gavros was preacher at both services. . . . B.S. scholars en-

joyed a week of happy hours with O.A.C. workers A. Bailey, B. Greenwood and R. Foreman (Melb.). A B.S. tea was held to wind up their competition. . . . C.W.F. ladies had a copper jewelry demonstration by Mrs. L. Russell, also a sewing machine and Hammond organ demonstration. Ladies' Guild and C.W.F. combined for a Nimble Fingers Day when sewing was done for Morlialta and missions.

years thousands of dollars are not likely to be used by them to teach Sunday School children, even if they are refugees, to pray to the Virgin Mary or to help Orthodox priests with the means for propagating their Christ-dishonoring doctrines. Rather our missionaries' prayers for means to take physical and spiritual sustenance to the needy will be realised.

A missionary writes, "Even with the personnel that we already have we could reach so many more, if only we had the means to get there, or better still to put someone on the Keram." He goes on to say that there are hundreds and thousands that we cannot feed with the Bread of Life because we haven't the money to get there.

Our Christmas Offering this year will certainly be used for a project like this rather than given to a Christmas Bowl Appeal where some of it will be used by sectarian bodies to promote their unchristian doctrines.

—H. C. Wheat (N.S.W.).

#### + THE "BOWL" CORRESPONDENCE IS NOW CLOSED

#### KUSAY PROFILE

To the Editor,

As secretary of the Aborigines' Mission Committee in the State, I would like to make some corrections with regard to the profile of Wally and May Kusay in "A.C." July 27.

Your correspondent says, "there is a great need for a manse and a hostel." This is so, but the greatest need is for a hall, which will, we hope, be built with voluntary labour in the near future.

With regard to the size and nature of the congregations, I was present on July 14 when the congregations were 30 and 80 respectively. Many white folk are attending as well as Aborigines, and indeed, at least three leading citizens have accepted the Lord recently. All of this is the work of Lyle and Hazel Morris on the foundation laid by Wally and May Kusay.—G. R. F. Ellis (Qld.).

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#### VIC.-TAS. HALF YEARLY CONVENTION

"Geelong 1968" promises to be one of the best conventions to date. The hosts, the five Geelong congregations — Belmont, Latrobe Tce., Manifold Heights, Norlane and Thomson—are enthusiastic and are preparing to meet every call which may be made upon them in respect of hospitality in church homes, accommodation in motels, guest houses, etc., provision of meals and their contribution to the convention programme. They assure all of a heart-warming welcome to their lovely city and their Christian fellowship.

An innovation at "Geelong 1968" will be a grand night for youth. This will be on Friday, September 6 at 8 p.m. Like all the convention meetings it will be conducted in the Geelong West Town Hall, Pakington St. Singing groups, an audio visual, modern beat hymns, items, audience participation and an address by A. E. White, B.A., will make a memorable night. Geelong youth are looking for an "invasion" by their fellow-young people from "all over."

There will be Bible studies at the morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday, September 7, commencing at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. respectively. K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D., will present the studies. The closing session at 7 p.m. will be for inspiration and challenge and will be addressed by A. J. Storay.

Lunch will be at 12.45 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. These meals will be served at the Geelong West Town Hall and at the church halls. To assist catering arrangements it is essential that all who will require meals should register with their church secretary as soon as possible indicating their needs. This will enable our hosts to make adequate preparation.

After lunch there will be a motorcade tour of Geelong and district, when places of scenic beauty, civic pride and historic importance will be visited. A departure from usual practice will be that there will not be a central assembly place for the motorcade, but the

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group at each meal place will commence the tour from there under the guidance of a tour marshal.

Visitors who are able to remain in Geelong over the Sunday are assured of a warm welcome at the services of the five churches. This would add to the opportunities of fellowship provided by the convention and increase its inspiration for the local brethren.

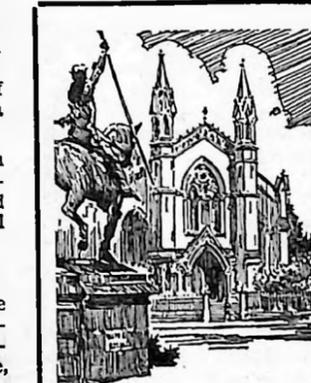
Enriching experiences have marked previous conventions and it is anticipated that "Geelong 1968" will not be behind others in this respect. All who possibly can are urged to attend this brotherhood function to participate in all that it has to offer.

#### NEWCASTLE MEN'S CAMP

(N.S.W.). The third Men's Camp to be held in the Newcastle district, June 21-23, saw a representative group in fellowship at "Halifax Park," Nelson's Bay. Grateful thanks are due to Syd. Reeson who made available the park for the occasion. Don. Craig is president of the Newcastle & Northern Dist. Convention. Meetings were in the large Assembly Hall, and the men shared cabins and caravans in the grounds. Guest speaker was Dr. A. G. Elliott, Vice-Principal of the Bible College at Woolwich, who led the camp in a helpful series based on the Book of Acts and the Epistles. The "fellowship" and "witness" of Christianity were presented in Bible study form. Dr. Elliott was also the preacher at the church at Mayfield on the Sunday.

#### PART-TIME MINISTRY CONSIDERED

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). At our half-yearly business meeting our minister, N. Hodgekiss advised that he would not be available for another term of ministry. The deacons are investigating the possibility of a part-time ministry for a short time. . . . From June to August evening gospel services are being held at 5 p.m. This has proved helpful to many. . . . Three Bible discussion groups using the Billy Graham follow-up material are proving beneficial. . . . Since the beginning of July the B.S. has used Australian Standard Lesson material.



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7 p.m.: "GOD AND OUR SINS."

**AUGUST 18: BIBLE FOR MODERNS:**  
7 p.m.: "CHRIST LET LOOSE!"

## QUICK FIRES — SLOW RECOVERY

So much has been written in all Australian newspapers and periodicals about the bushfires of southern Tasmania in February, 1967, that I feel diffident about adding anything more. When I recall how hundreds of people rallied to help in so many ways and places and, in particular, how a team of women from my own church worked so hard during and immediately after the emergency, bringing practical help, I wonder how a file-clerk could contribute anything of interest unless it be to bring an idea of the responsibilities and the contribution which church members concerned can make to a secular organisation working in an emergency situation.

By Mrs. DOROTHY HARTAM

About five weeks after our day of horror, there came an appeal, through the Parents' and Friends' Associations of the schools attended by my two daughters, for women to assist in a voluntary capacity as typists, drivers and file-clerks with the Fire Victims' Welfare Organisation. I presented myself at 9 o'clock next morning and immediately had a bundle of cards thrust into my hands with the words, "We're doing statistics—each card represents a family unit—those coloured stickers each mean something different—you'll see them listed over there—take these cards and sheets of paper and list this, this and this."

Several hours later, when I came to, I discovered that here, surely, was a unique organisation. There were dozens of women and several men from all walks of life and all creeds, of all ages, working together at a pace such as I had not previously seen. I saw familiar faces—neighbours, women I had met through inter-church activities, mothers of my children's school friends and many women previously unknown to me but whom I soon came to know and respect. I had offered myself for a day's work but soon found there was much to be done which would require many, many days' work, by just as many willing workers.

Mrs. Dorothy Hartam is a member of the Collins St., Hobart, Church of Christ.

### BACKGROUND OF ORGANISATION

Soon after Black Tuesday, there was a widespread realisation that the victims of the fires would need skilful help of a personal nature. The Tasmanian Government had declared a state of emergency and the Commonwealth Dept. of Social Services placed its resources at the disposal of the State authorities. The senior social worker of this department (Mrs. G. Oude Vrielink) established an information centre for fire victims of Feb. 9. During the following 10 days approximately 2,000 individual victims were interviewed and assisted.

Various churches and other organisations had begun schemes of assistance, but it soon became evident that there was great need for the co-ordination of these relief activities on a personal level. The Fire Victims' Welfare Organisation came into existence, operating under the aegis of the State Social Welfare Dept. and supported by Red Cross, Salvation Army, Council of Churches, numerous unattached volunteers and State and Commonwealth Depts. The organisation, operating from Scots Church Hall was meant to be in operation for only three weeks!

The involvement to this point amounted to over 100 members on the staff who were largely volunteers assisting a small corps of professional social workers. It soon became apparent that the road back to normal living would be a long, slow one involving many material, emotional and social problems. Case records were analysed during March (this was where I joined the team) and the organisation was given financial backing by the Government, thus adding to the substantial mone-

tary contributions of churches and voluntary organisations, and permitting a broadly based community service to continue vital assistance to the victims.

Direct case work with individuals and families has at all times been the main functions of the organisation which may be divided roughly into three sections: Social work, Liaison (working between social workers and outside agencies), and Administration. The staff has, for the most part, been comprised of about eight qualified social workers (including the Director and Assistant Director), several marriage guidance counsellors, church deaconesses and Salvation Army officers. One full-time and two part-time liaison officers, six full-time and three part-time clerical workers and four drivers. Over the months the administrative staff has fluctuated from about eight to one hundred, of whom only the junior typist-switchboard operator is a paid worker.

It was in mid-April last year that I found myself in charge of some 3,000 files and three card indexes. My files show that there were 63 deaths from the fires, 2,878 family units were in some way affected by the fires, 1,160 homes were lost, 1,064 lost property (orchards, farms, etc.) and 609 lost their livelihood. The majority of those who lost homes have now been re-housed and many farms and orchards are back in full or near-full production but for some there are still difficult days ahead. Figures at the end of April this year show that there are 461 family units still requiring follow-up work; 120 individuals and families still in temporary, though satisfactory accommodation; 65 still inadequately housed; 341 still on partial income; 450 persons with post-fire emotional problems and some still suffering as a result of burns and injuries.

I have tried to remember that each card and each file represents a family and that each time I scrawl "N.F.A." across a file it doesn't mean simply that this file requires "no further action," but that here is another family re-housed and gradually returning to its normal life. I thank God for having enabled me to share in this work of rehabilitation.

(The Tasmanian Fire Victims' Organisation closed down on June 30, 1968, and cases were transferred to other appropriate agencies).

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## Three Addresses

As the 4th Assembly moved from the impressive scene of worship the speeches began to flow. Dr. Visser 't Hooft, former General Secretary of W.C.C., caught words from Nathan Soderblom, one-time Archbishop of Uppsala: "The divisions and silence of the church impede the work of the Saviour." One is constantly reminded of the life and work of this man, Nathan Soderblom, architect of the Ecumenical Movement—to stand at his grave in the Cathedral is to feel oneself almost at an ecumenical shrine.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft, professing clearly to "owe more to the ecumenical movement than I can ever repay" drew the paradox here at the very time when the movement enters a period of reaping an astonishingly rich harvest it is being called into question more seriously than ever before. In a world that needs radical renewal how can the churches speak convincingly if they are not themselves radically renewed? The same

### Reported by NEIL GILMORE

question is posed in times of transformation, of responsibility, of unity. Only a transformed, responsible, united Church can speak of these things to a world in need of the same.

The concepts of "vertical" and "horizontal" seemed strangely out of date in the context of this address yet in these words Dr. Visser 't Hooft said, "A Christianity which has lost its vertical dimension has lost its salt and is not only insipid in itself, but useless for the world. We cannot speak of Christ as the man for others without speaking of him as the man who came from God and who lived for God."

Against the setting the crisis in development, the address continued. "The crisis is a crisis of motivation, of fundamental attitudes . . . the root of the matter is that at a time when history requires that humanity should live as a coherent, responsible society, men still refuse to accept responsibility for their fellow beings. What is needed is nothing less than a new concept of humanity."

When God makes all things new, he recreates humanity through Christ as a family united under his reign. Mankind is one, not because of its own merits or qualities. Mankind is one as the object of God's love and saving action. It must become clear that church members who deny in fact their responsibility for the needy in any part of the world are just as much guilty of heresy as those who deny this or that article of faith.

Against the setting of the disunity and division in the Church—visibly before us at every turn in the Assembly with the variety of robes and gowns or the lack of them—Dr. Visser 't Hooft called for the people of God to live as one reconciled and therefore united family. "Even the best co-operation and the most intensive dialogue are no substitutes for full fellowship in Christ."

One measure of this theme address and he who delivered it is to be gauged by the standing ovation with which it was received by the Assembly and which called the speaker to the pulpit again and again.

Professor Hendrikus Berkhof of the Netherlands, in a strong address on the Finality of Christ pulled the Assembly into focus on the grass roots of the Christian faith. The New Testament was sure of the finality of Christ and no single word was written without such belief. Despite the attack on Christ's finality, both from the other great religions and the modern secularised world and despite the doubts which arise in many Christians, Dr. Berkhof declared, "We confess Christ and his finality, Christ in his finality, or we do not confess him at all." The decisive ground for this confession lies in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Yet, lest we be carried away it is necessary to recognise three qualifications put upon our confession of Christ's finality. Firstly, the Cross—our way is to care for our safety, to assert ourselves, the way Jesus chose was to empty himself in order to give room to God and his neighbour. In our world self-assertion must give way to conversion and self-denial. Secondly, the Spirit qualifies His finality—we cannot discern Christ's finality if the Spirit does not open our eyes.

Arguments will always prove unconvincing — they can never replace Christ himself for he does not appeal to our intellect with demonstration but to our whole existence with salvation. Thirdly, the future qualifies his finality. He is not yet final in the ultimate sense of the word. Father Paul Verghese, of India, in comment at this point, remarked that "Jesus is not final as revelation but as the unrepeatably event—revelation takes place continuously."

Dr. Berkhof drew some implications of this for our day. There exists a need, quite desperate, for a new humanity to arise in response to our Lord's humanity. Only he can give love who receives love: the way to full humanity is not the way of self assertion but that of dying wheat. These are conditions for the new humanity. If man himself remains unchanged our developments will lack finality and our world will continue to totter between establishment and revolution.

Father Robert Tucci, of Italy, a Roman Catholic guest at the Assembly, spoke words which may well be considered as among the most historic of the occasion. Speaking of Catholic attitudes to the other Christian churches Father Tucci referred to the great upheaval which had occurred in the outlook of large sectors of Catholicism as a result of the Second Vatican Council. Admitting that many Protestants are suspicious of the new Catholic outlook feeling that the Catholic Church may be tempted to dominate the ecumenical movement in order to derive advantage for its own purposes, Father Tucci said, "the Roman Church has no intention of imposing its own ecclesiology on anyone . . . it accepts that dialogue should take place on an equal footing. The churches and communities separated from the Church of Rome have a genuine ecclesial status, have authentic value as churches and are efficacious in the order of salvation . . ."

The documents of Vatican II, he reminded the Assembly, no longer speak of the "return" to Rome of the brethren separated from the Church of Rome but of "restoring unity among all Christians . . ." "For us Roman Catholics also, the union of all Christians in the one church of Christ cannot be the victory of one church over another, but the victory of Christ over our divisions."

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## DRIVE FOR ELDERLY

(East Vic. Park, W.A.). Several elderly people were entertained at luncheon after church on June 30. Afterwards six cars were used to take folk for a drive to Canning Dam. Several were taken from St. Ives Hospital . . . C.W.F. held a bring-and-buy evening at the home of Mrs. Ford . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to the Chris Bridge family in the loss of a wife and mother . . . C.W.F. held a musical evening on Aug. 9 with proceeds for clothing an Aboriginal girl.

## GIRLS' SUNDAY

(Essendon, Vic.). On Girls' Sunday the Good Companions' Club formed a choir. Their leader, Mrs. Betty Hartney, gave the address. After the service tea was served to girls and their mothers . . . At C.M.S. tea on Aug. 4, the speaker was Rev. W. T. Trewin, minister Moonee Ponds Methodist Church. The film "A Case for Christian Courage" was screened at 5 p.m. service . . . A presentation was made to Mrs. Larsen who is leaving to reside at Cheltenham . . . Both intermediate basketball team and B1 tennis team have entered semi-finals . . . A Youth for Christ team led a morning service. Musical items were given by Fred Strong, The Cherobendys and The Part-time Singers. Address was by Steve Downie.

## CROYDON MINISTRY

(Vic.). A. John Lloyd, minister of the church at Croydon, Vic., has been appointed full-time General Secretary of the Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament (Vic.). The Croydon church has released Mr. Lloyd to enable him to take up his new duties on Aug. 12. He will be succeeded by A. B. Clark who will commence a full-time ministry in Jan., 1969. In the interim period H. E. R. Steele will conduct a part-time ministry commencing Aug. 11.

## THINGS TO COME

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**AUGUST:**  
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).

**AUGUST:**  
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

**AUGUST:**  
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.

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# WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE, 1970

By E. P. C. HOLLARD, Publicity Officer

In only another 27 months Australia will be receiving guests from many areas around the world, all headed for the World Convention in Adelaide. News from overseas tells that in the U.S.A. at the North American Christian Convention about 500 people sought information about coming to Australia, at the International Convention of the Disciples a similar number enquired. One of our Executive members was fraternal delegate to the New Zealand Convention and reports 100 enquirers.

An official of Ansett-A.N.A. is making special visits to the American Conventions to set up publicity booths, offer special inducements and take bookings. And all this at company expense. He has attended one convention, saw 15,000 people present and has expressed complete amazement that such conventions are possible in the church! He is fired with an enthusiasm to see it happen in this country! And we couldn't encourage him more!

At a recent meeting of the Australian Executive it was decided that initially 24 committees would be set in motion in the not too distant future. If each one of these committees involves 10 people it means that within a short time 240 people from among the S.A. churches will be gearing the Convention. It hoped that at the State Conference in September that this whole group of people will have been selected and set apart for their tasks.

The presence of Dr. Lawrence Kirkpatrick, World Secretary from New York, at Federal Conference in Sydney in October this year, will add considerably to the spirit of expectancy. He will also spend some time in N.Z. and then come to Adelaide early in November.

Within the course of the next few months churches in Australia will be contacted with a view to using "Intention to Come" cards. Our brethren throughout the nation are urged now to commence saving for Adelaide 1970. Special Purpose Savings Accounts can be arranged with your local bank. Plans for 1970 vacation should now be made at places of employment.

At present the Studies Group in Adelaide is completing its work preparatory to sending the finished work to every country around the world where our people meet. The Programme Committee have also made their preliminary plans and come up with suggested programmes! This is a major step forward. The speakers for each session will be arranged and invited by the World Committee meeting in St. Louis, U.S.A. next February, but the Adelaide Committee will arrange the formats. That such has already been done speaks well for the efficiency and wisdom of the Programme Committee in Adelaide.

Recently the Ansett-A.N.A. Airways people made a splendid gesture to publicity when they arranged for a complete set of Australian colour slides to be made available to other countries. At present six such sets are ready for the American churches to use. It is hoped that others will be available for other countries.

In many ways WORLD CONVENTION is beginning to shape up in the minds of many people in many places. Pray for those who lead, prepare and arrange.

## LAD MOURNED

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). The love and sympathy of the church are with the minister, F. Rees, his wife and family in the sudden death on July 30 of Philip, the third "son of the manse." For all of his just on 14 years of life Philip had to contend with the limitations imposed upon him by frequent attacks of asthma and he bore these with the fortitude and patience that came from the Christian faith in which he had been nurtured. The fragrance of his young life remains to bless this church of which he became a member in 1966.

## C. G. TAYLOR BACK TO PULPIT

(Chatswood, N.S.W.). C. G. Taylor returned to the pulpit on June 16 and is now well enough to take both Sunday services . . . Two discipleship classes following Crusade have resulted in four decisions. Voting is proceeding as to whether or not to continue changed morning times of 9.30 a.m. worship, 11 a.m. B.S. These have now had six months' trial . . . The Mayor spoke at a family dinner, July 17. He is anxious

to get local Christians concerned with community matters . . . 20 doorknockers assisted in Red Cross Appeal, raising approx. \$360 . . . Abel Olul was farewelled recently as he returns to teach in New Hebrides. \$2,700 was raised for Chungribu School Dormitory Appeal. . . Church was saddened recently by death of Miss Etta Williams. Harold Bell has retired after many years' faithful service as doorkeeper.

## OFF TO BETHANY

(Devonport, Tas.). Lorraine Cox is now helping in Bethany Children's Home and Shirley Cox has joined the staff of U.A.M. . . . Miss J. Huddleston, Fed. organiser and training officer for G.B., spent two weeks in Tasmania visiting Smithton, Devonport, Latrobe and Invermay . . . Pastor Doug. Nicholls spoke to Boys' Brigade on July 4 . . . A party of about 50 B.B. personnel and friends went to Cradle Mt. . . . A Girls' Brigade church parade was held on July 14 . . . C.W.F. meets in members' homes during the winter . . . Y.P. held a "Teens" evening when 170 saw film "Man of Steel" . . . B.B. gave a display at Ulverstone Baptist Church on July 26.

## FRONTIER LECTURES

(Melb.). The Australian Frontier 1968 Melbourne Lectures are on the theme "Change and Responsibility." The remaining lectures are: Wed., Aug. 21, "Stress, Health, Disease" by Professor Basil Hetzel (Monash University); Wed., Sept. 25, "The Family in Transition," by Dr. Alan Stoller, Chief Clinical Officer, Mental Health Authority, Vic.

The lectures will be in the National Mutual Theatre, 447 Collins St., Melb. Registration for the lectures may be made with Australian Frontier, Suite 13, 6th Floor, Temple Court, 422 Collins St., Melb. Fee is \$1.00 per lecture.

## ATTENTION VICTORIANS!

If planning to attend Federal Conference, have you attended to transport arrangements? If not and you intend travelling by plane or train you would be well advised to communicate immediately with the Victorian Transport officer, R. E. Hillbrich, 28 Blackwood St., Carnegie, 3163, 'phone 56-3228.

Advance booking is essential for concessions, particularly for train travel.

## TOMATOES FOR CHAPLAINS

(Mildura, Vic.). The tomato project grown on the property of E. Hawtin and the sale of trailers assembled by tradesmen realised \$1,200 for chaplaincy work in Mildura High and Technical Schools . . . The second stage of a two-year plan commenced earlier this year began with emphasis on stewardship. Special speakers: D. Hamilton, L. Keatch and A. McWilliams dealt with various aspects of stewardship, concluding with a Fellowship Luncheon and meeting with Principal E. L. Williams as guest speaker . . . The C.W.F. annual "At Home" proceeds will go to the women's appeal for the Social Service Homes. \$118 were raised . . . Church is suffering the loss of four young married families leaving the district, for business reasons, to Melbourne, Adelaide and Shepparton.

## MAINLAND VISITORS

(Caveside-Mole Creek, Tas.). The church received a visit from Don. Smith (H.M. & Evang.), also Mrs. Rankine (C.W.F.) after Conference at Devonport . . . A. W. Gilbertson, B. & F.B.S., addressed the church on July 21 and screened a film at the Methodist church at Chudleigh on July 25.

## 96th ANNIVERSARY

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Speaker: J. E. Paver (Ararat)

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## OUR MAN AT THE CENTRE



Churches of Christ in Australia have been brought into the central councils of the World Council of Churches by the election of one of our delegates, R. N. Gilmore, minister of the Brighton (Vic.) church, to the 120-strong Central Committee.

The Central Committee meets annually to carry on the work of the W.C.C. between Assemblies. Every effort is made to make it as broadly representative as possible, both geographically and confessionally. At Uppsala it was enlarged from 100 to 120 members, and this helped to ensure greater participation by women and laymen, and also to reduce its average age, three considerations which the Assembly was anxious to implement as far as possible. Constitutionally, however, members of the Central Committee must come from among Assembly delegates, and therefore unless the churches appoint delegates from among these groups, they cannot be appointed to the Central Committee. An Executive Committee of about 20, selected from within the Cen-

tral Committee, carries out its instructions.

Two other Disciples, G. G. Beazley (U.S.A.) and J. Bokeleale (Congo-Kinshasa) were also elected to the Central Committee. Mr. Beazley is president of the Council on Christian Unity for the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). Mr. Bokeleale is now secretary of the National Council of Churches in what used to be Belgian Congo.

Other Australians elected to the Central Committee were: Archbishop F. Woods of Melbourne; Dr. R. L. Walker, Methodist layman from Sydney, and brother of Dr. Alan Walker.

Mrs. M. Box, of W.A., a Presbyterian, withdrew her nomination, and was replaced by Commissioner H. Westcott, of the Salvation Army, who has "international" status. Bishop Johnson of Dunedin, and the Rev. U. Marural, of the Evangelical Church of French Polynesia, are the other representatives from the Pacific area.

## DEADLINE FOR NEW HEBRIDES

(Vic.). Victorian churches wishing to send goods to the New Hebrides for Christmas, are urged to send them by mid-August to J. Smith, 37 Swanston St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

## NEW MINISTER FOR M.B.

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). M. Arnot (College of the Bible, Glen Irls) has accepted an invitation to commence a 3-year ministry in Feb., 1969 . . . Dr. Thornley Thomas addressed the church recently on the work of the Overseas Missions Dept. . . . Members attended and assisted in the programme of a combined social held at Myponga in conjunction with the Myponga Methodist Church . . . Several men attended a dinner and film evening at the invitation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church . . . On June 28 the C.Y.F. held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schutz . . . Representatives from the District Bush Nursing Society attended C.W.A.F. meeting recently.

## MANSE DEBT LIFTED

(Kensington Park, S.A.). The Temple Day offering of \$476.60 has enabled the church to pay off the manse debt . . . C.W.F. had guest speaker Nakibae Tabokla (Tab) student from Gilbert Islands speak on life in his island home . . . Towns and House School for Blind, Deaf and Dumb benefited by \$30 when Harold Raymond, M.B.E., organiser, spoke of the home's methods and aims. Musical items were given by Mr. Raymond and his group of four entertainers . . . Sewing day for Aborigines' Mission resulted in many garments for Norse-

man Mission, also clothing for an Aboriginal boy. Overseas Missions offering amounted to \$92.10 . . . Kraft Food demonstration organised by Promotion Committee helped church funds by \$46.43 . . . B.S. scholars, teachers and parents visited the Adelaide Jewish Synagogue.

## RECORDINGS FOR SHUT-INS

(Croydon, S.A.). Shut-in members were recently entertained by the C.W.F. by playing recordings of highlights of recent church services . . . F. B. Burt was speaker at the church's 57th anniversary on July 14. The choir gave items. . . . A dedication service for all office-bearers was held on July 21 with the accent on Christ's "servants." . . . Stan. Burford, Mrs. O. Skewes and Mrs. I. Gallford were elected new office-bearers, Mrs. Marriott Snr. having retired from office . . . The church recently parted with Mrs. Bates Snr. She had rendered long service as deaconess.

## C.E. REUNION

The Hawthorn (S.A.) Y.P.S.C.E. (formerly Cottonville) wishes to remind all past members of the "Back to Endeavour" to be held on Saturday, August 17. Meetings include:

2.45 p.m. — Endeavour Meeting.  
Speaker: Mr. Bart Manning.

5 p.m.—Tea.

7 p.m.—Evening Meeting. Speaker: Mr. Bill Bowden.

## BRIGADE TALKS

A South Australian woman will go to London in September for the first conference of the International Council of the Girls' Brigade.

She is the Australian Federal Commissioner, Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby, of Burnside, who will attend the conference with the Federal Administrator from headquarters, Mrs. D. Carrick, of N.S.W. Mrs. Crosby is also recording secretary of the S.A. National Council of Women.

The conference will take place from September 1-6, at Southlands College,

Wimbledon, and an inaugural service will be held at the City Temple, London, on Sept. 1.

Mrs. Crosby has been invited to attend several annual meetings of Brigade branches in England after the conference.

The movement has 100,000 members in Britain, 16,000 in Australia, and more than 60,000 in other countries.

(Mrs. Crosby is a member of our S.A. churches).

## BEVERLEY IS 84

(S.A.). Guest speakers at the 84th church anniversary on July 21 were S. Neighbour (Conf. Pres.) and L. G. Riches, M.P. (Mayor of Pt. Augusta). Special singing was provided by the Young Ladies' Choir and by a mixed choir. Guest artists at the P.S.A. were Mrs. C. Dow and Neil Cunningham. At the recent Church and Life Conference, led by K. D. Horne, church members were greatly helped in seeking to enrich and extend the work of the church in this community. As a result, committees have been set up to study and examine its various aspects and to make recommendations. Recent gospel services have been led by the Youth Club and the Ladies' Guild. Det.-Sgt. Barrie Cocks gave an illustrated talk to the Youth Club.

## CLOTHING FOR MISSIONS

(Milang, S.A.). Ladies forwarded two large cartons of clothing to Norseman Mission—knitted garments to "Save the Children" Fund, also Morialta Children's Home. Men's Fellowship recently visited Grenfell Street Mail Exchange. At the annual church dinner on July 19, Mr. Stock from J.E.W., was guest speaker. Twins have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Hopgood. The church has lost two members through transfer. The Y.P. youth group meet on Friday nights. On July 26 they attended Hills Central Youth Rally at Woodside. Fellowship ladies led meeting at Strathalbyn recently.

## EVANGELISM SEMINAR

(Balaklava, S.A.). A Seminar on Evangelism was led by K. D. Horne and C. H. Dow at the campsite on July 20. The Dorcas Society displayed clothing made for Overseas and Aborigine missions. Also an outfit for an Aborigine boy and a number of cartons of new and second-hand clothing for Social Service. The minister, C. A. R. Smith, led a dedication service for new C.W.F. officers. Mrs. Baker is president. 50 young people were involved in programme on the B. & F.B.S. including tea and a film. All churches met at night for a combined B. & F.B.S. service led by Mr. Lucas. Mrs. Clark and Mr. Smith led the Inter C.E. while Mrs. Joyce Shepherd and Dean Lang are leaders of J.C.E. The church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baker in the death of Roger's father.

manse T.V. C. H. Dow attended each night and directed proceedings. We looked at ourselves under the topics "My Predicament," "My God and My Church," and "My Involvement." Between 30 and 40 members attended. At the evening meeting on July 14, sporting clubs heard John Halbert as guest speaker. At an after-church fellowship John answered questions regarding Christian involvement in sport.

## ALL-AGE PROGRAMME

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). E. W. Roffey, of Ivanhoe, Vic., was recent speaker and told of the All-Age Christian Education programme which he pioneered. Further evenings were spent in discussing these programmes with K. D. Horne and C. H. Dow. At the annual general meeting an extra elder (D. Hunt) and two new deacons (H. Francis and H. McLachlan) were elected to the board. Members collected \$200 for Austcare in the district. C.W.F. raised \$30 at a jumble sale. Youth services have been held on the first Sunday of each month. Guest speakers at B.S. Anniversary were John Birt and W. N. Bartlett. A four-act play was presented by the Senior School at one of the gospel services. Dr. Thornley Thomas spoke and showed slides of India. July was Stewardship/Commitment Month involving visitation of all members by the officers. E. P. C. Hollard was guest speaker at Fellowship Night on July 17 and the film "The Secret Gift" was screened.

## PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

(Berri, S.A.). Our people joined with the Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Church of England, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in a "Pilgrimage of Prayer," visiting each centre of worship for 10 minutes praying with and for each other and the Christian Church as a whole. Over 100 people joined in the pilgrimage.

## STETHOSCOPE

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). Three July mid-week meetings were experiments under the title "Stethoscope Experience." Families had tea at the church at 6.30 p.m. At 7 p.m. older ones gathered in groups for discussion while the children were cared for by the

# FIELD OFFICER FOR SINGAPORE CONGRESS



A. A. AVERY

Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. field officer, Allan Avery, has accepted an invitation to the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism to be held in Singapore, Nov. 5-13, 1968. Sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as a follow-up to the Berlin Congress on Evangelism in 1966, Mr. Avery will be among the 1,000 Asian and South Pacific participants. The association will meet travel expenses of those attending. 24 countries in the region will send their nationals. Half of those attending will be strategically placed lay men and women and the balance will comprise evangelists, pastors and church leaders. Plenary sessions will be held in Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, English and Indonesian.

Purpose of the Congress is to examine ways of implementing proposals from the 1966 Congress in our region which

is so much challenged by social upheaval and exploding population. Areas for study include, The Evangel and Social Upheaval, Witnessing in a Resistant Culture, The Theology of Evangelism, Asian Churches and Their Mission.

It is anticipated that the Congress will play a significant part in helping to expound the relevance of the evangel, in studying obstacles to evangelism, sharing tools and techniques for evangelism and evaluating programmes and policies in the light of contemporary conditions. Congress leaders stress the basic concern to challenge the Asian-South Pacific churches more adequately to fulfil their mission. Following receipt of the invitation the Department readily endorsed Mr. Avery's participation in what it believes to be a significant gathering of Christian leaders to examine regional strategy in mission.

## BUS LOAD OF FRIENDSHIP

(North Williamstown, Vic.). A bus load of C.W.F. members entertained and provided afternoon tea for guests at Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh. Evening service with a youth emphasis is a feature of the first Sunday in the month. Ian and Heather Papworth, Gospel Folk Singers, brought items at the service and the coffee hour. On National Aborigines' Day the C.Y.F. showed the films "Aborigines of Australia" and "In Song and Dance." The offering was taken to assist this work. Western Suburbs Young People's gathering at Sunshine was supported by Williamstown C.Y.F. Programme included a visit by Cyril Minns and his guide dog "Shaun." C.W.F. have supplied clothing and other goods for a 15-year-old girl at Carnarvon.

## CHANGE OF SECRETARY

(Benalla, Vic.). At the church annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Becroft resigned from the office of secretary after three years' service. R. G. McPherson was nominated and accepted the position. The treasurer's report revealed a healthy credit balance, so it was decided to offer a greater portion to Church Properties Corporation. It was also decided to commence hospital visitation, with all members participating. The church is grateful to several Baptist brethren who have served as guest speakers. The sympathy of the church was extended to Mrs. Munro following the recent death of her father, Mr. Macdonald.

## VIC. MINISTERS' WIVES

Victorian ministers' wives meet at the Brotherhood Centre, Monday, August 19 at 11.30 a.m. Speaker: Mrs. Phil Williams on the Good Companions' Movement. Come, listen, question, and show your interest.

## MAN FROM NEW GUINEA

(Swan Hill, Vic.). The Teens' Club conducted Saturday evening fellowship on July 20 and had Earle Chislett, recently returned from New Guinea, as speaker. Explorers' Club and Good Companions combined for hike and barbecue during July. Church was host for half-yearly rally of North Central Conference on August 3 with Principal E. L. Williams as guest speaker. R. V. Amos, Conf. Pres., was speaker at special guest service during July.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

(Robinvale, Vic.). Following the annual meeting the Installation and Dedication of elders and deacons followed at morning communion. Six members of the Thirds and Fourths football teams shared in a service with the theme "The Game of Life" a recitation "Control" by Cam Staley summed up both the football field and Christian living. Conference concerns were brought to us in a variety of ways by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders. It was breath-taking to see a birds-eye view of the whole work of the brotherhood at home and abroad.

## PRESIDENT AT RESERVOIR

(Vic.). For the church anniversary and homecoming on Aug. 4, the speaker was R. V. Amos, Conf. Pres. Vic.-Tas. Past members and friends attended fellowship tea. Good Companions are working enthusiastically for August Service Month appeal for Aborigines. Mrs. Rankine, president of Women's Conference, was speaker at August ladies' meeting when gifts for an Aboriginal child were collected. A girls' parade was held on July 28 with leaders taking part. Church members welcomed back Mr. and Mrs. Candy who have been visiting Perth.

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R. Neville, Arana Hills, Qld.  
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Gary Grimes, Essendon, Vic.

Glenys Flynn, John Crowley, Peter Hing, Malcolm Lane, Chatswood, N.S.W.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Eleanour Neville, from Wembley, W.A. to Arana Hills, Qld.

Joan Byard, from Sheffield, Tas. to Caveside-Mole Creek, Tas.

W. King to Wingham, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Duffield, from Semaphore; Mr. and Mrs. C. Matthews, from Cheltenham;

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

M. G. Suter (secretary, Warracknabeal church), 38 Gardiner-st., Warracknabeal, Vic., 3393.

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Roy G. McPherson, secretary, Benalla church, "La-Rayna," Pte. Bag, Benalla, Vic., 3672.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BAKER.**—In loving memory of Bill, passed away Aug. 3, 1967, and his son, Colin Clive, Aug. 17, 1964. Loved husband and son of Dorothy; dear father and brother of Ralph and Beryl and Philip.

**BEAMES,** Victor John.—Called home on Aug. 3, 1966. Loving thoughts of days together, hold sweet memories of a wonderful husband and father we'll never forget.—Hazel, Kay and Don; Bob and Rosalyn; Michelle and Anthony.

**LEE.**—Treasured memories of my beloved husband, Horace, called home Sept. 3, 1967. "Until we meet again."—Edna.

Miss M. Dickson, from Christies Beach; Miss D. Wilkinson; Miss H. Cook to Albert Park, S.A.

J. Smith, from Thorabury to Box Hill, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ninnis, from Forestville; Mrs. Bridge to Clovelly Park, S.A.

Mrs. E. Borrett to South Perth, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Hills, C. Stone, David Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pearce to Robinvale, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones to Christies Beach, S.A.

Mrs. Heard, from Parkdale to Ormond, Vic.

## MARRIAGES

Joan Overton to Austin Byard, Caveside-Mole Creek, Tas.

Mrs. Mavis Hicks to Windsor Samuel; Lee Murray to Bruce Peacock, South Perth, W.A.

Christine Carson to Reg. Holmes, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Janice Rilstone to Ken. Carpenter; Christine Knight to Wilf. Dalby, Berri, S.A.

## DEATHS

Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Unley, S.A.

S. Walker, Snr., Wingham, N.S.W.  
E. Richards, Mrs. Duffer, Hartwell, Vic.

E. Greives, Dalby, Qld.

Mrs. F. Hinrichsen, Northcote, Vic.

Robert Medhurst, Nth. Essendon, Vic.

Thomas Maxwell, Essendon, Vic.

Phillip Rees, Fremantle, W.A.

Miss Baxter, Ormond, Vic.

Miss Etta Williams, Chatswood, N.S.W.

A. John Lloyd, Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament, 94 Elizabeth-st., Melb., 3000. Phone 63-2005, 63-6893.

C. R. Lomman, secretary, Park St., Unley, S.A., 7 Wood-st., Millswood, S.A., 5034.

S. E. M. Riches, interim minister, Christies Beach church, 24 Fletcher-rd., Christies Beach, S.A., 5165.

**JENSEN.**—Treasured memories of my dear husband James, who passed away on August 15, 1961. — Inserted by his loving wife, Violet. "God's greatest gift — remembrance."

**FARRAR.**—In loving memory of my dearly loved husband, John, who was called home August 6, 1958. "Forever with the Lord."—Inserted by Ada Farrar.

**PETRIE.**—Treasured memories of my dear husband, Frank Ernest, called home Aug. 27, 1962; loving father of Donald and Kevin. "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day." Loving wife, Nell.

## BIRTHS

**HOPGOOD (Stewart).**—Joyce and Mervyn, Mlang, S.A., are happy to announce the safe arrival of their twin sons—Mark Aworth and Andrew Gregory, born July 3, 1968 at Strathalbyn Memorial Hospital, S.A.

**PAVER (Sutherland).**—Born to Helen and John, a baby girl—Virginia, on July 10 at Ararat. Sister for Adam. Both well.

**SMART (Manallack).**—To Wendy and Alex on July 9, a daughter — Abigail Mary.

## DEATHS

**GREENWOOD,** Jack Sydney.—Peacefully at home, Avenue-rd, Stirling, S.A., 5152, on July 17, 1968. Loved husband of A. E. (Dolly), father of Bill and Joy, brother of Mill.

**WALKER.**—Mrs. Alice Elizabeth, of 3 Glenwood Drive, Springvale, on July 18, beloved wife of William, sister of Elsie, Gladys, Aimee and George. Also, William Walker, on July 30, dearly loved husband of Alice Elizabeth, mourned by his sisters and brothers Edie, Janie, Ray and Gus. "Patient sufferers at rest."

**MACDONALD.** On July 17, at R.G.H., Heidelberg, of 5 Bendigo-ave., Pascoe Vale, 3044 (late of Bordertown, S.A.), Charlotte, beloved wife of Stewart (dec.), loving mother of Flora (Mrs. Hodder), Angus, Mary (Mrs. Greenhill), Duncan, Jim, Arch, Allan and Margaret (Mrs. Oakley); mother-in-law of Frank, Bob (dec.), Peggy, Norma, Edie, Doris and Max; loved grandma of Frank, Louise, Christine, Ted, Jean and Laurie Hodder; Joy (Mrs. Creaser), Jan (Mrs. Burgess), Eoin, Heather and Nell; Orm and Lance; David and Graeme; Sandra, Wendy and Paul; Rae, Jeff and Sue Oakley; great-grandma of Robbie and Susie Creaser. "A patient sufferer at rest. Thy will be done."

**NICHOLAS,** John James — At P.A.N.C.H., July 25, loved father of May (Mrs. Gething), loving grandpa of Lenard, June, Richard, Dianne; great-grandpa of Donna Rae. "Treasured memories."

## APPROACHING MARRIAGES

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**NEWBURY-KRUGER.**—Mr. and Mrs. C. Newbury, Campbelltown, S.A., wish to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Alwyn Alexander, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kruger, Trinity Gdns., S.A., to be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Clovelly Park, on Saturday, August 10 at 7 p.m.

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## Christian Women's Convention, Taree

"Do we have to wait another 12 months for another such day?" This, the expression of one of the local women, aptly sums up the appreciation and gratitude in the minds of all those who shared in the first Convention Day held at Taree.

After months of preparation, planning and praying, the organisers—the combined women's groups of Taree churches, were delighted with the response and in the co-operation.

Many women came long distances to share with the local women, in the four sessions held—three during the day and one in the evening—in the Church

of Christ. The morning tea and luncheon breaks were shared in the beautifully equipped new Fellowship Centre of the church.

Mrs. Grace Collins, National Chairman of Australian Christian Women's Conventions presided, and Mrs. Mary Fewchuk was guest speaker. Mrs. Joy Cooke, National Assist. Sec., took part in the "Woman to Woman" panel—held twice, once in the day and again at night—and also gave a wonderful word of testimony of the new quality of life she had found in Christ through these Conventions. Mrs. Jan Hallett, of Taree, also brought an inspiring testimony.

### TAREE HELPS

(Wingham, N.S.W.). The church is encouraged by the oversight given by L. Wylie, of Taree. A membership class for 13 young people has been held over the past eight weeks . . . S. Walker, Snr., an early member of the church, died recently . . . Matron Clark is a patient in the M.R.D. Hospital and Mr. Shelton is in a Sydney hospital . . . Working bees are busy painting the property in preparation for the 90th Anniversary . . . W. King, of Harrington, was received into fellowship.

### THIRTEEN BAPTISMS

(Telopea, N.S.W.). There have been 13 baptisms during the past eight weeks. . . . Work amongst Senior Citizens is proving successful. Quite a number are attending our services. Evening records are being broken with higher average attendances than morning services. Last family service 125. 40 new chairs purchased. 45 to 50 teenagers meet each Sunday for after-church fellowship. The church extensions are now completed. . . . Bible study discussion groups commenced after the Graham Crusade, have now grown to six with almost 50 meeting weekly . . . The church have adopted a Special Missionary Project of raising money for special refugee housing in Vietnam . . . The minister, B. H. White, assisted with a Lay Institute for Evangelism at Lismore church.

### NEW BUS FOR ROCKDALE

(N.S.W.). The church has purchased a new bus, larger and in far better condition than the previous bus, for use by the S.S. and Teen Club. Many children are picked up each Sunday. Church members, and parents of some S.S. children, are donating money towards payment of the bus, and this is coming in steadily . . . The Billy Graham film, "Man in the Fifth Dimension" was screened on June 30 . . . Mrs. Copley and her helpers are holding stalls in an effort to raise funds for the Social Service Geriatric Centre. A total of \$143 has been raised this year . . . Our senior basketball team has been undefeated during the season, and has entered the finals.

### NO PETROL, NO TEAM

(Taree, N.S.W.). A four-man team from the Woolwich Bible College had to cancel a trip to Taree on July 13. They were to go further north as far as Lismore but the petrol strike hindered plans as they were to travel by car . . . Representatives of the B. & F.B.S. visited Taree in July. Speakers were R. Johnson and Miss Betty Hall (formerly of Sudan United Mission). At night a united meeting in the Church of Christ Fellowship Centre saw a sound film depicting the work whilst Miss Hall brought a word of challenge.

### BUSY BOYS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The Boys' Brigade was active during Boys' Brigade Week, July 20-27. On two Saturdays they raised money by washing cars and on the second Saturday spent time washing the windows at "Bingley Hall." They conducted a gospel service with their captain, K. R. Fennell, bringing the message. The visiting soloist was F. Grice . . . The monthly service with a difference on July 28 at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Sunday night C.E. Group. P. Bonser was speaker.

### PARTICIPATORY SERVICE

(Georgetown, N.S.W.). Over the past six Sundays, in lieu of the usual sermon, there have been panel discussions of the N.T. readings with congregation participation. Studies on doctrine and lay evangelism will be held at later dates. D. P. Holloway has agreed to extend his ministry another two years from Jan., 1969 . . . At the 28th annual business meeting Ian Fisher was added to the diaconate . . . Six men recently attended the men's camp at Halifax Park when Dr. A. G. Elliott was lecturer.

### YOUTH AT PINEDALE

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). The church youth group was host to over 90 at a Young People's Inter-Church Barbecue at "Pinedale," Gilgandra. The film, "Vietnam Profile" was screened. Young people led the gospel service on July 21, with Dennis Skelton as guest speaker . . . The church commenced an ambitious visitation programme to cover the whole shire, offering friendship, literature and any help the church is able to give . . . Representatives from Scripture Union and Unevangelised Fields Mission, Alan Malcolm and Robert Storey, were recent speakers.

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## GLADSTONE'S TWEENAGER EXPERIMENT

By R. E. SMITH

In small town churches, it is sometimes difficult to gather large numbers of young people. Often it has been the practice to widen the age limits, and to try to cater for "twelves to twenties" in the one club. This endeavour to cope with a very real problem has met with varying degrees of success or failure.

For several years, Queensland churches have constantly heard emphasised the importance of conducting properly graded youth activities. Because of leadership problems and long-established customs, many churches have been reluctant to institute the necessary changes.

Under the direction of Queensland's Director of Youth and Christian Education, A. C. Male, the Gladstone church recently embarked on its first effort at expansion since the appointment of Kev. Jenner as minister. This was the establishment of a Tweenagers' Club, aimed specifically at the needs of the "between ages" — 13 to 16 years.

Four young people of this age group were in regular association with the church when the club began in the middle of June. Now, there are 18 Tweenagers, and steady growth is expected. (Church membership is 16; and church school enrolment is 17!).

Excellent publicity was received through A.B.C. radio and T.V., and the local Press. As a result, interested enquirers have contacted us from 320 miles north and 100 miles west!

The programme is of the recognised "four-square" variety, based on Luke 2: 52, where the Original Tweenager "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man."

For the modest cost of 40c, the Tweenagers are treated to a "knife and

fork" tea each Friday at 6 p.m. A small group of our womenfolk are so far coping admirably with the provision of meals in our 40 x 20 all-purpose building. As often as possible a visiting speaker addresses the group on some facet of community life. Then follows a 1½-hour programme of physical, intellectual and spiritual activity. Already, the Tweenagers have visited the local newspaper office to see for themselves how the "Gladstone Observer" is produced. A visit to a bakery is planned for 3 a.m. on a coming Saturday morning. Arrangements are almost completed for the entire club to have a meal aboard one of the many ships now using Queensland's most important harbour.

Mr. Jenner, newly appointed as publicity officer for the Red Cross Branch, has enlisted the support of the Tweenagers' Club in carrying out a drive for blood donors. Through this community service project, further publicity will result both for the Red Cross, and for the real interest of the Church of Christ in the community.

Whilst other churches in the town have suddenly become enthused about working with the "in between" age group, our own fellowship has become truly excited about the possibilities opening up with the creation of this new interest. Folk previously uninvolved are anxious for the club to succeed, and are giving ready assistance.

The only problem encountered so far is that we have been overwhelmed with requests by young people who do not qualify as Tweenagers to commence club activity for their age groups. Shortage of leadership has to this date prevented the formation of other clubs, and shortage of space continues to hamper further expansion.

### ACTING PRINCIPAL AT GATTON

(Qld.). The 13th Anniversary services on July 20-21 had as guest speaker at all services, F. L. Ewers, M.A., Acting Principal of Kenmore Christian College. 150 were at the anniversary tea and service on the Saturday. Guest singers were the Gatton Baptist minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spence. On Sunday morning the Ma Ma Creek church joined with Gatton for the communion service. Mrs. L. Metcalf was soloist. Ma Ma Creek members who participated in the service were V. G. Boettcher (minister) and Peter Roberts who read the N.T. lesson. Beautiful floral arrangements were the work of Mrs. H. Rosenberg. The final service in the evening was again well attended. Guest singers were Mrs. Hawley and her daughter Ailsa.

The services crowned an outstanding year. The B.S. showed considerable increase in numbers; an active membership of about 65 contributed \$7,000 of which almost \$2,000 was distributed to brotherhood work; Glen Wegner became the first student from Gatton to enter Kenmore Christian College.

### ROCKHAMPTON'S 40TH

(Qld.). E. T. Hart, Social Service Director, was guest speaker at the 40th anniversary of the Rockhampton churches. He also spoke at the tea catered for by the C.W.F. . . . C.Y.F. combined with Baptist youth for a "walkathon" on July 6 . . . After tea for the William St. B.S. one Sunday, the scholars stayed for evening church. . . . C.W.F. Pres., Mrs. Chapman, visited the churches' groups on July 26 . . . Grandma Saunders, of Moongan, is receiving congratulations. She is 85 this year with 50 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

### OPERATION ENLIGHTENMENT

(Dalby, Qld.). Some of the church members are preparing to assist the B. & F.B.S. in "Operation Enlightenment." . . . With the colder weather attendances are slightly down. A new series has been commenced at the weekly Bible study and prayer meetings. . . . The church was saddened at the death of E. Grieves.

### FIRST BAPTISM

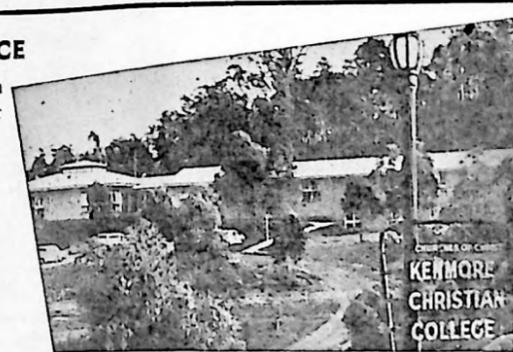
(Arana Hills, Qld.). Our first baptism was carried out at Kedron church on July 21 by our student minister, Colin McCosker, who later gave the sermon. Bob Neville, formerly of W.A., was baptized after having publicly confessed Christ at a recent evening service . . . The church visited all homes in the suburb on July 27, to meet and invite the many new families who have moved in during the last year, and to follow-up the increasing acceptance by the residents. The B.S. and Youth Club continue to increase in numbers and spiritual growth . . . Our hopes for the much needed first stage of the building programme are rapidly becoming reality as discussions between the church and our architect, Don Cranston, continue. Preliminary estimates have risen to around \$14,000.

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## GIRLS' SUNDAY

(Hartwell, Vic.). Girls' Sunday was marked by Good Companions' Club taking part in morning and evening services. Parents of girls were invited to afternoon tea, then to a special service which included folk singing by a guest artist. Theme was "Getting to Know You." . . . Choir visited Sth. Melbourne church and rendered items at the dedication of new organ in memory of Miss P. Cornish, a former organiste . . . Mr. Savage shared with Evening Fellowship in a pictorial trip around New Zealand.

## DEATH OF GEO. BERRY

(Mitcham, Vic.). The church was saddened at the death of George Berry, father of Mrs. Dorothy Heard . . . Several of S.S. staff, including the minister, E. W. Heard, attended a conference at Monbulk for superintendents and ministers, conducted by Dr. Keith Bowes. . . . C.W.F. visited "Emmaus" recently. The ladies led devotions, and entertained with vocal items and afternoon tea . . . Mrs. L. Swann and Mrs. Bruton were guests of C.W.F. Evening Group this month, sharing in a programme on Aborigines. In keeping with the theme, supper consisted of Witchety grubs and kangaroo tail soup.

## SERVICE OF WITNESS

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Girls' Sunday featured a tea for mothers and daughters and at night the Good Companions and other girls led in a service of witness . . . W. R. McKeown, of the Leprosy Mission, showed the S.S. slides of the work among lepers in Korea. Clean linen for bandages and \$9 was presented for this work . . . A. Emmett, Sec. of the Properties Corporation, spoke at the C.M.F. monthly tea . . . Door-knockers were on duty to assist the Freedom from Hunger appeal . . . Mrs. Scherman, of Toowoomba, has been a visitor.

## STORY OF NEW GUINEA

(Ormond, Vic.). Men's meeting was entertained by Frank Richards with his film and account of the work in New Guinea . . . Our Explorers won the zone championship but failed in the State final . . . C.M.F. breakfast was well attended by our members . . . A film night was held on August 8 to assist ladies to procure kitchen needs for the new hall . . . Our new student minister is Mr. Feckner.

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## SURPRISE

(Bentleigh, Vic.). On July 5 the church combined with East Kew in giving a surprise evening to our minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pigdon on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Slides were also shown of the recent combined churches family camp at Monbulk . . . Members of the church and young people from other churches combined on June 23 for an after-church fellowship, led by J. Roper. Alan Rowe was guest soloist and also spoke of his experience as a Christian in the entertainment field . . . On June 30, Mr. Cook, of Gideons International, informed the church of their work.

## EXTENSIONS CONSIDERED

(Noble Park, Vic.). The church business meeting considered the church constitution and the issue of a church paper. Extensions to church property for a kitchen and for a permanent baptistry were also discussed. R. Edmonds, R. Pearce, R. Scott, B. Schwennesen, and C. E. Thomas are deacons and the deaconesses are J. Pearce, V. Schwennesen, W. Small and M. Titter.

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## OBITUARY

### Sydney Lloyd Lawrance

Born at Lillimur, Vic., Syd. Lawrance was youngest of the family of B. J. Lawrance, who moved to Lenswood when Syd. was four. His youth and young manhood was spent at that place, where the family name was highly respected. Baptised at Hawthorn, he was with the Stirling church until in 1933 the fellowship was commenced at Lenswood. He was one of 11 foundation members. In 1938 he married Alice Lawrance. The couple moved to Flinders Park in 1952, and soon became part of the church there. Syd. had an outstanding facility for "fitting in," and no reference could omit the period in which he cared for his wife who was convalescing from polio, attending to routine household chores and at the same time meeting all work commitments at E.T.S.A. In an outstanding partnership, Syd. gladly played the part which alone made possible his wife's extensive involvement in Women's Conference, Girls' Brigade, and other activities. Flinders Park has lost a deacon, C.F.A. agent, and general handyman whose help was available in canteen, maintenance and countless unrecorded capacities. We thank God for one who loyally supported the brotherhood, was a strong friend to his ministers, whose home influence led naturally to vital Christian encounter and Godly training, with deep church commitment. His wife Alice, daughter Gay, and son-in-law Brian walk in a noble tradition, which must surely live on in grandsons Craig and Bronte.—H.S.P.

### Mrs. Emma Jan Hiron

Churches of Christ lost one of their most loyal members recently in the death of Emma Hiron. The writer conducted her funeral service at Box Hill. Mrs. Hiron became associated with Churches of Christ 50 years ago during a Chandler-Hagger mission at Colac. With her husband she has had active and satisfying membership at South Yarra, Balwyn, The Patch, Montrose, Box Hill and Boronia. Her faith in Christ was strong; the Christian hope was very real to her; the word of God was cherished by her and she held the fellowship of the church as something very precious. She endeared herself to the membership of our church during the short membership of about 18 months that she had with us. Mrs. Hiron was a wonderful wife to her husband to whom she was a real "partner" in marriage for the 54 years they were together. She was an excellent mother whose children carry memories of her essential goodness and Christian character. She was a happy, cheerful soul who found laughter an easy grace. Her sense of humour was ready and real enabling her to receive much joy from life. We are sure that other churches in which she had membership will remember her with as much pleasure and thankfulness as do we at Box Hill. Our sympathies and Christian love were conveyed to Mr. Hiron, members of his family and other relatives in their loss.—L.S.D.

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### Ron. Earl

The funeral service of Ron. Earl was conducted by the writer in the Box Hill church on July 9, following his death in hospital. Many who attended could not gain entry to the crowded church. The help and hope of God's Word were ministered and Christian love and sympathy were conveyed to Mrs. Earl, Rhonda, Kevin and Warren, to Mrs. G. Mullen and to H. Earl and all other relatives. Ron. was enrolled at the Sunday School at Box Hill as a small boy by godly parents whose example and guidance he greatly appreciated. He was an enthusiastic pupil who was given a special award for 10 years of unbroken attendance. He was also associated with the youth clubs of the church and eventually committed his life to Christ from which began a discipleship which yielded a rich fruitage of service to Christ and the Church. He was a fine husband and father who joined his wife in providing his children with that best form of Christian education, the teaching and example of Christian parents. After war service with the R.A.N., in which he became an officer, he developed an illness which required a long drawn-out fight before it was conquered. Then, nine years ago he suffered a coronary occlusion which imposed physical limitations and restrictions which were a frustration to a man of such extensive abilities. Yet, it

### Mrs. Edith W. Vernon

Following a general deterioration of health, Mrs. Vernon was in the Sandringham Hospital where a bout of pneumonia proved too great a burden for her ailing heart and she died on May 25. The Box Hill church was crowded for the service conducted by the writer. Our Christian fellowship was expressed to children: Mabel, Tom, Herb., Jim, Gwen, Laurie and Beverley (Mrs. Gordon Moyes). Mrs. Vernon had performed a splendid ministry throughout 29 years of widowhood in being mother to seven children with all the attendant hardships and sacrifices. As a qualified tailoress she worked hard to provide a home, sustenance and education for the family. After her baptism during a Hinrichsen mission at Balwyn, she was in membership with Churches of Christ at Balwyn, Mont Albert and Box Hill. Her love for children and young people and her ability to evoke a response from them, made her a most successful S.S. teacher and enabled her to assist many teenage girls to a commitment of their lives to Christ. It was only recently that she gave up teaching in the S.S. and religious instruction in State schools. During her 16 years of membership at Box Hill her encouragement, cheerfulness and love for Christ and his church, keen evangelistic spirit, robustness of faith, labours of love and patience of hope in Christ, make us thankful to God that we knew her. We rejoice in her readiness, through faith in Christ, to meet her Lord.—Leslie S. Dewberry.

### Mrs. Mary Bannon

Mrs. Bannon died suddenly as the result of a stroke at her home on May 26. Her funeral service was shared by

is a seeming paradox that some of his greatest contributions in Christian service, were made during that period. Seven years ago he became a deacon. He served with such ability that three years ago his fellow members called him to the high office of church elder. To this ministry he brought his capacity for calm, sane thinking, sound reasoning, gentleness of spirit, tactfulness, depth and clarity of insight, compassion, his whole range of Christian experience and above all, his great love for Christ and his church. From his gifts of preaching and writing we were frequently challenged and inspired by his expressed thoughts. Ron. Earl was a consistent and enthusiastic representative of his church on the Inter-Church Council and this wider Christian brotherhood held him in high regard. He also served the brotherhood as the competent and loyal representative of this journal in his church. We pay tribute to Mrs. Earl, whose partnership with him involved unique responsibilities as the wife of a man who carried illness over many years. She frequently had to be the physical protector who, often with much difficulty, curbed the keen mind and venturesome spirit so there would not be too great a strain on the limited bodily resources. Our church rejoices in the rich service of his life and the triumph of his death.—Leslie S. Dewberry.

the writer and Rev. Lock (brother-in-law to Mrs. Bannon and minister of Methodist Church, Warrnambool) at Le Pines Chapel. Our Christian sympathy was expressed to Stan and Irene and family; to Val, Bob and Dennis and to all other relatives. The Bannon family came from Tasmania 20 years ago and settled at Fairfield where they came into contact with the Church of Christ. Here Mrs. Bannon committed her life to Christ under the ministry of T. Fitzgerald. She, her husband and family enjoyed the warmth of fellowship and avenues of service this close knit church family offered. She often said that here she received the nurture, development and fortification her faith needed. She gave her children the encouragement and example to find their friendships, their social and sporting activities and their spiritual fulfilment within the church. Her influence upon her family was good and strong. They speak of their earliest experience of hymns, prayer and Bible reading as that to which they were introduced by their mother. She influenced them ever and always toward the things of Christ and the church and the power of that influence can be seen in the son who has gone on to Christian manhood and the Christian ministry and in the daughter who has gone on to Christian womanhood, motherhood and Christian leadership. We have had the benefit of Mrs. Bannon's membership at Box Hill for eight years. She has worked in our C.W.F., our Dorcas group and has greatly assisted in hospital visitation. She was a quiet, gentle, unassuming and gracious Christian lady who enjoyed a humble, simple relationship with Christ.

—Leslie S. Dewberry

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