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MR. & MRS. BEN MASON, with group of young people, East Perth, W.A.  
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## THE LOST LEADER

In mid-December, Australia lost her Prime Minister in a beach tragedy which shocked the world and brought a wave of sympathy to Mrs. Zara Holt and her family.

Although Harold Holt had the disadvantage of following a leader who excelled in the art of using words, Australia and her neighbours learned that the new man from Canberra believed in honest dealing and straight talking. There may not have been much poetry in his public speeches, but he talked sense, and he spoke clearly.

When he became a victim of the sea which he loved and which he knew so well, a great gathering of the leaders of the nations shared the sorrow of our land in a memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. For so many to come so far, at such short notice, and on the eve of Christmas, was at once a splendid personal tribute to a man who was building better than we knew, and a recognition that Australia is moving upwards in importance in the wide world.

Harold Holt's loyalty, humanity, integrity and humility were referred to again and again by those who came to do him honour. The late Prime Minister was a good man who served his country well.

On behalf of members of Churches of Christ through Australia, Principal A. W. Stephenson, President of Federal Conference, sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Holt and her family, and we were represented in the Cathedral at the Memorial Service by the Federal Conference Secretary, E. W. Roffey.

## A TIME FOR DEDICATION

It was an unusual spectacle for Australia to witness the kind of struggle for political leadership which took place this month. The man who became the new leader of the Liberal Party automatically became the new Prime Minister.

The candidates for this high office were seen and heard on TV screen and radio, although it was to be the party and not the people who would choose the new leader. All of the candidates have qualities which commend them. They showed remarkable restraint in the face of many stupid questions which were asked by the men who talked with them before the camera and microphone. One can only assume that Australia's more competent interviewers were on holiday!

One TV man asked Senator Gorton how he would celebrate his victory if he became Prime Minister. Gorton replied that it was hardly a time for celebration; it was rather a time for dedication!

This is true, not only for Senator Gorton, who became in fact the new Prime Minister of Australia. It is true also for the people of Australia. It is not our booming industries, our iron mountains, and our off-shore oil and gas that will make us great. These things can only make us rich. Greatness will depend upon the way we use our wealth.

True greatness will depend upon how we respond to the calls for peace, brotherhood, the needs of the underprivileged and undervalued and, above all, upon our dedication to the God who is also concerned about these things.

Prime Minister Gorton faces many early challenges — the postal strike, the threat of industrial strife following the metal trades awards, and the possibility of friction within the coalition that forms the Government. These are additional early burdens to a naturally weighty task. Then he will be called upon to guide and reflect our attitudes and actions in international relations, including Vietnam. He has to consider adjustments to be made in connection with Britain's devaluation and projected withdrawal of defence forces around the world.

These immense burdens of public office will not be borne easily, and they should not be borne alone. We shall expect from our Prime Minister the dedication of his life and powers to his great tasks. He has the right to the loyalty of his party and even the support of the opposition in seeking the welfare of all.

But the people will also need to realise their dependence upon spiritual resources which alone can make us truly great.

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## Is It Worth While?

*Sometimes I wonder is it worth while  
To try to teach the children of their Lord?  
They do not seem to care or listen;  
I'm sure they scarcely heed a word.*

*And, then, sometimes I don't feel like it,  
I do not want to stay behind and teach  
When all my friends go for a motor-ride,  
Or spend the hours down on some sunny beach.*

*And yet, perhaps, some little thing I say,  
May capture for itself a lodging-place,  
And rest awhile within some childish heart  
That needs the Saviour's tenderest love and grace.*

*Perhaps, while I am talking to them,  
And while they laugh and joke and play  
around,  
Some faltering word of mine may fall un-  
guessed  
And germinate within some fertile ground.*

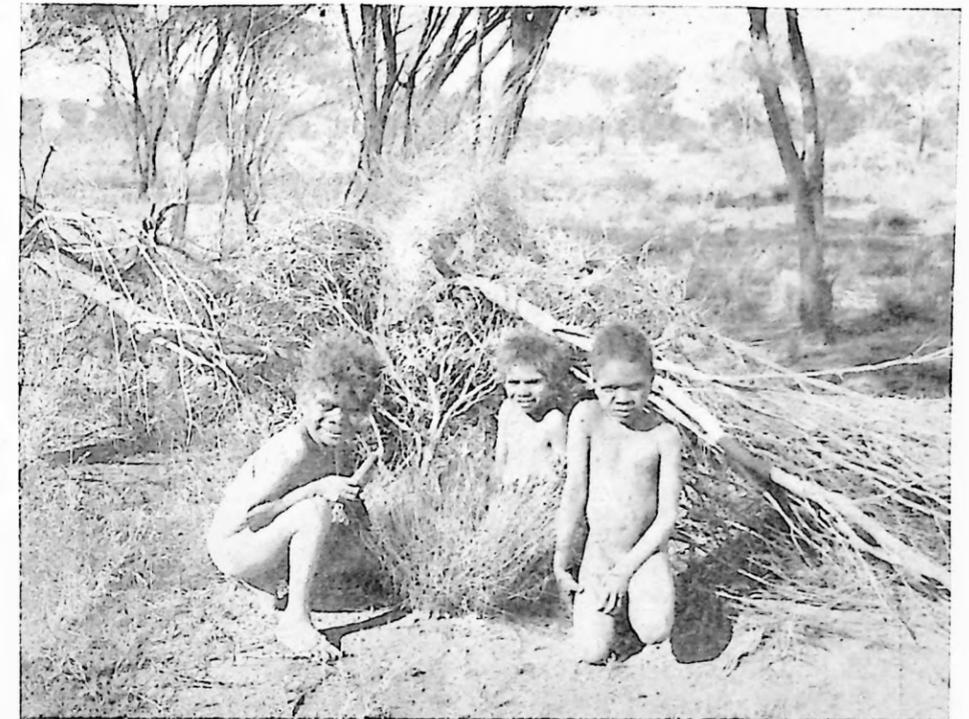
*It does not do to get discouraged;  
We see but part — God sees the whole;  
The little word in weakness truly taught  
May touch and save, perhaps, one erring soul.*

*And if 'twere only one I captured  
Through years of teaching — only one,  
Why, in God's final day of judgment  
I'd stand beside Him — not alone!*

Written by Miss Esther Messent,  
of Park St., Unley, Church, who  
died on 12/11/67.

## WHO ARE THE TRUE AUSTRALIANS?

by DAVID G. HAMMER



This is a true story. While waiting in a suburban bus shelter in Sydney, three very young school children came in and sat on the same seat, chattering. They were two girls and a boy. "You know," said one of the little girls, "we are kangaroos. Everyone who lives in Australia is called a kangaroo."

"I'm not," replied the other girl, jumping up and hopping around the bus shelter. "Kangaroos hop like this, and I walk like this."

"Anyhow," said the first girl, "neither of us is a true Australian," and turning to the boy she said, "You are, Roger. Your father was an aboriginal." It was only then that I noticed that the boy was not freckled, but had a rich skin colour with a glow in it, though not dark enough to have drawn my attention.

"No," Roger replied in a matter-of-fact tone. "My father wasn't an aboriginal. I'm a quarter-caste-of-aborigine, whatever that is." He made the unfamiliar description all in one word. But I couldn't help realising that to Roger, at that young age, the description was simply a fact of life. It was not something to be proud of, nor to be ashamed of either. It was just one of those strange facts, like butter being yellow, ice-cream nice, and bus drivers inclined to be cranky if you kept them waiting too long! The conversation then swung to more important things, such as what each child had for lunch in their school-bags. Then the bus came.

If only Christians would be as little children, how much more easily would they enter the Kingdom of Heaven! And what is more they would more easily let others enter with them. I am afraid that many of our Christian folk think that we need a special dispensation of divine grace before we can love an aboriginal or anyone of another race or colour. How un-Christian this is! The simple fact is that neither colour nor race, as such, have any relevance. It may be possible to justify distinctions on the basis of culture and customs. Differences in educational standards may also raise intellectual barriers. But there is no basis for any distinction on colour or race. In any case, these other things, such as customs, culture and education, provide only a temporary distinction. They can be removed in less than a generation.

Why does the Bible have no word to say on colour prejudice? While the broad principles which would preclude such prejudice are given, it would seem that colour prejudice was not a problem in Bible days. Simon, the Cyrenian, who bore the cross for Christ, may have been black. Possibly the treasury official from Ethiopia to whom Philip preached Christ was also dark-skinned. If so, it wasn't worth mentioning in the sacred record. But in these enlightened (?) days we need to add to the scriptural text: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, THERE IS NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3: 28).

## A CHRISTIAN REVOLUTION

I cannot escape a deep sense of gratitude to God for what He has done, and enabled our workers to do, during the past year in Aborigines Missions.

### Material Resources

The Carnarvon Christian Centre complex has come into full-scale operation, and the additional hostel for teen-agers should be occupied early in the New Year.

Norseman's beautifully finished meeting hall was officially brought into use last September. The house and flat on the opposite side of the original Centre building have been acquired and are being renovated. This will complete a very useful set of buildings for our witness there.

Esperance balcony enclosure has improved the property. The approval of a \$21,000 grant from the W.A. Government for additions, will provide a high standard of housing for our staff and thirty students and boarders. It will also provide for a 30' x 30' room for lounge, meetings, and lectures.

### Our Substantial Team

It requires some mental effort to realise that our Missions team numbers more than 60

appointed staff. To this number must be added the work of State Secretaries and Committees, Women's Groups, and the counsels of members of the Board. One senses an overall spirit of unity of purpose which glorifies our Lord.

### Among Children and Young People

The increasing number of young people entering higher education makes it easier for them to fill higher positions in our communities. A number are already acquitting themselves creditably. Some have entered or are entering suitable marriage companionships. Many are maintaining a Christian witness. All of this must give us cause for rejoicing. Those who have not advanced so well need our prayers.

### Among Adults

My visits during the year have left an impression of growing spiritual maturity in many of our adult Aboriginal Brethren and Sisters. They are learning to take more responsibility, and exhibiting a quiet confidence in life, which results from faith and fellowship in the Church through our Christian Centre activities. It is a revolutionary change from a few years ago. The Lord is working in the hearts of our beloved native people.

A. M. BELL,  
Chairman,  
Federal Aborigines  
Mission Board

## NEWS FROM NORSEMAN

by D. P. BUTLER

During recent weeks the schools in our area from Kalgoorlie to Esperance have held sports competitions. This has resulted in an inter-school Sports Day held at Kalgoorlie, followed by another at Esperance. We were very pleased to have a large number of our children chosen to compete in these inter-school sports. They did extremely well, behaved correctly, and mixed admirably with all the other children. The Primary School was defeated but the High School was successful in bringing home the shield. The children from our Homes thoroughly enjoyed themselves and quite a deal of sweets and cool drinks were consumed during the day.

We have also been pleased to see a better attitude to homework and study by the senior girls. This has also aroused favourable comment from the local headmaster. Even though study

is not easy, the willingness to try is most encouraging.

The opening of our new Christian Centre in town has resulted in most of the Children's Homes activities meeting in town with the children from the town and reserve. Sunday School (all grades) is now held in our new Centre, and the combining of the work, in this way has proved to be very satisfactory. Our children enjoy meeting with these other children and we believe that it is good for them to see their own people at Church worshiping in a voluntary way. We are rejoicing in the way the mixing of the Children's Homes and the Centre activities has broadened the children's outlook and we believe that a great deal of good will come from this.

We are also pleased to say that one of our last year girls has taken a

nurse's assistants course with a view to going on to do nursing when she reaches the specified age. We have just received a letter from the Matron of the Hospital stating that she is very pleased with this girl as she does her work quickly and well and has a very pleasing manner with patients and staff alike. We praise God for the privilege of being used by Him to lead this one to Christ, and also for the opening of this door of employment and service to Him.

With the disappointments and frustrations that sometimes occur in the work it pays to stop and realise afresh our calling in Christ. We (Val and I) have had to do this occasionally of late and it brings peace and rest of heart to know that we are, after all, in the centre of His will and to claim the sufficiency of His grace.

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## CARNARVON CHRISTIAN CENTRE



## OPEN DOORS IN CHRISTIAN CENTRES

K. N. Stevenson, in charge of Norseman Christian Centre, writes:

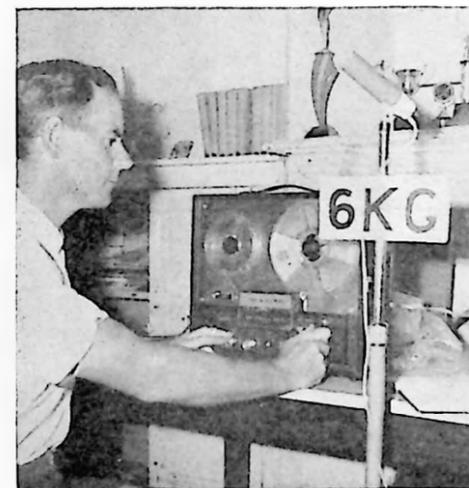
How we rejoice in the goodness of our loving Heavenly Father here at Norseman. During the past few months, when extra strength was needed to complete the new Christian Centre Hall on time, this was given. We had prayed that God would give us a time of blessing and an opportunity to reach the townsfolk as well as the native Christians, and this prayer was answered during the services of opening-dedication and the Bible School Anniversary. With an average of over 200 at each of the five services, a number re-dedicated their lives to Christ, and several made decisions to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Since that time we have been aware of a quiet but definite work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. This has been evident in the church. The prayer meetings have been attended by an average of 40

persons. This does not include Mission staff, as they are not free to come in, due to school studies and homework supervision in the evenings.

In our radio session and outreach, we have been able to contact folk who have backslidden for a number of years, and now desire to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. One such family rang on a Sunday afternoon. They were reduced to tears as they spoke over the 'phone, and requested guidance and prayer. They were later visited, and since that time we have arranged a weekly visit to minister to those in their area. This involves a return trip of 120 miles, and one or more of the staff are always ready to go.

We look forward to the future with great confidence in our God, knowing that his hand is not shortened that it cannot save.



Mr. STEVENSON preparing radio programme.



YOUNG PEOPLE AT ESPERANCE SHARE IN RADIO WORK

## EXTENSIONS AT ESPERANCE

"Fairhaven" is a lovely old home, in a good part of Esperance, and provides a suitable setting for the Training Hostel work of our Aborigines' Missions. It is, however, not able to provide sufficient accommodation, nor are there sufficient amenities for around thirty girls, which is the number envisaged.

We are happy to report that the W.A. Government, through the Native Welfare Department, has made available \$21,000 to help with extensions. Plans have been prepared by an architect, and have been submitted to the Government. At the time of writing, we are awaiting approval of the Public Works Dept.

The plans envisage a large common room, in which the girls can develop social graces as they entertain their friends, and as they spend evenings together. It is hoped that special gifts will enable this to be well furnished and equipped. The Government grant only refers to actual buildings, and not such things as a piano. The plans further allow for full ablution, toilet, and laundry facilities for the whole

set-up, accommodation for ten girls, and a small suite for missionaries who will be living with the girls in this section.

It is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Dennis will be able to move from Norseman to Esperance in the near future. Mr. Dennis is a carpenter, and has been helping in the completion of the Christian Centre buildings at Norseman. As Mr. Stevenson (senior), Superintendent at "Fairhaven," has had some years of experience as a builder before coming into this work, we should be well-equipped for the oversight of the building programme. We are hoping that volunteers, handy-men, carpenters and other tradesmen, will offer their services for some periods, so that the work can be done without undue extra expense upon the Mission finances.

## FORWARD MOVE AT EIDSVOLD

The offer of Lyle Morris to go to Eidsvold to share in the work amongst both aborigines and townspeople promises to be an important advance in this central Queensland area. Mr. Morris graduated from Woolwich Bible College in 1967. He comes from Gilgandra (N.S.W.) and has had a background of farming, with many contacts with the aboriginal folk at Balladoran.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris plan to go north after their marriage in Gilgandra in January. At present their move is very much a venture of faith, as financial arrangements have not been finalised. It may be necessary for Mr. Morris to find part-time employment, and accommodation has to be found. It is hoped, however, that this forward move can be a joint venture of the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board, the Queensland Home Mission Committee, and the local Eidsvold church, together with the support of folk in Brisbane.

For some years Mr. and Mrs. W. Kusay, who have a dairy farm in the district, have been giving much-appreciated oversight to the work. The Board has been making an allowance, through the State Committee, to help with the extra car running involved. Church services show a growing interest, and work amongst young people is flourishing. The local aborigines impress one as being a fine group of people. Most are employed on cattle stations. They have taken an active part in the church and B.S.



EIDSVOLD YOUNG FOLK

Plans are not yet finalised, but it is hoped that the local church will be able to begin a modest building programme—probably with the erection of a manse with accommodation for church services and youth activity.

The whole project promises well for the future, and the prayers of the whole brotherhood are solicited.

## CUMMERAGUNGA

For the past two years the Cummeragunga folk have been working part of the land co-operatively. David Marr, minister of Echuca Church, writes:—

Many of the people are busy at the moment, planting tomatoes. Again this year they are putting in about 15 acres. Last year's crop was sold to a big company in Bendigo for the benefit of the families, all of whom share in the co-operatively run estate.

The season is very dry here this year, and the cereal crops are not as

## MOOROOPNA

Recently we have had quite an uplift. We had changed our service to 5 p.m. during the winter, at the request of some (who never once attended), and lost out. We changed back to 7 p.m. and last month to 7.30, and our attendances are up in the 30's, mostly adults and teenagers.

Over a period of four weeks there were 50 different people at the evening services. We have been trying hard to get a family along. The 12-year-old daughter has been a member for nearly 12 months, and now her mother and the family of six are attending. On a recent Sunday evening the father of a family of 9 amazed most of us by attending the service. We had had contact with the children in Sunday School and week-night classes, but until recently we thought we were going to lose them. The eldest daughter, aged 14, had joined the church, but was forbidden to attend services by her father. They allowed the Mormons into their home. However, the father has told me that he is back to stay.

Apart from the Sunday evening service, we have a girls' class on Tuesday nights, with almost 100% attendance of the 14 girls. On Thursday evenings we have a class of teenaged boys.

A doctor's wife from Shepparton, who is interested in our work, volunteered to tutor any girls who were finding it too hard at High School. One girl was coached in this way for almost three terms. She was woeful in Maths and English, but the improvement is wonderful. At the end of the year the girl was top of her form, and it is almost certain that she will get a \$200 bursary next year from the Aborigines Board. Another well-educated friend who offered to help has begun coaching 4 girls and 3 boys. The work being done is being talked about in the town. It is good to have it channelled through the church activity.

Three of the girls I have been teaching in the mid-week classes are now helping in the Sunday School, and it is good to see their development. The School holidays and the fruit and tomato seasonal work tend to disrupt the work at this time of the year, but we are looking forward to next year's activity.

I do not know what the good Lord has in store for me, but I pray that he may give me a few more years in this service.

—R. A. CLYDESDALE

good as at first hoped.

I have continued to visit Cummeragunga each Wednesday for Religious Instruction in the school, and also use the time to visit other families while in the area.

"Pastor Doug" has been planning for a "Back to Cummeragunga" weekend early in December and many people are expected to attend. It is hoped that eventually a church can be built there, and this would be a great thing for the people.

## PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR JOBS

RON JONES, after many years caring for Junior Boys at Carnarvon Mission, is now Works Overseer of the Mission. He writes:

Some people ask, "What happens to the children when they leave school? Where do they go? What sort of jobs do they take? Do they all go back to the stations to work?"

Finding employment suited to each child takes considerable time and thought. Most children have some idea of what they want to be by the time they are thirteen or fourteen, and this is helped by the visit of vocational officers to the school. He advises each child on the standard of education necessary to obtain his aim. We encourage each child to go as high in schooling as he can, even though he may not need that standard in the job he has in mind.

Of course deciding on the line of employment and achieving it are two different things. Much encouragement

is needed, and help in both studies at school and in homework. Academic training is only part of the answer. Personal relationships need to be developed more with our children. To this end they are expected to help in the various sections of the work at the Homes. This is not to make the work easier for missionaries. Sometimes it would be quicker and easier to do the job ourselves. But it is important for young people to learn to do a job as instructed, and to work with different people, whose personalities and ways of doing a job vary.

The girls are all taught the basic

tasks of homemaking, whatever employment they hope to take. The boys help in the outside tasks comparable to those of a country farming community. Any of the boys wishing to follow mechanical or woodworking trades have ample opportunity to become familiar with the tools used as they help in the maintenance of the Homes.

The best preparation is a life dedicated to the Lord. If the young people have a faith and trust in him they can overcome many obstacles that would otherwise defeat them. This is our primary task, that they shall know him and the power of his resurrection.



Mr. JONES' BOYS OF EARLIER YEARS ARE NOW THINKING OF EMPLOYMENT

## THE DAILY ROUND Junior Girls-Carnarvon

BY S. OGILVIE

During our stay here at Carnarvon, my wife Pat and I have looked after the Junior Girls' Section. The girls are from 8 to 13 years old.

On a normal school day, our lighting plant starts at 6 a.m., and this is the signal to rise. On Saturdays

and Sundays we sleep in until 6.30. If the girls wanted to sleep in until longer it would be because of sickness. I am glad that we have healthy girls. They dress, make their beds and wash before starting their various jobs.



Each girl has a small task which helps in their training, and helps us also. Smaller ones sweep floors, verandahs, halls, footpaths, and clear the yard of rubbish. Middle sized ones clean windows, give out school clothes, and mop the bathroom. Older girls help with the laundry and in the kitchens.

At 7 a.m. breakfast is served in the main dining room. After breakfast there is time to play before getting ready for school. Our bus leaves for school at 8 a.m. and returns for the High School children at 8.30. Once all are at school Pat checks the dormitory and tidies up. I usually go to the workshop to check on maintenance and repairs.

At 3.45 p.m. we again hear the voices of the children. Once home, the girls change and put away their uniforms. Children are usually hungry, and these are no exception. If fruit or vegetables are available, they have them for afternoon tea. It is play time until tea at 5.30.

After tea the girls may go for a walk, or perhaps just play in the yard. Sometimes I play with them. Towards 7 p.m. the smaller ones have a shower first, and get ready for bed. Then there is time to do homework, read books, play with dolls, etc. On some nights we may show slides, read a story, or play records, and this is usually appreciated.

My wife and I have two children, Stephen (3½) and Darren (1½), and they also demand some time and attention. Though it may seem strange, we do have some free time, and this is taken up with writing letters, doing study, and preparing S.S. lessons and C.E. programmes.

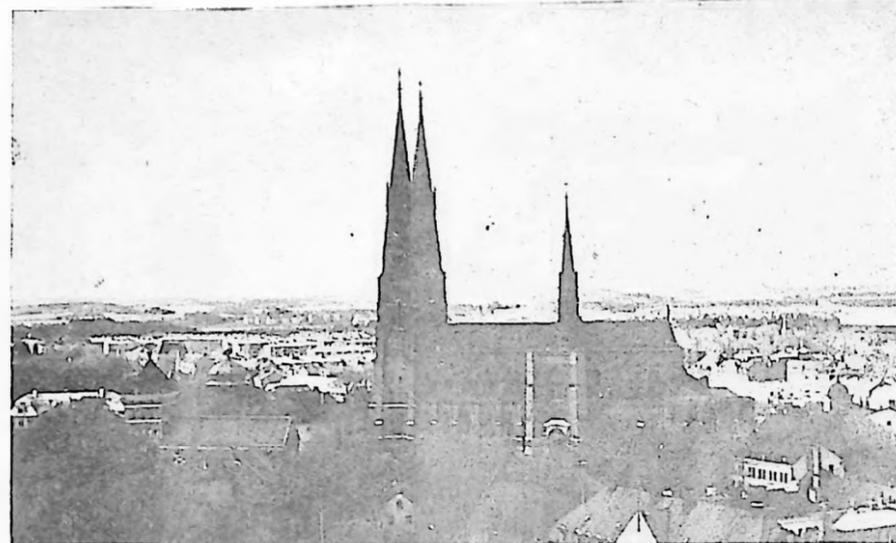
The lighting plant is turned off at 9.30 p.m. and the Mission family settles down for the night.

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## LEICESTER

BY STANTON H. WILSON



UPPSALA CATHEDRAL

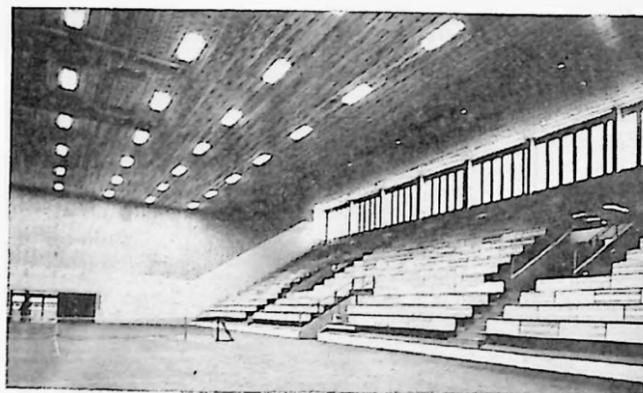
### A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS

Our third Christmas in England was not a "white Christmas." It was no small compensation to have ideal weather conditions on the roads and fewer road deaths and accidents. It was clear that this was not only due to the weather, but also because fewer drivers were "under the weather." This was Britain's first "Breathalyser Christmas." The Automobile Association said: "Without doubt the new law has brought an improvement in driving behaviour with motorists taking more care to avoid being involved in a minor traffic offence, and thereby risking a breath test."

A Breath Test is not taken at random but only after an accident or following dangerous driving. A person cannot be convicted upon the positive result of a Breath Test. Such a result only gives the police authority to arrest a person and take a blood or urine test. The medical report of this second test is used as evidence in the trial of the person arrested. Conviction is made on the person having above a prescribed alcoholic content in the blood and carries with it the cancellation of the driver's licence for a period plus a fine or imprisonment according to the seriousness of the offence.

For the five busiest days over Christmas, the results were: 1966: Dead, 158; Injured, 5,792  
1967: 98; 3,931

There is widespread appreciation in the press and elsewhere for Mrs. Barbara Castle, Minister for Transport, and her Government which had the courage to bring in legisla-



The Assembly Hall for the World Council of Churches' 4th Assembly in Uppsala.

tion for the Breathalyser Test. Those notably critical of the legislation are the brewers and hotel licensees. Guess why?

### ON THE HOME FRONT

At our Evington Road Church, Advent began with a United Advent Service for the third successive year. The church was packed. It was my privilege to preside and to welcome members of the Church of England, Methodist, Congregational and Roman Catholic churches. It was an historic occasion for us having two priests and two nuns side by side with our people, singing one of Charles Wesley's hymns from a Churches of Christ hymn book and listening to a sermon from the Superintendent of the local Methodist District. A generous offering was contributed to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Judging by the people remaining for supper who spoke with an Irish brogue, it was apparent that the priests brought a good number of their flock with them to the service. In welcoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, I felt constrained to point out that "we are not concerned to bring cases to victory, but minds to a meeting. We speak of our different faiths—but not of our rival creeds." Many present expressed their appreciation of this opportunity for mutual understanding and fellowship.

### UPPSALA

A Nobel prize-winner, an authority on world economic development, an ecumenical pioneer, and a distinguished theologian are among the speakers announced for the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in Uppsala, Sweden.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King of U.S.A. will preach at the opening service of worship on 4th July, 1968. Some 2,250 Christian leaders from all over the world will be present in the historic Uppsala Cathedral to hear Dr. King speak on the Assembly theme: "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21: 5).

Mrs. Wilson and I visited this magnificent Cathedral just six months ago. It is the largest in Scandinavia. Visitors are given a brochure drawing attention to three objects which help the worshipper in prayer, reflection and tranquility:

Firstly, the floor covers an ancient cemetery. "The dead, as well as the living, are assembled around the altar—for all live unto God." The latest grave is that of the late Archbishop Nathan Soderblom. I remembered that it was this "Poor Servant" of Peace and of the Ecumenical Movement who said: "Christianity is not a grave to watch, but a life to live." The inscription on the stone is simple; it reads:

Nathan Soderblom 1866—1930  
and his wife 1870—1925  
Luke 17: 10

As I knelt at his tomb, in gratitude to God for this truly great Christian, I recalled how the late Dr. G. K. A. Bell, when Bishop of Chichester, said of him: "During the first half of the 20th century, Soderblom stands out as the man who did more than any other Christian leader or teacher to unite Orthodox and Evangelical Churches of all nations and communions in a common fellowship." How fitting that the Opening Session of the Fourth Assembly should be held in the Cathedral which encloses his tomb.

Secondly, the arches. The Cathedral is built in the form of a cross. Where the arms of the cross meet, there is a sculptured hand outstretched in benediction. Beneath this hand of blessing, the Kings and Queens of Sweden have been crowned. Nearby is a tablet naming the Archbishops of Sweden since 1164. Suspended below the Boys' Choir Loft, is an exquisite candelabra presented to the Cathedral by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia. The Boys' Choir, formed on the initiative of Archbishop Soderblom in 1924, quickly became world famous.

Thirdly, the reliquary of St. Eric. Here the remains of St. Eric and other saints were retained after the Reformation. The position of St. Eric in the High Chancel, speaks of the tolerance of the Church and of a spiritual communion which transcends all religious controversies and Confessions.

It was in this Cathedral, in the Autumn of 1961, that the Memorial Service to Dag Hammarskjold, former Secretary of the United Nations, was held. In the nearby Castle, of which I wrote in a previous article (and which is pictured herewith) Dag Hammarskjold lived as a boy. His grave is between the Castle and the Cathedral. The Cathedral is beautifully proportioned. Its architectural lines are graceful and the whole edifice, inside and out, is immaculately clean. Worship comes easy in such a sanctuary.

### WORLD CONVENTION SUNDAY

I was glad to learn that October 29 last was "World Convention Sunday," because on that day, the Australian minister of Evington Road Church had as guest preacher the Secretary of the World Convention all to himself! (Incidentally it was also "Reformation Sunday"—I did mention that too, at the time). The next day, Dr. Kirkpatrick was guest at a dinner given in his honour by A. D. Carmichael and his brother F. T. Carmichael. James Gray welcomed Dr. Kirkpatrick, who, in response, assured all present of the warmth of welcome Australian Churches of Christ are waiting to extend delegates to the next World Convention.

### CONCERN OVER SOUTH AFRICAN TRIALS

(New York). Many expressions of concern have come from within the W.C.C. constituency about the fate of 35 South-west Africans now being tried for treason by the Republic of South Africa.

The concern is reported in a letter which was sent to the Hon. Mattys I. Botha, Permanent Representative to the U.N. for South Africa, by Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the W.C.C.'s Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

"Our present disturbance arises not only from our concern for the members of our churches involved in the trials whose very lives may be in jeopardy," wrote Dr. Nolde, "but also from the conviction that highest legal standards must be observed if peace and comity are to prevail."

The C.C.I.A. official cited the fact that the 35 Southwest Africans are reportedly being tried at Pretoria on the basis of acts committed before the enactment of the Terrorism Act of 1967.

"The retroactive application of a law is contrary to canons of justice generally accepted in civilized countries, as well as to the letter and spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Dr. Nolde's letter points out. "We have

The same evening, Dr. Kirkpatrick spoke of our World Brotherhood at a well attended meeting representative of the seven Churches of Christ in Leicester. It is hoped that a large delegation from Great Britain will be present in Adelaide, 1970."

### BRITISH CHURCHES

Most religious bodies are having financial difficulties with their papers. British Churches of Christ are no exception. They have had to reduce their weekly paper, "The Christian Advocate" from twelve to eight pages. It has been a great disappointment to have to take this step.

The Home Missions Committee reported in November, that six churches require ministerial service. Three ministers are likely to be available. Valuable help has been offered from a Scot recently returned to Edinburgh to take a further Degree and there is possibly other help available from overseas.

A policy discussion was recently held on the question of what the H.M.C. could do for the smaller congregations not able to support a minister of their own. There is special concern to understand and assist inner city churches with growing colour problems.

Derek Nuttall has been released from the church in Falkirk, Scotland, to serve an initial period of twelve months with the church in Aberfan, Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall have moved into a newly purchased Manse. Both the manse and the ministry have been made possible by a great deal of co-operation and generosity on the part of the H.M. Committee, the Social Questions Committee, the Chapel Building Committee, the Falkirk Church, the American Disciples (through their Joint Ministries Fund) and numerous people in many places thus giving expression of our fellowship in Christ.

The new Principal of Overdale College is John E. Francis, B.D., at present minister of our church at Burnage, Manchester. Mr. Francis will take up his new duties on August 1 next. Mrs. Francis will act as Warden, taking care of the domestic side of the work. There are prospects of several new students for the Autumn term, 1968, and there will continue to be an intake of continental students, who will be received through Overdale's affiliation with the Selly Oak Colleges.

The Principal-Elect, John Francis, is the nephew of Mrs. Adelaide Green of Mile End, South Australia.

previously expressed our respect for the integrity of the Superior Courts of South Africa. We trust that in this instance as well their action will be taken on the basis of internationally accepted legal principles."

On trial are 35 Ovambo tribesmen from Southwest Africa, most of whom are reported to be members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ovambokavango

Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southwest Africa. Originally they numbered 37, but one died and another was acquitted after their arrest the latter part of 1966.

A 41-page indictment charges the tribesmen engaged in alleged subversive activities "with the intent to endanger the maintenance of law and order" in the territory.—E.P.S.



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## OPEN FORUM

### A WORTHY MEMORIAL

To the Editor,  
The article on "Creative Living" in "A.C." Dec. 9, was heartening to me. I cannot conceive a more purposeful and practical way of honouring Will Newham than by putting into circulation resource material with a spiritual content. Such a decision reflects credit on the present responsible leadership of the Explorer Clubs for boys and is worthy of the co-operation of all who esteemed the one its publication is designed to honour.

A helpful medium of co-operation will be for those who value work amongst boys to hasten to procure copies and present to leaders of boys' clubs. Every leader is hungry for resource material. The title of the book is exciting and its contents cover material that puts mental, moral and spiritual fibre into character. Lovers of boys should engage in an interstate project to put a copy into the library of every young man engaged in work amongst boys.

During my youth leadership ministry I often stated publicly that if one could expose the soul of Will Newham a boy would be found dwelling there so great was his love and his creative enthusiasm for boys.

—Will R. Hibburt

### UNITED PROCESSION OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS

To the Editor,  
A unique Christmas witness was held in North Blackburn on Dec. 22, when two Methodist Churches, two Anglican Churches, the Brethren Assembly, and the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Churches of Christ Churches combined. At 7.30 meetings were held at two centres, led by the incumbent Minister, with another Minister assisting, and attended by members of the participating churches. From these two churches the groups of people (250 to 300 in each) moved in succession to other churches for 20-minute services of carols, Scripture, prayer, and brief meditation. The Roman Catholic people participated fully in the services, and the Priest took the same place as the other Ministers.

At the final combined meeting (held at the Roman Catholic Church because their building was the only one able to hold 600) all the ministers except

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### RIGHTS OF MAN

To the Editor,

*The peak-hour traffic roared and jostled along the busy city street. Suddenly brakes screamed as the lanes of traffic came to a frantic halt. As far as one could see either way, the flow of the great city artery had stopped. Hundreds of travellers, impatient to be home, accepted the inevitable pause. And between the leaders of the two long processions of cars nonchalantly ambled a little insignificant man in a drab brown coat, down at heel shoes, and a battered hat, and a great scarf tucked unceasingly beneath a receding chin. Looking neither to the left nor the right, he crossed the road, as he had every right to do — for he had pushed the button on a pedestrian crossing.*

*Momentarily I thanked God that, in this technological age, where so often the machine is god, a little man can still hold up thousands of horse power to exercise the basic human right to cross the street.*

*Mr. Editor, if you are feeling a little depressed, it would do you good to take a walk to the nearest pedestrian crossing and press the button and walk across. It would cure your harassed and depleted ego and make you feel important again. For we are all very important, because it just so happens that the Son of God died for us. But, if you do, watch out for the driver who didn't see the lights!*

TERTIUS.

the Brethren leader took part. It would probably be a pertinent question to ask whether this was the first time a Church of Christ Minister has led in prayer in a worship service in a Roman Catholic Church. An order of service was compiled by the co-operating ministers together, though each minister used the brief meditation period as he was personally led.

All those who attended commented very favourably on the whole evening, and it will certainly be repeated in 1968. I am very pleased to have been part of this ecumenical co-operation, and only hope that more centres can see their way clear to such a united witness.

—A. F. Cant, Blackburn, Vic.

### BAPTISM.

To the Editor,

L. Verco and D. Price are to be commended for their stand on baptism, viz., being in the plan of salvation. Learned scholars everywhere who know something about Greek do not hesitate in saying that repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, emphasis on "for," means "with a view to" sins being remitted.

Recently I read the following:

Inquirer: "At just what point during Paul's conversion was he actually saved?"

Some answer: "When the light blinded him."

Others answer: "When he received his sight."

Inquirer: "Was Paul saved IN his sins?"

Many answer: "Oh, no, Jesus saves us FROM — not 'in' — our sins (Matt. 1: 21)."

Inquirer: "When DID Paul actually get rid of his sins?"

Many answer: "When the scales fell from his eyes."

Inquirer: "But if Paul had already gotten rid of his sins before he was baptized, why did Ananias tell him to 'Arise and be baptized and WASH AWAY' his sins (Acts 22: 16)? If Paul was actually saved before he was baptized then he must have been saved while yet IN his sins (which contradicts Matt. 1: 21) and if Paul had already gotten rid of his sins before he was baptized, then Ananias must have been mistaken in thinking he still had his sins when he told him to 'Arise . . . and WASH AWAY' his sins."

It appears from the foregoing, and Scripture, Paul wasn't actually saved until after he was baptized. Let us preach God's Word and not man's.

—Arnold C. Caldicott, Qld.

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### THE HOMOSEXUAL

To the Editor,

A. R. Jones ("A.C." Dec. 23) commenting on Britain's moral and social problems appears to reflect the bewildering and ambivalent attitude, of both church and society, to the homosexual. Initially he refers to homosexuality as a "disease," then it would appear, approvingly cites the public belief that it is "the unnatural, perverse nature of man." As understood in medical circles, measles, mumps, chicken pox and cancer, (all diseases) are hardly due to the "unnatural and perverse nature of man."

Society's attitude is aptly illustrated in a newspaper report of the production of a film, "The Third Sex," produced by one of our own ministers. (Melb. "Truth," Oct. 28, 1967). According to the report, the film, although 'a serious attempt to tackle a social problem' has been banned by the Broadcasting Control Board.

We in Australia would do well to withhold criticism of any other country's attitude to the homosexual. The British Government as well as the churches have spent a great deal of time and effort in an attempt to understand the homosexual. The following publications typify the extent of the studies; "The Wolfenden Report" Cmnd. 247, "Time for Consent" N. Pittenger, SCM; "Towards a Christian Understanding of the Homosexual" H. Kimball-Jones SCM; "Homosexuality" D. J. West, Penguin Press; and a discussion pamphlet, "The Church and the Homosexual" prepared by the Presbyterian Church of England.

Any of these books is worthy of congregational study, for it can never be assumed that in "your" congregation there is no homosexual bravely — or perhaps bitterly—bearing a burden which if discovered would perhaps cost him the fellowship of the church. Each of the studies demolishes the most popular myths of homosexuality—

- all homosexuals are effeminate
- all are liable to attack small boys
- all are promiscuous
- all are exceptionally artistic and creative.

### VISIT FROM PRESIDENT

(Devonport, Tas.). G. Gilmour, Vic. Tas. Conf. Pres., spoke to combined meeting of Ulverstone and Devonport members . . . C.W.F. ladies provided programme and afternoon tea to members of "60 and over" Club . . . A social was held for S.S. scholars at which prizes were presented . . . Church has adopted "Missionary Outreach" giving . . . 80 young people, with leaders from Brigade groups, presented a display at Margaret St. church in Launceston, in order to create interest in starting the movement there. A combined B.B. parade included graduation ceremony. Badges were presented . . . The Saturday night youth group sang carols at homes of older church members.

### TEA AT MT. ROYAL

(Footscray, Vic.). Evening Fellowship provided tea for patients of two wards at Mount Royal . . . Young People who participated in "Walk Against Want" from Sidney Myer Music Bowl, raised \$48.71 . . . Annual Thanks offering from auxiliaries and members amounted to \$1220 . . . B.S. scholars decorated an empty Christmas Tree with money gifts for food parcels for India. 65 parcels were sent to Indian families from the church during the year.

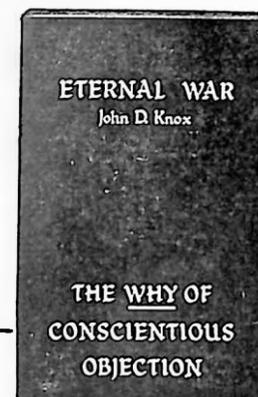
### FOR COLLEGE

(Morwell, Vic.). Service presentations have been made to Brian King and Geoff. Benson who will be entering the College next year to train for the ministry. Various groups in the church contributed gifts by way of linen and various items. The boys were also issued with a cheque from the church toward book fees for college.

Further each of the studies suggest future action. Action that involves discussion by concerned Christians in the light of the facts, education and understanding.

It is interesting to note that at this time in most states, the major denominations have their social questions or Christian citizenship committees attempting to give some lead in the field of informed discussion. Perhaps the time has come for one of our Social Service Departments to give the brotherhood some guidance and lead in education and understanding of homosexuality. Such a lead would attempt to answer such questions as: Are the present laws satisfactory? What does the Bible say? What causes homosexuality? Can it be prevented? Can it be treated? Should it be treated? What is the Church's ministry?

—Alan Matheson, Vic.



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### PRESIDENT AT HOME

(Goolwa, S.A.). Stan Neighbour, State Pres. was speaker on Dec. 10. He said it was a joy to visit his home church. Keith Horne, H.M. Director, gave the evening message on Dec. 17. A Neighbour addressed morning service. The evening service in Goolwa Town Hall was an annual combined Methodist and Church of Christ service. The combined choir rendered Christmas and Cornish carols. Mrs. W. Bartlett conducted the choir. Offering for Christmas Bowl appeal was \$45.50c. "Silent Night" and "The Lord is my Shepherd" were sung by Methodist Quartet with the programme. Origin of the carols was given by chairman.



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## FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The New Year Honours List announced that W. A. Fordham, of Prospect Road, Canterbury, was made a Member of the British Empire in recognition of his services for his community and for local government.

Mr. Fordham has been a member of the Church of Christ for over 60 years. He began with the North Melbourne church and, when 27 years of age, became a member at Camberwell where he is still active.

He has been a Councillor on the Camberwell City Council for over 36 years, a record for that city, and has been Mayor on two occasions. His son, W. M. Fordham, is also a Camberwell Councillor.

In his community service, of note is over 22 years on the Melb. and Metrop. Board of Works, to which he was first elected in 1945. He was vice-chairman of the Sewerage Committee.

Also in 1945 he was elected to the Melb. and Metrop. Fire Brigades Board, and he was President of the Board six times.

He was a member of the Eastern District Weights and Measures Union for ten years.

He has many sporting interests. He is

a life member of the Camberwell Football Club, and gave support and drive for the formation of the Willison Bowling Club. He was connected with the Churches of Christ Cricket Association for more than forty years and served most of that time as president or secretary.

Mr. Fordham is a painter by trade and in this capacity he gave assistance to many of our churches. He assisted in the building programme of at least 22 new churches and has always been ready to give professional advice and active help to developing congregations.

### MODS CALL A TUNE

In this TV programme the viewers are shown an Adelaide church where 400 people gather each week. What they do there on this occasion is accompanied by the pop singing group "The Simple Folk" and radio personality Stewart Jay. The narration is by Clive Hale who asks at the end whether the Christian future lies with people like this.

A.B.C. T-V N.S.W., Vic., A.C.T. Feb. 4, 9.30 p.m.

### TEACHERS' ANNUAL SERVICE

(Vic.) The annual service for members of the Teaching Profession will be held on Sunday, March 3, 1968 at 7 p.m. in Wesley Church, Lonsdale Street. The service is designed for teachers in both Independent and Departmental Schools, and a cordial invitation is extended to all who are engaged in the teaching service. The address will be given by the Rev. Arthur Preston, O.B.E., minister of the church, and as well as representative teachers, the heads of the churches are being invited to join the procession.



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## FIRST GRADUATES FROM KENMORE

A new page in the history of our Australian Brotherhood was begun on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 16, 1967, when a congregation of some 120 shared in the first Graduation Service at Kenmore Christian College.

Those graduating were Mr. Trevor Holmes of Warwick, Qld., and Miss Muriel Holt of the Hopelands-Chinchilla Circuit, Qld. Trevor successfully completed a four-year Ministerial Course, the first year of which was taken at Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. Muriel was also successful in completing the two-year Missionary Course.

The service was very capably led by Mr. Adrian Risson, president of the Kenmore Students' Association. There were two messages in song; the first from a student male choir and the second a solo from student Terry South.

### Q'LANDERS IN TASMANIA

Thirty Queensland young people are preparing for a tour of Tasmania in January. Home leave will be Launceston, but all points of interest will be covered in the 11 day tour.

From Launceston the chartered bus will take the tourists to Hobart, Port Arthur and return via Swansea, St. Mary's and also a trip to Devonport and Burnie. Fellowship will be shared with churches.

### MEN CARRY ON

(Mackay, Qld.). The church has been without a minister since July. Local brethren are maintaining the work. L. Berthelsen of Kenmore Christian College is helping for the duration of college vacation. . . . A B.S. scholar was recently baptized and received into fellowship. . . . Chapel has been painted outside and improvements made. . . . A pair of handsome silky oak com-

munion glass trays have been made, polished and donated by a church member.

Trevor and Muriel each gave testimony to what the Lord had done for them during their college experience and spoke of their confidence in Him for the future. A greeting was presented by Mr. Maurie Pieper on behalf of the Queensland Brotherhood and the College Board of Management in his dual capacities of State Conference President and College Board Secretary.

A challenging message was given by the College Principal, Dr. James H. Jauncey, who spoke of the need for deep spiritual commitment as well as holding to the principles of the Restoration Plea.

Trevor Holmes will take up a ministry with the Latrobe Terrace church in Geelong, Victoria, and Muriel is looking forward to the opportunity to serve her Lord in Aborigine Missions.

(Blocks delayed in the mails will be printed later).

### WOUNDED IN VIETNAM

(Albion, Qld.) Ross Horne has been wounded in action in Vietnam. He is recovering in hospital. . . . Instead of an evening service, an afternoon carol service was held on Dec. 24. Over 100 attended the service on Christmas Day.

### C.W.F. SERVICE

(Rockhampton Churches, Qld.) The kindergarten run by C.W.F. raised \$885 for the year. This was donated to the hall fund. . . . A camp committee, for Emu Park, bought a new lawnmower which was demonstrated at a barbecue afternoon. . . . After enjoyable nights of swimming, skating, etc., the C.Y.F. concluded the year's activity with a hike and supper.

### HIGH LEVEL STEWARDSHIP

(Gatton, Qld.) The Stewardship Programme introduced over two years ago continues at a high level. . . . The minister has been busily engaged in visiting various churches in his capacity as Conference President, and attending routine meetings of Conference Committees. The church is to be commended for faithful continuance despite such breaks in the regular ministry. . . . The B.S. has continued to grow over the past year and the scholars presented a very acceptable Christmas Tree programme. A "Christmas Tree for Others," to which the children brought gifts, was also incorporated. . . . The minister, Maurie Pieper, expressed appreciation to the student minister, Gary Staddan, and presented a cheque in appreciation of Gary's service throughout the year. It was also Gary's 21st birthday. . . . The manse has recently been painted on the exterior. The work was done by Gary Staddan. Other men helped.

### FAITH-PROMISE VENTURE

(Hopeland, Qld.) Rex Ellis, lecturer at Kenmore, was guest speaker at our recent Harvest Thanksgiving and Missionary Faith-Promise Weekend. He brought four inspiring messages from the book of Jonah. Displays were exhibited from Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and Wycliffe Bible Translators. Two Church of Christ aborigine young people, recently graduated from Singleton Bible Institute, brought messages in song and spoke of the work amongst their own people. The Thanksgiving offering received over the weekend, as an individual act of worship, amounted to over \$1200 (our aim having been \$840). A living link has been formed with Mrs. H. Finger in the New Hebrides.

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## MINISTERS

### RED CLIFFS TO HAMILTON

(Hamilton, Vic.). R. W. Marshall, of Red Cliffs, has accepted the call to Hamilton and will be inducted on Feb. 4. A. V. Page concluded ministry on Dec. 31, but preached at both services on Jan. 7. A farewell social was held earlier . . . B.S. held annual prize-giving and promotion day on Dec. 17.

### DIXONS LEAVE HAWTHORN

(S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dixon concluded their ministry on Dec. 31. Large attendances gathered and over 250 attended the after-church farewell meeting when a presentation was made . . . A combined Christmas service was held at the Westbourne Park Baptist Church when 250 gathered for worship. During Mr. Dixon's ministry close association was maintained with the Baptist folk . . . Among recent visitors was Mr. Chandrakant Borde who is vice-captain of the visiting Indian Test Cricket Team. He is the only Christian in the team and is a member of Christ Church, Poona . . . The ANSVAR colour film on Palestine "Cross-Roads of History" has been shown.

### RENEWAL OF MINISTRY

(Dulwich, S.A.). The minister, S. Neighbour, has accepted an invitation to continue at Dulwich until January, 1970. Expressions of appreciation of his work, and of gracious support by Mrs. Neighbour, were made . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson were guests at Christmas social when groceries for Prisoners' Aid Society were placed under Christmas tree. Mr. Mathieson adjudicated hilarious singing contest between men, women and young children—the children won! . . . Mr. Searle has been elected chairman of officers' board following desire of W. Allison to relinquish the position after long service . . . The Board has arranged suitable follow-up measures to recent stewardship campaign led by K. D. Horne . . . Miss Tuckwell has celebrated 97th birthday.

## THINGS TO COME

### NEW SOUTH WALES

- FEBRUARY:**  
 2—State C.W.F. Meeting — 11 a.m., City Temple, Sydney.  
 3—Opening of New Church Building — Dapto.  
 4—Opening of General-Purpose Manse Building—Orange.  
 10—Opening of New Church Building — Liverpool West.  
 17—Opening of New Church Building — Greenacre.  
 21—Opening Session, First Term, 1968, Woolwich Bible College (Open Day, Sat., March 2).

### VICTORIA

- FEBRUARY:**  
 5—Good Companions' Annual Dinner and Meeting.  
 11—ANNUAL OFFERING — ABORIGINES' MISSION DEPARTMENT.  
 17-18—C.E. Missionary Week-end and Annual Meeting.  
 21—College of the Bible resumes.  
 21—H.M. and Evangelism District Prayer Rallies.

### WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

### ASSOCIATE AT BLACKBURN

(Vic.). The Blackburn Church stepped out in a significant advance with the induction of Mr. F. Langford as Associate Minister on Dec. 17. Mr. Langford has resigned from full-time ministry through illness, but will be able to work very effectively in an associate capacity with A. F. Cant, the present Blackburn minister. The Induction Service was conducted by A. Cant, and the charge to Mr. Langford was presented by W. Jones, Elder and Chairman of the Board.

The work at Blackburn is at the beginning of a further surge of development, and Mr. Langford's assistance will be invaluable in pastoral oversight and the general programmes of the church. The active membership is 310, and communicants have averaged 210 over the past three months. The youth group will number over 120 in 1968, operating in three sections for some activities.

A minister's secretary is already employed part-time, and this will continue.

### CHANGE AT RED CLIFFS

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Marshall concluded their 4 years ministry on Jan. 7, and Mr. and Mrs. Cave begin on Feb. 4, 1968 . . . First "Temple Day" was an outstanding success—offering \$945 . . . A beautiful communion cloth and cover, presented by the C.W.A.F. Ladies (and crocheted by Mrs. Hamilton) was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Gray and Mrs. West, who were outstanding Christian workers . . . Mrs. Dixon is making good progress, but still in hospital, after serious car accident . . . A box of clothing was packed by C.W.A.F. for aborigines at Darenton. A box of Christmas gifts was forwarded from Red Cliffs B.S. to Carnarvon Aboriginal Mission . . . C.Y.F. held annual picnic at Nangloc.

### BRUCE ROBERTS MOVES

(Harlaxton, Qld). Fred. Winter has concluded interim ministry. Church appreciates help he has given. Bruce Roberts will commence a ministry on Feb. 4 . . . Construction of new manse is progressing favourably. Over twenty men shared in recent Saturday working bee . . . At end of year functions B.S. scholars gave gifts to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger for distribution to young people on Pentecost Island.

### FURTHER TERM ACCEPTED

(Albert Park, S.A.). The minister, R. R. Brand, has accepted a further term of three years commencing from Jan. 1969 . . . The church is making a spontaneous response to a family in desperate need . . . Young people under the leadership of 20-year-old sec. Michael Frost, give leadership to two senior tennis teams and four junior teams . . . The church has just completed an educational programme on the needs of Africa, Vietnam and India and to encourage people to give to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. A series of meals featured the above countries with speakers from these countries present

to tell about their country. The series was completed on Dec. 17 with Dr. Krifhan, an Indian and of the Hindu faith, speaking in the evening service. Several other Indians also shared in fellowship both at the tea and later in the service. \$78 has been received so far for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

### U.S. HONOURS AUSTRALIAN

Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter were honoured recently by Central Christian Church, Enid, Okla., U.S.A., when they were presented with honoured minister's pins, the gift of the Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ. Dr. Goulter has been a member of Central Church for 51 years. He came from Australia to attend Phillips University for Missionary Training. Ordained in 1919, he served in China as a Christian missionary for over 40 years. Mrs. Goulter shared her husband's missionary service.

O. J. Goulter was one of the first four young men baptised at Narrabri, N.S.W. by E. J. Waters.

### TO COMMENCE AT STAWELL

(Vic.) The Stawell Church in conjunction with the Dept. of H. M. & Evang. in Vic. and Tas. announces that K. Caulton, an exit student from the Woolwich Bible College, will commence a full time ministry with the Church on Feb. 25, 1968.

### W. J. O. TODD IN RETIREMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Orlando Todd write from England giving seasonal greetings to their many friends in Australia.

Mr. Todd has been forced into premature retirement. His health has not improved sufficiently since the bout of pneumonia hospitalised him about 16 months ago. He and his wife are now in a small flat, one of a group of four provided for retired ministers and missionaries.

The Todds are grateful for the many enquiries from friends in Australia asking about a possible return to this country. Unfortunately, this does not seem possible at present. The postal address of Mr. and Mrs. Todd is: Flat 1, Datchet House, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk, England.

### BAYSWATER FAREWELL

(Vic). At A. H. Coleman's final service there was a baptism. Afterwards, at a farewell evening, Mr Coleman accepted a wallet of notes and Mrs. Coleman and the three boys also received gifts. Daniel Hills led in singing and rendered a solo. The Colemans are commencing a ministry at Kalgoorlie, W.A. . . . The Dutch Choral Society, assisted by other churches, arranged Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of St. Stephen's Church of England . . . Friends gathered to meet Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whan prior to their departure for New Guinea . . . The Glen Singers entertained at the end of year C.W.F. meeting when Mrs. Coleman was presented with a recording by Geo. Beverly Shea.

## Wants and Needs . . .

One of the things that modern living does is to increase our wants at the expense of our needs. We see so many things that we would like to have, that we are often distracted from the things we need for life.

It is not surprising that we apply this principle to God as well. There is a very grave danger that we shall look for the kind of God we want rather than for the God we need. W. H. Auden, in a mischievous prayer, has described the kind of God wanted by the average man: "O God, put away justice and truth for we cannot understand them and do not want them. Eternity would bore us dreadfully. Leave thy heavens and come down to earth . . . become our uncle, look after baby, amuse grandfather, escort madam to the opera, help Willie with his homework, introduce Mabel to a handsome naval officer, be interesting and weak like us and we will love you as we love ourselves." (from "For the Time Being," Random House, 1944).

While many might want a God like that, he would be worthless. He would not inspire our adoration, love, and worship, and he would make no claim to our deeper loyalties. Yet it was this fact that so many people went along with such an idea of God that provoked J. B. Phillips to write his book: "Your God Is Too Small." With a stupid complacency they hold on to the God they want and ignore the God they need.

## Mail Drivers are Good Blokes!

The postal mail drivers who went on strike are surely no different from other people. In their interests and attitudes they doubtless represent a cross section of the whole community. They love their families, are kind to animals, and many of them will go to church.

It seems, too, that they have just cause for complaint. Other postal workers have received pay increases which have not yet been granted to drivers. The latter protested by "working to regulations," an exaggerated compliance with safety, security, and procedural rules which slowed down the movement of mails.

It may have been an unnecessary provocation to dismiss a mail driver who refused to shift a mail bag which had some minor defect, but within hours the union had been promised his reinstatement and also a speeded up hearing of the wage claims. This was as much as the union could expect from a major strike, and it was an act of irresponsibility on the part of the Federal Secretary of the Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union, Mr. Slater (acting independently of the Aust. Council of Trade Unions), to set impossible conditions for a resumption of work.

No government could have yielded to the union demands without giving a green light to every other union in the country to take direct action to gain its objectives. Mr. Slater warned the Government "not to use the big stick," but there is no bigger stick than the one he was wielding.

At the time of going to press, there seemed every possibility that a settlement was in sight. The terms had not been announced but it should ensure that the mails are set moving as quickly as possible, that there be no victimisation of the strikers or their replacements, that the relevant wage claims be heard promptly, and that the hundreds of people who responded to the Government's call for non-union labour are not unfairly treated. The objective should be to do what is right rather than to show who is strong.

P.S.: This issue of the "A.C." is almost certain to be late in reaching you.

### DEATH OF FORMER MISSIONARY

(The Patch, Vic.). The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Price (formerly Miss Vera Blake), who spent more than twenty years as a missionary with our churches in India. For the past two years Mrs. Price has lived at "Taingiel," the cottages built by The Patch church. The little group of friends who live there, together with all the members of the church, had come to love her dearly.

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### FOR NEW GUINEA SERVICE

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.) A Missionary evening was given to Miss Judy Simpson prior to her leaving for New Guinea. She was farewelled on Dec. 16 and a presentation was made to her . . . Recently a brother and sister were baptized.

### KOKODA TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

On Jan. 12, ninety-six men and women left Essendon Airport to serve with Australian Volunteers Abroad. 70 were for New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and the New Hebrides; 17 for Malaysia and Singapore, 3 for India, and 2 for Africa. They were mainly teachers and nurses, but there were also builders and farmers, and even a geologist.

The destination of two of them was St. Luke's Anglican Mission Hospital at Embl, Papua, near the top of the Kokoda Trail. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whyatt, of our Grote St. Church, Adelaide. Mrs. Whyatt (nee Alison

### S.S. TEACHER KILLED

(Hartwell, Vic.). Church sympathy is expressed to relatives of a Kindergarten teacher, Miss Janice Dunn, who was killed in a car accident on Christmas Day . . . The New Year opened with one young man making his confession . . . Minister has given addresses with particular relation to Christmas and New Year period, and is now preparing a special programme featuring "Outreach and Service." This will involve church and all auxiliaries.

### PROPERTIES CORPORATION (VIC.) APPOINTMENT

A. J. Emmett, secretary of Bayswater church and an accountant with the Gas and Fuel Corporation, Vic., will commence full time service as Executive Officer with the Properties Corporation on Feb. 1. The arrangement of using the professional services and office of A. J. Gairns in a part-time capacity has concluded and appreciation is expressed of Mr. Gairns' valued assistance and secretarial work over the past six months.

Miss Florrie Haines, former secretary, will continue to serve with the Corporation for a short period.

### TWO RETIRING B. & F. B. S.

#### LEADERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

(Vic.). Two well-known leaders of the B. & F. B. S. in Australia will appear together for the last time at a Bible Society function before their retirement after long distinguished service. This will be at the 128th Annual Public Demonstration of the Society at Kew City Hall on Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, at 7.45 p.m.

Rev. Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, M.B.E., Th.L., retiring Commonwealth Secretary will be guest speaker. Opportunity will be taken to farewell S. Russell Baker, Victorian General Secretary, who will soon retire after 25 years of service. The many friends of both men will want to attend to do them honour.

The musical contributions to the programme promise added inspiration. The Victorian Baptist Youth Fellowship Singers and Instrumentalists will perform with Bruce Adams as conductor, and the popular, distinguished Ken Smith, Holden Showcase finalist, will be guest trumpeter.

Hemer) is a double certificated nurse. Bruce is a laboratory technician at Flinders University. He will be engaged in maintenance work at the hospital where Alison will nurse for two years.

Miss Heather Stirling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling, of Canberra, is an occupational therapist. She will work for one year with the Cottage Industries Group attached to the Y.M.C.A. in Port Moresby. She will be doing remedial work with handicapped people.

The Australian Council of Churches is giving significant financial and other support for Australian Volunteers Abroad.

# CARING & CAMPING

## C.E. CARES

The Christmas invasion of our Aged People's Homes in Melbourne is no longer a surprise. C.E. has been doing it for some twenty years.

On Dec. 16, more than 50 Endeavourers visited Emmaus, Christian Guest Home and the Will H. Clay Hospital. Societies from North Williamstown, Reservoir and Ivanhoe provided musical items, assisted by the C.E. quartet. Others served refreshments.

Father Christmas (Wes Jenkins of Coburg) came too, of course. So did Mary Christmas (Ann Jenkins of Moreland). They had 240 gifts to distribute, all of them contributed by C.E. Societies in our Victorian churches.

The Matrons of the three Homes all agreed that they had been treated to a very wonderful time and that the old people would be talking about the day for weeks afterwards. What is more, they know that the Homes will be remembered not only at Christmas time next year but also during the year as well.

A colour movie has been prepared to publicize these treats, and is available to C.E. Societies or any other interested groups or persons. It would encourage others to minister in the name of Christ.

## BANKSIA CAMP

The relatively unspoiled shores of Lake Victoria, Gippsland, offer splendid facilities for swimming, boating and hiking. The 70 young people who camped there during Christmas week under the leadership of Frank Richards enjoyed these attractions to the full—as young people can!

But they did more than enjoy themselves. They shared an experience of Christian living. "Jesus Christ in Modern Society" was the challenging theme of the studies, based on episodes in Matthew's Gospel. The introductions and study notes by Ian Mullen, student of the College of the Bible, focused attention on the Biblical material. Groups then read various translations of the scripture passages and shared simply what these passages had said to them. In the light of what they had learned the young people finally sought to discover the answer of Jesus Christ to modern problems which they face in society.

Each camper worked on the property—a toilet block was almost completed and a long trench for electrical wiring was dug. Some of the campers volunteered to return during the Australia Day weekend to complete the project.

## TEENS AT HALL'S GAP

The Gramplans are still awe-inspiring even in the midst of drought. Fifty-five teenagers can tell you that after spending Christmas week there.

The team of leaders under Victor

Ryall had prepared thoroughly and the whole programme went with a swing. The campers took a frank look at "Understanding Ourselves," at what it means to be a Christian teenager. There were also three sessions of Creative Workshops. Some worked on improving the campsite and the outdoor chapel and in preparing the New Year's Eve programme; others prepared and conducted the services for Sunday morning, New Year's Eve and the closing of camp.

The spirit of this time together can be captured in the final prayer of camp:

"The end has come and soon we will be going our separate ways, to separate environments, Lord. We have learned to grow in height in so many ways in the last week together, and we want to take this back to our own clubs and to our own friends. Help us to take home the learning and experiences we have had at camp, to apply them to the routine of our daily lives and so help our friends to grow in height."

This camp not only took people into the heights—it had depth as well, real spiritual depth.

—K. R. Bowes.

## A NEW PROTEST

There are plenty of protest songs that protest against war, loneliness, affluence, suburbia, triviality and discrimination.

But surprisingly few protest against the biggest preventable injustice in the world—the fact that two-thirds of mankind is undernourished and one half of the world knows recurring hunger.

A young Sydney copy writer, Ross Meillon, is endeavouring to change this with a new folk piece, "I'm One Half of the World."

It is one of two songs of a new seven-inch 45 rpm disc released by Australian Inter-Church Aid, to which the proceeds will go.

The second song, which takes up the theme of man's spiritual hunger, is entitled "Two Men." It also was written by Ross Meillon.

The two numbers are performed by The Colonials, a young Sydney folk combo.

Copies of the record—cost \$1 each—can be obtained from Inter-Church Aid offices in all State capitals.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# INTERSTATE NEWS

## THE LORD'S GRAIN

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). Once again the church thanks J. D. Morris for the splendid contribution to the building fund of \$1841.20 being the result of wheat harvest from the church paddock on his farm . . . Noel Flint, of North Sydney, and Vic Quayle, of Sunshine, Vic., were recent speakers, and Miss Hazel Quayle was soloist.

## PRISONERS HELPED

(Beverley, S.A.). At the final Ladies' Guild meeting for year, goods were packed for Prisoners' Aid, Social Service Dept., and Moriaita Children's Home. The Christmas Bowl appeal was again supported by the S.S. and church. Bags were supplied to children and these were brought back containing Christmas gifts and placed at the Christmas Tree for others . . . The choir sang Cornish carols at a special service . . . Young people led pre-Christmas service.

## CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). The special Christmas service held on Dec. 24 was a candlelight service which was broadcast over Station 2KO, Newcastle . . . After a prolonged absence owing to illness which necessitated the amputation of his leg, W. Gillespie was welcomed back into church fellowship recently. Vic. Cockerill was also welcomed back after illness. Mrs. Parsons is hospitalised in Sydney.

## "GIFT" OF A BUS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The Christmas Day Service led by D. A. Oldfield featured duets by Mrs. Laidlaw and Mrs. Smith. "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering was received which is being set aside toward the purchase of a church bus. Total received so far is \$135.53 . . . A Watch Night Service was held on New Year's Eve and a Church Picnic was held on New Year's Day at Mona Vale in the afternoon. Tea at St. Ives Show-ground. At the After Church Fellowship on Jan. 7, I. Bentley was fared prior to him leaving for Malaysia. A travelling case was presented to him in appreciation of his service to the church as B.S. teacher, as Officer for a period and as church organist for over 7 years.

## Department of Social Service

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# COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

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Passes were secured in the following subjects:

Old Testament in English: A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, B. Heath, R. Holland, M. Humphries, G. Marsh, I. Mullen, B. Miller, D. Potter, D. Smith, K. Turtmann, G. Wilcott.

Old Testament Exegesis: A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, D. Good, R. Holland, G. Marsh, D. Smith, K. Turtmann, G. Wilcott.

New Testament Exegesis: A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, C. Clayden, B. Duff, D. Good, B. Heath, M. Humphries, G. Marsh, I. Mullen, B. Miller, D. Potter, D. Smith, K. Turtmann, G. Wilcott.

N.T. Greek I: H. Clark, R. Cook, K. Turtmann.

N.T. Greek II: M. Arnot, W. Thornton, R. Pfeifer.

Church History I: A. Baker, B. Beck, B. Heath, M. Humphries, D. Potter, D. Smith, G. Wilcott.

## WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. Newcombe, welcomed 98 ladies to the Christmas service. Special hymns were brought by guest singers The Gospel Trio. George Wood's challenging address "The Reality of Christmas" caused all to stop and consider.

Mrs. Newcombe expressed thanks and appreciation and prayed God's blessing upon Mrs. A. W. Morris, asst. sec., Mrs. C. Flood and Mrs. J. Toms as they leave W.A. to take up new responsibilities in South Aust.

After lunch a number of ladies went to the Leighton Ford Ladies' Pre-Crusade Conference at Perry Lakes.

Prayer cells for the Crusade continue to be active throughout the State.

The children and missionaries from the Carnarvon and Norseman Missions are in the metropolitan area for the Summer vacation. Many homes are open for hospitality. —Dora Gordon, secretary.

Church History II: G. Marsh, K. Turtmann.

Theology—Biblical and Historical: M. Arnot, E. Keating, W. Thornton, A. van Leen, R. Pfeifer.

Philosophy of Religion: M. Arnot, A. van Leen, R. Pfeifer.

World Religions: R. Cook, B. Duff, D. Good, K. Turtmann.

New Testament Backgrounds: M. Arnot, R. Cook, B. Duff, B. Heath, W. Thornton, K. Turtmann, A. van Leen, R. Pfeifer.

The following students completed the L. Th.: E. Keating, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton.

The following candidates secured passes in subjects in the Diploma of Religious Education: M. Arnot, A. Coleman, E. Keating, K. Maddern, R. Pfeifer, W. Thornton, A. van Leen.

The Diploma in Religious Education was completed by A. Coleman and K. Maddern.

—E. L. Williams, Principal

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN N.S.W.

State C.W.F. programme for 1967 closed with two special days: A fellowship Harbour Cruise enjoyed by 350 members and friends and a unique Christmas programme presented by North Turrumurra C.W.F. led by Mrs. Lorraine Hensby.

Mrs. Marjorie Elsmore, State President, presided at both gatherings and carried out a very full programme of seasonal functions, including Christmas meetings at Bowral, Penhurst, Bexley North C.W.F.'s, Social Service Dept. and Boys' Home; and attended the Civic Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell at Marrickville Town Hall, a Farewell to Mrs. Hart at Croydon and welcome to their new Matron.

Preparations are under way for State Conference and C.W.F. house party in March. Many C.W.F. members will be engaged in various preparations for the Graham Crusade in Sydney.

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# PERSONAL

## DISCIPLESHIP

Ray Morgan, Yap Hun Cheng, Malvern, Vic.  
 Kathy Steele, John Harris, Neville Clarke, Gregory Reed, Geoffrey Westmore, Trevor Parker, Box Hill, Vic.  
 Glen Davis, Hopeland, Qld.  
 Paul Rilstone, Berri, S.A.  
 Hazel Grosser, Robert Grosser, Gulgandra, N.S.W.  
 Elizabeth Wood, David Galloway, Mrs. M. Read, Miss V. Bartlett, Miss H. Esler, Yvonne Cavill, South Perth, W.A.  
 Barry Davis, Forestville, S.A.  
 Mrs. Denise Karlsen, Elizabeth Sheridan, Susan Page, Marlene Wiseman, Helbe Saarelaht, North Williamstown, Vic.  
 Rosslyn Batty, Christine Smith, Albert Park, S.A.  
 Elaine Davis, Bayswater, Vic.  
 John Smit, Harlaxton, Qld.  
 Margaret Storoschuk, Diana Spicer, Enid Bennett, Evelyn Hughes, Pam Jones, Dianne Hoffman, Mr. Arthur Collen, Beverley, S.A.  
 Adrian Bowen, Rodney Toms, Christina Golbioska, Subiaco, W.A.  
 Mrs. Kathy Smith, Dianne Price, Dandenong, Vic.  
 Barbara Horwood, Susan Horwood, Sunshine, Vic.

## MEMBERSHIP

Kingsley Bedwell, Marrickville, N.S.W., to Albion, Qld.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Redden from Gumeracha Baptist to Berri, S.A.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Beard, from Portland, to Hamilton, Vic.  
 Mrs. Barbara Morgan, from Brethren to Malvern, Vic.  
 Mrs. Broussard, from Wandin Baptist; Mrs. Watson, from Balwyn C. of C.; Mrs. Sutherland, from Balwyn Baptist, to Box Hill, Vic.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

M. D. Williams, Minister, Hampstead Gardens church, S.A., 4 Falcon Ave., Hampstead Gardens, S.A., 5086. Phone: 611664 (Adel.).  
 C. K. Miller, minister, Maryborough church, Vic., The Manse, 33 Wills St., Maryborough, Vic., 3465.  
 T. Lane, 31 Balwyn Rd., Canterbury, Vic., 3126. Phone: 83 1758 (Melb.).  
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 Mrs. Madigan, Ormond; T. Willis, Lygon Street, to East Beneleigh, Vic.

## MARRIAGES

Judith Head to William Flett, Hopeland, Qld.  
 Rhonda Mudford to Robert Whan, Gulgandra, N.S.W.  
 Rosemary Archer, Forestville, to Ian Gates, Brighton Gdns., S.A.  
 Lois Millard, to Laurie Davies, North Williamstown, Vic.  
 Pam Entwistle to Brian Williams; Jenny Hewett to Ronald Kroemer; Helen Treacy to Colin Jones, Hawthorn, S.A.  
 Jennifer Dixon to Kenneth Arthur Tregloan, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
 Lynette Venables to Russell Tippet; Marian Cameron to Alan Murphy, Red Cliffs, Vic.  
 Karyn Rae Naughton to Geoffrey Stephen Spears, Grote St., S.A.  
 Elisabeth Searle to Ray Ellard, Dulwich, S.A.  
 Anne Quayle to Dennis Skelton, Gulgandra, N.S.W.  
 Helen Madden to Graeme Slater, Invermay, Tas.

## DEATHS

Harold Bunting, Dulwich, S.A.  
 E. (Edwin) Ross Manning, Grote St., Adelaide, S.A.  
 Janice Dunn, Hartwell, Vic.  
 J. W. Lewis, Maylands, S.A.  
 G. McGlasson, Berri, S.A.  
 T. R. Elliott, South Perth, W.A.  
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## BIRTHS

DOLMAN (Notman).—To Marie and John, on January 16, 1968, at P.A.N.C.H., Vic., a son—Paul John. Both well.

FREEMAN (Squires).—On December 22, 1967, to Rosalea and Noel, 36 Westminster Drive, Avondale Heights, Vic., a daughter—Andrea Joy.

OTS (nee Barnett).—To Pat and Ed, at Adelaide, S.A., on December 31, 1967, God's gift of a son—David Christopher. Brother for Michael and Tania.

THOMAS (Gullidge).—To Malcolm and Beverly, God's gift of a daughter—Bronwyn Jane, born Jan. 1, at Box Hill Hospital. Both well. First grandchild to Rowland and Holley Thomas, Wangaratta.

## ENGAGEMENTS

MACVEAN-OLDFIELD. — It is with pleasure that the engagement is announced of Heather Louise, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. M. Macvean, of Burwood, and the late Mr. C. A. Macvean, to John Herbert, third son of Dr. G. H. Oldfield, of Portarlington, and stepson of Mrs. G. H. Oldfield.

STEWART-BOND.—Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Stewart, St. Mary's, S.A., with Pastor and Mrs. J. K. Bond, Nollamara, W.A., are delighted to announce the engagement of Judith and Ken. Isaiah 54: 13.

TIPPING-NEWHAM. — Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tipping, 22 Murphy-st., Richmond, announce with pleasure the engagement of their younger daughter, Marie, to Trevor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newham, 119 Coleman-pde., Glen Waverley.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

NEWHAM-ROWE. — The marriage of Netta and Gordon will take place at the Surrey Hills Church of Christ, Vic., at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 1968.

## IN MEMORIAM

GOLDSWORTHY. — Loving memories of our mother and father, Amelia, Jan. 2, 1954, and Reginald, Jan. 12, 1941. "Forever with the Lord."—Inserted by their sons and daughters.

JACKEL.—In fond and loving memory of Ivy, who entered the glory above January 28, 1967. ". . . the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive . . . shall be caught up . . . to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."—Inserted by Cecil, Graeme and Judy Jackel.

LAWRIE.—In loving memory of Donald, called home Jan. 3, 1967. "No one knows how much we miss you dear, but it is only 'till He come."—Your wife Marge, daughter Brenda, son-in-law Noel, grandchildren Peter and Kerry.

## APPRECIATION

PARK.—Mrs. Elsie G. Park, Hobart, Tasmania, wishes to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for the many kindnesses, floral tributes, letters, cards and personal expressions of sympathy received in the recent sad loss of her dearly loved husband.

## DEATHS

BOOTH.—On Dec. 27 (suddenly), Graham Cyril, of 5 Hillcroft St., Reservoir, beloved husband of Thelma, devoted father of Fay (Mrs. Wimpey); fond father-in-law of John. Late 57th-60th Australian Infantry Batt. "Nearer my God to Thee."

CAMERON.—On January 1, 1968, at Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospital, Vic., Alfred C. Cameron, Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, beloved husband of Doris, loving father of Cliff, Ron, Ian (Lane Cove, N.S.W.), and Betty (Mrs. Barlow, Birchip); father-in-law of Dorothy, Sylvia, Peg and Ken, and grandfather of Barbara, Neil, Christine, Fiona, Heather, Scott, Terri, Ricky and Linda. "Peacefully Sleeping."

LEWIS. — On December 20 (suddenly), James William, 38 Devitt Ave., Payneham South, S.A., loved husband of Beryl; loving father of Graeme, Lorraine, Ian, Ken, Janette and Robert; loving father-in-law of Lorraine, Peter, Lyne and Lyn; loving grandpa of Carolyn. Aged 56 years.

LEWIS.—On December 20, 1967, James William, minister Maylands Church of Christ, S.A., elder son of the late Arthur Ernest and Alice Oke (Cheltenham, Vic.), loved brother of Olive (Mrs. Drummy, Croydon, Vic.), Jean (Mrs. Nisbet, Brighton, Vic.), Edward (Ted.) Bayswater, Vic., and Eric (Brighton, Vic.). "In God's Care."

LEWIS.—On December 20, James William, loving son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Freemantle, loving brother-in-law of Isabell and Edwin, Raymond and Lexie, and dear Uncle of Lauris, Carleen and Garry.

MANNING.—On December 31 at Alfred Hospital, William Henry, dearly loved husband of Irene Louisa, devoted father of Walter (dec.), Graeme and Margaret (Mrs. Hurren); loved father-in-law of Valda and Max; dearly loved grandpa of Debra, Peter, Jeffrey (dec.), John and Jan. "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

WATSON.—On Dec. 15, 1967, at Mentone, Ada May, late of Chelsea and West Preston, wife of the late Ernest Edward, loving mother of Ted (dec.), Cecil, Bert, Elva (Mrs. Barnden) and Alan. Aged 91 years. "The Long Day Closes."

WATSON.—On Dec. 15, 1967, Ada May, loving mother of Ted (dec.), and Jessie (dec.), loved grandmother of Lorraine and Alan, great grandmother of Kathryn, John and Meredith.

WATSON.—On Dec. 15, 1967, Ada May, loving mother of Cecil and Lillah (Adelaide), loved grandmother of Kenneth and Lorraine (Whyalla), great-grandmother of Rowland, Craig and Bruce.

WATSON.—On Dec. 15, 1967, Ada May, loving mother of Elva and Howard, loved grandmother of Helen (dec.), and Ross.

WATSON. — On Dec. 15 at Mentone, Ada May, dearly loved mother of Bert, mother-in-law of Merle, grandmother of Beverley (Mrs. Reichl), Peggy (Mrs. Jones), Richard and Geoffrey, great-grandmother of Elisabeth, Kristine and Andrea. "In God's Loving Care."

WATSON. — 19 Cross-st., Chelsea, formerly of West Preston. On December 15, 1967 Ada May loved mother of Alan and Eleanor dear grandma of Eleanor Glenys. Aged 91 years. "Precious Memories."

WATSON, Ada May.—Dearly loved grandmother of Kenneth and Lorraine Watson; great-grandma of Rowland, Craig and Bruce, Whyalla, S.A. Cherished memories of a wonderful "Grandmother." Age 91 years.

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# MISSIONARY

## M.B.E.!

Dorothy M. Smith, returned missionary from the New Hebrides, was made a Member of the British Empire in the Queen's New Year Honours list. As the award was in appreciation of her services to the people of the New Hebrides, the announcement was not included among the awards listed in Australian newspapers.

Mrs. Smith, however, regards the honour as a recognition of the worth of missionary service and a tribute to Christian missions.

Before going to the New Hebrides, Dorothy was a member of the Stawell church and during her nursing training and afterwards she was associated with the churches at Swanston St., Warra-gul, Cheltenham and Richmond.

When Jack and Dorothy Smith reached Pentecost Island they found that there was only the nucleus of a church carried on by a few faithful members led by Abel Tabymal. There was no medical care and many women were dying in childbirth. The pathetic condition of these women made a profound impression on the missionaries.

When the Smiths returned to Melbourne last year they left behind them a well-equipped hospital, with an efficient staff of eleven workers led by a



Mrs. DOROTHY SMITH

trained doctor. This was a far cry from the night of the hurricane when Dorothy Smith delivered a baby as bits of the leaf roof dropped on mother and nurse. When there was a brief lull in the storm, the hammer of Jack Smith could be heard making dangerous roof repairs.

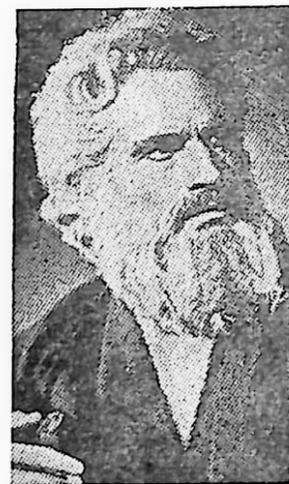
The missionaries struggled against ignorance, poverty, disease and misery, but gradually they won through. When the U.N. World Health Organisation surveyed the area, they were absolutely astonished at the change that had taken place within a few short years. Death

at childbirth and most of the health hazards of childhood had been almost completely eliminated.

The British Government became aware of the work of Dorothy Smith when it launched a programme of training for medical dressers and for public health. The Government turned for help to voluntary agencies such as missions. Mrs. Smith became deeply involved in this programme which gave instruction in personal hygiene and public sanitation as well as surgical dressing tuition.

Mrs. Smith feels that the most significant change that has taken place during her years in the Islands is the change in the status of women. When she began her mission work, women were treated as chattels, living in utter degradation, sold to men as wives, and depressed by their hopeless future. (This was the subject of one of the first items written by Dorothy Smith for "The Australian Christian"). The missionaries have helped to change all this. Women now have a new standing and a new dignity. They take an active part in church and community affairs, and they will play an increasingly active and independent part in the development of their society. They share in Women's World Day of Prayer services, and have their own C.W.F. organisation.

This M.B.E. is a well-deserved honour, but Dorothy Smith is far more interested in the work still being done for Christ in the New Hebrides than she is in being applauded for the past. We applaud her, though, and salute the mission team of which she and her husband were members.



CHARLTON HESTON

as Moses

# 10 C O M M A N D M E N T S

Cecil B. DeMille's production "The Ten Commandments" has been re-released at the Barclay Theatre, Russell Street, Melbourne, as a holiday attraction.

The key roles of Moses and his royal opponent Rameses II went, respectively, to Charlton Heston and Yul Brynner; to Heston for the qualities of sincerity and spirituality DeMille saw in him, for his proven dramatic ability and because he had the enormous physical stamina required of an actor who actually had to follow in Moses' footsteps through the deserts of the Sinai Peninsula and along the sun-broiled slopes of Mount Sinai; and to Brynner for his natural aura of power and strong physical appeal.

The complicated role of the seductive Throne Princess Nefretiri, who loves Moses but when rejected turns against him, went to one of the screen's top dramatic actresses, Anne Baxter; Edward G. Robinson is Dathan, the traitorous slave overseer; Yvonne De Carlo is Sephora, Moses' faithful wife; Debra Paget is the gentle water girl, Lillia; and John Derek portrays Joshua, Moses' trusted lieutenant throughout the Exodus.

Others in the cast are Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Nina Foch, Martha Scott, Judith Anderson and Vincent Price.

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## ASSISTANCE FOR 'QUAKE VICTIMS

(Belgrade). An appeal for \$30,000 to buy winterised tents for families made homeless by the recent Yugoslav earthquake has been made by the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-church Aid, Refugee, and World Service. An immediate payment of \$10,000 was advanced to the Yugoslav Red Cross in the confidence that the full sum will be subscribed by the Division's inter-related agencies.

Even before the appeal went out, the churches in Germany, through the "Bread for the World" campaign, had drawn from their emergency stocks and sent by train to Yugoslavia 300 tents, 1,800 blankets, 1,800 sheets, 1,900 towels, 1,800 cots, and five tons of clothing.

Cash given in response to DICARWS's appeal will be used by the Yugoslav Red Cross to buy tents large enough to shelter seven to eight persons; these are available in Yugoslavia at about \$70 each.

It will not be possible to rebuild the damaged area until after the winter. However, the government has indicated it hopes to handle this job without outside help.

Although the casualty roll had been mercifully light, the number of homeless appeared to be considerably greater than had at first been thought. This was because the mountain villages were often cut off by deep snow and messages had to be sent by horseback.

Seventy-one villages with a population of 50,000 had been affected instead of the 39 villages (18,000 inhabitants) originally reported. More than 60 per cent of the houses were believed to be wrecked or badly damaged.

In Debar, largest town in the area, the weather was bitterly cold with some snow. In one damaged house 18 people were sleeping and cooking in one room. One small tent had 17 people and their cooking stove; another larger tent sheltered eight families—41 men, women and children. Most families were cooking out of doors.

Since the earthquake, five days earlier, three children were reported to have died from exposure. Priority was therefore given to shelters which would enable the homeless to survive the winter. Meanwhile, about 500 mothers and babies had been evacuated to Red Cross holiday camps in the neighbourhood.—E.P.S.

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## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Margaret Tirrell

The Church at Semaphore, S.A. has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Margaret Tirrell on Jan. 3. Although she had not enjoyed good health for several years, Mrs. Tirrell had been one of Semaphore's most loyal members, rarely missing a service, until failing health made this impossible about 12 months ago. Since then she has been in hospital several times, and of recent months she had been living happily in Wesley House. Failing health made hospital treatment necessary about a fortnight ago, but she did not respond to treatment. Originally Mrs. Tirrell came from Broken Hill, where Mr. Tirrell was a miner. They settled in the Semaphore district over 50 years ago. Mr. Tirrell died some years ago. Mrs. Tirrell's life was well lived, and many, not only in the Semaphore church, but on our mission fields far from these shores, will cherish her memory. Her support of the church, her faithfulness and interest in the wider work of the Kingdom of God, remains a challenge and inspiration to us all. For a number of years she was hospital visitor on behalf of Women's work in S.A. She was a willing worker in the Women's Fellowship and in her younger days was caretaker of the church. She was vitally interested in young people and was Cradle Roll Supt. at Semaphore for a long period. S. E. Matthews, former minister of the Semaphore Church, together with F. B. Burt, conducted a service in the church before the burial service at the Cheltenham Cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to her daughters, Mrs. G. A. Bywaters and Mrs. M. Fee and their respective families.

### Mrs. Mary Harris

Mrs. Harris died on Dec. 10, aged 83, at Aldersgate, Felixstowe, S.A. As Mary Freeman at Kapunda, S.A., she was committed to Christ and very active in C.E. She moved to Balaclava eventually met and married Wilf Harris, also very active in C.E. Their early married life was in membership in Balaclava Church of Christ. Mr. Harris was in the Postal Department. He was transferred to charge of Goolwa P.O. in 1915 where they remained until retirement in 1947. Until their two sons moved to Adelaide for employment the whole family was in membership at Goolwa Church. Mrs. and Mr. Harris continued

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in membership at Goolwa for over 40 years. Mrs. Harris was a very active member and especially dedicated to hospitality, and possibly all S.A. ministers received hospitality in the Harris home. The church was deeply indebted to them for their dedicated Christian hospitality. Failing health eventually caused Mr. and Mrs. Harris to enter Aldersgate Home. Two years ago Mrs. Harris suffered a stroke which impaired her health considerably. Because of failing eyesight Mrs. Harris years ago started to memorise many hymns in event of lost sight, so she could still sing her favourite hymns word perfect from memory. Toward the close of her loyal Christian life, this she was able to do. Mr. Harris was ever at her side to help her in her weakness. Also her two sons, Stan Neighbour conducted the funeral service having known the family well in his boyhood life in Goolwa Church. Four representatives of original families of Goolwa Church in 1915, the year Mrs. Harris arrived in Goolwa with her husband and son, were able to travel from Goolwa to be present with the family and friends of Mr. Harris at the services. To Mr. Harris, Charles and Jeff with their families the Church offers sincere Christian sympathy.—A. Neighbour.

### Mrs. Norma Harris

The Epping Church mourns the sudden and unexpected passing of one of its keenest members, Mrs. Harris. She was born Norma Hodgson, 48 years ago in Newcastle. When she was 10 years old, her family moved to Sydney where her church home became Rockdale. The Lord's church became the centre of her whole life and interests. At 17 years of age she was immersed at the Rockdale Church by the late H. Priestly; and she proved a most ardent and conscientious disciple. In 1946 she was united to her husband Doug in marriage at Rockdale by the late G. Burns, and together they gave their home in Christian service. The Lord blessed their household with two very fine boys, Kevin and Paul. Following the death of her father, they moved to North Ryde, making also a home with them for her mother Mrs. Hodgson; and together they became wholeheartedly involved in the life and work of Epping Church where they have faithfully served for 9 years. Prior to marriage, she was a Bible School teacher, and for a term of 8 years was Kindergarten Superintendent at Rockdale. On coming to Epping, she soon became involved in similar outlets and before long became Superintendent of the Primary. Nobody ever put more energy into teaching than she did and her pupils became very attached and devoted to her. No one will ever forget the special programmes for Anniversary and Mothers' Day, etc., for which she seemed to have a special gift in preparing. In the absence of the writer overseas, Jim Henderson, a life-long friend, ministered in the hour of bereavement and conducted the funeral services. He was a tower of strength to those bereaved. Many remarked on the inspiration of the service. Epping church prayerfully upholds husband, sons and mother as they mourn the loss of one so dear.—H. M. Long.

## INTERSTATE NEWS

### BAPTISM AT BERRI

(S.A.) A young lad was recently baptized and received into fellowship . . . Recent Talent Quest Social raised \$35 . . . The Temple Day offering realized \$149 . . . The church expresses sympathy to Mrs. G. McGlasson in the passing of her husband.

### SOUTH PERTH IS 20

(W.A.). The 20th Anniversary featured a guest service when 311 packed all space available. Mr. Wood's theme was "Here We Stand." A visiting group, "The Gospel Trio," assisted. At an After Church Fellowship slides and movies of building and other activities were presented by a foundation member, W. Cooper. A cake with 20 candles graced the supper. The year's additions totalled 60. Losses were 42, nett gain 18. Present active membership 271 . . . At the final 1967 Youth Service 8 young people responded to the invitation.

### MEMORIAL WINDOW

(Bendigo, Vic.). A solemn and beautiful service was conducted by the minister, Roland Pritchard, on Christmas Eve to dedicate the attractive window to the memory of David Langley who died in a tragic motor accident just two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Langley and family chose the design symbols of the Cross, and flowers with butterflies to point to salvation, resurrection, and eternal life.

The inscription tablet reads: "In loving memory of David Malcolm Langley, called to higher service Dec. 24th, 1965. Aged 20 yrs." This window is first on the left in the new foyer.

### VISITOR FROM S.A.

(Berwick, Vic.). N. Gavros, minister of Forestville, S.A., was evening speaker on Jan. 7. The Gavros family also gave choral items . . . Holiday visitors have attended services . . . B. Goldsteen is minister.

### VICTORIAN MINISTERS

Victorian Ministers' Association will be holding the first meeting for the year on Monday, Feb. 12 at 10.30 a.m. at the Brotherhood Centre. (Note change of date). Speaker: Mr. M. Savage, "Union in New Zealand." This year's seminar will precede the Annual Conference and will be held from Wed., April 17 to Sat., April 20, 1968. The change of date was made necessary because of the change in the conference procedure this year.

### THREE NINETIES!

(Forestville, S.A.). Mrs. J. Train (97), Mr. W. James (95) and Mr. Rose (90) celebrated birthdays recently . . . The Christmas Morning Service included an offering for the Christmas Bowl of \$312 . . . Flood lights on tennis courts officially opened with an evening of social tennis for most church members . . . At Y.P.S.C.E., Pam Bell and Helen Paech gave talks on drug addiction . . . C.W.F. has \$165 in hand for B. & F.B. Society. Bibles for Burma . . . Manse debt has now been liquidated . . . Mrs. Skinner is in hospital for operation.

### WITH VOLUNTEERS ABROAD

(Grote st., Adelaide). Bruce and Allison Whyatt have been farewelled as they go for two years' voluntary service at Anglican Mission Leprosarium in New Guinea through Australian Volunteers Abroad. Church and School made presentations . . . Choir under leadership of Will Watson gave excellent presentation of extracts of "Night of Miracle" on Dec. 17. Young People closed the year by visiting shut-ins, singing carols and distributing Christmas cheer . . . The minister, R. Greenhalgh, resumed after four weeks absence through sickness . . . Christmas parcels were sent to Dennis at Norseman and Ezards at Ukarumpa, New Guinea . . . Church welcomed home Mrs. Brealey and Mr. and Mrs. Packer, after world tours . . . Organist Lawrence Hughes is convalescing splendidly after major operation.

### FURTHER CONFESSIONS

(Box Hill, Vic.). Four young people made the good confession and eighteen have been received into Church membership . . . The cantata "The Quest of the Magi" was delightfully rendered by the choir under the leadership of Mr. Hammond . . . L. S. Dewberry will conclude a six-year ministry at end of February, 1969 . . . John Muller, Brian Reed, Julie Wilson, Lorraine Farmer, John Hartigan and David Clark gained splendid results at end-of-year exams. Diane Marchant won the W.C.T.U. Temperance Scholarship . . . The combined Church of Christ-Baptist Christmas Day service was well attended at the Baptist Church. Young people from all Box Hill churches joined in carol singing from a "round-Box-Hill" truck to cheer elderly and "shut-in" folk, many young folk joined with older folk in distribution of Christmas gifts and flowers to Homes and Hospitals . . . June Ferris, primary pianist for the last six years, was farewelled prior to her trip overseas . . . Mrs. Young was welcomed back after recent illness.

### SENIOR CITIZENS ENTERTAINED

(Subiaco, W.A.). The Youth Fellowship gave a "Young in Heart" concert night for the Senior Citizens of Subiaco and church flat dwellers. Supper was preceded by the cutting of a 12 lb. Christmas cake by Mrs. O'Neil honoured as our oldest church member present . . . The young people have raised well above their target this year for their project . . . The Christmas service was preceded by a Girls' Brigade basket tea and church parade—two brigaders from Singapore were guests. Girls participated in the service and special music was given by the choir . . . Mrs. June Toms and Mr. and Mrs. G. Skilling were farewelled . . . Miss Barbara Johnstone (G.L.B. captain) and Miss Jenny Carter attended the "Pacific Fellowship Training Camp" at Coolum Beach, Qld. in Jan. Over 200 girls will be attending this camp for the first time such a venture has been attempted.

## OBITUARY

### E. (Edwin) Ross Manning

The Grote st. Church has been saddened and weakened by the death of E. Ross Manning at the age of 88. He passed away in his sleep at the Adelaide Hospital on Dec. 12, and was buried at Mitcham Cemetery. Mr. Manning had been in membership at Grote st. for 75 years. He joined Unley Church in 1890 and transferred to Grote st. in 1892. He became B.S. Secretary in 1898 and Supt. in 1904 and served in this capacity for 33 years. He was appointed a deacon in 1902 and continued as deacon and elder to 1944, resigning through ill health. He served the Brotherhood as Conference President 1941-42. He also served as a planned speaker for many churches. He represented the Brotherhood on the B. & F.B. Society. Mr. Manning was a great encourager. He encouraged by being constant in attendance at as many meetings as possible, even making excuses for attending. He encouraged by speaking to as many members and visitors as possible at the services. For years he paid for the postage for sending the church paper to isolated members. His mind and memory were keen to the last. He was a storehouse of missionary and brotherhood information. He was able to give the names and location of missionaries and his missionary interests were very wide. His prayers were an inspiration and he was constant at the weekly prayer meeting. He delighted for Missionary Fellowship meetings to be held in his home. He was unselfish in his pastoral demands always telling the preacher not to bother about him as there were others more important. He has left us a great example of deep faith, constancy, conviction and dedication to the Lord. A brotherhood gathering, with representatives of the B. & F.B. Soc. and the Parkside Bowls Club were present at the service in the Grote st. Church which the writer conducted. Stan Neighbour, Conference President, led in prayer and read the 27th Psalm. Albert Anderson gave a personal appreciation. The sympathy of the Church is expressed to daughters Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Neulling and to sons Ross, Frank and Ralph and to all the family circle. Grote st. members mourn a great Christian.—R. Greenhalgh.

### Mrs. Ada May Watson

Mrs. Ada Watson died on Dec. 15 at the age of 91 years. The wife of Ernest Watson, who predeceased her in 1948, Mrs. Watson first belonged to the church at Brunswick (Vic.), then for a time was with the Baptists in Northcote, living as she did at this time in Croxton. Then followed a long and serviceable membership in the Moreland church. It was here that her children, Ted (deceased, 1957), Cecil (minister with I.T.I.M. South Australia), Bert, Elva (Mrs. Barnden), and Alan were baptised. From Moreland Mrs. Watson moved to West Preston, where her membership was for some twenty-five years. Three of her sons

have given service according to their gifts in this church. Mrs. Watson was a kindly woman, practical, and very just. She ministered quietly in the churches, with her husband a singer of note. In her advanced years she lived with and had the care of her daughter, Mrs. Barnden, first at Mansfield and then at Chelsea. Several churches were represented by their ministers at the funeral services, their presence testifying to the faith and hope in the life of another who has fallen on sleep.—A. B. W.

### David Dallinger

An historic link with the past was broken in the latter part of 1967 when David Dallinger died at the age of 86 years. Mr. Dallinger was for many

years a member of the Ma Ma Creek Church, Qld., and later when he came to reside in Gatten became a foundation member of that new work. He occupied a very wonderful place of service for his Lord over many years and was held in deep respect and love in the hearts of the many who knew him. His last years were spent in the Aged People's Home, "Mylo House," Toowoomba. His funeral service was conducted at the Gatten chapel by Maurie Pleper with V. G. Bøtcher presenting the eulogy and preaching the message that Mr. Dallinger loved so well. He is survived by eleven children, Edward, Norman, Benjamin, Christian, Victor, Esther (Mrs. J. Woolf), Sylvia (Mrs. M. Tallier), Grace (Mrs. J. E. Strong), David, Andrew, and Jean (Mrs. T. Lowe).

## JAMES W. LEWIS

Death came suddenly to Jim Lewis on Dec. 20. He was in his study in conversation with a young man when he collapsed and passed away a few hours later. For 31 years he had given himself to the work of the ministry. His early years were spent in the Baptist Church at Ascot Vale where his family worshipped. Later, they moved to Cheltenham and became associated with our people there. Jim was chiefly influenced by the ministries of Dan Wakely and Allen Brooke. He entered the College of the Bible in 1933. Upon graduation he ministered at Dandenong. Later ministries in Victoria were with Mildura, Shepparton, Albury and Oakleigh. In 1959 he commenced a seven year ministry with the Church at Brooklyn Park in South Australia, and for the past two years has served the church at Maylands. There are people in all of these centres, both inside the fellowship of the church, and outside it, who will say, "He was my friend, faithful and just to me." His chief concern in life was for people. They were attracted to him because of his gracious and sincere attitude to them. Wherever there was a need, Jim was there, and there quickly. To stand with him at the door of the church at the close of a service while he met his people, and to listen to his comments and inquiries, revealed that he knew his people, and was deeply concerned for them. His life revolved around his home, the Church, and people, because this is how he saw the ministry Christ had given to him. He loved the brotherhood, and was vice-chairman of the Home Mission Department and a member of the Minister Placement and Advisory Committee. He was intensely interested in Christian unity. Only recently he attended the Ecumenical Seminar conducted by Dean Mathews. To Mrs. Lewis (formerly Miss Beryl Freemantle), Lorraine (in England), Graham, Ken, Ian, Janet and Robert we extend our deep sympathy. The services at the Maylands Church, which building was not large enough to accommodate the people, and at the Crematorium, were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Conference President, S. Neighbour, and K. D. Horne. In a letter written by Rev. S.

M. Munn, the Secretary of the Eastern District Ministers' Fraternal, to Mrs. Lewis, this tribute was paid: "It was a real joy to us Ministers to have shared fellowship and service with Jim in the Fraternal. His was a radiant faith expressed not only in his face but in his gracious and affectionate dealings with others. It was a great inspiration to have his bright and thoughtful leadership as President during last year. I am sure that some of his fervent desire for Christian unity, for deeper understanding of the Christian faith and fuller involvement of the Church in the world, has rubbed off on to us all. We thank God for his life here." On Christmas morning, a combined service of our people and the Maylands Methodist Church, had been planned for the Methodist building, with Mr. Lewis as the speaker. The service was led by Hon. Norman Makin, during which he made the following statement: "Our joys on this occasion are mingled with sadness, although, not as people without hope. The late Pastor Lewis, who was to have ministered to us at this Divine service, has been called to higher duties in the life eternal. On behalf of the minister of this church (absent through illness) here at Maylands. Officers and congregation, there is extended to our dear kinsfolk in Christ of the Maylands Church of Christ, our prayerful sympathy and understanding of their great loss of a beloved Pastor of supreme personal qualifications, and gifted in the high service of the Christian ministry. He was richly endowed with spiritual grace, which was manifested in all his associations with people. He was, truly, in principle and purpose, a man of God. To you dear folk of the Church of Christ, and especially to Mrs. Lewis and family, you may be sure that the people of this church surround you with their prayers for Divine comfort and sustaining grace." At 56 years of age Jim had burnt himself out in tireless service for Christ. We valued our association with him, and look forward to the day when we meet again in the realm of fadeless day.—I. J. Chivell.

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## VICTORIA

### VIC-TAS. C.W.F. AT NIGHT

(Melb.) The first C.W.F. Council Meeting for 1968 will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Brian Walsh, Secretary of the Victorian Inter-Church Aid Committee.

### HAMPER FOR MIGRANTS

(Ashburton, Vic.) A Christmas hamper and clothing for their migrant family was provided by C.W.F. . . . Good Companions went street carolling for Christmas Bowl Appeal and B.S. scholars brought filled stockings for this appeal to the Church Carol Service . . . Christmas Barbecue for whole church interested many B.S. parents and at this function opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Explorer Leader G. Pfeifer, who is to be married . . . Visiting speakers have been: Conf. Pres., Mr. G. Gilmour, and former ministers, P. Andrews and R. N. Gilmore . . . Two families welcomed into Fellowship — the Senaris family from Ceylon and the Buchanan family from Houston, Texas.

### STRONG COMPANIONS

(Parkdale, Vic.) Their leader, Gwenda Mathieson, having resigned, ten girls from the Imes st. Good Companions, have transferred to the Como Parade Club. This places 53 girls under the leadership of Mrs. Geoff. House . . . Six local members volunteered to speak at services during the holiday period . . . B. Crowden is minister.

### CHANGES AT MITCHAM

(Vic.) The church acknowledges the services of W. Sims and W. Hurren who have retired from the Board after a number of years service, also B. Coleman who has been S.S. Supt. for two years. F. Tilley is new Chairman of Board, N. Staley, treasurer, E. D. Wilkins S.S. Supt. . . . \$80 was contributed to the church's "living link" since this voluntary giving began in July . . . Combined Christmas Day Service with Mitcham Baptists was held in our Chapel. The Christmas Bowl offering was \$70 . . . C.Y.F. had an active year under leadership of Jan and John Gerrard, who are leading the young people at Halls Gap with Mr. and Mrs. Heard.

### BUSH CHRISTMAS

(Stawell, Vic.) The Stawell Church once again held a successful church picnic at Halls Gap camp site, with Father Christmas paying a visit. Most of the youth spent the afternoon swimming in Lake Bellfield . . . A farewell hour was held to say goodbye to Graham Marsh, our student preacher for the past two years, also to Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Mason and family who are transferred to Oakleigh Technical School for 1968.

### BELGRAVE HEIGHTS ON AIR

On Feb. 4 a typical Convention service will be broadcast at 11 a.m. on national radio stations. The preacher will be the Rev. Geo. Duncan, a Presbyterian minister from Glasgow, Scotland.

The Victorian Convention is an Inter-denominations group representing all Protestant denominations and is held twice yearly — Easter and Christmas. This year, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary, the Convention theme is "All one in Christ Jesus."

### VISITORS TO ROBINVALE

(Vic.) The church welcomed D. H. Smith, Dept. of H.M. & Evang., when he showed slides and gave information of the overall work . . . Special end of year services held for High and Consolidated Schools in the Anglican Church. Each year, different church will be venue for these services. Local ministers shared responsibilities for services . . . Good Companions and Explorers ended 1967 with a party at the home of Mrs. J. Mannix and C.Y.F. enjoyed a Christmas Treat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Staley, Wemen. C.E. & Prayer Meeting shared in final meeting for '67 with topic "Is Jesus—God?" . . . A Combined Christmas Day service was held in our chapel with F. A. McGregor as guest speaker . . . John Harrison shared with slides and interview his experiences in N.G. with the C.E.-C.Y.F. Work Camp . . . a tape from Earle Chislett also played. John brought with him his wife of one week, Colleen.

### VAL. WOFF LEADS CAROLS

(Malvern, Vic.) "Carols on the Lawn" were featured outside the church under the leadership of Val. Woff. Mr. Robertson and Miss Barnard assisted with solos . . . In spite of losses in S.S. staff, God has opened up the way by providing others to replace them.

### FIVE BAPTISMS

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.) Four Intermediate girls and one married lady were baptised and a married couple confessed their faith . . . The Intermediate girls of B.S. presented a Christmas play. They were led by Mrs. V. Harris. Presentations were made to Mrs. Harris who is going to Switzerland, and to Mr. and Mrs. Welden for their services to the church school . . . Prior to Christmas a nativity scene and Christmas Tree were arranged in the Kinder. room. These were illuminated at night and tape recordings of carols were played. The public was invited to leave presents for needy families in the district and for the Melbourne City Mission.

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### INDEPENDENT CONGO CHURCH

The Congolese Government confiscated missionary two-way radios during the recent rebellion, but returned those of the Church of Christ in Congo (Disciples) when told the church was not a foreign mission.

Jean B. Bokeleale, general secretary of the Disciples, protested to the Democratic Republic of Congo that his church was completely independent and owned its own property.

He said the government was "amazed" and promptly returned the radios which the church uses to contact stations in the interior.

### GIDEONS SET RECORD

Five million Bibles and New Testaments were distributed by Gideons International in 1966. A special project for 25,000 Gideons in 76 countries is the supply of 80,000 New Testaments for African school children.

### LOWER AGE FOR MARRIAGE

(London). The Church of England favors a reduction of the age at which young people might marry without their parents' consent from 21 to 18.

Dr. Ronald Williams, chairman of the Church Assembly's Board for Social Responsibility, said evidence showed that the parental veto was not working any more, and in an enormous number of cases was not exercised at all. During 1965, 40 per cent of the brides in this country had been under 21.

The bishop tended to stress not so much the earlier maturity of young peo-

The government also, during the emergency, took over operation of all private airplanes, most of them owned by foreign missions or companies, but permitted the Congo Disciples to keep theirs, Bokeleale said.

The Disciples' United Christian Missionary Society in America granted autonomy to the Congo church several years ago.

Missionaries still are sent from the United States, but only on request of the independent church. They serve under its direction, mostly lending technical assistance in medicine, education, administration and churchmanship.

ple, but the completely changed social patterns in the country. In cases where parental permission was refused, he said, young couples frequently lived together, although not married.—E.P.S.

### RISE IN USE OF DRUGS

(Winchester, Massachusetts). Expressing alarm at the "frightening" growth in the use of narcotics among youth in this affluent suburb of Boston, two Catholic priests and five Protestant clergymen have called on parents and police to join in combatting the menace.

The clergymen, members of the year-old Winchester Ecumenical Association, quoted Police Chief Joseph J. Derro as saying drug usage has increased sharply during the past year. Winchester has had 28 teenage runaways during the year, 21 of whom were involved with drugs. The smoking of marijuana is the town's major problem.—E.P.S.

### GRAHAM CRUSADE, N.S.W.

Preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade in N.S.W. are well ahead of schedule. K. E. Crawford (H. M. and Evang.), B. Armstrong (D.C.E.), P. H. Morton (Conf. Pres.), and Harold M. Long (Pres.-Elect), are serving as Churches of Christ representatives on various committees. Local suburban churches have screened Billy Graham films. Also, District "Half-Nights" of Prayer have proved stimulating.



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

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.** From China, Miss Tonkin has asked support for orphan girls at \$10 per annum for six years. One of the girls has been allotted to Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, Ouyen, Vic.

**BOOK REVIEW.** In Chaplain A. H. Gray's book "As Tommy Sees Us," the author says that the church has never been anything but a small set or clique inside the nation. It has never attracted or gripped the masses of the people. For this he gives two reasons. First, the absence of kindness and brotherliness inside each congregation and a lack of general comradeship. Second, the church has never really cared for the mass of the people, nor tried to understand their struggles or life."

**QUOTE:** "A good library should be looked upon as an indispensable part of church furniture."—C. H. Spurgeon.

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"I find almost without exception the member who understands our position is a reader of The Australian Christian."—W. G. Oram.

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## PLAYING



## SECOND FIDDLE

I do not know to whom I am indebted for the title of this article or for the suggestions which are contained in it, but somewhere I read an essay on this theme and the message has remained with me ever since. Just where the writer's ideas begin and where mine come in is beyond the reaches of my mind to discover, for after all, we are debtors to each other for so much in life's big programme. Paul reminds us that "No man liveth to himself alone." Thus, whenever or wherever we meet people, no matter how brief the contact, we influence each other.

How often we have heard the phrase, "I won't play second fiddle to anyone." But, a few moments of reflection will show that by such an attitude

By H. R. FITCH

much of life's sweetest music is lost. We cannot take the second fiddle from the orchestra without spoiling the grand oratorio of life any more than we can take the black notes from the piano and expect to bring out the full rich harmony of the whole.

Let us look for a moment into the Bible stories and see how second fiddle completed the melody in so many incidents.

David the shepherd, the sweet singer of Israel, the King, is one who plays a leading part. We read of his exploits, we know of his bravery and skill, but there was one who played second fiddle, and I venture to say that without the background music of the life of Jonathan, much of the music of David would have died away. Jonathan loved David enough to see him taking the leading part, he was content to say "Thou shalt be King over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee." And of Jonathan it is written that he went to David "And strengthened his hand in God." No one's life is lost if it is the background music or the harmony for those who take the leading part.

The New Testament brings before the eyes of the world the Supreme Leader. Without him, life's song would cease. But think for a little while of those whose place in the background has been so important. The shepherds—the wise men—the inn-keeper—Joseph, Mary, the women who ministered to our Lord in his earthly life, even those who bathed his feet with their tears or anointed him with costly ointment,

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fitch have just completed three years' service at Carnarvon Mission, W.A. Owing to Mrs. Fitch's illness, they were not able to continue in the hot climate of Carnarvon.

and those who followed to the cross and later watched to see where his Body was laid, so that they might come and in some way express their devotion for him, even though they believed this was the end. One story in the Gospels tells how the disciples, right in the shadow of the cross, were disputing as to who should be the greatest, and their Lord and Master waited for one of them, any one, to be willing to sweeten the hour with some small service. He finally demonstrated to them and to us the fact that "He that would be greatest" must be least. Setting aside his robe he took a basin, and water and stooped down and washed his disciples' feet.

The New Testament throws the spotlight upon Barnabas very early in the life of the Church. Later we read of him in company with Paul, and the record places the two side by side as "Barnabas and Paul", but soon the positions are changed and we read of "Paul and Barnabas," and in that order they continue. The world knows of Paul and his missionary journeys, of his visit to Rome and his fierce and fearless defence of the truth, yet in the background, making a sweet harmony is the music of that second fiddle "Barnabas, the son of consolation." He was the man who took Saul and introduced him to the Apostles and declared what God had done, and he was compelled to play second fiddle, but it was sweet music.

The sixteenth Chapter of Romans is a great climax to that mighty Epistle: When you read it you come at last to a list of names. They are relegated by most to the playing of second fiddle, but see what they were and did. "Well

beloved, the first fruits, helpers in the Lord" and so on.

As we come to our own part in the Kingdom of Christ and the work of the Church we may take heart in reflecting upon these things. Perhaps some of us will always be in the background, for that is where we belong, but remember that the friend of the Bridegroom rejoices to hear the Bridegroom's voice. It must have been hard for John the Baptist to watch the crowds gradually leaving him and going after Jesus Christ the Lord, to see his own popularity waning and the power of Christ increasing, but I believe he showed his true greatness when he said, "He must increase and I must decrease." And the music of life will be sweeter and the work of Christ seem more wonderful if we can learn to play softly but truly in the background—

"Not I, but Christ," be honoured, loved, exalted.

"Not I, but Christ," be seen, be known, be heard.

"Not I, but Christ," in lowly silent labour.

"Not I, but Christ," in humble, earnest toil.

"Not I, but Christ," the gatherer of the spoil.

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## A VISIT TO BANMATMAT

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Mr. and Mrs. DAVID EAGLING

The story of Banmatmat, which is in the South of Pentecost, in the New Hebrides goes back to the days when native labour was taken to Queensland to work on the canefields.

How those dark men were treated in Queensland is not made very clear in our records, but we do know that several Christian groups set out to make their lot easier, and also to present the gospel to them. We have heard of the work of Miss Young and also of John Thompson, a member of a Church of Christ. These people made a lasting impression on many natives. These dark men were urged to carry the good news of Jesus to their own people in the New Hebrides. So, when the Australian Government ordered that all such island workers be sent back to their homes, many of the men carried the gospel truths with them and helped to convert many of their countrymen.

Four young men found their way to the South of Pentecost just at the time when the chief of the Banmatmat area had lost his son. According to custom, another had to be put to death to satisfy some local demand. It was decided that one of the four men who had returned from Queensland must die. Now, three of the men had some connections with the people of the district and were set free from the judgment, but the fourth was from another island. His name was Lukon. He was a devout Christian. When his friends heard that he was condemned to die they urged him to run away and they promised to help him escape. However, Lukon replied that he had come to Banmatmat to speak of Christ. Miss Young had told him that he must be ready to die for his faith. He could not be true to his Lord if he ran away.

When the chief's warriors came to take Lukon, he did not resist. He was taken to a high ridge which is behind the present mission house, and, there, beneath a tree, he was put to death.

This story was told several times during the celebrations to mark the first graduation service of the Bible College. One old man urged the visitors to make

a pilgrimage to the spot. He agreed to lead the party. When he reached the area, he found that the tree had been cut down and a garden was now in the area. It was here that the pilgrims bowed in prayer to thank God for the spirit of the martyr, Lukon.

Over sixty years ago, Frank G. Filmer, of South Australia, was sent by the Australian Churches of Christ to give help to new converts in the New Hebrides. Mr. Filmer went to Banmatmat and gathered a few disciples under a tree that still stands. Eventually he built a mission house on the high bank which rises very steeply. He made some sixty steps up the slope and dug an underground well. The site for this mission station was occupied for some years, but eventually was deserted. The property was destroyed and the grounds went back to jungle.

When some five years ago it was decided to open a Bible College in the New Hebrides, the site chosen was this neglected area at Banmatmat. The land belonged to the mission and it was in a centre where there was a number of small native churches. Here was a delightful site which could become the heart of a new mission enterprise.

David Eagling had set his heart on establishing this college. He went to this wilderness some four years ago with August, a fine young native man. The mission house was first erected and then a class room. Three years ago the college had its beginning. Within those three years the site has been

transformed into a place of beauty which must be seen to be fully appreciated. The steps and the well which Mr. Filmer made were reclaimed. The flat area along the sea shore turned into a large sports ground. As you walk down the path to the sea, on your left is the lecture room and then on your right, a row of small cottages where the married students live. Then toward the sea amid delightful lawns and gardens there is the chapel the pride and joy of the college. It is built in native style. The high gable roof overhangs by some six feet on either side of the main auditorium, and provides cover for many extra worshippers. During the graduation service some seven hundred persons were able to gather under the roof and enjoy the service.

The celebrations to mark the first graduation of students attracted visitors from all the mission stations. Some five hundred were accommodated for about five days. To provide for this, extra buildings were erected by the students and their friends. Food had to be ordered in advance. During the celebrations a bullock was killed each day. Meetings were held three times a day. Overseas visitors, H. Long, R. McLean and the writer were kept busy all the time. In addition the missionaries held Field Council meetings each day.

The Graduation Service on Dec. 1 was the climax of the week's events. David Eagling presided. The building and surrounds were packed with about 700 to 800 persons.

The singing of the familiar hymns by these native people is full of inspiration. Greetings were presented by Mr. McLean and Abel Barney. The diplomas were presented by H. Long and the charge was given by the writer. August, the senior student, gave the address.

After this, quite unexpectedly, Abel Barney performed a ceremony which had great significance for all the natives. By means of it the person honoured is regarded as a chief. This ceremony was to honour Mr. Eagling and to show in what great regard he is held.

The story of Banmatmat is the story of great courage and vision, spelled out in large letters by Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling. There are other stories in the New Hebrides told of great deeds by the other missionaries and I hope to be able to relate these at a later time.

Here are stories all of the Australian brotherhood ought to hear. They tell of blood, sweat and tears, but also of victories.

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## THE NEW MAN

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Often I have known failure—failure in the moral realm, failure in ethics, failure in my attitudes, failure in my disposition.

I have confessed all these defeats to Thee, and Thou hast graciously forgiven me. Yet I know, Lord, that merely to forgive will not suffice. For unless I am changed, I shall do these same things again. At last I know, Lord, that only Thou canst correct that within me which makes me do wrong.

—Peter Marshall.



All men worship gold, piety being quite overthrown.

—Propertius, 20 B.C.



Dull and morose people, says a medical writer, seldom resist disease as easily as those with a cheerful disposition. The surly bird catches the germ.



Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.



The funeral of the late Hiram P. Jones will take place in St. John's Church on Wednesday next at 2 p.m. Mr. Jones himself will be present for the first time in many years.

—from a newspaper notice.



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There was a young poet of Japan  
Whose verse somehow wouldn't scan.

When they said, "But the thing  
Doesn't go with a swing,"

He replied, "I know, but I always like  
to get as many words in the last line  
as I can."