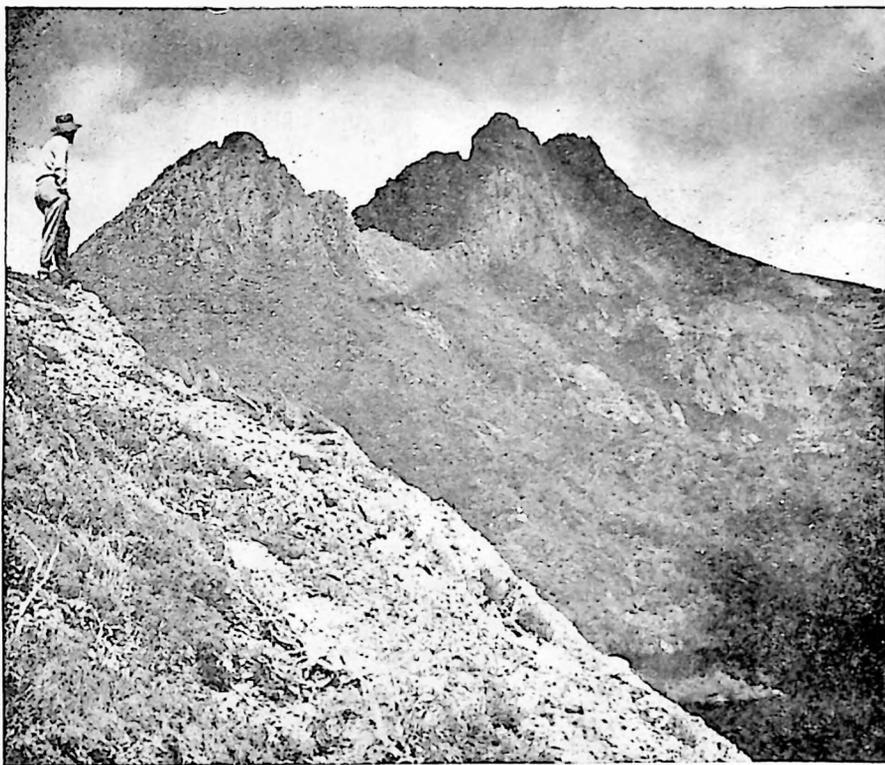


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## GIVE ME THY HEART

Because the heart is so vital to life, it has become synonymous with life itself. It has been used in the Bible, in poetry, and in general everyday speech to represent the whole man. Jesus said: "Do you not see that what-ever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, since it enters, not his heart, but his stomach. . . . For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, etc." (Mark 7).

The question of knowledge or ignorance is not involved. Jesus is not making a physiological pronouncement, but is using a figure of speech as old as Moses. Poets, preachers, playwrights and even politicians will still use the word "heart" in a metaphorical way, although lawyers are becoming more precise. For the heart is likely to become an organ of litigation as well as life, and merchants of venous renewal may entice modern Shylocks into the economic opportunities of heart transplants.

Governments are now struggling with legislation to ensure that the rights of donors and their relatives are protected and at the same time ensure that unreasonable obstacles are not placed in the way of medical and surgical teams who have the capacity and the spare parts to prolong and enrich life.

The present excessive glare of publicity on the recipients of new hearts and upon the grief stricken faces of the relatives of donors will fade as transplant operations become more common (and more successful). But the cost of the operation and aftercare, and the limitations imposed by the lack of suitable available hearts, may restrict the operation to the rich. This fact alone could create suspicion among the rest of us that the rich will have found a new way to live at the expense of the poor. It is also conceivable that a healthy person would volunteer to surrender his heart to an ailing leader, or to save a loved one.

There are many ethical, social and legal problems associated with the transplanting of organs, and a definition of death itself is still perplexing the experts. However, one change could come in our figures of speech. We may no longer bother to ask if a man's heart is pure, but only if it is strong.

## THE CREDULOUS SCEPTICS

It is interesting to observe the way in which apparently intelligent and hard headed men are prepared to dismiss Christianity because of its supposedly "supernatural" or "incredible" elements, and then be caught up with the less credible teaching of a Maharishi or a Scientology, or with the wildly supernatural realm of the spiritist.

One of the most pathetic recent examples of this is that of Bishop James A. Pike, former Bishop of California, who found that he could no longer accept the Virgin Birth, or the Trinity, and who discounted a number of other major Christian doctrines, including that of life after death.

Bishop Pike now believes in life after death, but the way in which he came back to this belief makes sad reading. His son Jim, after experimenting with marijuana and LSD, committed suicide. Following some strange experiences the Bishop was convinced that his son was trying to communicate with him. With the aid of several spiritists, Pike is equally certain that such contact has now been made.

Unfortunately, the information that has allegedly come from the beyond is of a piece with the vague and general messages that have always made spiritist communications suspect. Not one useful piece of knowledge has been added to man's store in the whole history of spiritism. Then, too, the personal tragedy in the Pike family suggests that the explanation for Pike's response to spiritism is to be found in the father's feeling of guilt because of neglect, and in his despondency because of loneliness. The Bishop's new book, "The Other Side", will have little appeal except to those with comparable longing for lost loved ones.

It is never possible to disprove the claims that are made concerning contact with the "other side", but one can only feel deep sorrow for this father in his tragic loss, and for his failure to find that assurance which so many others have found in the faith he once received and taught.

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Can pluck a melody  
From night, and toss it over  
A continent or sea;*

*If the petalled white notes  
Of a violin  
Are blown across a mountain  
Or a city's din;*

*If songs, like crimson roses,  
Are culled from the thin blue air—  
Why should mortals wonder  
If God hears prayer?*

—Ethel Romig Fuller.

## SINGAPORE CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

(Singapore, Nov. 5). The Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism opened with about 1,100 churchmen gathering from 25 countries in this island state's new Conference Hall.

Outside on the front of the hall, in huge brilliant red letters on a 160 foot long banner, is proclaimed the theme of the Congress to all who pass along Shenton Way: "Christ Seeks Asia." On the left of the banner is an illustrative symbol drawn in blue and brown by local Chinese artist, Adrian Tian, with a globe showing the eastern hemisphere, a dove and a stalk of rice. These three elements represent respectively that part of the world covered by the Congress attendants, a note symbolic of the seeking Holy Spirit, and a reflection of the ripening spiritual harvest in Asia.

Indians, Malays, Chinese and peoples from most of the other countries in Asia who compose Singapore's population, stare at the huge sign as they move by the Conference Hall. From the look on their faces one would observe they are unaware of the real meaning of the huge banner. It is the task of those inside the hall to expedite the telling of more than two billion people throughout Asia, the significance of being sought by Christ.

Opening the Congress was Anglican

Bishop Dr. Chandu Ray of Karachi, West Pakistan. He called for a "new unity" with all Christians in the evangelising of Asia.

"... The time has come when we in Asia must bind ourselves in a fellowship for the sake of evangelism," he declared. "We must find a new unity for this great cause."

He said that the Church in the world today is the church among many nations and races and that all Christians everywhere are called to tell their nations about Christ. He added that all Christian groups belong together as those bound by this call of a common task.

"We cannot divide this common task of proclaiming the gospel and do it separately," he told the Congress audience. "The task is indivisible."

From countries as far apart as Afghanistan and Fiji, Japan and New Zealand, those who have flown into this 224 square mile Republic probably represent the largest number of visiting non-Singaporeans ever to set foot in the city for a single purpose. Eight huge jets were chartered to fly in those who were attending the Congress.

India, with some 110 representatives, has sent the largest representation to this

Congress, while three of the South Pacific Islands have one each.

Dr. A. M. Tambunan, Minister of Social Affairs in the Indonesian Government, and who was supposed to deliver a major paper to the Congress, cancelled his appearance.

Dr. Mooneyham, in remarks at the opening sessions, said he and his international staff had completed a "labour of love" and that now the "house is being turned over to you."

He challenged the Asian audience "to grapple with some of the contemporary situations in Asia today." In issuing the challenge, he said that they must not shy away from them (social problems).

"The crises in Asia demand from us courage and vision," Dr. Mooneyham said. "The greatest sin we could commit at this Congress would be to 'play it safe.'"

## A.C.C. APPOINTS TWO

A Methodist minister and a Congregational layman have been appointed to join the staff of the Australian Council of Churches starting 1969.

The Rev. Dr. Harold D'Arcy Wood, aged 32 years, at present minister in Ballarat South Methodist Circuit in Victoria will be secretary of the Council's Division of Studies and Communication.

Mr. David C. Parker, aged 24 years, a group manager for Myer (Hobart) Ltd., and president of the Congregational Youth Fellowship of Tasmania, will be the Council's staff member for youth.

## QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



### WHAT IS SCIENTOLOGY?

Scientology, which has just discovered that it is a religion, did not start as a religion but as one of many imitations of the Dale Carnegie type of personality development courses.

It was first called Dianetics and was the brainchild of Lafayette Ron Hubbard, an American ex-navy man who wrote film scenarios and science fiction until in 1949 he published "Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health." The reader response was so encouraging that Hubbard developed his book into a series of courses which have attracted followers (and financial rewards) in America, Europe and Australia. In addition to the offers of personal improvement and efficiency, Scientology later claimed to be able to cure up to 70% of man's ailments.

All kinds of people are gathered into the net of Scientology but, said the Vic-

torian Report in 1965 "it's appeal at times is directed towards the weak, the anxious, the disappointed, the inadequate, and the lonely."

Scientology uses a pseudo-scientific jargon which at first attracts by its mystery and then flatters as its explanation is grasped by the novice. For example, Axiom 52 says, "A stable datum is necessary for the alignment of data." The simple person is fascinated by this and when it is explained he thinks he has discovered some new and profound truth. This "axiom" simply means that in any field of study you require accurate reliable information on which to build further information. The T.V. detective does the same thing when he says, "Just give me the facts, ma'am."

But the use of high-faluting words is a part of the secret of Ron Hubbard's success. "Man is comprised of body, mind and thetan"—the "thetan" is the part that uses the mind and the body and sounds much more scientific than soul or spirit.

Mr. Hubbard claims to have been to Venus where he was shown over an "implant station" where "thetans" are implanted or injected with adequate goals by beings from other galaxies before being sent on to earth where they apparently take up residence in us. The cult's founder also visited heaven, the date of the visit being "43,891,832,611,177 years, 10 hours, 20 minutes, and 40 seconds from 10.2 and a half p.m., Greenwich time, May, 1963." It is easy to imagine that Mr. Hubbard gets his science fiction and his stable science data all mixed up.

This would be all good fun were it not for the other side to Scientology. The Victorian Board of Enquiry, when it released its Report in 1965, condemned the teaching not because it is nonsense but because it is dangerous. "Scientology is evil," declared Mr. Anderson, Q.C., "its techniques evil, its practices a serious threat to the community medically, morally, and socially, and its adherents are sadly deluded and often mentally ill." Mr. Anderson described the movement as, "Psychology practised in a perverted way by people lacking any qualifications." It was on these grounds, and the evidence that mentally unstable persons were being "processed" by Scientology "auditors" to the great detriment of their mental health, that Victoria banned the practice of the movement.

There was no claim made by Scientology in 1964-65 that it was a religion, and one can only assume that the claim is now made as an attempt to get around the restrictive legislation operating in several States. Certainly, it would be impractical (and unfair) to move against Scientology on religious grounds. There are in fact groups on the fringe of Christianity with ideas as weird as those of Scientology.

But society must protect, as much as it can, the weaker members of the community and as we refuse to permit untrained men to practise medicine on the bodies of men, so we are justified in restraining the untrained "auditors" of Scientology from profiting by dangerous experiments with the minds of people.

Next issue: **The Birth of Jesus.**

# TO WORK TOGETHER

The 32nd Federal Conference did not receive much notice in the Sydney Press. It was not an easy year to break the news barrier in view of the excitement and violence following the Pope's Encyclical on Human Life and the focus on the world's great churches and churchmen at Uppsala.

Even the Anglican Lambeth Conference (also held this year) did not receive the usual publicity and in Melbourne the Anglican Synod was told by its Archbishop that the news reports of the churches were not helpful. He suggested that people would get the idea that the church was obsessed with sex related topics such as abortion, homosexuality, and contraception.

The church will always be noticed if it produces a scandal, incites a row, or makes a strong statement about a current topic like the pill or Scientology, but it must be noted that the world is not very interested in the quiet work and witness of the church.

Of course, our purpose in holding Federal Conference is not to get our name in the papers, but to reflect upon what has been or is being done, and to endorse worthwhile programmes for the future. We come together to work on those tasks which can only be performed for Christ through full brotherhood support, and to express our mind on those issues which are of total brotherhood concern.

In view of the disturbances and dissensions in other churches and having in mind our own peculiar problems it is good to be reminded of the areas in which we are working together effectively and to know that there is a record of positive achievement.

## FEDERAL HOME EVANGELISM

A total of \$72 a week is being paid through Federal Home Evangelism to the churches at Lyons (A.C.T.), Albany (W.A.), Broken Hill (N.S.W.), and Townsville (Qld.). The ministers from these churches, R. W. Lawton, E. B. Clapp, R. C. Sack, and B. L. Reid, were in Sydney to tell the story of these growing fields.

## ABORIGINES MISSIONS

There is something wrong with people who cannot feel the thrill of achievement in this area, no matter how much more we would like to be doing. The fields at Norseman, Carnarvon, and Esperance are maintaining their development and outreach over a wide area. The smaller fields in Vic., N.S.W. and Qld. are also significant.

The reduction or removal of political and social discrimination, and the greater responsibility and freedom for action given to the Federal Government by the 1967 Referendum, will make for changes in certain areas of this work. The Conference Handbook noted that "the removal of restrictions, the granting of citizenship, and the attempt to remedy past and existing defects have been reflected in changing patterns in the mission work. The presentation of Christ remains the chief target but the way it is implemented will vary."

When we ran a little survey by asking ten church members how many full-time workers we have on our Australian mission stations, only one was right. Replies varied from 10 to 30. There are 59! . . . and also voluntary and part-time workers. There are 188 schoolchildren in residence at Norseman and Carnarvon and there is guidance for young people up to and after qualifying for work in towns or cities or on the stations. Encouragement is given to those who have the capacity to prepare for professional careers. (The first aboriginal to study medicine in W.A. received his primary education at Carnarvon).

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

The Overseas report was received with surprising placidity. Perhaps we are now taking for granted the results which would once have brought enthusiastic response. **Item:**

The church in New Guinea now exceeds 100 members. **Item:** The new Bible College at Banmatmat had its first graduation of ten students. **Item:** August Ben, a Banmatmat graduate, and his wife Maeline, a nurse from Ndul Ndul Hospital, are en route from New Hebrides to serve as missionaries in New Guinea. **Item:** Good progress is being made in translating the scriptures into the language of the New Hebrideans. **Item:** The Dhond church in India is accepting more financial responsibility, it is continuing the Library work at its own cost and has now accepted financial liability for the evangelistic work. **Item:** A work team from Victoria went to New Guinea to construct the Hermann Memorial Hospital (and to engage in other projects) and speeded up New Guinea mission development by two years. **Item:** Another work party for 1969 was announced. **Item:** 59 missionaries were serving on our overseas fields.

There was some pressure for the opening of a new mission field and doubtless this will be seriously considered. However, the Board will probably be reluctant to engage in a new adventure if this means any loss of impetus in the fields where we are already deeply committed.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Largely because of financial backing by State Governments there has been a significant expansion in the provision of homes and hospitals for the aged, and nearly 1,000 persons are provided for by our State Departments. This support has been made relatively easy for the Governments concerned because of the good management and splendid success of our first homes.

Nevertheless, our Social Service Departments are unable to meet the many requests that are being received for this kind of accommodation and care.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

The Federal journal reported a much healthier financial position, but it was emphasised that new subscribers will be required if the present service is to be maintained.

## CO-OPERATION

There was a concern at Conference for the future of our co-operative ventures. There could well be a hesitancy (though it was not publicly expressed) in making new commitments or to extend our present operations. Those who vote together in Conference on any decision may not stand together when it is attempted to carry it out.

It seems strange that there can be more assurance of continuity in commercial or even in political affairs than in our corporate church life, and there is need to re-examine our responsibility to each other to ensure that the cause of Christ is not harmed.

As we understand and practise the principle of autonomy, there can be no question that individuals, churches, and Conferences can dissent from Federal decisions and take independent action. But if these differences increase our capacity for co-operative work will be brought into question.

There are areas where we once had an agreement that is absent today. For example, it would be difficult today to produce an acceptable resolution to Federal Conference on the subject of Christian unity unless it confined itself to expressing a desire for unity but carefully excluded any practical attempt to achieve it.

There was also a time when the churches longed for Sunday School lessons produced in Australia for Australian requirements. These came, first through the Austral Ptg. and Pub. Co. and then through the Federal Board of Christian Education, set up for this purpose by Federal Conference and answerable to that Conference. Now we have two lessons materials serving a constituency that is hardly big enough for one.

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Whenever there is a major break-down in co-operation there will be a weakening of our resources. It must be acknowledged, however, that concern over major differences is not only on one side. Those who have felt constrained to act in a manner contrary to Conference decisions have done so with great reluctance and have repeatedly expressed their anxiety to achieve and maintain a unity of purpose and action.

It must also be recognised that while we hope that individuals, churches, and State Conferences will be able to endorse and implement Federal decisions, the Federal Depart-

ments themselves have a responsibility to do all that is possible to meet the reasonable requirements of the churches which are served by them. Failure to do this could provoke the very action that is later deplored.

The differences that have occurred in some areas could occur in others, and we must do all that we can to preserve the unity we have. We are united in our allegiance to the one Lord, we have a shared faith, and we have obeyed Christ together in baptism in accordance with the gospel. But unless we can find a path to deeper trust and mutual acceptance, we may have to face the fact that "the church which began to unite all of the churches" cannot itself hold together.

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**CYNTHIA FLEMING (S.A.):** When I pray I expect to feel joy because I've just met someone I really like and had the opportunity to talk to him. But I hope it's not only me talking, therefore I expect an answer in one way or another. I expect to feel humble. I expect to feel that I no longer have to struggle on alone. I expect forgiveness, not because I deserve it, but because God has promised it to me. I expect to hear what God wants me to do with my life although this does not always come out in prayer. I expect my life to become different, my attitudes to others to change, because I've looked, as honestly as I know how, at the person I am, and seen how much my life lacks when compared with the person with whom I talk, the man Christ Jesus.

(Vic.): I expect that God will listen to me just as an earthly father will listen concernedly as his son unloads something from his mind. A loving God reacts in this way. I expect to come closer to God and, somehow, to be strengthened inwardly. The extent of this "closeness" and "strengthening" achieved seems to be dependent on 1. The degree of my sincerity in praying; 2. My state of mind at the time (reverent, excited, bored, searching, etc.), and 3. My surroundings. If I ask a question I expect to receive an answer, though not necessarily that of my choice, or at my chosen time.

**BARRY GRIFFIN (S.A.):** In order to answer this question I find I must ask first why I pray. After considerable thought I find it is mainly to seek assistance and guidance in a situation which I find myself inadequate to handle properly. Then I can ask what to expect. This is where I find one Christian fundamental plays a large part in my life, that is faith. Simply because I pray to God I certainly do not expect that things will fall into some easy sequence. But rather when I pray I let God into my mind and into the places I feel some need. Then I am not only going about tasks with my own strength but also with the strength of God.

**E. SCAMBLER (Vic.):** While praying, I would usually expect to feel a sense of communion with someone who understands my problems and half-formed ideas, and so can help me to shape

Comment on . . .

## No. 5 WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU PRAY?

my life. After praying, I don't know what to expect. Guidance may come through the actual act of prayer, but I can't understand how any prayers, however fervent, could stop the war in Vietnam. Expecting particular results like this seems like the four-year-old's confident prayer for a red tricycle. Yet faith is supposed to be capable of anything! Writing this paragraph has confused me thoroughly.

**MARGARET PLUMB (Vic.):** When I pray—and pray sincerely—I expect and know that God will hear because this is what he tells me in his Word. On the other hand, if my prayer is not sincere I expect and know that it will go no higher than the ceiling. If I pray when in trouble I expect to come from my prayer with new strength and confidence. I know, too, that God has heard my prayer and will be right beside me. "All things work together for good to them that love God" is what I know and expect when I pray!

**JACQUIE DYSON (Vic.):** When I come before God in prayer I expect him to hear me as I wait before him and acknowledge any sin that may be a barrier between us. My motive of prayer must not be a selfish one, but rather, be for the purpose of knowing him more intimately or to make him known. If I sincerely pray for God's will to be done—then I can thank him that in his way and in his time he will bring it about. It says in 1 John 5: 14 and 15, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." This is what I expect—that God will listen to me whenever I pour out my heart to him in prayer, and he will answer my prayers according to his will.

**P. E. S.:** What do I expect to happen when I pray? Do I expect God to hear my prayer and answer me straightway? Or do I expect him to pause and think it over? Perhaps I pray meaning "let my will be your will." Or do I pray as David did? "Listen to my prayer, O God; don't hide yourself when I cry to you." Yes, I think all these attitudes are present at different times when I pray. But deep down I know God hears my prayers and in his father-likeness and lovingkindness answers them for my good. This is how I feel. How do you?

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## OPEN FORUM

### VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

With reference to L. R. Reeves' letter ("A.C." 2/11/68) it came as a shock to me to find that he can really believe that "it is of little consequence whether the record of the virgin birth is authentic or not." Despite his liberal quotations from Scripture, his reasoning has led him to these conclusions:

(a) Scripture is not infallible whereas his own reasoning is accepted as infallible. Matthew 1: 18-23 and Luke 1: 27-35 clearly propounds the Virgin Birth, and may I be forgiven if I hold the authority of the Scriptures above the reasoning of Mr. Reeves.

(b) If the Virgin Birth is not authentic, then Jesus was an illegitimate child conceived out of wedlock. This I will never accept.

If Mr. Reeves is consistent in denying the Scriptural authority for the Virgin Birth, then let him not turn to the Scriptures in an endeavour to support his own theory. On one hand he denies the Scriptural text while on the other he espouses it when it suits his purpose.

—A. E. Adermann (Qld.)

### VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

Is not a man presumptuous to say "God has no need to indulge in the spectacular and the unusual"? ("A.C." p. 574).

Scripture has more records of the spectacular and unusual than this journal could print in its normal number of pages. The children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, Elijah and the prophets of Baal, the taking up of Elijah, the feeding of the children of Israel in the wilderness, the feeding of the multitudes by Christ, the healing of the sick by Him are a few instances of the unusual and the spectacular.

If the scriptures are to be believed at all, the evidence that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin is overwhelming.

Isaiah 7: 14: "The Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." Translation of "virgin" as "maiden" makes no difference as the words are basically synonymous.

The New English Bible uses the words "as people thought" Matt. 1: 18, and 23; Luke 1: 35, and Luke 3: 23 provide overwhelming evidence of the fact of the Virgin Birth.

Scripture contradicts the statement that Christ "was not born the son of God, but made himself such by the way that he lived." John 1 should be read in its entirety, but space limits quotation to "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were made by Him . . . the Word was made flesh."

Certainly many references refer to sons as children of God, but "only begotten" is reserved for Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1 clearly records that Christ was God's Son who became man. It is recom-

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### THE DEBATE

To the Editor,

Jim and Alan are always arguing about religion in the staffroom at lunchtime. Jim says that he's a humanist, and he has a lot of neat arguments about why there's no need to believe in God. Alan isn't so good at arguing, but the rest of the fellows think that if there is a God, Alan knows him. Alan's got something and the rest of us have had the benefit of it from time to time.

The other day Jim was putting the screws on Alan for proofs about God and Alan was floundering a bit. Then suddenly his face lit up and very quietly he said, "Either there is a God or there isn't a God!" Jim nodded a bit impatiently. Alan went on, "If there isn't a God, we'll never know for sure, and meanwhile I'm having a terrific time believing that there is one. And if there is a God I'm right after all." Jim waited for him to go on. Alan said, "If there isn't a God, then you're right, but you'll never know for sure. But if there is a God, then look what you've missed!" Just then the whistle blew and we went back to the salt mines.

Funny thing, every time I think of salt mines I think of you.

TERTIUS.

mended that 1 John 4: 23 be read in Living Letters. "This is the way to find out if the message is from the Holy Spirit: does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body? If so, then the message is from God. If not, the message is not from God, but from one who is against Christ, like the Anti-Christ . . ."

If Christ "made himself such by the way that he lived" he achieved this incredible status by the age of 12 years (Luke 2: 49), Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business."

Is it beyond us as Christians, to remember the phrase, whether it be called cliché or truism "Where the Bible speaks we speak—where the Bible is silent we are silent."?—R. R. Tippett (Vic.)

### MAN FROM DOWN UNDER

To the Editor,

I feel it necessary to reply to some of the letters in the Open Forum concerning my statements re Disciples and Christian Union. My comment concerning the Disciples' future would certainly appear to be a sweeping statement had it not been that the impressions stated were gained from talking to some of the Disciple leaders. There are many leaders among the Disciples who are expressing concern for the future of the Disciple movement. One could not hope in a short visit of 14 weeks to understand all of the American Church life, but, talking with leaders from both the Independent and the Disciple movement helped to make some of the observations that were made.

Certainly all Disciples are not keen on the movement towards church union, the C.O.C.U., for the following reasons:

1. On page 31 in the book, Consultation on Church Union, we read: "One of the cardinal embodiments of classical Christian faith is the ancient symbol known most widely as the Apostles' Creed. The United Church will use this symbol. Still another ancient symbol, the Nicene Creed, will be used by the United Church

in its duties as guardian of the truth of the Gospel."

2. On page 46 we read: "Both infant baptism and believers' baptism shall be accepted as alternative practices in the United Church. Neither shall be imposed contrary to conscience. In the United Church, baptism shall be administered using water (whether by immersion, pouring or sprinkling) in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, after appropriate instruction and preparation."

3. On page 54 we read: "The historic episcopate commends itself as personifying the continuity of churchly authority. The United Church, the historic episcopate, constitutionally defined, will serve in union with other appropriate agents, in authorising the ministry of word and sacrament. This orderly transfer of ministerial authority and function helps guard the continuity of the Church's faith expressed in word and sacrament."

4. On page 54 we read: "The United Church accepts the office of Bishops."

If, as Mr. Wright suggests, our forefathers in the Restoration Movement intended that the movement should die, would it be in their thought that we should die, going back into the things from which they departed?

If the Restoration Movement accepts episcopacy, government by Bishops, creeds and multiple baptisms, surely we would be going back on our historic position and the things from which pioneers separated. These have always been regarded as being divisive and innovations apart from scriptural authority.

The Churches of Christ will only make progress and fulfil their purpose when they stand by the purpose of our beginnings—unity through Restoration! There is need again for us to discover the impact and power of the Restoration message. This is happening in some segments of the movement in America and all I sought in my article was to highlight this and point out where the growth was and the impact was being made.

—David Mansell (N.S.W.)



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## Graduation Service

Once again a large company gathered to share in the graduation service at Enmore on Nov. 15. Visitors from S.A. and Qld., as well as N.S.W. country towns, were present. The Federal Conference choir, under A. Rae, provided choral items.

The chairman of the College Board, G. Sloman, presided. Devotions were led by Dean Sander and Miss L. Gibson. The Conference President, H. M. Long, presented the greetings of the churches. F. Elliott spoke on behalf of the ex-students and presented a cheque to college for the purchase of books for the library.

R. Kallmier, B.A., centred his address around the glory of Christ, as set out in the truths of the N.T.

The Principal presented diplomas to E. S. Holt, R. A. Kallmier, A. D. Sander and Robert Taylor. Also Missionary Certificates to Lois V. Gibson and Margaret E. Towle. The Conference President gave the charge to the outgoing students. Dr. A. G. Elliott led in a prayer of dedication.

E. D. Holt responded with an address of thanks to all who had made the college facilities available for young men and women to train for the ministry at home and abroad.

R. Taylor, in the closing address, challenged all to take the message of Christ and present it to the world.

Mr. Sloman expressed thanks to Mrs. Single for the floral decorations and to the choir and all who helped to make the service a blessing. He announced that Dr. A. G. Elliott had accepted the invitation to service as college principal as from the beginning of 1970.

To express appreciation of the help of wives of students, the husbands presented flowers to each of them.

Mr. Holt has accepted the call to minister to the church at Murwillumbah, N.S.W.; Mr. Kallmier to Tasmania; Mr. Sander to Whyalla, S.A.; and Mr. Taylor to Naremburn, W.A. Miss Gibson will serve as deputy matron at Naracoorte, S.A. hospital.

—A. W. Stephenson.

### BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

(Vic.). Speakers for the 51st Annual Belgrave Heights Convention from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, 1969, will include: The Most Rev. M. L. Loane, Archbishop of Sydney; Prof. K. Runia, Vice-Principal, Reformed Theological College, Geelong; Rev. John L. Bird, minister of Duke St. Baptist Church, Richmond, England; Leonard Moules, formerly a missionary on the Indo-Tibetan border and now gen. sec. of the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade, and Dr. Lloyd Jones, minister of the Swanston St. Church of Christ, Melb.

The Convention, which celebrated its jubilee last Christmas, is held in the large open-sided auditorium which seats almost 2,000 visitors and on occasions there is an overflow of some hundreds outside. The 20-acre site near Mt. Morton on the southern fringe of the Dandenongs has been well-developed with

ornamental shrubs mingling with gums and pines and there are special areas for camping as well as parking space for 500 cars. Day visitors to the Convention are well catered for with good facilities including tea and canteen service. Close to the Convention centre there are also several privately-owned properties where large camps for young people especially are conducted by the various churches.

### D. KRAUSE AT WOLLONGONG

(N.S.W.). On Oct. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Krause were welcomed to the work at Wollongong, N.S.W. Daryl Krause is a graduate of San Jose Bible College, California, U.S.A., and has served among the Christian Churches in that country. He has come to Australia to settle in Wollongong as youth Minister and as assistant to David Mansell.

## 3rd C.E. Summer School of Leadership

The school will be held in the N.S.W. War Memorial Conference Centre, "Naamaroo," Lane Cove National Park, Jan. 13-19, 1969.

The school director is the Rev. Fred. J. Nile and the school instruction panel includes: Richard Cleaver, M.H.R. (National President); Colin Ray (National Y.P. Supt.); Mrs. Shirley Randall (National Missionary Supt.); the Rev. Geoff. Fletcher (Director Church of England Dept. of Evangelism); the Rev. G. Taylor (Church of England Diocesan Youth Director); Bruce Armstrong (Churches of Christ Youth Director); Miss J. Hart (Asst. Director, National Fitness); B. Elliot (ex-N.S.W. Teachers' College Staff); the Rev. J. Leigh-Wedge, B.A., B.D. (N.S.W. C.E. Union).

The afternoons will normally be free and allow opportunity for swimming, sports, bush walks and two bus tours, one to Palm Beach and the other a City Sights Tour. The cost is: Full accommodation, meals and notes for seven days—total cost \$16; day student, meals and notes for seven days—\$6; weekend student accommodation, meals and notes—\$7. Students are expected to live in for the complete course, although part-time students will be considered.

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## N.S.W.

### HOUSE PARTY

(Padstow, N.S.W.). Under the spiritual leadership of the minister, John Sedman, the church at Padstow is making considerable progress. A house party in Oct. at Avoca Beach, with 32 young people and four house parents, resulted in two decisions. In the past four weeks there have been nine primary decisions and four re-consecrations, mainly adults. Counselling classes are in progress and a Christian Workers' Training Class has also been commenced.

### N.S.W. BROADCASTS, DEC.:

Churches of Christ in N.S.W. will be programmed to broadcast on Station 2CH as follows:

Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m.: Fri., Dec. 6, Thurs., Dec. 19 and Mon., Dec. 30. F. A. Elliott, B.A., of Caringbah.

Church Service: Sunday, Dec. 1, 7.15 p.m., Church of Christ, Caringbah. Preacher: Franklyn A. Elliott, B.A.

"New Life in Christ" Session: Every Sunday evening at 5.50 p.m.

### JANET SMALL IN N. GUINEA

Nursing Sister Janet Small, of Earlwood, N.S.W., has arrived in New Guinea to serve in medical work on the field as a volunteer for 12 months.

### NEW HEBRIDES VOLUNTEER

(Taree, N.S.W.). On Oct. 27, after the screening of a Bible Society film, "Unto the Hills," members farewelled Miss Kathleen Bullock. Miss Bullock, who is a trained sister, volunteered to serve for six months in our hospital in the New Hebrides. This will enable Valerie Crowte and Margaret Luhrs to return on furlough. These two are also members of the Taree church. C. A. Norling, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Bullock with a wallet of notes as an expression of Christian love and goodwill . . . L. E. Wylie is minister.

### MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Inverell, N.S.W.). The annual Missionary Convention on Oct. 27 had David Hammer, Snr., as guest speaker on the theme, "Whom Shall I Send?" Alan Checkley of the African Inland Mission, spoke and showed informative slides depicting the society's extensive work. Miss Ruby Oliphant from the European Christian Mission, presented the challenge of spreading the gospel both in Europe and in Australia among the migrants. . . . The Christian Women's Convention was held at "Balaclava" Station. The speakers were Miss Ruby Oliphant and Mrs. Joan Francis, of Brisbane . . . On Nov. 10, the youth service was presented by the "teens." Miss Beverley Meale and Trevor Dunshea gave messages . . . The C.W.F. monthly night meeting took the form of a slide evening, preceded by a thought-provoking devotional written by the late Martin Luther King . . . Sympathy is extended to the Morris and Hamilton families in the loss of loved ones.

### BURWOOD WEDDINGS

(N.S.W.). Three couples from our youth group were married in the past few weeks. They were all active workers in the church. The serious gaps they leave in our work force will make it possible for other churches to have great benefit . . . On Nov. 11, our minister, Roy M. Wilson, and June Oswald were married. Miss Oswald has been an active worker in the local Presbyterian church and her minister, Lachlan McInnes, assisted Neil Hodgekiss of Earlwood, who officiated at the ceremony . . . We have experienced deep sorrow in the death of Bruce Smallbone who died on Oct. 27 at the age of 28 years. The Smallbone family has had long association with the work at Burwood. Bruce's brother, Don, minister at Austral, conducted the funeral service.

### NAMBUCCA HEADS SERVICES

(N.S.W.). Visitors to the Mid-North Coast of N.S.W. are advised that Churches of Christ services previously held at Macksville are now being conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, 28 Riverside Drive, Nambucca Heads, 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m. on Sundays, and Bible Study, Thursdays at 7.45 p.m.

### FAMILY SERVICE

(Nth. Parramatta, N.S.W.). A family tea on Oct. 13 was attended by 80 people, and in the gospel service that followed, Dr. Elliott gave a message on "Family Reflections." At the C.W.F. anniversary guest speakers were Ray Pascoe, of the "Crime to Christ" group, and Arthur Dalton, Supt. of Pendle Hill Boys' Home. A "Half Night of Prayer" was held with many sharing and taking part on Nov. 1.

### SUNDAY HOTEL TRADING

(N.S.W.). The Committee for Responsible Liquor Reform, headed-up by Rev. Bernard Judd for the N.S.W. Council of Churches, organised a gigantic Protest Rally at the Lyceum Theatre, Sydney on Nov. 3. The positive views of the Christian Churches were presented regarding the proposed legislation of the N.S.W. Government relating to Sunday trading of hotels. Strong representations against the government's planning in this already overloaded field of social evil were presented by Bishop F. Hulme Moir, Rev. Alan Walker, and Rev. Bruce Gentle. Churches of Christ are actively engaged in this campaign of protest and are represented on the N.S.W. Council of Churches by four elected members.

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## BUILT IN A DAY

(Vic.). 48 men of all ages travelled to Eppalock from Melbourne, Ballarat and the churches of the Central and Northern District Conference on Saturday, Nov. 9. When they arrived there was a concrete slab 45 feet by 30 feet. When they left about 12 hours later, a large building had been erected on that foundation to provide the kitchen, scullery and dining hall for the Eppalock camp. All that is needed now is the ceiling lining to be added, some painting to be finished, and the electrical work done and all will be in readiness for equipment to be moved in. A team of 20 lads provided refreshments and encouragement. The big team was splendidly organised by Max Murray and Ivan Streader, and worked hard and well together. Hundreds of dollars were saved by this fine effort, and many are enthusiastic about the possibilities for camping in the area.

## H.M. VISITORS

(Swan Hill, Vic.). D. H. Smith and Dr. C. Warmbrunn (Dept. of H.M. and Evang.) visited church on Nov. 23 and 24. Mr. Smith was morning speaker . . . Keith Anderson is B.S. Supt. and Mrs. G. Warren kindergarten and cradle roll Supt. . . . Good Companions and Boys' Explorers' Clubs combined on Nov. 15 for "Pick-a-Box" night conducted by C.W.F.

## OVERSEAS VISITORS

(Port Pirie, S.A.). Ron. McLean, Fed. Sec. of Overseas Missions, introduced August and Maeline Ben, soon to leave for New Guinea. There were two decisions. Afterwards, slides were shown at Mr. and Mrs. Purdie's home . . . An Oriental Luncheon was arranged by the C.W.F. with 86 women attending. Three ladies wore Chinese dresses. Proceeds were for the Northern Districts Conf. project.

## THINGS TO COME

**JANUARY, 1969:**  
6-12—Fourth National C.Y.F. Convention—Brisbane.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**DECEMBER:**  
14 — Walkathon  
"Christmas in the Pines" at Longwood.

### VICTORIA

**DECEMBER:**  
13-15—Exodus—Week-end Programme for Young People.  
14—Social Service Women's Committee Rally—Venue to be announced.  
21—C.E. Christmas Treats for Aged People.

### A.C.T.

**DECEMBER:**  
8 — Commencement of Ministry of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. J. Wright.  
10 — Ainslie Church Dinner to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wright.  
12 — Lyons Church Dinner to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**DECEMBER:**  
5 — Thanksgiving Service, Bible House, Sydney.  
6 — State C.W.F. Meeting, 11 a.m., City Temple, Devotional: Mrs. A. G. Elliott.  
Christmas Programme: Warrarong C.W.F.  
26-JAN. 1 — D.C.E. Christmas Camps — "Camp Greenhalgh", Lake Illawarra.  
26-JAN. 1 — Katoomba Christian Convention (Interdenominational). Speakers: Rev. J. G. Miller, Rev. J. Farr, Rev. B. L. Smith, Dr. J. H. Jauncey.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**JANUARY:**  
21 — Picnic at the Zoo. Everyone invited. Missionaries and the children from the Norseman and Carnarvon Mission Stations to be guests of Women's Auxiliary Conference.

## CAMPBELL SINGERS SING CHRISTMAS MUSIC

On Dec. 19 at 8 p.m., at the Swanston St. church, the Campbell Singers will be presenting an Evening of Christmas Music. The programme includes some excerpts from "Messiah," "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion," the "Amen" Chorus, "Behold the Lamb of God" and "Worthy is the Lamb."

## BIKING FOR MISSIONARIES

(Horsham, Vic.). Young people moved towards missionary target by riding bicycles to and from Dimboola on Nov. 10 where they shared in morning service. Both congregations sponsored the riders. . . . 1969 C.W.F. office-bearers are: Afternoon group, Pres., Mrs. R. Baxter; Sec., Mrs. H. Butler. Evening group: Pres., Mrs. J. Conole; Sec., Mrs. I. Sherriff . . . R. T. Baxter and Mrs. Short attended Fed. Conf. . . . Most families shared in annual picnic at Natimuk Golf Course . . . Recent speakers have been E. Patterson (Ballarat) and Rev. Outhred (Horsham Methodist).

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

### THE ABC OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

m=Minister.  
mem.=No. of members.

s=Secretary.  
"AC"=No. of "Aust. Christian" subscribers.

(st.)=Student.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dalkeith Rd.: m., J. W. Somerville, B.E.; s., P. Shannon; mem., 217; "AC" 16.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Croydon: m., F. B. Burt; s., M. A. Battersby; mem., 186; "AC" 33.

### VICTORIA

Dandenong & Doveton: m., A. Ross Lloyd; s., E. Reveleigh; mem., 148; "AC" 26.

Dareton (N.S.W.): s., J. T. Waters; mem., 40; "AC" 6.

## KENMORE GRADUATES

(Qld.). The first ordination service for Kenmore Christian College was held at Ann Street before a packed congregation. Ten men were ordained and two women were wished Godspeed. Lloyd Martin, President of the Conference, carried out the Act of Recognition. The appointments are as follows:

D. Armstrong, Geraldton, W.A.; L. D.

## N. FLINT IN BIAFRA

(N.S.W.). Noel Flint, minister at North Sydney, left on Oct. 28 with a socio-medical team, the first of its kind to leave Australia under the auspices of Inter-Church Aid. The destination is the devastated area of Biafra, Nigeria. The team consists of three female nurses, one male nurse, and Mr. Flint, who among other duties will serve as business manager. An English doctor is expected to join the team in Switzerland. After briefing from the International Red Cross

## B. WHITE IN L.I.F.E.

(Qld.). Brian H. White, Dip. R.E., minister of the church at Telopea, assisted at Maryborough, Qld., Nov. 5-11 when he was released to conduct a "Lay Institute for Evangelism" campaign.

## ANNUAL AT CAVESIDE

(Tas.). Rain, gale-force winds, and Caveside's snow-covered mountains could not chill or dampen the warmth of the welcome extended to C.W.F. members from Ulverstone, Devonport and Launceston who had their annual day of fellowship on Nov. 14 at Caveside. Mrs. Andrews, (Margaret St.) presided. Mrs. Read conducted the W.C.W.F. birthday programme with others participating. Mrs. Crawford reported on Fed. Conf. Afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. Williams (Ulverstone) with an item from Devonport C.W.F., and the Margaret St. C.W.F. gave a play-reading, "The Patchwork Quilt." Mrs. Heier, Invermay, expressed thanks to the Caveside ladies for the warmth of their love, if not of their weather.—P. Harrison.

## LOWES RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe will return to Australia early in 1969. Since July, 1966, they have been living in Geneva where Mr. Lowe has been in charge of the research and development section of the Management Development Branch of the I.L.O. The Australian Administrative Staff College, Mt. Eliza, Vic., has announced Mr. Lowe's appointment to its directing staff. The A.A.S.C., located on the outskirts of Melbourne, is Australia's leading residential college for management training.

## GIRLS' BRIGADE SUCCESSES

(Subiaco, W.A.). Our Girls' Brigade Company, 1st Subiaco, in its 11th year, won the State Brigade Week Trophy for raising the most money per member during the annual Brigade Week collection. A marathon walk and individual efforts brought in an average of \$3.49. The trophy is in the form of a rose bowl, to be used in the church until the next Brigade Week. Following this success the company won the 4th Perth Battalion Sports Shield, after 10 years of trying! The Youth Council of W.A. has given the company \$100 for the purchase of instruments for a company band. 47 members, from 6-19 years, make up the company. Miss B. Johnstone is captain, and Mrs. M. Sheppard is lieutenant and cadet leader.

## GOOD YEAR'S WORK

(Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic.). When the C.W.E.F. celebrated its 21st birthday on Nov. 12, the Pres., Mrs. Cottee, presented to the church a cheque for \$970, raised by the ladies during the year to pay off the debt on the block of land being purchased by the church. Mrs. Hunting led devotions and Max Murray gave vocal items accompanied by Mrs. Walker Davies . . . Ted Keating was guest speaker at the B.S. anniversary. On the second Sunday the Kinders and Primary Depts. presented the afternoon programme and at night the school used dialogue and singing for theme "What will you do with the King called Jesus?" F. C. Hunting gave the message. The choir was led by Mrs. Lois Patterson.

## EMERGENCY ORGANIST

(Goolwa, S.A.). The usual organist was unable to assist with the S.S. anniversary owing to an accident. We are grateful to Miss Glenice Tuckwell who presided at the Hammond organ for the three services. H. E. Greenwood was morning speaker. Colin Dredge, of Ascot Park, spoke afternoon and evening. The theme was "Jesus the Light." The scholars sang under leadership of the Supt., Brian Skewes. The B.S. entertainment night and prize-giving was on Nov. 12.

## NUBENA NEWS

(Tas.). The Southern Districts' Convention was held in Nubeena Nov. 2 and 3. The theme for the convention was "Living in a Time of Crisis." An average of 65 attended the main meetings with an attendance of 145 at the Communion Service on Sunday. Guest speakers included L. Cooke (Hobart), L. Read (Launceston) and R. Edmunds (Invermay).

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# Graduation and Ordination

The Lygon Street Chapel was filled to capacity on the occasion of the Graduation and Ordination service on Nov. 15.

The Chairman of the Board, F. P. Chipperfield, presided over the Graduation Service and diplomas and certificates were presented by the Principal, E. L. Williams. Valedictory messages were brought by R. E. Pfeifer and W. F. Thornton. E. C. Keating led a worship period in which five other exits participated through scripture readings.

Diplomas were received by A. M. Arnot, E. C. Keating, R. E. Pfeifer (honours), W. F. Thornton, and certificates were received by A. J. E. Dean and B. F. Duff. R. T. Cook and W. A. van Leen have yet to complete some work with the Melbourne College of Divinity before being eligible for the diploma.

The Ordination Service was presided over by W. F. Nankivell and the questions were presented to the ordinands by the Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., R. V. Amos. The ordinands were John Turner, W. Fielder, A. B. Clark and W. J. Tipping.

It was fitting that the occasional address was given by K. A. Jones.

While A. J. E. Dean is still in the stage of negotiating future plans of service the other seven exits have finalised plans of future ministry. Three go to W.A. to serve in local churches: R. T. Cook (Mandurah), W. A. van Leen (Collie), W. F. Thornton (Bridgetown and Manjimup). A. M. Arnot and B. F. Duff will serve with the churches at Murray Bridge and Mt. Gambier in S.A. R. E. Pfeifer will become an associate minister with the church in Hobart, and E. C. Keating will serve the Vic.-Tas. Home Mission Dept.

Thirteen applicants have been admitted to begin the course in 1969.

Would all concerned please note that as from Dec. 1, all correspondence to the Secretary should be addressed to G. R. Stirling, College of the Bible, Glen Rd., Glen Iris, Vic., 3146. Also please note that the secretary's telephone number will continue as 25-6085.

Appreciation is expressed to all who contributed to the testimonial fund for K. A. Jones and we would ask all to accept this as our acknowledgment of the fine co-operation of so many.

—E. L. Williams.

## W.A.'s SOUTH-WEST

(Harvey, W.A.). Members enjoyed Buselton's hospitality when the State Pres., A. Walkington, inducted A. W. Ladbrook as President at our recent South-West Conf. David Pyne, of Bunbury, was elected Sec.-Treas. Highlights of the South-West work were presented by all churches and the State was well represented by all departments. An audio visual of our Social Service work was much appreciated, as were the slides of our Aborigine work. Dr. Kirkpatrick's devotional was a fitting climax to a wonderful day of fellowship . . . Harvey had five members at Fed. Conf. . . . Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Saxby on holidays from Geraldton . . . Young people shared in the barbecue and rally conducted by Bunbury.

## MACKAY BAPTISMS

(Qld.). There have been five baptisms and a husband and wife and three young people were received into fellowship on Oct. 17 . . . C.Y.F. is increasing in numbers . . . Combined meeting and tea with Baptists continue fortnightly, alternating between the two chapels . . . Fortnightly "Revival Fellowship" cottage meetings are profitable . . . Doug. Willis addressed the church on 13th . . . A. C. Risson will commence a ministry on Dec. 22.

## NURSING PRIZE

(Preston, Vic.). Miss Diane Cooksley was awarded 1st prize in her 2nd year nursing exams. at Royal Melb. Hosp. . . . Cricketers shared in the cricket club church parade on Nov. 17 . . . At the annual meeting of C.W.A.F., thanks were expressed to retiring officers. Mrs. Reddan, who has been treasurer for 36 years, was re-elected; Mrs. Morgan is President for 1969.

## FAREWELLED FOR U.S.A.

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). On Nov. 17, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bentley were farewelled on leaving for U.S.A. . . . The B.S. anniversary on Nov. 17 had H. Bishop the Deputy Supt. as chairman. The singing was conducted by T. Smith, Supt. A. Purdom and F. Stephenson were guest speakers.

## TEACHING MISSION

(Nambour, Qld.). Dr. J. Jauncey visited the church for a teaching mission . . . Miss A. Draney visited here on Nov. 29, and Mr. Walmsley, Qld. Secretary, Leprosy Mission, on Nov. 30 . . . Several members attended the Ordination Service held at Ann St. for students from Kenmore Christian College, when our minister, D. Usher, was ordained. Mr. Usher completes his ministry in Jan. when B. Gaunson, of Kenmore College will minister to us . . . Progress in the construction of hall continues. The first auction was held in the hall recently.

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## MISSION AT CASTLEMAINE

(Castlemaine-Harcourt, Vic.). J. B. White and D. H. Coleman have conducted an evangelistic mission and Happy Hours for the children at Castlemaine church with Harcourt assisting. An average of 82 children gathered for seven afternoons and six children expressed their desire to become Christians. The school has gained 22 new scholars. There was an average of 64 at the nine nights of gospel preaching. There were three decisions at these meetings.

Delegations came from Kyneton and Ballarat. Mrs. Sainsbury and Miss E. Clarke were pianiste and organiste.

On the closing night (chaired by Elder Vic Symes) a presentation of books was made to the missionaries and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood (Methodists) for being host and hostess to the missionaries.

## CHAPEL REBUILDING

(Chelsea, Vic.). M.M.B.W. building permit has at last arrived and a builder is soon to be selected for re-building of the chapel . . . Explorer Boys' Club finished near the top of annual championship for metropolitan clubs . . . C.W.F. are working for their street stall for church funds . . . There were three more baptisms on Nov. 10 — one young lady, one married woman, and one university student . . . Conference Echoes, from Sydney, have been given by Mrs. Day, Miss Green and Mrs. N. Brown.

## MEMBER MADE CHIEF

(Box Hill, Vic.). Three leaders with five boys attended the Annual Explorer Leaders' Meeting when Frank Jones was appointed Chief of all the North-East Zone . . . B.S. picnic was held at North Croydon . . . C.Y.F. entertained folk at Hurstbridge church . . . An outright win for Under 16 team in cricket . . . Mrs. Randall was victim of accident while attending Fed. Conf. Meredith Clencie is home from hospital after serious illness.

## THE WALLS GO UP

(Bendigo, Vic.). Fine weather rewarded meticulous preparations of works foreman, Max Murray, Feary Bros., and many efficient craftsmen like Streader Bros., H. Langley & Son, but space does not permit mention approx. 50 men who made the walls go up on Nov. 9 at Twin Rivers, Eppalock. The wholehearted gratitude of the C.N.D. Conf. of C. of C. and indeed the whole brotherhood must be expressed in praise and thanks . . . Miss Barbara Searle, and John Smith, of Sth. Yarra, were the guest speakers at Spring Gully S.S. anniversary. Doug. Manderson is Supt., and Ron. Lacy led the singing.

## MAIDSTONE ANNIVERSARY

(Vic.). Mr. Clack was speaker at anniversary services. There are over 100 in the school and average of 20 in Bible Class . . . The girls' basketball team were runners-up in their competition . . . Members attended the quarterly prayer meeting at Sunshine . . . Our ladies attended Gordon St. Baptist Church birthday service. Beryl Ferguson, from Essendon church, was soloiste . . . David White is minister.

## THANKSGIVING TARGET

(Reservoir, Vic.). On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 3, the target of \$500 was reached. A young lady was baptized that day . . . The S.S. anniversary services were held in October. A. W. C. Candy shared with Wangaratta church for anniversary services. A recent special youth service was conducted by Ron. Henderson when Y.P. of church took part and special musical items were included.

**MALVERN (Vic.).** The S.A. anniversary on Oct. 6 had Adrian Rickard (M.B.I.) and David White (Maidstone) as speakers . . . The S.S. picnic on Cup Day was held at Seaford with 100 attending. . . . Recent speakers have been Max Moody and Peter Dewildt . . . Recent soloists and artists have included L. Finger, Clyde Milne and Ian Cleland.

## SUMMER SCHOOL—ALCOHOL

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(Melb.). These Summer Schools are held annually under the direction of Dr. J. G. Rankin, from the University of Melb. Dept. of Medicine at St. Vincent's Hosp. The Fourth Summer School will be held Jan. 30-31, 1969.

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## "THE PLACE WHERE WE WORSHIP"

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). We went to worship in a paddock last Sunday morning. Some were quite dubious about this suggestion. What if it rains? What if the children run around? What if . . . ? Well, the "ifs" didn't happen and it turned out to be an exciting occasion. About 90 people arrived at Mr. Sinkinson's farm (about two miles out) with blankets, rugs, tarps, etc., and spread them out under a number of grand old pines. Even the children were an attentive audience right to the end and they listened with interest to a flannel-graph story-sermon. Two piano accordions and a trumpet blended their music in a way that made it seem just right for this worship under the warm sun and blue sky of God's heaven. Visitors were impressed and frankly we were all amazed and excited the way we simply worshipped. Each family then settled down to lunch. No rushing home to see if the dinner was burnt. We had time to sit around and talk to each other and enjoy the Christian fellowship that we should. We found God among the Pines.

**ASCOT PARK (S.A.).** Mr. Dredge attended the National Ministers' Seminar in Sydney. Recent speakers here have been Don. McDonald, Lloyd Simpson, and Gordon McNish. Mr. Dredge was speaker at Gawler anniversary services.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

Mrs. G. Simpson presided over the November meeting of the S.A. Women's Conf. The Hospital and Prayer Committee conducted a rally. Mrs. G. M. Mathieson led a time of quiet meditation. Mrs. R. Sawley introduced J. Baker whose work as chaplain at the Royal Adelaide Hospital is dear to the heart of the brotherhood in S.A. Mr. Baker spoke of people in a time of crisis and also of the changing pattern of hospital life. The emotional problems of today's living make a fertile field for combining

## GROTE ST. IS 122

(Adelaide, S.A.). The 122nd church anniversary was climaxed with the presentation of the cantata "Faith Triumphant" by Grote St. Choir and Churches of Christ Choral Association, with nearly 400 present. Soloists were Mrs. Helen Austin, soprano; Miss Shirley Alderton, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Merle Alderton, contralto; Alan Jarrett, tenor, Ross Ellery, baritone. Instrumentalists were Mrs. Morva Green, piano, and Graham Bing, organ, with Will Watson as conductor. Offering for B. & F.B.S. amounted to \$51.23. Temple Day offering was \$154.44. Missionary Fellowship at home of Mr. and Mrs. Carman raised \$31.20 for Overseas Missions . . . The church has lost two aged members, Mrs. Furniss and Mrs. A. J. Gard. Mrs. Gard was in membership at Grote St. for 74 years, baptised at the age of 19 . . . Mrs. Beatrice Smith has entered the Home for Incurables; Mrs. Ern Paddick has undergone major surgery at R.A.H.

## BIBLES FOR VIETNAM

(Beverley, S.A.). S. Russell Baker, of the B. & F.B.S., addressed the B.S. and then the church on Nov. 3. The B.S. presented their donation to the Society for "Bibles for Vietnam." . . . Young people conducted the youth service on Oct. 27 with special singing by the Young Ladies' Choir. Instead of an address the congregation discussed the topic, "What are the Youth of Today Seeking?" At an after-church fellowship farewells were said and appreciation expressed to Mr. and Mrs. M. Fooks and Carole, who have left the district.

spiritual and medical treatment of patients.

Quantities of festive looking parcels were brought by many women to assist the Hospital Committee with Christmas visiting.

Mrs. A. R. Jones reported of the challenge of Women's Day at Fed. Conf. We were also pleased to hear of special mention made of our Mrs. Tippett who has never missed a Federal Conference.

Mrs. J. Pederson was welcomed back after a long convalescence following a motor accident.—C. E. Bright, Asst. Sec.

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All of the men who applied would have made a worthwhile contribution, so we increased the team to 11 men.

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## PROJECTS FOR 1969

**AIR STRIP AT CHUNGRIBU** to be extended 500 ft. to make an all-weather strip. At present one end is often flooded.

**SCHOOL DORMITORIES, BOYS & GIRLS.** The children cannot travel to home and back to school. No buses or trams! So they will sleep at the Mission.

**HOUSE IN NEW AREA.** On the Keram River. An appeal is now open for the money to buy the materials.

**FUTURE.** Much is required, such as a Hospital and buildings to open new areas.

**SIDELINES.** When the men stop work, jobs such as maintenance on boats, radios, and lawnmowers. Air strips are serviced. Four native men take a week to clear one strip, three strips to do. **ONE MOWER, ONE MAN, ONE DAY.**

This column is for the men of our churches. Let me know, if you have an interesting programme, if you do an important project.

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 Janet Frampt, Reservoir, Vic.  
 Miss J. Hatswell, K. Blacksell, Naracoorte, S.A.  
 Mrs. Pickett, Bruce Dagen, Nambour, Qld.  
 Mrs. Norma Cooper, Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.  
 Jeanette Holmes, Red Hill, Vic.  
 John Clerke, Robert Gainer, Gary Lear, Grote St., Adelaide, S.A.  
 Ann and Helen Beckman, Forestville, S.A.  
 Beverly Harris, Hurstbridge, Vic.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. K. Wray, from Mt. Gambier; Miss Evelyn Thurston, from England, to Naracoorte, S.A.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Berrett from Mt. Gambier to Whyalla, S.A.  
 Mrs. Middleton, Gloria, Meryl, Shirley, Vernon, Lyn and Alwyn, from Corrigin to Subiaco, W.A.  
 Mrs. M. Smith from Devonport to Launceston, Tas.

## MARRIAGES

Gwen Bull to Barry Cockrane; Betty Bull to David Cockrane; Nambour, Qld.

Beryl Walker to Lloyd Amor, Horsham, Vic.  
 Coralie Dennison to Ronald Hooper, Reservoir, Vic.  
 Lorraine Wardle to Robert Coates; Judith Kitto to John Ludwig; Mary Waters to Philip Wardle; Dorothy Verco to Malcolm Adams; Rosemary Martin to Dennis Penney, Naracoorte, S.A.  
 Fran Stocker to Robert Davies; Joy Jones to Jim McDonough; Jennifer Pollard to Len Buck, Wollongong, N.S.W.  
 Gail Clark to Garry Beaumont; Roselyn Northey to Dennis Smallbone; Louise Hughes to Neville Snow; June Oswald to Roy M. Wilson, Burwood, N.S.W.  
 Faye Lynette Hampton to Peter Edward Heath, Maidstone, Vic.  
 Heather Yeaman to Herbert Bishop, Hornsby, N.S.W.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Ivy Furniss, Mrs. A. J. Gard, Grote St., Adelaide, S.A.  
 Robert Bruce Smallbone, Burwood, N.S.W.  
 Ernest James Bryant, Whyalla, S.A.  
 Mrs. J. Wallace, Wollongong, N.S.W.  
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## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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**ADDICOTT** (Hugo).—To Olive and Ted, God's gift of a son—Stephen Charles, Brother to John, Robyn and Jan. At Box Hill, November 10, 1968.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGES

**SEARLE-SMITH.**—The marriage of Barbara, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Searle, 87 Pakington-st., Kew, Vic., 3101, to John, only son of Mrs. M. G. Smith, 52 Fairview-ave., Burwood, Vic., 3125, and the late Mr. C. S. Smith, Chapple Vale, Vic., will be celebrated at South Yarra Church of Christ on Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, at 11 a.m. by Mr. J. E. Searle.

**SHERRIFF-SMITH.**—The marriage of Dawn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe Sherriff, Horsham, Vic., and Doug., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Bordertown, S.A., will be celebrated at Horsham Church of Christ on December 7, 1968 at 5 p.m.

## SILVER WEDDING

**BOX-PARKER.**—Joy and Tom, of 58 Keith-ave., Edithvale, announce with pleasure and gratitude the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at St. Kilda Church of Christ, on December 4, 1943, by Pastor H. A. Hunt.

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# EXPLORERS'

## "TASSIE TREK!"



"Don't try it!" "You'll never make it!" were the comments aimed at Explorer leaders when plans were being made to climb Mt. Bogong (6,508 ft.) on Queen's Birthday weekend. "It will be tough, but we're not going to try anything stupid. If you aim to take boys through Tasmania next year, you'll need to prove yourself able to handle conditions far tougher than you'll expect to encounter at any time in the Cradle Mountain—Lake St. Clair National Park," retorted Ken Readwin.

Ken is a leading bushwalking and rock-climbing instructor, who has been invited to train leaders in preparation for the Tassie Trek. Already these leaders had been through practical and theory sessions on orienteering, bushwalking, bush safety, first aid, equipment, light-weight camping, geology, flora and fauna.

Yes! They did conquer Mt. Bogong in seven feet of snow. They also tackled Wil-

By LES. STEWART

son's Promontory, and weathered the storm, and hiked over 17 miles through the Lerderberg Gorge. They explored Sherbrooke Forest with a map and compass, and some, together with 18 boys, spent a week of the school vacation in an extensive training camp and bush-walk through the Victoria Valley in the Grampian Mountains.

But why? All this is being done so that boys 14 years of age or over, may have the opportunity of touring through Tasmania and bushwalking over 50 miles through the beautiful and famous Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park. The aim of Tassie Trek, which is being organised by the Boys' Explorer Movement is not only to provide boys with an opportunity to participate in an adventure, but also to use this opportunity for dedicated Christian men and boys to get alongside those who have not found the Saviour, so that they will discover the challenge and need to accept and follow Christ.

Enthusiasm ran high on Oct. 11 when 140 persons, comprising parents, boys and leaders, crowded into the reception room of the Brotherhood Centre to hear and see more about the trek. Films of the trek area and information on the tours were presented by the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau, followed by demonstration of the equipment required. Leaders were quizzed as a panel by the Deputy Explorer Chief, John Henley, and the Trek Chief conducted a question and answer session. The evening concluded after the screening of a colour movie of the actual trek that will be conducted through the National Park.

Registrations at Nov. 11 stood at 16 leaders and 44 boys, with 34 on Trek "A" (Jan. 20-Feb. 2) and 26 on Trek "B" (Jan. 22-Feb. 5). Vacancies still exist, especially for boys wishing to go on

Trek "B", and there is room for a few leaders. Except in special circumstances, registrations will not be accepted after Dec. 9.

Many interesting and exciting side-lights are being experienced as a result of pre-trek activities. The financing of an orphan lad, and the partial support of a number of lads from the Oakleigh Explorer Club by the Oakleigh Lions, plus the strong possibility of at least two other orphan lads being given the opportunity to take part in this adventure is most encouraging. The keen interest of at least 75% of the parents, and the enthusiasm of the boys, many of whom are working very hard to pay their own way, the training for physical fitness by both boys and leaders is thrilling to see. Perhaps the most thrilling thing so far was to know of one lad who came face to face with Christ and discovered himself around a campfire in the Grampian Mountains during a training camp. Yes, this is only the beginning. We pray that God will use this worthwhile activity as a means of holding on to and developing young lives so that they may truly discover "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

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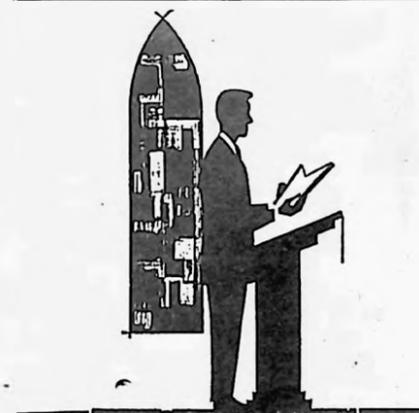
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## HISTORIC EVENT IN NEW GUINEA

"The publication of 40,000 copies of the New Testament in Pidgin English would be a truly historic occasion in New Guinea," said the Commonwealth Secretary of the B. & F.B.S. in Australia (the Rev. James Payne).

He said that this particular translation of the N.T. would mean as much to the people of New Guinea as the Authorised Version of the Bible had meant to the people of England. He reminded his audience that the historian recorded that the people of England "became the people of a book and that book the Bible!" He said that there was tremendous interest throughout New Guinea in the Pidgin N.T. Experienced missionaries had advised him that 40,000 copies would

be very quickly distributed and an early reprint would be necessary.

As always the Bible Society would publish at a financial loss so that the people should have a copy of the Scriptures in their own language "at a price they could afford to pay." The society looked to the Christians of Australia to help make up the leeway in finance.

Mr. Payne said that following on recent World Budget meetings in New York and London the Australian branch of the Bible Society would be required to carry a heavy load of responsibility. This involved the translation, production and distribution of the Scriptures in New Guinea, parts of South-East Asia and later in the South-West Pacific area.

### BRITISH BEAT DEVALUATION

(London). Responding to a plea that they give more generously to compensate for fiscal devaluation, residents of Great Britain gave £300,000 (\$U.S.720,000) more than the previous year's total to Christian Aid, the relief agency of the British Council of Churches.

The record total of £1,800,000 (\$U.S. 4,320,000) was received for the financial year ending September 30.

The Rev. Alan Brash, Christian Aid's new director, said: "Earlier this year we announced to all our supporters and workers that we needed an extra £200,000 simply to compensate for devaluation of the pound. As the figures show, they rose to the occasion. The alternative—to cut back on our aid to the world's needy—would have been unthinkable." —E.P.S.

### DISSENT APPROVED

The Roman Catholic hierarchy of Scandinavia has issued a joint pastoral letter affirming the right of Catholics to hold an opinion other than that expressed by Pope Paul in his encyclical banning artificial birth control. They told their priests not to consider as "bad Catholics" those whose views differ from that expressed in the encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* which, the bishops said, was "not infallible." —E.P.S.

### A.B.C. RADIO

"The Coming King" Advent hymns. First network, Dec. 1, 7 a.m. (6.30 a.m. C.A.T.).

Encounter: "Hurdles to Leap." Religious Education of physically or mentally handicapped. Second Network, Dec. 1, 7.30 a.m. E.T.; 7 a.m., C.A.T.; 7.50 a.m., W.A.T.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

### 50 YEARS AGO

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

Reports from the Field: Maryborough, Qld. There were 109 who came out on the Lord's side during the Chandler-Clay Mission. 66 have been baptized and more than 50 have united with the church . . . Hobart, Tas. The Bible Class has a membership of 90 . . . Croydon, Vic. A church social was held to farewell J. R. Leach who is leaving to take up Foreign Mission work in India . . . East Camberwell, Vic. A special address to the scholars was given by Mr. Scarborough, one of our splendid returned men, on abstinence, after which 28 pledges for total abstinence were taken . . . Sydney, N.S.W. The Comforts' Club holds a chocolate social during the week for the soldiers at the front . . . Rockdale, N.S.W. The trustees signed the transfer for the purchase of a property for £1,000, situated in Frederick St. . . . Moonta, S.A. The scholars returned the mite boxes, showing the fine sum of £10/13/9.

Armistice. "The Day" has come—not the boasted and toasted day of the Teutonic war party, but the day of triumph for the cause of right, the day of surrender and of armistice prelude the actual coming of peace.

Annual Function. The Vic. Foreign Missionary Committee entertained the staff, members and scholars of the Melb. Chinese Mission.

Mothers' Day. "Wear a white flower in honour of mother and motherhood" is the request of societies connected with the Vic. Band of Hope Union, when they celebrate Mothers' Day on Nov. 30.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"You're always recommending prayer! D'you know MY batting average after praying for a new car, a new house, and a new boat?"

## VIC.-TAS. C.W.F. COUNCIL

(Melb.). The next C.W.F. Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre on Friday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. R. Combridge will be guest speakers.

## MORNING BAPTISM

(Red Hill, Vic.). For the first time in history a baptism was held at morning service. A young woman was baptized, received into fellowship and partook of Lord's Supper . . . Proceeds of C.W.F.F. bazaar amounted to \$56 which was sent to Bethany Boys' Home. Mrs. Huss, of Inter-Church Aid Refugee and World Service, spoke to those assembled on work of her organisation . . . 37th Southern Bayside Conference held at this church, Nov. 2. Because of the illness of G. K. Moyes, the afternoon discussion "The Ministry of the Word" was led by J. Turner, and R. Patterson (Frankston) spoke in evening. Seven churches were represented . . . B.S. anniversary on Nov. 10 had Alan Rowe as speaker at morning and afternoon. Fact and Faith film "The Prior Claim" was shown at night . . . Church had good literature on sale two weeks and about \$116 worth of books were purchased . . . October saw third combined service for year with Methodist, C. of E. and Presbyterian churches, held in Main Ridge Methodist Church.

## VISIT TO FORMER MEMBER

(Forestville, S.A.). Ladies of the C.W.F. hired a bus to visit gardens in the Adelaide Hills, profits from this venture to helping "Fairhaven" at Esperance, W.A. One of the gardens visited was at the home of Miss P. Phillips, a former member and C.E. leader at Forestville . . . B.S. picnic was held at National Park. . . Mrs. J. Phillips is recovering from surgery . . . The church is considering changing to Revised Standard version for use in Sunday morning services . . . Ann and Helen Beckman were welcomed into fellowship . . . Young people's choir provided part of the programme at after-church fellowship sponsored by the D.C.E. in Y.W.C.A. Hall.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# KERAM RIVER PATROL

"When I saw you coming around the mountain, my eyes watered and I thought, 'Your legs are paining but you come to us with God's talk.' Why do you walk all this way to come to us? Why don't you leave us to the ways of our ancestors?"

This was said to Judy Simpson, Elaine Smith and me by an old man at Dangabu, the site of a coconut garden belonging to one of the Keram villages. It was humbling to hear this but we praise God that we are fit and able to go to these folk who are hungry for God's word and tell them of One who can deliver them from the powers of darkness and give them victory in their lives.

### By ROSALIE ROFE, New Guinea

We had been unable to give a definite date for our visit to these Upper Keram villages because we had decided to walk to the Sepik through the country at the back of Asau. The new motor-boat from the Keram was to meet us at the mouth of the Poropora River and take us up the Keram for a look at proposed mission sites and to visit villages that are nominally Churches of Christ in the area. The outboard had only been on the Keram for a few hours before it began work—starting Frank Beale off on his patrol, then coming down to fetch us. We thank God for the provision of this motor-boat—already it is proving to be a real asset as travelling time can be appreciably reduced. Our initial arrangements on this patrol were vague as none of our missionaries had been that way before and we weren't at all sure of the time factor involved. There were no hitches anywhere during the whole fortnight's patrol as far as transport was concerned. As the trip progressed we became more and more aware of the Lord's leading and undertaking for us.

We spent a whole week getting to the Upper Keram and spent one night at Gokto. We were able to spend some time with the folk at Bramfito. The councillor from there is a Christian and he and a young lad took us up to Jogoi—a rather nerve-racking trip as the river was low and old trees were hazards all the way as they stuck up out of the water. We eventually got to the village of Jogoi and continued on to Melito—a village which has shown an interest in our work. The Councillor was rather anxious that we sleep at Jogoi as he and the young lad wanted company and didn't relish the idea of sleeping out in the bush somewhere. We felt we could stay and go on our way next morning.

Looking back now I am sure that that was what we were meant to do—the old lulual came and asked us to come and tell them about God. The villages around had heard and he also wanted to hear. While a lot of their thinking is directed towards cargo we do have the opportunity to present Christ. As well as this, they live in a world of fear—fear of black

magic and the powers of darkness. They want to find a power that can overcome these fears and at the moment they are seeking to find the answer. The councillor who was with us spoke to them in their own language and tried to help them understand better what we were saying—we were impressed by this man's desire to witness and tell others of the new life which he had found. After talking to the folk at Jogoi we told them we would come back on Thursday night to talk more. This we did and found about 40 people ready to talk with us. We very nearly bypassed these people in our desire to get to those we already knew about.

In Dangabu and Gokto we were looked after very well—in both places meetings were held in the small church buildings the people have built. Men, women, children, dogs and pigs all came to the meetings. The first three sitting still and

## REDEEMING THE TIME

It is all too easy to forget that time is precious and we need to grasp every opportunity to witness for Christ. Take the Friendship Centre at Indapur for instance. It is easy to get into a real rut there. People come each day, to change books, or just sit and read the newspapers. Much time is spent trying to keep the children, who are not allowed in, out, and the ones who are allowed in, quiet. You are glad enough when the time is over. It is easy to forget that each person is an opportunity, and when

### By J. MAIN

someone pauses to talk, probably on an irrelevant subject, it is almost natural to suppose that like most others he is just making conversation. But he might have more on his mind, and be looking for a way to introduce it, a sign that we are concerned about his cares, or needs, or worries.

The Friendship Centre at Indapur gives all sorts of opportunities for getting to know people, as you learn what they read, how they behave in a public place, as you play table tennis with them, chat about current events. This morning I spent half an hour talking with a lad about 12 about cricket, and then discovered that one of the local municipality members—the vice-president, in fact—was listening in, and then soon he was contributing. I have been looking for an introduction with this man for some time, and now perhaps we are on the way.

The Muslims celebrated one of their feasts on Sunday. It is very similar to the Day of Atonement of the Jews. Because of friendship built up over some time (particularly in being beaten more often than not at table tennis) I felt free to ask about the significance of this, and the purpose of sacrifice. These are small contacts, insignificant opportunities.

listening in spite of the movements of the other two. After talking with the folk for two or three hours at a stretch, one feels the need for more frequent visits. The church at Tumba sends out teams of Christians to different places each month. Missionaries would like to do more but so often hands are tied by pressure of work on existing stations.

The desire to know more of God is there and is spreading to other groups. Are we to leave unfulfilled the desire of people in the Keram area to know more about God? Plans are going ahead to establish a station on the Keram and once a missionary is working there, he will be able to get to some of these folk more frequently to give them the spiritual food they need so much.

Please share with us in this work. It is exciting to see lives being changed by the power of the Holy Spirit and then to see these new Christians so keen to tell others.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Graeme and Betty Sonesie, New Guinea, on the safe arrival of a son, John Charles, on November 10 at Bunapas, New Guinea.

### Ephesians 5: 16

Insignificant? I think not. But it is all too easy not to bother, to be in the middle of doing something else.

It is the same even for the evangelists outside. It is a different sort of an approach, far more direct. But too often it becomes just routine. Day after day with little encouragement these men go out in the searing heat to preach, distributing tracts, selling Gospels. Surely they could not miss out on an opportunity to tell of Christ. But they do, because they do not expect it to happen. And it's gone . . . and so is the person. And this is not for the sake of criticising these men, for I have done it myself. If not in the street while preaching, then in the bus, or train, or anywhere.

Let us redeem the time. God needs wide awake Christians, aflame for Christ, using every opportunity even the seemingly insignificant ones to witness for Him. This is what we must do here at Indapur in India, and what you must do in the place where God has appointed you.

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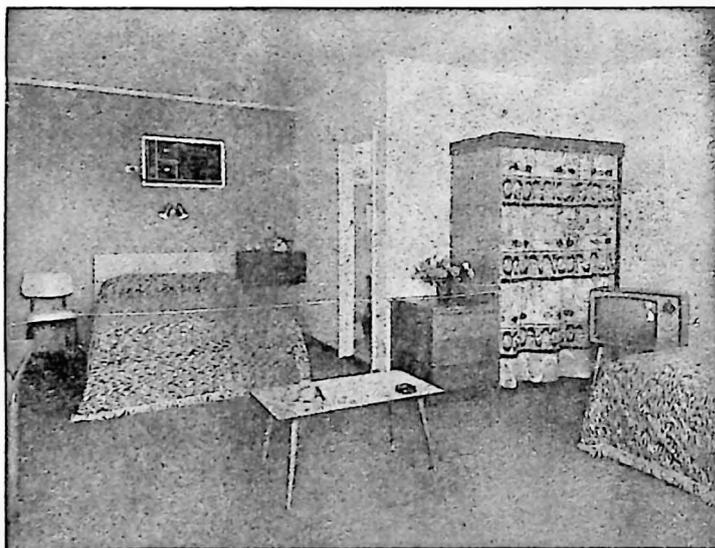
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—F. M. Colby.



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