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NOT TOO OLD

Although we hope that young people (and others) will read the special articles on Christian Education in this issue, this editorial is mainly directed to the established adult membership of the churches.

Between ourselves, I am getting a bit tired of the way some folk are so quick to write us off, whether we are fifty, or forty, or even thirty. They tell us that we are not with it, that we are living in such a rapidly changing world that we cannot hope to understand it, that the new maths, the new science and the new society are beyond our grasp. The new world belongs to the young — such as the young man on the cover who has a big window view of life. Incidentally, even from the rear he looks a bit confused at what he sees.

Well, we know the world is changing, and we know that the young man is different, but it is not so changed and he is not so different that we seem as aliens on a new planet.

We helped to make this young man and his new world. We not only brought him to where he is, we are still having some say as to where he will go. Confound it, we even gave him his window!

Mind you, we are not reminding him of this. We don't want him to get the idea that he ought to pay us back by being humble and submissive. We owe far too much to our own past to make him pay for his. We don't want to take away his independence, his individuality, or his adventure. But we also can be independent and adventurous. And we also have something more to give to him.

We don't know when that young man will get to the moon. We don't know what kind of jobs he will be looking for in ten years. We don't know what his home or his school will look like, but we do have some things for whatever he does and wherever he does it.

We have had experience (good and bad), we have a little faith, and we have Christian resources that have carried us through social and industrial revolutions.

The best resources we have for him are in the custody of the church. We don't need to be reminded of our weakness and failures. We've read the internal and external critics, but despite our weakness and failures, Christian resources are still essential. These resources are expressed through evangelism, worship, service, leadership, community witness, and social impact. The Departments of Christian Education in every State are in vital partnership with all other areas of the church in expanding these resources.

Our commitments are enlarging, and greater demands than ever before are being made upon those we have appointed to lead us in the task of Christian Education. You and I will do much to determine whether or not these greater demands will be met.

We have the resources, we have the vision, we have the values, we have the responsibility, and we have the money.

Christian Education requires our endorsement and we gladly give it, but we do not really applaud its purpose if we close our purse.

TOUGH MIND, TENDER HEART

The gentle crusader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is gone. Whether or not his murderer is punished, America will pay a high price for the crime.

Dr. King was president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which has given strong and effective leadership of the Negro Civil Rights movement and his death was as senseless an act as the killing of President Kennedy. Memphis and Dallas are names of shame for America today.

There were two natural responses to the killing of this educated and cultured Christian minister. One was the genuine wave of horror and sorrow that went out beyond his own land. As far away as Melbourne, Australia, a memorial service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral. President Johnson changed his programme even for the long sought opportunity for peace in Vietnam, so that he could involve himself in his nation's sorrows and needs at home.

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• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OUR EXPLODING COMMITMENT



By CHARLES DOW, M.A.

Charles Cartwright portrays in a cartoon, an old farmer leaning against a tree with a bottle of pink-eye by his side. In the background you can see his house and windmill which are at the point of tumbling down. His neighbour obviously must have been questioning him about the state of his house and farm and the farmer replies, "I done left everything in God's hands like the preacher said and look what's happened!"

Christian Education is in the midst of the explosion in which the farmer's preacher is no longer adequate, if ever he was, to meet God's challenge for today. From Genesis to the Book of Revelation we are reminded of the God-man partnership that is to exist, for this is the way in which God brings to bear his word for every generation. While the phrase, "we live in the midst of change," has come to sound like a cracked record, it is nevertheless true. James Reston of the New York Times wrote, "Change is the biggest story in the world today and we are not covering it adequately."

God is calling his Church to act responsibly and to do this we must understand just what is happening within the experience of men and must seek to meet man at his point of need. It is only when faith faces the facts of human experience that right action follows. Because of a new awareness of "man's need and God's action," and the fact that men are struggling in the troughs of doubt, fear and meaninglessness, the Church has been compelled to broaden its assignments from being a strictly "in-group" to that of seeing the whole world as the field of its endeavour.

When Christians accept the truth that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" there must be an explosion within their expressions of concern.

Within Christian Education this explosion has been evident.

THE EXTENT OF OUR TASK

I well remember in the years that have passed that in each of our States we had Youth Departments whose responsibility it was to help Bible Schools, train leaders for clubs and run several Youth Camps a year, but little more was expected from them. We failed to see that one of the great heresies that we have fostered was that of "Adults can't or won't learn," so we maintained this limited charter. But the explosion has shaken that notion loose and now, "thank God!" we are faced with as many tasks as man has needs to be met.

We have realised that the gospel cannot be contained within the four walls of the local chapel and there needs to

(Mr. Dow has just commenced service with the South Australian churches as Director of Christian Education.)

be a carrying and a sharing of our faith within the sphere of our influence whether this be at work or play. This new understanding has challenged Christian educators, ministers and lay people alike to extend our programming to fit people for service. Gone is the notion in many minds that the local church is an ecclesiastical hospital; rather it is a training camp, a supportive base and a rocket pad where people of all ages are nurtured and trained and are continually being sent where the action is taking place.

It is time local churches banged on the doors of their State Department of Christian Education, asking for help to develop particular opportunities; opportunities which will form bridges to enable local congregations to move from where they are to where they ought to be. Gone are the days when the D.C.E. can set the counter on their automatic duplicators when printing programmes for churches. The assumption that what works in one place will work in another is not necessarily, nor usually, valid. Each church must ask of itself the question, "What does it mean to be God's church in our community?"

In South Australia we have come to the conclusion that with the aid of the Church Life Conference we can discover some of the people alienated from the church and then seek ways and means whereby bridges can be built so that God can be a living reality, not only to those outside the church, but to those of us who have tended to march vigorously up and down on the one spot.

THE URGENCY OF OUR TASK

If evangelism is the life-blood of the Church, and I believe it is, then we all need to share in whatever way we can in helping each other become communicators of what God has done and continues to do in Jesus Christ. Because some people have seen the Departments of Christian Education as a kid brother to our Overseas Mission and Home Mission Departments, we have not taken ourselves seriously enough. Our local churches have not faced the fact that evangelism is the life-blood of the churches, and because of this we are poorly equipped to handle our primary assignment.

This is why many churches are quite happy to have imports come in to do the job for us; and within a period of 12 months or so, we are back where we were before our adventure in "vicarious" evangelism began. Christian Education is under the same compulsion to share in evangelism as any other Department within our brotherhood. Statistically, nearly 80% of decisions for Christ come from our Bible Schools, yet the ratio of costs against special efforts makes it hard to understand why we don't pour more of our resources to develop Christian Education as an instrument for evangelism.

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In South Australia we have clasped hands firmly with the Home Mission Department because together we feel deeply the complexity of being real evangelists in our rapidly changing society. Neither Department can provide the necessary thrust alone and neither must it be only aimed at the level of young people. If our evangelism is to have depth and reality, we must realise as James Reston said, "Change is the biggest story in the world and we are not covering it adequately." We must train Christians to introduce a changeless Christ in terms that can be understood in a changing society. It is the same old story about the need for new wineskins yet preserving the same changeless wine. Some of the old staunch wineskins have burst or sprung leaks and people are losing the refreshment of the real wine because we have made methods sacrosanct. Christian educators ought to be helping local congregations discover a myriad of ways, both new and old, to present the living Christ, who is God's answer to man's need.

THE COST OF THE EXPLOSION

Every year at Cape Kennedy, billions of dollars are blasted off into the atmosphere and one soon realises that big bangs cost money, effort, discipline and faith. If the Church is sincere about wanting to be where the action is then we need to realise that the cost of involvement, the effort that needs to be expanded and the hours that will be consumed, all add up to a big bang in terms of cost.

I believe our Australian brotherhood has the opportunity to challenge the Christian Education Departments right across Australia to the point where it dares us to be faithful to our brotherhood's best insights. If we do live in a rapidly changing world, if we have passed from a very limited mandate to one which incorporates the whole expression of the gospel, then we need the support of the Australian brotherhood in terms of encouragement, prayer that involves us, money and confidence, because we are dealing with the most precious commodity of all, people — God's primary concern.

Give us the tools and I believe much can be done to help our people share the message that "God pitched his tent alongside of us to reconcile us to himself." In the midst of the explosion of our many responsibilities, this is our primary task. Help us to be faithful to it by providing the best wine-skins possible.

March 9, 1968.

... It was a great shock to me on returning from a visit to Toronto to receive word from you that our dear friend, Viv Stafford, had suddenly passed on. He was a choice soul and I always looked forward to every opportunity to have fellowship with him. He was greatly loved by people from all parts of the world who came to know him through the World Council of Christian Education and his election as Recording Secretary was a very popular one. He was such a gentle soul that he deserved to be called a Christian gentleman in the real sense. His personal dedication, his humility even though he possessed great gifts, were an example to us all. But most of all I valued him as a friend with a great warm heart who brought a blessing to me every time I saw him.

Please convey to the Churches of Christ our sympathy and gratitude from the World Council of Christian Education of which I am still an officer "Emeritus," and I know that I speak for a multitude of his friends in this world-wide fellowship around the world. I find it difficult to adequately express my own gratitude for Viv, as a dear friend and brother. Please let his family know how their sense of loss is shared by so many of us.

His influence will live on in us who knew him. Thank you for letting me know about his death. I am glad that it was so peaceful at the end.

"We cannot think of them as dead who walk with us no more,
Along the path of life we tread they have but gone before.
And still their silent ministries within our hearts have place,
As when on earth they walked with us and saw us face to face..."

Sincerely,

NELSON CHAPPEL.



Material for this issue was to have been prepared by V. C. Stafford. Since his untimely death on Feb. 23 last, messages of sharing and tribute have been received from many parts of Australia and across the seas. The letter quoted here is typical of these messages of sympathy and also indicates the esteem in which Viv Stafford was held by men of international standing in Christian Education.

It is from Dr. Nelson Chappel, General Secretary Emeritus, World Council of Christian Education.

• A DAY WITH THE DIRECTOR

By Dr. K. R. BOWES,
Consultant, Vic.-Tas.

THE 'PHONE RINGS!

It's one of the leaders of the Good Companions wanting advice about a project which will involve more than 2,500 girls. While the Director is the key man the Department really involves a large team of dedicated people who are doing a tremendous ministry through various auxiliaries — Bible Schools, Good Companions, Explorers, C.E., C.Y.F., Young Adults, Adults and Recreation Committee. They do their work so quietly and efficiently sometimes churches do not realise the amount of help they are receiving from the Department through the auxiliaries.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE PASSAGE!

It's the man from Austral carrying a heavy parcel—the new book "Creative Living" published by the Explorer Auxiliary of the Department. This contains 50 worship programmes written by people who have worked with youth so that they know how to involve them in worship.



The
D.C.E.
serves
all the
family.

MAIL'S IN!

A request from the Warrnambool church for help with its new all-age Christian Education programme. A Friday night and Saturday spent there will bring encouragement and assistance to the leaders. Another letter, this time from Morwell wanting printed resources for a training programme for their youth leaders. The files are taken out, appropriate hand-out sheets selected and mailed off. Just one of the services available.

ALL'S QUIET!

Time to plan for a one-day conference with Bible School Superintendents. The purpose? To get to grips with the issues raised by "Spotlight on the Sunday School," that excellent survey of what is happening in our schools. Superintendents will return from this day more able to stop the drift and to make Bible Schools a more effective means of evangelism and teaching the Word of God.

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THE DAY'S WORK

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR!

A minister wants some thoughts on a programme for young marrieds, but he is itching to ask the question which many have been asking, "How long before we get any news about a Director?" The answer is short but sure, "You'll hear very soon."



Christian
lives
are built
on
firm
foundations.

OUT FOR THE EVENING!

Another visit to a church board about the proposed new curriculum. There is perhaps no greater evangelistic means which the Church uses than the teaching of boys and girls in the Bible School, so we make no apology for asking for this time from the Board Christian Education in the local church will not go ahead unless the elders and deacons are actively promoting it.

THE PLANE TAKES OFF!

Destination is Tasmania—for a weekend of meeting with churches about the curriculum and other matters of concern in Christian Education. Distance presents real problems in the Island State—without a field worker the Department is more limited than it should be in giving help. But encouragement is given and the work goes on through the Tasmanian committee.

ONE FINAL QUESTION!

How much do YOU Care?

How much do you care about the children in the church and the teaching given to them? How much do you care about the teenagers who have tremendous pressures at the time when they must decide which way they should go in life? How much do you care about your own understanding of the Christian faith which can be increased through study together?

Your caring can be shown through your interest, prayers and personal support.

Show that you care—not only on May 5 but throughout the whole year.

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Iron ore in billions of tons . . . Finance in millions of dollars . . . Population increase in hundreds and thousands . . . Teenagers and children in tens of thousands . . . This is W.A. in the midst of an unparalleled industrial and social revolution. Visitors and expatriates are staggered by the rapid changes as this "Western Third" sprawls into a vast industrial empire. In the midst of this changing scene, the Youth and Christian Education Committee is reshaping its programme to meet the new era.

STAFF:

1968 was ushered in with the appointment of Brian Stitt, B.A., Dip.Ed., H.C., M.A.C.E., as director. New staff is always significant in Christian work, bringing as it does, new vision, deepening insights of faith and movements toward service for Christ's Kingdom. Trained staff with specialist professional skills add depth and breadth to the capacities of this Department to meet the possibilities of new service.

Although not a departmental matter, the appointment of Ken Maddern, L.Th., Dip.R.E., ex-Glen Iris College, as Associate Youth Minister to the City Church is a welcome addition to our programmes of youth outreach.

EVANGELISM:

Historically the Great Treks took place in South Africa as pioneers sought out new territories. We are planning new bands of Trekkers to pioneer the vast unknown areas of

PROGRAMMES WHICH WORK

Coffee Bar Crusade (N.S.W.)

It began with a training session for four weeks. Young people wishing to be counsellors had to attend at least three of these sessions, which gave a good idea of their potential and ensured that they would have adequate training. During these sessions Roland Mitcheson from Ambassadors for Christ, was most thorough.

The advertising was all done by the young people. They painted shop window posters, made stickers for car windows. It was covered by the Press and on radio.

A suitable place had to be found big enough to comfortably house a dozen or so tables and chairs. It needed to be in the centre of town and it needed to be such a place that coffee being spilt around would do no damage!

After much prayer we found a garage that had just become vacant. Shavings were spread over the floor, cart and buggy wheels were arranged to decorate the place, the walls were covered with paper on which provocative questions were printed.

Tennis nets were draped in the ceiling and dim coloured lights spread among them. Other than this and the light where the coffee was served, there was only a candle in a bottle on each table.

There were no formal meetings. We began each night with the counsellors in prayer at 7 p.m., then out "fishing" for suitable people. Young people were invited to come to the coffee bar, the bait was the free coffee and biscuits. We told them not to hide the fact that this was an effort to tell people about Jesus Christ. Many came back with "long-hairs" and others. They sat freely around the tables and the counsellors sat with them, getting them coffee and then leading the conversation to spiritual things. As the evening progressed, we had an occasional "floor show." Some spiritual items in a strictly modern "folk" style were presented and short three to five minute talks were given.

Several young people were led to Christ, and several made rededications. Others asked help in various ways. We had plenty of literature in sealed off counselling rooms. The final night took the form of a Youth Rally at the Sal-

**EXPANSION
IN THE
WEST**

vation Army Community Centre. Besides this, although all the churches were to be involved originally it finally was left to the Presbyterians and ourselves. The spirit really achieved a wonderful sense of co-operation in this venture and has possibly opened up areas of co-operation in the future.

—Max A. G. Hall, Inverell, N.S.W.

Non-Structured Experiment (S.A.)

Two years ago the Cheltenham (S.A.) Church of Christ Youth Club began as a missionary experiment. Under the Board of Officers who accept responsibility, this non-structured club is managed by the club executive comprising minister, leader, treasurer, and executive members. Adult counsellors patrol the area and help.

Freedom and acceptance are key words, but no strong liquor, nor obscene language, nor smoking inside buildings is tolerated. 50 to 60 young adults come in after 7 p.m. on Friday nights, pay 10c fee; drink coffee or soft drinks; play table tennis, cards, darts or volley ball, records, or chat; maybe attend a discussion group; then leave at 10.30 p.m.

Amazingly, many attend gospel services, and some have become Christians.

—Ron Saunders.

PROPERTIES:

An expanding programme needs expanding resources. Undoubtedly God has been gracious in the provision of these facilities. A recent Government grant endowed us with seven acres of land adjacent to the Carinya Aged Persons' Homes in Mount Lawley. Valued conservatively at \$170,000, the area is planned to be developed as a brotherhood Family Recreation Centre. Already plans are afoot for the construction of basketball courts and a bowling green.

A further grant of four acres of delightful beach front land at Busselton is to be developed as a Youth and Family Camping Area.

These new properties will add tremendously to the variety of our programmes in the coming years of expansion.

To expand we undoubtedly need the support of the churches, support not read simply in financial terms. Support is found in the churches' participation in the programmes and activities of the Department as it endeavours to further Christ's ministry amongst youth. Yes, we need finance, but more, we need the participation of willing workers and prayerful helpers to do this task today.



**C. F. ADERMANN,
M.P.,
CHRISTIAN
AND GENTLEMAN**

By G. R. STIRLING

In 1943 the first member of Churches of Christ to enter Federal Parliament was elected to represent the Queensland electorate of Maranoa, an area three times as large as Victoria. He is Charles F. Adermann, who still holds the seat, but is moving towards the end of his active political life. 1943 was the year of the landslide to Labour, but Mr. Adermann, standing for the Country Party won the only seat in the election from a sitting Labour member. As well as being Member for Maranoa, he has also served as Chairman of Committees, Deputy Speaker, Minister for Primary Industry, Deputy Leader of the Country Party and as a member of the Inner Cabinet.

A CHRISTIAN IN POLITICS

Mr. Adermann went into Federal politics because as a Christian he could do no other. His extensive experience as Shire Chairman and Chairman of the Peanut Board, together with still wider experience on many State and community primary industry organisations gave him qualifications that made it inevitable that he would be asked to stand for Federal Parliament. He looked on this as a clear call to serve God and the people where his talents could best be used. He had always believed that wherever he lived and worked he should do so as a Christian. Now he welcomed the opportunity to try out this principle, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in the arena of Australian politics.

As a cabinet minister he has had to make many important decisions. They have always been made after long thought and prayer. As he puts it, "I always knew that I had a 'Partner' in the business!"

He concedes that his Primary Industry portfolio was less contentious than others from a Christian point of view. But he has always claimed publicly that he is not guided in decision making by the party rule book, but by consideration of what he believes to be right and good in each situation. Dur-

ing his Ministry he initiated or guided through the House no less than 51 Acts of Parliament. All were supported by the Opposition. Mr. Adermann adds wryly, "They also must have been considering what is right and good in these matters!"

CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS

Charles Adermann is sure that all Christians should be active in political thinking and discussion. He believes that they should be in political parties and support local branches, and that those who have the ability should seek public office. He wants to see more committed Christians in the parliaments of the nation. He speaks highly of Gabriel Bywaters, a member of the

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As Mr. Adermann's long political career draws to its close, "The Australian Christian" asked Mr. Stirling to prepare a thumbnail sketch of this distinguished member of Churches of Christ.

Murray Bridge Church of Christ, and until the recent elections a Cabinet Minister in the South Australian Parliament. Mr. Adermann's comment as the counting for Mr. Bywater's seat was still close was, "He's a fine chap. He has no hesitation in living the Christian life and making a Christian witness. I hope he wins the seat even if it means Labour being in power. My prayer is that he wins!"

Mr. Adermann is wary of contentious political matters being preached in the pulpit for two reasons. First, it is almost impossible for the preacher to be in full possession of the facts. Secondly, the audience is captive and there is no right or opportunity for reply. He thinks that "Christianity and politics" is best discussed and debated in the church's prayer and Bible Study meeting.

LOYALTY TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

Even when he was a Cabinet Minister, Mr. Adermann tried as often as possible to be at the services of the Kingaroy church. Since 1938 he has been conducting a weekly Radio Sunday School. Throughout his parliamentary career of 25 years he has kept this going. He believed it to be a witness to his own faith as well as a Christian educational service. He says, "I was a cabinet minister and I wanted people to know where I stood."

For many years he has been an elder of the Kingaroy church and the chairman of its board. They always arrange board meetings on a Friday or Monday so that he can be there. Also during his parliamentary term he has been President of the Queensland State Conference and President of Federal Conference.

When on a Sunday he has been elsewhere in Australia or the world, he has always made a point of being in church. As he says, "I have a commitment to the Lord on the Lord's Day." In 1964 he drove 80 miles on a Sunday morning to worship with the Leicester (U.K.) church and to renew fellowship with Stanton Wilson. In 1952 he and his brother, the late Ernest Adermann (M.P., N.Z.) were in the U.S.A. where they both preached in a number of our churches.

CANBERRA

It is doubtful if Churches of Christ would be represented in Canberra yet, had it not been for the insistence of C. F. Adermann, who would not allow the brotherhood to rest until our witness had been established in the nation's capital. From 1943 to 1948 he and Norm Warmbrunn, then resident in Canberra for brief periods, spent time looking for potential Churches of Christ members, with a view to getting a church started. Mr. Adermann says, "I began to feel at that time that this

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was the purpose for my being brought to Canberra. If I failed in this I would be falling the Lord."

In 1948 there were seven members of Churches of Christ in Canberra who were willing to form a congregation, and the total population was 18,000. (Today the population is 105,000 and there are two congregations with 330 members).

That year Mr. Adermann made his now famous appeal at the Federal Conference in Perth for the immediate establishment of a Church of Christ in Canberra. (The present writer was a member of the South Australian delegation which had been instructed to vote against it!). While Federal Conference approved the move, most of the State Executives rejected it. So Mr. Adermann visited every State speaking and pleading the Canberra cause until Federal Conference in Hobart in 1950 was able to see that the Perth decision was implemented. The rest is history, but it was fitting that Charles Adermann should lay the foundation stone of the first Canberra Church of Christ building.

MORALS

The Parliament and the nation know well C. F. Adermann's stand on issues of public morality and social righteousness. He deploras that some newspapers and some politicians try to curry favour by standing for a slackening of moral codes. He believes that they talk of freedom and mean licence and of rights rather than responsibilities. He also regrets that the press is so often on the side of the law-breaker rather than on the side of law enforcement.

MILLY

It was in 1931, in drought and depression that Charles Adermann took up a holding near Kingaroy. It was his good fortune that two farms down the road

"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT"

This beautiful old hymn has particular poignancy in connection with the blind, and it is towards the elderly blind that all congregations in all Victorian churches are being asked on April 28, 1968 to direct their compassion as they sing this hymn.

The "Guiding Light Appeal" Committee is directing a State-wide public appeal during April, 1968 on behalf of the Association for the Blind. Heads of the various churches throughout Victoria have recommended that "Lead Kindly Light" be sung during services on April 28 and to direct a portion of the collection on that day to support this appeal.

The appeal is being made for \$370,000, the results of which will be devoted to:

1. Building a new wing at the Brighton Beach Hospital Home to house a further twenty (20) residents.
2. Building and equipping a modern Geriatric Day Centre at Brighton.
3. Extending the facilities of the Blind Citizens' Com-

munity Centre at Kooyong. 4. Enlarging our Welfare Department and its activities. 5. Building a hospital wing and community centres at Ballarat and Bendigo.

There is a long list of elderly and infirm blind people awaiting entry to the three (3) Hospital Homes conducted by the Association for the Blind.

U.S. CLERGY/LAITY DISAGREE ON HALT TO VIET. BOMBING

(Philadelphia). Nearly two-thirds of the North American Protestants who participated in a recent poll disapprove of the way President Johnson is handling the war in Vietnam, but more than half of them believe the United States should use any force short of nuclear weapons to achieve a military victory there.

These were among the findings in an opinion survey conducted among readers of magazines representing nine major Protestant denominations. Some 33,934 opinions were tabulated.—E.P.S.

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Laying the Church Foundation Stone, C. F. Adermann, Sept. 5, 1953

lived the very attractive Christian girl whom he later married. He says, "She is a wonderful wife who has always helped and consoled and defended me." Although in ill-health for most of her husband's parliamentary career, Mrs. Adermann wished him to continue his Christian vocation in politics.

Once Cabinet had been meeting all day in Melbourne, Charles came back tired to where he and Mrs. Adermann were staying. He said, "Milly, the Prime Minister won't like me much after today. I seemed to be offside with him all day." Just then the 'phone rang. It

was Dame Pattie Menzies. She said, "Bob wants you both to come over tonight and listen to the Test cricket with him."

25 YEARS IN AUGUST

It is to be hoped that some young men amongst us, of Christian vision and integrity are getting themselves ready for Federal Parliament. C. F. Adermann will not be there much longer, he is over 70. But we can thank God that he has been there for 25 years in August, as a Christian and a gentleman.

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OPEN FORUM

UNITY

To the Editor,

I am in sympathy with my friend Alan Cant in his impatience for early negotiations in order to implement our plea for Christian union ("A.C." 23/3/68). However, as he was not at the Consultation of brotherhood leaders he cannot know the full story behind the report ("A.C." 24/2/68).

The report simply means that it be recommended to the churches that conversations with the Uniting Churches of Australia continue at this stage, rather than full negotiations. The recommendation recognises that whether we like it or not, we are not ready as a brotherhood for negotiations, yet. It also recognises the fact that the Uniting Churches of Australia do not want negotiations with us or any one else at this stage, preferring to consummate their own union first.

The Consultation on Christian Union revealed that there were substantial differences amongst the representatives and throughout the brotherhood. These differences are not due to obscurantism on the one hand nor irresponsibility on the other. Rather they are the result of honestly held convictions of the nature of "here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God!" It was important for the Consultation to recognise the depth of these differences within the brotherhood, as represented by delegates of no mean scholarship from all States, who at the same time are unswerving in their loyalty to the Word of God and to our plea and witness as a people.

However the Consultation did make positive progress. We saw that one another's honestly held convictions had been arrived at through diligent thought and study, often with agony and sweat. We saw that these differences are probably irreconcilable. We accepted the fact that none had a monopoly of loyalty to the plea, to the Word of God, to New Testament Christianity or to truth. I believe that we learned to accept and trust one another and to respect one another's honestly held convictions.

Before we can negotiate as a people with other bodies, we must accept the fact that while there are large areas of agreement amongst us there are also irreconcilable differences. We must learn to accept these differences in love and trust and respect for one another. We must cease accusing those who differ from us of being obscurantist, irrelevant, frightened, or of being disloyal to the plea or to the scriptures, or to the witness of Churches of Christ.

We will be ready to negotiate when we can come to the conference table, not with a "majority statement" of what is supposed to be the "position of Churches of Christ," but rather when we come with others to seek from the scriptures, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what is the mind of Christ for the church in this age. We will become increasingly willing to do this as we learn to respect the honestly held

convictions of others in love, and as we thus manifest within our own brotherhood something of the unity for which Christ prayed.

But even if such negotiations were successful, they would not mean that we had achieved uniformity of belief nor the elimination of differences. It would simply mean that in love and mutual respect for one another's convictions, we had been able to find an organic unity that would encourage the world to believe that God had sent Christ.

—G. R. Stirling (A.C.T.)

HOW THE BLESSED WERE LOST

To the Editor,

Recently I checked over a minister's record of members. I was getting a roll of all members up-to-date. In this process I found four names marked "married and left district" and no new address. As I looked through the marriage register I found that that minister conducted their weddings. Why did he not ask for their new address and arrange a transfer to another church? Other persons were marked "married and left district" with no indication as to their married name and address. Others were marked "left district" and "isolated" and in both cases a parent, still in active membership in the church, could furnish their address upon asking for it. Thus a number of young persons were on record until marriage and then the pastoral oversight lapsed. Maybe statistics in year books tell a story of Could Not Care Less.

I feel we require more adequate records and a more efficient transfer procedure.

(Name and address supplied).

WHO LOVES WHOM?

To the Editor,

There is sometimes a naive acceptance of a popular idea concerning Christian teaching.

Question: Who is my neighbour?

Answer: Why! Everybody is your neighbour!

Response: The law as approved by Jesus (Matthew 22: 39 and Luke 10: 27-28) says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

If that is the law and everybody is my neighbour, I must love those who attacked and robbed me as much as I love myself; likewise the priest who passed me by and the Levite who had no time for me as well as the stranger who showed kindness.

Since normally I do not love anyone more than I love myself and I must love everybody as much as I love myself I must feel no difference in my love toward the attacker, the indifferent, and the helper.

Does God demand the impossible or the ridiculous? In a legal document we occasionally find that certain words are defined as meaning this or that in the particular law or award. This is exactly what we find in the record of the Good Samaritan as told by Jesus (Luke 10: 27-37). The lawyer asked: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus gave the illustrated reply and asked which of the three was neighbour to him who fell among thieves; obviously meaning that they were not all neighbours to him, and to love as he loved himself applied only between the injured man and the one who showed kindness.

There the law ends but Jesus goes further. The law demands only justice but Jesus calls for better than justice. He told the lawyer to go and do as the Samaritan had done, an action and attitude of higher order than the law demanded.

Free from the law! Are we?

—E. L. Button (N.S.W.).

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OPEN FORUM

ON UNITY

To the Editor,

There should surely be a word of caution spoken about any "barging" moves to enter negotiations on Church Unity. There are surely some important points which should be considered before moves of this nature be made.

1. Is it wise to enter negotiations with a Uniting Church before a definite doctrinal statement has been produced as being the Biblical and spiritual basis for that union? I am sure there are a number who would like to know more than has been published so far before they enter any blind moves to unite.

2. Will the United Church include the teachings of such men as Professor Geering whose radical views many find difficult to accept? This is a brand of theology which will obviously pass on to students who will become future ministers in the United Church.

3. Will the United Church have ministers who are modernistic, and who do not believe in the necessity of conversion for salvation? (I have personally visited a number of denominational churches and have found that the gospel is never preached and generally spiritual deadness exists). Surely the preaching for converts is far more important than lengthy discussions as to whether there should be two or three liturgical prayers in a church service, etc.

While there must be Christian love and tolerance shown to all, there are scriptural teachings on which there can be no compromise. The division today does not appear to be so much between denominations as between those who

accept the inspiration and authority of scripture, and those who do not. The division between evangelism and universalism still exists.

As to union, it begins with discussion, the next step is negotiation leading obviously to organic union. It is interesting to note the role Rome is playing now in entering discussions.

Surely there are more than myself asking—As a brotherhood, if we continue in moves to organic unity, just where are we heading?

—Graeme Jackel (Vic.)

NEW TESTAMENT WORDS

To the Editor,

I think a word of appreciation is due to R. T. Pittman for the series of articles on Greek words and their meanings, which concluded in the "Christian" earlier this year. Those who sat under Mr. Pittman at the College of the Bible, during the many years of his service there, will not need to be reminded of his calibre as a Greek scholar and exponent. It was a commendable gesture, that in his retirement the "Christian" should use his services as a correspondent. I would like to see the Federal Literature Department gather these articles together in a small booklet, that could be well used by presidents, laypreachers, and indeed most ministers as an aid to correct exegesis of the scripture they quote. The value of the articles by Mr. Pittman is that they cover most of the major words and terms on which we base much of our doctrine and theology. At times when I have been tempted to be just a little "sneaky" with my exegesis, a mental image of "Pitty" seated at his desk in the lecture room has been sufficient to send me over to the bookshelves for some help from the Greek.

THE MINISTRY

To the Editor,

My immediate reaction to the comments of G. J. Lord (Open Forum 9/3/68) was simply that this fledgling sure has not been around much.

I tested my reaction by asking several other folk for their opinions of the letter. Some suggestions were unprintable, but the general feeling agreed with my own instant appraisal, and thus confirmed my prejudices!

Mr. Lord's description of the ministry in terms of "men of sorrows, etc." is very apt. After all, these phrases were used of Jesus, who warned that the servant was to expect no better treatment than his master.

I am alarmed at the blindness which persists within our enlightened Christian community:

We sing—"We're a happy lot of people"—and we're not!

We sing—"We are not divided"—and we are!

We say—"Christ is pre-eminent"—and we're kidding ourselves!

Maybe I just don't have the same magic wand which others use. Let's start facing some facts! Stop excusing ourselves! (or pitying ourselves, as the case may be). Stop defending our congregations! I have an inkling that if Paul was in on these discussions, there would really be some skin and hair flying. A few ministers would be sacked, and a few "lay popes" would topple from their pedestals.

—Kev. Jenner (Qld.)

LOVE AND VIETNAM

To the Editor,

With reference to "A.C." March 23, I offer for Dr. Crowley's consideration, the definition of love by Bishop Stephen Neill . . . "love is the steady direction of the will towards another's lasting good."

Though God "foresaw the likely consequences" and the present deplorable condition of man brought about by human wilfulness, He continues to extend the steady direction of His will for our lasting good. To Him there never is the occasion that "it is too late."

To imply that protests and demonstrations are simply associated with hot impulses and emotionalism is to deny the resolute conviction of so many that war and Christ are incompatible.

I believe Christian teaching is being tailored for the world as it is—there is nothing we can do now about the world as it was in 1955—surely the time to show concern is today—in fact that's the only time we have to do so.

I am convinced that love must never stoop to the use of force, because it then is no longer love. Therefore I must attempt to mould the conscience of my society in order to express my love for my neighbour.

And very soberly, after much research, thought and prayer, I am constrained to demonstrate against what I am convicted is morally wrong and contrary to His will today!

—Jack Manallack (W.A.)

COLLEGE MAGAZINES

To the Editor,

I understand that there has been some unhappiness in recent months on the matter of the distribution of theological students' magazines. There have been charges of "poaching" on each other's "territory." These charges come not from the students but college supporters.

I want to make it clear that we will welcome and do our best to promote the distribution of Woolwich and Glen Iris magazines in Queensland. In fact we will gladly do this for any projects of our sister colleges. All the colleges are Australia-wide in coverage and therefore the welfare of each one is vital to the whole Australian brotherhood.

—James H. Jauncey (Qld.)

OUR AUTHORITY?

To the Editor,

Recently we found ourselves confronted with statements in cold print by E. S. Sanders and Alan Matheson rejecting certain teachings of the Bible.

Mr. Sanders rejects the physical resurrection of Christ and believers, and in so doing he rejects the authority of the scriptures. Mr. Matheson says the Bible contains the Word of God, and that gifted medical workers, etc., are the Word of God for homosexuals today. He says, "We cannot lift a 1st century comment on such an issue and apply it to the 20th century." He should read 1st century history on homosexuality. A disregard for the Bible as the final authority is most disturbing.

Our solidarity years ago centred in the Bible, and our forefathers shouted, "Where the Bible speaks we speak," and with their mighty messages they hammered out, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Our only reason for existence as the restoration movement is that we returned to the Bible as our final authority in all things—thereby eliminating heresy—once more we find ourselves challenged to do the same thing, but this time right in our own camp.

—Arnold C. Caldicott (Qld.)

LOST VISION

To the Editor,

Alan Matheson ("A.C." March 23), must surely have let his heart run away with his head. He can be excused for feeling deep compassion for men involved in compulsive sin. Those who quoted 1 Cor. 6: 9 were perhaps remiss in only quoting the condemning note. Verse 11 ought also to have been given as this shows that there is a place of cleansing for the homosexual, and even a place in the Kingdom of God for him. It would seem that some had their place in the Corinth Church, but they were "cleansed." Cleansing essentially presupposes "confession" and renunciation of the sin. John wrote: "If we confess our sins (not excuse them) he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I am with Mr. Matheson in his concern for people thus afflicted, and believe that the Church could no doubt do more for their salvation. But it would seem from the Word of God that cleansing, salvation, and the Kingdom of God are all dependent on the recog-

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nition of sin as sin, and confession of it as such.

My greater concern is with his attitude to the Word of God. I am perplexed to find that some do not understand, or else completely repudiate the basic premise of our movement. The Declaration and Address says, inter alia ". . . the New Testament is as perfect a constitution for the worship, discipline, and government of the New Testament Church, and as perfect a rule for the particular duties of its members, as the Old Testament was for the worship, discipline, and government of the Old Testament Church, and the particular duties of its members."

The appeal of the Movement to the Scriptures as the sole and final authority on all matters of faith and conduct goes without saying. Such axioms as "Where the Bible speaks we speak . . .", shows that the Movement accepted "1st Century comment" as applying, at least in the 19th Century, and it has been the habit of most of us to accept it in the 20th Century, also. The early Movement accepted the Bible as the Word of God, into the genius of its platform, and to the Bible, and the Bible alone, it has looked for an authoritative word on all matters of faith and conduct.

The Word of God at one time said, "Where there is no vision the people perish." It may be that it is saying it again to us today.

—E. Bruce Clapp (W.A.)

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J. W. GORDON,
Chairman

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

THE PROMISED LAND

To the Editor,

I watched the newsreel of the late Martin Luther King saying prophetically to his people, "I have seen the Promised Land. I may not go into it with you. But I have seen it and you will go into it, to freedom and dignity and love."

Through the mist of tears I too began to see the Promised Land. A man's colour was no longer important. Each man took his fellow's hand and called him "Brother!" And they didn't "learn war any more." And I began to pray for the Promised Land.

Then I was jolted into remembering that the Lord said, "Go up and possess the land." And suddenly I had a feeling for the Israelites who preferred to go back to "the fleshpots of Egypt." I thought that the fleshpots of Australia are more important to us than going with God and our depressed and beaten brothers to possess the Promised Land. After all fleshpots are more comfortable than crosses. Who really wants to bear a cross?

I found myself praying, "Let this cup pass from me."

It takes a Martin Luther King to pray, "Nevertheless not my will but thine be done," and mean it. Why do these things happen to disturb our complacency?

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CO-OPERATION IN UNITY.

The afternoon and the evening Christian Women's Fellowship groups once functioned as separate entities. Now they are amalgamated as one organisation under one Executive. Previously all council meetings were held at 11 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Now, to meet the convenience of those who are unable to attend day meetings, the February, August and November meetings are held in the evening.

Our ladies are not only interested in internal co-operation and unity but also in external. They are represented on Australian Church Women, Inter-Church Council of Women (Fellowship Day, Community Day, Fellowship of the Least Coin), World Day of Prayer, Travellers' Aid Society, National Council of Women, B. & F.B.S., Inter-Church Trade & Industry Mission Women's Committee, Sunday Christian Observance Council. A representative also attends the monthly meetings of the Federal Dept. of Christian Union.

STEWARDSHIP:

"Experts" is the only adequate way to describe our women in their handling of money and their financial support of brotherhood enterprises. Perhaps their experience in the hard school of domestic finance, where they must often

make a little go a long way, contributes to their skill as Christian stewards. The Christian Women's Fellowship purchased and maintains "Ludbrook House," a home for missionaries on furlough, which constantly meets some families' need. Annual contributions are made to the College of the Bible, Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, and Overseas Mission Dept. through a small weekly amount given by each C.W.F. member. The amounts for these departments in 1966 and 1967 were as follows:

College: \$354, \$340; Home Missions: \$1,770, \$1,703; Overseas Mission: \$1,416, \$1,362.

In addition a "Golden Bags" appeal is made each year and the proceeds devoted to some special brotherhood cause. This "second mile" giving yields approximately \$1,000 each year. Recent recipients have been the Brotherhood Centre, Dept. of Christian Education, College of the Bible, Dept. of H.M. & Evang. and "The Australian Christian." As a further extra, in 1967 \$420 was raised to help support a State School deaconess.

Add to this record of good works, strong faith, spiritual power, devotion to Christ and his cause, practical Christian living and concern, and we begin to discern why our women are an indispensable part of and mean so much to the work of Christ in the local congregation and in the brotherhood.

GOD ON THE TELEPHONE

(Vic.). In 1967, over thirty million calls were registered by the P.M.G. against the 10 'phone numbers listed on page 5 of the telephone directory. Whilst most of these calls were for the time, the weather, or sports results, it is clear that this page must be referred to millions of times each year. This colossal figure is almost unbelievable, it seems hardly credible that, of all the pages in the directory, this one page should be so frequently referred to.

In Sydney, as well as overseas, this circumstance has been accepted by the Christian Broadcaster as representing opportunity with a capital "O." Thousands of people ring up each week for either a Bible reading, a prayer, or a brief message. Now this service is to come to Melbourne and with the publication of the new directory in May, 1968, daily Bible readings may be heard by dialling 61-021 on your Melbourne telephone.

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Cheques and other gifts payable to "Christian Telephone Ministry Equipment Fund," forwarded through the British and Foreign Bible Society, Bible House, 241 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, or to Box 182, P.O. Camberwell, Victoria, 3124, would be gratefully accepted.

It should be emphasised, however, that the main purpose of this article is not to ask for financial assistance, but to solicit the prayers of God's people and their practical support in making this new out-reach known to their friends and neighbours, and to have it publicised through local church magazines and the local press.

"RAIL PIX"—A PROGRAMME IDEA

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INTERSTATE NEWS

TO MEET THE GOVERNOR

(Margaret St., Launceston, Tas.). Tony Crawford has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for services rendered to the Cub movement over many years. The award will be made by the Governor of Tasmania . . . Miss Rosalie Rofe spoke to the church about New Guinea on March 17 and showed slides to an after-church gathering . . . Support was given to the Devonport Tent Mission . . . Stewardship Planned Giving programme commenced on March 11 . . . Over 200 attended Coffee Pot night on March 10.

RE-ELECTED

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). Apart from G. Ladner, who did not stand for re-election, all deacons and deaconesses were returned to office. S. R. Thomson's term as an elder was renewed for a further three years. Copies of the Summary of Reports were given beforehand to each family. These reports showed a year of progress in all areas of the church's life, especially heartening being the work amongst the young people. . . . S. G. Taylor continues in an unconscious state in the Fremantle Hospital.

STUDENT MINISTER WELCOMED

(Strathmore, Vic.). The church has asked student preacher Graeme Marsh to minister until the end of the year. His wife, Carol, is also giving splendid assistance . . . A family picnic was held at Carrum on Labour Day. Twelve car loads attended . . . The B.S. Sec. has undergone surgery at Masonic Hosp. . . . Sympathy is extended to the Baldry family at the loss of Mrs. Baldry's father . . . C.Y.F. members have painted the church vestry and organised other repairs.

TEAM TO COLAC

(Vic.). The Latrobe Terrace minister, T. Holmes, and 15 young people took the services on March 24. We had fellowship tea at night. Two Geelong young people gave an item at night. The fellowship of these folk was much enjoyed . . . Miss H. Crisp and P. Callagh, teaching at school in the district, have shared in fellowship.

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CHURCH & CORRESPONDENCE

(Lismore, N.S.W.). Church is now offering a free Bible Correspondence Course to listeners of our radio session over 2LM. 21 students have enrolled . . . A competition encourages young teenagers to attend gospel services. Two new youth groups, C.E. Youth Club for over 16 years, and Intermediate C.E. for 12-16 years, were initiated at an initial meeting, banquet and Grouch Night at Goonellabah. 35 young people attended swim and barbecue at Lennox Head . . . Prayer meeting group is attending District Life and Witness classes for Graham Crusade conducted by minister, H. C. Wheat . . . E. Walker, an elder, has celebrated his 91st birthday. He rides his bike to attend both services each Sunday . . . Rodney Feldahn from Kenmore Christian College has been farewelled and Ian Berthelsen is now assisting in the work at Goonellabah.

17 BAPTISM CANDIDATES

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). It is expected that at least 17 candidates will be baptised on March 31. The new minister is Roger Foletta, who, with his wife and baby, arrived in February . . . A number of new scholars are in the B.S. of which Bob Bignill is now Supt. . . . A small hall built at the side of the chapel is now in use and is much appreciated . . . Number in attendance at services is growing. 75 were present at night on March 3 when a film was shown.

SIR COLIN AND THE FUND

(Dulwich, S.A.). Annual meeting of women of combined local churches, held in Roman Catholic hall, was addressed by Sir Colin Thornby, Deputy Director-General of Save the Children Fund . . . In mock imitation of the Festival of Arts, C.W.F. held an "Arts and Tarts" night . . . Christian Men's Society has undertaken to support Daryl Graham, 10-year-old aboriginal boy in one of our W.A. missions . . . Kevin Edwards preached on March 17 in absence of S. Neighbour on conference president duties . . . L. Brune, Misses J. Russell and M. Glover, and Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright are on a six months' overseas tour.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

(Dalby, Qld.). M. H. A. Pieper visited as Qld. Conference President on March 17 and spoke to the church . . . The C.Y.F. held a barbecue and social to which the Chinchilla and Toowoomba Y.P. groups contributed. Proceeds will aid a "This is It" Mission to young people in May . . . The church fully supports the Billy Graham landlines programme. The C.Y.F. have attended the counselling classes as part of their programme.

NOT THERE FOR HARVEST

(Forestville, S.A.). Mrs. Tippett is in hospital. This is the first time in memory that Mrs. Tippett has not had a large share of preparing the harvest display . . . Jill Lunnay was visiting soloist for Harvest Festival . . . F Grade won tennis premiership. Junior boys won the zone premiership . . . Young people enjoyed a hike in National Park . . . Dawn Lovell entered Emmaus Bible College, Sydney. Home Mission committee visited Dorcas ladies. C.W.F. shared birthday meeting with Everard Park Rest Home, 75 present. W. A. Russell will act as Chaplain at rest home . . . Leighton Ford invitations were distributed on March 24 . . . C. L. Smith is minister.

CRUSADE SHARING

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). Several members report great benefit from attending the Life and Witness Classes preparatory to the Billy Graham Crusade. Crusade prayer meetings are held at the homes of Mrs. L. Agnew and Mrs. Lovell . . . B.S. picnic was held at Bronte on March 16.

MINISTER ASSISTANT

(Epping, N.S.W.). David Mill, student-assistant, was extended the right-hand of fellowship, with his wife . . . On Crusade Sunday the chairman and members of local Billy Graham Cabinet, gave a summary of preparation for the April Crusade. At night the film "Southern Cross Crusade" was screened. . . . Miss R. Rofe visited the mid-week meeting to tell of our work in New Guinea . . . The Eastwood Pipe Band led the march of the Girls' and Boys' Brigades to attend the church enrolment service.

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR VIETNAM PEACE

The President of the Australian Council of Churches called on local churches everywhere to make Sunday, April 21, a day of prayer for peace in Vietnam.

The President, the Rt. Rev. Norman Faichney, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, issued the call in the following statement:

"President Johnson's action in ordering the de-escalation of bombing in North Vietnam, and the willingness of Hanoi to open peace talks, has been welcomed around the world.

"If the peace talks can be successfully concluded, this will provide the opportunity for a possible end to the dreadful suffering in Vietnam.

"Believing, as we do, that God, as the Father of all men, desires the peace of his children, and that he is the author of all peace, we call on the Church throughout Australia to unite in prayer for peace on Sunday, April 21, the Sunday before Anzac Day.

"In the name of the Prince of Peace, we invite the churches in all communities to pray, at appropriate services on that day, for peace in Vietnam."

62 AT HILTON

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). There was an encouraging record attendance of 62 at Hilton on March 31. At Fremantle that evening five persons were immersed . . . Guest speaker at Fremantle on April 7 was A. H. Coleman, of Kalgoorlie church. Mrs. Coleman also renewed fellowship with this church of which both were members for several years . . . Elder emeritus, F. J. Vanstan, died on March 31, just on 90 years of age. For several years he had been unable to attend the services. His passing has broken the only remaining link with the first decade of Fremantle church's history.

THINGS TO COME

- QUEENSLAND**
- APRIL:**
20 — Opening of New Hall—Toowoomba. 2.30 p.m.
25 — Caloundra's 21st year of camping.
Opening of Boy's Dorm and Cabin Unit.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
- APRIL:**
17-22 — Church Life Conf. at Broken Hill. C. H. Dow leading.
26, 27 — Teachers' Camp Sthn. Dist. Conf., Pt. Sturt. C. H. Dow leading.
- VICTORIA**
- APRIL:**
21-27—VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE.
- MAY:**
EXPLORERS' SERVICE MONTH
5 — ANNUAL OFFERING — DEPART. OF CHRISTIAN EDUC.
5 — C.Y.F. District Conf. (2 areas).
13-16 — Good Companions' 11 years-old Camp.
14 — Impact.
24-25 — TASMANIAN DISTRICT CONF.
24-June 2 — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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The other response was an explosion of violence throughout America that has already cost more than 30 lives. The man who preached and practised non-violence became, in his death, the stimulus for arson, looting, and murder. The nation had already feared that the summer would bring disturbances but the hot season suddenly became a much more menacing prospect.

Dr. King gave himself to the cause of removing some of the injustices which still afflict his people. After a hundred years of emancipation, true freedom and equality were still withheld. Almost all of the discriminatory legislation had been removed from the statute books of the States in the past few years. This battle had been hard to win, but harder still was the task of getting that victory translated into new actions and attitudes. It is one thing to change the laws, it is quite another matter to change men's hearts. A spiritual transplant is still awaited. In spite of all that has been accomplished, the Negroes are still refused a fair share of their country's wealth and opportunities.

They live in decaying urban areas and ghettos; equal educational facilities are denied them; trade unions almost invariably reject Negro applications for membership. Because of the lack of adequate education and the closed doors to employment, there is idleness and ignorance. The ignorance and idleness lead to crime, and the crime rate is then used to justify the very restrictions which produced the evils.

Standing out against the violent extremists who argued that there is no solution but guns, petrol bombs and mounting terror, Martin Luther King called his people to a Ghandi-like passive resistance which was slowly, but many believed surely, winning its way to a genuine partnership of black and white. But the assassin's bullet has shown that too many Americans will refuse to give any substance to the political promises for a new deal for the Negro. A few communities have made honest and successful efforts but, for the most part, the nation treated the problem with indifference, and resented even peaceful protests.

It was this indifference and resentment which killed Dr. King, and the nation which refused to pay the high cost of justice for its black minority is now paying a higher price for continuing injustice.

Way back in 1963 Martin Luther King preached a sermon on Matt. 10: 16, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." He called his sermon, "A Tough Mind, and a Tender Heart." It was a strong call for right, an adamant demand for justice. But it was also a description of his own Christian life and witness.

We salute Martin Luther King, and applaud both his toughness and his tenderness. We pray that others will bring to reality his vision of victory without war.

ABORIGINAL BAPTISM

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). There have been two baptisms, one being an aboriginal woman from "The Pines." . . . Mrs. Benz has helped at gospel services with song . . . Mr. Hammer spoke at a recent morning service and Mr. Wilson has shown films on the work of Missions to Lepers.

\$1100 ON TEMPLE DAY

(Warragul, Vic.). E. W. Roffey was guest speaker at the church anniversary on March 17. The Temple Day offering amounted to \$1,100 including \$450 from C.W.A.F. and \$100 from C.W.E.F. C.W.E.F. members provided dinner for church members and visitors . . . Church has farewelled Alan Austin and Neil Chandler who are studying at Melb. Univ. and Pharmacy College . . . The church sympathises with Mrs. Martin in the death of her husband, A. Martin . . . The annual business meeting elected: Elder, T. Daff, and secretary, N. Symes. Appreciative references were made to the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Weir. A. Fox presented a comprehensive plan for forward move to annual meeting . . . R. Hillier, of D.C.E., discussed proposed new curriculum with Board and B.S. teachers on March 18.

S.A. CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK, MAY 5-12, 1968

The theme will be "Families serve a Changing Age." Churches should plan immediately to ensure the success of the week. Use the week to reach families in your area. Stress the importance of the Christian family. Plan now for: Special Sunday services, family outing or family social, discussion groups on family responsibility, mother and daughter, and father and son evenings.

Special films are available for discussion and inspiration. Also literature on marriage and family life.

S.A. ENGAGED COUPLES COURSE

Eighteen young people enrolled in the March course and received the benefit of the five lectures on different aspects of married life. Films and discussions with lecturers and between themselves, made the course both interesting and helpful.

We are now receiving applications for the June and September courses, and will be grateful if church papers will publicise the date and ministers will forward names of young people planning to be married after June and September.

SPECIAL PIANO FUND

(Edwardstown, S.A.). A social arranged by the choir launched a special appeal towards a new piano, which they hope to present to the church for its 10th anniversary . . . Mr. Thomson is new Supt. for the Intermediate B.S. Mr. Fairclough is assisting in the Bible class. B.S. picnic was again held at Longully . . . Dr. Keith Crowley led in discussion on Christian marriage at a youth tea. Dr. Crowley also addressed the evening service . . . For their March meeting the Women's Fellowship went out in small groups to visit the older ladies of the church . . . Miss Judith Caudle made her decision at recent evening service . . . Many members have been involved with the Leighton Ford Crusade as counsellors, choir members and in house to house visitation.

BUILDING PLAN ACCEPTED

(Ulverstone, Tas.). The annual meeting decided to accept the master-plan for new buildings submitted by architect Ray Drayton of Melbourne. It will be developed in sections commencing immediately. Recent alterations to the Bass Highway have placed the chapel in a strategic centre . . . At the elections R. Corbett and G. Sinfield were appointed. J. Richardson is new church secretary, and Mrs. B. Williams, church treasurer.

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Chorus presented John W. Peterson's Cantata "The Sound of Singing" and other items at an after-church fellowship. Youth services are now held on the second Sunday of each month . . . The S.S. celebrated its 95th anniversary on March 31 with special services . . . Mr. Slee from Hamlyn Hgts. Methodist, was guest speaker. At night the film "The Haunted Church Bell" was screened. Three decided for Christ and were baptized the following week.

OVER 21

(Subiaco, W.A.). The "Over 21 Club" had its first meeting for the year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee. Mr. Manallack was speaker . . . The C.W.F. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wishart. The speaker was Mrs. Box who will represent Australia at the W.C.C. Fourth Assembly in Sweden. Young people conducted evening service on March 17. Eric Englund was the leader, Coral Hepworth read the lesson and Alan Harrison played the guitar and sang a duet with Marilyn Blakemore.

GREEKS SHARE SERVICE

(Northcote, Vic.). The evening service on April 7 was unique in that it was combined with the Greek brethren who use our kindergarten hall each Sunday for their services. Nine Greeks were baptized, one being a very old gentleman. The service was interpreted by one of the Greek brethren. It was a most impressive service conducted by our minister, Mr. Withers. The morning service was a Church School recognition service. Teachers, scholars and parents were present. Presentations were made to Robert Huggan and Graham Dawson prior to their leaving for Vietnam . . . Recent speakers have been W. Gale, A. van Leen and K. Gluyas.



R. N. GILMORE

Y.F.C. TEEN TEAM FROM N.Z.

(Melb.). A Youth for Christ team of teenagers from N.Z. will be featured at the next Y.F.C. rally at Melb. Town Hall on April 27. The guest speaker will be Geo. Johansson, National Director of Y.F.C., N.Z., and the artists will include guitarists, soloists, a pianiste, and a saxophonist. The rally will be compered by Clive Stebbins with Brian Tizzard leading the singing.

NEW CURRICULUM CONSIDERED

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Ron Hillier, of the Federal Board of Christian Educ., met with the officers and S.S. teachers to discuss the new S.S. lessons curriculum . . . The C.M.S. arranged a church family picnic at Geelong's Eastern Beach on Labour Day . . . Parents and friends attended evening service for Good Companions' graduation . . . Frank Richards told the C.M.F. about his experiences on the New Guinea mission field . . . Mrs. Cromarty and Mrs. Jenkins of the C.W.F. Prayer Committee conducted discussion groups at C.W.F. . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods were distributed between the College of the Bible and a local family.

HORNSBY MEMBERS SERVE

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). At the recent annual conference the following Hornsby members were re-appointed to serve on Conference Committees: Ron Bartholomew, D. A. Oldfield, T. Smith (Boys' Home Committee), Mrs. Ron Bartholomew (Ashwood House Com.), Mrs. D. A. Oldfield and Mrs. T. Smith (C.W.F. Boys' Home Com.). . . . 24 church members shared in the Billy Graham Crusade Threshold Visitation on April 6 . . . Brigade members held their monthly parade on April 6. A teenage lass made her decision.

FOR UPPSALA . . .



H. F. GROSS

The Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held at Uppsala, Sweden, in July of this year. Our Australian Churches of Christ have appointed two representatives to attend the assembly. They are Harold F. Gross, who is at present in England, and R. Neil Gilmore who serves with the church at Brighton, Victoria.

Our Federal Department of Christian Union has a travel fund which meets some of the cost for our delegates, but needs \$1,000 from our Australian churches to meet the total expenses. Interested members may help to meet the total costs by forwarding donations directly to the secretary of the Department of Christian Union, A. B. Dowsett, 173 Bell St., Coburg, Victoria, 3058, or by handing them to their church secretary or treasurer, before April 30.

ROUND-UP . . .

MISSIONARY NEWS

Returning for Furlough

Dr. and Mrs. T. Thomas and family return for furlough in April. It is expected that they will leave Bombay on the "Chandpara" on April 11. The Thomas's first went to India in Feb., 1963, and have served the mission well in Dhond Hospital and medical work in the villages.

Returning to the Fields

Dr. and Mrs. Coulter return to the New Hebrides on April 10 after spending 12 months' leave of absence in New Zealand. On the same day, Rosalie Rofe and Noela Mobbs return to New Guinea after furlough. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher leave for the New Hebrides on April 7 after spending 18 months in Australia on leave of absence. They have been transferred to the New Hebrides from New Guinea.

Please pray for these missionaries as they resume missionary service overseas.

Translation of Scriptures

Progress is being made in translating the scriptures in the New Hebrides. Keith Ludgater is establishing a Translators' Workshop at Londua to train New Hebrideans to translate the scriptures into their own language. Portions of the scriptures have been translated into the Ndul Ndul language.

Progress is also being made on Maewo and the book of James has been translated into the Nasawa language by Mr. Combridge. Concerning this, Miss R. Edgell writes, "This week we have had another occasion for rejoicing. After 10 years of language study and translation work, the first part of the Bible has been printed in Nasawa language. It is the Book of James, 'Ululiana ni James.' 'Writings of James.' The actual translation has been done for some considerable time, but this had to be checked and rechecked before it could be printed. This week saw the printing done. Last night we had a thanksgiving service and Mr. Combridge presented everyone with a copy. All they have to do now is learn to read it! This will not be difficult for those who can read English as there are only a couple of sounds written differently. Those who can't read at all will have to learn the alphabet, which is not as large as ours, and as each sound says what it says and nothing else (unlike English!) it should not take them long to pick it up. The Gospel of Luke, which has already been translated, is next to be printed. Mark's Gospel is almost finished being translated. Mr. Combridge is hoping to get both of these printed before he leaves here in September."

Snake at Church Business Meeting

Snakes are common in New Guinea and Aileen Draney recently wrote concerning one that appeared at a church business meeting. "Monday afternoon I went down to Bunapas for a church business meeting. We had had a terrific storm at lunch time and so nobody went with me. Two of the bridges have been washed away over the last few days with the storms that we have had that have caused swollen creeks. The church meeting was well under way when one of the New Guineans called out, 'Look out, sister, a snake.' There just above Jan's head was a snake. He was soon knocked about a lot and we thought that he was dead. Earle Chislett put him at the back of the church. Later on it was found that the snake had gone. It didn't go far though and this time they made sure that it was dead. Jan mentioned this part over the wireless this morning. Also last night some Tung folk who were in the maternity ward at Bunapas told her that the new baby was being held by her mother and when the mother went to put the baby in the bilum (string bag) there was a snake curled up asleep. Let's hope that there are no more."

Baptism at Tumba, New Guinea

It is expected that 20 people will be baptized at Tumba in New Guinea during Easter. It is encouraging to see the numerical and spiritual growth of the Church in New Guinea.

RADIO VOICE OF GOSPEL BEGINS TESTING IN FAR EAST

(Addis Ababa). Extension of Radio Voice of the Gospel broadcasts into the Far East in the national Chinese language of Mandarin will add a potential 500 million listeners to the station's audience.

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R.V.O.G. programmes are broadcast in 19 languages throughout Africa and the Middle East. Built by the Lutheran World Federation, R.V.O.G. is affiliated in broadcasting with the Co-ordinating Committee for Christian Broadcasting (C.C.C.B.).—E.P.S.

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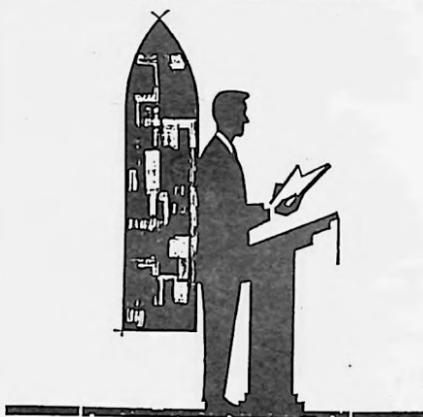
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CENTRAL AND NORTHERN

(Castlemaine, Vic.). Central and Northern Dist. Conf. was held here on March 2. R. V. Amos and Miss R. Rofe were guest speakers. The annual business meeting elected Norm Mark as treasurer . . . The church participated in the Home and Family Week in Castlemaine, April 1-7. Mrs. Nornington and Miss Laversha are convalescing at home . . . The sympathy of the church is extended to our minister, Mr. Jackel, in the loss of his sister, Mrs. E. Campbell, on March 27 at Wangaratta . . . Mr. Gray from Melbourne, was guest speaker on March 10. Mr. Jackel attended the Back-to-St. Arnaud celebrations as one of the guest speakers.

EARLE CHISLETT BACK

(Robinvale, Vic.). A warm welcome home to Earle Chislett after nine months' voluntary service in New Guinea. Earle left with the C.Y.F.-C.E. work camp on July 2 for three months and stayed for a further six months. On April 7 Earle shared in the gospel service, with slides to tell of his experiences . . . A farewell presentation to Robyn Chislett, who will soon be residing in Ringwood as Mrs. Ken Geyer, was made by the church. Robyn has been a most active member, Supt. of C.E., teacher in the B.S., and for many years the Supt. of the kinders. . . A young lad was received into membership . . . "Crossroads of History," an Ansvar archaeological film, was screened . . . C.Y.F. attended Swan Hill "Teeners" film night.

MINISTER TO CONTINUE

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). A. E. Stevens has accepted a further term of three years as minister. During the past year there were 18 additions, 14 through faith and baptism (seven from the B.S.) . . . The under-shepherd plan has recommenced, whereby the minister and the members are together responsible for the pastoral work . . . The church is proceeding with arrangements to purchase an organ. A good sum of money has been raised by the Ladies' Aid through the sale of newspapers. C.W.E.F. are raising a large amount through catering. Mrs. Archbold has been accepted by Wycliffe Bible Translators for work in New Guinea . . . Four ladies attended the camp at Hall's Gap . . . Mr. Mountjoy is recovering from an eye operation.

BOARD PLANS ADVANCE

(Preston, Vic.). The Board has had series of meetings with auxiliary leaders on future activity and witness of the church . . . The minister, assisted in song by Mrs. Quaife, conducted evening worship at "Lumeah" Presbyterian Aged Folks' Home . . . Y.P. Club had Adrian van Leen, student asst. at Thornbury, to speak on "The Why and How of the Ministry." On Labour Day they went on a hike at Werribee Gorge . . . 16 young people camped at Tallawalla, Toolangi, March 15-17 . . . Seven ladies attended Missionary Camp at Hall's Gap . . . Miss Rosalie Rofe was guest speaker at the manse on March 18.

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Preacher: G. K. MOYES, B.A. Subject: "Rise Up—And Live!"
Items by Churches of Christ Choral Society and Essendon Part Time Singers.
Offering—Conference costs and Preachers' Provident Fund.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

NICHOLAS HALL — 150 LONSDALE ST., MELBOURNE

- MONDAY, APRIL 22, 7.30 p.m.**
Affiliations, Briar Hill and Rochester. Conference Executive Report. Devotions. Focus: Department of Home Missions & Evangelism.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 7.15 p.m.**
Motions—alteration to constitution. Christian Women's Fellowship report. Focus: Overseas Mission Department. Motion: School Education about alcohol. Devotions. Department of Christian Union report.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 7.15 p.m.**
Literature Department report. Motion: Co-operating with Joint Board. Focus: College of the Bible. Devotions. Aborigines' Mission Department report.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7.45 p.m.**
Motion: War in Vietnam. Focus: Department of Christian Education. Devotions. Department of Social Service report. Unfinished business.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 7.30 p.m.**
Properties Department report. Election results. **INSPIRATIONAL—The Campbell Singers; Presidential Address, Graham H. Gilmour; Induction of new President.**

SECTIONAL SESSIONS

- MINISTERS' and SECRETARIES' TEA.**
Monday, April 22, 5.45 p.m.—Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Address: I. J. CHIVELL, secretary, South Australian Conference. "Through a Conference Secretary's Eyes."
- MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.**
Tuesday, April 23, 9.45 a.m. and 2 p.m.—Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Morning: Guest speaker, I. J. CHIVELL, secretary South Australian Conference: "Effective Ministries in Congregation and Department." Discussion.
Afternoon: Address, I. J. CHIVELL.
"How Does/Should the Minister Treat the Church?"
"How Does/Should the Church Treat the Minister?" Business: 3 p.m.
- C.O.B. OLD BOYS' CLUB.**
Tuesday, April 23, 5.30 p.m.—Reception room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Annual Get-Together. Tea, Fellowship, Business.
- CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 82nd CONFERENCE.**
Wednesday, April 24, 10.15 a.m., 1.40 and 7.30 p.m.—St. Kilda Town Hall.
Organ recitals. Devotions. Reports. Business. Vocal items. Service of Commitment and Dedication. Afternoon speaker: Mrs. R. D. Main. Evening speaker: Principal Leon Morris.
- CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA and ANNUAL MEETING.**
Friday, April 26, 5.45 p.m.—Coles Cafeteria, 236 Bourke St., City.
Business. Election of Board. Items. **ALL MEN OF THE CHURCHES INVITED.**
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Miss Gwen Hansford from Brunswick to Ivanhoe, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood to The Patch; Miss Grace Carter, from Camberwell to The Patch.

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IN APPRECIATION

MY wife and I desire to express our sincere thanks to Brotherhood Departments and many kind friends throughout the Commonwealth and overseas for their prayers, cards, telegrams, letters, flowers and gifts during my recent illness. Their loving thoughtfulness was an inspiration. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. — Yours sincerely, ERNEST J. MILES.

THANK YOU

MR. & MRS. BART MANNING desire to thank all the friends who so kindly sent cards, telegrams, messages and gifts on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was a really wonderful time of fellowship. We thank God and take courage.

Miss Braden, to Briar Hill, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Cocks, Jennifer and Denise, from Naracoorte, to Edwardstown, S.A.
Mrs. Higgins, from Swan Hill to Shepparton, Vic.
Mrs. R. Burns, from York Street, Ballarat, to Northcote, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes, from Cottesloe to Fremantle, W.A.

MARRIAGES

Gaye Horsburch to Richard John Crisp, Taree, N.S.W.
Linelle Butts to Geoffry Morris, Hamilton, N.S.W.
Lynette Doyle to Douglas Mander-son, Bendigo, Vic.
Heather Medcroft to Warren York, North Perth, W.A.
Suzanne Staley to Alwyn O'Connor, Robinvale, Vic.
Fay Lovelace to Ray Noble, Castlemaine, Vic.
Elwyn Dowling to Gerald Blight, Footscray, Vic.
Lynette Summerton to Barry Taylor, Whyalla, S.A.
Christine Percival to Paul De Meyere, Fremantle, W.A.
Glenda Thomas to Ian Corlett, Gardiner, Vic.

DEATHS

Perce Talbot, Hamilton, N.S.W.
Mrs. Vera Price, The Patch, Vic.
Mrs. S. A. E. Broad; Alf R. Pollock, Bendigo, Vic.
Mrs. E. Rose, Footscray, Vic.
Frederick J. Vanstan, Fremantle, W.A.

GOLDEN WEDDING

PITTMAN-GIBSON. — On April 13, 1918, at Church of Christ, Glenelg, S.A., the marriage of Roland Ernest Pittman and Annie Vera Gibson was solemnised by Pastor H. R. Taylor. Present address: Unit 3, Dunhelm Court, 19 Dunbar Terrace, Glenelg East, 5045.

RUBY WEDDING

BAKER-PHILLIPS. — Arthur and Freda announce with thanks to God the 40th anniversary of their wedding solemnised at Moreland Church of Christ, Vic., by J. E. Webb on April 19, 1928. We are thankful for a Christian family, Ray and his wife Janet, Beverly and her husband Tom, and their children. Present address: 8 Galipoli-ave., Ettalong Beach, N.S.W., 2257.

PEARL WEDDING

WILLIAMS-ELLIS.—The family happily announces the pearl wedding anniversary of their parents (Ben and May), which was solemnised at Horsham Church of Christ on April 14, 1938, by J. Methven Snr. Home address: 6 Robinson-st., Clayton, Vic., 3168

BIRTHS

HAMMER (nee Wright). — To David and Lynne, a son — David Andrew. On January 28. Brother for Narelle. All happy in the charge given.

JOHNSTONE (nee Davidson). — To Nance and Eric, a daughter — Dawn Heather. Born March 4, 1968, at Diamond Valley Hospital, Greensborough, Vic.

MILLER (nee Nash).—On March 27, 1968, at Oakleigh Community Hospital, to Carole and Laurence, a son—Wayne Duncan. Both well.

TAYLOR (Hammer).—To Robert and Elsie, Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W., God has entrusted the care of a son—Lachlan Charles, born March 19.

ENGAGEMENT

BURTT-LEE.—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Burtt, of 20B Henry-st., Croydon, S.A., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Allison Margaret, to Wayne Douglas, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lee, of Langhorne Creek, S.A.

DEATHS

BUCKLEY, Mabel—Relict of the late Jonathon Buckley, mother and mother-in-law of June and Jack, grandma of Margaret, David, Brian and Leanne. April 4, 1968.

HANCOCK.—On April 2, James, "Blue Mists," Ridge-rd., Mt. Dandenong, loving husband of Ann. "Resting in God's care."

HANCOCK.—On April 2, James, of "Blue Mists," Ridge-rd., Mt. Dandenong, loved husband of the late Amanda, loved father of Harry (dec.), Ann (Mrs. Macdonald), and Alma (Mrs. Ross); loved father-in-law of Doris (dec.), Lindsay and Neville; dear grandfather of Sandra (dec.), Athol, Janice and Ian, David, Diane and Jim; Pa of Julie, Geoffrey and Neil, Vicki, Gary and Paul. "Always in our hearts."

TALBOT, Percival Clarence.—Suddenly on March 25, at his home, Adamstown, N.S.W., beloved husband of the late Agnes Talbot and dearly loved father and father-in-law of Bess and Lyall, Enid and Allan, Ron and Jean, Jean and Colin, Ken and Marie; loved Pop of their children. Elder "Emeritus," Church of Christ, Hamilton, N.S.W. "With the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

ANNETTS, Lexie.—In loving memory of a devoted wife, mother and grandma, called home April 15, 1965. "Some-day, sometime, we'll understand."—Inserted by Harold, Bill and Merle and family.

BERNETH, Lily Ethel. — In loving memory of my dear wife, our dear mother, mother-in-law, grandma and great-grandma, who departed this life on April 17, 1965. "In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore." — Always lovingly remembered by her husband, Albert, and family.

IN MEMORIAM

CUTCHIE. — Everlasting memories of Albert, who departed this life 11/4/66. Loved husband of Mary, dear Dad of Janice, Shirley and Barry; father-in-law of Harold and Gerald and Grandpa of Grant and Lyndell Howlett, Joanne, Andrew and Kim Mitchell. "Till we meet again."

HINRICHSEN, Bessie Olive and Albert.—Treasured and loving memories of our dear parents, called home to rest; Mother, April 25, 1963, and Father, Feb. 3, 1964. — By their family. "Until the day breaks."

STEPHENSON, Gertie.—Passed away at Subiaco, W.A., April 16, 1967. Lovingly remembered by her brothers and sister, Ernie, Arthur, Alice (Mrs. E. Black) and Fred.

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83rd N.S.W. CONFERENCE

"Earnestly Contending," chosen from the Epistle of Jude by the incoming president, Harold M. Long, was the theme for the N.S.W. 83rd Annual Conference. The initial meeting, on Friday, March 22, was the President's Reception, at Enmore Tabernacle, at which delegates, departmental representatives and committee members were present. Greetings were received in person from official representatives of all the major communions and the B. & F.B.S. The president, P. H. Morton, of Burwood church, briefly summarised activities throughout 1967-1968, and introduced the Pres.-Elect, Harold M. Long, of the church at Epping, who delivered an impressive challenge on ways and means whereby every member of our churches might be more effectively geared to the supreme task of "Earnestly Contending" for the faith as it is expressed in the pages of the N.T.

INSPIRATIONAL RALLIES: The Youth Rally, conducted by the Dept. of Christian Educ. on March 23, was addressed by Bruce Armstrong, L.Th., Dip.R.E., and on March 27, David G. Hammer, M.Th., Secretary of the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board, was guest speaker at the Missionary Rally in which the work overseas and among our aborigines was featured.

The Dept. of Social Service and the Boys' Home Committee held their combined gathering on the Friday evening, with Ron B. Elbourne as speaker. At the Home Mission and Bible College Rally 14 new students were introduced to Conference, and Franklyn A. Elliott, B.A., and Keith W. Farmer, B.Comm., both graduates of Woolwich College, delivered challenging messages on the vital importance of the task of training men for the preaching ministry. Two young people responded to the call to full-time service.

The climax of this year's Conference came at the "Witness Service" on the Sunday afternoon, when Maurie Pieper, of Queensland, addressed a large gathering in the Sydney Town Hall, and at the close of the message two responded to the gospel appeal.

The Social Service & Homes Dept. presented a gratifying picture concerning the work being done in the aged folks' homes at Croydon, "Bingley Hall," Hornsby, the "Community Centre," Pendle Hill, and Thirroul. Progress was also reported in the planning for the proposed Nursing Hospital which is now to be erected at Carlingford.

VITAL DECISIONS: During the course of discussions certain matters of vital and far-reaching concern to the brotherhood received attention, and resolutions affecting our outlook were carried by the Conference as follows:

(1) **Re the Joint Board of Christian Education:** A notice of motion originated by the Federal Board of Christian Education, and submitted by the Conference Executive in N.S.W. at their request—seeking the support by the N.S.W. Conference of the recommendation of the Federal Board to cooperate with the Joint Board of Christian Education (consisting of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Boards) in the production of a new curriculum for 1970 was strongly rejected by a very large majority.

(2) **Re "Standard" Lesson Materials:** That this Conference urges Federal Conference to recommend the introduction of "Australian Standard Materials" into all Australian Bible Schools bearing in mind that these materials are representative of Churches of Christ viewpoint.

(3) **Re Extension of Missions to other areas including Indonesia:** That in view of the changed political situation and the opportunity now being given to Christian Missions, our State Overseas Mission Committee, in collaboration with such bodies as may be necessary, investigate the possibility of commencing missionary work in other areas, including Indonesia, with the object of bringing a motion to Federal Conference.

(4) **Re 50 Years' Service by P. E. Thomas:** That this Conference assembled places on record its recognition and appreciation of 50 years of continuous service in the ministry of Churches of Christ in N.S.W. by our beloved P. E. Thomas. We regret his inability to attend this Conference on account of his wife's health and direct Conference Executive to convey to Mr. Thomas our appreciation of his past and present services and our best wishes for him for the future.

ELECTIONS: Conference President, H. M. Long; President-Elect, J. R. Morris; Vice-President, D. W. Mansell; Secretary, K. L. Baker; Associate-Sec., G. Marley; Treasurer, R. H. Wakeley.

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VICTORIA

SEMINAR ON PARENTS-CHILDREN

(Knoxfield, Vic.). A seminar led by Dr. G. Whiting, involving discussions on three separate nights on Parent-Child Relationships has just concluded. It is planned to hold similar seminars on other topics . . . B.S. staff met on March 5 to discuss more effective planning and teaching methods. Demonstrations were provided by Mrs. W. Thompson, General Supt., and the minister, R. Pfeifer. As a result, teachers are facing their tasks with renewed enthusiasm. The B.S. has 110 pupils, with 13 teachers . . . Geoff. Benson, a student at the College of the Bible has commenced as student assistant. Mr. Benson will assist in B.S. and youth work . . . The church is most grateful to the Doncaster church for the gift of an electric organ.

THE CHIEF'S BOOK

(Chelsea, Vic.). Lyndsay Smith, chief Explorer, is being congratulated upon the publication of his book for use in Explorer clubs, and to the Explorer boys for attaining equal sixth in recent swimming competition . . . 20 C.Y.F.s journeyed to Healesville Sanctuary . . . C.W.F. had an enlightening address from Policewoman Sergeant Carr . . . A parent dedication service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Holt and baby Andrew . . . Mrs. B. J. Combridge is recovering after her indisposition.

ALL-AGE PROGRAMME

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). All-age Christian Education programme with hot meal, discussion groups, children's sessions and worship service has re-commenced for 1968. Average attendance is 70 . . . Family Camp at Monbulk proved profitable and instructive. D. Smith led study sessions . . . A. Muir is in surgical ward at Heidelberg House and B. Graham in medical ward at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital . . . Keith Anderson made his decision on March 24 when D. Smith was speaker . . . Denise Chipperfield graduated with B.Sc., L. Prentice with B.A. and W. Tabbernee gained Diploma of Divinity and Dip.R.E. . . . Joint ministry of E. Roffey and S. Bannon greatly appreciated by both Ivanhoe and Briar Hill. Briar Hill is seeking affiliation with Conference this year.

OUTREACH AT BLACKBURN

(Vic.). Our evangelism committee in conjunction with Dept. of H.M. and Evang., has launched a programme of Outreach and Development led by Kevin Harvey. The treasurer's report showed anticipated offerings for 1968 at \$22,200 compared with \$12,500 in previous year from similar sources . . . The bulder has commenced preliminary work on extensions . . . G. Kruse re-elected as elder at annual meeting. Officers, B.S. staff, and auxiliary leaders were committed to their year's work on March 24 . . . G. S. Daff is treasurer and G. Scambler is secretary.

AT WATSONIA CAMP

(Box Hill, Vic.). The minister, L. S. Dewberry, has been on chaplaincy duties at Watsonia Military Camp . . . Recent speakers have been W. Wigney, Malcolm Humphries, Robert Storey (Unevangelised Fields Mission), Dr. David Friebe (resident doctor at Alfred Hospital) at youth service, Alan Fletcher, missionary from New Guinea, at C.Y.F. when young people committed themselves to purchase a year's supply of soap for the Mission Hospital. C.W.F. enjoyed an illustrated talk on Greece; Turkey, Austria and the Middle East by Mrs. Hall . . . Christian Endeavourers had happy weekend of fellowship at Miram, Kaniva and Nhill where residents of Avonlea Old People's Home were entertained . . . Miss Eileen Steenson, missionary pilot from New Guinea, has been welcomed home on furlough. Peter Aitken is back from Vietnam and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ritter have returned to Box Hill . . . Mr. King in hospital, also Mrs. Aitken for major surgery, Mr. W. Spencer in Repatriation Hospital for treatment. Dianne Marchant and Keith Fromhold recovering after accidents and Mrs. Broussard home from hospital.

CHURCH HONOURS MEMBER

(Bendigo, Vic.). The annual meeting honoured Ern. Duus by conferring on him the title of Elder Emeritus. This honour was conveyed to Mr. Duus when the minister, R. E. Pritchard, visited him in hospital. G. Doolan was also elected to the office of elder . . . The secretary is Mrs. C. F. Houston and the treasurer is Ron Lacy . . . The church has invited J. K. Bond to conduct a mission in Sept., 1968. The March broadcast over 3BO was aimed at reaching those beyond our own fellowship. P.S.A. featured the Masonic Choir. Offering was for the building fund.

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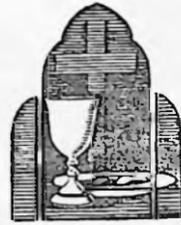
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Paul keeps using the present tense. "This is my body," "This is the new covenant." There is plenty of looking back to the historical event which is being re-created, but we need to remind ourselves that it is being re-created. The Lord is meeting again with His disciples to calm them, renew them, and equip them for whatever Gethsemanes and Calvaries await the Lord of the Church. As Phillips puts it, "He that eats and drinks carelessly is eating and drinking a judgment on himself, for he is blind to the presence of the Lord's body."

While it is by faith that we see Him, it is indeed the Lord who is present with us.

Christ, we acknowledge the privilege of the Twelve to eat bread at Thy Table, we thank Thee that it is our privilege also to receive the bread from Thy hand. Amen.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. A. E. Potter.

On March 11, Mrs. Edith Alice Potter died after many years of faithfulness to her Lord. Born at Bordertown in 1892, she was brought by her parents to Broomehill, and later to Fremantle. She was baptised in her late teens, and married to Walter Potter in 1914. This union was enjoyed until five days prior to their planned Golden Wedding celebration. After the marriage they continued to live at Fremantle until 1940 when they moved to Kendenup. In 1944 they moved to Tenterden. In 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Potter shared in efforts to establish the church at Albany. They attended the inaugural meeting of local members who decided to commence meetings for the breaking of bread. They continued to travel the 50 miles in for services and to pick up any who chose to travel with them. Mr. Potter was a frequent speaker at these services. Mrs. Potter, along with her late husband, maintained broad interests in brotherhood work. They attended both State and Federal Conferences and made working visits to our Aborigines Missions fields. Nine months prior to her death Mrs. Potter purchased a home near to the Albany church site to enable her to continue her fellowship with the growing work there. The hopes and dreams of years were never to be realised. After only a few short weeks of fellowship, health began to fail. Three short stays in hospital, with very brief periods at home, and then an admission in October, 1967, which proved to be the forerunner of the home call. The funeral was conducted by E. B. Clapp in the Kendenup Cemetery, after a service in the Kendenup Community Church, attended by more than 100 relatives and friends. The church at Albany, and the brotherhood as a whole feel a perpetual debt to this lady and her late husband. To three married sons and two married daughters, and to their families, the church at Albany extends its heartfelt sympathy.—E. Bruce Clapp.

William H. Manning.

The church at Carnegie wishes to place on record the life and work of the late W. H. Manning who was one of its most honoured and valued members. On Jan. 31 he died at the Alfred Hospital after a short but severe illness. His earliest associations with the Church were at Ascot Vale where early in his teens he was baptised. Throughout his long years of service his loyalty never wavered. He was always zealously concerned about the Church's life and displayed a keen interest in all her activities. His earliest connection with Carnegie came at a time when the unique "Octagon" Chapel was constructed. He was one of the work party and during subsequent alterations that have taken place he was always zealous that something of its originality be retained. His membership at Carnegie dates from 1913 the time of his marriage to his wife, Irene, when they took up residence, and from that time onward his whole life interest centered around the life of the church. He

Charles William Hoffman

With the death of C. W. Hoffman on Feb. 16 at the age of 79 the church at Kensington Park and our S.A. Brotherhood sustained the loss of an able and kindly member and the State a valuable citizen. Reporting his death "The Advertiser" said: "Mr. Hoffman was S.A.'s first Commissioner of Stamp and Succession Duties. When he retired in 1953 he had completed 48 years in the Public Service. He joined the State Children's Department in 1905. His association with the Succession Duties Office began in 1910 when he was transferred to the office of the Master of the Supreme Court from which the Department was then administered." In this employment as well as in his church activities Mr. Hoffman made a powerful and attractive Christian witness. He was baptised in the Norwood chapel during the ministry of Ira Paternoster. By virtue of his character and ability he quickly became a leader

and served as a deacon and teacher of a Boys' Bible Class numbering 17. Transferring to the church at St. Morris 1934-5 he served for a number of years as treasurer, supt. of the B.S. and teacher. Later he was called as an elder. He retained his association with this church when the site of meeting was changed to Beulah Rd., Kensington Park, rendering devoted service until sickness compelled him to retire. For years he had given himself and his talents to forward the work of the Building Extension Committee and became the Organiser of the State Mutual Fund for our brotherhood. R. Clymer, of Koon-garra Park officiated at his funeral. Mr. Hoffman leaves a widow, three sons and their wives and families to mourn his loss but to rejoice in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—W.N.E.

filled offices as deacon, S.S. teacher, member of the Building Committee, physical instructor to Boys' Club and for years agent for the "Australian Christian." In 1962 both he and his wife were honoured by the Church for their 50 years of continuous membership. With his wife Irene, children Margaret (Mrs. Max Hurren), Graham and his wife Val, also his grandchildren, we share a great loss. The services at the chapel and also the Springvale Crematorium were conducted by a long standing friend L. E. Snow, and the writer.

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JOHN HALBERT AT GOOLWA

(S.A.). John Halbert conducted two services which were very helpful. Counselling classes and visiting prepared the way for the Leighton Ford Crusade by landline to Victor Harbour. Visitation was assisted by six students from A.B.I., Victor Harbour . . . Miss Pat. Robinson is helping with gospel service singalong for young folk each fortnight. Pat. is in her third year at A.B.I. Bible study prayer fellowship continues under leadership of H. E. Greenwood . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bugar and family received snap album photos of church building and photographed by all members of the church. The family have sold their farm and intend travelling overland to reside in W.A. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowey and family have been welcomed back to their home church.

VIETNAM JOURNEY DELAYED

(Frankston, Vic.). Miss Judith Gowty who was to leave for work in Vietnam under the direction of the Inter-Church Aid, now learns that she will be unable to go to Vietnam at present owing to the seriousness of the situation there . . . Campbell Bolwell has been elected S.S. Supt. We pay tribute to Ian Turriff who has worked tirelessly for the school over the past few years. . . . 22 young church people took part in "Red Cross Calling." They collected \$117, ten dollars more than last year . . . The new church secretary is Norm Carter. Mr. Carter takes over from Fred Adams who has done his work quietly, unobtrusively, and well. . . . 40 members attended the annual meeting . . . The film "Dawn of Victory" was screened recently.

K. D. HORNE AT WHYALLA

(S.A.). A most successful weekend was spent with the H.M. Director when he conducted a series of meetings . . . Men's basketball team became premiers when they defeated top team for the B1 Grade premiership. The coach is John Lawrie . . . Early morning prayer meeting was held on March 31 for Leighton Ford Crusade . . . Ken Watson is home from hospital after surgery.

NORTH FITZROY IS 95

(Vic.). 95th church anniversary, including a reunion tea, was held on March 17. Former members assisted with the services. Speakers were J. Turner and I. J. Shaw, of Oakover Methodist Choir. T. Arnott provided musical programme . . . A baptismal service was held on March 24 . . . A presentation was made to D. McKay on entering the College of the Bible . . . Final services of the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Turner included a parent thanksgiving service and dedication of elders, deacons and deaconesses. After the evening service many gathered for a fellowship hour to bid them farewell. Representative speakers spoke glowingly of the 17 years' ministry, and presentations were made.

MORE ROOM

(Bexley North, N.S.W.). Two new classrooms have been erected . . . As well as a Junior C.E. Society, we are commencing an Intermediate C.E. . . . We recently celebrated our 37th Church Anniversary. We are working and praying for the Billy Graham Crusade . . . Recent speakers were Miss Rofe, from New Guinea, D. Hammer Snr., from W.A., and Ron Holt, from Brisbane . . . At the Harvest Festival on March 17 the boys from Dunmore Home were present with the manager and matron. Bruce Armstrong was speaker . . . A soccer team has commenced.

MANSE RENOVATED

(Fullarton, S.A.). Over 100 attended an "At Home" to see newly renovated manse on March 30 . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Kar Kar Oval. The children are keenly participating in a B.S. competition . . . Goods from Harvest Thankgiving were sent to Everard Park Christian Rest Home, and food parcels to India . . . Girls' Brigade and Cadets held a church parade on March 23 . . . Ladies' Guild elected F. Gavyros as pres. and J. Brown sec. . . . C.W.F. had a display and demonstration of China painting by Mrs. Jeanette Eames. Ladies made a presentation to Mrs. A. Rosewarne in appreciation of many years of service . . . Many members are actively engaged in Leighton Ford Crusade.

MIXED MARRIAGES & DUTCH R.C.'s

(Utrecht). Roman Catholic bishops in the Netherlands have given their priests a set of provisional guidelines covering the pastoral care of persons who enter into or have already contracted a mixed marriage.

Priests are asked to submit each application for a mixed marriage to their bishops. When scruples are expressed against the requirement that the marriage be performed before a priest and two witnesses, it has been possible for Rome to grant dispensation, according to the guidelines.

Another provision notes that when the marriage rite includes the Holy Eucharist and the non-Catholic partner requests permission to communicate, the bishops are prepared to approve such

requests under certain conditions: if the non-Catholic partner is baptised, can accept the Catholic view of the Eucharist, and is admitted to the Lord's Supper in his own church.

Under these guides, links with the church can be re-established in cases where earlier practices made it impossible to perform the wedding in the church.

The bishops' regulations rest on the instruction on Mixed Marriage issued in 1966 by the Congregation on the Doctrine of the Faith. It required the non-Catholic partner to do nothing to prevent the Catholic partner from seeing that the children are baptised and educated as Catholics.—E.P.S., Geneva.

NEW BIBLE DEPOT FOR ETHIOPIA

(Asmara, Ethiopia). A new Bible depot is to be opened here in April as a centre for the distribution of scriptures throughout the whole area.

A training course in scripture distribution will be given in early May to prepare local Christians and especially church leaders for the effective use of the Bible in evangelism.

An inexpensive paperback edition of the Amharic New Testament has been well received in Ethiopia, and additional selections and portions of scripture will be produced for new literates.

Last year the Bible Society in Ethiopia distributed 231,000 copies of the Scriptures.—E.P.S.

MIGRANT YOUTH LEADER TO VISIT EUROPE

The European Australian Christian Fellowship farewelled Mr. Savas Augoustakis, who is to visit Europe to observe and participate in work among the one million Greek and other East European migrants in West Germany. He will be part of the 17-member Krifel Ecumenical Team headquartered at Frankfurt. The team itself comes from different countries and represents different traditions. Some work in factories alongside unskilled workers, while others are social workers and pastors. Mr. Augoustakis will also visit Lebanon and Greece before returning to Aust. in 1969. His overseas visit has been made possible by the A.C.C. and the W.C.C.

WHAT IS AUSTCARE?

It has been announced that in May next at least \$350,000 would be sought from Victorians to help the rest of Australia show that we as a nation do care for the tragic plight of refugees in Vietnam, the Middle East, Africa, East Pakistan and other spots where the refugee situation is proliferating.

The Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Rev. Frank Woods, M.A., D.D., has announced that he is privileged to accept the chairmanship of the Austcare '68 campaign in Victoria. He said that May had been designated "Humanity Month of May" and that it would include "Humanity Week," May 20-26. Committees are being formed throughout the State to recruit about 30,000 workers for the cause.

Austcare is a name representing the combined efforts of a number of dedicated church and community organisations, who are pledged to assist refugees.

The headquarters of Austcare '68 in Victoria is 7th Floor, Craig's Building, cnr. Elizabeth and Flinders Streets, Melbourne, telephone 654-4538.

COMMON TRANSLATION OF O.T. INTO KOREAN

(Seoul). A Roman Catholic-Protestant committee for a common translation of the Old Testament into Korean has been set up. Representatives of the churches decided to use Kittel's edition of the original text and to consult versions in other languages.

They will follow the principles for common translation expressed by the Secretariat for Christian Unity and the United Bible Society.—E.P.S.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

HERE AND THERE. Nine baptisms and five confessions at South Melb., Vic., last Sunday; W. H. Clay preaching . . . W. R. Hibbert has accepted an engagement with the church at Fremantle, W.A. . . . There were seven decisions in morning at Harcourt when B. W. Manning, a former preacher, was speaker. A. E. Hurten was preacher at night.

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OBITUARY

ARTHUR CHARLES THURROWGOOD

Wayne Douglas Thorogood.

"The purpose Lord we cannot see,
But all is well, that's done by Thee."

These are the sincere words of the parents of Wayne Douglas Thorogood who died on Dec. 11, 1967. Although Wayne was only 3 years and 4 months old when he passed away, already he had learned to pray and talk about his Jesus. It was my greatest privilege to teach Wayne and three other boys his age at Bible School at Murwillumbah, N.S.W. Wayne loved people, he had a willing smile that brought warmth and happiness to untold numbers. Wayne's life was full and vigorous but like his Saviour, he knew suffering, suffering that was not in vain, for Wayne's short life wonderfully glorified his Lord and brought floods of sunshine into our valley home.—Don Bartrim.

Lorna Ruby Baillie.

Lorna Baillie was only 44 years when an illness of a severe nature claimed her. She was a much loved member of the Carnegie church. Almost 30 years ago she confessed her faith in her Lord at the Mitcham church, where her mother was a foundation member. In 1945 she married Andrew Baillie. In May, 1954, she with her husband transferred to Carnegie where they shared the church's life in a variety of ways. Lorna Baillie was by nature quiet and retiring but her interest and enthusiasm were never in doubt as she played her part as member of the Afternoon Women's Fellowship where she was secretary for eight years, arranging articles for the annual Aborigines' Clothing Appeal. Her regularity at services was always an indication of her intense concern, which was confirmed by the regular visits she made to people. The services at the chapel and also Springvale Crematorium were conducted by A. R. Lloyd whose ministry at Carnegie played a big part in her spiritual growth. Her husband, Andy, her sons, Les and Geoff., her mother, Mrs. Tudor and members of the family, are left with rich memories.—R.E.H.

On March 17, Arthur Charles Thurrowgood, minister beloved in every State in the Commonwealth, died suddenly at his home in Toowoomba, Queensland. Word of his passing spread quickly throughout the membership of the churches he formerly ministered to in Toowoomba, and it was with great sorrow services were conducted that day. Nearly every church in Toowoomba announced his passing and offered prayers on behalf of Mrs. Thurrowgood and family. Arthur Thurrowgood started preaching at the early age of 16 and later trained for four years at the Federal College of the Bible, and from then on the ministry completely absorbed his whole life apart from his last year spent in retirement due to ill-health. His ministries were Hobart, Tas.; Hornsby, N.S.W.; Echuca, Stawell, Echuca (2nd ministry), Vic.; Bunbury, Harvey, W.A.; Victor Harbour and Goolwa, Nailsworth, S.A.; Mayfield, N.S.W. and Toowoomba, Qld. At Newcastle he took an active work in the Temperance League, being president. He was also president of the Newcastle and District Convention. In Sydney he was an active member of the Social Service Committee. During his Toowoomba ministry he served two consecutive years as president of the Ministers' Fraternal and also acted as secretary. His close friend, and now in retirement, Howard Earle, in his eulogy paid tribute to his life and character and outlined the course of his life's work. He spoke of Arthur Thurrowgood's gracious qualities, and added, "No man I know has been able to live up to his name as this beloved servant of Jesus Christ—he was 'thorough good.'" Conference President of Queensland, M. H. A. Pieper shared in the service at Margaret Street, whilst the writer delivered the closing panegyric. Arthur Thurrowgood was a faithful preacher of the New Testament Church, determined to know nothing save Christ and him crucified and the gospel of which he was called to be a servant and minister of Jesus Christ. He exalted Christ and lifted up the Cross of Christ. Together with his beloved wife he comforted, nurtured, and gave unstintingly to God's people and the needy committed to their care throughout the Commonwealth. Retirement in Toowoomba brought to an end the unique oversight of two ministers

in joint ministry among the churches in the Garden City of Queensland. Harlaxton achieved independence and is now under the oversight of preacher Bruce Roberts and his wife Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurrowgood. Arthur, Joan (daughter-in-law) and Ruth Thurrowgood are well known in Christian circles as the Joy Tones, and are greatly in demand. The gracious qualities of their father, and piety are reflected in their wonderful music and singing. The deeply moving service at Margaret Street was attended by ministers of other churches throughout the City of Toowoomba. The funeral later proceeded to Brisbane. Our prayers are of thanksgiving for the life and witness he gave so sacrificially, but also that God's sustaining grace will support and comfort, strengthen and give peace to Mrs. Thurrowgood, Arthur and Joan, Ruth, Bruce and Connie and family.—Arnold C. Caldicott.

Joe Small.

Joe Small died on Feb. 16. Born 83 years ago in Aberdeen, Scotland, and nurtured in an Open Brethren home, he was baptised at 14 years of age. Seven years of his schooling was spent in England, but he never lost the Scottish accent! Folk loved to hear him read the scriptures, at which time his accent seemed more marked. He migrated to Australia 50 years ago. He found fellowship of kindred minds at our Paddington church and was there extended the right hand in 1926 during J. Chapple's ministry. He was married the following year to Lillian Stockbridge. Two nieces (one now at Canberra and one at Greenwich) bereft of parents proved a mutual blessing in their foster-home. Also a part of this home for approximately 40 years has been Miss Thelma Walters who has proved a tower of strength; especially in the later years of Mr. Small's chronic illness. They made their home at West Ryde and though this stay was broken for a time through the depression years, returned again in the 1940's. Of a naturally quiet and retiring disposition, he declined any public office in church life; but was most loyal and true in his daily discipleship. We know Mrs. Small is greatly comforted by precious memory and the hope of life eternal.

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MAKING THE MAST FIRM

The Lenten season is a time in the Christian calendar during which we seek explicitly to meditate on that action by God in Christ, by which we were found, and on the consequences in strenuous Christian living of that fact. Part of the problem that people have in understanding the Christian faith is that they seek to understand it as if it consisted of doctrines which they must believe and religious practices which they must keep. Doctrines and

practices there are, but the essence of the Christian faith and life is that it is an activity. The New Testament speaks of it as a race to be run, a war to be waged, a wrestling to be undertaken. The whole business involves strenuous activity and vigorous discipline.

The only way to understand what it means to run a race is to train for it and to run it. The only way to know what it means to engage in a fight is actually to fight. The only way to know what a wrestling match is, is to meet one's opponent in a wrestling match. To be a Christian is to engage in an activity, recognising that by such activity alone will understanding also come as to what the Christian faith is.

Yet we cannot leave the matter here, for as it is by Christ that we are launched on our course, it is by Him that we are also sustained. "Your tackle hangs loose," writes Isaiah (33: 23), "it cannot hold the mast firm in its place, or keep the sails spread out." The wind will drive the ship but the sail must catch the wind. Only as the winds of God blow upon and into our faith will our lives find direction or drive.

—D. T. Niles,

from "The Power at Work Among Us,"
quoted in "Christian Century."

THE SAVOUR OF CHRIST

How deeply should Christians become involved in social affairs and what limits, if any, should be set upon the church's social involvement? These are questions that are being asked as Christians are compelled to face up to dangerous trends in community life.

For instance there are moves afoot to amend laws relating to homosexuality and abortion. In Tasmania strong efforts are being made to build a casino to rival anything on the blue Mediterranean. In N.S.W. the government in a sneaky action lowered the age limit for club membership to 18, an action which the liquor interests look upon as a bonanza.

Then there is the question of human organ transplants looming ahead, a question that impinges on the fields of medicine, law and morality. Also there

is the whole question of politics in the local and wider field. And what of union activities and involvement in business and employer associations?

Should a Christian, as being a stranger and a pilgrim, remain aloof from these questions and associations?

Some Christians believe we should remain aloof, a growing number of Christians say not.

—"Australian Baptist."

THE PRIORITY OF PEOPLE

Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, the Bishop of Southwark, has just added his voice and his authority to the demand for drastic reorganisation of the Church. His plea is "We must devote the greater part of our resources to personnel and stop spending our limited resources on unnecessary plant and outdated structures."

This is, as usual, easy to say, and no doubt all of the churches are aware of the need. The problem is how to tackle it in practical and constructive terms, especially as, ultimately, progress is tied up with human attitudes and even more, human fears. No matter how obvious it is to the outsider, people do not want their house of worship to go. Individuals involved in organisations easily resent new structures that endanger their particular position. Concern for individual ministers, in itself a creditable characteristic, prolongs the life of situations where sharp surgery is called for, in the interests of the whole cause. And so new ministers are allowed to begin, and old ministers are allowed to continue, that take no account of the speed of change in our society and make even greater, the danger of the irrelevance of the Church.

It is, of course, nonsense to suggest that no one in official places is aware of this problem. Of course there are people in most denominations who have been concentrating on these very things for years. What does require attention is the pace at which change is possible because of the nature of the organisation, and the fact that the maintenance of the whole financial structure of our churches is dependent on the church we know rather than the church we need.

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● NOTED AND QUOTED

REPLY TO CRITICAL MINISTERS

"In your statement you asserted that our actions, even though peaceful, must be condemned because they precipitate violence. Isn't this like condemning the robbed man because his possession of money precipitated the evil act of robbery? Isn't this like condemning Jesus because his unique God-consciousness and never ceasing devotion to God's will precipitated the evil act of the Crucifixion?"

"... The question is not whether we will be extremist but what kind of extremist we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice—or will we be extremists for the cause of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill, three men were crucified for the same crime—the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. So, after all, maybe the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.
in "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

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For Missions

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—Guild of St. Paul.



In essentials, unity. In matters doubtful, liberty. In all things, charity.

—Rupertus Meldenius.



Die when I may, I want it said of me that I plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.



It is impossible to enjoy idling unless one has plenty of work to do.

—Jerome K. Jerome.



When a husband opens the door and helps his wife into the car, he has probably just acquired one or the other.



By the time a man becomes important enough to take two hours for lunch, all he can eat is crackers and milk.



A man and his small son were standing in front of a lion's cage at the Zoo recently. Suddenly, the little tyke asked: "Daddy, if that lion gets out of his cage and eats you up, what bus should I take home?"