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FEDERAL CONFERENCE, 1968

In a few days, members from our churches all over the Commonwealth will be heading for Sydney to take part in the 32nd Federal Conference.

We shall meet at a time when many churches have falling memberships and greater responsibilities. Burdens are resting more heavily upon fewer workers.

There is a general feeling of unrest in the Christian churches. Even those communions which seemed best able to control their own destiny (and their members) are experiencing a wave of dissent from their leaders and pressure is being exerted to make their structures more democratic.

Our own churches have always been democratic, but this has not eliminated difficulties. Indeed we are in danger of being so absorbed in our internal problems that we shall have little to say about the big issues that trouble our world.

Our internal concerns are greater today than at any time in Federal Conference history. In 1966, after the 31st Conference we said, "We would be less than honest with ourselves if we did not admit that there have been tensions and misunderstandings within our brotherhood, especially in the areas of ministerial training, Christian unity, and Christian education." ("A.C.," Oct. 29, 1966).

In 1968 it is obvious that there has been a deterioration rather than an improvement in our internal relationships. Our differences are plain to see. Our concern now must be to ensure that our differences do not become divisions.

Once, we dared to say to others, that we had both a passion for unity and a positive plan for the Christian church. It is ironical that, when many would be prepared to listen to us, our plan is not working for ourselves.

Sydney '68 will be a time of severe testing. Unless we can rediscover a sense of unity and purpose our evangelistic and missionary enterprises may be weakened. Much will depend upon how willing we are to co-operate with one another. Decisions of Federal Conference cannot be enforced, but they can be accepted as the will of Christ for our brotherhood and acted upon with goodwill.

It is readily conceded that we shall not always accept a majority decision. A man may, and sometimes must, stand for his view of the right against the whole world. On the other hand, we must guard against taking too quickly an independent line against the majority. By reasoning together, and walking in love and trust, we could find the path of effective co-operation for Christ; along which we could all travel.

We shall not gain anything if we make a further affirmation of our faith in restoration principles, and then demonstrate our failure to work them out. We could so easily lose the heritage for which so many gave themselves.

The 3rd Federal Conference was the first to be reported in this journal. The editor, A. B. Maston, said of it at the time, "In the first and second Conferences there was at the close of them a certain sense of failure. In regard to the 3rd Federal Conference, the representatives from the various States have gone to their homes with the feeling that the time and expense involved have been well repaid.

"The Spirit of Christ was in our midst in these gatherings. The local or parochial spirit was forgotten in the larger claims of a united Commonwealth for Christ. In a sense it may be said that for the first time in our history the brotherhood, in its representatives, rose to the heights of Christian statesmanship. They took large views of things. They saw the necessity of laying deep and broad foundations for the future." (May 3, 1906).

More than 60 years later, we can build something worthwhile upon those foundations.

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Special material for this number was
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*Who has known heights, shall bear
forevermore*

*An incommunicable thing
That hurts his heart, as if a wing
Beat at the portal, challenging:
And yet, lured by the gleam his vision
wore,*

*Who once has trodden stars seeks
peace no more.*

—Mary Brent Whiteside.

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A CURE FOR A CRISIS

Principal A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A.

A Chinese definition of "crisis" is that there is an opportunity in every danger. If today the world is faced with extreme danger, it also presents to the man of God a great opportunity for service.

Since most of our troubles are due to man's inhumanity to man, they have been with us from the days of man's fall into sin. There never has been a time when the world was not faced with danger, and therefore a time for service for God. Each one of us may say that for such a time as this he has been born. It is not much use lamenting and wishing we had been born at some other period of history so all could go well with our plans. At no period of history have times been easy. If we can face this fact squarely, then we shall look for some opportunity in the present situation to do some good work for our Lord. We shall make difficulty a spur to action. Instead of sitting down and complaining, we shall devise some plan of action that will overcome our troubles. Then we shall face up to our troubles and not run away from them.

When Nehemiah found Jerusalem in ruins and surrounded by enemies, he did not despair, but he set before the people a vision: it was a vision that gripped the imagination of the people of that city. But Nehemiah also put forward a plan, and by that plan, organised the people to work for their own salvation. While the enemies laughed, the work of reconstruction went on: until the end was accomplished and the victory won.

Anyone who studies the book of Acts will soon grasp that Paul was a man of vision and a master-organiser. He had plans to spread the Christian faith over the whole Roman Empire. He planted churches in cities on Roman highways and at other strategic centres so that the gospel could be sounded out from those places to the surrounding areas. His master-plan was to make

the church at Rome the base from which he could spread the gospel to Spain. In addition to this, he called young men to train under his leadership and to assist him in this plan. None can deny the dangers that existed in the world of Paul's day. But how wonderfully he succeeded!

We may complain and lament about the immorality in modern society. We have reasons to do so, but the state of morals in the civilisation of Paul's day was very much worse. Man's inhumanity to man was then as bad as it could be.

But Paul's plan worked. He was not discouraged by dangers. Of course he did not accomplish his purpose without much pain and sacrifice. When we try to imagine the problems that faced our

missionaries when they first went into India, New Hebrides and New Guinea, we may well wonder how any progress could have been made in their situations, but today we are encouraged by reports of great victories.

To young people who read this article and are anxious to serve the Lord in these dangerous times, we set before them the call of Jesus Christ. To solve the difficulties of the world, men have tried force of arms, education and science and political theories, but all these human attempts to solve man's problems have failed to remove the danger hanging over all society. Why? Man's fundamental problem is sin.

The only cure for sin is the remedy God has provided. The gospel of Christ supplies that remedy. This was the message Paul preached. This was the news that turned his world upside-down.

Christ trained men to preach that good news and then, after three years' preparation, he sent them out, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They went, they suffered, they succeeded. Will you follow Jesus Christ? He is calling you. Are you ready to respond?

STUDENT PRESIDENT SPEAKS —

Training in Pastoral Work

One task of the Eastern Shepherd is to understand his sheep—an understanding that arises out of genuine love and concern. Pastoral work is understanding people. The College prepares men and women to be shepherds of God's flock, pointing to the scriptures as the source of encouragement, guidance, and food for the soul. Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "I commend you to God and to the Word of his grace, which is able to build you up . . ." and again he charges them "to feed the church of God." (Acts 20: 28, 32). Among the greatest longings of people is the need to feel that someone cares and understands.

—Ed. Holt



WOOLWICH COLLEGE FACADE.

KNOWING GOD

Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT, Vice-Principal.

"Know thyself" was the injunction of ancient Greek wisdom and while this is admirable advice it is scarcely to be compared with the cry of the Apostle Paul, "That I may KNOW HIM." For in coming to know Christ we inevitably learn many things about ourselves.

KNOWING THE NEED is an important part of the training programme at Woolwich. Yet, we only become aware of the need through the Lord. His presence within highlights the plight of unregenerate man. Hence those who have committed themselves in wholehearted service to Christ through the discipline of college life come face to face with him in knowing his **WORD**, knowing his **WILL**, knowing his **PERSON**, knowing his **PURPOSE**.

To know God in Christ was the aim of New Testament Christians as they witnessed in the gospel and shared Christ's compassion for their fellows in need. Thus Paul was able to say: "I KNOW both how to be abased and I KNOW how to abound . . . to be full and to be hungry . . . and to suffer need" (Phil. 4: 12). This too must be the experience of those who accept the challenge and vision of the ministry of the Word. It is comparatively easy to know **ABOUT** Christ. It is much more exacting to come to the place where we **KNOW HIM**, and see through his eyes another's need.

Young people who hear Christ's call to this ministry must see their fellows in the depth of their extremity through the compassionate eyes of Jesus, and this concern is heightened through the spiritual experience of college life. And because they have become increasingly aware of this need it is important that they be encouraged in their resolves as they receive **YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT**.

KNOWING THE LORD, however, is the primary requirement at Woolwich. Each student must go out of College knowing that he is definitely commissioned by the Lord. "That I may know him," with all its implications, is the highest aim. At Woolwich we do not question God's Word. Far more important than receive, accept and obey it. Our task is to follow in the footsteps of the Old Testament prophets and the faithful New Testament Christians in this respect. Like them, our concern is not with speculation but with action, not with hazy improbabilities but with the facts of God's Word. Far more important than keeping up with the fads and fancies of the theological Joneses is to know Christ "Whom to know is life eternal." Christian faith finds expression not only in intellectual achievement but also in

a submissive will bent in obedience to the Risen Living Lord.

The world of today, in its impotence and need, though it knows it not, is waiting for men like Paul who can say, "I KNOW WHOM I have believed, and am persuaded that HE is able to keep that which I have committed unto HIM against that day" (2 Tim. 1: 12). The man who believes he is called by the Lord to serve in preaching and pastoral care must have a clear vision of his goal. He must first know the Lord and then recognise that the role of a Christian is never one of appeasement or accommodation. The Church today, even as in the first century, can have no room for compromise. The true follower of Christ is not intimidated by the opposition of the world.

In addition to his studies — Biblical, Exegetical, Historical, Homiletical and Pastoral—the student is also challenged to grow in balanced outlook and understanding which is the work of the Holy Spirit.

And because of the urgency of this strategic ministry of the College we seek **YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT**.

EXIT STUDENTS SPEAK —

Training in Preaching

It takes time—training in preaching. At Woolwich students are introduced to the basic elements of sermon construction. Upon this solid foundation each will build his own style of presentation. Common to each, however, will be recog-

nition of the authority of the Scriptures.

Is it worth it? Preaching can be set aside without leaving a vacuum, claim some modern religious thinkers.

Scripture says, ". . . it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Is it worth it? This you must decide for yourself. Meanwhile we shall continue to "preach Christ crucified."

—Robt. Taylor

Training in Devotion

The necessary concentration of the College course on Biblical study, theology and doctrine make it imperative that a student should set aside time each day to realise that the God of whom he learns academically is the same as he who has called him to be his minister.

It becomes increasingly clear during a period in College that unless a personal relationship with God is maintained, one's ministry to the local church becomes an empty and unrewarding formality. Study also becomes a laborious effort unless the Living Christ is seen behind the written Word.

Personal fellowship with God is the critical factor in College training.

—Ron Kallmier

Training for Wider Service

A man of God must be motivated by **The Upward Call**. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Before he can trust, he must train. Before he says 'Go ye,' he says 'Learn of me.'

The Inward Call. "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . ." Be the very best for God. It means more application. 'My utmost for his highest.'

The Outward Call. "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Meet the challenge of today's changing world with training and efficiency.

May God give us vision.

—Dean Sander



EXIT STUDENTS — GOING OUT TO CHURCHES:
Robt. Taylor, Ed. Holt, Ron Kallmier, Dean Sander.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

September in S.A. stands for Spring, the Royal Show and State Conference, and all of them happen together. Spring is about the most "chancy" of the three, for the others are set from traditional times. This year Spring arrived with much splendour, the Royal Show massed up new records of attendance, and Conference quietly appeared and almost as quietly passed into the annals. Attendances were not as large as other years. Measured in terms of fellowship and concerned thinking it was a good Conference. Whilst debate was almost non-existent, delegates were faced with considerable food for thought.

★ After many, many years of successful and colourful attraction the unique Conference Tea in Adelaide Town Hall was discontinued. In its place came the Delegates' Tea when all from the churches who were representative gathered at the Y.M.C.A. for dinner. Over 180 attended. During the dinner C. L. Smith gave an address on the matter of authority in the brotherhood. It was stimulating and provocative. One comment has been on the hearts of a multitude for a long time. He said, inter alia, that our people have the happy knack of setting up Departments of Conference, giving them a mandate, asking for detailed reports on their activities, and then seeing to it that they became financially embarrassed and hard pressed to fulfil the mandate. The President asked for a show of hands indicating how many delegates would be willing to return and give full discussion to the points raised, and about two-thirds expressed willingness.

★ The President, S. Neighbour, and Mrs. Neighbour, greeted the delegates and friends at the President's Reception in Grote St. afterwards. Mr. Neighbour spoke to the theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord" and set the tone for what was to follow each night.

★ The ranks of the Pioneers thin out every so often, until another group catches up. This year's Pioneer afternoon was the usual rich time of renewals, reminiscences and rejoicing by those whose membership in the church passes through 45 years.

★ Gordon Stirling was in town, and that is always a time of excitement, for when G.R.S. is in full cry anything can happen, or be said. And it usually does and is! He failed us not! He spoke to the Social Service Rally and the Friday night rally. On both occasions the listeners remained listeners, albeit disturbed ones. His new appointment to Glen Iris was widely acclaimed throughout Conference, and the College Board commended for its wisdom. Mr. Stirling

threw down the challenge to the churches to send the best men into the ministry, and pleaded for complete unity in our preparation for the ministry of the church and the gospel.

★ Ministers' Wives and Ministers meet in separate sessions on the Wednesday. At the Ministers' Session a teaching demonstration in "Team Teaching" was ably presented by teachers and young people from Brooklyn Park church. It was full of thought, and as the Dept. of Christian Educ. is sponsoring this approach, the ministers learned much.

★ Overseas work always pulls a good audience. This year the Dept. simply



W. N. HEATH (Maylands)
President 1968-1969

packed in a programme which covered considerable territory. Greetings, recorded from mission fields and accompanied by pictures was an innovation. Nails-worth young people gave a splendid play, and Dr. Thornley Thomas, home from India with his wife and family, brought a brief but direct word.

★ Miss Erica Hammond has been a charming and active President of the Women's Conference. Sessions were fairly well attended and the usual score of work well done, service well given and gifts well distributed was sounded.

★ The business of Conference was well conducted by the President, but he did not have a hard task as the brethren were in a good mood! Several notices of motion were adopted which were moves in the right direction. The re-appointment of the Hospital Chaplain, John Baker, was unanimous, as was the request of the General Executive that Conference 1970 be not held owing to the Federal Conference and

World Convention coming soon afterwards. This was a wise move. A motion to widen the accepted working of the League of 2,000 was agreed, but only after spirited opposition and a majority of three votes.

★ The Year Book told its own story, and we mention some interesting figures. There are 76 churches, served by 53 ministers in full-time service and 13 part-time ministries. The membership showed a decrease again, with 41 less than last year. The attendances at communion were also down slightly. However, monies given for all purposes showed a lift of \$13,581, although this was seen mainly in money raised for local work. Money to brotherhood outreach was \$1,500 less. There were more baptisms this year and fewer removed from the rolls. The statistics reveal that the status quo has been maintained, and this is possibly a breathing space before a renewal and thrust. The two directors of Home Missions and Christian Educ. are developing plans which keep them working as a team, and this impact as they go to local churches could have a far-reaching effect. Talking of statistics, this is about the first time in living memory that all churches except one sent in returns!

★ One of the better things to happen in recent years has been the formation of the Finance Committee which advises the Departments, to whom the Departments submit their budgets, and who make recommendations regarding stipends and allowances. Headed up by Lyall Braddock, something of a genius in the field of economics and accountancy, this Committee is worth every support.

★ Highlights from reports indicate that the Social Service Department intends to increase the property at St. George's with an enlarged infirmary. Maylands church is erecting its own Rest Home adjacent to the church building. The debt on the Brotherhood Centre is now down to around \$4,400. The Book Dept. went out of business during the year, feeling it could not face the intense competition in that section of the business world. Home Missions has had a very busy year, and some of its baby churches are showing real health, whilst a few need extra care. Finances, as ever, are an integral part of the worries of the Dept. A splendid service of assistance to churches is offered by the teamwork of the two departments. The aid given by churches to smaller churches through Home Missions as an "extra" receives an honourable mention. The Building Extension reports a very quiet year, with not one building venture reported. Dept. of C.E. reports a loss of 436 children from the schools. Brighton Gardens school shows 474 enrolled and Blackwood 398—both very healthy groups.

★ The President, esteemed Stan. Neighbour, has been a gracious leader and the brotherhood is indebted to him and Dulwich church for sound leadership. Mrs. Neighbour adds charm and dignity to a fine year of service. Sickness precluded her attendance at Conference, and this was a real loss to the richer fellowship.

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Jesus' Own Signature



One of England's outstanding ministers, Leslie Weatherhead, gave a series of sermon lectures on the "I am's" of Jesus:

I am the Bread of Life.	I am the Light of the World.
I am the True Vine.	I am the Door and the Way.
I am the Good Shepherd.	I am Master and Lord.
I am the Truth.	I am the Resurrection and the Life.
I am the Meek and Lowly of Heart.	I am the Alpha and Omega.

If we take these sentences in which Jesus says "I am" then we are looking at a portrait of Jesus Christ. It is as though we studied an autobiography which he had signed himself. The legacy bequeathed to mankind in the Bread and the Wine is over his own signature—a signature in his own blood. "This cup is the New Testament in my blood." (Luke 22: 20).

Martin Luther said: "The heart of religion is in its personal pronouns." What profound truths are enshrined in the "I am" statements of Jesus.

Weatherhead reports attending the Royal Albert Hall, London, for a magnificent rendering of Handel's Messiah by a choir of several hundred. The friend who accompanied him was a dear saint. "We rose," he said, "for the Hallelujah chorus and when the inspired song rose to its stupendous heights: King of Kings, Lord of Lords, He shall reign forever and ever, my friend could hardly contain himself. As we resumed our seats the tears were streaming from his eyes and coursing down his cheeks. When he recovered he whispered, 'That's my Saviour they are singing about.' "I shall never forget," said Weatherhead, "the meaning he put into the word 'My.'"

The personal association lingers after the close of the Lord's Supper. We have met OUR Saviour. He has promised to be with us and go with us.—W.R.H.

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

Dear Lord, we know you as the Bread of Life, we claim you as our Saviour, and we are grateful for the fellowship of the Table. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP

Saviour, we know you as the True Vine, we claim you as our Lord, and with grateful thanks we receive the cup. Amen.

S.A. Women's 63rd Conference

On Sept. 3 our Pioneer members (those in membership for 45 years or over) were entertained by Women's Executive at Grote Street. 113 Pioneers attended and enjoyed a very different programme prepared by our president, Miss E. Hammond. Several of our Pioneer folk had been asked to write a poem on "If I were young again." During the afternoon these were read. Some were humorous, some thought-provoking and challenging. Mrs. Killmier spoke on her experiences as a new bride in her first manse.

At the first business session Mrs. E. Simpson, incoming president, led the morning devotional period, at the close of which Mrs. Morris from Hampstead Gdns., rendered an appropriate solo. Reports were received from each of our five country conferences, and each department of Women's Conference. It was decided to appoint an editress who should have a seat on our executive. Affiliation fees were raised by 1c per member. During the morning session Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Deeley from Col. Light Gardens, sang.

The afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. Neth Gray, Pres. of Riverlands Women's Conference. Soloist was Mrs.

D. Kelly. It was decided that our World C.W.F. President, and Federal President be given a seat on our State Executive, ex officio, for next two years.

At the evening session, Mrs. Alderton and her daughters presented musical items. Miss Hammond brought a very challenging address and Mrs. E. Simpson of Hampstead Gardens, was inducted as President.

General Conference President, Stan. Neighbour, led in dedicatory prayer after executive officers for coming year had been introduced. President elect is Mrs. R. Saunders; first vice-president, Mrs. W. Morrow; second vice-pres., Mrs. A. Rosewarne; secretary, Mrs. K. Fooks; and treasurer, Mrs. E. O. Stevens. Mrs. Alderton then sang "Consecration."

Mrs. Simpson's first task as president was to present a Bible and basket of flowers (prepared by Mrs. J. Taylor, the basket being woven from reeds, and filled with flowers supplied by women of several churches) to Miss Hammond as a token of our appreciation of her leadership as president, and her inspiration to us, and example of real devotion to her Lord and Master.

G. Coombe, Acting Secretary.

S.A. CONFERENCE

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★ The new President is W. N. Heath of Maylands church. Sunday school Supt., church secretary, C.M.S. stalwart, and a multitude of other things, "Bill" Heath brings a well-rounded experience to the task. His family has always been active (his aunt is Miss Cameron of India fame), and his being thus honoured surely includes a fine family. When inducted to the office Mr. Heath made no policy speech but left us with the impression that things might be happening this year! The President-elect is W. J. Philp, minister at the church at Brooklyn Park. As ever, the Union Secretary gave tireless service, and the smooth running of Conference owes a lot to I. J. Chivell. All committees and departments have a full quota of members. The Women's President as mentioned, was Miss Erica Hammond and she is succeeded by Mrs. G. Simpson, of Hampstead Gardens. This gracious lady came to the city from one of the smallest of our country churches at Wudinna, and her understanding of such churches will be of real value.

★ The Conference Sermon is always a highlight. Thebarton Town Hall was the venue again, and not filled to capacity as was expected. Preacher was C. H. Dow, Director of Christian Education. His theme, "Lord of what?" was a great challenge. The speaker widened the area of the Lordship of Christ to include the last place where a Christian foot walks.

★ The S.A. churches are now preparing for the coming World Convention in 1970, and although State work will continue with unabated pace the greater effort will be on every heart.

★ Conference is over, the Royal Show is almost over as we write, Spring means business, and in the spirit of past performances and the delights of new life everywhere our brotherhood is set for great things.

MARTIN'S BROTHER

(Louisville). A. D. Williams King, pastor of Zion Baptist Church here, has been named co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, thus filling the place held by his brother, the late Martin Luther King. He will join his father, Martin Luther King Snr. in a joint ministry.

AGAINST PRESERVING CHURCHES

(London). Unneeded churches should be sold or destroyed according to Anglican Bishop Mervyn Stockwood, of Southwark, who said he is "appalled" by the amount of money wasted for maintenance of such buildings.

UNCENSORED!

THE VIEWS OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS ON NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, FAMILY AND PERSONAL ISSUES.

COMMENT on:

No. 2 "At what age do you think young men should be licensed to drive a motor car? Should girls be licensed at the same age?"

CHERYL KOERNER (S.A.): The question of driving age is, to me, a rather insignificant one in terms of finding meaning and purpose for life. One cannot speak in general terms about this topic—it cannot be discussed in terms of chronological age only—emotional maturity is just as important if one considers the responsibility involved in driving.

In this column "For Youth, By Youth, About Youth and Their World," if we are aiming to come to terms with the real issues of life then we will fail if the topics are limited to "side-track" issues such as driving age. Rather, let us discuss real issues which we, as responsible Christian individuals, must face.

Ed.: You forgot to suggest a topic!

CATHI CLELLAND (N.S.W.): In licensing young men of 17, are we merely giving them access to a lethal weapon with which to end their own lives as well as those of other people? There is justification for this question in the number of accidents involving young drivers. The fault lies in that the present licensing system can test ability only and not, more important, responsibility.

Is there any merit, however, in raising the licensing age, when at 18, a young man may enter the Army and officially learn to kill, and, at 20, can

apply this knowledge in warfare?

The existing age limit, for girls at least, seems to provide fewer problems and keep more people happy. Regardless of age, there are some people who should never become drivers.

PETER MOIGNARD (A.C.T.): Age, in itself, is not an important factor in this question. The granting of a licence should require an assessment of the qualities that make for a safe and reliable driver. These must include training to a common standard, with rigid tests and some evidence of emotional maturity. Ability to act safely under stress should also be demonstrated.

Young men in today's society prize a car as a determinant of status and adequacy—the car becomes a symbol of achievement. The emotionally immature man, when he feels inadequate, may use his car as a dangerous ego-booster. Girls don't seem to have this problem.

NEXT TOPIC . . .

3. "Is the Church doing enough for its young people?"

(Suggestions are invited for topics. Correspondence on this feature will be accepted for "Open Forum.")

ISRAEL PAYS DAMAGES

(Jerusalem). Agreement has been reached between Israel and seven religious groups on compensation for war damage sustained during the Arab-Israeli conflicts of 1948 and 1967.

The agreements cover 32 church or church-owned sites; the repair costs total \$1,500,000.

Earlier agreements signed last May called for the repair of property of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the Armenian Patriarchate, and the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.—E.P.S.

GRAHAM CRUSADE

(Vic.). The Crusade dates are March 14 to 23 at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Christian Life and Witness Classes, in preparation for the Crusade, will be held in Feb., 1969.

WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT

The "Age" editorial referring to George Wallace's candidacy for the Presidency comments upon his "passionate appeal to the frightened, the angry and the bewildered is evidence of the reactionary mood now gripping much of the American electorate," and to his programme as "law enforcement" (rather than justice) at home, and mindless patriotism (rather than patience and flexibility) abroad, aims his appeal at The Folks. Hitler used to say it in German.

The pollsters credit Richard Nixon with a commanding lead. But there is small comfort in this for those who believe that tolerance and imagination

are the two qualities most needed if the problems of the ghettos and Vietnam are ever to be solved.

Mr. Nixon is responsible and intelligent, but he is riding the same conservative tide as Mr. Wallace. He is the mainstream while Mr. Wallace cavorts among the breakers. Mr. Nixon has no answer to the more fundamental questions of how to remove the poverty and inequality which contributes to lawlessness and disorder. He simply denies that they are two sides of the same coin. Similarly, the Republican has failed to declare himself clearly on Vietnam. Insofar as he has a policy on ending the war, it seems to be "All the way with L.B.J."—and them some.—

"The Age" (Melb.).

LINES

FROM

LEICESTER

STANTON H. WILSON writes of the British Churches Conference and other subjects.

The 122nd Annual Conference of our churches concluded recently at "The Hayes," Swanwick, Derbyshire. This world-famous conference centre, in a very beautiful part of England, is completely self-contained. More precisely, it has 225 single bedrooms, 60 double bedrooms, a conference hall seating 350 along with a lovely chapel and a dining-room of the same capacity. In addition, there are 12 public rooms, a conference book sales room, office and committee room. The building is centrally heated throughout. These impressive buildings stand in an estate of 30 acres in the grounds of which are a putting green, tennis courts, swimming pool and spacious lawns and extensive gardens.

In this ideal setting slightly less than 300 persons assembled in a residential conference under the theme: "One Church Renewed for Mission." Conference in Great Britain is not a delegate conference. All members of Churches of Christ in the Association, and present at Conference, have the right to participate in any discussion and to vote on any issue and for any appointment.

The sessions were presided over by John E. Francis, B.D., formerly of Manchester, but now the fifth Principal of Overdale College—the theological college of our churches in Great Britain.

STATISTICS:

There are (E. and O.E.) 103 churches in the Association in Great Britain combining to give a total membership of 5,619 which represents a decrease of nine churches and 489 members. However, the total enrolled membership does not give a true indication of the actual and effective membership; for example, one church reports 169 on the roll but only has an average of 39 at the Lord's Table each week. Over against a "book membership" of 5,619, it appears that the overall average weekly attendance at the Lord's Table is 2,583. This serves as a more realistic figure for representing the churches' numerical strength.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP

We were made aware of the church's wider fellowship as greetings were read from around the world. There were,

once again, no State or Federal greetings from Australia, although we currently have both ministers and missionaries as living links of fellowship in the work of our British churches. In the British Isles were the homes of many of our forebears—and some contemporaries—who migrated to Australia and enriched our churches throughout the Commonwealth with their fellowship and dedication.

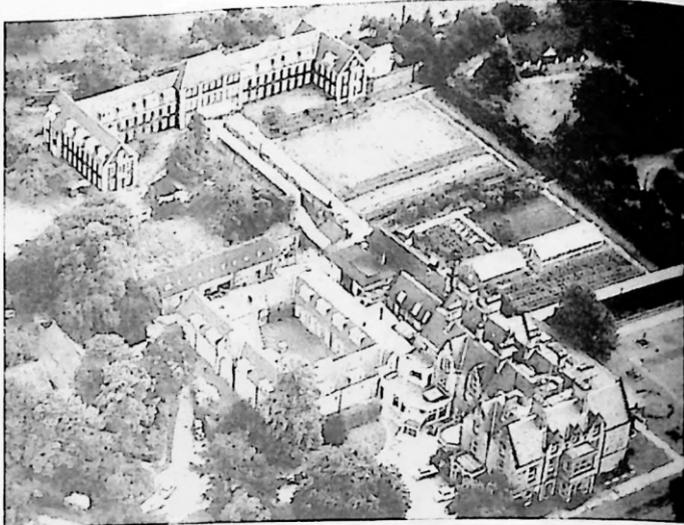
The International Convention of Disciples sent greetings and were further represented by Mr. and Mrs. Hofrichter as fraternal delegates from our churches in the U.S.A. and Canada. The British churches in turn have appointed Mr. and Mrs. Oakden as British fraternal delegates to the International Convention this year.

It was good that Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, the Secretary of the World Convention, was able to attend and to read a message from Sir Phillip Messent on behalf of the World Convention Committee in Australia.

Although Central Council "has decided with regret that no official representative should be sent to this assembly, believing that the expense involved would not be responsible stewardship in the present financial situation," a number indicated to Dr. Kirkpatrick their interest in being in Adelaide in 1970. It seems important to maintain public relations, or should I rather say "Christian fellowship"? Kenneth Simpkin, a minister from Glasgow, was appointed promoter in Great Britain for the 1970 World Convention to be held in Adelaide.

ABERFAN:

The Aberfan church, through its minister, Derek Nuttall, expressed its appreciation for all the help received. Their building is now unsafe for public use. They plan to sell this and have deliberately decided not to re-build, believing that Aberfan already has too many denominational structures. The congregation uses other church properties and regularly holds combined services with some. Mr. Nuttall serves in a team ministry in the village along with other ministers and social workers.



THE HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE, DERBYSHIRE

OVERDALE COLLEGE:

Principal Francis will have the assistance of his wife as warden of the college. He outlined to Conference his proposals for getting the college more closely related to the life and work of the churches. He suggested "College week-ends" in various districts, refresher courses for ministers and short courses for church leaders. It was anticipated that the college would be filled to capacity with students next term, including some ministerial students and students from certain Continental missionary societies. At present Churches of Christ have one theological student at "Overdale" training for the Christian ministry and due to graduate in 1970.

CHRISTIAN UNION:

Churches of Christ are observers at the continuing Presbyterian - Congregational negotiations. There has been correspondence and discussion with the Baptists over a long period of time, without any real progress. The Christian Union Committee keeps in close touch with its "opposite number" in New Zealand. In Scotland our people are involved in multi-lateral conversations with the Church of Scotland. The fact that this denomination is the national church in that country presents difficulties at the ecumenical level.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL:

It happened quite by coincidence (I presume) that during the week of Conference the Pope decided to release his long awaited encyclical on birth control. Up to the last day, not a word was mentioned about it in Conference, until literally in the closing minutes of Conference, a 16-year-old lad stood up and raised the matter in the form of a motion expressing sharp disagreement with the contents of the Papal Encyclical as reported in the Press. Conference had an animated and exciting finish—even if the lad was told that as he (and presumably no one else in Conference) had actually read the full text of the Encyclical, it was better to refer the matter to Central Council and to the Social Questions Committee "for appropriate comment." This procedure

was adopted by a very small majority and so we await some wise and fatherly word from these two duly constituted bodies when their respective members have read the full text of the Papal Encyclical and have had time to deliberate thereupon.

ANOTHER ENCYCLICAL:

But this is, as they would say in certain refined equestrian circles, "a horse of another colour." Let me explain. For the third successive year now, a "Pastoral Letter" has been prepared towards the close of Conference, read to and endorsed by Conference and sent out "to be read throughout all the churches" in the Association. This, where practicable, seems to the writer, to be an admirable custom. The letter indicates the major decisions of Conference and conveys something of the rich fellowship of the occasion as the following extracts may serve to show:

From this great family gathering, in the beauty and quietness of the Derbyshire countryside, we send affectionate greetings, and good wishes to all the churches, for during this week you have been constantly in our thoughts and prayers . . .

Although we cannot adequately convey the thrills and the deep joys that have been ours, we have tried in this letter to give you some glimpse of the exhilaration and encouragement that have come to us at Swanwick during the few days we have spent here. Working, thinking and praying together, we yet found time to relax, in outdoor pastimes and informal conversations, and as always, our business sessions were lightened and enlivened by flashes of humour and the relation of anecdotes, some supposedly genuine, others patently apochryphal . . .

Our love and concern for you reaches out into all the churches where this letter will be read or circulated and we assure you of our earnest prayers on your behalf.

IN THE HEADLINES:

Australians in Britain have come in for considerable publicity of late. According to security men, goods worth hundreds of thousands of pounds are being stolen in Britain every year by a highly organised gang of about 70 persons mainly Australians, operating in large stores in London and other big cities.

If several are arrested, those who are getting too well known, go home and other people come back in their places.

The Australian shop-lifting gang are well-known to Scotland Yard. Photos of a number have been circulated in "The Police Gazette." The gang are said to include people sought for questioning about other crimes including bank robberies. One difficulty confronting the police is that these people appear well supplied with forged passports and travel documents. The Australian population in London tends to be "floating" and there is no strict immigration control on visitors coming from Australia.

The foregoing is a condensation from a 3-column front-page article in a reputable and widely distributed British newspaper. It is not re-served here in these columns to publicise, even for "home consumption" something of which we, as true Australians feel ashamed, but to make a point which needs to be made. When you read articles in the Australian press (including "The Australian Christian") about the excessive crime figures in Great Britain and the low standard of morals in England, it is well to remember in all honesty and humility that both these lamented facts are contributed to by Australians (and others) who come to this country and accept its hospitality and dismally betray the trust which the British Government in all good faith reposes in them. The average Australian in this country is still respected, among other things, for his sense of "fair-play." It is a reputation to be cherished. Let us be fair to Britain!

AND FINALLY:

I had thought this time to write of other subjects — our grand tour of Spain last April, a month's holiday, just concluded, in the heart of the Highlands in Autumn, but these will serve as subjects for writing when the snow is on the ground! Then as I write to you, I'll bask, in reverie, in the sunshine of Spain and the heather-clad mountains and moors of "Bonnie Scotland" . . . which reminds me. When we were in Edinburgh recently we read in "The Scotsman" a news item headed "Clanger." Here it is:

"Hundreds of paid-up gas consumers in Cheltenham yesterday received final-demand notices, warning them that supplies would be cut off unless they paid within seven days the sum of no pounds, no shillings and no pence. A computer fault was said to have been to blame."

I can appreciate that the editor realised that that item would have a special appeal to his Scottish readers!

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The morning meditation message was prepared by Miss Ruth Edgell, Maewo, New Hebrides, and presented by Mrs. E. F. Black, president, Subiaco C.W.F. The theme "Triumphant Living" means daily dying to self and living for Christ. Soloist was Mrs. Robert Furr. Miss Edgell is Subiaco church's living link. Intercessory prayer was offered by Mrs. L. W. Ladner.

Mrs. W. Robartson, president, welcomed all especially Mrs. Don. Butler, Norseman, who brought a greeting, Mrs. J. Harris and Miss Linsay Hammer.

Mrs. Peter Shannon, missionary elect to New Guinea, was presented with a gift from the W.A. women and assured of their prayerful interest. We give thanks and praise to God for answered prayer for Dr. and Mrs. Shannon. When the Indian door closed the New Guinea door opened.

Hospital Focus: Mrs. R. Stephenson, Hospital Supt., introduced 11 women who visit a variety of hospitals. Hundreds of patients in all "classes" of hospitals are visited monthly; suitable gifts with text cards are given as points of contact. Bethesda Hospital will celebrate its Silver Jubilee on Jan. 12, 1969. Miss Joyce Brand will succeed Matron Hill when she retires in the near future.

Opportunities for Practical Service:

1. Homes required for missionaries during the Dec.-Jan. vacation. 2. Gifts for the Aoba Is. C.W.F. Fair to Mrs. K. Ludgater. Also sewing requisites, handkerchiefs and Christmas decorations. 3. Clothes for babies, toddlers and small boys to Norseman.

Prayer Requests: 1. That young Christians at Fairhaven and Norseman will be kept from the power of Satan. 2. For Dawn Noble in her new experience and studies at Crown St. Women's Hospital, Sydney. 3. That D. G. Hammer will be given the measure of physical strength needed for his strenuous Eastern States programme.

Mrs. W. Robartson presided over the Pioneer Afternoon on Sept. 7. 60 pioneers were welcomed including visitors from the Eastern States and country. Granny Sharp who is looking forward to celebrating her 107th birthday on Sept. 28 brought a greeting.

The work and workers of the Fremantle church were given in retrospect by Ray Thompson. Conf. Pres., A. H. Walkington, brought a greeting and closing meditation.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

To the Editor,

As a Disciples minister of many years standing I am concerned about the misunderstanding in this country about our sister denomination in the U.S. I want to explain that "the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)" is no monolithic structure dictating liberalism to slave churches.

Until now the degree of centralisation has been much less than in Australia. I have never known a church's autonomy to be interfered with. The number of open-membership churches is quite small. Some of our ministers are far out in theology but most would be similar to the ministry in Australia in range of theological interpretation. I have always been a convinced conservative yet my ministry has always been welcomed and my writings published without question.

The Disciple's Movement does have serious problems. There is considerable divergence in many quarters from the historic Campbellite tradition and growth is slow, but let's not be so unfair as to tar all with the same brush. Surely each church and each minister should be considered on individual merits.

The restructure this year into "The Christian Church" will increase centralisation to a point beyond the Australian parallel but there will still be little interference with church autonomy except in interdenominational relations. Personally I don't like the move but it will be carried by a large majority and I must respect that. The biggest problem as I see it is that many of our

Disciples leaders seem to be relying on re-organisation to stop the membership drop rather than spiritual renewal. Let's pray for them.—James H. Jauncey (Qld.)

LOCAL MINISTER

To the Editor,

Like Mr. Matheson, "A.C." Sept. 7, I am concerned for the ministry but one of the things which concerns me most of all is the negative approach of Mr. Matheson. Having read his letter I am ready to "leave the ministry" myself, that is, I would be ready to give the game away if my vision was limited to the negative peephole with which I find myself confronted. Nothing makes such heavy inroads into the ranks of the ministry as the continuing negative and pessimistic approach of many in our ranks today.

I do not understand the exceedingly narrow base from which Mr. Matheson argues. Very few, if any, amongst us regards the man who moves into departmental, chaplaincy or ecumenical work as having left the ministry. "The Ministry" cannot be limited to the parish any more than the concept of church can be limited to the parish church—if the man who takes up a ministry in a category other than parish ministry regards himself as having "left the ministry" then he has a woefully distorted view of what he has done. There was a time when we talked about the "call of God" in relation to the ministry and I am still naive enough to feel this a personal reality and still believe that God can call a man to a ministry beyond the bounds of a parish and even that God can call a man out of the ministry if that be in the interests of all concerned. As far as I can see there are many who are working today in

fields other than parish ministry who are performing a much better ministry than they ever did in the parish.

I will be everlastingly grateful for one particular insight which came to me during a consultation on the Academy Movement in Europe. Our leaders were drawn from the foremost academies of Europe and the consultation director was Mark Gibbs, co-author of "God's Frozen People." Prior to this course I was victim of a deal of brainwashing to the effect that the parish church was finished and should be quickly finished off. Imagine my surprise to find that the emphasis of the consultation lay on renewal through the parish church. I challenged the leader with the prevalent thought from Australia that the parish church is finished and received the reply, "That's what we were saying 10 years ago at this course when certain Australians were here with us, but we now realise that renewal must come through the parish church!" The unfortunate thing is that it will take another 10 years for Australia to catch up with this newer and positive emphasis.

If we are concerned about the ministry and the numbers entering the ranks of the ministry we will give away both negativism and pessimism and give some virile leadership to encourage young men to hear the call of God, without which no ministry can be a ministry.

—R. N. Gilmore (Vic.)

VIETNAM

To the Editor,

Many thanks to Peter Clark for his outspoken condemnation of the Vietnam war ("Uncensored," "A.C." 21/9/68) in marked contrast to another correspondent on the same subject, who stated, "To live in a bloodless future, we who are able, must fight in the present."

This is precisely the type of fare on which teenagers were fed, back in 1914/18 by the Government of that day.

There is only one way for the Christian to treat war—anywhere, at any time, or for any "cause"—and that is to be courageous enough to leave it alone and take the consequences, however severe.

—L. R. Reeves, Morwell, Vic.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"RADICALS" AND "FUNDAMENTALISTS"

To the Editor,

Most of us in our church pursue the even tenor of our way. But there is one small group of "radicals" and another small group of "fundamentalists." The labels are theirs not mine. I have come to the conclusion that our "radicals" are the same as our "fundamentalists" only upside down, or vice versa.

Both groups are the only ones who are right. Both criticise the church bitterly, as though they are not part of it. Both have a superior or "holier than thou" attitude to the rest of us. Neither group accepts the possibility of another reasonable point of view. Both are bitter about those who disagree with them, one lot calling them obscurantist and the other calling them unconsecrated. Both have a jargon of their own, and in each case those who are "in" know and use the acceptable phrases. One lot has a passion for souls and the other a passion for humanity, but none of them seems to like people one at a time, except those of their ilk. Each group goes into a huddle to separate the rest of us into sheep and goats, the criterion being on the one hand our attitude to "worldliness" and on the other hand our attitude to "otherworldliness."

There is one thing over which both groups agree heartily, that is that our minister doesn't preach the gospel.

When they all go to heaven, as I am sure they will, I do hope that they will like God . . . otherwise it will be hell for them.

Hoping you are not the same,

TERTIUS.

CHELSEA DECISIONS

(Vic.). Three Explorer boys made decisions at Boys' Sunday service on Sept. 22. 111 attended Boys' Sunday tea where Dane Mountford, chaplain, Collingwood Tech., was speaker . . . Notices are being served on neighbouring properties preparatory to building extensions for church . . . S.S. anniversary speakers on Oct. 13 and 20 were M. Giezendanner, G. Bosanquet, D. Smith and B. Heath. . . Six tennis teams have been entered for V.B.C.C.T.A. summer season.

EARLWOOD ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W.). Many past members shared in the 30th Anniversary of the church. Past minister, G. Sloman, presided at the Lord's Table and the address was given by present minister. In the afternoon N.S.W. Conf. Pres., H. M. Long, showed a movie and slides of the New Hebrides. The hall was full for a fellowship tea at which presentation was made to Mr. Matthews for his long service to the church as treasurer, a position which he has now had to vacate. At night the address was given by Mr. Long. The church was informed that R. Wilson, now engaged in an interim ministry at Burwood, N.S.W., would be coming to Earlwood at the beginning of February, 1969 to conduct a part-time ministry for two years.

FAMILY SINGERS

(Balwyn, Vic.). Footballers held final church parade and trophy night. The Brown Family Singers took part . . . On the next Sunday, our own Trickey family again helped the evening service . . . Guest presidents, Max Drummy and Ian Smith, past members, enriched the morning service and fellowship . . .



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Dad's Choir under baton of J. W. Burns highlighted Dads' Day services . . . Mrs. Sharp, Snr., making good recovery after further surgery.

SOUND OF MUSIC

(Ipswich, Qld.). "Sound of Music," coached by Don. Risson, was the theme of the young people's annual concert on two nights . . . The C.W.F. sent parcels valued approx. \$200 to mission fields in New Hebrides, Carnarvon and Eldsvold. . . Student minister, Don. Stewart, leads Bible studies and prayer meetings.

DEATH OF ALLEN BROOKE

(A.C.T.). On Sept. 25 the death was announced in Canberra of Chaplain General Allen Brooke, C.B.E., E.D. He was a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and had ministries with our churches in New Zealand and in most of the States of the Commonwealth. He became a chaplain in the 2nd World War and eventually became Chaplain General, (O.P.D.). For about the past 20 years Mr. Brooke served in the ministry of the Baptist Church.

MISSIONARY CHURCHES

(Cincinnati, Ohio). The essentially evangelistic task of 19th and 20th century missionaries has now passed to the younger churches around the world, a United Methodist Missions executive declared here.

Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, assistant general secretary for his denomination's world missions division, said missions now have a new context and role—"to proclaim Christ and work for the humanisation of men and of societies."

He made the assessment at the organisational meeting of the United Methodist Board of Missions, formed by union of the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren mission agencies.—E.P.S.

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FRONTIER QUESTIONS

By RICHARD LAWTON

We used to say: "If you have a problem, form a committee." These days we have progressed. We now say, "If you have a problem, do some research."

Research is dangerous on two counts: (1) We might never do anything; (2) it might produce some facts that we would rather have not known about.

But as a church it would be tremendously helpful to know whether what we are doing really achieves our aims, and what more needs to be done as part of our service for God and our fellow men.

So Australian Frontier held a conference on Sociological Research, and brought together in an almost-perfect conference room at the Australian National University, in Canberra, some of Australia's leading sociologists and concerned churchmen from four States.

Dr. Hans Mol, who is in charge of the A.N.U. Sociology Dept., and was formerly on the staff of Union Theological Seminary in the U.S.A., has been doing extensive work in the sociology of religion in Australia. He read a paper in which he said that sociological research could help religious institutions in three areas:

(1) In the local congregation, how many children are likely to come to Sunday School? What will the populations be like in 10 years' time? How can youth work be improved? What do people in the area think of the Church?

(2) On a broader basis, how do our religious beliefs tie in with our ethical attitudes? Why are under-privileged people attracted to the sects? What effect does the peer group have on teenagers and their religion? What effect does denominational schooling have on pupils? What is the attitude of ministers to their work? What is the attitude of the public to ministers?

(3) Are the church's structures out of date, as some people are saying? If the church's aim is to effect social change, what structure does it need? If its aim is to help people how can it best do this? If it is to provide satisfactory worship, or to preach the gospel, how can it best do this? It is not always the commonsense answer which is right. For instance, it is obvious that in thinking about church union the people most against it are those who express their loyalty to their denomination by regular church-going. But Dr. Mol's recent survey showed that 75% of Protestants who are against church union hardly, if ever, go to church!

Discussion showed that delegates were keen to see more research done on the nature of our society, and the relevance of the churches to this society. Research is needed into people's needs in the various types of communities and in the various age groups.

How are these needs related to the work of the Church? What do people

expect to get from the Church? What about the growing conflict in the roles of the minister? Frequently our ministers are coming to grief because they have one idea as to their role, and their congregation or their departments have another idea.

Secondly, we need to gather the information which is at our disposal, but largely untapped, so that research can be more easily done. Take the Sunday School as an example. How much do you know about the background of the scholars of your Sunday school? How many have left your Sunday School over the past five years? Why did they leave?

Thirdly, we might ask what effect the various kinds of church government and worship have. Are changes in worship services being planned by church leaders without much regard for the effect on their congregations? Will the coming together of the churches tend to standardise our worship, regardless of the fact that different types of worship may serve different personality types as they come to God?

Fourthly, who is going to do all this research? And provide the money? Is it going to be our central departments? Or the Australian Council of Churches? Or Australian Frontier? Which are the priorities for concentrated research?

The Conference is asking central church bodies to seriously examine these questions. It also asked the Research Committee of Australian Frontier to provide a clearing-house for information, allocate priorities to the various areas needing research, and pass it on to those wishing to undertake the research.

Churches of Christ delegates at the Conference were Mrs. M. Bubb (Red Cross social worker in Canberra), Richard Lawton (one of our Canberra ministers), and R. P. Morris (Brighton, Vic.) who attended as a member of the Australian Frontier Commission.

CHRIST AT EXPO '70

"Eyes of Faith and Hands That Serve—the Rediscovery of Humanity" will be the theme of the Christian Pavilion at Expo '70 to be held in Osaka, Japan. Sub-themes are (1) harmony by reconciliation and (2) progress by creation. In a statement of intention, the committee says, "The Christian Pavilion will be the 'eyes' for the whole exposition—for that huge 'body' which will show the progress and harmony of mankind. The eyes are eyes of faith, eyes of hope, eyes of love. It will also symbolise Christianity as 'the hands' that serve and pray for mankind—hands lifted in prayer for justice, hands extended in service, hands joined in reconciliation."

PROPOSAL TO GOVT.

A main item on the agenda of the assembly of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held in October at Turku, will be a proposal that the Finnish Government levy a 1% tax on the country's gross national product to aid developing countries.—E.P.S.

CHURCH DAY CANCELLED

The meeting of the Kirchentag (Church Day) in East Berlin, planned for Sept. 27-29, has been cancelled. According to the Evangelical Press Service, authorities in East Berlin raised strong objections to it, saying the political situation in Berlin is extremely tense.—E.P.S.

ONE DAY'S PAY

A resolution calling for all Methodists in Great Britain to give a day's earnings for the relief of world poverty next Good Friday was passed by the Conference of the British Methodist Church recently. The money will be channelled through Christian Aid, relief agency of the British Council of Churches.—E.P.S.

75 MILLION LUTHERANS

An increase of nearly 600,000 baptised members of Lutheran churches around the world in the last year has pushed the total number of Lutherans over the 75-million mark. While there were membership losses in some areas, the global increase offset a slight loss the year before.—E.P.S.

STAY-AT-HOME MISSIONS



By Dr. LLOYD JONES,
MINISTER SWANSTON ST. CHURCH
OF CHRIST, MELBOURNE

You don't have to leave home to obey the Great Commission! That doesn't mean you shouldn't. There is more urgent need today for young people with dedicated skills to offer themselves for missionary service abroad than at any other time in the church's history. Nor does it mean that if you can't yourself go you shouldn't be responsible for sending somebody else. Again, the need for consecrated giving of enabling resources is more urgent than ever before. The principle still stands and always will: "Why should anybody hear the gospel twice before everybody has heard it once?" But you don't have to leave home to obey the Great Commission.

A piece of missionary strategy that is new to our brotherhood and, we believe, unique among our city churches is being developed at our Swanston St. church in Melbourne. At a time when our churches are exercised about future patterns of ministry in India and the possibilities of moving into new mission areas of the world, we believe some flexibility in strategy might well be overdue. This comment in no way criticises our present missionary outreach. There will still be critical need, for genera-

tions to come, of a "sending" ministry. But for future development at least, what we are doing in our city church could provide guidelines for thought.

If there can be any recognised residential area for a church in the heart of a city the size of Melbourne it must consist of nurses and college and university students. These would be within a radius of about three miles of the church. Over the last few years many have been drawn to worship in our church. Among them are significant numbers of Asian young people. They have no ties with Churches of Christ as such, as we just aren't represented in their countries. Nor do our clearly defined denominational boundaries mean very much to them. The Christians who come to us may be described as of strong evangelical persuasion. They are pretty vital. Often they don't find a suitable fellowship within Australian churches matching their denominational association back home. We are glad to say that as a result we profit from their fellowship. At present we have at least 60 Asians regularly in touch and quite a few more on the fringe. They aren't all committed Christians. Many have come to us, brought by their friends, but knowing nothing but Buddhism and ancestor-worship. They are "ripe" for the presentation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Many have responded and been baptized, becoming part of the

church. At present we have 15 in active membership.

Of course each year some return to their countries. Eight more will be baptized on October 6 and with others already active Christians, will be welcomed into the church. These Asian Christians share in the conduct of our worship services; they read, sing, teach and half our Youth Council consists of Asians. There is no difference between Asian and Australian. We love them and believe they love us. (They even call me "father." No, not in that sense!).

Then they will go back home, in a year, two years, maybe six. But they will go back home. And this is the opportunity. Let it be quite clearly seen, they will go back home. And this is the whole point around which our strategy is being built. They will go back as doctors, dentists, architects, accountants, teachers, nurses, secretaries. But they recognise that they will also go back and be expected to lead the churches and spearhead missionary activity. It will be assumed that they have not only learned a skill to do a job back home but that they have learned the "know-how" of Christian witness and leadership.

In view of such a challenging opportunity it is our task to see they go back equipped. We don't have to teach them a language as we do our Australian missionaries. We don't have to teach them a culture, nor build bridges of friendship or methods of communication. These they have in a way we could never teach them. But we do have to bring them to Christ, a vital life-changing experience. There can be no half measures here. They must be thoroughly converted. Then we must teach them clearly and again without any equivocation the doctrines of the faith and the social implications of the gospel. We must offer them training in speaking, leading, Bible School teaching, open-air witness, singing and a host of other techniques.

We must take into account that they are doing full-time studies and any qualifications they pick up must be sandwiched in between. To this end, and at this time, our long-range planning must envisage some kind of hostel or institution which will help to solve housing problems to start with but which would also streamline such a training programme as we have outlined. At present we must move within the limits of one congregation's resources. But to do nothing when confronted by such an obvious way of fulfilling the Great Commission would be sheer tragedy. Millions in South-East Asia will not hear the Gospel unless they hear it from these young people who have come to us and need our ministry and training.

Our ministry at Swanston St. is increasingly being geared to this exciting situation. Could it be that our brotherhood might find here also one of the most challenging opportunities and one of the most fruitful areas of outreach that have ever been presented? The spadework has already been done. But it's going to need a lot more than spadework to make this missionary strategy significant. We don't HAVE to leave home to obey the Great Commission.

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NEW MINISTRIES IN S.A.

The S.A. Home Missions Dept. announces the following appointments to the H.M. "team" in 1969: Bernard Duff from the College of the Bible to Mt. Gambier; Dean Sander from Woolwich College to Whyalla; Graeme Smith from Ascot Vale to Christies Beach. Further details will be supplied in the H.M. copy of the "A.C." in November.

B. & F.B.S. SECRETARY TO BALAKLAVA

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker will undertake a 12 months interim residential ministry with the church at Balaklava commencing early in Dec., 1968. A former Federal President and for many years Bible Society secretary in Vic., Mr. Baker brings a wealth of experience to the new appointment.

LOSS AT KENSINGTON PARK

(S.A.). The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. M. Jeffrey who has been a loyal member, although a patient sufferer for many years. . . . A delightful concert was given by the Lobethal Harmony Club Choir. Our church benefited by \$13. . . . 100 young and old from other churches joined us in an hour of song and fellowship under the leadership of Ron. Dix. Our pianiste, Mrs. Mackay, assisted and solos and instrumental items were given by folk from other churches. At the conclusion tea, coffee and biscuits were served. . . . C.W.F. visited Hillcrest Mental Hospital. At our Christian Rest Home "At Home" they staffed a sweet and tart stall. At an evening meeting Miss Winnie Wong demonstrated Chinese Art.

THINGS TO COME

A.C.T.

- OCTOBER:**
 4-7—Youth Camp at Sturt Island, on Murrumbidgee R.
 13—Federal Conference Tourists at A.C.T. Services. Lyons 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Ainslie 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 27—Federal Conference Tourists at A.C.T. Services.
 30—Annual Business Meeting of A.C.T. Congregations.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- OCTOBER:**
 16-22—FEDERAL CONFERENCE — SYDNEY TOWN HALL.
 22-24—First National Ministers' Seminar — "Naamaroo" Conference Centre, Lane Cove, National Park, Sydney. Lecturer: Dr. Larry V. Kirkpatrick, of U.S.A.

VICTORIA

- OCTOBER:**
 7—ANNUAL OFFERING — COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.
 8-12—Federal Board of Christian Education Annual Meeting (Sydney).
 16-22—32nd FEDERAL CONFERENCE — SYDNEY.
 19—Explorer Hike and Barbecue.
 20—Midlands District Conference—Dunolly.
 22—Explorer Annual Dinner and Meeting.
 22-24—Australian Ministers' Seminar (Sydney).
 27—C.E. October Thanksgiving Rally.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- OCTOBER:**
 5—Christian Educ. Workshop, Mt. Gambier.
 26—Men's Breakfast 7.00 a.m.
 27—World Convention Sunday.
 After Church Youth Fellowship in Union Hall.
 30—Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick in Adelaide.
 31—World Convention Committees meet.

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BAIL UP!

Ministers are well aware that it could happen, and ministers' wives may be scared that it will happen, but it did happen to Captain King, a Salvation Army officer.

The captain stood bail for a man accused of a crime—\$1,000, with a further \$1,000 surety—and the man did not appear in court!

A spokesman for the courts said that the forfeiture of the bail may not be enforced in the circumstances. This will make us all glad for Captain King's sake, but it would defeat the whole principle of bail as a guarantee of turning up in court if Christian workers are treated differently from others. We cannot expect to be exempt from responsibility if our man does not appear.

When Captain King did something good for a man without resources and without other friends, he did on a larger scale something which many of us have done in a smaller way. It would be a shame if the Captains and the Reverends and Misters (that's us!) were discouraged from helping the underprivileged and distressed. That is the church's business. It is a Christian affirmation in faith that man is redeemable—despite the evidence to the contrary. God knows more of the evidence than we do and in a court case known as the Crucifixion he went bail for us all.

Captain King was right to stand by the man in the dock. All that remains is for the rest of us to stand by Captain King if he needs us.

INTERIM AT PT. LINCOLN

(S.A.). For the past three weeks, the church has had the ministry of G. Mathieson, Jr. . . . The Sat. evening fellowships have been a great blessing in learning and fellowship. . . . The death of Ron. Mansefield left a gap in our ranks but his memory will not fade.

TRAVELLER HOME

(Brighton, Vic.). R. N. Gilmore resumed leadership at the end of August after attending W.C.C. Assembly at Uppsala. The church appreciated valued help of Stanley Sewell who conducted a preaching ministry during Mr. Gilmore's absence. . . . Whole church and auxiliaries were involved in "Fete for Others" project on Sept. 21. \$1,618 was raised during the day. Proceeds will be directed to Aborigines work at Mooroopna, Vic., with special task of assisting a young Aborigine boy to further his studies, also assistance to members of a Rhodesian family to continue higher education. . . . Mrs. R. Forbes has undergone major surgery in Alfred Hospital, now making steady progress. . . . Church rejoices in the honour conferred on Mr. Gilmore in his appointment to the Central Committee of the W.C.C. Assembly.

G.R.S. AT FREMANTLE

(W.A.). G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at youth service on Sept. 8. He challenged the church to send young people for training at C.O.B. Mr. Stirling was a member here in his teens during his father's ministry with the church. . . . There have been a number of baptisms during Sept. . . . The church has farewelled Dr. and Mrs. P. Shannon who have left for service in New Guinea. Mrs. Shannon was very active in youth work here prior to her mar-

riage. . . . Our young people assisted in screening of "The Restless Ones" at the local theatre. A number of people were counselled after they responded to the challenge presented by our minister, F. Rees.

6,000 'PHONE BOOKS

(Inglewood, W.A.). Young people delivered 6,000 telephone books as a youth project. . . . The Junior and Intermediate scholars held a camp at Waterman's Bay. . . . The Men's "A" Grade team won the basketball grand final. . . . Mr. Manallack spoke at a Father and Son tea. Fathers were also invited to the Good Companions' Club. . . . The ladies arranged a progressive dinner and lamington day. . . . 25 young marrieds held meetings in the homes of Ray and Cherri Fewster and Ray and Val Cheeseman. Mr. Lomas spoke on mental health. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Parry, Snr., have been visiting us from Tasmania.

FINE SERVICE RECOGNISED

(Stirling, S.A.). Mrs. R. Knight has resigned after 20 years' association as church organiste, S.S. pianiste and 10 years as C.W.F. secretary. Mrs. Knight was presented with a travelling rug by church, and C.W.F. presented her with two recordings. . . . Mrs. Val. Greaves has been commissioned as an officer of the Girls' Brigade. She has also been hospitalised and is now recovering at home. . . . Each year the C.W.F. clothes an Aboriginal child at Norseman and supports an Indian orphan to the amount of \$40. . . . Mothers and friends of the Girls' Brigade were entertained by girls at a special evening. . . . A Bible study group meets weekly in cottage-type meetings led by Mr. Kilpatrick.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO PORT PIRIE

The S.A. Home Missions Dept. announces after extensive negotiations, the appointment of M. T. Lawrie to the ministry of the church at Port Pirie early in 1969. Mr. Lawrie, a man of wide experience, has spent more than 30 years of his ministries with churches in S.A. His appointment has delighted the church at Port Pirie and they eagerly await the coming of this gracious, dedicated couple who are held in the highest regard throughout the brotherhood. Mr. Lawrie has served the churches at Gawler, Tumby Bay, Kaniva (Vic.), Kadina (twice) and Beverley. He was President of the S.A. Conference 1965-6. The church at Beverley is to be commended for the gracious spirit in which they released their minister to undertake the



special ministry at Pt. Pirie. The church at Maylands has once again expressed its love of the brotherhood in pledging \$10 per week toward the subsidy required from the Home Missions Dept. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie will commence their new appointment in Feb., 1969.

SHARED WEDDING SERVICE

(Queenstown, S.A.). At the invitation of the officiating priest, the minister of the Queenstown Church of Christ, J. R. C. Wise, is to assist in conducting the marriage service for his brother and bride in Sacred Heart Chapel, Somerton. Permission for this action was readily given by the Archbishop of Adelaide. . . . A group of young people from the Queenstown church and Alderton Baptist Church recently walked 30 miles from Port Adelaide to Port Noarlunga, to raise funds for Blafra relief. It took one group of the walkers just six hours to cover the distance. Over \$300 was raised in the effort. . . . A T.V. set with a lifetime service contract was recently donated to the church by Canberra Ltd., a major television company, to assist in the youth programme of the church. . . . Strong support is being received from young people at the evening services of the church which have doubled in attendance in the last year.

TAPESTRY FOR CHURCH

(Forestville, S.A.). L. Emmett presented a beautiful wall tapestry for interior decoration of chapel. The church appreciates the many hours of work Mr. Emmett has given. . . . 50 young people held a weekend camp at Mylor with Rob. Taylor as leader. W. R. C. Bell prepared the three studies on "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, the Life." . . . B. S. anniversary featured kinder. and primary in the afternoon, and at night senior scholars presented "The Gospel in Story and Song." . . . Balaklava C.W.F.'s visit to Forestville ladies included lunch. . . . Mr. Brown spoke on Wednesday night on behalf of Wycliffe Translators. Church donated \$25 to help work. . . . A Grade boys won premiership, under 16 boys lost grand final by a narrow margin. Girls' H Grade team also lost grand final by narrow margin.

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S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Next meeting, Gawler Place, Adelaide, Monday, Oct., 7, 10.30 a.m. Subject: "Discussion on R.I. Questionnaire."

FAIR AND FINE

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). The annual fair realised \$270 to date. The C.W.E.F. prepared a recipe book which has a ready sale. . . . The church's 45th anniversary and Temple Day had an offering of \$705 at morning service. . . . Items by Salvation Army Band and Songster Brigade, compered by Lt. Col. R. Berry, were featured at the P.S.A. E. K. Morrison, Robinvale, was guest speaker. The newly-formed choir gave two numbers, and the Marr family sang. . . . C.Y.F. provided a concert programme for Salvation Army Fair recently. 13 from Red Cliffs attended junior camp, Mildura. . . . Dr. Thornley Thomas was speaker on Sept. 19. Both C.W.F. groups joined in annual Missionary Rally at Mildura, on Sept. 19, when Mrs. Thornley Thomas was guest speaker. F. Combridge, from Social Service Dept., spoke on Sept. 22, and assisted with a baptismal service.

FOURTH W.C.C. MEDICAL TEAM

(Geneva). A fourth W.C.C.-sponsored socio-medical relief team to work in the distressed areas of Nigeria left for Lagos on Sept. 13.

The team, recruited in the United States by Church World Service, consisted of Dr. Lee Roger Rutherford, a physician of Chicago, and his wife, Barbara, a pharmacist; George C. Bibler, a maintenance man, and his wife, Virginia, a nurse; Miss Susie Miller, a nurse of Hyden, Kentucky; Miss Barbara Ann Souder, a nurse of Elkhart, Indiana; Miss Mattie Ellen Tolley, a nurse of Ft. Sill and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and John Y. Ellis, a mechanic who has resided in San Francisco.—E.P.S.

DECISION AT WILLIAMSTOWN

(Vic.). At a special Fathers' Day service a group of men gave musical items. A. R. Haskell sang a solo. A young lady confessed her faith. . . . Many attended the half-yearly convention at Geelong. The audio-visual "Me in a Pulpit" was presented at a C.M.F. meeting. . . . Boys' Explorers took active part in the p.m. service on Boys' Sunday featuring the theme "Challenge of Choice." Peter Thatcher gave instrumental items. The cricket club also paraded. . . . Bible and Temperance Sundays have been observed. . . . K. H. Pitt is minister.

CHELTENHAM WINS

(Vic.). Our church football team carried off this year's premiership at Box Hill oval. . . . On Aug. 25, C.Y.F. presented the service entitled "The Causes of War," showing parts of the film "Children of Hiroshima" and singing by David and Trudie. . . . Vic. C.W.F. president, Mrs. Rankine, spoke at C.W.E.F. on Sept. 9. . . . G. K. Moyes flew to Brisbane to be guest evangelist for Brisbane's "Teen Week." . . . Explorer church parade on Sept. 22 had boys participating in the service theme, "The Challenge of Choice." The Ambassadors Quartet were guest singers.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

GROUP BIBLE STUDY

(North Parramatta, N.S.W.). Since the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney, North Parramatta has been conducting Group Bible Study classes as part of the follow-up programme. Mr. Torode, of Epping; Mr. Evans, of Telopea, and Dr. Elliott, have given assistance in leadership . . . Mrs. J. Clelland, of Telopea, has been helping as organiste for the morning services . . . Interest is developing among the members in the forthcoming Federal Conference . . . Mrs. Brigden is much improved in health . . . Special features have been Bible Sunday, Sept. 15, and church annual business meeting, Sept. 25. Recent speakers have been K. L. Baker (Epping), Graham Small (Woolwich College), R. M. Wilson (Burwood) and D. M. Surtees (Greenacre).

BOYS MAKE DECISIONS

(Dapto, N.S.W.). The S.S. held a concert on Sept. 14 to raise funds for registration on the bus. Many parents attended . . . Three boys from the Boys' Brigade made their decision at the monthly youth service. The Boys' Brigade No. 1 section and the Girls' Cadets have commenced under the leadership of Fred. Northey and Mrs. Jean Carter respectively . . . Church was saddened at the death of Mrs. Flo Bowden and sympathies are extended to her husband Bert.

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE, N.S.W.

The N.S.W. Half-Yearly Conference was held at Burwood church on Sept. 13.

Proceedings opened at 6 p.m. with a Fellowship Tea and programme presided over by the Conf. Pres., Harold M. Long. Tea table speaker was Miss Betty Vaughan, training officer of the N.S.W. Child Welfare & Social Workers' Dept.

A public meeting was conducted in which special attention was given to the relationship of the Church to society under the theme of "Faith and Social Issues."

An address was given by Neil Gilmore, of Brighton, Vic., and this was followed by a panel discussion on some of the

vital social issues of our day and the concern and involvement of the churches in the modern community and its problems. Charles Cole, director of the N.S.W. Dept. of Social Service and Homes, was chairman of the panel which consisted of Rev. Bernard Judd, secretary of the N.S.W. Council of Churches; Neil Gilmore, of Vic.; Garth Maxwell, of Rockdale; and Graham Ratten, of Telopea. Opportunity was given to the gathering to put questions to the panel and an interesting discussion developed from the floor of the conference. The Conference President concluded the meeting with prayer and benediction.

TAREE LOOKS BACK

(N.S.W.). The church here commenced in June, 1863, when Thomas and Jane Andrews and Henry Western met for communion. They were joined in 1864 by John Newby, and a year later by George Saxby. This beginning of the work was observed on Sept. 14 and 15. The celebrations commenced with a tea in the new Fellowship Centre. presided over by the minister, L. E. Wylie. Guest speaker was W. Howard, Hamilton, N.S.W.

F. V. Murray expressed thanks to the Ladies' Fellowship who had the oversight of the catering for the Saturday evening. Opportunity was taken by the church to recognise the work of A. W. Billingham.

Mr. Billingham was secretary of the Taree church with an unbroken record from August, 1922 to August, 1965, a period of 43 years. Mr. Wylie made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Billingham on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Billingham, whilst thanking the church members, mentioned men and women whose character and witness had made a deep impression on his life.

A musical programme was provided by members of the Manning River C.E. Union Choir led by Wilber Cross with Mrs. E. Burnard as accompaniste for all items.

The anniversary offering which will go towards the reduction in the debt on Fellowship Centre amounted to \$1,260.

Mr. Howard was also the speaker morning and evening on Sept. 15.

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I.T.I.M. CONSULTATION WITH HEADS OF CHURCHES

(Vic.). The second annual consultation between I.T.I.M. (Vic.) Board of Management and the heads of its 10 member churches took place recently in Melbourne.

His Excellency Sir Edmund Herring, Chairman of the I.T.I.M. Promotion Committee, said: "The Church today is in the same sort of position as it was 200 years ago during the first industrial revolution. At that time it largely failed to recognise the changes taking place, and we are still suffering from this failure. Today we are in the midst of rapid development taking place through industrialisation and urbanisation. The Church must not fail a second time but must get out and discover what is happening and learn how to serve people in the new cities and factories. I regard I.T.I.M. as the Church's 'listening post' in the new world." Sir Edmund also remarked that he was glad to see that

I.T.I.M. in Australia was beginning to play its part together with similar missions in Asia.

His Grace, Archbishop Knox, said that no other country has the possibility that Australia has today to play its part in the life of Asia. We have a heavy responsibility to respond to this challenge.

The Rev. Lawrie Styles, who had just returned from a meeting of the East Asian Urban and Industrial Mission Committee which links these various projects together said that the Australian industrial mission was accepted as part of the Asian work and that joint programmes had been planned over the next four years. The Calcutta Industrial Mission in particular asked for a joint programme with the Australian team of architects and town planners who had recently taken part in a world-wide study on people and cities.

YOUTH WORK ACTIVE

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). C.Y.F. were guests of Cheltenham C.Y.F. for Aug. 10-11. As well as sharing study and worship at Chelt., the Y.P. were shown through the Ray Barnett Christian Education Centre, our Vic.-Tas. Brotherhood Centre, the College of the Bible, Will H. Clay Nursing Home, and Emmaus Rest Home, and attended a Youth for Christ Rally . . . Good Companions assisted in the gospel service on Girls' Sunday following a Mother and Daughter Tea attended by 71 . . . Recent speakers at gospel services have included J. Byrnes (Mt. Clear), C. Jackel (Castlemaine) and Dr. K. Bowes (Christian Education). . . The film, "Beloved Enemy" was

screened on Aug. 31 by the B.S. Fund-Raising Committee . . . After heading the ladder all season our girls' basketball team played in semi-finals . . . C.W.F. have been conducting an Opportunity Shop . . . Prayer and Bible study meetings are led by J. Timms.

BERWICK ANNIVERSARY

(Vic.). The B.S. anniversary on Sept. 22 featured Mrs. Lorraine Clencie and Ron. Muller as guest speakers. In the afternoon, kinders gave items and Mrs. Merbis presented Cradle Roll mothers with flower sprays. Offering was \$20. The C.W.F. catered for 50 at tea. The B.S. gave vocal items at night . . . Dandenong Prayer and Bible Study members met with Berwick on Sept. 18.

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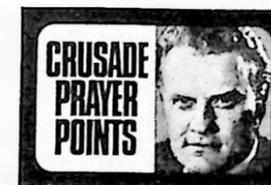
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\$320 RAISED

(Carnegie, Vic.). Ladies held a fete and raised approx. \$320 towards new windows for church . . . Explorers held Father and Son Breakfast. 45 attended. Guest speaker was M. Greenwood. Geoff. Miller and team conducted a.m. service. Explorers assisted in p.m. service presenting their worship programme . . . Mr. Warmbrunn is inmate in Crosbie House. Slight improvement . . . The men's basketball team won championship pennant.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Humphries, from Briar Hill to Preston, Vic.
Mrs. S. Smith, from Albert Park to Semaphore, S.A.
Kevin Paterson, Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Wiltshire, Christine Wiltshire, from Windsor Gardens to Hampstead Gardens, S.A.

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BALWYN CHURCH (Vic.)

Homecoming and Anniversary Services

Sunday, October 13, 1968

11 a.m. Homecoming and Worship Service.
5 p.m. Family Tea and Fellowship Hour.

MARRIAGES

Rhonda MacDonald to Graham Box, Preston, Vic.
Lorna Boake to Graeme Coates, Colac, Vic.
Frances Finck to Laurence Shute, Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.
Kathie Ainger to Paul Lees, Bayswater, Vic.
Jennifer Dodd to David Button, Hurstville, N.S.W.
Mae Cooper to Robert Pedler; Aldath Miller to George Johnson, Dalby, Qld.
Lorraine Ada Harrison to Raymond Salisbury (in N.Z.).
Beverley Anne Harrison to Kenneth Richard Mahoney, Middle Park, Vic.
Gillian Hillier to Ronald Henderson, Reservoir, Vic.
Annette Vernev to David Congdon, Fremantle, W.A.
Margaret Sullivan to Arthur Bradcock, Kensington Park, S.A.
Rachel Holt to Terry Rubie, Hope-land, Qld.

DEATHS

Mrs. Harry Halliday, Jack Greenwood, Stirling, S.A.
G. W. Forsyth, Semaphore, S.A.
Mrs. M. Jeffrey, Kensington Park, S.A.
Ron. Mansfield, Pt. Lincoln, S.A.
Mrs. M. Lawrence, Brighton, Vic.
Paul Andrew May, Bayswater, Vic.
Walter Stuart Badger, Montrose, Vic.
Colin Joseph Hall, West Preston, Vic.
Edith Maud Burford, Grote Street, Adelaide, S.A.
Mrs. Tansell, Hawthorn, S.A.

SAPPHIRE WEDDING

MUDFORD-CURRY. — Congratulations Mum and Dad on your 45th wedding anniversary, celebrated at the Church of Christ, South Richmond, on September 29, 1923, by the late Pastor J. I. Mudford. Love from Clem and Ailsa, Valma and Keith (Bish), Lois and Glen (Witham), Renice and Alan (Graham), and your 10 grandchildren. Present address—117 Mt. Korong-rd., Eaglehawk, Vic.

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BUNNETT (Bronson).—On September 19, to Ian and Helen, of Flat 2, 22 Ellesmere-rd., Windsor, 3181, God's gift of a daughter—Melissa Jane.

ENGAGEMENTS

BECKITT-WISE.—The engagement is announced of Coralie and Alan, both of Churches of Christ Native Mission, Norseman, West Australia.

BEDWELL-RODGER.—It is with pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bedwell (minister, Albion, Qld.) announce the engagement of their daughter Suzanne, to John, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rodger (elder, Doonside, N.S.W.).

BARKER-GOSS.—The engagement is announced of Robyn Patricia, only child of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. D. Barker, of 43 Harbord-rd., Harbord, N.S.W., to Ian Richard, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Goss, of Church of Christ, 333 Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

HALL-HILLBRICK.—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hall, 37 Day-st., Bairnsdale, together with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hillbrick, 28 Blackwood-st., Carnegie, announce with pleasure the engagement of Susan and Lyell.

TULLY-FALLON.—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tully, 98 Williamsons-rd., Doncaster, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fallon, 55 Finlayson-st., Doncaster, announce with pleasure the engagement of Pam and Kim.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

HAMMER-TOWLE.—The marriage of Margaret Hammer to Garry Towle (both of Woolwich Bible College) will be celebrated at Bexley North Church of Christ on October 12, at 2 p.m. The bride's father will officiate.

GOLDEN WEDDING

OUTLAW-ATKINS.—On October 12, 1918, at Chapel-st., Norwood Church of Christ, George and Edith were married by the late Pastor Leslie W. Baker. "Thanks be to God."

DEATHS

FLATMAN.—On Sept. 17, at Moruya Hospital, Wantirna South, Elsie May (late of East Malvern), dearly loved wife of the late Stanley, and loving mother of Doris and Keith, fond mother-in-law of Joyce, and loved grandmother of Marilyn and John.

HENDERSON, Thomas Ernest — On Sept. 10 at Ballarat, loved husband of Edith, father of Heather (Mrs. Heymer), Harold, Lyla (Mrs. Hocking), and Ernest; father-in-law of Essex, Audrey, Colin and Gwen; fond grandfather of Robert Heymer; Peter, Ray and David Henderson; Peter, Valerie, Janet, Alan, Rodney and Lynne Hocking; Karen and Narelle Henderson.

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JOHNSON, Hilda Mabel.—Passed away October 3, 1967. Loving and loved sister and cousin of Rhoda and Maurine. "Though so poor without her gracious presence; how rich we are in happy memories."

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CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). A Church Life Conference led by C. H. Dow was held Sept. 13-15 . . . Mrs. E. Simpson is now president of S.A. Women's Conf. . . . The girls' C Grade basketball team won the premiership from Flinders Park. Two other girls' teams reached the semi-finals . . . M. D. Williams is conducting training classes in church membership.

SEMAPHORE ANNIVERSARY

(S.A.). The 58th church anniversary had J. B. Baker as guest speaker. After Family Fellowship Tea the film "The Family That Changed The World" was screened . . . \$375 was received for Temple Day offering. Contract has been given for renovation to front of church. . . . 12 members attended recent Seminar on Evangelism conducted by Dept. of H.M. and Christian Educ. . . . Three young people recently made their good confession . . . Basketball and table tennis teams both finished premiers in their respective grades . . . Church saddened by the sudden death of G. W. Forsyth . . . Mid-week Prayer and Bible Fellowship held with local Baptist brethren . . . Board commenced preparation for mission next March.

ADDED TO CHURCH

(Christies Beach, S.A.). A married couple were baptized on Sept. 8 . . . Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study is showing keen interest under leadership of Mr. Riches . . . C.W.F. is raising money for a new B.S. room . . . The men have cleaned up church yard and planted several trees.

EVALUATION AND RENEWAL

(Hawthorn, S.A.). The theme of Temple Day and conference on Sept. 15 was "Give This Day to God" led by K. D. Horne of the H.M. Dept. Discussions on Evaluation and Renewal were held and committees formed to define targets . . . Guest speakers at S.S. anniversary were Roy Greenhalgh and John Birt . . . The Y.P.S.C.E. arranged a "Back to Endeavour Day." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grigg have returned to Indonesia for further service with Overseas Missionary Fellowship. C.W.F. arranged a Bring and Buy stall for Bible for Indonesia project . . . Church ladies provided a social programme at Glenside Hospital . . . Monthly youth fellowship continues to be well supported. . . . C. G. Flood is minister.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK-END

(Balaklava, S.A.). C.M.F. members spent an enjoyable and educational weekend in Flinders Ranges . . . C.W.F. travelled to Forestville for their monthly meeting. Mrs. C. Smith and Mrs. Ray Greenshields gave messages. Choir items and a Bible Quiz were also featured. Forestville ladies provided luncheon . . . Rex Chamberlain was guest speaker at the S.S. anniversary. Young people and teachers acted in a religious play assisted by a film.

TRACTS DISTRIBUTED

(Grote St., Adelaide). Older B.S. scholars used their period to distribute hundreds of tracts in Victoria Square. . . . Table tennis team won B Grade premiership . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Paddick, Grote St. members, were honoured on the occasion of Mr. Paddick concluding 17½ years as Youth Director with Youth Temperance Council. Mr. Paddick is one of our ministers . . . Recent broadcast brought many appreciative comments.

OBITUARY

Thomas Ernest Henderson

The church at Peel St., Ballarat, was saddened at the unexpected death of Thomas Henderson on Sept. 10, 1968. Born in 1905, and born again in 1953 when he joined the church, Mr. Henderson has been an active member in the Lord's work, being regular in attendance, and only a month ago helping the young people by taking a car-load of them to the Cheltenham church, Melbourne, for the weekend. He will be remembered for his pleasant and happy disposition; for the love and devotion to his wife and family. Our brother leaves a wife, and four married children, with deep sadness in their heart, but none would deny him going and receiving his reward from the Lord.

—J.T.T.

Marjorie Helen Lampshire

Marjorie Helen Lampshire was born in the Bonnett family of Adelaide 67 years ago. In 1915 she made her decision at Mile End Chapel under the preaching of Mr. Wiltshire. In 1922 she married the young minister of the Hindmarsh Christian Church, Reg. Lampshire. The ceremony was in the hands of B. W. Manning and H. Davie. With her husband ministries were conducted at Hindmarsh, East Kew (Vic.), Forestville (S.A.), York, S.A., (now Beverley), Cheltenham (S.A.), North Adelaide (S.A.), Beulah Road, S.A. (now Kensington Park) and an interim ministry at Cowandilla (S.A.). She was 31 years with her husband in the ministry and then shared with Mile End and Henley Beach. Marjorie Helen Lampshire was a radiant Christian who did not have an enemy in this world. She will be missed, but anyone who knew her knows that her love and trust in Jesus was secure and solid. We thank God for allowing us to share in such a life.—J. Maxted.

Colin Joseph Hall

When the death of Colin Joseph Hall was announced at the communion service on Sept. 8, a wave of deep sadness swept over the assembly, especially those with whom he had worked so tirelessly and ably for the Kingdom of God. The tender and loving sympathy of the church has been extended to Mrs. Hall, and to daughters, Dorothy and Beryl. They, together with their families are commended to the God of all comfort. For over 33 years Colin had been associated with the work and witness of the church at West Preston (Vic.) which outside of his work and his home always came first in claims upon his time, his energy and his love. A skilled accountant, he brought his knowledge to his work in the church, serving as a deacon, treasurer, and at the time of his death was the custodian of the Mutual Fund. He brought to all his work in the church a rare devotion. We will miss him greatly for his presence and services were invaluable. Such men are not replaced easily.—A. E. Wood.

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THIS IS LIFE AT GATTON

(Qld.). A nine-night "This is Life" Crusade with Alan Webb, B.A. minister of Camp Hill, Qld., saw an average attendance of 80 with many good contacts being made. Lorraine Wegner made the good confession and has since been baptized and welcomed into church fellowship. We look forward to further decisions.

A. ANDERSON TO CONTINUE

(Morawa, W.A.). The minister, A. Anderson, has accepted an invitation for an extra 12-month term to the end of 1970 . . . All auxiliaries of the church reported steady progress. A. Anderson assists with work at Dalwallinu each month where a start has been made on building of a chapel . . . The September Friendship meeting had as guest speaker Mrs. Mead with her guide dog. These meetings continue to hold interest of town ladies. R. Davey, of Social Service Dept. was a recent speaker . . . R. H. Carslake was re-elected as S.S. Supt. and Pat Thygesen sec.-treas., Mrs. G. D. Carslake is Kinder. Supt. . . . The church annual meeting elected to office:

Chairman, G. D. Carslake; Sec., B. McIllwaine; Treas., G. Barr; elders are R. Carslake, G. Barr, G. Carslake and K. Wornes.

WORK CAMP

(Dalby, Qld.). Two families participated in the work camp at Magnetic Island over the school holidays . . . A time of fellowship and fun was had at the Western Districts Fellowship weekend at Roma . . . A small increase is noted at the weekly prayer and Bible study meeting . . . A number of members remain in hospital.

OPERATION YOUTH COUNT

(Bunbury, W.A.). Church members participated in a community effort to ascertain interests and activities of Y.P. House to house visitation was made with the 12-21 group the main interest. A computer will be used to disseminate the information . . . G. R. Stirling's visit to the S.W. churches was stimulating. He spoke at the S.W. Women's Conference's inspirational rally in Harvey when 18 Bunbury ladies attended. He then attended an informal barbecue for Y.P. at Bunbury. He also spoke on the College of the Bible at Collie, Busselton and Manjimup . . . C.W.F. were guests of the inaugural women's programme on T.V. Channel 3 . . . Fran-

cis Felton and Julie Stone preached at a recent youth service. J. Holliday exchanged pulpits with G. Carslake on Sept. 8.

QLD. BAPTISM

(Chinchilla-Hopeland, Qld.). Mrs. Went has been baptized and welcomed into the fellowship at Chinchilla . . . The two Y.P.C.E. groups combined for their annual rally. A social on Friday night was followed by a Saturday car rally with Smorgasbord tea in the Civic Centre. The main consecration meeting was also in the Civic Centre. Guest speaker was Rob. Holt, minister at Bundaberg. A youth gospel service on Sunday had Norm. Flett speaking, and this was followed by an after-church youth fellowship . . . Mr. Curtis represented the Social Service Committee in deputations work . . . The Chinchilla annual business meeting elected two elders: S. Blanchard and R. Clark, who is also secretary; and five deacons, of whom F. Davis is treasurer . . . The services at Miles and Dulacca are continuing, providing fellowship for a few church families several miles west of Chinchilla. . . . The Chinchilla B.S. picnic was held on a nearby farm . . . Slides and tape-recordings from Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger in the New Hebrides, were presented on Sept. 22.

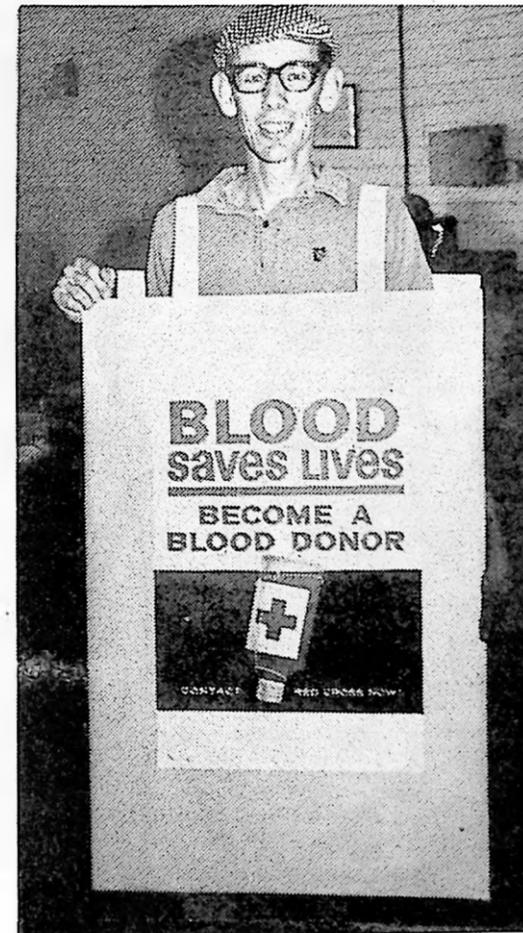
GLADSTONE'S TWEENAGERS IN THE NEWS

With their club in recess for the school vacation, five of Gladstone's tweenagers journeyed the 110 miles to Emu Park for the five-day camp led by the ministers of the Rockhampton and Gladstone churches.

During the camp, plans were finalised for the young people of both centres to carry out a Lamington Drive to raise funds for camp improvements. It is expected that more than 7,000 lamingtons will be sold in this venture.

The club has gained much public support through its drive to enlist blood donors for the local branch of the Red Cross. Throughout September, Saturday mornings are being devoted to this scheme in which the minister parades through the shopping centre wearing sandwich boards, while the Tweenagers distribute literature and make appointments for prospective donors.

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(Vic.). The three congregations combined at Short St. for an Every Member Present service on Sept. 22 . . . Plans are well in hand for the Tent Mission to be held in Bendigo with internationally-known evangelist J. K. Bond, and music director Robert Drown . . . Zone chief, Ron. Bucknell, visited the Boys' Club and was entertained at tea in the hall. Club leader Ian Lacy arranged for his club members to assist at evening gospel service. Bible readings, explanation and display of awards won, prayers, and a choral item were featured.

MEN REFORM

(Footscray, Vic.). A re-formed C.M.F. has made a good start with 24 attending a tea on August 26. The Sept. meeting had 28 in attendance. Pres. is W. Burgess, Sec., R. Green, and Treas., R. Mottram . . . C.W.E.F. conducted "Cafe Chantant" with items provided by auxiliaries. Proceeds went to the New Guinea project . . . At the church business meeting on Aug. 21, the budget for 1969 was approved with provision for increased giving to brotherhood and inter-denominational needs.

CENTURY-OLD CITY CHURCH REPRIEVED

(Vic.). The historic 105-year-old Church of Christ on the corner of Swanston and Little Lonsdale streets will not be demolished as part of the City Council's re-development scheme.

This was stated by the chairman of the council's building and town planning committee, Cr. Sir Bernard Evans.

The secretary of the church trustees, R. M. Walker, welcomed the news.

"This is the first we've heard about it, and I'm very happy," he said.

Letters from the council had stated

FAREWELLED FROM COLAC

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Melville and family were farewelled and presentation made . . . A party of young people from Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, visited our young people recently . . . A. A. Avery, H.M. field officer, spent the weekend with us on Sept. 22. His messages and a discussion around the tea table were enjoyed . . . Mrs. G. Coates has settled in Geelong . . . Mr. Weeks, who attended Uppsala Conf., gave a talk in our church.

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH TEENAGERS?"

(Gardiner, Vic.). The above topic was discussed by a panel of four teenagers, two parents, and a teacher on Sept. 8, on our second "Sunday Night with a Difference." 200 had buffet tea preceding the service, which included films, an organ recital by Douglas Mudie (recently returned from Vietnam), musical items

BUSY WEEKEND

(Belmont, Vic.). On weekend of Sept. 20-22, 40 Good Companions and leaders held a Home Camp. On 21st, G.C.'s had hike, barbecue lunch, bus trip around Geelong and social at night; shared in B.S. and communion service on Sunday morning. Also took part in B. & F.B.S. march and meeting on Sunday afternoon . . . On 21st, men of church joined district churches in a Men's Breakfast with Rev. A. Preston as guest speaker. . . . On Sunday, H. Howlett, District Secretary of Scripture Union, was guest speaker. Church is encouraging use of S.U. materials . . . On Sunday evening "Twentyman's" conducted the service. Alan Purnell and Elizabeth Barnes delivered their first "sermons." . . . The minister, D. A. V. Thomas, has been elected president of Geelong Churches' Cricket Association. Basketball team won trophy for best behaved team; only team among 78 without loss of points.

EXPLORER SERVICE

(Bayswater, Vic.). "Challenge of Choice" was the theme for the Explorer Boys' service led by Mr. Keatch. 20 boys and their leaders attended. Some boys assisted in service. Daniel Hills led the singing . . . Judith Hampson was welcomed into church following her baptism . . . Mrs. Weatherhead was guest speaker at C.W.F.

that no decision had been made on the future of the church, Mr. Walker said.

The letters had set out three choices presented in the Connor report on the re-development of the block.

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- To demolish the church and build a new one on the same site.
- To demolish it and rebuild elsewhere—"The Age."

by Believers Incorporated and The Chelsea Singers, community hymn singing, and a sermon by K. J. Clinton on "What's Right About Life?" . . . On Sept. 22 R. V. Amos, Conf. Pres., was speaker at our 54th church anniversary. He was originally a S.S. scholar and church member at Gardiner. At night, Reg. Combridge, our "Living Link" missionary in the New Hebrides gave the message. In the afternoon an excellent musical P.S.A. was enjoyed.

GEMSTONES AT C.W.F.

(Preston, Vic.). Mrs. Rankine and Prayer Committee have visited C.W.A.F. Gemstone lectures, for both women's fellowships, raised money for alteration fund . . . Harold Parson of the Borneo Evangelical Mission was speaker at Y.P. Club on 15th . . . Mrs. Cahill was welcomed at morning service after seven months in hospital . . . Official Board and church cricket club played a social match on 21st.

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WORLD C.W.F. SERVICE

(Bayswater, Vic.). "Under the Cross" was theme for World C.W.F. service. Guest speaker was Mrs. Betty Keatch. Mrs. Una Hills, Pres. C.W.F., led service, assisted by Mrs. Barbara Kay, Mrs. June Hampson and Mrs. Alice Bullen. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung by The Yukana Singers. \$12.25 offering for World C.W.F. work . . . A number of ladies spent pleasant morning at Ludbrook House where Mrs. Morrison served morning coffee . . . Yukana Singers assisted at afternoon at St. John's Church of England, Wantirna . . . We were shocked at death of little Paul May. Many attended funeral service at Glen Iris.

THREE ADDITIONS

(Hurstbridge, Vic.). Three young people were added to the church by faith and baptism, also welcomed in was Mrs. E. Seskis. Mr. and Mrs. A. McKenzie were transferred to Briar Hill. We thank Mr. McKenzie for giving so much service to Hurstbridge.

NORTHCOTE DECISION

(Vic.). On Aug. 11 a young woman made her decision and was baptized on Aug. 25. Also received in were Mr. and Mrs. McCrystal . . . Reg. Combridge, returned missionary, was speaker on Sept. 15 . . . Annual meeting of the church was held on Aug. 28 . . . On Sept. 11 C.W.E.F. held a film night when travel films by Ansett-A.N.A. were shown . . . A special get-together evening was held when the Heidelberg Repertory Group presented the play, "Before the Flood." Other items were presented by church members and a group from Thornbury.

CENTURY SCORED

(Reservoir, Vic.). Morning worship services very well attended recently with 100 plus present . . . Boys' Sunday service was held on Sept. 15 with young men taking part in service . . . Three young people will be baptized on Sept. 22 . . . C.W.F. were addressed by Leprosy Mission representative and saw film on Sept. 19.



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GRAHAM CRUSADE NEAR

Leonard E. Buck, Prayer Chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade (Vic.), reviewing the prospects of the Crusade, 1969, calls for a fresh appreciation of the privilege of a Crusade; an honest look at the present level of our prayer participation, and an "all in" committal of ourselves—individuals and churches—to the vital work of prayer.

We unquestionably accept as an axiom the fact—biblically taught and experimentally proved—that the amount of blessing is in almost exact proportion to the amount of praying. We may not like to accept the implications of this, and prefer to believe that God is not bound up to our obedience, but he himself has made it so.

God has made determination to pray, readiness to believe, and willingness to receive, a condition of blessing. "He worketh for them that wait for him." It is not difficult to find divinely wise reasons for this.

It is tragically possible to let an opportunity pass us by, that will never come our way again. God has anointed and

sent a man—for our day and generation—who is preaching the whole counsel of God, and sinners are being arrested and converted.

It is entirely possible that this may be the last Crusade of this kind, at least through Dr. Graham.

What is the level of our individual commitment to God in the light of the coming Crusade? Really, what are we expecting God to do in our circle of friends, business, family, church, etc.? How many of us are asking God the Holy Spirit to save (through us as channels) the neighbours and fellow workmates we long to see brought to Christ?

A tide of conviction of sin, longing for deliverance, freedom to know and to do the divine will and witness to the divine Word, will come to individuals and to us as fellowships, in answer to prayer. And the spirit of prayer needs to be felt in our churches, and in the community, if our State is to be shaken by the breath of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of prayer comes through the obedience of prayer.

C.W.F. MISSIONARY RALLY

(Vic.). Over 200 attended the annual rally of the Missionary Committee in the Brotherhood Centre on Aug. 14.

Mrs. Bryant and her committee provided a welcome cup of tea and hot scones at the beginning. The Supt., Mrs. Heard, presided at the morning session. Mrs. Dorothy Smith led the devotions. The soloists were Mrs. Gore, accompanied by Mrs. St. Aubyn.

A special welcome was given to Mrs. T. Thomas, on furlough from India, who made a special trip to Vic. for the occasion, as speaker. Mrs. Thomas spoke of the background of the Indian people—their many religions, and the conditions under which our missionaries work, how it is becoming increasingly difficult to enter India, and the lengthy procedure to re-enter after furlough. Mrs. Thomas also answered many questions.

The offering for the day went to an Indian project, the provision of a vehicle for the work at Baramati. Morning offering: \$120.03; afternoon: \$42.25.

The afternoon session was presided over by the C.W.F. Pres., Mrs. Rankine, who led the Call to Worship. Mrs. Crouch was soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Sharpe.

Aboriginal focus: Mrs. Swan spoke of the parcels received from groups, then introduced Mrs. Bruton, recently arrived from Tasmania, now on Missionary Committee and taking over some of the work.

Mrs. Thorpe gave a short but interesting message on the work at Norseman. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will soon be returning to the work there. A panel consisting of D. H. Smith, E. C. Ots, T. T. Robinson, Mrs. Strack and Mrs. Jones brought the Home Mission focus.

—B. Keatch, Sec. Miss. Comm.

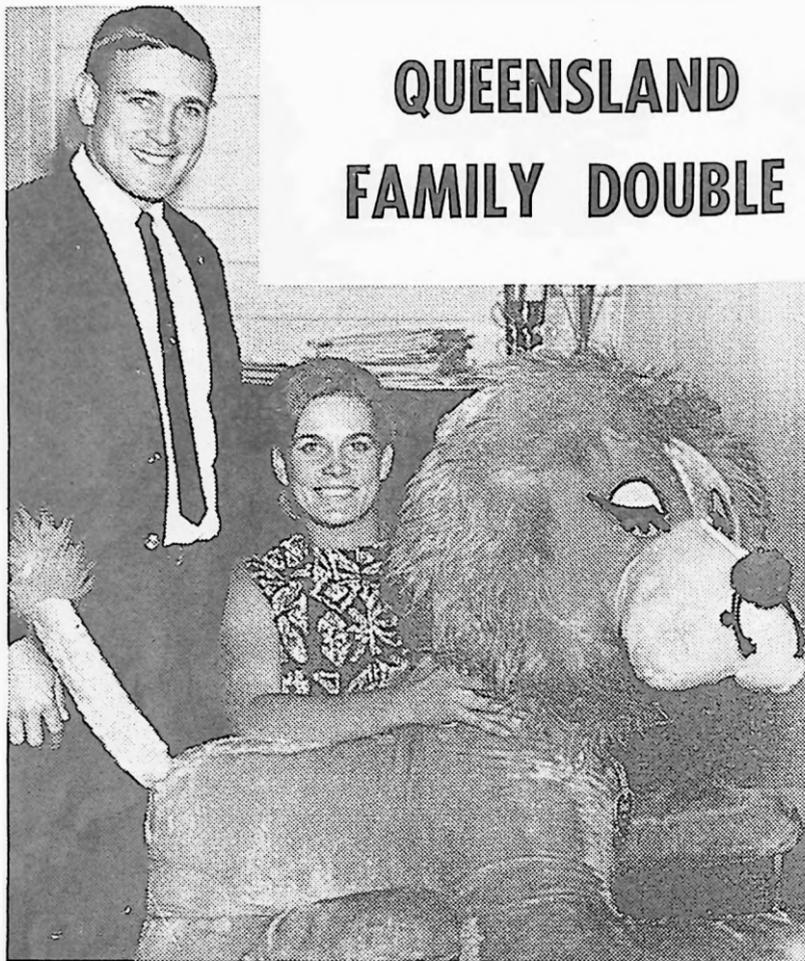
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QUEENSLAND FAMILY DOUBLE

Ralph Gwynne (24) and sister Beris (18) returned to Townsville recently after completing studies in Canada and the United States, respectively, under separate scholarship awards.

Ralph left Australia in Dec., 1966, to study in Canada under a Rotary International technical training award at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Beris won an American Field Service Scholarship and left Australia in July of last year. She furthered her studies at Colusa (California) Union High School.

They are the son and daughter of Police Sergeant and Mrs. G. Gwynne, of Mundingburra, formerly of Wynnum, Queensland.

Ralph has resumed work with the Northern Electric Authority, and Beris will seek employment in Townsville until the beginning of the 1969 academic year at the Townsville University College, where she will take an Arts course under a Commonwealth open scholarship.

While in Canada, Ralph studied instrumentation and control technology.

MANY FRIENDS

Friends had taken him to Colusa, in the Sacramento Valley, to be united with his sister during the vacation. On his return to the Vancouver institute,

he had studied until last Christmas, and during the holiday break had again been taken by friends to visit his sister.

Ralph sat for his final examination at the institute in Vancouver on May 31 last, and received his diploma in convocation exercises on June 14.

The term of Ralph's Rotary International scholarship expired after 12 months and for the past eight months, he has spent in Canada at his own expense with, as he put it, "a great deal of greatly appreciated help from Mum and Dad." While in Vancouver, Ralph was hosted by various Rotary clubs there, and addressed meetings of about 30 clubs, besides attending several district conferences.

He said it had been a wonderful experience for him to be accepted readily by all the people he met in Canada and the United States.

He said that after he had obtained his diploma, Rotary District 504, Vancouver had organised a special tour for him of Washington State, the coastal areas of British Columbia, and Alaska.

He had gained the impression, though, that most northern Americans believed that Australia was populated mainly by kangaroos, emus and koala bears, rather than white people.

Canada, he said, appeared to have a

similar problem to Australia — vast wealth in untapped raw materials, but insufficient population.

WAGES HIGHER

The average Canadian worker seemed to be paid a higher wage than his counterpart in Australia, said Ralph. The Canadian appeared to have more left out of his pay packet for spending on luxuries.

During her 12 months in the United States, Beris stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arnfield, and their three daughters, at their home at Colusa, in the heart of the United States' largest single rice producing area.

Beris said that about 3,080 Field Service students go to the U.S. each year from about 60 different countries. There were 98 Australians in the last group to visit the U.S.A.

"Living with a private family is one of the conditions of the scholarship, and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," she said.

Beris matriculated from the Pimlico High School in 1966. While in Colusa, she was a member of the Student Council.—A.C.M.

T.V. FILM ON CHAPLAINS

"Army Chaplains and Recruits" on Monday, Oct. 7, 1968 at approx. 10.15 p.m., as part of the training programme of young recruits in Australia's Army is a Moral Guidance Course.

Chaplains from several churches as commissioned Army officers lead the course. "Dialogue" shows on film some aspects of the course and discusses religion in the Army, the work of Chaplains and the effects of the Moral Guidance Course on the young soldier.

Those taking part include a Chaplain, a pacifist, and a spokesman for the Army.

DOES YOUR BOY SING?

The Australian Boys' Choir will shortly be holding their annual auditions, and if you have a boy who has reached his 8th birthday, and would like the opportunity to try for a place in the oldest established Boys' Choir in Australia, you should apply to: The Secretary, The Australian Boys' Choir, Box 2390 V., G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001, as soon as possible.

Just give his name, age, and address, and we will advise you when he is to report for his audition.

GRAHAM ON UNION

Evangelist Billy Graham, acknowledging the support Roman Catholics have given to his crusades, declared recently that Catholics and Protestants are not prepared for "organic union."

At a press conference, Dr. Graham said, "There is a new climate of understanding and dialogue between Protestants and Catholics. I am much closer to Catholic theology than I am to the extreme liberal theology of some Protestants. But from opinions that I hear expressed during my travels, I'd say that Catholics are not ready for organic union and neither are we. And when I say we, I mean Protestants."

IRAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches appealed in Sept. for \$100,000 from its member churches and their related agencies to finance a share in a relief programme for victims of the recent earthquake in Iran.

It is proposed that the churches' share in the comprehensive rehabilitation programme now taking shape should be in the form of at least three fully-equipped clinics. In addition, cooking equipment, which can be bought in Iran, is urgently needed by families who have lost everything in the disaster. For this a minimum of \$10,000 is needed. —E.P.S.

INDONESIAN AT CONGRESS

(Singapore). A high-ranking official of the Indonesian Government is co-chairman of an evangelism conference to be held here Nov. 5-13 this year. Dr. A. M. Tambunan, Minister of Social Affairs of Indonesia, is one of 10 prominent Asians who compose the Executive Committee of the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism—a unique gathering of more than 1,000 carefully-selected church and lay leaders from more than 24 countries in Asia and the South Pacific.

The other members of the Congress Executive Committee who also serve as co-chairmen of the conference are Dr. Kyung Chik Han of Korea, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Chandu Ray of Pakistan, Bishop Onofre G. Fonseca of the Philippines, the Rt. Rev. A. J. Dain of Australia, the Rev. Akira Hatori of Japan, the Rev. Philip Teng of Hong Kong, and Elder Wu Yung of the Republic of China.

LAOS NEEDS CRITICAL

(Bangkok). Between 16% and 25% of the 3 million people of Laos are refugees, according to a survey completed Aug. 23 by a team sent to the area by the East Asia Christian Conf.

The government has encouraged refugees to move in groups with their headmen and village chiefs so that the social organisation remains intact. Because these groups are widely scattered and badly in need of medical attention, the survey team has suggested that E.A.C.C. teams be sent to six different areas. Each would contain medical personnel, social workers and agricultural extension workers.

Other factors contributing to Laos' difficulties include an inadequate transportation system which makes it almost impossible to realise income from the abundant natural resources. Also the presence of insurgents in most of the eastern areas makes the situation especially critical.—E.P.S.

SOVIET ACTION "TRAGIC"

(Prague). A leading Czech Christian who holds the Lenin Prize of International Friendship and Peace, has notified the Soviet Union that its occupation of his country has produced in him "a feeling of disappointment, regret and shame."

"In my long life I do not know of a greater tragedy," wrote Dr. Joseph L. Hromadka, professor at the Comenius Faculty in Prague and president of the Christian (Prague) Peace Conference.

Dr. Hromadka's feelings were expressed in a note, dated Aug. 22, handed to the Soviet Ambassador in Prague.—E.P.S.

POST-WAR NEEDS

(Geneva). Damage to hospitals, schools, farms and the entire social and economic life of Nigeria and Biafra by the civil war is to be surveyed by experts sent to areas where the conflict has raged by the World Council of Churches. These experts will work with the All Africa Conference of Churches and with other regional and national organisations.

The purpose of the survey is to ascertain post-war needs for rehabilitating millions of people on both sides of the conflict and, after full consultations with church and governmental authorities in the different areas, to make recommendations that the member churches of the World Council will be asked to finance.—W.C.C.

PASSPORT WITHDRAWN

(Capetown). A Methodist minister who had planned to go to the U.S. to accept a two-year post-doctoral scholarship was informed by security police here that his passport had been withdrawn.

No reason for the action was given to the Rev. Basil Moore, but he believes it is linked to his leadership of the University Christian Movement (U.C.M.) of Southern Africa. The movement has been the subject of criticism recently by South Africa's Premier, John Vorster.

Loss of his passport, Mr. Moore said, means he will have to cancel his American scholarship which required his return to South Africa on completion of his studies.

The U.C.M. is interdenominational and inter-racial. It has received the backing of the Methodist, Anglican, United Congregational, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian churches.—E.P.S.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

HERE AND THERE . . . We regret to learn of the death in France of H. G. Maston, son of the late A. B. Maston, the first editor of the "Aust. Christian." He was in the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Engineers . . . Thousands of Endeavorers are in Ballarat for the great National C.E. Convention. Several of our own men—including T. H. Scambler, Jas. E. Thomas, and Will C. Beiler—are planned to deliver addresses . . . The executive of the Returned Soldiers' National Party passed a resolution declaring that the "attitude of this party towards prohibition be one of earnest support."

From the Field; T.A.S. Penguin. We are glad that the H.M. Committee has sent Bro. Spaulding to labour on the North West Coast. He is visiting from house-to-house and does not shun to deliver the whole gospel of God . . . S.A. Mallala. F. J. Goodwin, who has labored at Mallala and Long Plains for over five years has left for Victoria. Digby Daniels presided at a combined social. R. Daniels on behalf of the combined churches presented Bro. Goodwin with £38/14/6 and Sister Goodwin with an eiderdown quilt. Q.L.D. Toowoomba. The interest in the Chandler-Clay mission is still holding. On Sunday night the tent was again packed. To date, 235 have confessed Christ. The church has decided to sell the old building and erect an up-to-date place of worship.

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ARMY CHAPLAIN

By ROD. TIPPETT

The young man all but fell into my room when I opened the door to answer his knock.

"Padre, I've been a fool," he blurted out. And he went on to tell me the whole story, stopping now and then because he was choked with emotion.

That was not an isolated instance either. It was one of many opportunities which Army Chaplains have to help men and to say something about the Christian life.

As far as I can discover, the word "chaplain" has its roots in a Latin word, which was given to the person who held the cloak of Martin, Bishop of Tours, in the 4th century.

A similar word was also used to describe the tent or canopy which the French kings threw over a mound of stones to make an altar for the soldiers in the field. The word "chaplain" came to mean "one who conducted a service of worship."

In Britain, Army Chaplains were permitted by an Act of Parliament in 1888. The same Act also permitted the holding of religious services amongst servicemen.

In Australia, Chaplains belong to the Royal Australian Army Chaplains' Dept., and this is responsible for all aspects of religion in the Army and for the conduct of character training courses. There are five denominational groups, each with a Chaplain General who meet in conference to discuss and decide policies. The five groups are Roman Catholic, Church of England, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Churches, which includes Baptists, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Salvation Army, etc. There is also a senior Jewish Chaplain in each State.

The Army recognises the need for spiritual development. A Military Board Instruction reads, "When young men enter the Army, they are separated from the influence of home and local church with which they have been associated. It is important therefore to both the soldier and the service that ample opportunity be given in the Army for spiritual development," and again, "Religious faith cannot be satisfactorily developed without religious worship."

WHAT DOES A CHAPLAIN DO?

In one sense the work of a chaplain is an extension of the normal pastoral

(R. W. Tippett was trained at the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He is presently serving as Chaplain at Woodside, S.A.).

work undertaken in the ministry, but with a number of important things added. Regardless of what we think of war, or conscription, we have to admit that soldiers are men, and we have the same obligation and the same privilege to serve them as we have in serving any group in any community. The task of caring for the moral and spiritual welfare of men in the Army is a big one. Because of the National Service system, we are finding an increasing number of men from our churches (both conscripts and volunteers) who are joining the Army. These men will need all the services and the care of the Christian Church.

CHURCH PARADES

These are never compulsory. The service is a simple one and includes hymns, prayers, readings and a short talk. In some camps, Chaplains have found that a week night is the best time to hold such a service, rather than on a Sunday. Provision is made for communion services and chapels are equipped and furnished for these purposes. A service would also be held in most areas on Sundays for soldiers who are in camp over the weekend and for families who live near the camp. Occasional religious services such as weddings and baptisms are the responsibility of the Chaplain also. United services involving all denominations are held on special occasions.

C.O.'s HOURS

This is a period of time set aside by the Commanding Officer of the unit, and is given to the Chaplains for the moral instruction and welfare of the soldiers. This is not a time of instruction in religion, although it is obvious that the two overlap quite often. The methods used will vary with each Chaplain, but often includes discussion groups, question times, lectures, films, etc.

The topics covered are designed to help men discover real meaning in life and to think about important moral issues.

This is one of the highlights of the Chaplain's work. The men join in freely, they can argue and discuss a matter with great vigor, with the Chaplain often having to state his own faith and beliefs in simple and frank terms. On recruitment, Chaplains conduct character guidance courses and refresher courses are held before embarkation for overseas service.

PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Personal counselling and the exploration of soldiers' problems is a vital part

of the work. It may be that a soldier is contacted whilst on exercises or a soldier may ask to see the chaplain (he has unrestricted access to the chaplain) or he may be referred to us by his platoon or company commander.

There are, of course, many different kinds of problems. Marriage and family problems, personality problems, and sickness, are only a few of them. The chaplain is the consultant of the Commanding Officer in all matters relating to religion and morality, and as such his advice in these fields is taken into account.

The soldier's family is also the responsibility of the Chaplain. Many soldiers have wives and children living in homes provided by the Army and these are visited. Families of men at present overseas are cared for, and when the need arises, a chaplain is called upon to notify the next of kin of casualties or death.

CHAPLAINS TRY TO PREPARE MEN FOR WAR

This is a hard fact to realise. Yet it is a fact. Chaplains try to prepare men to meet the rigors of war by giving spiritual guidance, trying to give some knowledge of conditions in other countries, customs and dangers; but above all, to endeavour to reinforce a man's already held belief in God, and to try to awaken this belief in those who do not have it. The Padre will try to reinforce a sense of values and responsibilities in the soldier, to his comrades, his friends, his loved ones, his country and his enemies.

When a man is faced with the realities of overseas service, he may be more ready to talk and listen at depth about life and God. Christians have always believed that there is a battle going on for men's minds, and they need to know where they stand.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

1. All Chaplains would appreciate knowing when a young man from our churches enters the Army. A letter from his minister or parents would greatly assist the Chaplain.

2. Some national list of men in the services could be kept so that contact with men would not be lost. Some other denominations have this and periodicals and church news would help to keep the contact.

3. The churches which make use of the confessional have a ministry which is extremely valuable. A study which could go deeper into this important area of human life would benefit many ministers.

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FEDERAL OVERSEAS MISSION

Relief Assistance for Korea

By R. S. A. McLEAN

The Overseas Mission Board has received a request from the Korean Churches of Christ for assistance, as members of 40 churches in the Southern Provinces in Korea are in desperate need. An article in the October-November issue of "Missionary News" explains how the need of these churches was brought to the attention of the board.

Our Korean brethren are facing hardship due to 100% loss in food production during the past two years. Mr. Soongook Choi, president of the Korea Christian College, says that everything may be described in one word, "misery." Mr. Choi advises that as the people face another long, cold winter any help we can give will be appreciated.

While not directly associated with our mission, as are our churches in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides, these needy people are our brethren in Christ, and as the church at Antioch "determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea."—Acts 11: 29, so we feel challenged to send relief to our brethren in Korea.

There are three ways that Mr. Choi has suggested we can help:

(a) By sending finance. The Overseas Mission Board has already remitted \$500 from its Relief Fund. Other remittances will be sent if finance is made available.

(b) By sending food parcels. The following items are needed: Powdered milk (either full cream or skimmed), fat (canned fat for eating and cooking), tinned meat, sugar (would need to be packed in tin or plastic container with screw-top lid — not glass), flour (packages would need to be sewn in calico).

(c) By sending parcels of clothes. Both winter and summer, new and used clothing for adults and children. Make certain that clothing is clean and mended. Do not send shoes as they have difficulties in fitting them.

How to send goods: After making full enquiries, the most convenient method will be to send goods by parcel post. A 22 lb. parcel can be sent from anywhere in Australia for approx. \$2.50. Make sure that the parcel does not weigh more than 22 lb. when wrapped.

The Korean Welfare Branch of the Chaplain Section, Eighth U.S. Army, is prepared to handle parcels for us. A Korean supervisor accepts the parcels and informs the agency that they are ready to be picked up.

The Chaplain Administrator has advised that parcels should not be sent direct to Mr. Choi, but to the Korean Welfare Branch of the 8th Army, as parcels sent this way are exempt customs duty.

It is essential therefore that parcels are addressed as follows:

1. On the carton or box before putting on final outside wrapping, put the following address:

Korea Evangelistic Mission,
Mr. Soongook Choi, Director,
I.P.O. Box 2735,
Seoul, Korea.

A list of contents should also be attached to this inner wrapping.

2. Put final wrapping on the parcel and address as follows:

Chaplain Section,
H.Q. Eighth U.S. Army,
Attn.: Korean Welfare Branch,
A.P.O. 96301,
Seoul, Korea.

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A general statement of the contents and value should suffice on the outside label which the Post Office will ask you to complete:

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If any groups wish to share, their help will be appreciated. With the contents of all parcels put the address of

your society, as the recipients may wish to correspond with you. For further details concerning this appeal for Korea or the Korean Churches of Christ, please contact Federal Overseas Secretary, R. S. A. McLean, 53 Tarragon St., Mile End, S.A., 5031.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. K. Ludgater on the birth of Sharon at the Ndul Ndul Hospital, Aoba, New Hebrides, on August 31, and to Mr. and Mrs. T. Ellis on the birth of Craig at the Madang General Hospital, New Guinea, on Dec. 9. We praise God for the safe arrival of these little ones.

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May we ever be grateful to those who in years past have laboured and loved in order that we might have something to inherit. Amen.

—Peter Marshall.



Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.

—Chas. Dickens



Oh, the little more, and how much it is!
And the little less, and what world away!

—Robt. Browning.



Life: A predicament which precedes death.—Thoreau.



If you have ever bent over a drinking fountain, with the ends of your tie dangling, you know how a cocker spaniel feels about his ears.



Horse sense is what keeps the horses from betting on what humans will do.



The church was making its annual drive for funds. When the collectors came to old Sam's house they couldn't get a cent out of the old man.

"I'm broke," he protested, "and I owe practically everyone in this town money."

"But don't you think you owe the Lord something?" asked one of the collectors.

"I sure do," agreed Sam, "but he isn't pressing me like the others."