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NEW WRITERS

Each year we shall devote a special issue of this journal to new writers. We believe that there are many of our younger members with something significant to say and we want them to say it in prose and poetry, and even in pictures.

This year we introduce you to young men from whom you will probably hear again. It is only accidental that there are no girls this year — this in no way represents an all-male editorial policy!

The guest editorial comes from G. P. Hopson, a Woolwich graduate and minister of the Beverley Hills church in N.S.W. Mr. Hopson showed commendable initiative by "smuggling" the editorial through the N.S.W. postal strike. Editors are used to the unusual but it was most refreshing to receive editorial copy packed into an empty ice-cream tin and sent by road transport!

We think you will like our new writers for 1968. (N.B. For new pen-pushers — the 1969 New Writers' issue is planned for May 17. Copy required by April 21.)

THE MELBOURNE CUP

(By GEOFF. HOPSON, N.S.W.)

At 2.40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, Australia virtually came to a standstill. Across the nation radio stations tuned into Flemington, T.V. cameras took viewers to the race track, and the nation bowed the knee to the Melbourne Cup.

While millions throughout Australia listened to the fever-pitched voice of the race commentator, and while over 5 million dollars poured through the T.A.B., across the globe the future of a nation and maybe the future of the free world was weighing in the balances. Yet in news broadcasts and telecasts, the Melbourne Cup gained precedence in headlines over the election of the President of the United States.

In a national appeal, Australians convince themselves that the high cost of living leaves little room for extras; so Freedom from Hunger, Bush Fire Appeal, National Heart Appeal, and other worthy life-saving benefits exist on handout support. Yet the poorest of poor seems to be able to scrape up 50 cents to place at random on a horse in the Cup.

During the nine-day Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney, criticism was levelled at the cost of the Crusade. \$220,000 was a lot of money to spend on religious services — even though the investment will bring eternal dividends for many. For less than a 3½ minute event, N.S.W. alone spent over 1.5 million dollars at the T.A.B. To some the investment may bring a little extra money; but to others, it only adds to the disappointment, frustration, boredom, desperation and poverty already there.

How then does this affect us?

If Australians can get excited at the Melbourne Cup, could they not also get excited over the dynamic life available in Jesus Christ?

God spoke, and the world was formed. Jesus prayed, and a child's lunch fed a multitude equal to the population of a small city. Inspired men spoke, and their words became an all time best seller. Has God changed that his events can no longer compete with a horse race?

Churches of Christ in Australia have 33,914 active members. Nineteen centuries ago, 11 such "active members" turned the world upside down. If we really meant business with God, the one day wonder of the Melbourne Cup would fade into insignificance. The nation would stand in awe at the daily manifestations of Divine power, as Almighty God performed his ministry through us.

THE WORST JOB IN THE WORLD

Why anyone should seek the presidency of the U.S.A. is a mystery.

He is shot at by misfits trying to achieve a footnote to history, he is harassed by columnists who are highly paid for witty remarks imputing wrong motives for occasional right actions; he is insulted by politicians who attribute his good deeds to their pressures and

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In His Hand

*While love remains I cannot mourn for you
as dead,
What God has taken he has also given.
And though I may not touch your hand,
Or see you turn to answer when I speak,
Yet lives love still to keep each memory
Alive within my heart.*

*While love remains you do not die,
For God takes life not love from us.
Mortal man lives out his time and then
departs,
But love lives on, and God is kind in this:
While love remains, you live.*

—St. Clair Oldfield.

NEW WRITERS

FOSSILIZED WORSHIP

By VICTOR G. RYALL, B.A.

A consultation of "young churchmen" in January, 1966 concluded that "Christian worship in Australia is at a very low ebb. It lacks originality, spontaneity, and relevance, and is very out of touch with modern art forms and even modern taste. It has therefore become a specialist occupation 'for those who like that sort of thing.' No one is expected to enjoy it . . . the Churches are in dire need of a living liturgy, and not a fossil in a state of decay."¹

This author was a participant in that Consultation and whole-heartedly agrees with its findings. That may seem peculiar for one who has been nurtured within the Church environment, and one who does appreciate the fine organ music and architectural grandeur inherent in the Christian tradition. As a participant in twentieth century life, however, I firmly believe that Christian worship must be renewed rather than restored—it must inextricably link itself with the work of God in the world. If we are honest with ourselves, we will confess that the Church has been obsessively engaged in preserving "certain jargons, myths and mysteries in the belief that by so doing it will also preserve itself. And, of course, it will preserve itself, as a fly is preserved in amber, or a corpse in glacial ice, or a fossil embedded in imperishable granite."²

The young person who remarked—"All, or most churches have a dead atmosphere, in my opinion. It's just a matter of going, sitting and listening. You get no chance to discuss."³—has echoed comments heard from many young people associated with Churches of Christ. Not only young people, but "many people who no longer attend church, but who continue to call themselves Christian, give as a reason the fact that the service 'does nothing for them.' The liturgy is 'dull and old-fashioned,' the phraseology unfamiliar, the words archaic, the sermons cliché-ridden and irrelevant to the times, the organ music 'square,' the congregation spiritless."⁴ Surely we must heed such criticism! The declining church attendance reflects to a large extent the irrelevance of its worship. Another teenager has remarked, "It's too isolated, the Church—it doesn't come into everyday life. It's a thing on Sunday, a place to go on Sunday—it's too isolated."⁵ This comment points to the prevalent attitude of escapism associated with church worship—"Here from the world we turn, Jesus to seek,"⁶ we sing with sombre faces! How far are we from the Christ who was found incarnate in the world of suffering and need? "The purpose of worship," writes John Robinson, "is not to retire from the secular into the department of the religious, let alone to escape from 'this world' into 'the other world,' but to open oneself to the meeting of the Christ in the common."⁷ Space does not permit us to amplify this destructive theme—but let those who doubt the validity of criticism, move amongst those who will honestly confess their disillusionment with our current worship patterns. Let us no longer argue that only the 'religious' can 'understand'—for "the last thing that the Church exists to be, is an organisation for the religious. Its charter is to be the servant of the world."⁸ Two further quotes will sum up the contemporary dissatisfaction with our patterns of worship. Bishop Robinson suggests that worship "has lost its living roots in the soil of this world and become a pot-plant in the sanctuary of the Church."⁹ Gibbs and Morton conclude that "the language of our theology and worship makes the layman inattentive, and, in the end, absent."¹⁰

Building up new patterns of worship is, of course, infinitely more difficult than destroying or criticizing the old forms. We find a basic clue, however, in a sentence from Nels Ferre: "Worship comes from knowing what life is all about."¹¹ This theme is picked up by Robinson when he writes: "If liturgy is to come to life for . . . many of our generation . . . no amount of revising our services will make the difference. It is a question of starting not from liturgy but from life."¹² Hans Ruedi-Weber builds on the theme: "The glories, sins, needs and frustrations of the 'secular' world are not to be forgotten in worship, but they are to be brought before the Lord of all times and places . . . If the movement from work and daily life to worship is strengthened, the other and equally important movement from worship to work and daily life will gain strength."¹³ Surely here is the criteria — that "worship in the sanctuary overflows into worship in work and life."¹⁴

Worship from life!—let us see how this principle may be applied in structuring relevant acts of worship. Within the limited length of this essay, we shall restrict ourselves to three of the elements of liturgy—language, prayer and hymnology.

LANGUAGE

A personal experience from Rev. Malcolm Boyd, an Episcopalian priest from the U.S.A., will serve to make the point concerning the use of contemporary language. Boyd reports that during a service in 1964, "someone gave me the 'kiss of peace,' which I was to pass along to the next person. As the man on my right embraced me, he said the traditional words: 'The Lord be with you.' I replied with traditional correctness: 'And with thy spirit.' Then, turning to the man on my left, I said: 'The Lord be with you.' He replied—and I shall never forget the devastating honesty and directness of it: 'And with you too, Malcolm.'"¹⁵ Making the point explicit, there is no valid reason why our worship should not be expressed in the language of everyday life. To obstinately insist that the 16th century English of the King James translation of Scripture, is the only fitting way to address God, is to deny the Incarnation of Christ in the common things of every age. Thus, our corporate prayer will not only grow out of the struggles of everyday life, but it will be expressed in the language of those struggles.

PRAYER

Prayer life must intelligently come to grips with the issues which are significant to the worshippers. To be specific, prayer with persons of the 'Teen' age, must grapple with questions of National Service, of war and peace, of pre-marital sex, of school examinations, of parental relations at home. Here is a prayer experience recorded by a participant in a recent youth camp:

"O God, I wish I didn't talk so much—yak, yak, yak—it seems to be all I do each day. I feel a bit trapped. Really, you see I'm a leader, and expected to know and help others to know. I teach and they learn—sometimes I wish I didn't have to talk so much, teach so much.

"God says, 'My son—it's true you are a leader and have to teach and therefore have to talk a lot—but try not to

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talk so much that you fail to hear what others are saying to you—saying to you with their eyes as well as their words—perhaps if you didn't talk quite so much you'd not only hear what others are saying, but you'd discover that those you have to teach have in fact a great deal to teach you."¹⁶

HYMNS

Albert van den Heuvel has written that "choosing the hymns . . . is an ever-recurring low ebb in my ministry . . . The world of experience in our hymnbooks and the existential experience of our day do not overlap any longer."¹⁷ I have heard many of our ministers express the identical thought in different words. Music and lyrics of hymns used in corporate worship must be subject to the same creativity evident in modern 'folk songs' and 'protest songs.' Sources for contemporary hymns which do speak to our age, are sparse, but these sources when discovered prove refreshing and exciting. John Ticehurst, for example, sets one of his hymns in the urban context:

"O God of towns and city squares,
Where rush hour kills our morning prayers
Be with us all, we ask."¹⁸

James McAuley comes to the heart of Christianity in one of his contemporary hymns:

"Strengthen in our hearts the love
We owe to one another.
How can we love God above
And not our brother?"¹⁹

Just in case you haven't noticed, the applications we have briefly considered here, are still geared to services of worship at a particular time on Sunday. You see, I, too, am a "tradition Christian." But if we honestly approached worship with the maxim 'liturgy from life,' it may well lead us to forms of worship at present not imagined. Robinson writes that "the shaping of God's worth (which is the essential meaning of

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NEW WRITERS

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN

"I, Young Man, return to you, Ancient One, conscious of my hunger, my mistakes, and my inexperience. I thought my wisdom to be greater than yours and my ways more positive than yours. But now I recognise my youth and my need.

I, Young Man, return to you, Ancient One, conscious of your wisdom and my foolishness. I am no longer worthy of being yours. But where else can I go? To whom can I turn? All I seek is to be found in you. Allow me to be near you as Lowest of the Low."

"I, Ancient One, rejoice that you have returned. I cannot and will not call you Lowest of the Low nor do I call you Young Man. I, Ancient One, greet you, My Son."

—Malcolm Gray.

worship) may take place in much more secular and much more scattered units."²⁰ I do not know what forms of worship may ultimately prove relevant to the Christian Church—but I do know that it is part of our responsibility to follow Christ as He leads into the midst of this world's suffering and need, and there to discover with Him, appropriate ways to express our "living sacrifice."²¹

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NEW WRITERS

LOSE THE BULGE

A glance at your local church statistics will reveal a phenomenon common to most of our churches. The large bulge in the age distribution within the teenage groups disappears as one moves to the next age group, that is the 20-25 year category.

Clearly there must be some reason why many hundreds of teens who attended our camps and frequented our Sunday Schools, boys' and girls' clubs, etc., are nowhere to be found in the portals of the church once they hit the early 20's.

Naturally this is a period of great significance in the lives of young people. The average Australian male marries at twenty-two, and the average female at twenty and a half years and setting up

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a home presents many demands on time thus severely limiting the young married couples' extra curricular activities.

Moreover for the male (and the female in an increasing number of cases) the period of 20 years to 25 years is a vital time for career determination and the finding of one's niche, which for the ambitious or conscientious means considerable concentration on becoming established. This is accentuated in our affluent society where 1 in 3.5 owns motor cars and 1 in 5 a television set, and home ownership is 70%, each of these items being treated today as essentials.

LOSS OF THE STUDENT

Perhaps the most serious loss in this age group is that of the tertiary educated. Attendance at teachers' college and institutes of technology, or more particularly universities, thrusts the student into an atmosphere of cold materialism where every thought or belief requires justification by empirical fact. In particular the previously simple and elementary facts of one's faith are open to quagmires of criticism and evaluation before being accepted, and even then accepted only on the condition that future theories may supplement present ones. Each tertiary institution offers boundless activities for members, in the social, political, economic, scientific and other fields which are obviously more in keeping with campus life than attendance at, and support of, a local church.

However, these are surely effects rather than causes. What becomes evident is

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that each young person has not been imbued in earlier years with a love for God and his Church, and a sense of personal responsibility for its perpetuation.

For the young married, the church (as an institution) is no longer the social centre which it once used to be. The days are seemingly gone when every social requirement could be found within the walls of the local church building—sporting, cultural, social, musical and educational avenues to mention but a few. Television cannot be blamed, for research surveys in the United Kingdom show that after 10 years of television, theatre attendances rise again, as does the reading of literature and attendances at sporting events.

Undoubtedly the seriousness of this trend is most clearly reflected in the declining numbers of tertiary qualified members, thereby reducing the number of potential administrators, planners, and advocates for the church as a body. A fine example has been set by one denomination which earmarks students at the commencement of their course for later honorary positions. For instance a commerce student is encouraged to do well in his studies and is informed that he will be needed as a church or committee treasurer in the future.

NEED FOR FUNDAMENTALS

There is also urgent need for our teenagers to be given a deeper grounding in the fundamentals of our faith. The typical High School student when asked for the beliefs of his church will eventually answer that the church believes in baptism and Communion each Sunday, and does not believe in smoking, drinking, gambling (and never too sure of dancing) rather than a simple statement to the effect that the church believes that God sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins and through believing on him and seeking to live a Christian life salvation is

JOHN 3: 16 FAVOURITE

(Sydney). A survey among 20,000 persons here showed that the favourite Bible text is one that promises "everlasting life" to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

The text is John 3: 16. The second favourite was Psalm 23 and the third: John 14: 1-3.

A spokesman for the Greater Sydney Conf. of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which conducted the survey, said that it also showed that people were reading less than they were when a similar poll was conducted a decade ago.

assured. The trouble occurs when this conception carries through to the following age group and the student or employee is bound by pressures around him to re-examine the fundamental principles of his faith but he cannot succinctly define them and thus loses the prestige of himself and his church.

Naturally the factors mentioned are by no means exhaustive and local experience may uncover more. Indeed with the advent of commissions being appointed to examine our evangelical impact, such commissions should surely visit former members of this age group with questionnaire in hand and determine to locate the cause of this person or persons' non-attendance.

From the foregoing an imminent necessity appears to be a revamping of our approach to this age group in terms of something like the following—

(a) Reinstatement of the church to the forefront of social life, this can be done per medium of frequent parties and socials; functions with an educational emphasis; catering for cultural fields such as films, drama, musical comedies, opera and the like.

(b) A programme specifically directed at young marrieds involving the social items mentioned above. However the economic needs of this age group could be catered for from within the church rather than without, for instance by organisation of a building society or short term financial institutions.

(c) An interest in the university students, trainee teachers, and technological diploma students including earmarking of individuals. Why couldn't scholarships be awarded to church members for study at these institutions of learning? Self-help, tutoring and coaching could surely be arranged using our existing academics teachers, tradesmen, professional men and women.

(e) Most important of all, an increasing emphasis on the expostulation of the basic Christian beliefs in earlier years. This would include gearing the future adult for the type of questions and arguments to be confronted, together with the appropriate means for forming an effective answer to such criticism and attacks.

The remedies suggested are but a few which come to mind but it is hoped that they will provide a stimulus toward solution of the serious problem of loss of our teenage youth in their early adulthood—i.e., losing the bulge at 20-25 years.

5.5 MILLION GIDEON BIBLES

Gideons International distributed more than 5,500,000 Bibles and New Testaments throughout the world in 1967. Gideons Bibles are placed in public places, notably hotel rooms, hospitals, jails, military installations and on public transportation.

A budget of \$1.4 million for purchasing and placing Bibles outside the U.S. and Canada was announced.

BOARD-STIFF!

The officers' board! That nauseating night out looked forward to by nobody. That quicksilver group of democratically-elected men which changes form in every church and looks the same in none! That midnight meeting, with motions, for time extensions, that keeps the work of the church functioning "smoothly"! The officers' board! But one may be thought of as being too cynical with such des-

By R. T. BAXTER, Horsham

criptions of this important part of our church government, for although it has no chapter and verse to authorise it, we have worked through this group with some success in the many generations of yester-year. However, we would be naive if we considered the board system to be without problems.

THE PROBLEMS OF THE BOARD

Like the sands of the sea they are myriad in number. However, there are two areas which have always stood out:

1. **The Time given to Priorities.** So much time is used up (better not use the word wasted) on matters of little or no importance. Correspondence is often read in detail, and some matters of little value are often given priority of discussion time over matters of much more relevance to the work of the church. When the time arrives for "general business" everyone looks at their watch hoping that no involved discussion will take place. Consequently, vital issues are often neglected or given inadequate time.

2. **The Disrespect for Office.** How often are matters raised and dealt with by someone on the board before they have been discussed by those members of the board whose areas of concern they are? We can somehow mix a discussion between elders, deacons and deaconesses or anyone else on the board on subjects

ranging from electric light globes to evangelism. But why should elders deal with deacons' matters, and deacons with elders' matters and so on? Why should the whole board be consulted on every matter of finance when many cannot understand a balance sheet anyway? Such a mode of operation shows a lack of confidence and respect for the men chosen to office.

TWO WAYS OUT

To be content with the above situation is to have no concern for the development of time and talent within the membership of the officers' board. It is easier to say that everything is going along all right than to acknowledge the weaknesses and consider ways of improvement. Let me suggest two ways by which progress could be made:

1. **The Officers' Board Camp.** Special weekend conferences on the church premises would be an alternative, but getting away into an informal situation has much to commend it. At one recent officers' board camp it was estimated that 14 hours of concentrated study time was used discussing matters which rarely were raised at the monthly meeting. If half an hour was set aside at each monthly meeting for such subjects (and it would always be after 10 p.m., one could be sure) it would take 2½ years to discuss what took place over one weekend. In estimating the value of the camp to the local church, one officers' board thought it advisable to hold one every two years.

The valuable part of such a camping experience is that time is available to discuss those matters of priority which are so often neglected at the monthly meeting. Take for example these subjects, "What effect is my church having on my community?" "How can we win our 'contacts' to Christ?" or, "How can my church become more 'alive'?"

These are questions which the board must face and any programme which evolves out of facing them is going to have the endorsement of the whole board. Guidelines can be set so that the church will have something to aim at in the following years. Programmes which have worked in other places can be discussed to see if they are relevant to the local situation. Ways and means of bridging the gap between the church members and the "contacts" can be thought out.

N.B. We have departmental men who are specialists in these fields who are more than ready to give such assistance but they must wait to be asked by the local officers' board.

2. **The Functional Board.** This is not a new idea but simply an effort to again give confidence and responsibility to the men and women who are appointed to the board. It gives them specific areas of concern with authority to act within limits without seeking the approval of the whole board (e.g. the treasurer paying the electricity account).

What needs to be done? (a) the various aspects of the work of the church would need to be listed. For example, offerings, repairs, worship services, the budget, Sunday school, etc. (b) After this was completed they could be grouped

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QUESTING



WITH
A. E. WHITE

"The earth is the Lord's"—but what about the regions beyond the earth? Has the place of Christ and Christianity been affected by man's reach out into space?

"Man's reach out into space" as you call it, has certainly helped to make this era the most exciting in all history, but it has in no way affected man's relationship with God, nor has it restricted Christianity to this one small corner of the great universe.

We certainly are reaching out. A few weeks ago the U.S. had three men in orbit around the earth in one vehicle for 11 days. The Russians replied with a manned orbital flight which involved a rendezvous in space with an unmanned satellite. This could be a prelude to the building of "space platforms." As we write this, it is confidently announced that U.S. astronauts will fly around the moon before this year is over.

Sometimes we are overawed by the bigness and the cost of the space programme and forget that space adventures are possible only because of the law and order which prevails equally in the sub-microscopic atoms as in the galaxies of mighty stars whose light reaches us after journeying for thousands of years.

Scientific advances for man upon the earth are not dwarfed by his efforts to get off it. The century of Gagarin and Schirra also saw the virtual wiping out of polio. It is the century in which man can be given a new heart, new sight by corneal grafts, when home units can do the work of useless kidneys and purify the blood, when even the dreaded leukemia may be overcome by the transplanting of bone marrow.

These are just a few examples in a very narrow field of this age of revolution in surgery, medicine, technology, and a thousand other areas of this cybernetic age. What would have seemed

like miracles a couple of decades ago, are now commonplace.

The point of all this is that the exploration of space has no more effect upon man's relationship with God than does the exploration of the atom. Nothing that man has discovered about his universe has disturbed the place of God as the creative centre of all that is. It does not alter the fact that the Son of God involved himself with the thinking, feeling, purposive beings who inhabit the universe. "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, who he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." (Heb. 1: 1-2).

Nor does man's achievements in the scientific realm reduce his spiritual needs. As Alan Walker said, "We can send a satellite beyond the domination of gravity, but we cannot send it beyond the influence of the twisted and distorted thinking of the human mind. So, while victories in space are spectacular, defeat and failure mount up within the 'inner space' of our lives. Delinquency, abnormal sexual behaviour, broken homes, nervous breakdowns, and war continue to be unpleasant features of our age."

Man will need God in space as desperately as man needs God here.

(Next issue: "What is Scientology?")

VISIT FROM CITY MISSION

(Moreland, Vic.) East Brunswick, Melb. City Mission Youth Club shared in our evening service on Oct. 27 and then joined in after-church fellowship at Taylor's home . . . Chaplain Young, better known as "Uncle Charlie," spoke on Hospital Sunday . . . The church sympathises with Mrs. H. Hill in the death of her husband, Sidney, and with the Harman family in the passing of Mr. Holmes recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Grainger attended Fed. Conf. . . . The S.S. anniversary on Oct. 6 had Mrs. Clencie as guest speaker at morning service. Cradle Roll and Kindergarten were featured in the afternoon, and a pageant was presented by the school at night.

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CRUSADE

- Pray for the youth programme and efforts being made to enlist young people in real discipleship and involvement.
- Pray that Christians may have a vision of the possibilities of the Crusade, and prepare in faith for a deep spiritual work.

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AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Today's Cross



Less than a week after Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, man crucified him! What a week that must have been, to move from such high acclaim to so low a deed!

In between the high and the low there was the institution of the Lord's Supper. He gathered his disciples about him in the Upper Room as he has gathered us around this Table today.

Reluctantly, the disciples believed Jesus as he foretold his death. They were all there and all shared in the Supper.

In a little while Jesus was to move away from the Upper Room to betrayal and arrest. And, looming up in all its tragedy—and in its unexpected brilliance—was the Cross. It was not the palm fronds of popularity but the Cross of cruelty which became the enduring symbol of that week and of Christianity forever.

Let us look again at the Cross as it confronts us today. We see in it the depths of sin. Life at its best, confronting life at its worst. Nothing but the evil in the hearts of men could do this to one who had done no harm.

Whenever we find sin today we remember Golgotha where man crucified God's Son.

If we are tempted to take this lightly, or ignore it by calling it human error, ignorance, or a mistake, we may well recall the words of the Negro spiritual, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" In a deep sense, we were all there, for each of us possesses the same sinful qualities, jealousy, hate, envy and self-righteousness which led to the crucifixion.

We can never end this Supper with the Cross, because we have the assurance of the Resurrection. Christ lives and is with us always. As we partake of the Lord's Supper we are conscious of our sinful lives, of God's sacrifice, of Christ's presence with us, and that we serve a living ever-present Lord.—Ray D. Cheal, Essendon.

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

Our heavenly Father, humbly we thank you for the sacrifice of your Son so that we may have forgiveness of sin, and life everlasting, through the Bread of life. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP

Our Father, we also thank you for this cup which speaks to us of your love poured out for all mankind. We pray for increased faith and a greater awareness of the presence of Christ. Amen.

32nd FEDERAL CONFERENCE

Principal A. W. STEPHENSON,
Federal President, 1966-1968



When the 32nd Federal Conference began on Oct. 16, it was already half over. This was due to the holding of departmental conferences from as early as Oct. 9. In these comparatively small sectional groups, representatives from all States worked together on their common responsibilities in the fields of Home Missions, Evangelism, Christian Union, Aborigines, and Overseas Missions, Social Services, etc.

Then, too, when the Conference ended, it kept going for about 100 ministers who shared in the first-ever National Ministers' Seminar at "Naamaroo" Conference Centre at Lane Cove National Park. This was one of the most significant happenings in our church life for decades. Roy Wilson, President of the N.S.W. Ministers' Assoc., and minister of Burwood, was leader; Dr. J. H. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore, was Chaplain; and Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, World Convention Secretary, was lecturer.

The worship sessions, the lectures on evangelism and the discussions ("and how would you translate this theological jargon into speech which the local R.S.L. would understand?") were each memorable, but it is likely that the accepted opportunity for ministers from every State to have close-up sharing of concerns and ideas will be of most significance for the future.

We were impressed with the calibre and quality of our younger ministers and we are placing our great hopes in them. It will be these young men (and others like them inside and outside of the ministry) who will have to find the way back to brotherhood unity, if there is such a way to be found.

In between the pre- and post-ludes there was Conference itself.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

This was held at the "Trocadero" which, since 1936, has been Sydney's chief centre of entertainment. It is not often used for church functions, but it served admirably on this occasion. Although impressed with their surroundings, the guests were probably unaware that the tallowood floor is set in rubber from the jungles of Brazil, or that Scotland supplied 2½ miles of carpet, and that the rich brocades and silks came from the finest factories in England. From the north, south, east and west came the bits and pieces that make up the famous "Troc."

Also from the north, south, east and west, came the 700 guests of the President—although there were only four from the east. Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, Thomas Bamford (the N.Z. Fraternal Delegate) and Mr. and Mrs. August Ben. Mr. and Mrs. Ben are missionaries from the New Hebrides to New Guinea.

Principal A. W. Stephenson welcomed Sir Roden and Lady Cutler, the Governor of N.S.W. and his lady. Sir Roden showed us that he had not only considered his speech but also his hosts by revealing quite a lot of knowledge of Churches of Christ at home and abroad. Also at the table of honour were Sir Philip Messent, President of the World Convention; Mrs. E. V. Lawton, World C.W.F. President; Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick; Mrs. O. Bloore, N.S.W. C.W.F. Pres.; Val. Brown, representing the Aust. Council of Churches; and E. W. Roffey, Secretary of Federal Conference.

The States were represented with bright brevity by A. D.

Pyne (W.A.); W. N. Heath (S.A.); R. V. Amos (Vic.); Les. Moore (Tas.); G. R. Stirling (A.C.T.); A. C. Male (Qld.); and H. M. Long (N.S.W.). Mr. J. Reid was M.C.

Wendy Verco and Peter Ellis provided vocal inspiration and entertainment in the best tradition of the "Trocadero." ("any attempt," said the Troc. at its opening, "to compete with the inferior at a sacrifice of quality either in artistic or service values will be frowned upon.")

OTHER SESSIONS

Most other Conference sessions were held in the Sydney Town Hall. No one at the Town Hall could be found to tell us how old it is and no one there seemed very interested in its history. Since it will continue to be Sydney's main concert and meeting auditorium at least until the Opera House is finished, there is plenty of time for a lot more history to be made.

Wednesday was segregation day. The C.W.F. Conference was held at the Town Hall while the ministers were appropriately located at Bible House for their discussion on "The Evangelistic Ministry Today," led by K. D. Horne, S.A.; D. W. Mansell, N.S.W.; and A. A. Avery, Vic. The Men's Meeting was at the Church of England National Emergency Fund Building. In view of the difficulties the men are having with the growth and development of C.M.S. this seemed also an appropriate venue to hear and discuss Graham Gilmour's address on "Crisis or Challenge."

The Evening Public Rallies were opportunities to hear representative men speak about Christ, his message and mission, from a variety of standpoints.

The big Sunday afternoon rally featured Dr. Laurence Kirkpatrick speaking on "The World Fellowship of the Church."

The music was a bright feature at every session. Franklyn Elliott was song leader. The Federal Conference Choir was led by K. A. Rae with R. R. Hutchens at the organ and A. F. Wray as pianist. There were vocal and instrumental items at every rally and these were of a high order.

WHO WERE THERE ?

There were 1,135 registered attending delegates. These came from West Australia, 84; South Australia, 143; Victoria, 211; Tasmania, 17; New South Wales, 795; A.C.T., 6; Queensland, 75; and from overseas, four.

From the standpoint of preparation, organisation, displays, administration, public rallies, local church fellowship, tours and reunions, the Conference was a great experience and reflected great credit upon the Conference Arrangements Committee which had F. J. Stephenson as Secretary, J. M. Flannery as Treasurer and 12 conveners who were responsible for the detailed work in more than a dozen areas.

THE BUSINESS

Whatever else may be associated with Conference, the representatives are there primarily to discuss the business of the Christian church and to consider the ongoing work of the State Conferences. The real test of the value of Conference must eventually be in this area.

(More Conference notes in next issue.)

FEDERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

A. ANDERSON AND A. J. INGHAM

Resolved that this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia conveys to A. Anderson and A. J. Ingham very deep appreciation for the many years of valuable service to their Lord and to our brotherhood in the work of the Overseas Mission Board.

G. R. STIRLING

Resolved that this Conference commends G. R. Stirling for his outstanding ministry in A.C.T. over the last 15 years, recognises the co-operation of Mrs. Stirling in this effective work and expresses its confidence and goodwill as he undertakes further responsibilities in the interests of the brotherhood at the Federal College of the Bible.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Resolved that this 32nd Federal Conference thanks the members of the Preachers' Provident Fund for their untiring work on behalf of both churches and preachers in the leadership which they have given and the provision they have made for ministers' financial security.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND THE JOINT BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Resolved that this Conference accept the recommendation of the Federal Board of Christian Education to make an official approach to the Joint Board of Christian Education to become a partner in the Joint Board of Christian Education in the production of curriculum materials.

ESTABLISHING A CHURCH OF CHRIST IN DARWIN

Resolved that this Conference requests the Federal Home Evangelism to investigate the possibility of establishing a Church of Christ in Darwin.

CHURCH SUBSIDY TO THE PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Resolved that the annual Church Subsidy payable to the Preachers' Provident Fund by a Church, Conference Committee or Board, in respect of any minister, missionary or full-time Christian worker, shall be on the basis of one week's salary plus \$13.00, unless otherwise arranged with the Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund.

LAND RIGHTS FOR ABORIGINES

Resolved that this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia deplores the Federal Government's recent decision indicating unwillingness to acknowledge the claim of the Australian Aborigines to title rights of traditional tribal lands. We consider that there is a clear case for the rights of Aborigines to existing reserves and traditional tribal lands owned and leased by the Crown on the moral grounds of prior ownership, and feel that a recognition of this by the Govern-

ment would make for better well-being and peace of mind of the Aboriginal people, and at the same time improve race relations with other nations.

WREST POINT CASINO

Resolved: The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia assembled in Sydney joins with the Australian Council of Churches in its strong opposition to the proposed establishment of a casino at Wrest Point in Hobart. Conference deplores the many gambling facilities already in the Commonwealth and urges the Tasmanian Parliament to reject any application for the establishment of the proposed casino.

STATE REPRESENTATION

Resolved that the matter of State representation at Federal Conference be referred to the Federal Executive for consideration with State Conference Executives with a view to submission of a further notice of motion to the next Conference.

PENSIONS

Resolved that this Conference, whilst commending the Federal Government for increasing pensions and liberalising the means test to a limited degree urges: (i) a continuation of this policy on an even more generous scale so that pensioners' incomes may be lifted above poverty level; (ii) that an honorary independent commission be set up to review annually pension rates in the light of cost of living fluctuations.

ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Resolved that in view of the overwhelming and indisputable evidence available today of the destructive part played by alcohol in the road toll, crime, mental and physical health, family relationships, delinquency, alcoholism, industrial safety, efficiency and economics, this Conference affirms its adherence to the Christian principle that we are our brothers' keeper, and strongly urges upon all members of Churches of Christ the practice and promotion of total abstinence from alcoholic liquor.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Resolved that this Conference endorses clause (v) of the resolution which the Australian Council of Churches passed on February 22, 1968 dealing with the question of military service. This clause reads—" (v) that clear provision be made for the exemption of persons who conscientiously object to participating in a particular war, declared or undeclared."

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Resolved that Conference urges that the present system of conscientious objector cases being heard before a court of law be substituted by hearings before an independent Board.

VIETNAM, WAR, AND PEACE

Resolved that Conference declares that war is contrary to the mind and spirit of Christ and incompatible with this teaching and example, and that Conference expresses its profound regret at the almost complete lack of progress in the peace discussions in Paris between parties to the conflict in Vietnam and, as a means of creating conditions which will be conducive to effective action and definite achievement in these talks, urges the Federal Government to continue to do all in its power to introduce a cease-fire, and we assure the Government of our support in prayer to this end.

• PARCELS FOR OVERSEAS

Customs Regulation

Goods entering New Guinea and New Hebrides

The Overseas Mission Board has been advised that our Customs agent in Madang is experiencing increasing difficulties with the clearance of Mission goods. It is essential that any person wishing to send mission boxes to New Guinea or the New Hebrides completes the appropriate shipping forms obtainable from

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OPEN FORUM

"UNCENSORED" No. 4

To the Editor,

"Young people are staying up later these days." "Young people" are individual persons and no broad generalisations can successfully be made to apply to every individual case.

The bitter family problems that arise today over issues such as this one need never occur if there is a foundation of understanding built up between parents and children from a very early age. Young people need to know they are trusted and regarded as people and then they will in turn trust and respect their parents. Rigid rules are not the answers to the problem of today's society, but rather a warmth and depth of human understanding is needed so that young people can freely discuss their particular experiences of adolescence with parents who are prepared to listen, and consider the questions and issues raised at particular times.

The question is not one the magnitude of 30 minutes but of a whole lifetime of family experience.

Young people today acknowledge that parents are problems, but we need to realise the type and cause of the problem and determine now that we will be more prepared for parenthood in these radically and rapidly changing times.

—Meryl Middleton (W.A.)

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

In "A.C." p. 574, it is assumed that L. R. Reeves holds the view that Joseph was the father of Jesus Christ. In other words, Peter's confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ (Messiah) the son of the living God" is not the revelation of the Heavenly Father of Jesus to Peter as Jesus said it was (Matt. 16: 13-17).

Paul emphasises the fact that our sonship as "the sons of God" is by adoption, "... but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom. 8: 15). And note, sonship in this sense includes "male and female" of "the new creation" (2 Cor. 5: 17) by baptism—"born of water and Spirit" (Gal. 3: 26-29; John 3: 5-8).

The genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matt. 1: 1-17 is not that of "the human genealogy of Joseph," but of "Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham," for "the Christ, the Son of the living God" was to come in the royal line of King David by covenant everlasting (Psa. 89: 34-37) and promise (Isa. 9: 6-7).

The purely male lineage of David's royal line came irrevocably to an end in Coniah (Jer. 22: 30), and this prophecy accounts in part for the virgin, Mary's, dilemma, "How can this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1: 26-35). Mary was heir-presumptive to the royal throne of King David, and that is the implication of Rom. 9: 29, and that "seed" was to be "the seed of a woman" (Gen. 3: 15). The only possible solution therefore was that Jesus should be "The Son of the living God" by miraculous conception as in Luke 1: 34-35. This fact thus scripturally stands inviolate.

The denial of the miraculous conception of "the seed of the woman," the Virgin, Mary, in the way described in the gospels and confirmed in the New Testament scriptures has serious implications (1 John 2: 20-29).

—A. R. D. Moye (N.S.W.)

A GESTURE OF CONSIDERATION

To the Editor,

When an execution is pending it is impossible to get a voice heard for even a little reform. Perhaps now I can bring up a matter that could be mended without heart-burning. That is the return of the bodies of those executed to the relatives. After the last execution (Ryan), Mrs. Ryan asked the Premier for the body of her son, and was refused. I believe that this is a matter that should be remedied, and the law amended to allow the removal of the bodies of those executed, or of those who have died in prison, by the relatives for burial. It would seem incredible that the Government would seriously oppose this, just as it would be incredible that they should want to carry on the vengeance of the State against the bones of the criminal, and as it must often happen as in the instance above, against the mother of the unfortunate.

This is done in other countries and I suggest the Government be approached now to allow the relatives to have the bodies of those who have been executed.

ENGAGEMENT

LEWIS-ARNOT.—The engagement is announced of Joy, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lewis, "Wyuna," Buckley, Victoria, to Morice, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnot, 30 Rowe-st., North Fitzroy, Vic., and College of the Bible.

COVER PHOTO

The Mt. Clear Church of Christ B.S. centenary celebrations is featured on the cover. Pictured, from left, are C. Hocking (secretary), Mrs. H. Tresize (kindergarten superintendent), F. C. Hunting (minister) and H. Tresize.

LOSS AT COLAC

(Vic.). The church was saddened by the death of L. Selwood. The large crowd that attended the funeral service on Nov. 5 was a tribute to long years of service to the Colac church. He will be sadly missed from amongst us. On Nov. 2, Ballarat young people gave an appreciated sacred evening and message. Mr. Byrnes gave the message when one man made his decision.

BENDIGO MISSION

(Vic.). Not since 1926 has the Bendigo church shared in an evangelistic tent mission, but the four weeks' mission with J. K. Bond proved that fearless sermons in this environment can break down hard opposition. There were 29 decisions. The thank-offering on the final night amounted to \$1,800 which more than met expenses of the Crusade. The youthful and talented song leader, Robt. Drown, gave effective support. There was great interest in the baptisms witnessed in the tent. J. K. Bond moved on to similar mission in Ballarat.

NAMBUCCA CHURCH, N.S.W.

Our brethren at Nambucca Heads will be holding the special services as usual in the holiday period. These will commence on December 29 and will be held each Sunday in January.

They will be held at:

28 Riverside Drive, Nambucca Heads,
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"FAITH FOR TODAY."

Nov. 17—"The Faith of a Soldier."

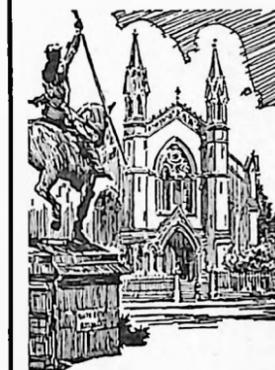
" 24—"The Faith of a Scholar."

7 p.m.: Evangelistic—Worship.

"FAITH FOR TOMORROW."

Nov. 17—"What about Death?"

" 24—"5 Minutes After You Die!"



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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CONVERSION

To the Editor,

Our minister received an anonymous letter accusing him of not preaching conversion. I'm glad I didn't write it. He preached about it, and as I didn't see anyone crawling under the seat, I concluded that the culprit wasn't there.

The minister said, "I don't preach about conversion on Sunday nights for two reasons. First, you people think that conversion is just for outsiders and you don't bring any outsiders to church on Sunday nights. Secondly, conversion isn't only for outsiders. It's for you and me, too, and I think that it's too dangerous at our time of life to be playing round with an explosive thing like conversion."

He explained that conversion is that drastic change that takes place in a person when he is really willing for God to change him and his ideas and his habits and his fiddling little ways. A converted man is filled with the Holy Spirit and let loose to serve Christ in the world.

He said, "If some of you got converted you'd sell all your goods and give to the poor, and that would be impractical in this sort of world. Some of you would resign from your remunerative jobs and go into the ministry; and from bitter experience I wouldn't recommend that. Some of you would be so busy helping drunks and delinquents and derelicts that I doubt if your pampered hearts would take it: your wives wouldn't anyhow!"

Then he wound up, "As we don't get any outsiders to church on Sunday nights, I've decided to preach for the next six Sunday nights on 'The Conversion of the Pious.' So come if you're game!"

I hope that our minister never gets another anonymous letter.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

13th FEDERAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The brilliance and warmth of the October day outside the Sydney Town Hall, venue of the Conference, was reflected and repeated in the burst of colour in hats, frocks and flowers and the warmth of the fellowship, shared inside, by the estimated 1,000 women who gathered to make this day one of glad remembrance.

Mrs. Sheila Bloore, Federal President, declared the 13th Federal Conference in session and the N.S.W. C.W.F. Choir, led by Mrs. Lyn Gayford, opened the programme with a stirring rendition of "Go tell it on the Mountain."

Under the theme for the day, "Go—Tell," many challenging and inspiring messages were shared together in word and song.

Our World C.W.F. President, Mrs. Kath. Lawton, brought delightful devotional thoughts and timely word, with special significance to women. The call to loyalty to the Queen, was presented by Mrs. Chapman, of Qld. S.A. ladies presented a stirring, thought provoking pageant, embracing some of our World C.W.F. countries and especially drawing attention to the women of Haiti. A special report on the Literacy for Haiti project of our World C.W.F. was given by our representative, Mrs. Doreen Strack, who with Mrs. Lawton invited all to World Convention in Adelaide in 1970.

A. W. Stephenson, Federal President, brought greetings to Conference and expressed deep appreciation for all the work women do in the churches.

Fifty-six appointed delegates from all States answered the roll call.

Mrs. A. Elliott, Federal Secretary, presented the executive report, especially mentioning the number of handbooks sold and pointing out that New Zealand ladies had purchased 216 and that 70 had been sent to our missionaries. Mrs. Elliott also intimated that the Federal Executive had, at the request of Australian church women, prepared the programme for World Community Day, 1970. Mrs. L. Wylie, editress, seconded the executive report and thanked all who had contributed to the handbook and written articles for the "Australian Christian," under the heading, "Christian Women Serving."

The Treasurer's statement was presented by Mrs. F. Elsmore, Federal Treasurer, and seconded by Mrs. Sterling, Vic.

With the permission of Conference the President introduced two additional matters. Firstly, to bring the World C.W.F.

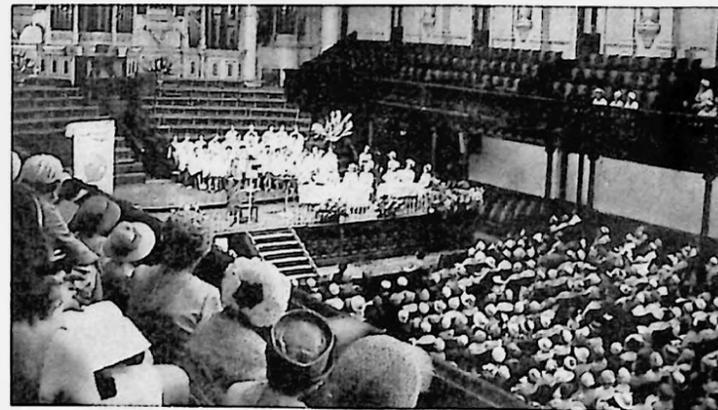
Travelling Fund into proper order. Secondly, to endorse a recommendation, arising from pre-Conference meeting, that we continue Living Link support as at present, i.e., \$675 annually, an increase of \$170, in comparison to former giving.

Luncheon at The Trocadero was enjoyed by 820 ladies. Mrs. Gowans, N.S.W., was soloiste.

Mrs. Rita Dickson led the devotional session at the afternoon session. This was preceded by a sing-along conducted by Mrs. D. Dean, A.C.T. A welcome was extended by Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Executive member, to representatives from other church groups.

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, Australian Christian Women and missionaries from India, New Hebrides and Aborigine work. Mrs. Gilbert, W.I.C.C. and Deaconess Ritchie, A.C.W., responded on behalf of those welcomed. Mrs. E. L. Williams (Vic.), presented, "Spotlight on A.C.W."

In the missionary segment greetings and messages were brought by Miss Aileen Draney from New Guinea; Miss Beth Clapp from New Hebrides; Mrs. Foote, Carnarvon and Esperance. Dr. T. Thomas told of the tremendous need on the Indian field. Miss Edna Lincoln gave an example of a typical day at the Christian Centre, Carnarvon. Mrs. D. Smith, M.B.E., former missionary to the New Hebrides, told of a night in 1947 when she was used to save a dying baby whom



FEDERAL CONFERENCE SCENE IN SYDNEY,
TOWN HALL, LADIES' DAY, 1968.

—Photo by M. B. Elbourne



Mrs. Thelma Jones,
Federal C.W.F. Pres.,
1968-1970

she then introduced to Conference as Mrs. Maeline Ben. Mrs. Ben then brought a delightful greeting. The warmth of applause which followed most certainly conveyed the joy in the hearts of the women that Maeline, with her husband, August, are en route to New Guinea as the first missionaries from the New Hebrides to go there. An apology was received from Mrs. K. Stevenson, Norseman. Also a greeting pen tape was brought by Mrs. Win Beale, New Guinea.

As a fitting climax to the inspiration of the day, N.S.W. women presented a short dramatic presentation, "Go—Tell."

Grateful thanks for her inspiring and warm leadership was extended to Mrs. Bloore by Mrs. Dickson, and suitable presentation made. In response, Mrs. Bloore expressed gratitude for privilege of so serving and thanked her executive for their wonderful help. She then introduced Mrs. A. Jones, S.A., as incoming Federal President. Members of her Executive are: Vice-president, Mrs. A. Cunningham; secretary, Mrs. Coombe; assist.-sec., Mrs. Stevens; treasurer, Mrs. Lewis; committee members, Mrs. E. Hollard and Mrs. Mathieson; editress, Mrs. R. Saunders.

Mrs. D. Sterling, Vic., led in the dedicatory prayer.

Offering amounted to \$205.

Mrs. Bloore thanked all who had made any contribution to the success of the day.—B. Wylie (edit).

Victoria . . .

S.S. PRIZES TO BIAFRA

(Chadstone, Vic.). At the S.A. anniversary the Primary and Junior sections presented a play on "People of Other Lands." After a tea the Intermediate section conducted a debate on "Is Australia a Christian Country?" and instead of receiving prizes the scholars were issued with a certificate as they had decided to give the prize-money to the Biafran Appeal. The Kindergarten presented scenes from the Bible in story and song . . . A series of sermons on "The New Reformation" has been given by T. Lane, A. Matheson and A. J. Lloyd.

PARENT DEDICATION

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). The first Parent Dedication Service was held on Oct. 27. . . . There were many visitors at combined C.W.F. birthday, when Mrs. Thornley Thomas was guest speaker . . . B.S. anniversary had M. D. Hamilton and A. McWilliams as guest speakers. Anniversary tea, social and prizegiving were held the following Tuesday . . . C.Y.F. had a visit from Mildura Salvation Army young people.

INTERIM COMMENCED

(Shepparton, Vic.). Malcolm Gaskin commenced an interim ministry spending weekends as a guest of local members. . . . The S.S. anniversary had Mr. Davidson, from Yarrowonga, as guest speaker and the children rendering numerous vocal items. At the Numurkah church Sunday School's 1st anniversary Mrs. G. Wittick was guest speaker . . . Successful working bees have been held at the manse in preparation for the new minister . . . Opportunity shop and street stall by the C.W.F. and Good Companions both in one week raised over \$600.

FAMILY SERVICE

(Bentleigh, Vic.). At special Family Service, R. W. Marshall spoke on "The Teenager Today" highlighting the needs and problems of teenagers and parents. . . . C.W.E.F. meets monthly and recent speakers have included Mrs. Waterman speaking on mission work in New Guinea and Mrs. Guy who spoke and showed slides of the work of Community Aid Abroad . . . The C.W.F. travelled to Portland recently for the Portland ladies' birthday afternoon . . . Some members have undergone surgery recently and are making good progress.

DONCASTER'S 105th

(Vic.). For the church's 105th anniversary Senator Ivor Greenwood was guest speaker at a P.S.A. on Oct. 13. He was assisted by the Doncaster choir under Mrs. G. Crouch and C. Ward at the organ . . . L. Shaw, R. Lee, R. Nelson and C. L. Ward were elected to the Board. After long service as officers the church was sorry to lose R. J. Tully and K. M. Crouch . . . The Good Companions' Club won the outdoor sports on Oct. 5.

MAYOR FOR THIRD TIME

(Camberwell, Vic.). Cr. W. A. Fordham, M.B.E., has been elected Mayor of Camberwell for the third time . . . Recent evening meetings have featured audio-visuals followed by group discussions . . . Following a church family dinner on Oct. 5, recordings made at the 50th anniversary were played . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Pye and Kevin were welcomed from Boronia . . . B.S. is growing. A fancy dress social on Oct. 11 was followed by B.S. P.S.A. on Oct. 13 . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Clark on the death of her daughter, Mrs. Doherty, and to Mrs. Moore on the death of Mr. Moore.

STALL RAISES \$235

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). \$235 was achieved from a well stocked street stall by C.W.E.F. "Norcross" Greeting Card factory was visited by C.W.F. . . . Staff and children of Chis-Lon Spastic Centre were entertained by C.M.F. . . . Good Companions Seniors came 3rd in annual sports and gained 2nd place for marching . . . John Thatcher has joined the Regular Army . . . Sympathy of the church extended to Mrs. L. Firth and family in the loss of her father, Mr. Selwood, of Colac.

BRUNSWICK'S 86th

(Vic.). Dr. R. Killmier (a past preacher) was morning speaker at the 86th church anniversary on Oct. 22. Miss V. Barnden was soloiste. Following a re-union tea Graham Marsh, a past member of the youth club and now at the C.O.B., was speaker. Mrs. M. Harris was soloiste. The evening meeting was a re-union of past youth club members. Ian Burns read the scriptures and Betty Marriner gave the prayer. Tea and cakes were served at the close of the meeting.

ANNIVERSARY DECISIONS

(Nth. Fitzroy, Vic.). Two boys made decisions at the close of the S.S. anniversary services. Speakers were M. Arnot, K. Turtmann, Rev. Barnes and J. Searle. The two lads, together with the father of one of them, were baptized on Nov. 3 and received into membership . . . A parent dedication service was held on Oct. 23 . . . Young married ladies' group raised \$100 by sale of gifts for piano for church . . . The student minister, K. H. Turtmann, and Mrs. Turtmann, conclude their ministry this month. Mr. Turtmann will conduct a vacation ministry at Pt. Lincoln, S.A., and then move to another church for 1969.

STUDENT FAREWELLED

(Berwick, Vic.). Robt. Collins (C.O.B.) spoke on Nov. 3 which was his final day with the church as assistant minister . . . A Youth for Christ Team visited here on Oct. 27. Steve Downie was evening speaker. Vocal and musical items were rendered and after-church fellowship was enjoyed . . . C.W.F. packed a large carton of toys for Uncle Charlie's fund.

MAXI-RESULT

(Hartwell, Vic.). A cheque of \$948 was passed to the church by C.W.F. groups being proceeds of recent Mini-Market . . . The B.S. anniversary services on Nov. 3 featured children singing morning and night, led by Eric Hancock, with Mrs. Willing, organiste and Rex Cleland, pianist. Speakers were Dr. K. Bowes, Mrs. L. Clencie and M. J. Savage . . . At the annual church business meeting reports showed church in healthy condition. V. Warren elected deacon, R. Tyler re-elected elder, and Mrs. L. Seath re-elected deaconess . . . Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb, S.A.

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OCCUPATION CHURCH

A. J. INGHAM TO MAYLANDS

(Lanswood, S.A.). A. J. Ingham will terminate his ministry with the church after nine years' faithful ministry. He undertakes pastoral visitation for the Maylands church during 1969 . . . The S.S. anniversary speakers on Oct. 27 were N. Gavros, from Fullarton, and our own minister, A. J. Ingham. The S.S. picnic was held at Harrogate.

"SAFARI" TO LAUNCESTON

(Collins St., Hobart, Tas.). Y.P. activities have included a concert, and a "safari" to Launceston for a youth rally. . . . C.W.F. have dispatched four food parcels to India . . . C.W.E.F. provided entertainment at Sunnyside Home for Aged . . . The B.S. demonstration on Oct. 27 had kinder., primary and cradle roll sessions in the afternoon and senior school at night. The theme was "Protest." . . . L. Moore, recently returned from Fed. Conf., addressed church at Sunday a.m. service and L. G. Read (Margaret St.) at night.

NEW CHURCH PLANNED

(Springvale, Vic.). The church has decided to branch out, and commence a new church at Springvale Sth., and is approaching C.O.B. for a student to help in this work . . . We were hosts for the H.M. Prayer Rally on Nov. 6 . . . Record attendances marked the S.S. anniversary services . . . At annual business meeting on Oct. 23, W. McKinnon retired from the board after 24 years' devoted service, and 18 years as secretary. N. Thomas is new deacon . . . An entertaining display by the Girls' Gym. took place on Nov. 1 . . . On Oct. 15, C.W.F. ladies entertained at Will H. Clay Nursing Home and took Noble Park C.W.A. Choir as guest entertainers. On Oct. 25 the ladies were led by Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Clark of the Central Prayer Committee . . . We give thanks that all young people who were in hospital after their accident are back at work or school again.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA
NOVEMBER:
 16—Explorers' Presentation Night.
 15—College of the Bible Ordination and Graduation.
 23—Foya.
 24—ANNUAL OFFERING—DEPT. OF H.M. & EVANG.
 30—C.E. Party Time.

QUEENSLAND
NOVEMBER:
 24—Home Mission Offering.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
NOVEMBER:
 16—Children's Eisteddfod. (Children from all churches participating.)
 19—Concert, sponsored by the women in the Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 35c and 75c a family.
 22—Aborigines Christmas Tree and Youth Project Rally.
 22—Young Marrieds' Camp.
 30—Twilight Sports meeting and barbecue. Guest speaker, Dr. Thornley Thomas.

NEW SOUTH WALES
NOVEMBER:
 25—N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

A.C.T.
NOVEMBER:
 24—Final Sunday of Ministry of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling.

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his mistakes to his stupidity or wickedness; he is surrounded by friends who want his favours and by enemies who want his head; his private life, such as it is, will almost certainly be made public by some gatekeeper, chauffeur, or second-maid who will write a book.

Eminent medical men have protested against giving to any one man this task which makes such impossible demands for time, physical stamina, and mental concentration. If the incumbent has genuine compassion for his own people and an awareness that he has the words of life or death for millions outside his own country, then the spiritual burdens will also be heavy beyond imagining.

In his acceptance speech, the President-Elect naturally spoke first to his fellow-Americans about their own need for unity, but the intense interest throughout the world indicates a general conviction that it is a global, and not merely a U.S., leader who has been elected. Surely the Australian newspapers gave more news and editorial space to this election than to our own! We recognise that to some extent he is our President, too. Success in his office could mean safety and peace for us all, failure could mean a world disaster from which none could escape.

The prayer of Christians everywhere should be for Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th President of the United States — that God will surround him with wise counsellors and arm him with righteousness to do good for all men.

LIVING LINKS ADOPTED

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). Judith and Dianne Shannon, the children of missionaries in N.G., have been adopted by this church as its "Living Links." They are grand-children of the church secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomson. . . . Fremantle celebrated its 76th anniversary on Nov. 3. Guest speaker was A. L. Walkington (Conf. Pres.). A bold type N.T. and psalms was presented to Mrs. E. Mitchell in recognition of her having reached 80 years of age. Her father, the late Mr. Selwood, was the first salaried minister at Fremantle (1902). A fellowship tea preceded the gospel service at which F. Rees spoke.

DECISIONS AT ANNIVERSARY

(Burwood, Vic.). Well attended anniversary services featured different school departments at each session. Two young people made decisions . . . Monthly Sunday evening "Impact" services feature the church in the community. Recent foci were I.T.I.M. and Miss Jean Milne's work at the Peter McCallum Hospital . . . Young people enjoy their monthly "Kirk Koffee Klub" following the evening ser-

NEW BUILDING PROGRAMME

(Glenelg, S.A.). The Building Committee is about to call for tenders for the new buildings at the church. The present chapel will be enlarged to accommodate 60 more people, the two halls at the rear will be pulled down, and a double storey unit will be erected to accommodate all church programmes. To enter this programme the church has been challenged to increased giving, and since March the weekly offerings have increased by close to \$100 weekly . . . C.W.F. Day Group recently entertained ladies of the Mt. Compass church. C.M.S. dinner and programme was recently addressed by local M.P., Hugh Hudson . . . Elders have sponsored a "Fellowship of Concern" for outreach to one time members and prospects. Two seminars have been held under

vice . . . The church picnic was held on Cup Day . . . Mrs. Jackel is recovering after a recent eye operation.

TEACHERS' DEDICATION

(Preston, Vic.). At the annual teachers' dedication service on Oct. 27, six new teachers were welcomed to the staff. L. Stewart, of Thornbury, was the afternoon church school anniversary speaker. At night Mr. Crossman, aided by the scholars, presented thoughts on "What is God Like?" The singing of the scholars was led by Mrs. Quaife . . . A White Elephant Sale organised by C.W.E.F. raised \$60 . . . Three members attended Federal Conference.

APPOINTMENT TO BORONIA

(Vic.). D. Olafsen is appointed to minister to the church beginning in 1970. A. Ross Lloyd will serve as an interim minister during 1969 . . . A successful family concert raised \$100 for Knox-brooke Home to which the Government added \$400 making the donation \$500. . . . B.S. anniversary services had D. Russell as the speaker at Kinder. and Primary sessions, and E. L. Williams at night. P. Jordon led the singing.

the leadership of B. J. Pittman . . . The removal of the John Eley family to Geelong sees our anniversary conductor and two teachers leaving. Church gave a farewell after a recent evening service . . . Young people of the church recently visited Barmera church, shared in services . . . The Board has agreed to give financial support to the church at Mt. Gambier next year through the H.M. Dept. . . . C. H. Dow, the Director of Christian Educ., met with the elders and deacons to study the youth programme and to make assessments and recommendations. A large teenage group is now under the leadership of M. J. Pederson. For several years E. Wilson had given splendid leadership to the young people as Youth Counsellor . . . The minister is E. P. C. Hollard.

SOAP BOX DERBY

(Devonport, Tas.). On Oct. 5, B.B. personnel and friends met at "Gillams Farm" for the Soap Box Derby. On Oct. 6, section 1 of B.B. paraded. There were two baptisms . . . Church holds a monthly Day of Prayer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Scotland, of W.E.C., told the story of "Soon" magazine, in colour and sound. . . . The Billy Graham film "The Hope of the World" was screened . . . On Sept. 15, Y.P. shared in the gospel service. A. T. Gray, of B. & F.B.S., was recent speaker.

POWER OF PRAYER

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). Over 1,000 prayer partners throughout our brotherhood are lifting up the work here in preparation for our Real Life Crusade with J. K. Bond. Evidence of this has been capacity services during recent weeks (extra seating has been required), and the decisions of 10 young people for Christ. With the crusade scheduled for Nov. 10-Dec. 8, we value your prayers that there might be many brought into the Kingdom.

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

128 delegates and visitors representing 43 churches were present at the Nov. council meeting.

The devotional session was led by Mrs. P. Wells. Mrs. F. Morris and Mrs. M. Barnett reported on Federal Conference. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Cromarty.

As several requests for help have been received, women who could help in any way in an emergency are requested to send their names to the secretary.

The recommendation from the Evening Fellowship Committee that this Committee be disbanded was moved, seconded, and carried.

Missionary Camps for 1969 are as follows: Feb. 21-23, Monbulk; March 28-30, Halls Gap. Special feature of camps will be the work of our Indian Mission fields. An all-day Seminar will be held at Monbulk on Sat., Feb. 22.

The Temperance film "Verdict at 1.32" was shown.

Next Council meeting Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. —M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

At the Nov. meeting, Mrs. Surtees presided, this being our Home Mission Rally. 40 women were present representing 13 churches. Mr. Surtees, our H.M. Director, addressed the meeting, telling of the appointment of Doug. Willis as Northern Missioner. Much interest was stimulated as an illustrated map of Queensland depicted the vastness of the areas untouched by our N.T. witness. A prayer session followed committing to the Lord the work of the H.M. Committee especially in this new venture.

Mrs. E. V. Lawton, World C.W.F. Pres., will visit Women's Conference in April, 1969 when she plans to visit our fellowships in the interest of World Convention, Adelaide, 1970.

—Eleanor L. Robbins, Asst. Sec.

TOOWOOMBA CELEBRATES

(Qld.). 86th anniversary of the Margaret St. church had David Mansell, of Wollongong, as special speaker. Over 200 attended the Saturday anniversary tea but meetings on the Sunday were not as well attended as could have been. At the tea reference was made to the 50 years ago "par" in the "A.C." concerning the Chandler-Clay Mission in Toowoomba and it was a thrill to have four who made their decision 50 years ago in that mission present with us, namely Mr. and Mrs. Ray Draney, Mrs. Skerman and Fred. Winter. Through this report they send their greetings to Will Clay, one of the team who had such good results in Toowoomba . . . Mrs. Betty McKenzie, the wife of a former minister, was a recent visitor . . . Tom Bamford, N.Z. Fraternal delegate, paid a visit to Toowoomba, inspected Mylo Home for the Aged, and shared their monthly meeting . . . Dr. A. C. Caldicott and Mrs. Caldicott and children are on holidays in Adelaide.

FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

(East Vic. Park, W.A.). Oct. 18, 19 and 20 were used to "Focus on Mental Health." Friday was Youth Night. Road Safety films and discussions Saturday afternoon. A visit was made to Claremont Mental Hospital with the Chaplain as guide. On Sat. night there was a speaker from Samaritans Emergency Phone Service. On Sunday afternoon the Marriage Guidance Council supplied a speaker . . . The S.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 6 and 8.

Aust. Churches

m=Minister. mem.=No. of members. s=Secretary. (st.)=Student. "AC"=Number of "Aust. Christian" subscribers.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 Corrigin: s., P. J. Cosh; mem., 39.

Cottesloe: m., D. K. Croot; s., V. G. Cousins; mem., 170; "AC" 17.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
 Col. Light Gardens: m., J. C. Cunningham; s., L. Chiswell; mem., 111; "AC" 10.
 Cowandilla: m., S. E. Matthews (pt); s., N. G. McLean; mem., 143; "AC" 11.

VICTORIA
 Clayton: m., R. T. Roberts; s., Alan T. Kaye; mem., 133; "AC" 2.

Coburg: m., A. Matheson (pt); s., C. Wright; mem., 114; "AC" 32.

Colac: m., Student; s., A. Jerome; mem., 28; "AC" 7.
 Collingwood: m., S. H. Wilkerson (pt); s., R. J. Warry; mem., 54; "AC" 3.
 Croydon: s., F. G. Sterling; mem., 114; "AC" 31.

NEW SOUTH WALES
 Cardiff: m., W. D. Howard; s., J. K. Barry; mem., 33; "AC" 4.
 Carramar: s., J. Pearson; mem., 96; "AC" 2.

QUEENSLAND
 Dalby: m., A. C. Weedon; s., J. W. Lunn; mem., 77; "AC" 13.

WELCOMED HOME

(Balwyn, Vic.). Dr. Owen White (with his Canadian wife and family) has returned after 10½ years' absence . . . Homecoming services brought fellowship with past members. H. Steele was guest speaker and soloist Mrs. B. Quaife. At the family tea the vocalists "The Part-Time Singers" gave items . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Burns entertained C.W.E.F. with slides and talk on their recent Asian tour. . . . Malcolm Gray led evening service whilst minister was at Fed. Conf. . . . S.S. anniversary had K. Christensen as guest speaker after songs and films of the School in Action. At night the theme was "Music with a Message," when the minister, L. F. Barker, gave the address and conducted the choir. Changing scenes were used to depict the words of the anthems.

BLACK ROCK (Vic.)

Home - Coming

December 1

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B.S. CENTENARY AT MT. CLEAR

(SEE COVER)

(Vic.) The large gathering included past teachers, pupils, members of sister churches in Ballarat, representatives of the Buninyong Shire Council and Mrs. E. Croall, one of the oldest living members of the Sunday School.

The children of the S.S. held a similar celebration in another hall.

The Mt. Clear Church of Christ has already celebrated its centenary and has been in existence for 105 years.

The original Sunday School building, known as the Christian meeting house was pulled down in 1956 when the present building was erected on a new site.

Cr. A. T. Harbour represented Buninyong Shire Council.

"May your church continue to represent God and the community over the next 100 years," Cr. Harbour said.

Representatives of the sister churches—York Street, Peel Street, Dawson Street and Brougham Street—also congratulated

Mt. Clear on 100 years of Bible service and wished it well for its next 100 years.

GOLD DAYS

The secretary of the B.S., C. Hocking, said the school began in the boom days of gold mining, but nothing was recorded to say exactly when, or by whom.

He said the church minute book simply recorded the necessity of giving the children a few books. This was June 6, 1869, and it was assumed the church had been going at least a year before that date, he added.

A Miss Eliza Gowans was the first known person to be associated with the school. Before her there was no record of who staffed the school.

Baptised in 1882, Miss Gowans was the backbone of the school for more than 40 years, and it was through her efforts that the school had reached 100 years of service, Mr. Hocking said.

THREE BAPTISMS

(Maidstone, Vic.). Miss J. Whitehead, Miss B. Nicholls and Miss J. Dunn were baptized on Oct. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead were transferred into membership. . . . Oct. 23 was observed as a Day of Prayer for all members. . . . Speakers during October Family Month were Mrs. N. Horne who addressed the ladies and J. Hunting who showed films and spoke of the Holy Land and Egypt. Explorers took part in an evening service. A film of Tasmania's Cradle Mountain was shown by a member of the Audio Visual Assoc.

HOBBIES EXHIBITION

(Collingwood, Vic.). A Hobbies Exhibition and slide night gave a new insight to some of the members, and raised \$9 for the full-time minister's fund. B.S. anniversary was held one Sunday only.

THOMSON EVANGELISM

(Vic.). A fortnight crusade conducted by K. Christensen had good attendances despite inclement weather. "Happy Hour" sessions were held after school. 100 were present at a family tea. . . . Graham Gratton, of B. & F.B.S., spoke at youth tea and at gospel service showed the film "Indonesia Today"; R. Grazules and G. Littleton gave a duet. . . . S.S. has grown to the stage where teacher meetings are conducted under their own officership instead of combining with the Terrace.

SUNDAY "OPERATION"

(Belmont, Vic.). Dr. E. P. Berg was speaker at B.S. anniversary services on Oct. 3. An appendectomy was performed on "George" at evening service. Good attendances appreciated the challenge in his addresses. Teenagers presented anniversary service on evening of Oct. 13. Three Bible School girls made their decision. Baptismal service was held on Oct. 20. . . . Duplicating committee raised \$18 in concert. Any lack of talent was compensated for by the enjoyment of the evening. . . . Five members attended Fed. Conf. . . . Y.P. of church with G. Fleet and D. Thomas as leaders, attended Youth Camp at Anglesea Oct. 17-20. . . . Junior cricket team had its first win. A junior tennis team of girls has been entered in the Geelong & District Churches Tennis Association.

PRAYER GROUP CROWDED OUT

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). The Prayer and Bible Study group has been moved out of the manse due to the crowd—25% of membership meet weekly. . . . Our Real Life Crusade commenced on Nov. 10; the church desires prayer support. . . . Counsellor training, prepared by F. C. Hunting and J. T. Timms, has been undertaken by the whole church at morning services. . . . The film, "Seduction of the Innocent," depicting the modern vice of drug taking, was screened and discussed by medical officers at our combined C.Y.F. Hour on Sept. 29. . . . Members assisted at the Mt. Clear B.S. centenary on Oct. 5. . . . C.W.F. waited

on tables and C.Y.F. conducted a creche and entertainment for the children. The B.S. anniversary singing on Oct. 13 and 20 was conducted by D. McLeod. Speakers were J. Henley (Explorer Boys' Club leader), Mrs. L. Birch (Dawson St.) and our evangelist, J. T. Timms. . . . V. Berry (York St.) spoke and "The Messengers" were guest artists at Challenge to Youth on Oct. 19. . . . The church greatly appreciates an anonymous gift of \$200 towards our Youth Hall building fund. Deaconess E. Murphy accepted on behalf of the church a beautiful set of cloths for the Lord's Table presented by the C.Y.F. . . . A delegation of nine cars travelled to Bendigo on Oct. 23 to support J. K. Bond Tent Mission.

WHITE-COLEMAN MISSION

(Castlemaine, Vic.). The White and Coleman Mission and Happy Hours commenced on Oct. 26. The Harcourt church is assisting in prayer and preparation. The C.W.F. is also giving strong support in attendance and is assisting the mission financially and with a chain of prayer at each meeting. . . . J. Byrnes commences his ministry on Feb. 2. . . . The church suffered a great loss in the death of H. Peeler. He was elder and deacon for many years. . . . Three young men are now presiding at the Lord's Table. . . . The S.S. presentation evening was conducted on Oct. 25. . . . The chapel seats are being varnished. . . . Church delegations are attending the tent mission at Bendigo.

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WORLD CONVENTION COMMITTEE COMMISSIONED

The advent of Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, of New York, in Australian circles is always an event of some importance. He flew into Sydney in time for the 38th Federal Conference of our churches, and was featured speaker for the great Town Hall meeting, as well as the lecturer at the first National Seminar for our brotherhood ministers.

After a visit to the N.Z. Annual Conference he flew back to Adelaide to hold meetings and discussions with the Australian Executive of the World Convention.

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

The highlight of his visit was the "Commissioning Service" held in Unley church on Nov. 1, when all committees were represented and set aside for their monumental task in 1970. An air of expectancy has been over the Australian brotherhood since the Puerto Rico 7th Convention when Adelaide's invitation was accepted. On Friday night the expectancy gave place to a sense of reality and urgency. Dr. Kirkpatrick stressed the work of each committee and then in a simple service, committed all to God's oversight and guidance.

The Adelaide churches have already set up 24 committees. The response from circles outside the brotherhood have been amazing. The World President, Sir Philip Messent; the World C.W.F. President, Mrs. E. V. Lawton; the Australian Secretary, Mr. I. J. Chivell, and Dr. Kirkpatrick, all waited on Mr. Steele Hall, the Premier of the State. He was most enthusiastic about the Convention and promised all possible support from the Government of S.A. The Press, radio and T.V. also gave a splendid introductory coverage. Qantas Airlines, the S.A. Tourist Bureau and domestic airlines have all begun to show a significant interest in the Convention. It is quite evident that Adelaide is set to become one of the best Convention cities in Australia, and thrust into this spotlight by the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

Dr. Kirkpatrick said that over 700 brethren from the United States have already indicated their intention to come to Australia. New Zealand, Great Britain and missionaries and nationals from other parts of the world are making definite moves to Adelaide 1970. With folk from other States of Australia, it is anticipated that somewhere around 5,000 will swell the S.A. numbers. Hotels and motels have already been booked, halls being selected and accommodation in private homes sought. The Adelaide brethren are really in action.

(E. P. C. Hollard is minister of the church at Glenelg, S.A., and is publicity officer for the World Convention).

BOARD-STIFF

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into a basic number of committees workable in the local situation.

As a suggestion, the following committees could be formed: programme, finance, education, pastoral and property. A chairman would head up each committee with the remainder of the board being distributed according to choice and ability. For example, the pastoral committee would consist of the elders. Each committee would have power to co-opt others in the church so as to carry out their respective work efficiently. A report from each committee would need to be given at least at bi-monthly intervals.

Such a scheme allows men who know about financial matters to give their time to those issues—allows those set aside for spiritual oversight to be involved in that important work—allows for property maintenance to be carried out by those qualified—and in most cases only a report would be given at the monthly officers' board meeting.

By raising the status of the office held, and by allowing time for responsible men to carry out matters of importance, the officers' board will continue to fulfil its vital role in our local church government.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Robert and Rhonda Whan on the birth of a baby girl on Oct. 13, at Madang, New Guinea. We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of this little one.

◉ FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Great Church Support

This year saw an even greater involvement by the churches of Victoria in the work of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The campaign receives universal support from the whole community, but it is also true that the "Partnership" between the churches and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign gives rise to an especially warm relationship.

Due to the undoubted success of many "Self-help" projects financed by the campaign, this has now been accepted by the public as the only real way to make any lasting contribution to the relief of hunger and malnutrition so rife in many countries of the world.

A recent survey shows that every dollar contributed to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign has produced at least \$100 worth of food through our "self-help" projects.

A fact that is not so well known is that almost a million dollars (\$984,000) has been given by the Freedom from Hunger Campaign to Inter-Church Aid and Australian Catholic Relief for "Self-help" projects during the last six years.

This year the support from churches

was excellent and took many forms. In most areas, teams of "Hunger Fighters" were recruited from churches for the "Hunger Strike" and reported a very favourable response from the people they called on.

In some areas, special collections were made, sermons were given on the problem of world hunger and often groups ran functions to raise additional money.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The main effort next year will take place during Freedom from Hunger Week which is from September 21-28 and will once again take the form of the proven doorknock appeal. The doorknock gives everyone in the community the opportunity to give and this year's response has proved that, despite many other appeals in every area, the Freedom from Hunger Campaign has a special place in the hearts of the people of Victoria.

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PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Stuart McPherson, Michael Koopman, Bentleigh, Vic.
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 Vonda Fenwich, Moreland, Vic.
 Bruce Kenyon, Peter Roberts, Ashleigh Pope, Glenelg, S.A.
 Phillip Penny, Colin Davies, W. Davies, North Fitzroy, Vic.
 Sandra Wall, Hawthorn, S.A.
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MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pittman, from Nailsworth; Mrs. E. Smith, of Hawthorn; Mrs. I. Smith, of Prospect; Mrs. and Miss H. Orr, of Forestville; Tony Carr, of Cheltenham; Mrs. I. Wright, from Baptist church, to Glenelg, S.A.
 Mrs. Koopman, from Bentleigh to Hamilton, Vic.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

C. Johnston (secretary, Geraldton church), 107 Augustus-st., Geraldton, W.A., 6530.
 W. G. Jackel (acting secretary, Rochester church), 13 Edward-st., Rochester, Vic., 3561.
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 Peter Blain from Moreland to Mileara Rd., Vic.

MARRIAGES

Anthea Blackmore to Grant Woodward, Oakleigh, Vic.
 Christine McGlasson to Jeffrey Crabb; Carolyn Scudds to Tony Carr, Glenelg, S.A.
 Pam McFarlane to Laurie Innes, Box Hill, Vic.
 Rhonda Hagger to Errol Cooper, Ascot Park, S.A.
 Glenda Rowe to Kevin Dooley, Nth. Williamstown, Vic.
 June Haselwood to Barry Parkin, Mile End, S.A.
 Helen Wright to Robert Humphries, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
 Cheryl Bullard to Clive Robartson; Helen Taylor to Alan Thacker, Fremantle, W.A.
 Angela Howarth to Tom Head; Linda Zariczny to Ian Harkin, Springvale, Vic.
 Leonie Jones to Tony Rushton, Collins St., Hobart, Tas.

DEATHS

Mrs. Wakefield, Mr. Bodey, Oakleigh, Vic.
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 Mrs. O. Templeton, Mile End, S.A.
 Mrs. Brenda Ward, Hobart, Tas.
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BIRTHS

BRIMBLECOMBE (Lawrie).—To Beth and Trevor, Highbury, S.A., a daughter—Julie Elizabeth, on October 22, 1968. A sister for Steven.

LAWRIE.—To Judith and Graham, a daughter—Roxanne Kay, born October 26, 1968, at Keith, S.A. Sister for Stephen.

PENG (Cole).—On October 29, to Gwyneth and Bruce, 3 Northumberland-ave., Mt. Colah, N.S.W., a daughter—Jennifer. Both well.

SEARLE (nee Morfrew).—On November 3 at Mitcham Hospital, Vic., to Linda and Norman, a son—Brian Leslie. Brother for Geoffrey.

ENGAGEMENT

STALEY-LLOYD.—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Staley, of 21 William-st., Mt. Waverley, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Cheryl Elizabeth, to Rodney Maurice, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lloyd, of 5 Bega St., Chadstone, Vic.

SILVER WEDDING

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RUBY WEDDING

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APPROACHING MARRIAGES

BOLDUAN-LUETH.—The marriage of Rona Bolduan and Harald Lueth will be celebrated at Kaniva Church of Christ, Vic., on Saturday, December 7, 1968, at 5.20 p.m.

FITZGERALD-HOLLARD.—The marriage of Helen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald, of 21 East Tee, Hawthorndene, S.A., to Roger, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Holland, Glenelg, S.A., will be celebrated at Blackwood Church of Christ on November 30, 1968 at 4.30 p.m.

ILIFF-STEELE.—The marriage of Judith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Iliff, Eildon, Vic., to George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Steele, 38 Clyde-st., Box Hill, will be celebrated at Box Hill Church of Christ, on Saturday, November 23, 1968 at 4 p.m.

DEDICATION SERVICE

A Parent Dedication Service conducted by Mr. H. Cave was held for Suzanne Mary Cavill, baby daughter of Linda and Graham at Red Cliffs Church of Christ on Sunday, October 27, 1968.

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DEATH

SELWOOD.—A token of love to the memory of Leslie William Selwood. Aged 75 years. Suddenly at Colac Hospital, on Nov. 2, beloved husband of the late Louisa Victoria, and loving father of Ronald William (Ararat), Murray Leslie (Colac), Noala (Mrs. Firth, Newport); father-in-law of Vivian, Norma and Lindsay; grandfather of Robin and wife, Dawn, Ken (dec.), Ian (dec.), Vivian, Carolyn (dec.), Roger, Jill, Bryce, Gaye (dec.), Kerry, Ross, Cherie; great-grandfather of Gary. "God is our refuge."

IN MEMORIAM

NICHOLS.—James William and Annie (Nell). Remembering again with love their lives and example, giving thanks upon every remembrance of them.—Beryl, Charles, Dorothy and Gwyneth.

STURGES.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Lylia, who passed away November 11, 1944, and dear father, William Henry, January 1, 1961.—Inserted by their loving daughters Myrtle (Mrs. J. Searle, dec.), Concie (Mrs. C. MacDonald), Alice (Mrs. N. White). "Deep in our hearts a memory is kept."

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WALKATHON

(Wembley, W.A.). The B.S. conducted a 10-mile walkathon and is expected to raise \$250. This is to be divided equally between the 1968 Youth Project and the Youth Committee . . . J.C.E. Society gave \$10 for Bibles in Vietnam. Juniors did well in the C.E. Sports Day . . . Those who attended Fed. Conf. were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park and Mr. D. A. Ladbroke who was a speaker. Recent speakers here have been J. Bolton, New Guinea; R. Vincent, H. Heyhoe, and Rev. J. Ridden from the B. & F.B.S. . . . Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick brought greetings at a gospel service . . . A film on the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral was screened for Ladies' Fellowship.

TOWNSVILLE CRUSADE

(Qld.). The Crusade for Christ conducted here under the leadership of Bruce Roberts, of Harlaxton, Toowoomba, was attended by 40 members and 38 non-members. Two made decisions and became members through faith and baptism. Nine others indicated interest. Mr. Roberts' messages led through a "Week at the Cross" supported by items from the choir and soloists. A quiz competition was conducted for Y.P. and prizes awarded to Sharyn Wilbraham and Rowena Webster, with the attendance competition being won jointly by Sharyn Wilbraham and Susan and Graham Lowe . . . For five nights before the crusade the members shared in a Seminar on Evangelism; there were as many as 17 on one night. Twelve completed the course and qualified for the diploma issued by the H.M. Dept.

THE GOSPEL TRAIN

(North Perth, W.A.). The S.S. anniversary featured a pageant, "The Gospel Train." K. Maddern was speaker and G. How song-leader . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson, K. Patterson and Mrs. Fryer attended Fed. Conf. . . . Miss Elaine Henderson, missionary-elect to Japan, addressed a morning service . . . The Bible study group has been studying Daniel . . . F. Buckingham, a former minister, was a recent visitor . . . Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Danes and Mr. Mayger have been hospitalised . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Meldrum have returned to our fellowship after working in the country.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Harlaxton, Qld.). The Missionary Convention featured Dr. T. Thomas from our Indian field and Rex Ellis of our State Committee. Six missionary societies (F.E.B.C., M.F.A., U.F.M., C.L.C., Gospel Recordings, Wycliffe Translators) shared in the weekend. Dr. Thomas was seen on local T.V. (DDQ10) being interviewed about India . . . M. Pieper, of Gatton, was the guest speaker at the B.S. anniversary. Parents attended the anniversary tea . . . H. Earle, F. Winter, R. Hawkins and B. Heyworth shared the pulpit during the minister's absence at Townsville Crusade and Fed. Conf. . . . A mother and daughter made decisions and were baptized recently.

DECISIONS AND BAPTISMS AT FAIRHAVEN

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Occasionally the question is asked where our aged persons' homes fit into the evangelistic mission of the church. The church at Maryborough entered this field of service because it was felt that this age group has as much urgent need of the gospel as any other. For this reason the Baddow church services were moved into Fairhaven when the home was built.

Several of the guests have joined the church. In the home recently an elderly mother and her paralysed daughter found great joy in their baptism. Mr. Ede used the example of Mark 2 where the paralysed man was lowered in a stretcher as a fitting illustration to a most impressive service as these ladies were baptised on an ambulance stretcher carried by deacons and elders. "When Jesus saw their

faith He said . . . thy sins be forgiven thee."

The Matron of the Home has also joined the church and has by her witness and example helped to lead two other guests, two of the staff, and the daughter of another guest. A special baptismal service was held in Fairhaven Week, followed by a Family Thanksgiving Service in the Home on Oct. 20.

This time of revival has taken place during a severe virus epidemic in the Home affecting over half the guests and staff.

When it is realised that the Home is now only celebrating its second birthday, the total number of guests is only 25 with a staff of five, the faithfulness of the ministry of the Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit can be appreciated.

TWO FOR ALBANY

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). The church farewelled Arthur and Margaret Ferguson prior to their leaving for Albany . . . Speakers for the S.S. anniversary on Oct. 13 and 20 were D. Tonkin and our minister A. H. Coleman . . . The church offers Christian sympathy to Mrs. Pul-line on the death of her husband . . . Mr. Coleman is giving a series of addresses on Christian stewardship.

DALBY ADDITION

(Qld.). A married man was baptised on Oct. 20 . . . Recent speakers have been B. Thygesen representing Kenmore Christian College, J. McNab, of C.R.M.C., Brisbane, and Dr. T. Thomas for the Overseas Mission Board . . . Pastor Henry of the Dalby Baptist Church, was speaker at S.S. anniversary . . . The minister, A. C. Weedon, was guest speaker at Inverell anniversary services.

ARTS, CRAFTS AND TALENTS

(Bunbury, W.A.). The displays at the inaugural arts, crafts and talents competition were well presented and created general interest. The Supt., A. Chessell, presented book and Bible prizes to scholars. The B.S. anniversary had the theme of "The Shepherd" with Mr. Carslake as speaker. He also spoke at the Harvey S.S. anniversary in Oct. . . . Roelands Native Mission joined us when the film, "World Fair Encounter" was screened . . . The church won its bad-

minton match against Harvey Y.P. and a local group . . . The Junior Club with 25 members has been a great success. . . . Featured at the Friends and Neighbours' meeting was a make-up specialist, and Dr. Foster who spoke on home accidents . . . Mrs. Holloway of our Welfare Centre, and J. Dean reporting on the recent brotherhood Unity conference, were guests at prayer fellowship . . . Alan Hopkins of our Boys' Brigade was 15-year-old champion at the State Athletics Competition for Boys' Brigades in Oct.

GOLD COAST CRUSADE

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The "Gold Coast Crusade" is organised by Youth for Christ, an inter-church organisation. The special train will leave Melbourne on Dec. 25, returning on Jan. 6. The Crusade is open for all young people between the ages of 15-25.

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TEACHING MISSION

(Mayfield, N.S.W.). Following the teaching mission with Rex Ellis, Max Hall, of Inverell, was guest speaker at our B.S. anniversary . . . Some of our men are sharing in a "Training for Service" course . . . Jim Davidson and Gordon Beaven minister to those "shut-in" ones who cannot attend the communion services . . . Our C.E. group again conducted a gospel meeting at "Woodlands" Boys' Home. They recently won the district Bible Quiz competition.

INTERIM AT COL. LIGHT GDNS.

(S.A.). J. C. Cunningham's part-time ministry is being greatly appreciated. Decisions are being recorded . . . Six members of the Girls' Brigade were presented to Sir Mellis Napier and received the silver award in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Two others received the bronze award . . . Helen Baker won the Federal Art Prize for the Pacific Fellowship competition in Girls' Brigade. Her entry, a plate painted with an Aboriginal legend is now in England for world-wide judging. The brigade held a Walkathon and raised \$50 to establish the brigade on our mission stations . . . Mr. Fingar continues to minister to the elderly people of the community and is much appreciated for it . . . The manse remodelling and additions are under way in preparation for Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mason in 1969 . . . The church hall was broken into recently. Nothing was stolen or seriously damaged.

HONOUR FOR MEMBER

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). Hurstville are proud of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid who were in the official party of the President's Reception when Mr. Reid acted as M.C. Visitors from all over Australia shared with us at the Lord's Table on the following Sunday . . . Our B.S. anniversary afternoon had P. E. Thomas speaking to the scholars and Dennis Ladbroke spoke at the morning service.

GUEST SERVICE

(Port Pirie, S.A.). Speakers at a special guest service were Matron Routledge of Port Pirie Hospital, Mr. Hatwell, Headmaster of Airdale Primary School, and Mr. Cocks of the C.I.B. . . . Mr. Clarke, of Kadina, addressed both S.S. anniversary services. A barbecue was held at Davies' farm to raise money for Joy and Dick Lloyd . . . C.W.F. Day Group held a successful picnic at Wright's farm.

BAPTISM AT HORNSBY

(N.S.W.). A young lad was baptised by D. A. Oldfield on Oct. 13 . . . On Oct. 20, a number of interstate visitors shared in the services. Guest speakers were Keith Horne, S.A. H.M. Director, and R. S. A. McLean, Federal Overseas Mission secretary. At the after-church fellowship Mr. McLean showed slides on mission work. Guest soloist was F. Grice.

NEW BIBLE SOCIETY LEADER

(S.A.). The Service of Installation and Commissioning of the newly-appointed South Australian Secretary of the Bible Society, the Rev. David F. L. Harris, will take place at Stow Congregational Church, on Dec. 1, 1968 at 3 o'clock.

The Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Rev. James R. Payne, will perform the Commissioning and Installation and will be assisted by several church leaders.

TAREE LOSSES

(N.S.W.). The church has been saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Eric Cook and P. G. Saxby. Both funerals were on Oct. 17 . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Kallmier were speakers at the B.S. anniversary services. 16 scholars made decisions for Christ . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wylie attended Fed. Conf.

THREE PLAYS

(Dulwich, S.A.). Three short plays were a feature of B.S. anniversary services. One depicted the court trial of Jesus; another was based on the parable of the wise and foolish virgins; and the tiny tots gave a dramatisation of the Good Samaritan. S. Neighbour conducted teachers' dedication at 11 a.m. B. Frost (Salisbury Baptist) spoke at night . . . The annual business meeting added two younger members—John Glover and Harry Harding, to the Board as deacons . . . Edgar Kentish was appointed Elder Emeritus for long, loyal service . . . At combined C.W.F. and C.M.S. meeting, Misses J. Russell and M. Glover showed colour slides of their trip to Europe and India.

MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

(Bowral, N.S.W.). Bowral church has embarked upon a Faith Missionary Gift Programme which was launched after a Missionary Weekend when missionaries and H. M. Long, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., were speakers . . . The S.S. anniversary had R. Dickson, of Marrickville church, to give illustrated talks. Young people are responding to the gospel appeal at each evening service. Personal Evangelism and Open Air Witness are planned for the immediate future.

A programme of suitable music will be included.

The Rev. David Harris, an Anglican, takes up his position in S.A. following a period of service as District Secretary for the Society in South Yorkshire, England.

During the war Mr. Harris was a pilot in the R.A.F. After training for the ministry in England he came to Australia where he was ordained and later became a Chaplain in the R.A.A.F., during which time he also flew as a pilot.

PRIZES ANNOUNCED

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Annual prize-winners were announced at the S.S. anniversary on Oct. 13. Dux of Kinders: David Wold, Julie Adler; Joiner Memorial Prize: Craig Peters, Darren Bender; Patterson Memorial Prize for Dux of School: Christine Wold. Guest speaker was Ron. Barker, minister Lambton Baptist Church. At the afternoon session a cheque for \$16 was presented to Robt. Combridge, Asst. Supt., for work among Aboriginal children. Mr. Combridge conducted the choral items by the school. Peter Looney is Supt. . . . A past minister of the church, L. G. Read, was guest preacher at both services on Oct. 20.

GUEST FROM ORANGE

(Gulgandra, N.S.W.). Ray Hawkins, from Orange, was guest speaker at the B.S. anniversaries at Balladoran and Gulgandra. Afternoon service was conducted by the kindergarten. Lois Quayle received the Dux of School prize . . . A young man recently made his decision . . . Mr. Benz has accepted a further term with the church . . . D. J. Butler is in hospital.

CONFERENCE BONUS

(Bexley, North N.S.W.). We shared fellowship with delegates attending Fed. Conf. On Oct. 20, F. Hunting (Vic.) and D. Hammer (W.A.) spoke to the church. . . . An after-church fellowship was held when Miss A. Draney spoke of her work in New Guinea. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Weir, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunting who were former ministers and members of this church . . . Mrs. Saville, after many months of illness, is well enough to attend services.

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY

ALL STATES

24th NOVEMBER, 1968

South Aust.

BORDERTOWN LOSES

(S.A.). Bordertown will soon lose many of its valuable members. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Manning move to Brighton Gardens. Cliff is a church elder, and leader of the Bible discussion group, etc., Jane is active in women's work. Their son, Peter, is in youth work and S.S., John and Helen are still at school, Dorothy is nursing at Adelaide Hospital, Kathleen (Mrs. Ron. Roberts, Christies Beach). Roy Arnold has been accepted as a student at Glen Iris; he has been two years on the staff at Bordertown High. Roy has been active in C.E. work and has also been church organist; he makes the third young man from this church to enter Glen Iris in the last five years. Betty Milne will leave at the end of Dec. to join the relieving staff of the Savings Bank of S.A. in Adelaide. Betty is a S.S. teacher and active in C.Y.F. All of these people will leave a very large gap . . . The church extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cara Radley in the death of her husband and to Mrs. Chris Mathers in the death of her sister.

VISITATION RESULTS

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). Following a programme of Home Visitation, 270 attended Dedication Service on Oct. 27 and there were seven decisions at night. . . . "The Messengers" were guest singers at monthly youth service when a young lady made her decision . . . At Brigade Parade on Nov. 3 a young man made his decision. Cabin boys won the J. B. Baker Shield . . . C.Y.F. raised \$90 for Community Aid Abroad. An exhibition of teaching methods of Kindergarten and Nursery Depts. created wide interest in community . . . A recovery group for the maladjusted, open to the community, meets weekly in one of the halls . . . \$113 have been raised to date in morning teas for Inter-Church Aid.

NEW CHURCH VENTURE

(S.A.). The commissioning of city chaplains at Stow Memorial Church was described as "the possible beginning of a new era" of Christianity.

A group of chaplains in Adelaide will work among people engaged in commerce and trade.

Five chaplains were commissioned and received by six city companies, including three city department stores.

The director of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission of S.A., C. E. Watson, said at the service that the congregation of man in cities, in the throes of technological, computerised revolution, demanded a new concept of ministry of the church.

The concept involved a sharing ministry, sharing in the community and the whole life of man.

"The church must discover the needs, tensions, doubts and fears of city man," Mr. Watson said.

"The church must stop guessing and begin a process of discovery. We cannot alter what we do not know.

MILE END TO FORESTVILLE

(S.A.). Mr. Luff will complete his ministry with Mile End at the end of Dec. and will go to Forestville church. Mile End church has invited M. Hodgkiss from N.S.W. to commence in February. . . . Mile End church has agreed to exchange the present manse for another house opposite. Local council has arranged the exchange as they want the land adjoining the church. The exchange is of advantage to the church for reasons of quietness and the new manse is in very good condition . . . Young people presented a Biblical play, "Esther," as part of the B.S. anniversary prizegiving night. John Rogers conducted the gospel service on Nov. 3 . . . The church regrets the resignation of the treasurer, R. Spencer, due to his removal to Melbourne. R. Hage has been appointed in his place. Mrs. Luff has taken over leadership of the Girls' Club until the end of the year.

"This calls on us to be integrated, to become involved, which brings us to the concept of a ministry to city man."

COMMENDATION

Commending the idea of a city chaplain service as an extension of the industrial chaplain service, the Minister of Labour and Industry (Mr. Coumbe) said: "This work is practising Christianity of the highest order.

"It is indicative of changing ways and outlook," he said.

"It brings Christianity and humanity to more and more people in the place where it is really needed, where they work."

The chaplains inducted by the Rev. V. Harrison were the Revs. C. E. Watson, J. H. Bennett, T. M. Byard, R. Greenhalgh and B. Trigg.

In the service they were received by representatives of the following organisations: "The Advertiser" and Channel 7 (Mr. Watson), BP Australia Ltd. (Mr. Byard), G. J. Coles Ltd. (Mr. Greenhalgh), David Jones Ltd. (Mr. Bennett) and Myer Emporium Ltd. (Mr. Trigg).

(Adelaide "Advertiser")

50 AT SEMINAR

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). 50 members attended a recent Seminar held at Murray Bridge, conducted by K. D. Horne. . . . Gospel service commences at 7.30 p.m. for a six-month trial period . . . Afternoon Group held 54th birthday celebrations. Miss L. Hennig decorated the cake. A group of ladies from Adelaide provided the entertainment . . . A successful S.S. and family picnic was held on Oct. 14 when we combined with the Goolwa church at Finnis Oval . . . A recent C.W.E.F. meeting was conducted by ladies from the Strathalbyn church. . . . A. Klingbiel is president of the tennis club. One team will be entered in C Grade competition . . . Five lady members attended Fed. Conf. . . . Young people assisted in recent gospel service.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary (Molly) Reed

With the death of "Molly" Reed, the church at Box Hill mourned the loss of one whose love for Christ and his church and whose faithful Christian service have strengthened our faith and largely contributed to the Kingdom of God. 53 years ago, as a young woman, she visited the district with the young man of her choice, Will Reed, and attended the services with him in the old weatherboard building. Here she was baptised. After their marriage, Will and "Molly" set up their home in Box Hill and continued in membership. Aided and encouraged by her husband, Mrs. Reed's home became something of a magnet to young people. With its warmth of friendship and love it became a "youth institution" in the community. For many years this spacious home rang with the happy chatter, laughter and singing of up to 35 young people who congregated after church on Sunday nights. When young people from other churches joined in, 80 and more crowded onto the lawn in the well-kept yard. Mrs. Reed gladly rendered this ministry of friendship and nurture to young people. Who can gauge the value of life friendships formed, the strengthening of faith and the challenge to Christian service which resulted from the fellowship, love and example within this open, Christian home where "Molly" Reed was a loving and beloved hostess? She was often mother-cook at youth camps, she was an able, consistent S.S. teacher for many years and a joint leader of the Phi Beta Pi Club. She also served as Cradle Roll Supt. and at the time of death, was the longest standing member of our women's auxiliaries, having served C.W.F. and Dorcas for over 50 years. Mrs. Reed was a wonderful wife and mother; a practical, hospitable neighbour and an inspiring church member. Crowded funeral services were conducted by the writer who expressed sympathy to Mr. Reed, Doug., Betty, Norma and Kevin and other relatives and friends.—Leslie S. Dewberry.

Bessie Wakefield

On Oct. 27 this saintly lady died at the age of 77 years. Over 40 years ago at Castlemaine, Vic., she married Will Wakefield, one of our pioneer ministers, and for 40 years served Christ and the brotherhood as a devoted servant in the churches in Victoria and W.A. where they were greatly loved. 12 years ago they came to reside at Oakleigh, when after six months' retirement, her husband passed away. For several years Mrs. Wakefield had been handicapped with a painful ailment, but her courage and fortitude was an inspiration to everyone. She loved Christ and the Church, and

was seldom absent from the Lord's Table. She was a gracious Christian lady, and was loved by the whole church. She was a great encourager and supporter of every good work. A service at the Oakleigh church was largely attended and many floral tributes were an expression of the affection in which she was held. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the New Cheltenham Cemetery. She will be sadly missed.—E.J.M.

Martha Elsie Lewis

The church at Frankston (Vic.) has lost one of its most faithful members in the death of Mrs. Lewis. She was always a kindly, gracious person who loved her church dearly. Mrs. Lewis was born at South Yarra in 1886, one of 11 children. When still young the family moved to Chum Creek near Healesville where they created a farm from the virgin forest. Returning to Melbourne at 21 years she was baptised and became a member of the Prahran Church of Christ. Here she became a S.S. teacher, a member of the choir and the Mission Band. In 1919 she married W. Ordish and they went to live at Dandenong and later at Frankston where she was active in the Church of England. At that time there was no Church of Christ in Frankston. They had one son, Harold. In 1928 her husband died and Mrs. Lewis went with her son to Lilydale to work in her brother's bakery and grocery store. In 1940 she again returned to Frankston with her son but in about a year Harold suddenly died at the age of 21. She later married Ern. Lewis and went to live at Brighton where she became active in the Gardenvale church. During the war she made hundreds of felt toys and gloves, donating the proceeds to the Red Cross and the church. Along with other members she packed over 2 tons of food for Great Britain. In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis retired to Frankston and had been most active in the church. During the years I knew Mrs. Lewis her health kept her from many activities, but seldom from the church services. After about four weeks in hospital she died on Aug. 3, aged 82 years. Her deep devotion and warm love to Christ and those about her will live on in the memory of those who knew her best.—R. H. Patterson.

George Hamilton

The church at Rochester (Vic.) has lost one of its most active and highly respected members in the sudden death of George Hamilton in his 87th year. He became a member of Churches of Christ at a very early age. During the years 1912-14 he was a member of the Church of Christ at Balmain St., Sth. Richmond, where he was also a teacher in the B.S. He worked in the country for some time and when war broke out he enlisted. In 1926 he was in the Wedderburn district, and about 1928 he settled in Rochester. It was here

that Mr. Hamilton established a plant nursery and continued in this for about 40 years. He was one of God's choice souls, a Christian gentleman. The church will miss him because he was an able preacher and served in this way for many years. At the time of his death he was a deacon, secretary and treasurer of the church. He was a friendly, happy, spiritual man. He longed for revival in the church at Rochester. He sought to do good to all men. Many friends assembled at the Rochester Chapel to honour him. The writer conducted the service at the church, and members of the R.S.L. participated at the graveside at Rochester Cemetery.—A. C. Mudford.

Walter Bodey

Mr. Bodey died on Oct. 30 at the age of 83 years. Born at Mutor, near Horsham (Vic.), he spent most of his life on the land, at Stawell and Drouin. 25 years ago he went to live at Dandenong where he and his wife came into fellowship with the Church of Christ. Moving to Oakleigh they entered into the activities of the church, and have been very faithful. For the last five years his health had been very poor, and he spent much time in hospital. He was a good man, with a love for the church and his brethren. He was buried at the Springvale Cemetery after a service in the chapel. To his wife and two daughters, and members of the family, we extend loving Christian sympathy.—E. J. Miles.



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GOSPEL MUSIC "SOUND OUT"

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). A Gospel Music "Sound Out" was organised by C.Y.F. to raise money for the erection of a new youth hall and B.S. next year. It was attended by 180. Y.P. came from as far afield as Parkdale and Dunolly churches. Albert Graham was compere and entertainment was provided by Miss Allanah Kerr, Miss Vicki England, Max Murray, The Gospelaire, The Mountaintettes, the Hoath Sisters and a magician, "The Great Ferdi," and his assistant, Dolly . . . The church congratulated Miss Allanah on winning 1st prize in the 18-21 years solo section at Royal South Street competitions.

OVER 1000 AT D.C.E. SPORTS

(Vic.). Twenty-three Explorer Boys' Clubs and 26 Good Companion Clubs competed in the annual inter-club athletics sports at Royal Park cinder track on Oct. 5. There was a record attendance of 1,031 compared with 818 last year and 643 the year before.

The march past was a splendid sight as the 49 clubs marched in unbroken line around the quarter mile of athletic track. They marched in three's, in uniform, carrying their individual club banners.

The president of Vic. Conf., R. V.

EVANGELISM CLIMAX

(Robinvale, Vic.). Allan Avery, of Home Missions, directed our Year of Evangelism Programme, especially the final intensive phase, Oct. 2-13. Hostess meetings, house parties, youth specials, men's prayer breakfast, ladies' luncheon, training session, family service, gospel meeting, visitation for commitment and early morning prayer meetings were features. At the final communion and commitment service we witnessed five re-affirmations of faith; and four first decisions for Christ. Since Oct. 3 there has been one further re-affirmation of faith leading to baptism and four first decisions. Six were baptized on 27th when Doug. Chislett ably chaired the meeting. Incidentally, three of the first decisions followed at this service . . . Family Life Week was sponsored by a community committee headed up by the churches. Dr. D. Oldmeadow and L. Phillips from the Marriage Guidance Council of Vic., gave the lectures.

STUDENT FAREWELLED

(Colac, Vic.). On Oct. 27, Mr. and Mrs. B. Duff were farewelled after two years of appreciated service. A presentation was made to them at evening service. Local brethren will carry on until the New Year . . . Miss Merryn McDonald has transferred to Benalla . . . Men from Geelong churches spent the day with our men on recent Sat. Mr. Duff was speaker at the B.S. anniversary.

EARLY WORSHIP

(Frankston, Vic.). The church building was filled for the first 8.30 a.m. service held on Oct. 13. Guest speaker was Rev. Alan Coulson, Chaplain of Frankston High School. Many members say they will attend this service in preference to 11 a.m. Evening services will emphasise youth and the family . . . The S.S. anniversary on Sept. 29 featured children in group singing, a puppet show and a play. Various class projects and lesson material were displayed in the hall along with charts and information concerning the Christian Life curriculum which the school will use in 1970 . . . Mrs. M. Gowty who returned home recently after three months' voluntary service in our Carnarvon Aborigines' Mission, spoke of her experiences at the C.W.F. October meeting . . . The church is saddened by the sudden death of one of its faithful members, Wilbur Parratt.

Amos, declared the sports open and congratulated the clubs on their splendid appearance. "It's wonderful to think that in these days of decline in some aspects of our church work, there is an increase in attendance in this youth area," Mr. Amos commented later.

Pennants were won by Frankston and Doncaster in the Senior and Junior sections of the Good Companions respectively; for the boys, top for the day was Dawson St., Ballarat, with Oakleigh winning the metropolitan pennant for the Seniors. The Junior pennant was won by Boronia.

BAPTISMS

(Chelsea, Vic.). There were five baptisms on Oct. 27 . . . In the combined outdoor sports at Royal Park, Good Companions came 3rd (Junior), 4th (Senior), and Explorers 2nd (Senior) . . . Three members attended Federal Conference. . . 60 congregation and 60 scholars were at S.S. anniversary when H. Barn-den conducted special singing . . . C.W.F. held sewing bee for street stall. . . Explorers held work party for Will. Newham walk at Monbulk.

AUXILIARIES LEAD

(Morwell, Vic.). Various groups have been conducting evening services. Teens' Time group conducted a very unusual but invigorating service. C.W.E.F. led a "talent" service in which the group took active part . . . Summer tennis, ladies' basketball, men's basketball are in full swing . . . A Men's Society has been formed and meets once a month for men's tea (catered for by the ladies), speaker and fellowship . . . The church fete was held on Nov. 2.

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GIANT APARTMENTS OBSTACLE TO EVANGELISM

(Illinois). The prospect of half the U.S. population living in "high-rise" apartment buildings by 1975 poses some tall hurdles for churches interested in evangelism.

This was the conclusion of a survey on specialised ministries in many parts of the nation reported by Miss Martha Lane in the October issue of "Together," a publication of the United Methodist Church (U.S.A.).

Residents of upper-income apartment houses are not "joiners," according to the article. They insist on privacy even to the point of not knowing their neighbours. Many feel the Church "has nothing to offer them."

The most encouraging experiments, according to Miss Lane, were in low-

income complexes. There was response from the residents to church programmes in tutoring, counselling, music, after-school activities, adult education, dramatics, crafts and community service.

Ecumenical ventures are more desirable in apartments than unilateral, denominational efforts, she found. Protestant-Catholic co-operation and Christian-Jewish work were termed important.

Ministries in apartments require clearly defined, realistic purposes, adequate study, strong staffs, trained laymen and team approaches, Miss Lane concluded.

Ineffective efforts included door-to-door calling, advertising, handbills, mailings, posted invitations, phone calls and radio appeals.—E.P.S.

58 W.C.C. ACTIONS

(New York). Statements made by the World Council of Churches on 58 international questions ranging from peaceful uses of outer space to human rights and religious liberty were presented to delegates to the U.N. General Assembly in a memorandum prepared by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (C.C.I.A.).

The 81-page document focusing on issues to come before the 23rd session was given to each delegate and alternate delegate of the 125 member nations. It also went to 25 regional and national church commissions on international affairs.

The memorandum outlines the background for each item together with the

position taken by the C.C.I.A. or the W.C.C.

Items covered in the memorandum included disarmament, suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests, and peaceful uses of seabed and ocean floor. Also population problems, apartheid in South Africa, the Korean question, multi-lateral food aid programmes, punishment of war criminals and refugee work.

In addition, the W.C.C.'s positions on various trouble spots were covered, even though some of these were not on the General Assembly's agenda. Mentioned were Vietnam, Middle East, Nigerian conflict, Czechoslovakia and China.

The C.C.I.A. serves as the "foreign affairs office" of the W.C.C. It has offices in New York, London and Geneva.—E.P.S.

LOST IN CONGO

(New York). Three American missionaries were reported lost in the Northern Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa). They were aboard a plane that failed to arrive in Boende on a flight from Mbandaka on October 13.

Max L. Myers, of Moline, Illinois, was piloting a Cessna 185 belonging to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the U.S. His passengers were Mrs. Harrison Goodall, whose husband is a surgeon working at a government-owned hospital in Boende, and Mrs. Birney C. Hoyt, wife of a dentist at the hospital. Roman Catholics and members of the Christian Church administer and staff the hospital for the government.

Mr. Myers and Mrs. Goodall were missionaries sent by the United Christian Missionary Society with headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Hoyt, a nurse, and her husband formed a voluntary team placed by the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

The plane vanished in a dense rain forest; 11 planes searched the area.—E.P.S.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

More young people are attending church in Russia today than five or six years ago, and more men are applying to enter the priesthood, Bishop Pierre L'Huillier, representative of the Exarch of Western Europe of the Moscow Patriarchate, told a group of religious journalists in Paris. Between 40 and 60 million Russians are practising the Christian faith more or less regularly, the Bishop stated.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Which reminds me . . . I need a new summer dress, hat, shoes . . ."

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

THE COMING OF PEACE. We write on a glad occasion. How our hearts have been thrilled during these past few days. Turkey has followed Bulgaria's example, and surrendered to the Allies' terms. Austria must inevitably soon capitulate. Germany will be left alone to carry on a losing warfare. What a change a few months have made! We are amazed at the speed with which apparently strong nations can crumble.

PEACE. The order to cease fire that followed the granting of the armistice to Germany was so stupendous in its meaning that it is difficult to comprehend its full significance. It means that millions of men that for over four years have been engaged in a mighty death struggle will lay down their arms and go back to their homes in distant lands to live the old peaceful life again . . . We cannot as yet realise what it means that the nations of earth saved from the menace that threatened their freedom in centuries to come have assured to them the new day of peace. The prayer of God's people has been answered.

"Where Have All The People Gone?"

Where are the masses written off the rolls as inactive or disinterested? Where are the 40% of members absent from communion each Sunday morning? Where are large numbers of members not interested in the gospel service? Where are the "sinners and outcasts" we have traditionally expected at the gospel service?

Where have all the people gone?

Perhaps "why" is more relevant than "where." Is 11 o'clock a hang-over from the horse and buggy days? Would

By K. J. HARVEY, Field Officer Vic.-Tas.

an earlier service suit today's changing society? What causes disinterest or lack of attendance? Is non-attendance at worship a vote against God? Is modern man spending too little time discovering the meaning of his faith in today's complex world? Have emotions been converted instead of the

wills? Are we expecting too much of the "sinners and outcasts" to come to the evening service? Did Jesus expect that they would come? Are we allowing "meetings," "services" or "programmes" to do our evangelism for us? Are we afraid to come from behind our pulpits and from our pews to take the good news of the gospel to the places where people are? Is the cost of personal involvement and caring too much to pay or is it that we do not know where to go or what to do?

Questions are easy to ask; answers do not come as readily. Perhaps there is one word which needs exploring more earnestly in an endeavour to grow people into the Kingdom; it is the word "care." Do we honestly care for those who find it difficult to experience that sense of belonging in a congregation? Do we really care about the real loss of insecurity, isolation, fears and brokenness in which many live today? Of Christ, it has been said that he was "the man for others." Can this be said of the Church today? It may be that as care increases, the relevance of the initial question decreases.

ANNUAL STUDY DAY

Sixty women from 19 suburban churches met at Longwood Camp on Oct. 29. The first session was conducted by C. H. Dow, Director of Christian Educ., and included consideration of the aims of women's groups, programme planning, conduct of meetings and preparation and presentation of worship programmes. The second session was led by Miss J. McLennan, Director of the Church of England Social Welfare Committee. Miss McLennan considered the problem of unmarried pregnant girls in the community. She dealt with this subject in a kindly, though un-sentimental way, and drew attention to the pressures exerted on young people today as a result of the "permissive society" which has been developed by adults during recent years.

The third session was devoted to a review of events which have occurred as a result of 1967's Study Day on mental health in the community. Mrs. Clark, Albert Park, told of visits made by their women, in co-operation with women of other denominations in the district, to a psychiatric hostel at Semaphore. Mrs. Howie, secretary of Women's Inter-

Church Council in S.A., told of progress in an overall plan of hospital visitation, post hospital care and clean laundry service, being undertaken by the W.I.C.C. This ambitious plan, which also includes training courses for hospital visitors, aims to cover all hospitals in the metropolitan area eventually, and possibly in country areas also.

The Study Day ended in the quiet atmosphere of the chapel with a worship session led by Mrs. Simpson, president of Women's Conf. in S.A.

AUXILIARIES GROWING

(Gawler, S.A.). "Teen Meet," a programme for older young people, commenced recently . . . Bible study at 11 a.m. and fellowship lunch have become a feature of C.W.F. programme . . . A men's tea and evening were arranged by the local group . . . The B.S. picnic was held on Sept. 28. The B.S. anniversary on Oct. 20 featured a challenging play by the school at the evening service . . . J.C.E. is raising \$10 for a Bible Society plane to be based at Carnarvon, W.A.

INDUSTRIAL SUNDAY OBSERVED

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Oct. 20 was observed as Industrial Sunday. A display of tools of trade was arranged and the S.A. Rubber Mills Ltd. supplied a number of articles as used in the motor car industry. During the service four people came forward bringing a briefcase representing commerce, a girl with books for the student, a housewife with a sewing machine and a man with a toolkit. These were placed with the other items exhibited. C. E. Watson, director-chaplain I.T.I.M. in S.A., was the speaker.

MUSICAL CHURCH

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Another successful After-Church Singalong was held with Ron. Dix as song leader. Pianiste was Mrs. McKay, instrumental items: Ray Neuting, Jenny Young, "Tab," and Salvation Army . . . A youth service on Sept. 29 featured items by Miss Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Jenny Young and guitarist "Tab." W. Bartlett concluded the meeting . . . C.W.F. were given a floral art demonstration by Mrs. Black and a sewing day was held for Overseas Missions . . . At mid-week prayer meeting Mrs. Thornley Thomas spoke of the work of our church in India . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett attended Federal Conference in Sydney.

BALAKLAVA IS 91

(S.A.). Don Beiler was guest speaker for 91st church anniversary. The church choir was led by Keith Adams. A Family Luncheon added to the fellowship . . . For Oct. meeting C.W.F. held a progressive luncheon . . . The minister and a number of young people shared with Northern Dist. Y.P. at Woodshed Flat on Oct. holiday weekend . . . Barry Wright told of his trip to New Guinea at C.M.S. meeting . . . "Choral Festival" by S.A.C.E. Choir was presented in C of C chapel . . . Colin Smith is minister.

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By F. BEALE

"Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and your Saviour?" Fifty times the answer came back, "Yes," or "I believe." It was Sunday morning on the Keram River as these 50 were baptized into the Christian church. Husband and wife baptized simultaneously. On the bank watching were somewhere near 300 responsible people, mid-teens and upwards. They came from 22 villages some having walked for two days.

I believe! Believe what? One young single lass believes that Christ has cleaned her from her past indiscretions and that she will have the strength to live for him. Two local government councillors believe that Christ will help them in their responsibilities. A thief found forgiveness. Old Mogungi believes, as he said towards the end of the discipleship classes when there was a query, "Any questions?" "No questions now, I've asked many and heard the answers, I don't understand all of it, but I'm Christ's. I believe."

"I believe! Help thou my unbelief." It didn't matter that one man went into the water with a few ancient pieces of material held together by string—the bare flesh showing through, or that one man had to borrow a pair of trousers to be baptized in because all he possessed was what he stood up in. For Christ looks not on the outward, but the inward man.

After the baptisms we went into the building that the Bramfito people have built for their Sunday worship. The communion service was reverently conducted as communicants drank from the shells of coconuts. No one was welcomed into the church because here there was no existing church to welcome them. They were the church, the first fruits.

It's like this. Of the 50, one young man can read Pidgin fairly fluently, three men can read Pidgin slowly a word at a time, a few others can spell out words letter by letter, but if they could read they have only the Gospels, Acts and five epistles in Pidgin. Not till next year will they have the New Testament in Pidgin. Who will preside each Sunday?

Who will open the scriptures to them to feed them? Help thou my unbelief.

Though the 14-month trek through the mud and mosquitoes to finish the discipleship classes is over, the work has just begun. The next Sunday the missionary will be back and the next and for many other Sundays. Older Christians who know a little will go to share that little and because God is God, both will grow in grace and stature. But the older Christians must be fed, too. So there has to be the school for some to learn to read and write and most important of all to interpret aright.

As the man from Mul said to the missionaries that day, "We believe. We can set up a church building, but who will open to us the scriptures? No one in our villages can read or write?" He names the villages—Mul, Namoli, Tovini, Anso, Sori, Mori, Nosito. A young Christian from Tumba visits them every second month. A missionary visits them two or three times a year. They walk for two or three days at times to come to Bramfito to hear that Christ died to save them. You can help their unbelief.

They are some of the villages along and near the Keram that we want to help. They must have more than casual visits. They must be fed on God's word. The Government here hasn't the finance to open schools and for that matter nor have we, the Churches of Christ Mission. It takes money and people to staff schools. We are short of both.

Here the people are saying, "I believe." What are you doing to help their unbelief?

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Help us to live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.

Help us to be gentle, walking softly with one another.

Help us to be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow one needless tear.

Help us to stand for what is right, not because it may yield dividends later, but because it is right now. Amen.

—Peter Marshall.



"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not."—Emerson.



I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining,
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