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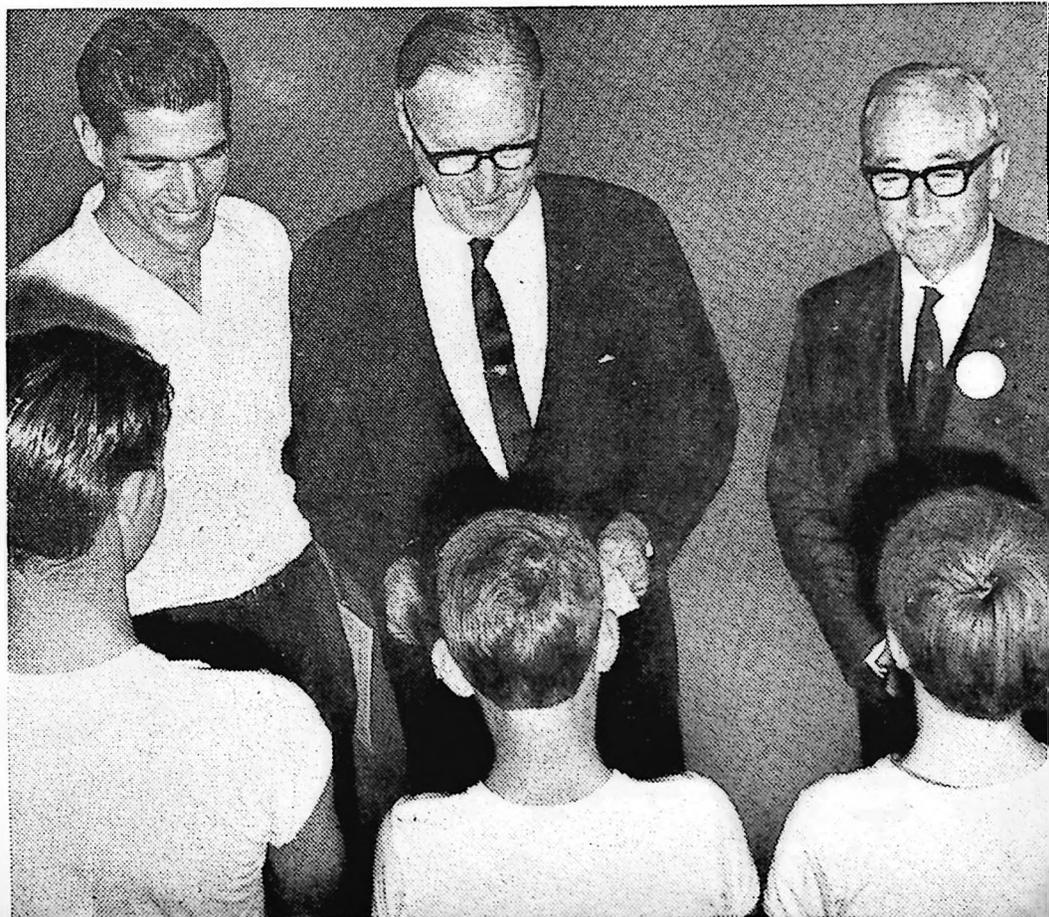
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UPPSALA'S DILEMMA

Most of the comments about the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches have underlined a change in emphasis. Whereas earlier Assemblies were primarily concerned with ecclesiastical and theological barriers to church unity, the Fourth Assembly was more attentive to the social, political, and economic problems of our time.

The representatives of the churches felt guilty about the failure of the so-called Christian developed nations to give practical help to the two billion people of "The Third World" who are hungry, illiterate, and subject to racial discrimination.

The President of Zambia, Kenneth Kaunda, declared that Western nations are motivated by profit even in their limited grants to developing countries. The economist, Barbara Ward, urged a tax on developed countries of 1% of their Gross National Product. This would amount to \$17 million but would still be only one-third of the West's annual increase in G.N.P. She said, "It just means getting richer slower. . . . Let us tuck away in one corner of Christian memory the delicious fact that the English- and French-speaking members of the Atlantic world spend \$57 billion a year on drink and tobacco." Another suggestion was that 10% of the annual sum of \$150 billion spent on armaments would make available almost miraculous resources for the world's needy.

In Alan Walker's review of the Assembly, the Methodist evangelist noted that the Assembly recognises that the old concept of foreign missions, of sending and receiving churches, is finished. "There is now but one mission in all six continents. Mission fields are in the concrete jungles of Western cities as much as in the green jungles of Africa and Asia."

Mr. Walker notes that a turning point in this W.C.C. Assembly was the end of the domination of the Council by European and American countries. Eastern Orthodox, Russian, African and Asian Christians took a much stronger place in debate, discussion, and decision making.

He also pointed to a new alignment of world power. "Humanity is now not divided into East and West, nor between Russia and America, but between rich and poor nations. It is the growing bitterness between the one billion people of the world who have everything and the two billion people of the world who have nothing." He said that when an American boasted that a man would soon stand on the moon, he was hissed and scornfully forced to resume his seat. Those who represented the two billion of Third World crying out for food, freedom and justice could see nothing of value in the race for the moon. The under-nourished and under-privileged want dignity and freedom now.

Many evangelists around the world were sharply critical of the Assembly's apparent lack of emphasis on the message of salvation. Their point is that the two billion of the Third World need the gospel even more than they need the one per cent of the G.N.P. or a portion of the smoke and drink and armaments bill.

The truths of the gospel were emphasised, of course. The message of God's love and sacrifice was presented again and again. But the problem which confronted Uppsala is little different from the problem which confronts the minister in the local church. He, too, has to unify into one ministry the preaching of the gospel and care for the sick, the poor, the distressed, and the imprisoned. As Visser 't Hooft said, "Great tension exists between the vertical interpretation of the Gospel as essentially concerned with God's saving action in the life of individuals, and the horizontal interpretation of it as mainly concerned with human relationships in the world. A Christianity which has lost its vertical dimension has lost its salt and is not only insipid in itself, but useless for the world, but a Christianity which would use the vertical pre-occupation as a means of escape from its responsibility for and in the common life of man is a denial of the incarnation, of God's love for the world manifested in Christ. The whole secret of the Christian faith is that it is man-centred because it is God-centred."

How can we bring God's resources to bear upon Man's spiritual and material needs without an emphasis upon the one being a distraction from the other? This is the question — not only for Uppsala, but for the whole Christian church.

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*'Tis God gives skill,
But not without men's hands;
He could not make
Antonio Stradivarius' violins
Without Antonio.*
—George Eliot.

• IN THE U.S.A.

MAN FROM DOWN UNDER

It was a tremendous thrill to see the wonderful growth and development of the Christian churches in the U.S. during the 14 weeks I visited and preached among the so-called "Independent" Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in America. Nearly every church has either completed or is involved in or is planning an extension programme. I also had the privilege of speaking in a few Disciple Churches and meeting with some of the leaders of our co-operative work in America.

In the whole religious picture in America, one thing stands obvious, and that is that the churches which are conservative and loyal to the traditional messages of Christianity are the ones that are growing and making impact on the community. On the other hand, the churches that have lost their affec-

Ohio, have in excess of 800 students and continually need to expand the campus areas because of the great number of volunteers for the work of the ministry and overseas missions. This is in contrast, however, to the decline of student enrolment at the Colleges that have seemingly lost their evangelistic zeal.

Another highlight was the invitation from Harold Davis to preach at the First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio. This is the largest church we have in the world and the church where the great P. H. Welshimer ministered for over 50 years. I am sure that the members of the Australian brotherhood would be thrilled at the type of men we have

in our American ministry and the depth of involvement and development that is going on in our progressive American work. They are constantly opening new mission fields and each year sees many more missionaries going from the churches to foreign fields.

The World Convention in Adelaide in 1970 should be a tremendous success if the work of Lawrence Kirkpatrick (secretary) is any indication of the zeal and hard work that is being put into the preparation. Larry is doing a tremendous job and is well respected through the so-called "Independent" brotherhood as well as (of course) by the Disciple Churches. Larry is doing all he can to weld the various sections of the Restoration Movement in America together. We are fortunate to have such a man as Larry in the position he holds, and it indicates great things in the future.

It would be good if all of us could take an objective look at our American work and learn from their strengths and progress and leave alone the places where they have found difficulty in fellowship so that we, in Australia, can maintain the unity of our brotherhood and learn to work together and look for the extension of God's Kingdom through our labour.

By DAVID MANSELL

tion for, and have "played down" the message of the Restoration Movement, are showing very little, if any, progress, and in many cases, are declining rapidly. It is quite likely that within two years' time we will not have a Disciple movement in America as it is now known, because of the plan to restructure and the desire of the leaders to go into the C.O.C.U. (Consultation on Church Union).

One of the great highlights of my visit was to speak at the great Klamichi Clinic in Oklahoma during March. This men's clinic is probably the largest gathering of men in any religious service in the world. There were about 5,000 men present, coming from 37 different States and several foreign countries. From early in the morning until last thing at night for three days, the men would sing the old-time Gospel hymns and listen to forceful, challenging preaching of the Word of God. This tremendous men's camp is the "brain child" of A. B. McReynolds, who saw its beginning as a small mission station many years ago. Each year there is a bigger attendance and an apparent greater impact made in the lives of those who attend.

It was also my privilege to speak at a number of our Bible Colleges and to see the amazing growth of the College enrolment. Colleges like Ozark in Missouri; Lincoln, Illinois; Cincinnati,

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AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ Poured Himself into Me

—Gal. 2: 20 and Phil. 4: 13.



Paul, recounting what transpired in his life since yielding himself unto Christ, summarised it in these words, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." In writing to the Christians at Phillipi he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." A free translation interprets it, "I can do all things through Christ, who pours himself into me."

This is what happens at Springtime—God pours his creative vitality into the trees and shrubs and plants. What happens when God pours his creative vitality into the rose bush? Suddenly the rose bursts forth into beauty.

Jesus likened himself to the vine. "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15: 5), and into the branches he imparts a spiritual vitality. If you find it difficult to understand the work of the Holy Spirit think of Christ pouring himself into our beings. He promised that he would do this very thing. "I will pray the Father and he will send you a Comforter — a strengthener."

Long ago the Psalmist recognised God's redemptive vitality being poured into our being —

Forgiving our iniquities,
Healing our diseases,
Redeeming our life from destruction,
Crowning us with loving kindness and tender mercies,
Satisfying our mouth with good things,
Renewing our youth like the eagles.

(Psalm 103: 3-5).

In the winter season we seek the sunshine, we bathe ourselves in it, we delight in its warmth. God literally pours the sunshine into our being.

Why did Jesus ask his disciples to meet and remember him. He wanted a medium, an occasion, an experience whereby he could pour himself into their being.

Our soul is housed in a body. The soul needs nourishing. This hour of communion is God's provision for nourishing the soul.—W.R.H.

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

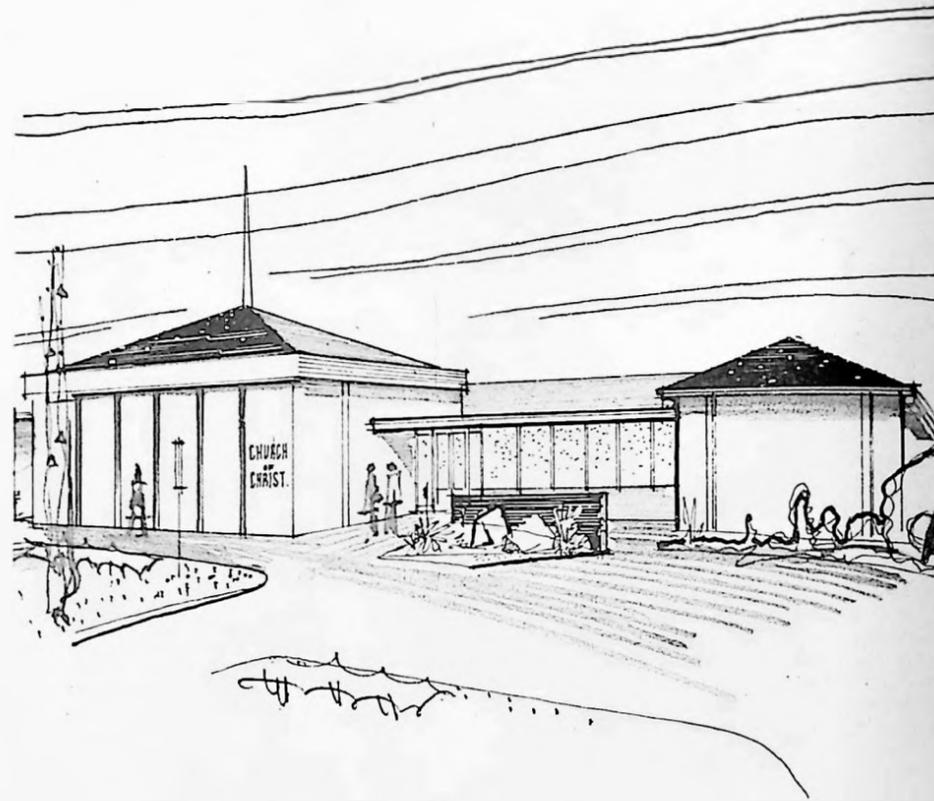
We thank Thee for the Christ for all seasons and the Bread of Life for all men and every need. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP

Help us to open our hearts to receive the Christ. As the cup is emptied may our lives be filled with Him. Amen.

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

NORTH BALWYN (VIC.)



The church at North Balwyn (Vic.) has been literally "on the move" in recent months. At a meeting in June, 1967, the members overwhelmingly voted for the acceptance of a very generous offer from Vic. Philpotts. This offer provided the church with three blocks of land in Walnut Road, half a mile west of the present site, completely free of cost.

Shortly after that date, an architect was engaged, plans drawn and passed, and the existing weatherboard and cement sheeting Kindergarten and Bible School buildings removed and brick-veneered at the new site. Together with a completely new chapel, designed to seat 165, a junior Chapel, Primary Hall,

minister's study, secretary's office, crying room, kitchen and amenities block, these buildings form a most attractive modern unit combining to fill worship and Christian Education needs. During the intervening months, the only building remaining at Gardena Road, the church (removed 16 years earlier from East Doncaster), has been used for the dual purposes of church and Bible School, with assistance from the neighbouring church at Doncaster for youth club activities.

To meet the financial strain of re-location, members, who were invited to considerably increase their budget pledges, lifted weekly offerings from \$120 to \$180 within a month. Together

with the proceeds of sale of the original property, a loan from the Campbell Edwards Trust, and direct building appeal contributions, the vision of such a short time ago became a reality with the official opening by the Conf. Pres., R. V. Amos, on Saturday, August 17, 1968, and with a series of special services of dedication, worship and thanksgiving the following day.

Although, geographically speaking, the North Balwyn church has "gone west," the minister, M. S. Giezendanner, officers and members look forward with enthusiasm to a period of marked growth in the work of Christ and his Church in this district in the years ahead.

UNITY IN ABORIGINAL APPEAL

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES COMBINE

"Co-operation between Government and non-Government agencies is essential if we are to achieve success in Aboriginal affairs.

"I am confident that with wise leadership the League will make a valuable contribution to Aboriginal affairs in this State."

With those words, Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. E. R. Meagher, E.D., endorsed the public appeal of the Aborigines' Advancement League (Vic.) during August.

The appeal seeks to raise \$200,000 to meet three main objectives:

1. To erect, staff and maintain hostels for Aboriginal students and young workers.

2. To provide bursaries for Aboriginal children and young people for schooling, apprenticeships and culture-broadening experiences.

3. To help to provide regular personal contact with Aboriginal families, including the provision of recreational facilities for youth programmes.

A remarkable degree of co-operation has been achieved over recent months between Government and non-Government bodies concerned with Aboriginal

advancement. With the abolition of the former Aborigines' Welfare Board and the establishment of a Department of Aboriginal Affairs, with Mr. Meagher as Minister and Reginald Worthy as Director, the Victorian Government has embarked upon an imaginative programme which should remove the major hindrances to the integration of Aborigines into the community.

The appeal committee would welcome help from churches. Special collections and other fund-raising projects within congregations, activities organised by churches which give people in the local community an opportunity to support the appeal, and individual donations from church members are some ways by which help might be given. Contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

The address of the appeal office is: Flat 6, 14 Springfield Ave., Toorak, 3142.

My Neighbour's Pen

WHAT OTHER JOURNALS ARE SAYING



THE A.B.C. & POLITICS

Those who follow the A.B.C. public affairs programmes will be aware of a subtle change that has taken place over recent months. From being the instruments of relentless probing for facts they have deteriorated into the medium through which innocuous, unimportant and sometimes sensational issues are presented.

It seems reasonable to conclude that this is the result of political pressure which has come from some appropriate authority either within or without the Commission.

The need for facts to be freely presented to the public is more and more the requirement of our Western democracy if we are to be saved from a deterioration into a police state.

—"The Spectator."

U.F.O.'s IN THE BIBLE?

The credibility of the Bible and the authenticity of flying saucers are both subjects of controversy today. The Bible has successfully withstood attack for centuries and continues to be accepted as the authority for Christianity. It seems strange indeed to find a defence of the scriptures based on the existence of flying saucers.

"The Bible and Flying Saucers" by Barry H. Downing (Lippincott) could be judged worthless but harmless were it not for the distortions it contains and the credentials of the author. He

holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Edinburgh.

Downing's purpose seems to be to show that introducing the idea of flying saucers or unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.'s) makes certain events described in the Bible more "realistic" or believable. Some of the events to which he links U.F.O.'s are:

1. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night during the Exodus;
2. The parting of the Red Sea (here the U.F.O. uses an "anti-gravity" beam);
3. The taking up of Elijah;
4. The bright cloud at the transfiguration of Christ;
5. The Spirit's descending on Jesus at his baptism;
6. The ascension of Christ;
7. The bright light at the conversion of Paul.

—"Christianity Today."

IS THERE NO OTHER WAY?

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

This world in arms is not spending money alone.

It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.

The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: A brick school in more than 30 cities. It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population. It is two fine fully-equipped hospitals. It is some 50 miles of concrete highway. We pay for a single fighter plane with a half million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people.

This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity, hanging from a cross of iron.

Is there no other way the world may live?

—Dwight D. Eisenhower quoted in "The Canadian Disciple."

• NOTED AND QUOTED

THE COUNCIL

When Adam died his children held council,
For Eve was empty of words.

Adam, the exiled gardener of a vanished garden,
Lay more silent than before breath from God.

The council compromised
And covered their father with earth,
Eden's substance.

Then the council withdrew
Knowing that God would speak with Adam
Again.

—Robert M. Howell.

UNABATED BIAFRAN BLOODBATH

Disheartening indeed is the news of the breakdown of peace talks between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the breakaway state of Biafra.

The consequence is almost certain to be prolongation of a ghastly genocidal war. It is a war in which approximately 115,000 persons have been killed—including more than 65,000 Biafran civilians—and many thousands have been made homeless. It is a war in which many of the Nigerian conscripts and Biafran volunteers are ill-trained boys—some as young as ten, barely able to carry rifles. And it is a war in which Nigerian soldiers, ignoring (or ignorant of) the code of conduct their commander boasts of, have wantonly machine-gunned old men, raped and ritually mutilated women and impaled children on machetes. At Onitsha, reports Frederick Forsyth of the London "Sunday Times," the 300-member congregation of an Apostolic church made the mistake of deciding to pray for deliverance rather than flee. Federal troops dragged the 300 out of church, executed them and stacked the corpses in the road.

—"The Christian Century."

SERMONS AND SODA

The W.C.C. conference at Uppsala which suggested that sermons be replaced by gimmicks of one kind or another follows the line adopted by many.

Criticism ranges from Pepys, "good honest and painful sermon" to Byron's "let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter, sermons and soda-water the day after."

Of course there are some sermons which might easily be dispensed with. There is no place for uninspired comment which might easily fit into the category of drivel. It is, in all probability, because the church has too often been fed such husks that it has rebelled against sermonising. But if there is no place for a dull and dreary sermon, there is a place for apostolic preaching. More than ever the church—and the world—needs men who will stand and proclaim: "Thus saith the Lord."

There undoubtedly is an argument for an occasional excursion into experimental forms and dialogues but always we must hold central that grace of preaching in which God reveals his will through inspired utterance.

—"The Australian Baptist."

MIXED MARRIAGES PROTEST

(Uppsala). The Archbishop of Canterbury said that he continued to be absolutely uncompromising in his attitude on what he termed the "thorny question" of mixed marriages between Roman Catholics and other Christians.

"The unsatisfactory feature of mixed marriages is the pressure applied by the Roman Catholic Church to ensure that the offspring are brought up as Roman Catholics; also the official Roman Catholic non-acceptance of marriages contracted outside the Church.

"About these two things I am still as uncompromising as I have always been."

piece of mind

WHEN ARE YOU DEAD?

This vital question (if you will pardon the pun) was considered by the World Medical Association meeting in Sydney the other day.

The urgency for the answer is related to the sudden growth of transplant surgery and the need to safeguard donors, their families, and the public generally.

It used to be an easy question to answer. You were dead when your heart stopped beating. But it is fairly commonplace today for hearts to be re-started after stopping, and kept going. There are even hearts that have stopped, been removed, given to another, and started again, giving men a new lease of life.

Which may well start another question. What is this "life" of which the man has a new lease. It is surely not that his heart beats, that he breathes, that he eats and sleeps. There have been patients in hospital for months who have done all of these things—unconscious the whole time.

We have the suspicion that there are

others who have additional symptoms of life such as talking, walking, working, buying and selling, reading, writing, and listening, who are not really alive. They simply exist!

Folk had all of these capacities when Jesus said, "I am come to give you life." Obviously these things of themselves did not mean life.

It would be sad indeed (though maybe typical of mankind) if we came up with a definition of death (the absence of life) before we learn what life is or can be.

WOMEN OF THE MINISTRY

The Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops considered the other day the possibility of women serving as priests. Some were for it and some were against.

Among those who were against the idea was the Archbishop of Sydney, the Right Rev. Marcus Loane. He said that the adoption of such a move would mean the loss by the church of its appeal to men.

Maybe the Archbishop is out of touch. A minister friend told me that in his last three churches, the women have outnumbered the men by nearly three to one.

We see a lot of silly reasons for excluding women from the ministry. We never see any good reasons. Maybe there aren't any.

MISSION VISITORS

(Roma, Qld.). George Mathieson, representing Overseas Missions, and Ron. Tinney, representing Aborigines' Missions, were recent visitors. The Roma Church of Christ C.E. Rally had E. T. Hart, State Director of Social Services, as guest speaker. Other features were fellowship tea, a games session led by John Waldron, and a song service led by Ron Kieseker. The film "Silent Witness" was screened. At the roll call representatives responded from Mitchell, Wallumbilla, Chinchilla, Hopeland, Dalby and Roma. Mr. Hart also addressed both Sunday services.

DIFFERENT SUNDAY NIGHT

(Gardiner, Vic.). At 5.30 p.m. on Aug. 4, 200 people had a hot buffet meal. At 7 p.m. there was a "service with a difference," which comprised two short sound films, an organ recital by Mrs. S. W. Corlett, prayer and scripture reading, a provocative talk by S. M. Gilmore, items by the Mitcham Singers, and a message from Mr. Clinton. The experiment was successful in providing the relaxed atmosphere in which we could enjoy one another's company, declare and share our faith, experience worship, and respond to the claims which God makes upon us.

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OPEN FORUM

MORE THAN BAPTISM

To the Editor,

I haven't yet been able to disagree with your Editorials and I share their implicit concern but at this time I believe there is a great deal more to Christianity than baptism. When Jesus was baptized in Jordan he had made up his mind that his own life was not important unless and only if he died so that his Father, God, could reveal himself and live more effectively in men. Jesus accepted the challenge of the world to destroy him and God while he relied on the One, True and Living God.

Jesus challenged men to follow him, challenged them to deny themselves the luxury of beds and homes and regular meals. His followers were few then but those who did follow lived effective lives or God did through them.

There was One Christ and very few like him. Within my very limited knowledge and understanding I believe that possibly St. Francis of Assisi may be the nearest likeness and this paragraph from the introduction to a biography of him seems a fair comparison, Christ, Francis and the crowd.

"Today, men are bound, more strongly than they ever were before, to social groups and fashions, to conventions, to ambitions, to notions of the 'Good life' which would have utterly horrified Francis. They would have horrified him, not only because in them he could have found no trace or glimmer of Christ and the gospels, but because he would have understood at once their intrinsically self-defeating nature."

I want to suggest that the Church signed a non-proliferation treaty the day it started to put God in non-utilitarian buildings and I would like to hear Paul Loffler's suggestions of re-deployment of resources and attitudes to buildings discussed at length and without bias. (See "A.C." p. 359).

—Arthur Ongley (A.C.T.)

T.V. PROGRAMMES

To the Editor,

Without attempting to enter into controversy concerning the particular programme selected for protest by our Maryborough brethren, our committee are in full accord with the church in Maryborough in making their protest regarding television programmes.

Further, we commend such action to churches generally and to the membership of the church in particular and indeed are recommending this type of action to our brethren in Queensland as the only realistic way in which to tackle this problem.

Not only should protest be made to the T.V. and Broadcasting Control Boards but we are certain that the sponsors of these programmes should have the weight of public opinion brought to bear on them as well.

This is a much more realistic way of tackling this problem than passing motions in Conference or at individual committee level. We congratulate Maryborough in doing something about this important matter.—Social Service Committee, Churches of Christ in Qld.

1968

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"WHITED SEPULCHRES"

To the Editor,

Our minister was in good form on Sunday. He didn't have us in the aisles; he had us trying to get under the seats! He said, "I've been preaching the love of God so much to you people for so long that some of you have become slack about everything because you think 'dear old God' won't mind. Today I want to tell you that when I preach 'God is love' I don't mean 'God is lovey-dovey'."

He paused for breath while we returned to our corners, a bit bruised. Then he came in fighting again. "I wouldn't call you 'whited sepulchres'," he said, "That would be judging you, and that is not my right. But God in Christ called some religious people 'whited sepulchres', and I can't help wondering if God is telling some of us we are just that!"

Then he smiled, and we were thinking that he didn't really mean it. He seemed to be soothing us with gentle words. "Some of you are saying that a god of love wouldn't say such a thing to us."

Suddenly he thundered, "Of course God would. It is because God loves us that he won't have us remaining 'whited sepulchres' or dolled-up dead things, as long as he can help it." It was quite a sermon. I couldn't sleep a wink!

It left me thinking that it's easier to be an atheist than to worship a God of love.

TERTIUS.

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



I saw our minister smoking. Should I tell the officers? What is the church's attitude to smoking by ministers?

The attitude of the church is likely to vary from downright condemnation to upright approval. If you tell the officers, you may find that some of them smoke the same brand.

You sound as though you disapprove. Would you be as disapproving of other members of the church if they smoke? It is not fair to have a different set of standards by which to judge ministers, if indeed you have any right to pass judgment.

There is nothing in the Bible to suggest that ministers have a code of conduct different from other church members. The minister is different in his function not in his quality of life.

The way you introduced and framed your question suggests that your minister has been secretive about it. If so, it is to be regretted. If he feels he has a right to smoke, he should do so openly. If he has a conscience about it he should give it up.

Frankly, the congregation has no more right to run the minister's private life, than he has to direct the congregation. He must be allowed the dignity and freedom to make his own decisions about these issues.

Some of the factors he will need to

keep in mind when making his decision must include the health hazards of tobacco and his responsibility for example. These do not only apply to the minister, but they do certainly apply to him.

Tobacco is a public disaster so far as health is concerned. A doctor told me that the only members of his profession who have not been convinced of the relationship between cancer and tobacco are those doctors employed by the tobacco interests. There is exactly the same kind of evidence for this relationship as there is between thalidomide and deformed children. Ministers and other Christians who smoke are adding to a grave health problem.

The main emphasis lately has been on lung cancer. For another kind of cancer for which cigarettes are responsible we are invited to consider the voiceless victims of throat cancer in Ward 7 East. You can read about them in "What Those Cigarette Commercials Don't Tell You" in The Readers' Digest, March 1968.

There seems to be no end to the health dangers of tobacco. Heart and respiratory diseases are among them, and, at the recent gathering of the world's leading doctors in Sydney, an eminent specialist said that women who smoke during pregnancy can harm the unborn child, lose it, or cause it to be still-born.

Ministers are in a particularly close relationship with young people and therefore have a strong responsibility for their example. When I regularly visited churches on youth work I noticed that in the few cases where a minister smoked, a far higher proportion of his young people smoked than did so in other places.

If a minister thinks that his smoking has the splendid motive of making him more acceptable to the young men and adults of his community, he can forget it. I haven't seen the slightest evidence that smoking is a bridge to acceptance.

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Who are these Shaftesbury boys?

Under the joint sponsorship of the Queensland Government, the Rotary Club of Brisbane North and the Shaftesbury Homes Committee, the Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre provides regular training and discipline for lads who have been in minor difficulties with the law. This programme of citizenship training, based on British and American ideas, but unique in its Australian development, has now entered its second successful year, and has received favourable comment from penologists throughout Australia.

An annual grant of \$6,500 is entrusted to the Select Committee in

By KEVIN JENNER

charge of the scheme, by the State Government. The Committee is comprised of a retired bank manager, a retired accountant, the manager of McDonnell & East (a large department store), the Queensland Registrar of the Australian Society of Accountants, the Queensland manager of Winchcombe Carson, a senior welfare officer—and the Queensland Churches of Christ Director of Youth and Christian Education!

Our "Department in Action" unanimously supported the appointment of Allan Male as Shaftesbury's Executive Director, realising that this move is merely an extension of the Department's work. Displaying his usual energy and

(Mr. Jenner is minister of our church at Gladstone, Qld.).

FROM LIVING LINK

(Harlaxton, Qld.). A tape and slides have been received from Harold Finger, our Living Link in the New Hebrides and screened at an after-church Fellowship Hour . . . Y.P. share in after-church sing-alongs at the minister's residence first Sunday night of each month . . . B.S. scholars collected over 20,000 stamps, and more than \$50 for the B. & F.B.S. project of Bibles for Vietnam . . . The Intermediate C.E. Society combined with C.E. groups from Gatton and district for a successful bar-b-cue at Spring Bluff . . . Bruce Roberts, minister, will conduct special meetings at Townsville in September.

enthusiasm, Allan has more than justified the Government's expense. the Shaftesbury Committee's choice and the D.C.E.'s support.

Serving with Allan Male, the initiator and supervisor of the programme, is a physical education teacher from the Spastic Centre, Ian Feeney (Phys. Ed. Hons.) who is a member of Ann Street's C.Y.F. Other C.Y.F.'ers also make themselves available as the need arises.

The co-operation of the Minister for Children's Services, the Hon. S. D. Tooth, M.L.A., lends encouragement to all involved.

In the first year of operation, two groups of 14 lads were provided with 10-week programmes which included physical education, Social Education and group work. This has now been extended to cater annually for two groups of 25 lads, in 16 Saturday programmes, with two weekend camps, and one full day's Community Service activity.

Organisations which introduce the lads to facets of citizenship responsibility are: Metropolitan Fire Brigade; Surf Life Savers; Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Queensland Police Force; Winchcombe Carson's Boating Division; Radio Station 4BC; Dunlop Rubber Co.; Roneo Systems Pty. Ltd.; Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade; U.T.A. Air France; Cricket coaching by Ken Archer.

After the course, the lads return to the Children's Services Office for group therapy, based upon their experiences in the past 20 weeks. This is the first State in Australia to commence group therapy of this kind and it is expected that other States will follow the lead established in Queensland.

The course is now established on a solid footing, and once again, it is "hats off" to Queensland's Youth Director, for his pioneering enterprise amongst lads whose lives have now been pointed in a new direction because someone cared.

BUILDING PLANS

(Southport, Qld.). Attendances of 100 and 70 at morning and evening services respectively, have made a manse more and more a necessity and arrangements have been made to commence building in Sept. The minister will also have the spiritual oversight of the Golden Age Retirement Village which will eventually house 150 people. The manse will be on the N.W. corner of the village. . . . The Youth Fellowship screened the film "Dream Island." Two recent converts were responses to personal evangelism. A visit was paid to the Gold Coast Bakery . . . Mission sewing has been completed by the C.W.F.

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In Australia, too, many Christian workers, both ordained and lay, are using the S.G.M. scripture portions.

The General Secretary of the Mission, Thurston Wales, is now visiting Australia.

ECUMENICAL LIBRARY

By pooling its resources with the Commission of Inter-Church Aid and Christian Education, the Vic. Council of Churches is gradually building up a resource library on ecumenical subjects at 100 Flinders St.

They are anxious to acquire books that will help to fill gaps in their collection. Among these are: "Ecumenical Review," Vol. III, No. 4, 1951; Vol. IX, No. 2, 1956. "Youth," Nos. 1 & 4. "Risk" No. 1. "Laity" Nos. 1 & 19. "International Review of Missions," 1912 to 1957, and Oct., 1959 to April, 1965.

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• SHOCK FOR PARENTS

THEY CLOSED THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"For a number of years now, the Church of Christ at Albert Park has provided Sunday School for the families of the district. Now, due to circumstances within our control, we are closing our Sunday School indefinitely."

This was part of a letter sent recently to parents of scholars of the Albert Park Sunday School, S.A. The letter went on to explain that Bob Jeffrey, newly elected superintendent had met with the teaching staff and executive members and an entirely new concept of the church school had been forged. The plans had rendered the present system obsolete.

The new plan meant:

1. Each child will receive individual attention from the teaching staff.

2. A "Team Teaching" system will

operate to ensure that each child receives the best possible tuition.

3. Emphasis will be placed upon every part of each child's life.

4. The graduate from the Church School will be far better equipped to find his or her place in the 20th century world.

5. There will be a limit on the number of scholars who can be enrolled.

When the Sunday School re-opened three weeks later, only 50% of the old enrolment of scholars was expected. To the encouragement of those concerned all of the old scholars re-enrolled and there were new applications.

This Sunday School change was the first stage in an advanced system of Christian Education for the area.

DECISION AT YOUTH MISSION

(Unley, S.A.). Local church Youth Committee arranged smorgasbord dinner and did other promotion work for the Teen 'n' Twenty Mission. One girl from our youth group went forward at the mission . . . "Happy Hours" attendance has already reached 112, with the promise of prospective scholars . . . Half-yearly church meeting decided to appoint Continuing Committees to implement suggestions from the Church Life Conference short-term committees.

OLYMPIAN AT PARADE

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Basketballers' church parade on July 26 saw 53 young people at tea. Scott Davie, Olympic sportsman, spoke on sport and the Christian faith. C. Dow, Youth Director, was guest speaker at night. Graham Burdon presided and Mrs. McKay was organist. W. Bartlett welcomed the congregation and artists. Among those taking part were Miss Fooks, Mrs. Beer, Ray Neuling, Miss Lees, Ralph Billette, and L. Stevens, the latter through a tape-recording . . . Several members have attended the Christian Union meetings at Maylands.

BUSINESS AFTER LUNCH

(Wamboony, S.A.). The annual meeting was held after the morning service and luncheon on July 14. It was with regret that because of illness, the resignation of R. E. Hunt as an elder was received. Mr. Hunt is to continue as an honorary deacon.

CHRISTIES BEACH DECISIONS

(S.A.). S. E. M. Riches is conducting a part-time ministry until the coming of Graeme Smith from Victoria in Feb., 1969 . . . A married couple made decisions on July 28 . . . Mr. Parker is back after hospitalisation and Mrs. McIntyre is also home.

\$668 FOR MISSIONS

(Koonngarra Park, now Magill, S.A.). Overseas Missions offering reached \$668. . . . The Men's Fellowship arranged a concert at the McNally Training Centre. . . . Women's Fellowship have monthly sewing days for Prisoners' Aid . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Teague were farewelled and have moved to Mt. Isa, Qld. H. R. Thompson has been elected to the eldership . . . The church has changed its name as the postal district of Koonngarra Park no longer exists. We will now become the Magill Church of Christ.

SUNDAY BUSINESS

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Sunday afternoon annual business meeting enabled members to bring their lunch and share fellowship. The church roll showed an increase of five by faith and baptism and four by transfer. Membership is 121. The C.W.F. reported receipts of \$658. Contributions were made to Home Missions, Overseas Missions, Temperance Alliance, League of 2,000 Travelling Fund, Living Link, and others. Mrs. L. Simpson is Pres. and Mrs. L. Pettet is Sec.

To show that the new approach was not merely a re-shuffle of old attitudes and out-of-date methods before settling back into the traditional pattern, here is the statement of minimum standards expected of every teacher:

1. Each teacher must be present in the building by 9.15 a.m. every Sunday.

2. In the event of a teacher not being able to attend the Sunday morning session, that teacher is responsible for arranging a substitute teacher and advising the Department Leader.

3. Each teacher shall attend the bi-monthly Teachers' Meetings.

4. Each teacher shall attend Teacher Training Sessions designated.

5. Each teacher shall visit their scholars and parents at least three times per year.

6. Each teacher shall prepare adequately (in team and individually) every lesson to be presented.

7. Each teacher shall be prepared for the Superintendent to "sit in" on the class lesson, without having been given prior notice.

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KENMORE TEAM MISSION

(Toowoomba, Qld.). After weeks of prayerful preparation the Kenmore student team commenced a fortnight Mission at Margaret St., Toowoomba, on Aug. 11. Barry Cutchie and Kevin Berston were the preachers and Heather Heyworth was soloiste . . . The vacation B.S. had a first day attendance of approx. 50. This is also being conducted by the student team . . . Recent visitors to Toowoomba have been Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langley, of Portland, Vic., on their way to the Youth Work Camp at Magnetic Island, Townsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baensch, Bentleigh, Vic., and their son Ken, from Nauru, on their way to Maryborough, and Mrs. Cutchie, Barry's mother, from Horsham, Vic. . . . The Crown Street work is under the leadership of student, Adrian Risson.

SEVEN ADDITIONS

(Albert Park, S.A.). In June seven were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by transfer . . . After the Boys' Brigade enrolment service, four of the older boys gave talks on the various activities held during the previous year.

EXPERIMENTATION ENDORSED

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). The church has endorsed a programme that evolved from the Church and Life Conference, which includes experimenting with morning and evening services and the children's role in services. The church board is also looking at study and fellowship services during the week, and programmes for outreach . . . The church is forming a Youth Council. A 'Teens' Group is also being set up and 15 Y.P. attend these meetings . . . Recently Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews showed films after a church tea called "From Perth to Cairns." H. Jacobs spoke to the church of his recent visit to New Guinea and Rabaul.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES
AUGUST:
 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:
 26-31 — Explorer Camp — Monbulk.
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SEPTEMBER:
 2-7—Good Companions' Camp — Hall's Gap.
 2-7—Explorer Camp — Monbulk.
 7 —HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION — AT GEELONG
 10 —College of the Bible — Old Boys' Reunion.
 13-15—C.W.F. Evening Fellowship Camp—Monbulk.
 20 —Impact.
 22 —Boys' Sunday (N.B. Change of Date).
 29 —J.C.E. State Thanksgiving.

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AUGUST:
 14-25 — Planned Evangelism Programme, Whyalla.
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BURGMANN COLLEGE APPEAL

Burgmann College is to be an inter-church residential college at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Our last Federal Conference endorsed the venture which also has the support of the Church of England, and the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches.

The appeal was launched in Victoria at a dinner attended by 65 of our church members on July 31. The Women's Conf. Catering Comm., led by Mrs. Tom Bryant, prepared the meal. Gordon Stirling, our representative on the Burgmann College Council, could not attend, but sent a tape-recording and photo slides of the project. Dr. Chas. Price, Secretary of the Council, was guest speaker. An amount of \$6,514 was given or pledged. The Federal Government gives \$3 for every \$1 given by the churches.

While this College is worthy of support because of its general purpose, Churches of Christ have strong reasons for being involved. In the last ten years young people have attended the A.N.U. from our churches in every State in Australia. This year, there are Churches of Christ students from Victoria, N.S.W., W.A., and Canada.

Burgmann College, named after the first Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, but a man who belonged to all the churches, will provide an opportunity for effective Christian witness in a University that is growing in importance and which will bring increasing influence to bear upon Australian political thought and action.

There will be many who will want to share in this project and they may do so by making gifts through B. F. Huntsman, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000, or direct to the Hon. Treas., Burgmann College Foundation, P.O. Box 1345, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601.

GORDON STIRLING AT KENMORE

(A.C.T.). The A.C.T. Churches of Christ have just completed the formal phase of a Christian Development Programme. It included crowded guest services with the Bishop of Canberra and Haydn Sargent of Brisbane, and fellowship entertainment with Alan Rowe, of Melbourne. Kevin Harvey, of the Vic-Tas. H.M. Dept., conducted a concentrated fortnight of 10 coffee hours, 13 house parties, a business women's lunch, and a teens' cabaret, attracting 400 people. Prayer workshops were held in early mornings and on Saturdays.

20 YEARS A DEACONESS!

(Balwyn, Vic.). At a church business meeting deep regret was expressed at the resignations of Mrs. Cuthbert, who has been a valuable deaconess for 20 years; and Frank Evans, who has served the church since boyhood in all executive positions with loyal support . . . Thanksgiving Day offering amounted to \$925. Special speaker was A. Ross Lloyd, and an afternoon trip was made to Monbulk to view facilities for Church-Family Camp in Sept. . . . 20 members visited 250 nearby homes for religious census, and hopes of new members . . . Crowded funeral service for Mrs. Barrow paid tribute to a life of grace and good works.

HILTON ANNIVERSARY

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). 190, including the senior section of the B.S., were at Hilton on Aug. 4 for the family service B.S. Anniversary programme. On the 11th the programmes of junior sections were presented . . . The fund is steadily mounting for the new Hilton

building . . . An audio-visual of the work of the Christian Welfare Centre, Bethesda Hospital and the Aged Persons' Homes Board was presented by R. Davey. At Fremantle church on Aug. 11 Geo. Smith preached the sermon. Many of the large crowd shared in After-Church Fellowship . . . A clock in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Taylor has been presented to the Fremantle church.

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MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Missionary Exhibition and Convention special speakers were Conf. Pres., H. M. Long, on New Hebrides, and Max Meyers, chief pilot of Missionary Aviation Fellowship, on New Guinea . . . Church is looking forward to commencement of R. Ewer's ministry early in 1969 . . . Miss Lorna Kickbusch has returned home to Qld. . . . Miss Sandra Bourne is now S.S. Sec. . . . Presentations were made by B.S. to Miss Kickbusch, and to Mrs. Alexander who has retired as pianiste after many years. Pianiste now is Mrs. A. Love.

PROMISES FULFILLED

(Margaret St., Launceston, Tas.). The first quarter's operation under the Home Missions Planned-Giving programme has completely fulfilled the promise of the campaign, averaging \$285 per week. This improvement has made possible a 60% lift in the church's giving to the wider mission of the church. Plans for the second stage of the building extensions have been approved, and the men of the church have agreed to assist with voluntary work . . . A special programme to prepare church members for their role in Christian witness was led by A. R. Pigdon, of Bentleigh, Vic., on Aug. 11 and 18 with intervening nights and a day Seminar on Aug. 17 . . . A training session for Girls' Brigade leaders has been completed.

ABORIGINES' SUNDAY

(Albion, Qld.). The morning service on National Aborigines' Sunday was broadcast. The speaker was D. J. Bedwell and Miss Lorraine Daylight (Miss Opal 1968) took part . . . Brief addresses on "Challenge to Youth" are being presented on Sunday evenings. The first speaker was Miss Elaine Henderson, missionary elect to Japan . . . Midweek Bible studies are being conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings . . . A Deeper Life Mission will be conducted by Frank Ewers in September . . . Evening service on Aug. 4 was conducted by students of Kedron Teachers' College.

RECENT RELEASES

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SPECIAL SERVICES

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). On July 14, D. Forster, Headmaster, Westminster School, spoke on "Education," Dr. Pike on "Health," and Mr. M. Johnson, Chief Personnel Officer, Public Service, on "Vocation." . . . The cantata, "Song of Thanksgiving" was presented by church choir on July 28 with Thomas Edmonds (tenor), Geoffrey Gore (bass), A. Pike (soprano) and Shirley Alderton (contralto) . . . Three members of Sturt League Football team conducted evening service on Aug. 4—John Halbert, Tony Clarkson and Malcolm Greenslades . . . Homes of S.S. scholars and Brigade members have been visited and invited to services. There were two baptisms on Aug. 11 . . . Six of girls' basketball teams and two of men's teams are playing in semi-finals.

VIC-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The next C.W.F. Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. World Christian Women's Fellowship Birthday Service. Dorcas "Bring-and-Buy" day.

GEELONG CALLING!

Members of Churches of Christ in Geelong are busy preparing to host the 1968 half-yearly Convention of the Vic-Tas. Conference to be held in the Geelong West Town Hall on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7. Nothing but the best is their motto and they will be greatly disappointed if large numbers from country and Melbourne churches are not present to partake of their hospitality. Those who intend to share in this brotherhood occasion of fellowship, inspiration and challenge to mission should register immediately with their church secretary indicating meal requirements for the Saturday, and their hospitality or accommodation requirements on the Friday and Saturday nights. Registration is essential to enable our hosts to make adequate catering arrangements.

An excellent programme is being arranged (see advt. page 15). For the first time a special youth night has been arranged in the hope that young people as well as adults will "invade" Geelong for this great brotherhood occasion.

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Belmont: m., D. A. V. Thomas; s., A. L. Tinker; mem., 133; "AC" 22.
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NEW SOUTH WALES

Bowral: m., D. Hammer; s., D. J. Wood; mem., 65; "AC" 3.

QUEENSLAND

Bundaberg: m., R. H. Holt; s., T. Clow; mem., 97; "AC" 4.

YOUTH GUESTS

(Horsham, Vic.). "Teens & Twenties" were guests when "Impact" team visited Ararat. Several team members journeyed to Horsham and shared in the service on July 28 . . . Girls' Sunday was observed on Aug. 4 when all Good Companions paraded and took part at night. Many parents attended . . . A number of ladies attended Women's Fellowship Day of N.W. District Conference at Warracknabeal on Aug. 6 . . . S.S. and clubs have moved to new location as building operations commence.

IN MISSION INTERESTS

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). G. Mathieson visited the church in the interests of Overseas Missions . . . Our young people joined with the Lockyer C.E. Union in a barbecue and social at Spring Bluff. Harlaxton Y.P. had charge of the programme . . . The church has been beautified with the planting of two rose garden beds . . . The sympathy of the church is extended to H. E. Cole, Brian and Graham in the untimely death of their wife and mother.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

(Bayswater, Vic.). A planned giving programme led by Allan Avery concluded with a dinner at which 113 people participated . . . Good Companions assisted in service on Girls' Sunday, preceded by a basket tea . . . The C.W.F. "Yukana Singers" led singing at communion service . . . M. D. Keatch conducted services at Worship Centre for Bayswater Primary School scholars in Education Week.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The church featured Education Sunday on Aug. 4 with Y.P. taking part. V. Makila presided and G. Naylor gave the message. Guest speaker at night was C. Powell, a teacher of the James Ruse Agricultural College. Three young ladies were baptized by D. A. Oldfield. On Aug. 11 another young lady was baptized. Guest soloiste was Miss K. Lucas (Asquith).

QLD. D.C.E. ROUND-UP

DEPARTMENT PLANNING

The Youth and Christian Education Dept. conducted their normal monthly meeting at "Camp Cal" at the first Department Planning Conference to be held in Queensland. Instead of the usual rushed meeting held after work, the Committee entered Caloundra on Friday night, spent Saturday in a productive activity around the camp. Saturday afternoon was the official opening of "Brooklyn" the first of five family accommodation units, followed by a business session. After tea, discussion was resumed and further sessions were held on the Sunday.

Queensland Activity

Take any given Sunday and it would surprise you the amount of outreach from the city there is to many country areas.

On July 21, E. T. Hart (Social Service) was in Mackay, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Potter (Women's Conference) were in Rockhampton; Allan Male (Christian Education) was in Gladstone in the morning and Maryborough at night. Alex Surtees (Home Missions) was in Bundaberg, Rex Ellis (College) was in Nambour. No "Ann Street Government" this, but a group of executives busily engaged in face to face fellowship in the local churches.

Kenmore Goes West!

Rex Ellis (College Registrar) and a student, Darryl Thorpe (Zillmere) will conduct a mission at Charters Towers, North-West of Townsville, for the August vacation.

In all, Rex will preach 25 sermons and travel 4,000 miles. He's waiting for someone to ask him if he "enjoyed his holidays!"

Magnetic Island Work Camp

The plans for the Work Camp scheduled for the August school holidays in Queensland, 10th-24th, are well in hand. It is expected that about 35 people will be in attendance. Tradesmen will

include builders—Stan Winch (Wodonga) and Arthur Langley (Portland, Vic.), Fred Schneider (Mackay), electrician; Kevin Winch (Mt. Beauty, Vic.), plumber, and numbers of volunteer labourers. A full report will appear later.

Victory Through Surrender!

Under the directorship of Alex Surtees (Home Missions) the Ann St. City Church in Brisbane has conducted the deeper life programme—"Victory through Surrender."

A church family dinner was attended by 150, when the challenge to deeper living was presented. Mr. Surtees spoke on Sunday morning, on Tuesday night to the men of the church, on Wednesday to the families, Thursday to the women and on Saturday to the youth, with final services on the second Sunday a.m. and p.m.

4th C.Y.F. CONVENTION

Sub-Committees are preparing for the 4th National C.Y.F. Convention to be held at the Queensland University at St. Lucia, from Jan. 6-12, 1969.

Queensland C.Y.F. Undergraduates will escort the conventioners on an orientation inspection of the 'Varsity after registration on the first day.

It is expected that the Governor, The Hon. Sir Alan Mansfield, will attend the Inaugural Dinner at Cloudland.

Studies on the theme of Convention—"Response—Responsibility" will be delivered by Gordon Stirling, B.A., of Canberra. Electives on subjects of youthful challenge and inspiration will be conducted by selected panellists.

Some afternoons will be free to allow for recreational fellowship in Queensland's famous sunshine. Evening sessions will take the form of devotional services, followed by activities that will cater for various interests.

Tours to Caloundra on the North Coast and a full day Saturday tour to places of interest on the Gold Coast with an Hawaiian dinner bar-b-cue will add to the Convention's attractions.

All this is presented as a packaged deal for \$50 full accommodation at "Convention Village." Registration forms can be obtained from Departments of Christian Education in all States and when completed should be sent to the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.

Barrier Reef Tour

As a post-convention tour the Queensland Department is arranging an eight-day tour to the world-famous Barrier Reef, Jan. 13-21. Transport to and from Mackay will be by coach with all meals supplied. Full accommodation at "Paradise Lodge" with mornings free. Famous islands, Lindemann, Hayman, South Molle and Daydream of the Whit-sunday Passage group, will all be visited and seafood buffet luncheons arranged.

A scenic flight by light aircraft will provide a bird's eye view of the islands, cane-fields and mountain ranges near Mackay.

Visits to Eungella Range, bulk sugar terminal and other places of interest will be conducted by taxis or mini-bus.

On the Sunday, services will be held with the Mackay church when national fellowship will be enjoyed and interstate inspiration shared.

All this is yours for only \$120 and registration forms are available from all State Departments and when completed should be sent to "Barrier Reef Tour," 426 Ann Street, Brisbane. Deposit is \$5, but any amount can be sent after that as an instalment to pay the remainder at a time convenient to the prospective conventioner.

An Optional

An outback cattle station flight can be arranged for those indicating their interest in it, for \$15. The plane will touch down at eight stations from just south of Townsville to Mackay and opportunity will be offered to meet the real outback people.

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1968—Midgets, 8-9 yrs.: Dec. 13-17; Juniors, 10-12 yrs.: Dec., 17-23; Seniors, 15 plus: Dec. 25-Jan. 1.

1969—'Tweenagers, 13, 14, 15 yrs.: Jan. 1-6; National Youth Convention: Jan. 6-12; Barrier Reef Tour: Jan. 13-21.

Caretaker Needed

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Teen 'n' Twenty, 1968

It was well worth the effort and the expense.

Cyril Flood, the minister of our Hawthorn (S.A.) church, was the guest speaker who challenged on the following themes: "A Game Without Rules," "We're a Queer Mixture," "The Other Side of the Coin" and "I Dare You." These statements of challenge were placed against backdrops which in pictorial form demonstrated something of the struggle that is in all who take their manhood and womanhood seriously. Carol Fooks did a magnificent job in symbolic form to capture the spirit of what we were trying to do.

Alan Rowe was at his inimitable best in providing bright spots of healthy entertainment which enabled the audience to laugh until their sides ached. In a very telling way, he also shared his simple, personal and moving testimony as to his faith in Jesus Christ.

The Henchmen, Sue, Steph. and Rus, Julie Lawton and Moira Baker, and the Youth Choir gave us quality singing with songs that told of the breadth and challenge of the gospel. The programme was added to by the magnificent playing of our organists, Peter Tillett and Graham Bing who were ably supported by a three-piece band consisting of David Patrick, Roger Bawden and Peter Searle.

John Halbert was the compere for each of the four programmes. He again brought a warmth of personality, sporting fame, and a consecrated life to the task and made a wonderful contribution to the producing of a high quality programme in a first-class manner. John Turner and Trevor Hemer played a significant part in the producing of the programme.

Programme highlights were audio-visuals which dramatically opened up the subject for discussion each night.

Was it a success? Was it worth the effort? We could say that five people made decisions on the Sunday night at Thebarton Town Hall. We could also say a number of other young people made decisions in their local church on the Sunday evening and this experience no doubt contributed. How do you measure success or failure?

One letter we have received since puts it this way and I quote: "I write to congratulate you on Teen 'n' Twenty

1968. I thought this was an excellent production and a credit to all concerned. It had a professional touch to it that lifted it out of the realm of the second-rate, dime a dozen efforts that seem to plague us in the church. It was relevant to kids and their problems. It didn't live on the borders of the sordid, seamy world of drugs, sex and depravity, which makes good sermon material and spine-tingling drama; instead it spoke to the kids at their point of dilemma. There was no smooth operator wooing the kids into the kingdom. There was a 'Here I stand, so help me . . . ' quality about it. Our kids were impressed. You won their respect. The Teen 'n' Twenty Mission seems to me to build the bridge that will bring these 'out' kids to church. It's the church's job to secure commitment."

If we have been able to achieve this I believe God can take what has happened and use the whole experience to build, straighten, redirect young people so that they will be truly made whole and that's what salvation works out to be.—Charles H. Dow, Director, Dept. of Christian Education in S.A.

ELDER APPOINTED

(Port Lincoln, S.A.). Because there is no minister here, the annual meeting altered the constitution to enable an elder to be appointed. Bob Young was unanimously elected . . . The Good family, with us for 12 months, have moved to Red Hill. Roger Hogben has left to do N.S. training . . . Mr. Dodd is the new church secretary, and Mr. Bain is now treasurer. Miss Fay Childs is to be next B.S. Supt.

68 YEARS IN KADINA

(S.A.). The annual dinner and church business meeting on Aug. 6 began our 68th Church Anniversary. At the 11 a.m. communion service on Aug. 11 the newly-appointed church officers were set apart for their tasks. At the P.S.A. service past history was related, there were special items and Lieut. Moyle of the Wallaroo Salvation Army spoke. At night a young lady from the Methodist church was baptized and Rev. C. Oldfield from the Moonta Methodist Church was preacher . . . O. R. Clark is minister.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Miss Hammond presided over the August meeting in Grote St. chapel. Devotions were led by the Forestville ladies.

Good wishes were expressed to Mrs. Crosby as she leaves for the Girls' Brigade International Council in England. Mrs. Helen Morrow will be nominated by our Women's Conference for the position of President-Elect of Women's Inter-Church Council . . . The annual meeting will be on Sept. 5. A creche will be available. Hostesses will be wearing mauve badges and will be available to answer any queries. Morning and afternoon sessions will deal with business and the evening session is open to all—family night.

Mrs. Simpson, President-elect, expressed the delight of Conference to Miss Hammond for her year of leadership, particularly mentioning the appreciation of her wonderful sense of humour. A blessing was asked for her leadership on the day of Annual Conference.

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

(S.A.). A Loxton High School student has been notified of her successful nomination as Rotary Exchange Student.

She is Janine Swanbury, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loxton.

Aged 16, Janine is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swanbury, of Loxton North.

Mr. Swanbury is secretary of the Loxton Church of Christ, S.A.

Janine is a student in the 4A Leaving class at the Loxton High School and hopes to study for a year in the U.S.A., under the Rotary exchange scheme. Her sporting interests include tennis, swimming and basketball.

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Sue Sinclair, Marilyn Cockcroft, Karen Guy, Jeffrey Guy, Janette McDonald, Jennifer Eckersley, Yvonne Gardner, Bentleigh, Vic.

Peter Watson, Mrs. I. Back, South Perth, W.A.

MEMBERSHIP

D. Harvey, from Milang to Port Lincoln, S.A.

Ian Gilberton, from Launceston, Tas., to East Kew, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Pamela Leng to Peter Diggle; Aileen Keatch to Michael Enticott, Mildura, Vic.

June Johnson to Harold Harris, Canley Heights, N.S.W.

Maureen Lunn to Neil Moore; Elsie White to Lesley McNeill; Elizabeth McIlhagger to Arthur Love, Fairfield, N.S.W.

Marion Gray to Lewis Riddell, Koongarra Pk., S.A.

Jean Hamilton to Richard Lindsay, Balwyn, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Tallis, L. Corkill, Harlaxton, Qld.

Mr. Fairhall, Mrs. Barrow, Balwyn, Vic.

Victor Purves, Box Hill, Vic.

Mrs. R. Hose, Warrnambool, Vic.

Miss Elvie Lyall, Launceston, Tas.

Mrs. Alma Irene Jefferey, East Kew, Vic.

Miss Trimble, Fairfield, N.S.W.

BIRTHS

FOOT (Wright).—On July 24, at Hobart, to Anne and Greg., a daughter — Jane Elisabeth.

GAYTHER (Weatherhead).—On May 30 at Box Hill Hospital, to Margaret and Les., a son—Bruce John. Brother for Russell.

MANN (Wardle).—To Irene and Blythe, a daughter—Nadine Beverly. A sister for Charlene and Graham. With sincere thanks.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

PASCOE-TAYLOR.—The marriage of Joan Pascoe to John Taylor will be solemnised at Chelsea Church of Christ at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 31. Officiating minister, Allan Avery.

DEATH

CULLUM.—On August 3 at his home, 5 Pitman-st., Newcomb, Geelong, Gordon Ernest (late 1st A.I.F., 23rd Batt.), dearly loved husband of Agnes Elizabeth (Elsie), loving father of Roy (dec.) and Gwenda (Mrs. C. Barker); loved father-in-law of Marie and Cliff; loving grandpa of Graeme and Margaret, Bryan, Ralph, Trudie, Roy; Miriam, Diane; great-grandpa of baby Ann. Loving memories of a wonderful husband and father.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLAN.—In loving memory of James Ernest, passed away August 22, 1957. Loved friend of Doreen and Freda. "Treasured memories."

BAKER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Frederick, who passed away August 24, 1966, loved father of John and Gwyneth and family. "Fond memories."

BARTLETT, Martha and Thomas.—Loving memories of our dear mother and father, who passed away at Croydon, S.A., August 22, 1964 and September 27, 1934. "They heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto Me and rest."—Inserted by their children.

BUTTRESS.—Treasured memories of my dear husband, Bill, called home August 26, 1959. "Loved and remembered every day."—Alice.

CLENCIE, William Albert.—In loving memory of my dear husband, called home on August 24, 1966. "Deep in my heart a memory is kept, Of one I loved and will never forget."—Elsie.

COX.—Treasured memories of Fan, called to Glory on September 4, 1966. —Fondly remembered by her loving husband and family, together with a wide circle of friends.

MASTERTON.—Cherished memories of James George, beloved husband of Vida, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. F. Dunk), David, Ken and John. Called to higher service, August 16, 1958. "Ever in our hearts."

TIPPETT, Daryl.—Loved son of Ran and Gwen, brother of Rodney, Pam., Barbara and Ian; brother-in-law of Jennifer. With Christ, August 18, 1962.

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Sunday, September 22, 1968

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3 p.m.: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Northcote Choral Society.

4.45 p.m.: Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m.: F. B. Alcorn, B.A., L.Th.

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Bible Study: K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D., "The How of Mission."

12.30 p.m.: Lunch at Town Hall and Geelong churches halls, prepared by their ladies.

1.45 p.m.: Motorcade to places of scenic, historic, civic and human interest.

Afternoon: **BIBLE STUDY SESSION.**

3.15 p.m.: Devotions, T. R. W. Holmes, Latrobe Tce. minister. Items arranged by Geelong members. Sing-in Concert.

Bible Study, K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D., "The How of Mission."

4.45 p.m.: Free Time for Fellowship.

5.30 p.m.: Tea at Town Hall and halls of our churches, prepared by the ladies of the congregations.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BOLDUAN-LUETH.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan, Kaniva, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Rona, to Harald, eldest son of Mrs. I. Lueth, Hamburg, Germany, and the late Mr. E. A. Lueth.

HARRIS-BAKER.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Harris, 7 Blake-st., Blackburn Nth., Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Pamela Robyn, to John Fordyce, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baker, 8 Delmore Cres., Glen Waverley, Vic., (formerly of Kaniva).

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MISSIONARY AT STAWELL

(Vic.). The Mayoress welcomed Mrs. Dorothy Smith, O.B.E., who spoke of her experiences as a medical worker in the New Hebrides at C.W.F. meeting. 70 ladies were present, representing all the churches in Stawell, Callawadda and Ararat . . . Bible Week in Stawell commenced with an exchange of pulpits. Rev. A. D. Hodgson, Presbyterian church, and K. Milne, Scripture Union, were speakers on July 21 . . . On the 28th, Y.P. from the Impact programme took the morning service. D. Lee was speaker. At 7 p.m., Rev. P. Evan, Baptist, was speaker . . . Members helped in the Bible Week Bookshop, and also took part in the Freedom from Hunger Appeal.

ADULT PROGRAMMES

(Briar Hill, Vic.). Monthly A.C.E. programmes incorporating gospel service continue to be successful . . . A Young People's Club has commenced, led by Peter Mudge . . . Boys' Explorer Club competed in Indoor Sports competitions. . . . Two members of B.S. staff attended D.C.E. Seminar at Monbulk. On B.S. Observation Day teachers entertained their classes at home after a special 11 a.m. service. School had 90% attendance on this day . . . C.W.F. programmes have included speakers from the Anti-Cancer Council and Council for Christian Education in Schools . . . Good Companions took part in evening service for Girls' Sunday. Speaker was Miss Joan Mawhinney, girls' school chaplain, and the "Silvertones" Band was featured.

ADDITIONS AT EAST KEW

(Vic.). There have been four recent baptisms . . . The cantata, "The Sound of Singing" was presented by a visiting choral group. Other items have been given by Miss W. Lee, The Messengers, and the A.N.C.M. Choir . . . The Family and Anniversary weekend began with a dinner followed by a variety concert arranged by Fred. Elliott on July 21. R. V. Amos, Pres. of Conf., and F. Youens, were guest speakers . . . The Teenage Club visited the Essendon Airport . . . Church members joined in the L.I.F.E. sessions conducted at Heidel-

berg by Geoff. Fletcher, from Sydney. . . . Good Companions shared in the evening service on July 28 . . . Mrs. James, Mrs. Sturgess, and Jack Butcher are home following hospital surgery. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Hannington have been ill.

CARNARVON TO BENEFIT

(Preston, Vic.). C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. have combined to provide clothing for a boy at Carnarvon Mission . . . For Girls' Sunday 25 girls met for tea and later shared in evening service. Good Companions' numbers are growing; they are working for the Mooroopna project . . . Det. Sgt. R. J. Salisbury spoke to Y.P. Club . . . Mrs. Dorothy Cahill is at Greenvale Hospital . . . F. T. Morgan and C. Johnston preached at services on Aug. 4 . . . E. W. Stockton, of Bible Society, showed C.W.E.F. slides of world tour . . . Girls' basketball team had good first season . . . Jim Hall celebrated his birthday by giving a party to 50 B.S. scholars.

CENT. & N. DIST. CONFERENCE

(Vic.). The Central and Northern District Churches of Christ yearly conference was held at Swan Hill on Aug. 3. This comprises delegates from Kyneton, Rochester, Boort, Bendigo, Castlemain, Pyramid Hill, Harcourt, Echuca, Woorinen and Swan Hill. The president, Ivan Streader, Boort, presided. Principal E. L. Williams from the College of the Bible, gave three addresses on "Stewardship."

Mrs. Doreen Strack, Australian representative of the C.W.F., spoke on "The Fellowship of the Least Coin," depicting how \$11,000 was collected by women in smallest coins for charitable causes overseas. An offering for the Biafra cause was received. Appreciation was recorded for past services of the late Ern. Duus who was Conference Treasurer for over 27 years. The absence of the late Mrs. A. A. Broad, of Bendigo, was mentioned, as it was rarely she missed a Conference since the inaugural meeting 32 years previously.

The poor standard of T.V. films was discussed. The next annual Conference will be held at Boort in March.

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LOSS OF VETERAN MEMBER

(Warrnambool, Vic.). The death of Mrs. R. Hose, an active member for over 30 years, saddened the church . . . A party of young people from Melbourne conducted morning service on July 28, coming from Ararat the previous night where they had held a combined youth rally . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Perkins have a baby daughter, Anne Maree . . . Mr. Clowes has returned home following three weeks in hospital with a coronary . . . A group of teachers and scholars from local Presbyterian S.S. were visitors at morning service of Aug. 4, as part of a series of visits to local congregations . . . The church sympathises with the Larcombe family in the sudden death of Maurice Larcombe's father at Rochester.

MODERN MUSIC

(Collingwood, Vic.). Celebration of Aborigines' Sunday included a novel item—recitation accompanied by a didgeridoo and, later, a demonstration of didgeridoo rhythms and special effects.

SECRETARY FAREWELLED

(Caulfield, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. G. Lees were farewelled after having served the church well for many years. The A.W.F. presented Mrs. Lees with a writing compendium. The church presented both Mr. and Mrs. Lees with a tape recorder. They are now residing in Port Macquarie . . . Y.P. took part in Youth Night service.

FOR NEW BUS

(Malvern, Vic.). Temple Day on July 28 saw \$287 donated for a new bus. Offering to date is \$613.81 . . . Mr. A. S. Crowley spoke to C.M.F. . . . Girls had a tea and church service on July 28 when Miss Helen Johnstone showed slides and spoke on work with the Sudan Interior Mission . . . Soloists and artists who have helped us include Mrs. Ghys, John Villenoweth, A. O. S. Baker and Jean Milne . . . Mrs. Bernard is in private hospital.

BENEFIT FOR FOOTBALLER

(Box Hill, Vic.). A benefit film night was held in honour of Terry Poustie, seriously hurt in a football accident . . . Y.P.C.E. donated new curtains for Kinder Room. Many parents attended special Kindergarten session . . . 10 B.H. men attended Inter-Church Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Coles . . . A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Whitney from Mildura, and Mrs. Ashman and her son. . . . Rev. Sayer, a Congregational

MOTOR BIKE FOR INDIA

(York St., Ballarat, Vic.). Ladies' Guild have worked towards paying for a motor bike for use in India. The cost has been shared between Warracknabeal and York St. The money has now been raised . . . Ladies' Fellowship had a successful Progressive Dinner . . . W. J. Thomson is serving as interim minister on alternate weekends . . . 25 J.C.E. and their helpers shared in the rally at Swanston St. on Aug. 4. A special youth night was successful on the 4th when a group of young sin-

ners, told the C.M.F. of the Christian Church in Russia . . . Girls' Sunday on Aug. 4 had Miss Leckey of the Guide Dog Training School as speaker in afternoon. Ronda Vickery led evening service when Midgets and Juniors took part.

CHELSEA'S INTERIM

(Vic.). Barry Heath was welcomed as interim minister on Aug. 4. M. Gaskin has concluded his ministry and was farewelled on Aug. 18 . . . 100 attended monthly church parade including 45 from Explorer and Good Companions' Clubs . . . 81 were at Fellowship Tea for Girls' Sunday, followed by evening service in which Good Companions participated and Mrs. L. Clencie (Box Hill) was the speaker.

BAPTISM AT NORTHCOTE

(Vic.). On July 21 a young man was baptised. On July 26 and 28 a seminar was conducted by D. H. Smith (Dept. of H.M. & Evang.) attended by officers of the church, B.S. teachers and leaders of auxiliaries . . . Girls' Sunday was held on August 4 when the Good Companions held a tea to which mothers were invited. They also helped in a gospel service . . . L. Prior has returned from hospital. Church rejoices with Mrs. R. Collings who celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 27.

GUESTS AT MORWELL

(Vic.). Evening worship on July 14 had a "Broken Sermon" theme when the points of the sermon were broken with readings, hymns and congregational comment. 27 Y.P. from Blackburn were present as guests of Morwell Y.P. for the weekend. A duet was rendered: "Judas and Mary." One of our Y.P. made her decision. Other features of the weekend were bus trips to Tarra Valley and buffet tea on Sunday . . . E.W.F. have been busy raising finance by way of a jumble sale and a cake stall.

CONFESSIONS AT BOX HILL

(Vic.). A young man made the good confession at morning service and a lad at gospel service when J.C.E. presented a "documentary" on the commencement of the Churches of Christ Mission Field in New Hebrides . . . John Farmer broke the junior skipping record at indoor sports at Fitzroy . . . George Steele met with an accident resulting in chemical burns to face and eyes. Mrs. Watson underwent major surgery. Mr. Hirons is in hospital and Mrs. Read, Snr., is very ill.

gers shared with musical items. Rev. Max Murray preached. 20 young people attended a "drop in" following the gospel meeting . . . Good Companions entertained mothers at tea on July 28. The girls presented an item at the evening meeting . . . W. H. Feary is making a slow recovery and is recuperating at Horsham at present. Mrs. J. Bennetts is making progress after breaking a leg. Stan. Carey has suffered the loss of his father. Local brethren are carrying on our work whilst we are without a full-time minister . . . Badminton is popular.

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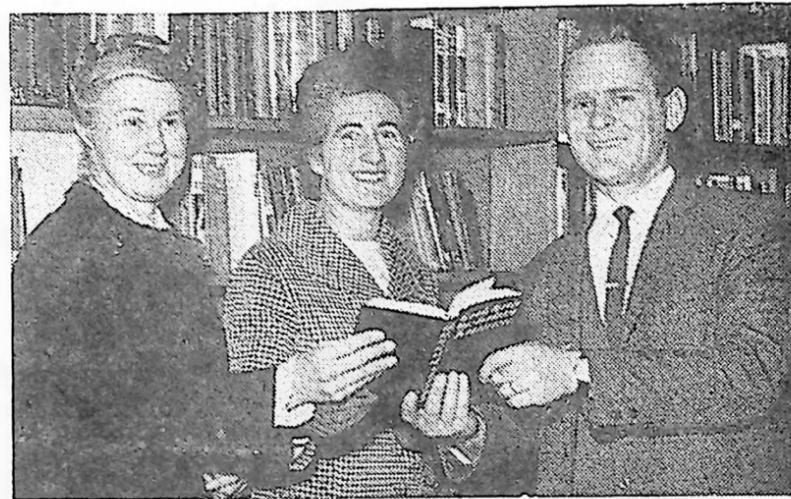
STAWELL BIBLE WEEK

The Bible Week, July 21-28, was organised by the Stawell Auxillary of the B. & F.B.S. which consists of representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Salvation Army, Baptist and Lutheran Churches, Church of England and Churches of Christ.

It was designed to promote the work of the Bible Society and to raise funds through a bookshop, a Bible Rally and a talent quest.

An empty shop in the main street was rented for the week. It was stocked with Bibles from the B. & F.B.S. and with general Christian literature supplied by the Melbourne Bookshop of the Scripture Union. Stock included Bible study material, devotional books, missionary biographies, popular teenage books and an excellent supply of children's books, S.S. prizes and equipment.

\$450 of stock was sold. The shop was staffed by voluntary help from the churches. Keith Milne of the Scripture Union and Fred. Levett, the General Secretary of the B. & F.B.S. in Vic.,



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came from Melbourne and spent some time in the shop, along with the Ballarat and District representative of the Bible Society, Geoff. Poynton.

The shop provided opportunity for Stawell folk to purchase Bibles and other Christian literature in Stawell. Most times of the year in Stawell it is not possible to buy even a small N.T.

There were also Bible Society displays of Bibles in foreign languages and other Bibles some of which were up to 400 years old.

A combined rally was held at the Methodist Church. Rev. Peter Evans, minister of Stawell Baptist Church, was speaker.

A talent quest was held in the Presbyterian Hall to raise funds for the B.S. 450 people packed the hall. Funds were raised by audience voting, one cent equalled one vote. Nearly \$170 was raised for the Society and many folk acclaimed the talent quest to be one of the best nights in Stawell for some time.

The Victorian General Secretary of the Bible Society, Fred. Levett, concluded the evening by presenting the awards of the popular vote and the judges' panel. He highly commended the work of the Stawell Auxillary and stated that he had had no idea of the size of Bible Week in Stawell.

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY WEEK

The week of August 25 to September 3, 1968, has been designated National Bible Society Week culminating on Bible Sunday on Sept. 3.

The past year has seen remarkable progress on the translational and circulation fronts. For the first time in history the circulation of scriptures in one year has exceeded one hundred million. The number of translations rose phenomenally to 46, nearly one per week, when previously it was only about 20 per year.

An event of great importance is envisaged for Jan. next when the complete Pidgin New Testament is released for Papua-New Guinea. This will be an occasion of great significance in this period of accelerated national emergence and one which could affect the nation for years to come.

National Bible Society Week once again draws attention to the interdependence of Church and Bible Society. Each looks for increased participation and fellowship in the conduct of its affairs and it is good to see the deepening sense of sharing in both realms.

National Bible Society Week is the one occasion in the year when unitedly, attention is drawn to the vital contribution made by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Sermons are preached on the Word and congregations have the opportunity of expressing their appreciation financially.

Recently a new era has been marked with the production of the first com-

puterised Bible. This demonstrates an amazing step forward in the field of Bible translation and printing. The passage of time has been compressed from a lifetime to a handful of years for the preparation of a complete Bible in a new language—a fact which holds great potential for completing the work in the nearly 2,000 remaining languages without the Scripture.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

(Uppsala). The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American civil rights leader assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, was solemnly honoured when delegates to the Fourth Assembly of the W.C.C. rose for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the martyred Negro clergyman.

The moving tribute followed passage of a resolution asking study of non-violent methods of social change in commemoration of Dr. King. The Central Committee was directed to explore the means by which this could be done.

The statement expressed a "deep sense of the loss to the Church on earth" brought about by his tragic death, and encouraged World Council member churches to bring Dr. King's example before their members "with the aim of deepening their own Christian witness."—E.P.S.

33rd NATIONAL C.E.

The 33rd National C.E. Convention will be held in Melbourne, Friday, Jan. 9-Friday, Jan. 16, 1970.

The Executive members are: Chairman, John Robinson; Deputy Chairman, Rev. Arthur Preston; Organising Secretary, Cecil W. Rodd; Assistant Secretary, Rev. Ken W. Eddy; Treasurer, Howard Barndon.

Until further notice all C.C.C. correspondence should be addressed to the Victorian State Office, 288 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

The main emphasis of the Convention to follow the Christian Endeavour pattern of teaching and training.

C.E. NATIONAL MISSIONARY PROJECT

It has been decided to commit the sum of \$700 as the first National Missionary Project from funds raised through the Australian Leadership Investment Fund (A.L.I.F.).

The funds will be applied by our National Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. Shirley Randall, working in close cooperation with the C.E. Union of Papua-N.G., to enable indigenous C.E. leaders to attend the Convention and Leadership Training Conferences at Banz, in Jan., 1969.

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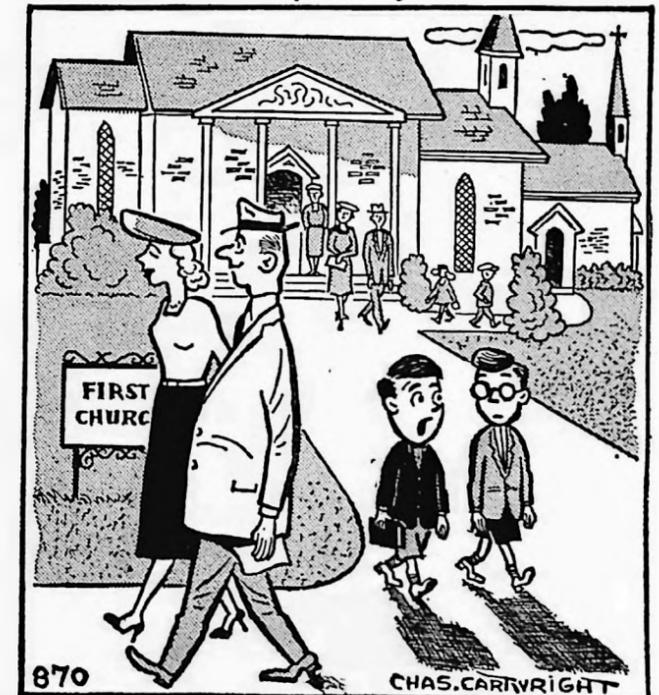
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