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AUSTRALIAN CRUSADE 1968



EVANGELISM 1968

Now that the big evangelistic crusades for this year have concluded in W.A., S.A., N.S.W., and Qld., the statisticians and evaluators will take over. It will be some time before the full results will be assessed, if indeed the effects of evangelism can ever be reduced to a balance sheet of numbers, decisions, and accounts. It is evident, however, that in 1968 the crowds were as large and the responses were as great as in 1959.

In Sydney there were 13,000 more at the opening meeting than there were nine years ago, and the numbers at later sessions were also higher. It is thought also that the number of decisions was greater. Although it was wondered whether the evangelists would have as great an appeal to young people as they had earlier, it has been estimated that three out of every four attending the Sydney Crusade were under twenty-five.

Reports coming from our churches in four States indicate that many enquirers have been referred to ministers for follow-up attention. The importance of this follow up cannot be over-emphasised. It is often easier to win people than it is to hold them and build them into the church. Building them into the church means more than adding them to the church roll, persuading them to attend church services, and involving them in programmes around the church buildings. It means a total commitment to Christ as Lord. A commitment which must be expressed in all of the attitudes, relationships and activities of the new disciples. It was good to hear the Graham team members emphasise social responsibility as well as personal devotion.

Because Mr. Graham's health problems caused a rearrangement of the Crusade programme, Victoria will have to wait until 1969 for its turn. However, a generous gesture by Melbourne's T.V. Channel 9 enabled viewers to see a 90-minute video-taped presentation of the opening Crusade meeting in Sydney. This screening was given by GTV9 as a community service without any cost to the Crusade and it was an action deeply appreciated by the Christian churches and the community at large.

THE EIGHTH ALTAR

It is an achievement for any book to be presented to the public for the 8th time. It is an honour that comes all too rarely to Christian authors. Yet is not surprising when the author is Will. R. Hibburt, and the book is "The Altar of Love".

In a sense, the new edition is a tribute to the good sense of values, Christian, Social and Economic, displayed by those who buy a book again and again as an expression of good will at the time of marriage.

It is also a tribute to the still up-to-date insights of the author in the areas of life, love and marriage.

Just released in its 8th edition, "The Altar of Love" is just as helpful inside. Outside, the new acetate jacket makes it more attractive than ever. We are privileged to commend it.

MONASH CRUCIFIXION

The mock crucifixion staged by Monash University students on the eve of Good Friday has further tarnished the already dubious aspect students wear in Australia. Even as far away as Brisbane, students are sure that the Monash incident had the unfortunate result of reducing public support for a worthwhile student welfare project.

There is a danger of making too much of an affair which involved only a few students. We may deplore an action which appeared blasphemous and we may well hope that the students concerned will learn how to act responsibly and with consideration for others. But verbal chastisement or even disciplinary action will not in themselves assist the Christian cause.

It is easy enough to denounce those who mock our beliefs. Indeed it is far easier to defend our faith than it is to demonstrate it. Could it be that while these students have been making a mockery of the symbols of the Crucifixion, we have been mocking its reality!

If Christians were more ready to carry the Cross of Christ in sincerity, it is less likely that others will carry it in cynicism or jest. The best way to defend the Cross is to serve its Christ.

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True Wealth

*Wealth is a means, and life the end;
You lose your hoard, have what you spend.
Oh, that unhappy mortal clay
Who never learned to give away!
His heaped-up wealth made him its slave;
He did not use, who never gave.*

—Saadi.

• LITERATURE MONTH RECALLS

GUTENBURG

... THE MAN FROM MAINZ

By VINEY LONGTHORP

This year marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the death of Johannes Gutenberg, who has been called "the father of mass communications." It is an apt description of the impact of his life's work. Whilst his contribution to the development of printing may seem simple enough, his innovations resulted in nothing short of a silent revolution. Gutenberg gave us the moveable type, that is, separate type for individual letters which could be assembled into words. This simple invention resulted in the momentous breakthrough, not only in the development of printed materials but in the very quality of civilised life itself. For in his book, "Understanding Media," Marshall McLuhan goes so far as to claim that, "It was this all important quality of uniformity and repeatability that . . . made the 'Gutenberg' break between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance."

What of the man himself? He seems to have been a born innovator. Although his was a well to do family, he announced that he intended to work for a living, and that with his hands! He was apprenticed therefore, to the then noble craft of the goldsmith and mirror maker. But owing to a conflict with the all powerful craftsman guild, Johannes fled his native Mainz and lived for periods in Strasbourg. It must have been there, somewhere between the years 1434 and 1444 that he had the idea of accelerating the work of copying manuscript texts. As a goldsmith he was familiar with the art of engraving which had recently developed from its crude wooden phase to the perfection of metal plate reproductions. From there, once the basic idea had been grasped it was only a small step to printing with moveable type for individual letters which could be assembled into words and then later used for other texts.

Gutenberg's first experiments with moveable type were made with Bible texts, the earliest known sample from his workshop in Mainz being the so-called "Fragments of the Last Judgment." His main achievement were the two complete editions of the Bible produced between 1450 and 1460. Of these the most famous is the 42 line Latin version, so called because its 1282 pages have 42 lines to the column, two columns to each page. There are 47 known copies of this priceless two volume folio work still in existence. The second Bible, of 36 lines to the column was finished in Bamberg in 1460 where he had settled after he had been forced to abandon his printing shop in Mainz.

The age was propitious for Gutenberg's invention. The growth of learning and knowledge which had developed along with trade and commerce in the cities of Europe was creating a wide public that could no longer be adequately served by occasional manuscript copies of the Greek and Latin classics. More books were needed as well as subject matter that was contemporary, reflecting recent events and fashions. The Church too, after overcoming its initial distrust of the new technique, was interested in its possibilities.

But Gutenberg was to benefit little. When he died in 1468 he was a poor man whose invention was exploited by his competitors and imitators. Ironically, his invention ruined him financially. The new method disrupted the existing guild structure. Big capital investment was required in order to build the new types of presses needed; no other craftsman

had to invest so large a sum to equip his workshop long before the products could be offered for sale. Gutenberg was forced to borrow heavily from a Mainz money-lender. Then there was the long process of casting the type and training apprentices in a craft which no guild, as yet, fully approved. So he fell deeper and deeper into debt. To repay the loan, he was compelled to make over his entire workshop at the very moment when all the technical problems were overcome and the first order for a Psalter promised to bring profitable returns.

Only now can we fully appreciate the scope of his invention. It is now clearly seen that printing with moveable type provided modern communications with its first effective vehicle, which, even today, has lost none of its characteristic advantages. Although the technique of printing has been greatly improved, its methods are still basically the same and so is the product, the printed page.

The significance of Gutenberg's invention has been eloquently expounded in recent days in the writings of Marshall McLuhan. McLuhan's books offer an interpretation of history based upon the dominant forms of media of communication. And so significant does he find Gutenberg that he refers to the past five centuries as the "Gutenberg Era," no less. This era, he claims, is only now ending but that is another story. He points to the obvious impact of the new technique. It freed expanding commerce from becoming bogged down in the counting house. Again, Luther's reformation would not have been so far reaching had not Gutenberg's process made possible the rapid printing of tracts and books, and especially, the production of the Bible in the German language. With so many Bibles available in the language which the people could read, the greater part of the nation was open to the new ideas. The quality of the ideas needed the sheer quantity of printing in order to be sounded abroad.

But McLuhan's appraisal of Gutenberg's work goes even further than this. He claims that Gutenberg gave us modern man. Information was now available mainly through the printed page, not by means of the spoken word. This shaped the outlook of European man, since a different mental approach comes through learning by reading together with the greater ability to reflect on information which the printed page allows.

There is no question that we are remembering a man of considerable significance. It is appropriate that during Literature Month we remind ourselves of this man who was so largely responsible for bringing the printed word to the reach of so many. It is beyond all calculation what the Church owes to Gutenberg. Think of our dependence upon printed materials, in quantity, in the work of teaching and preaching the Gospel around the world. The Kingdom of God, as Paul said, is in power, not in words. True enough. But as the great Apostle himself well knew, you do need words, spoken and written as a means of furthering the kingdom in the world. The production of Christian literature in all its forms is a priority task; these reflections on the work of a printer serve to give us all some inkling of the power of words, for which we are accountable, in the proclaiming of the Living Word.

D. A. EWERS AT MILE END

By MRS. LAUREL MOORE



At Mile End, South Australia, we are preparing for our Diamond Jubilee—60 years on a main thoroughfare—just a mile from the centre of Adelaide, on the road to Adelaide Airport. At peak periods vehicles jostle each other, travelling through to industrial centres, and in the church services, visitors are often surprised as the jet planes roar overhead and speaker or reader pauses for a minute or two until his voice can be heard again.

Thoughts go back to the early days, and to the first preacher of Mile End church, D. A. Ewers, who for six years combined the duties of ministering to a newly established and rapidly growing church, with those of Home Mission organiser. This was his last pastoral ministry, because in 1914 he became full-time organising-secretary of the H.M. Dept., and one year later, died suddenly while in office.

D. A. Ewers was my grandfather, although I never knew him, as he died 10 years before I was born. ("Dear old Bro. Ewers" was then 62 years old! How does that make some of the young men reading this feel—those young at 75 I mean?). As a child, that 10 years distance was "in the olden days" and I felt a kind of pity for friends who told me that they had known him—they must be very old to remember so far back!

When my parents married, my grandmother continued to live in the same house, with them. As my mother was the only daughter of D. A. Ewers, and his youngest child, I grew up hearing stories of his life and preaching. Grandmother had quite a large room in our house, in which she kept mementos of her days as a pioneer preacher's wife. She had many photos—they stretched right around the four walls, and in some places were in two or three rows! As a small child, I used to ask: "Who is that?"—"What are those people doing?" etc., and so learnt much of the early churches and the names of my relatives. As grandfather travelled around Australia, he left behind various members of his family as they reached adulthood, and those photos were very precious to their mother. This kind of

(Mrs. Moore is a member at Mile End church, S.A.).

thing still happens today, and as preachers travel far in the country and interstate, they must often feel a personal wrench as they leave loved members of the family behind.

I heard much about my grandmother's parents. She had large photographs of them on each side of the mantlepiece. They were Robert Redman and his wife from Norwood church. Descendants of the Redmans are active in our churches. My grandparents were married in 1878 when he took up his first full-time preaching appointment at Two Wells, S.A. (We have no church there now, or in my memory).

Other photos were gifts from churches or committees where D. A. Ewers had worked. Photos of Mile End in the early days were there, including opening day outside the "new chapel" (1925), featuring the women in their cart-wheel hats, containing bunches of flowers and fruit, and the men in their varied sized moustaches and beards. There was quite a collection of early printed matter also, because Mr. Ewers was connected very closely with conferences and as editor of some of our earlier magazines. He wrote notes for the editorials for the "Christian" right up to his death.

There have been quotes from his writings often in the "50 Years Ago" column until 1965, which was the 50th anniversary of his death. There can't be any more in that column, but perhaps some day you may begin a "100 Years Ago" column and then we can begin again. The photos in those printed books of early preachers make them look very stern. They couldn't smile because of the long exposures needed for the film used in those days, and they looked so dignified with their waxed moustaches or full beards.

Among some of the papers were diaries—one especially I remember described journeys on horseback through Queensland in the 1880's when he established about 10 churches and made hundreds of converts.

My grandmother died when I was 13, and my mother when I was 26. How I wish I had written down in those days, facts I have now forgotten. Mother was the last of the family of D. A. Ewers. There were four sons. They all died quite young, and all had done an enormous amount of work for Christ and his church. My uncle, W. L. Ewers

lived the longest in years, and yet he was only in his 60's.

I haven't taken a survey of the occupations of the descendants, but a casual appraisal seems to indicate that preaching, teaching or being married to a preacher, seems to be the most popular occupations. One of his sons had a University degree, and this seems fairly common among the grandchildren, and the next generation is now following suit.

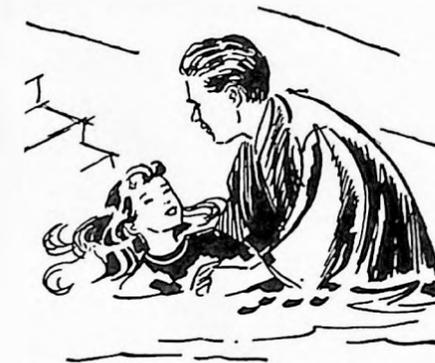
D. A. had very little education himself. He left school at the age of 9, and it was not until he began preaching while apprenticed as a blacksmith at the age of 17, that he bothered much about learning more. But learn then he did, and because of his own difficult experiences, he always desired that people should be given every opportunity for study and education. He was particularly keen on having a Bible College in Australia for young preachers to train. He hadn't had training himself, and his son had to go to America. He would be pleased to know that today, one grandson, F. Ewers, is a lecturer at Kenmore Christian College, Queensland; a grand-daughter, Mrs. A. Elliott, is wife of the vice-principal of Woolwich College, N.S.W., and a relative of his wife, through the Redmans, Dr. K. Bowes, is a lecturer at Glen Iris College, Vic. Other grandchildren well-known in the brotherhood because of being preachers, married to preachers, on Conference committees, etc. include R. Ewers (Belmore, N.S.W.), Mrs. D. Hammer, G. Ewers, Mrs. L. Park (W.A.) and D. Lewis, M. Lewis and J. Ewers (S.A.). At least two great grandchildren are preachers (D. Hammer and F. Elliott) and others are at present in Bible College.

Descendants of converts are doubtless a very great number, and many churches in Australia exist today following missions conducted by D. A. Ewers, although it is 53 years since his personal work was finished.

At Mile End we are proud to honour him, and his name will be mentioned on the Jubilee Anniversary day, along with other men who have led us through the years. May 26, 1968, we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

By E. P. C. HOLLARD



With the spotlight upon Christian unity in recent times, there has also come an intense look at baptism in its relationship to unity and membership in the church of Jesus. Churches which once frowned upon immersion are openly defending its validity, and some going so far as to question the validity of infant baptism.

In this context Churches of Christ ought to be doing some thinking—for in some quarters there has been a proneness to accept a mechanical application of the ordinance, viz., it is by immersion, it is for repentance of sin, and it ushers one into the church. IS THAT ALL? I think not!

A universal problem facing ministers today is the number of crosses left at the side of the baptistery, the undisciplined members of the church. Since baptism, in some form or another, is the public entrance into the church, it has been natural to turn the searchlight onto it. The question arises, how did so many people get into the church, and yet their lives are almost a denial of their baptism? This is a sore and vexed problem. We ought to look into it before we become too involved in other matters.

Scholars in recent years have given much thought to baptism, and considerable writing has been done. Out of it all several things become clear. These are: The practice of infant baptism is being seriously challenged; the wisdom of adult baptism (believers) has been favourably received.

Writers of note, Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, Rawlinson, Richardson, Cullman and others have significant things to say. And from their writings some points are worth mention: None of them were prepared by men involved with immersionist churches; apparently none of them ever became Baptists or the like; infant baptism was supported mainly by doubtful rationalising; the value of training for church membership, or confirmation, was stressed; in nearly all cases conversion is studiously pushed aside.

These facts suggest that Baptists and Churches of Christ should be getting right to the deep roots of baptism.

If a child or an adult asks what we are doing in a baptistery, what is the answer to be? It surely will not be explained as some magical act or ritual which is meaningless—well, what shall we say?

BAPTISM IS A MORAL ACT

If baptism is good then it must be a moral act. The dictionary tells that a moral act "is that expression of intellect and emotion in observable bodily action, which is a free expression of the will of the individual so choosing to act."

The first factor in Christian baptism is God himself, an intelligent, feeling and willing being who chooses to take action to redeem objects of his creation." So redemption takes place in the person of Jesus Christ.

Christ's own baptism is the expression of the morality of God. Jesus said of it, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus is become us to fulfill all righteousness." From the Great Commission to the church, through Acts of the Apostles, in the establishing of the church we see baptism as the expression of man in faith and repentance fulfilling God's purposes for him.

For baptism to take place in the biblical sense the candidate must be a "free, moral agent." A moron or an idiot is incapable of Christian baptism. A desire, a choice, make baptism a moral act. Thus infant baptism is not a moral act, nor is it immoral—it is amoral, i.e., without moral claim. Therefore, one sprinkled as a babe cannot see in such baptism anything which will help him in moral living, i.e., that area of life in which one chooses between good and evil.

An Anglican magazine stated some time ago, "the way in which St. Paul weaves baptism and the death of sin into the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ may seem to some to be too complex. Perhaps if they witnessed a baptism by immersion they could follow St. Paul more easily." ("Forward," Lent 1962).

IN BAPTISM THE ACTORS ARE REAL

Baptism as a Christian act is the deed of a gracious God, who, as Christ becomes alive in the individual by faith

and repentance and acknowledgment, leads that person in a life of reborn quality.

Dr. Daniel Joyce, one of our own scholars in the U.S.A., says that baptism and the Lord's Supper do something more than portray the history of Jesus. He says, "the participant in the ceremonies is existentially involved: i.e., something real happens to him in the act. Certainly this is what Paul says about baptism. As the apostle wrote of it in Romans 6 the believer's response to the offer of redemption as he entered the baptismal waters meant that he actually entered into an experience of death, of burial, of resurrection. The old person actually died and was buried; a new person rose to enter upon a life that was new not only in ethical ideals but also in the power that animated it. Something real happened in the act of baptism, and by reason of that act."

Perhaps no more complete statement has been made than that of Dr. William Robinson of our British brotherhood writing in his book "Sacraments and Life." He says, "It was moral cleansing—the end of one kind of moral life and the beginning of another, lived in the power of God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was such a new kind of moral life that it could only be lived by supernatural power. It was the WHOLE body which was immersed. Think of the implications of that! The lower limbs and feet could never again be engaged on errands of hurt to any human creature, on running to and fro with intent to do mischief; the sexual organs could never again be devoted to lustful and harmful purposes, in fornication and adultery—they also had been baptised; the hands could never again minister hurt to any of God's creatures; the mouth could never again lend itself to false speech, whether lascivious, covetous or malicious; the eyes could never again look upon evil with pleasure; the ears could never again listen to slander and false evidence and take pleasure in it; and the brain could never again devise schemes of craftiness and terror. It was total immersion and it meant total surrender to the will of God and the way

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GOLDEN AGE VILLAGE

SOUTHPORT, QUEENSLAND

The Churches of Christ in Queensland have received word from the Commonwealth Government through their Social Service Department that a provisional grant of \$113,133 toward an overall cost of \$169,699 has been made for stage one of the "Golden Age Retirement Village" at 60 Ridgeway Ave., Southport.

Situated in a rural setting one and a half miles from the shopping centre this project is one of the most imaginative undertaken by the Queensland Social Service Committee.

Designed to provide different types of accommodation by means of modern self-contained units, guest home accommodation for ambulatory guests, and eventually, infirmary and nursing home sections, advantage will be taken of the whole eight acres of land to provide a village atmosphere that will be completely self-contained, and include amenities for both recreation and workshop provision so necessary for the complete care of aged people in this modern generation.

Already with the opening of the first

units the Village has received wide publicity and it is confidently expected that this will become one of the outstanding ventures in the care of aged people yet seen in Australia. In the process it will enhance the work of the Churches of Christ throughout Queensland.

A gift of land adjacent to the Village has been made to the Southport church and here they expect to erect a manse so that spiritual oversight to the community may be given right from the beginning. The Southport church has demonstrated its active support for the project, especially in the active work of providing "labourers" for the working bees called at various times.

A feature of the fund-raising for this venture is the interest of a local committee in the Gold Coast community itself, dedicated to "putting a roof over the heads of aged people." This group has already given substantial help and are hopeful of making their final gift an amount of \$7,000.

One feature of their fund-raising has been that the methods used to raise this

gift have been guaranteed to meet all our requirements as to ways and means and not cause us any embarrassment whatsoever in accepting the gift.

Already two duplex cottages, each containing two units, are occupied and the completion of Stage One will see a further cottage containing two units and an ambulatory guest home to house 26 people.

It is expected that tenders will be called within the next month and the home ready for accommodation by December this year.

Because of a new policy adopted by the Commonwealth in the provision of larger subsidy for self-contained units, further duplex cottages can be applied for as endowments become available.

Inquiries for both unit and guest home accommodation should be made to The Director, Social Service Committee, Churches of Christ in Queensland, 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, 4000.

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of Christ, the resisting of every temptation to fall to a lower standard in ways of life, whatever the respectable standards of our environment may be. Christians were a different race of people with entirely different standards of life, and they were in possession of a new power which would enable them to manifest their new standards and to work as a leaven within the world transforming it."

The whole thing is real because it is God-given, and therefore, God must be in it. Surely this is what the "new birth," the "new creation" involves!

Listen again to an Anglican writer on "The Holy Catholic Church" writing in "Forward Movement Publications." Canon Theodore O. Wedel says, "The Church cannot exist without bodily sacraments. Even a city club asks a prospective member to sign a register and to promise to obey a set of rules, and expects such a member to join with other members in the fellowship meal of the group . . . to become a member of the church is far more revolutionary an act than to join a club. But here, too, bodily acts are involved. Baptism incorporates a new member into the family of God . . . Many Christians think of the sacramental actions of the Church as of secondary importance as compared to individualist piety or other forms of what is thought to be "spiritual" religion. A tragic misunderstanding! If God had remained distantly "spiritual" he would never have sent his Son into this our terribly bodily-sinful world, nor would he have given his Spirit to a disciple-fellowship made up of traitors to their Lord like Peter and his cowardly companions. Christianity is a very "material" religion. It is sacramental through and through . . ."

Baptism then is the figure of a birth which Jesus tells Nicodemus precipitates us into a new life, and hence a different relationship with all things and people. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature," cried Paul.

Everything connected with baptism is real, alive, vital, God-breathed.

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AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Not Just A Memorial



The death of our Lord Jesus Christ, made possible a never-ending relationship between a holy God and sinful man. This fact gives real significance to the Lord's Supper.

It has often been pointed out, that the whole sacrificial system of the Jews had, as its aim, the restoration of a lost relationship between man and God. Jesus changed this relationship from one of law to one of love.

It is important to remember that what our Saviour did in that upper room in Jerusalem was a symbolic action: a dramatic portrayal more vivid than words. He was imprinting indelibly on the minds of His disciples, and subsequent followers, what it was He came to this earth to do.

The Lord's Supper was meant to remind us, because the mind forgets, that He died to restore the relationship which sin had destroyed. But the bare statement that the Lord's Supper is a memorial, is wholly inadequate; for our memory of Christ is not of someone who is dead, but of one who is alive—an experience to be met. Therefore the Lord's Supper is also a confrontation with the Risen Lord, and with the purpose in His death, that of the redemption of mankind, and of our participation in it. We have been redeemed to become redeemers. We have been delivered that we might deliver others from the bondage of sin through our grateful service to Him.

The communion of believers at the Table of the Lord is not very different in kind from any other communion we may have with Christ. We have all had heart-searching fellowship with Him in prayer and in other ways, but the Supper helps us to realise that our fellowship with Him is a challenge to bring others into closer fellowship. Knowing this, Jesus took the suggestive symbols of bread and wine saying as He did so: "Do this in remembrance of me."

— C. J. R.

Thanks For the Bread

Heavenly Father, we present ourselves with thanksgiving as we seek to fulfil the purpose of Christ's death. This bread, we take in memory of His Body, deeply desiring that it may be to us the Bread of Life. Amen.

Thanks for the Cup

For this memorial of his life poured out to give us Eternal life we bring our thanks through Jesus Christ, by whom, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory be to God the Father. Amen.

FOCUS ON N.S.W. D.C.E.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Bible School Workers' Fraternal. The B.S.W.F. has been established and operative for over two years on a regular quarterly training basis. Of the four programmes the two conducted in Sydney were for periods of three and a half hours on Friday nights. One programme is conducted north of Sydney (60 miles) which involves Newcastle and Wyoming areas; the other south of Sydney (70 miles) is a three-day weekend live in conference. Average attendances have kept above the 100 mark.

Home Bible Study and Training Course. Seven reading courses are available. These include three in teacher training; one in specialist leadership; two in Bible study and a Diploma in Biblical Education—a four-year course. The Dept. has designated four examination weeks in the year. Well over 100 people have taken exams with a number qualified having completed their diplomas. The courses know no State boundaries. The Bible Study Diploma (B.S.D.) is at present the training programme for some volunteers to our Aborigine mission work.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Scholar Drive. A well designed chart and mobile pieces have been provided for every school in N.S.W. for a proficiency and scholar drive early this year. The char-

tered course to be covered includes missionary interest as well as the incentive to gain new scholars. Further copies are still available.

Lesson Material. Churches throughout N.S.W. are responding well to the new lesson material to be known as "Australian Standard" being prepared for the third quarter of this year.

CAMPING

New Camps for N.S.W. This year sees the introduction of a new camping era in this State. The August-September school holidays will be the scene of three new camps.

A four-day (first weekend) camp for fourth to sixth form co-ed. will be introduced. This will be followed by two camps for first to third form, both of seven days. The first a girls' camp, the second a boys' camp both from Tuesday to Monday consecutively. A minister and wife team will lead the girls' camp for the first time.

Easter sees the addition of a third camp to the already popular Illawarra and Macquarie camps. This new camp was held north of Tamworth on the Namoi River at the National Fitness Camp site—Camp Keepit. It will be under the leadership of the Inverell preacher Max Hall who also is preparing the Quiet Time manual. The studies and Q.T. materials will be common to each camp.

S.A. CRUSADE

(Balaklava, S.A.). Some of our members attended the Leighton Ford Crusade in Adelaide, and others supported the Landline meetings in various country centres. Crusade prayer meetings were held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford . . . The combined Good Friday service was held in our chapel. The Methodist minister presided and Colin Smith gave the message . . . Young people from here attended Easter Camp at Longwood, and Mr. Smith assisted in leadership at Balaklava camp . . . Our C.W.F. entertained visitors from all churches in town and surrounding districts at an At Home meeting.

ANN ST. ADDITIONS

(Brisbane, Qld.). Recently a young lady, two young men, and a married man have made decisions . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. McCosh in the passing of her aged aunt, Mrs. Hamilton. Funeral service was conducted by Mr. Armstrong . . . W. Fox has been discharged from Cherside Hospital following lengthy deep-ray treatment . . . Three National Service trainees from interstate are in regular fellowship with the church . . . Five of our women attended the Women's Conference Camp at Emu Park Youth Centre near Rockhampton.

LOSS AT NORTH PERTH

(W.A.). A faithful member, Mrs. Maud Cerene has died. For many years she suffered from Parkinson's Disease yet always attended services. She is sadly missed . . . A. Edwards, J. Meldrum, A. Summers and G. York were re-elected as elders. G. York is chairman-treasurer, and J. Henderson is secretary . . . The church welcomed eight new members following the Leighton Ford Crusade . . . Graham How has taken over leadership of the Boys' Explorers' Club.

BURWOOD IS 10

(Vic.). 200 present and past members shared in the church's 10th anniversary services on April 21. H. J. Patterson presided and Dr. K. Bowes was guest speaker. Opportunity was taken following the luncheon to review the past, look at the present, and present a challenging programme for the future. Artists assisting were Mrs. Anita Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hancock.

GROWTH AT ALBANY

(W.A.). March attendances averaged 41 with 38 breaking bread. Each Sunday has some visitors. On March 24 there were 10 . . . Our beloved Mrs. Potter died on April 11. The service at Kendenup was conducted by Mr. Clapp . . . Bruce Frazer, of the Presbyterian Outlying Areas Patrol was guest speaker on March 31. On that afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stevenson were baptized. By courtesy of our Baptist brethren we were able to use their building for this service . . . The church still keenly awaits commencement of the building programme . . . Plans are in hand to launch a B.S.

CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

(Grote St., Adelaide, S.A.). Arising from Church Life Conference a get-together picnic was successful on Easter Monday, 80 being present for informal fellowship . . . Three recent baptisms will mean a whole family coming into fellowship.

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1968

7.30 a.m.: MORNING PRAYERS

In Chapel

11 a.m.: REUNION COMMUNION

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President — Frank Chipperfield.

Speaker — John Lloyd.

Soloist — Noel Skillicorn.

4 p.m.: FRIENDSHIP HOUR

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Afternoon tea served.

5 p.m.: GOSPEL SERVICE

(Note time)

Speaker — Chaplain G. Crossman.

Soloist — Jean Milne.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KING

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches joined millions of people around the world in mourning the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, W.C.C. general secretary, termed him "the outstanding Christian minister in the United States." He said:

"Our appreciation of Martin Luther King in the World Council is symbolised by the fact that he had been invited, not as a Negro, not as a Nobel Prize-winner, not even as a civil rights leader, but rather as a minister of the gospel, to preach the opening sermon at the forthcoming Uppsala Assembly on the theme, 'Behold, I make all things new.'

"I suppose that it is Christianity alone that can accept as having meaning such an irrational thing as the death of a great and good man," said Dr. Blake. This meaning grows out of the fact that the Cross is at the centre of Christian faith. "Without too easily making comparisons of any man to Our Lord, whose approach to the Cross we remember during this season, it can be said that a courageous following of the pattern of Jesus' offering his life for others is clearly recognisable as an authentic Christian witness."

A tribute to Dr. King was issued jointly by leaders of three international Christian organisations based at the Ecumenical Centre here: Dr. Blake; Dr. Andre Appel, Lutheran World Federation general secretary; and Dr. Marcel Pradervand, World Alliance of Reformed Churches general secretary.

"By international consensus Dr. King

was a first citizen of the world," their statement said. "In the U.S. he was a main hope for a tormented nation. To the Church he was the leading American minister of Christ. For the unjustly used everywhere he was a prime-mover in the non-violent campaign for justice, the peaceful way to peace."

—E.P.S.

W.C.C. OPENS MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL FUND

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches has invited national and regional councils of churches in all six continents to subscribe to a project of the Mississippi Delta Ministry for Reconciliation, Rehabilitation and Relief as a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King who was assassinated recently.

This action has been taken after the Danish Inter-Church Aid Committee spontaneously sent a special gift of \$5,000 to Geneva to support the work of the Mississippi Delta Ministry. It was at once followed by other donations.

The Mississippi Delta Ministry is a comprehensive programme set up in 1964 by the National Council of Churches, U.S.A. Its annual budget is ecumenically supported through the World Council of Churches and embodies the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King's work.

The World Council of Churches is consulting with officials of the Mississippi Delta Ministry concerning the choice of a project that would serve as a fitting memorial to the Nobel Prize-winner.

HEAVY LOSS TO CHURCH

(Bendigo, Vic.). The funerals of Mrs. Sarah A. Broad, Alf. R. Pollock, and Elder Emeritus Ern. H. Duss followed in quick succession causing much loss to the church, yet thankfulness and gratitude to God for such triumphant Christian lives lived. Remarkable, possibly unique facts, about each are worthy of remembrance. All had rendered loyal and devoted service because each had strong faith and trust. Each passing was quiet, confident, peaceful, completely without pain. All three listened to the last Bendigo church broadcast service. They enjoyed communion shortly before passing.

CAMPBELL SINGERS 1968

(Vic.). 1967 proved to be a wonderful year in the work and ministry of the Campbell Singers.

This year also has begun well with engagements at North Williamstown, Dandenong and Ormond, and throughout the year the choir will be assisting in services at Footscray, Swanston Street, Shepparton, Thornbury, Wattle Park and at Christmas services and concerts.

The choir appreciate the support and financial assistance received in the past and look forward to the continuance of this brotherhood ministry.

TWO-YEAR PLAN

(Mildura, Vic.). Following an Evaluation Convention, led by the H.M. Dept., a two-year plan has been commenced. The first stage has been completed. It comprised a series of Sunday evening adult studies, "Faith and Behaviour," "The Law of Love" and "The Christian and his Work." The second phase for 1968 is a stewardship and conservation programme . . . The C.M.S. led by E. Hawtin is engaged in a project to help chaplaincy work at the technical school. Tomatoes have been grown and trailers are being assembled, realising over \$500 to date . . . Girls' Brigade has enrolment of 65. Mrs. H. Green is making satisfactory progress after a serious level crossing accident two months ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE PATCH (Vic.)

9.30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 a.m.—WORSHIP

7 p.m.—GOSPEL SERVICE

Preacher: W. THORNTON

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WORSHIP EXPERIMENT

(Hartwell, Vic.). An "Experiment in Worship" on morning of April 7 allowed congregational participation in prayers and responsive scripture reading. At night the choir presented excerpts from Stainer's "Crucifixion" with Eric Hancock as soloist . . . Church sympathy is expressed to F. Haycraft in death of his sister, and to Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Ross in passing of their aged father, Jas. Hancock . . . The choir is assisting the Choral Association with music for Conference United Gospel Service.

DRAMA GROUP FORMED

(Caulfield, Bambra Road, Vic.). A drama group has been formed, to be called "The Bambra Players." . . . A successful Youth Revue was held on March 29. Proceeds of \$90 to go to Aborigines' Missions and youth projects . . . The annual business meeting discussed plans for future work . . . A. A. Avery spoke to church on April 7 . . . Combined inter-church Easter service on Good Friday had F. A. Youens as speaker . . . There have been three decisions.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

In one sense my time spent so far in New Guinea has been very busy, in another sense, very relaxing. Due to problems in receiving building materials, the school at Bunapas was not able to be completed by the expected time. Therefore, there has been plenty of spare time to get the necessary school programmes, etc., ready. I have been able to visit all but one of our mission stations during the past five weeks. The site of each mission station is very pretty, especially Tumba and Bunapas, which overlook the Ramu.

By MISS JUDY SIMPSON,
New Guinea

I have also been able to accompany some of our nurses on infant welfare patrols and these have also been very interesting. One such patrol on which I accompanied Lou Joyce and her dog Louie, involved a nine-mile trek along a barely visible narrow "road"—through up to six feet high kunal grass, sloshing through ankle deep mud, through dense bush, through several creeks, and up and down numerous steep hills. It was my first taste of the hilly land of New Guinea and was very exhausting, but the countryside all around our destination, a village called Wasamabang (pronounced Wah-sum-a-bung) was really beautiful. It took us about three hours to make the trip and when we finally reached Wasamabang Lou and I had a much needed bath, fully clothed, in the nearby creek. This was followed by a meal of native-cooked yams pawpaw, and coffee.

After tea, one of the native men came and chatted with us for a couple of hours, and was soon joined by a large number of boys and girls from the village. He told interesting tales of his great grandparents, days when the

people of his village used to eat human flesh. We were consoled by the fact that only males were eaten! He also told us some of his own recollections of activities in his area during the war years. Often the only way the age of an adult can be worked out is to find out whether he remembers the war, and we worked out that this chap is about 45.

Next morning before we'd even finished our early breakfast, the first arrivals were on our doorstep, ready for their medical checkups. Under Lou's guidance, I gave my very first injections, but after giving about six or so I gave up, due to my "compassionate nature." I was sure I was hurting the poor kids twice as much as a trained nurse would do, and left the remaining 70 or so for Lou to give.

We were to return to Tung that afternoon, but as there were over 200 children for Lou to see, we didn't get finished until 6 p.m. and rather than travel in the darkness we spent a second night there. We stayed in an attractive native-style house, built especially for the clinic work. Patrols are carried out monthly, and in future this will be part of Rhonda Whan's medical work. We had a pressure stove, lamp, sleeping gear, and cooking utensils, so we were quite comfortable. The next morning we arose at daybreak, packed, and set off quite early for Tung. Because of a couple of sore toes, I started out in bare feet, but this didn't prove very successful at all. The road was quite slippery and not being an accomplished ice-skater, I landed with a bump and arose with a much deeper "suntan" than I'd started with. We decided a course in ballet dancing would be helpful to missionaries . . . it may help us to land gracefully! We reached Tung village about 11 a.m., and were greeted with two large coconuts fresh from the tree. These were very welcome as we were both very thirsty and just about exhausted.

EASTER CAMP, BICHENO, TAS.,

Sixty-seven campers and staff crowded at the Churches of Christ camp site at Bicheno for the Easter holidays represented all Tasmanian churches except one. Camp leaders were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Devonport, and Mr. and Mrs. Flett, Nubeena-Highcroft. W. Flett, T. Armstrong, G. Townsend and Mrs. J. Harrison were study leaders. Mrs. Harrison was unable to attend at the last moment through sickness but sent a tape recording of her Bible study.

Campers used the booklet "Born to Reproduce" by Dawson Trotman, founder of the "Navigators" as a basis of discussion.

Features were night programmes concluding with church groups presenting how they sought as a group to reproduce the Christian life in others, and a journey to Coles Bay for a walk up the mountain followed by a barbecue tea and camp fire service on the beach. An interested group of young people holidaying in the district joined in the service whilst others listened from a distance.

Two young people made decisions and others shared something of the deep work of the Spirit in their hearts.

Excellent meals were provided by Mrs. Phipps, assisted by D. Head.

CITY MINISTERS

A Ministers' Fraternal with a new look

(Melb.). An association of ministers in the city area of Melbourne held its first meeting at the Princess Mary Club. The Rev. Arthur Preston, of Wesley Church, who convened the gathering, said that all city clergy had responded to the invitation, and had agreed to meet informally on a monthly basis over lunch. The group also agreed to share their experiences regularly in ministry to the city.

The first meeting heard newly appointed Commissioner Harvey of the Salvation Army (Southern Command) talk on his experiences in the Korean field. The group includes Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Welsh Church, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Salvation Army representatives.—V.C.C.

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OPEN FORUM

VOLTAIRE

To the Editor,

Until recently I had always heard Voltaire described as an infidel. But, according to an article I read lately he was anything but an unbeliever. How could an unbeliever write these words: "Oh God unrecognised, whom all thy works proclaim; Oh God, hear these my final words. If ever I have erred, 'twas searching for thy law. My heart may go astray, but it is full of thee."

Before he died, he got his secretary to write: "I die adoring God, loving my friends, not hating my enemies, and detesting superstition." Doesn't sound much like the words of an infidel! Why then is he often called the French infidel?

We must remember he lived in a country where people were under the domination of priests, who had the power to put heretics to death, if their religious views did not coincide with their own, and Voltaire incurred their displeasure by his frank attacks on this kind of religion, and was banished from France.

He returned later on, and was received with acclamation by the French people who greeted him with shouts of "He taught us to think." Judging from his words, he was evidently of the opinion that men should believe in a God, whose very works proclaimed Him God. Yet in our own land we find, to this day, people who say there is no God. Looks as though such folks require someone to "Teach them to think."

I was very glad to have had my early opinion of Voltaire altered.

—W. J. E. Lewis, N.S.W.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

HOUR OF GLORY

To the Editor,

I turned out to the Anzac Parade at the local war memorial. In the march past there were the thinning ranks of those who "fought the war to end war." They were followed in great numbers by those who fought "to save democracy." Then, young and swinging came a few who have just finished their stint in the war to keep the Chinese out of our kitchens.

We all clapped loudly and cried a little. It was very moving. We would not deny them their hour of glory. And they can have another one next year at the same time, "lest we forget."

Now that they have had their annual hour of glory we can all go back to doing what we always do; thinking with our blood, cherishing our prejudices, whispering our fears, and coddling our national and personal egos, and thus making sure that there will be future wars, and the decline of democracy, and a very bright future for the Communists.

But a lot of my Christian friends don't think it is a Christian's business to be concerned about these things. They are hell-bent for heaven.

I hope that the editor wore his medals the other day. He won't get any for the campaign he's on now!

TERTIUS.

"CREATIVE LIVING"

To the Editor,

Being in another State I did not know much about the life and work of Will Newham, of Melbourne. But having read the book "Creative Living," dedicated to his memory by Lyndsay Smith, Viney Longthorp and Howard Weedon, and having observed their tribute to his Christian leadership and personal dedication, I feel moved to say that no finer memorial to Mr. Newham could have been achieved. The series of 50 worship programmes—which he began and the above-named others completed—form an invaluable store of basic material to be drawn upon by leaders of boys' clubs, girls' clubs, C.E. societies, Bible schools and youth fellowships. Users of the book are not limited to repeating the stories parrot-fashion (though they could do worse!); they can tell them in their own way.

—A. J. Ludbrook, S.A.

THE HOMOSEXUAL

To the Editor,

In "A.C.," April 20, Mr. Clapp suggests that the homosexual has a place in the kingdom of God only if he renounces his sin. Surely Paul is doing no justice to the homosexual in condemning his behaviour. I cannot accept homosexual relations between consenting adults in certain circumstances as sinful. Undoubtedly, to most of us, homosexuality is aesthetically repugnant, but who are we to impose mere aesthetic standards on another and say, "This is sinful"?

To expect many homosexuals to renounce their practices or that God will give them the grace to do so is unreal. Their behaviour, in terms of their personal makeup, is normal. Obviously God does not blame a person for having the sexual makeup with which he is born.

To deny the expression of homosexual behaviour is as cruel and unreasonable as to deny most people sexual expression in marriage. In condemning homosexuality we are giving undue attention to physical acts which are neither right nor wrong in themselves but to which moral significance may attach according to the relationship between the people concerned. Is it too readily assumed that in homosexuals this relationship is one of lust? Is there any reason why it might not be one of love? It seems that the homosexual has been long hounded simply because he is different and we are intolerant of nonconformity.

Because of his social rejection the homosexual, when identified, needs Christian compassion and acceptance as he is, not as we might like him to be. But have we enough of Christ in us to do this?

—Allen Crisp, Vic.

(This correspondence is now closed).

NOT FIRST

A. B. Bickford of Wonga Park, Vic., phoned the Editor to point out that Charles F. Adermann was not "the first member of Churches of Christ to enter Federal Parliament," as stated in the "Australian Christian" for April 20, 1968.

That honour went to Senator John Barrett of the North Melbourne church who was elected to the first ever Federal Parliament.

Elliot Arnold, of S.A., wrote also to remind us that the Hon. E. L. Batchelor, of the Park St., Unley, church, was for many years Labor member for Boothby, and was Minister for External Affairs in Andrew Fisher's Labor Government at the time of the First World War.

THE RESURRECTION

To the Editor,

I am grateful to Mr. E. S. Sanders ("A.C.," 23/3/68) for his comments on the issues raised in the pamphlet, "The Resurrection . . . History or Myth?" but on some of his comments more needs to be said.

It is true that Christ could be alive and sharing in dynamic and vibrant relationship with men today without having physically come out of the tomb and shown himself in that form to his disciples. We cannot put limits on God or his activity just to fit our particular traditions.

But the historical fact of the Resurrection does give us the assurance that the experience we do have of the living Christ is a reality and not just a delusion, or wishful thinking.

Paul put it far better than I could in 1 Cor. 15: 14, 15: ". . . if Christ was not raised, then our gospel is null and void, and so is your faith; and we turn out to be lying witnesses for God, because we bore witness that he raised Christ to life . . ." (N.E.B.).

My point was that the N.T. presents the Resurrection of Christ as a fact, and not just as an insight, and modern Christian faith has been based on this.

Secondly, I did not say that the doctrine of the Resurrection "has no relevance to the needs of many who feel they have a vibrant and dynamic

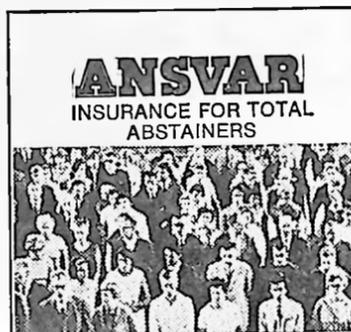
relationship with the living Christ." My statement (p.3) was that "the Christian faith as conventionally presented held little attraction" for the troops for whom Bultmann was concerned. The fact of the Resurrection is certainly relevant to modern men, even if we do not always recognise it.

Thirdly, there is no need to posit a further miracle in the Ascension. I have been guilty in the past of wanting to "spiritualise" this account, but surely it is of the same order as the other Resurrection appearances and disappearances. After these appearances, the disciples obviously needed some such final "disappearance" to convince them that the Christ they had previously known physically would not be available to them again in this particular form.

Fourthly, on p.6, I was not simply wanting to take the easy way out. It simply seems more probable that the facts are as stated in the N.T. than that this fantastic story should have been written to explain the remarkable insights that had come to the disciples.

I agree that our own eternal life does not depend upon our acceptance or otherwise of a doctrine—directly. It does, however, depend upon our acceptance of the forgiving grace and loving purpose of God. We are more likely to do this if we know for certain that he lives and reigns today.

—Richard Lawton, A.C.T.



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BOOK REVIEWS

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Missionary pioneers Livingstone and Grenfell are included, but so also are cricketers Studd and Hutton and mountain-climbers Mallory and Hillary. People from overseas like Raikes and Braille are featured but so are Australians Kingsford-Smith and Flynn. Moreover three men from Churches of Christ are included—Will Waterman, Will Clay and Will Newham.

The book is dedicated to Will Newham. He it was who thought of the idea and wrote 10 of the stories. The other authors—Lyndsay Smith (editor), Viney Longthorp and Howard Weedon are to be congratulated on maintaining the standards set by Will Newham.

Many will want to purchase this book because of their admiration for Will Newham. Others will buy because it is a Brotherhood publication. But all can be assured that the book itself is worth buying. While the needs of Explorer Boys' Clubs are to the forefront, workers in girls' clubs, C.E. societies, youth fellowships and Bible schools will find this an invaluable tool in their task. The attractive deep blue board cover will enable the book to stand the constant use it should get.

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CHURCHES WIN MAJOR POINT

(East Berlin). A guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience, requested by both Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, was included in a revised version of the new East German constitution to be submitted to plebiscite on April 6.

All other church requests, however, especially that regarding church retention of corporation status under public law, were not included.

The religious guarantee is stipulated in Article 20, in a section called "Basic Rights and Duties of the Citizens." It states: "Every German Democratic Republic citizen has the same rights and duties regardless of his nationality, race, ideology, or religious faith. Freedom of conscience and faith are guaranteed. All citizens are equal before the law." —E.P.S.

CZECH BAPTISTS ASK PASTORS' REINSTATEMENT

(Prague). The Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia has appealed to the nation's highest court to restore the civil rights of 13 pastors imprisoned during 1952 and 1953.

The appeal followed a government announcement that it would review prison sentences meted out during 1950-56.

The Baptist Union asked that the clergymen regain their pension rights, receive financial reimbursement for their years in prison, and again be allowed to serve as pastors. Permission was also asked for resumption of a monthly newspaper, and consideration was being given to a petition for return of a church retreat taken over by authorities in 1949.—E.P.S.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL "AT HOME"

(S.A.). The Christian Rest Home at 34 Norman Terrace, Black Forest, will hold the annual "At Home" on May 4. The home will be open for inspection between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., when visitors will be given a very warm welcome.

Afternoon tea will be served by the ladies' committee and a trading table will be conducted by the guests of the home. Articles made by the guests will be on sale and other goods donated by friends will also be sold to raise funds for the home. The afternoon will be opened by the president of the Women's Conference, Miss Erica Hammond.

All are cordially invited to attend.

OLD FOLK BENEFIT

(Berri, S.A.). Harvest Festival goods were sent to Old Folks' Home at Berri, and Christian Rest Home, Adelaide . . . The Upper Murray Battalion Girls' Brigade church parade was conducted at Gerrard Mission Reserve. Mrs. Baxter (pres.) presided . . . Berri and Winkle B.S. combined picnic was held at camp site, Lake Bonney . . . The new Director of Christian Educ., C. H. Dow, met youth leaders on April 8 at youth tea. Mr. Dow spoke at both church services . . . Special meetings are being held prior to and in preparation for a stewardship dinner and meeting . . . Mrs. R. Foley is home from hospital.

DECISIONS FROM FORD CRUSADE

(Grote St., Adelaide). Church entered fully into Leighton Ford Crusade, members engaged in counselling, choir, ushering, co-labouring, transport, etc. Over 500 invitations given. Three primary decisions resulted for Grote St. . . . C.W.F. celebrated 17th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pannel . . . Harvest Festival goods were distributed to Prisoners' Aid Assn. and Tanderra Aborigine Girls' Home . . . Church Life Conference was fairly well attended with good group discussions. Several committees were formed to implement decisions made . . . Sympathy expressed to Elder C. W. McDonald in the death of his wife.

TUMBY BAY GOLDEN WEDDING

(S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lawrie have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary . . . 22 I.C.E. members and four leaders were in camp, March 29-31 . . . Several members attended Leighton Ford Counselling Classes. Actual meetings, per landline, were not well attended. One young lady made her decision . . . Combined Holy Week service was held in Methodist Church. Good Friday services were held at Tumby Bay. The minister, B. Ricketts, was chaplain at Longwood Easter Camp.

CO-OPERATION

(Owen-Long Plains, S.A.). The church at Owen continues to co-operate with other churches through combined S.S. and special services. A number of gospel services are held, especially designed for young people . . . The Ladies' Guild is working for children receiving assistance through the Prisoners' Aid Society . . . There have been two baptisms at Long Plains. The weekly prayer meetings at Long Plains have been related to the Leighton Ford Crusade. Members attended Christian Witnessing classes at Elizabeth . . . Both ladies' guilds have been making scrapbooks for use in Adelaide mental hospitals.

THE CROSS IN GLENELG

(S.A.). Glenelg churches had a Procession of Witness on Good Friday night. A young man carried a cross ahead of a long procession of people from all churches who marched in silence through the streets . . . The recent Stewardship Crusade saw weekly offerings rise from \$168 to \$250 weekly . . . The C.M.S. has revived with a regular 6 p.m. dinner. At last session 50 heard Alex. Ramsay of the S.A. Housing Trust . . . The church has been active in the Leighton Ford Crusade. The minister, E. P. C. Hollard, is

on the executive . . . At recent youth service a university student, a commercial artist, a trainee teacher, and a young businessman discussed their witness as Christians . . . The church was host to representatives of other churches. Over 250 were present, including the Mayor and Mayoress . . . The C.W.F. held a garden party at the home of Mrs. Patrick and raised \$60 for Girls' Brigade funds . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pittman, now residing in Glenelg, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary . . . Mick Roberts and Tony Carr have returned from Vietnam. Also Dr. Maurice Peacock who is also residing in Glenelg.

\$2,000 GIFTS FOR CHAPEL

(Brooklyn Park, S.A.). Sacrificial giving for the new chapel has passed \$2,000 . . . Children from Morialta Home were entertained on Harvest Thanksgiving day . . . A continuous prayer vigil was arranged when all church families participated at pre-arranged times throughout a Sunday afternoon . . . District churches combined for first time in a prayer and Bible study evening . . . Men's Fellowship heard first hand account of the war in Vietnam from Dr. Maurice Peacock . . . A new attendance record was established for Sunday morning services.

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CITY MINISTRY

(Swanston St., Melb.). The leadership is shared by Dr. Jones and the associate, John Tudor. Our senior minister continues to improve in health and has been able to do most of the preaching. There have been six recent decisions and a discipleship class is being conducted by Jeff Todd, B. Comm. . . . We have welcomed into the church's fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith from the New Hebrides. Farewell was said on April 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Teo, the first Asians to be in membership with our church. They leave for Canada. Barbara Fel, renowned Chinese soprano, together with Dr. Sylvia Hui, have been welcome visitors. We have been deeply sorrowed in the loss of Alf. Rutherford after many years of fellowship and service in our church. It was necessary for Mrs. Harry Lyall to enter hospital recently with a broken hip . . . The church's ministry among the students of the colleges and universities and the nursing community is constantly expanding and over 100 are regularly in touch with us. Mr. Tudor is performing a vital ministry as he takes over much of the responsibility for this area of witness.

MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

(Bordertown, S.A.). Don Oakes has tendered his resignation to the church to take effect as from 1969. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes have given a tremendous practical ministry to the church . . . During the Leighton Ford Crusade in Adelaide, a similar campaign was held in Bordertown with Graham Smith of Campaigners with Christ as speaker. It was sponsored by the Churches of Christ with support from Methodist and Congregational churches. Alma Oehm, Joan Walters, Geoffrey Jacobs and Wayne Tymmons have confessed their faith in Christ and together with Robyn Milne have been baptized. A number of decisions also related to the supporting churches . . . "The Glory of Easter" was staged by Bordertown Music and Arts Club in our church prior to Easter, produced by Roy Arnold . . . Dianne Wordon has taken over leadership of J.C.E. Mrs. Clarice Verco had been leader of this group for a considerable time.

THINGS TO COME

- VICTORIA**
- MAY:**
- 5 — 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.
 - 24-25 — TASMANIAN DISTRICT CONF.
 - 31 — Impact.
 - 24-June 2 — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- JUNE:**
- 1 — Impact (Country Programme).
 - 2 — Pentecost Sunday.
 - 4 — Explorer Mid-Year Tea and Meeting.
 - 14-16 — Good Companions' Leader Training Camp — Monbulk.
 - 19-28 — Explorer Indoor Sports (Zones).
 - 22 — B.S. One-Day Teacher Training Conference — Ballarat.
 - 29 — C.Y.F. Annual Dinner and Meeting.
 - June 26-Aug. 21 — Leadership and Y.A.F. Sensitivity Training Programme (9 Wednesdays).

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MAY MISSION

(Mile End, S.A.). C. W. Jackel will conduct a one-week mission from May 26, the day of the 60th Jubilee, until the following Sunday . . . 40 attended our young people's Easter camp at Williamstown. The minister, J. A. Luff, conducted the camp and preached at Williamstown. C. Cunningham and L. Fitzgerald were Easter speakers at Mile End.

UNITED SERVICE

(Zillmere-Boondall, Qld.). At Zillmere another united service was held in our Community Centre. The primary school choir, the Salvation Army Band and the Anglican Franciscan Folk Singers all combined. Guest preacher was A. C. Male, our director of Christian Educ. whose challenging message was well received by Catholics and Protestants who all supported the service, having been encouraged by their ministers. Graeme Rigby was guest soloist . . . We received nine responses from the Dr. Billy Graham Crusade, each of whom have been followed up with spiritual help, and four of whom are already anticipating making the good confession in the baptistery. Our circuit has been enlivened through the Crusade . . . Mrs. E. Brown, previously of Redcliffe, has been elected president of Zillmere C.W.F. . . . The Boys' and Girls' Brigades have a total membership of 130 boys and girls in four companies, ably led by 15 dedicated adult leaders as officers therein.

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APPOINTS

RAY McKENZIE

The Department of Christian Education in Victoria and Tasmania announced at Conference that R. C. McKenzie, B.A., is its incoming Director. Mr. McKenzie, who is married with four children, three of them teenagers, comes well equipped for the task. He graduated from the College of the Bible in 1950 and has ministered at Newmarket and North Richmond (Vic.), at Toowoomba (Qld.) and for the last seven years at Ormond (Vic.). Over the years he has gained experience in the Federal Board of Christian Education, the Victorian Bible School Committee and on the Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools. Since 1964 he has undertaken specialised studies in counselling and pastoral care at the Cairnmillar Institute. The Department believes that Mr. McKenzie will give a virile and positive lead to all the churches in the brotherhood.

Mr. McKenzie will begin with the Department no later than Dec. 1, 1969. Discussions are continuing with the Ormond church for a partial release for several months prior to that date so that the incoming Director can examine Christian Education work being pursued throughout Australia both within and beyond our churches. Arrangements are being made for the widespread work of the Department to be maintained during the period before Mr. McKenzie takes office. The prayers and active support of the churches are urged both for the incoming Director and for the Department.

INTERESTED IN L.I.F.E.

(Naracoorte, S.A.). Our minister, A. G. Leane and two board members, I. Simons and A. G. Dinning, will attend the Lay Institute for Evangelism in East Melbourne in May. A programme of training in personal evangelism is envisaged when the team returns . . . Hospital theatre Sister, Sheila Lowe, formerly of Yorkshire, England, recently made her decision . . . A special church business meeting decided to sell existing manse and purchase a modern four bedroom brick and stone dwelling nearer to the new church buildings and handy to primary school . . . Outreach meetings at Kingston continue weekly with approximately 30 present. A B.S. commenced on April 28.

FOR GHANA

(Gympie-Monkland, Qld.). Miss Janet Clarke has recently left for Ghana on missionary service . . . the minister and many members have been actively engaged in the Graham Crusade.

WITNESS CONTINUES

(Mackay, Qld.). The church here continues to make its witness although still without a minister. The average attendances are: Morning 38, evening 21, communion 29. The church is feeling the loss of the Wyeth family transferred by the Education Dept. to Brisbane . . . The church was actively engaged in the Landline relay of the Graham Crusade.



THREE FROM CRUSADE

(Scarborough, W.A.). Three B.S. scholars were baptized and welcomed into fellowship having confessed Christ at the Leighton Ford Crusade. Members on transfer from other districts were also welcomed . . . H. Seaby has been elected an elder . . . Scarborough J.C.E. won the blue pennant at the recent W.A. Eisteddford.

CARE FOR MT. ROYAL

(Preston, Vic.). C.W.F. members are rostered to provide the evening meal on Sundays for ladies in Ward 7 at Mt. Royal Hospital . . . C.W.F. celebrated birthday on April 1 with 125 members and visitors including Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Ashlin of the executive . . . Mrs. Condy is now leader of the senior Good Companions.

EASTER CAMP

(Mukinbudin, W.A.). An Easter Camp for Y.P. was held at Bullfinch. 50 young folk from Mukinbudin, Northam, York, Kalgoorlie and Narembeen were present. A very happy time was spent and the lectures were well received.

40 YEARS WITH CHOIR

(Subiaco, W.A.). On April 7 the choir presented the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" led by Chas. M. Nelson who is celebrating 40 years as choirmaster at Subiaco. Organist was Ron Raymond, soloists were Mrs. G. Marshall, Mrs. M. Furr, E. Wilson and R. Gething.

YEAR OF MINISTRY

(Harvey, W.A.). Gratitude and thanks were expressed to A. W. Ladbrook at the annual meeting for his devotion and service during his first year of ministry. N. Ottrey and P. Newby elected to elders' board. Mr. Ladbrook gave the State Conf. sermon . . . Ladies helped with the Red Cross appeal. Also enjoyed an outing at Wellington Dam, with ladies from Collie and Bunbury . . . Members joined in Prayer Cell for Leighton Ford Crusade.

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Devotional messages were presented by Mrs. L. P. Austin and Mrs. W. Robartson.

Music throughout the day was provided by Mesdames Brigatti and Conigrave with messages in song from Mesdames G. Wood, P. Armstrong and Miss R. Johnston.

The Christian Fellowship Hour welcomed guests from kindred churches and organisations, also nine veterans including Granny Sharp in her 106th year. The messages in song brought by the Gospel Trio were greatly appreciated. Mrs. D. G. Hammer conducted

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Guest Speakers were Dr. B. Pitt, recently returned from the New Hebrides and Des. Nelson, of Nollamara.

Induction of incoming president, Mrs. W. Robartson was conducted by Mrs. F. Newcombe during the morning session. Mrs. Robartson gave as her theme for the year, "Living Triumphantly."

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

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OBITUARY

E. Garfield Rootes.

After a short stay in hospital, Garfield Rootes died on March 24, ending 60 years of active service for God. In 1908 he went to Lexington, Kentucky, to study for the ministry. On return to Australia he ministered for some years in N.S.W. and in 1921 came to Kadina, S.A. It was here that I first knew him, while I ministered at the neighbouring town of Wallaroo. A firm and valued friendship endured until his passing from us. He spent the rest of his active ministry in this State, leaving behind many close friends in every church where he and Mrs. Rootes laboured during 43 years. He served for a second term at Kadina, and other fields were St. Morris (now Kensington Park), Semaphore, Victor Harbour (as the first circuit preacher taking in Goolwa), Long Plains, North Adelaide, and Gawler from which he retired from full-time service in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Rootes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary only last year. Brethren who had loved and esteemed him in a number of these churches were present at the funeral services at the parlour or the graveside in Enfield Evergreen Cemetery. The services were led by I. J. Chivell, with H. R. Taylor (who was contemporary for part of the time at Kentucky Bible College) and myself. Mrs. Rootes, and her sister Miss Owen, have the memory of many years of happy companionship. They have the loving Christian sympathy of the multitude of friends made over the years, whose prayers will help to sustain them. The whole brotherhood shares the real sense of loss of one who was a truly gentle man, and who proved a true brother in Christ to all who were associated with him. We thank God for his life and ministry.—A. J. Ingham.

Claude Eric Goodier.

On Feb. 18, 1968, the first day of a holiday at Margaret River, W.A., Claude Goodier suddenly collapsed and died whilst fishing. He was aged 62. Mr. Goodier's parents became members of the Bassendean (then West Guildford) church under the ministry of the late G. T. Fitzgerald during the years of World War 1. Their sons, Claude and Roy, followed their parents' faith, and all their lives since have remained true to their Christian profession. Transferring from Bassendean to Cottesloe some 12 years ago, Claude Goodier and his wife and children became actively involved in the life of the church there. He served on the Board of Officers for many years. His life of Christian witness was an inspiration to all who knew him. A cremation service was conducted in the Karrakatta Cemetery by D. Croot, minister of Cottesloe church, on Feb. 21. To his wife, Janet, and children, and to his brother Roy, the sympathy of the whole W.A. brotherhood of Churches of Christ, among whom Claude Goodier was well known and loved, is lovingly extended.

—J.K.R.

Mrs. E. S. Wallington.

The church at Cheltenham, Vic., lost one of her devoted members on March 29 in the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Stella Wallington. The late V. C. Stafford was responsible for bringing Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Wallington from the Brethren Church into Churches of Christ, and for the next 20 years they played a significant part in the life of the church at Cheltenham. After many years of service in the Brethren Church, both in Victoria and Adelaide, they both brought great gifts of Bible teaching and spiritual devotion into the congregation. V. D. Wallington, who predeceased his wife by some years, was a highly respected elder and Mrs. Wallington a deaconess over many years. She was a woman of amazingly bright spirit, of wide vision and deep faith. Her concern for her Lord and for other people was constantly expressed in her dedicated service in the local congregation. We extend God's comfort to her daughters Ruth (Mrs. Bert Whitehead), Dove (Mrs. Jones) and son Wilbur. In 1929, in recognition of their long service in Brethren circles, Mr. and

Mrs. Wallington were presented with an illuminated text: "God is our refuge and strength," and throughout their lives both of them witnessed to this great truth.—G.K.M.

Mrs. J. E. Byard.

The church at Devonport was saddened at the home call of one of the aged members, Mrs. J. E. Byard. Born at Mole Creek, she lived there and at Mayberry until about 12 years ago when she and her late husband came to live at Devonport. She was very hospitable, her home always being open. She was faithful in her attendance at the Lord's Table. During the last few years she was greatly afflicted in health and so was unable to attend. It was then the privilege of some elders and deacons to take the emblems to her home where the communion service would be held. She greatly enjoyed this and appreciated the fellowship, manifesting a real interest in the activities of the church. Her husband predeceased her about nine months ago. The church extends sincere sympathy to all relatives and friends.

—E.W.T.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AGREED BASIS

(Melb.). The Victorian Council of Churches' meeting agreed to accept as its basis the present wording of the basis of membership of the World Council of Churches. It reads: "The Victorian Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Commenting on the move the Secretary of the Council said that some members of the Council required assurance of its adherence to an orthodox theological position. The basis would also be

used for examining new applications for membership.—V.C.C.

NEW V.C.C. CHAIRMAN

(Melb.). The Victorian Council of Churches elected the Rev. S. I. Weeks, of the Yarra Street Methodist Church, Geelong, as its chairman for 1968. Mr. Weeks who has exercised ecumenical leadership in Australia and overseas is a former chairman of the Aust. Student Christian Movement. He is a Methodist delegate to the W.C.C. Assembly at Uppsala this year.

Mr. Weeks succeeds the Rt. Rev. N. Faichney, at present Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. A tribute was paid to the work of Mr. Faichney by a vice-chairman, Principal E. L. Williams.—V.C.C.

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Chapel Extension work was inaugurated many years ago to assist in securing land, erecting chapels and school halls and acquiring manses. The present fund stands at just on \$50,000 and is being built up slowly from brotherhood contributions, interest earnings, and commission from our insurance agency.

The Deposits Fund was established some four years ago to supplement the Chapel Extension Fund and for financing other brotherhood activities. Interest from 3½% on call moneys up to 5¼% on long term deposits is paid. So far, in the short life of this fund about \$20,000 has been made available to the brotherhood.

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We have just over 70 established churches in N.S.W. to serve a population of more than four million people. During the past few years there have been vast movements of population with the creation of new suburbs and satellite cities. Many of our young folk have moved out into the outer-suburban areas. Churches, school halls and manses are required for these districts.

Our fund is at present helping 18 churches — but there are many areas in N.S.W. where we should be establishing a strong New Testament witness. It is plain then that the somewhat quiet and unobtrusive work of the Chapel Extension Fund is vital to our development.

—P. H. MORTON.

HOME FROM NEW GUINEA

(Granville, N.S.W.). Ross Somerville has been home on furlough from New Guinea. He and his fiancée will marry at Easter at Lorengau where they are both working. Sister Noela Mobbs has also been with us . . . Roger Clarke is student minister for 1968 . . . A. Crouch is S.S. Supt. . . . The annual meeting elected Messrs. Kenyon, Dainty and Divorti as elders . . . The Women's Fellowship elected Mrs. Burns as Pres. . . . Mrs. Wallace and Miss S. Wallace have been welcomed into fellowship and to the teaching staff.

IN CRUSADE

(Inverell, N.S.W.). Many members attended the Christian Witness classes for the Billy Graham Crusade. The intensive studies for the follow-up course were given by our minister, Maxwell Hall, to reps. of the various churches . . . The M.A.F. filmstrip, "More Than An Ambulance" depicting the wonderful work of M.A.F. in South America, was shown in the B.S. and in the evening service . . . 18 Inverell young people went to Tamworth for the Easter Youth Camp, joining with Gilgandra and Tamworth young people. 40 teenagers were present with many others attending day sessions . . . Peter Salsbury of M.A.F., screened the film "Mid-Century Martyrs" to an interested audience . . . One young woman made her decision at camp.

SIXTEEN BAPTISMS

(Tamworth, N.S.W.). Among the sixteen who were baptized on March 31 were three generations of one of our lovely Aborigine families—Mrs. Munro (grandmother), Mr. and Mrs. Hill (parents) and Lilla Hill (their daughter). . . . Easter Camp held at the Tamworth Showground was a time of challenge and inspiration. One decision was made at that camp. Campers came from Tamworth, Inverell, Murwillumbah, Sydney and Gilgandra. Max Hall was leader . . . There were three further decisions at Tamworth on April 14 . . . We sorrow with Mrs. Lil Bignill and her daughters, Dorothy and Denise, in the loss of her husband and their father after a long, painful illness very courageously borne.

ELDERS AT EPPING

(N.S.W.). At a morning worship service Frank Elsmore and Ken Oliver were formally added to the eldership of the congregation . . . P. French, of Wagga, was a recent speaker . . . About 40 visitors took part in the "Operation Threshold" to make 700 calls in our area . . . Boys' Brigade 1st Div. raised \$40 for annual appeal to help B.B. in New Guinea . . . Over 30 members attended the "Christian Life and Witness" classes. A Billy Graham film of the London Crusade was screened.

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M. Sheehan, secretary, Burwood church, Vic., 5 Carmichael Court, Tally Ho.

ENGAGEMENTS

HOWES - SHERRIFF.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Sherriff, 105 Jamoneau-st., Warracknabeal, announce with pleasure the engagement of their eldest son John, to Elaine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howes, 368 Barkly-st., Ararat.

BARNETT-SCOWN.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Barnett, Bordertown, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Jillian Heather, to Robert Graham, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Scown, Trinity Gardens, S.A.

SHERRIFF-SMITH.—The engagement is announced of Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sherriff, Horsham, to Doug. (College of the Bible, Glen Iris), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Bordertown, S.A.

STUBBERFIELD-CREMIN.—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stubberfield, of 71 Stoney Creek-rd., Beverly Hills, N.S.W., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanette Anne, to Erwin Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cremin, 8 Castres-st., Glynde, S.A.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

LOVE-McILLHAGGER.—Elizabeth's mother and step-father (Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goninon, 5 Theresa-st., Smithfield, N.S.W., 2164), announce with pleasure the marriage of their daughter to Arthur at Auburn Church of Christ, N.S.W., on Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m.

MARRIAGE

ENTICOTT-KEATCH.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Keatch, Merbein, Vic., announce with pleasure the marriage of their only daughter, Aileen Lynette, to Michael Robert, elder son of Mr. R. and the late Mrs. Enticott, Mildura, at the Church of Christ, Mildura, on May 4 at 4 p.m.

Special Announcement

SWANSTONST. CHURCH OF CHRIST

To add to the effective evangelistic ministry of the city church it is proposed to form a Choir for the Sunday evening service. We believe a worthy standard must be set and that qualified and consecrated singers could be available within our brotherhood to assist us achieve this standard. In order to augment singers already available we are therefore inviting inquiries from interested Christian people who may not be vitally involved in other activities on Sunday nights and would like to be a part of this vital ministry in the city. Further information may be had by ringing or writing the Minister, Dr. Lloyd Jones, 85-5827, or Secretary, Mr. R. M. Walker, 38-8869.

RUBY WEDDING

MORRISON-BOWD.—Joe and Olive announce with gratitude to God the 40th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated on April 28, 1928 at Dawson-st., Ballarat, the late G. T. Fitzgerald officiating. Present address, 2 Murray-st., Wagga, N.S.W., 2650.

DEATHS

NICHOLLS, Eva Mary.—On April 20, 1968, peacefully at her home, 112 Essex-st., Pascoe Vale, dearly beloved wife of Joseph, loving mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Anderson), and Mervyn; fond mother-in-law of Allison and Henry; devoted grandmother of Ray, Barbara, Susan and Robert.

POLLOCK.—On March 30 at Bendigo, Alfred Richard, dearly loved husband of Jean, devoted father of John, Donald and Elizabeth; father-in-law of Bev, Carmel and Ken; much loved grandpa of Gregory, Fiona, Natalie, Darren, Tania, Andrew and baby Simone. "It is well, it is well with my soul."

TAYLOR.—On April 12, at Fremantle Hospital, W.A., Samuel George beloved husband of the late Olive, dearly loved father of Geoff. (Fremantle, W.A.), Cliff (Chatswood, N.S.W.), Betty (Mrs. R. Butler, Morawa, W.A.), Kathleen (Fremantle, W.A.), Len (Toorak, Vic.), and the late Laurie (A.I.F.); fond father-in-law of Dot, Millie, Bob and Margaret; grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of two. Elder of Fremantle Church of Christ, former minister at Claremont and Palmyra, W.A. "Forever with his Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

SQUIRES.—Loving memories of Harold (Harry), who departed this life May 11, 1967. Loved husband of Laura, father of Marjorie, Donald, Brian, Wallace and Gwynneth; father-in-law of Errol, Pat, Barbara, Lorraine, Kevin, and grandfather of 13 grandchildren. "Till we meet again."

APPRECIATION

Mrs. C. Macdonald wishes to express gratitude to many friends for kind expressions, cards, flowers, etc., and especially for prayers during her illness.

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BROMLEY CELEBRATION

(Dunolly, Vic.). A special church service concluded the highly successful Centenary of Bromley State School. It was attended by 100, including visitors from all corners of the State and N.S.W. Former pupils were represented by R. Haden, president, and Mrs. R. Haden (Nth. Williamstown), who spoke to the children, and Mrs. R. Scott, Dunolly, gave the scripture reading. Max White, Peel St., represented former head teachers in reading and prayer. R. McLeod, Peel St. elder, a former district identity, gave the address, "Looking Back to go Forward." Messages in song given by Mrs. H. Green, Susan and Judith, and Mr. Green's playing of electronic organ was much appreciated. Alan Spiker and Fred Robertson, Dunolly, also assisted. At conclusion of service the C.W.F. provided supper.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). Will delegates please note that there will be no council meeting in the month of May.

DOOR-KNOCK FOR CHILDREN

(Collingwood, Vic.). A local door-knock visitation has produced 50 promises of young people for the kindergarten and S.S. classes. This is a possible increase of 100% on recent attendances. Working bees have been held to prepare the church property for the centenary on May 19.

ERN. MILES BACK

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The minister, E. J. Miles, is home from hospital and making very good progress, even sharing in Good Friday service with guest preacher, A. R. Pigdon (Bentleigh). Both tennis teams reached the finals. Explorer Club finished 10th out of 46 competing teams at swimming sports. Bible School boys and Explorer Club shared in a combined sports afternoon, tea and films with lads from Burwood Boys' Home. Interstate visitors at services recently have been B. V. Coventry (Aldgate, S.A.), Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard (Glennelg, S.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Manning (Wembley, W.A.). The message of Easter presented in song by young people at evening service. Recent speakers have been E. P. C. Hollard, R. Hollard (student preacher), K. Masterton and H. Miller.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

(Parkdale, Vic.). A Sunday fellowship luncheon on March 24 provided opportunity for strengthening fellowship and to get to know each other better. Rev. Brewer told the church of the challenge of the B. & F.B.S. and the gospel at evening service. C.Y.F. combined to conduct the evening service on March 17. The church appreciated the address on Stewardship by H. J. Patterson. Prayer Workshops and visitation by members prepared for a guest service on April 7. Gilbert Cann was speaker and special items were from duetists from Mont Albert Methodist Church. Church combined with Methodists in their chapel on Good Friday.

1968 NATIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEEK THEME . . .

MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

"Making Marriage Work" is the theme for the observance of National Marriage and Family Week, which will take place from May 12-18, 1968.

The week is organised by a widely representative Council, and provides an opportunity each year for community organisations to focus attention on an important aspect of family life, either during the "Week" or on another suitable occasion during the year.

A folder has been prepared making suggestions for the 1968 observance of the week, including a detailed programme and background reading suggestions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OBSERVANCE

- A Church Family Service on May 12 could use the theme "Making Marriage Work."
- Parents and specialists could be used in a forum on the theme on Sunday evening in place of, or after, the evening service.
- Youth groups, men's and women's organisations could all plan meetings around the theme, making use of speakers, forums, film and discussion, or the programme suggested in detail in the leaflet.

Copies of the leaflet are available at the A.C.C.E. Office, 1st Floor, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

PRESIDENT AT HARVEST

(Shepparton, Vic.). G. H. Gilmour, Conf. Pres., was guest speaker for Harvest Thanksgiving services. The annual business meeting elected the following elders: R. A. Clydesdale, A. V. Taylor, A. D. Farrar; S. R. Carr is sec. and G. F. Harris is treas. Box Hill Explorer Boys and leaders spent last weekend of March in Shepparton for a promotional programme for local Explorers' Club. Demonstrations of club activities were given on Sat. evening with commissioning of local leaders by John Henley on March 31.

DECISION AT HAMPTON

(Vic.). There was one decision on April 7. The special Youth Service on March 31 was followed by Coffee Shop with about 150 present. Mrs. Buckley who had been in membership with the church for 43 years, died in April. Sympathy is extended to family, also to Mrs. Olafsen whose father died on April 9. An adult study group has commenced.

DIRECTORY FOR CHURCH

(Briar Hill, Vic.). A new directory of church members is being prepared for members and friends. C.W.F. evening meeting recently heard a talk and saw a film from a representative of National Safety Council (Home Safety Division). A night of Films, Frankfurts and Fashions assisted Manse Land Appeal. At a recent auxiliary church parade, Boys' Explorer Club took part in service. On April 7 a baptism was conducted and the Easter film "Dawn of Victory" was shown. A family picnic was enjoyed at Badgers Creek on Labour Day. Recent speakers have included G. Gilmour (Conf. Pres.) and D. Smith (Dept. H.M. & Evang.). R. Fitzgerald has gained Bachelor of Commerce degree. Preparations have begun for Adult Christian Education sessions to be held monthly on Sunday afternoons and incorporating the evening service.

THE CROSS

(Bayswater, Vic.). Towards the Cross, At the Cross, Beyond the Cross were the emphases at the 9 a.m. Good Friday service which concluded with Jean Milne's recording "On a Rugged Hill." Harvest Thanksgiving services were conducted. C.Y.F. service featured an informal discussion on youth work by the minister, M. D. Keatch and Geoff. Mears. C.W.F. were treated to a demonstration of Petersville products.

EASTER BAPTISM

(Frankston, Vic.). On Easter morning Mrs. Orr and Miss Harding were baptized. At night there was an Easter Pageant in which the Good Companions and the choir joined together. They depicted the story of the Crucifixion as told by Luke, the narration of which was done by Mrs. W. Patterson, with a solo by Mrs. D. MacKenzie. The dialogue and arrangement was written by Mrs. Faye Bolwell. 21 teachers attended the first teachers' meeting held since Campbell Bolwell's election as supt. Recently a "Plan Instruction" night was held for all men on the plan at the church.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. J. Cheney.

The church at Blackwood (S.A.) was saddened recently by the sudden home call of Mrs. Jack Cheney. Nearly 60 years ago as Elizabeth Bawden she came to Christ in the Stirling church when Jabez Wiltshire was minister. In 1923 she married Jack Cheney, at the Unley Church of Christ, the ceremony was the first performed in S.A. by J. E. Webb, recently transferred from Victoria. There were four children and each is in the kingdom work. Ralph, the eldest is at Colonel Light Gardens, Elaine (Mrs. R. Jackson, Fremantle, W.A.), Claire (Mrs. R. Hinton) and Naomi (Mrs. G. Kruger, Blackwood). Mrs. Cheney's talent for loving people into the kingdom was given unstintingly to her Lord, and for nearly 40 years she used her ample musical talent as church and S.S. organist. She also served many years as S.S. teacher. Her place at Blackwood as a quiet unostentatious, gracious Christian will never quite be filled, but also it will never quite be empty, as her influence on each one she contacted was so effective that time itself will not erase it. In the absence of H. G. Norris, the funeral was conducted by Bart Burt, a previous minister, and many folk attended to pay their tribute. Her work is being carried on by her wonderful family, and we commend each one to the loving care of the Father.—D.J.F.

Myrtle Rose Florence Mauger.

At the age of 82 years our sister, Myrtle Mauger, widow of the late George Mauger, died on Feb. 12, having faithfully served her Master for 68 years. She joined the church at Norwood, S.A., and for most of her life she was most actively connected with this church. With her late husband she eventually transferred to Maylands, S.A. During her long association with our churches she was especially interested in the women's work as well as that of the local church. She served as president of the Ladies' Guild at Norwood and at one time was assistant secretary to the Women's Auxiliary of Churches of Christ in S.A. For many years she was very much involved in the Overseas Missions Committee of Women's Conference and travelled all over the State in its interests. It was only her declining health which finally caused her to relinquish this service. Her last few years were spent at the Churches of Christ Rest Home at Everard Park where she was dearly loved for her bright personality and kindly spirit. She was one whom it was very easy to love and who tried always to be a faithful follower of Christ. Albert J. Ingham, a life-long friend, conducted the funeral service at the funeral parlor and N. Gavros the service at the crematorium. The loving sympathy of all her many friends, as well as those who served with her in the churches at Maylands, Norwood and Forestville (to which she transferred when she entered Everard Park Rest Home) has been expressed to her daughter, Mrs. Arlene Parker, her son, Ralph Mauger, and their relatives.

Alfred Richard Pollock

Alf. Pollock was born at Derby, near Bendigo, joined the church while a teenager and gave a lifetime of service to Christ and the Church. During the years he served for extended periods as deacon, S.S. teacher, editor of the local church paper and a valued member of the choir. Alf. had a sunny disposition and it was a pleasure to know him. He is held in affection by all who knew him and certainly by the members of the Bendigo churches. A Christian gentleman, he was a patient sufferer through a long illness, and left us silently and unexpectedly on March 30, aged 63 years. Alf. loved the church and the church loved Alf. His character and quality of life is seen now in his family, a silent but eloquent testimony of a good man. The Bendigo churches extend Christian sympathy to his wife Jean, and his family, John, Donald and Elizabeth (Mrs. K. Packer). The services at the church and by the graveside were conducted by the minister, R. Pritchard.—R.E.P.

Mrs. Sarah Anne Elizabeth Broad

Mrs. Broad died on March 22, aged 83 years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar. She was born at Ballarat, moved to Melbourne then later to Sutton Grange. At 16 she made her decision and was baptized at Elphinstone. At Sutton Grange she met Arthur Albert Broad whom she married. The new family home was at Sutton Grange where Mrs. Broad and her well-known and greatly respected husband raised an illustrious Christian family. For some years the N.T. phrase "The Church that is in your house" was a reality at the Sutton Grange home of Mr. and Mrs. Broad. Later they worshipped with the church at Harcourt. Since the loss of her husband Mrs. Broad resided in Bendigo where she was a most refreshingly loyal member of the church. This good lady has had in her life "the fragrance of the knowledge of God" and the "aroma of Christ." Mrs. Broad took her Christian education seriously and never shirked the instruction, nor the fellowship or discipline of Christian worship. Mrs. Broad lived humbly, with a real sense of indebtedness to Christ her Lord.

Mrs. Broad was well known publicly. After the death of her husband she carried on the well known Jersey stud farm with the help of her family and is thought to be the only woman to obtain distinction as the most successful exhibitor in the Jersey section at the Royal Melbourne Show. This distinction was gained in 1939. To her family who survive her, John and Ernest of Pyramid Hill; Elsie (Mrs. Morshead, of Bendigo), Reg., Lindsay and Stanley of Sutton Grange, her sister Miss E. Farrar who cared for her, the church extends understanding and Christian sympathy. Another son Will is deceased. The funeral services were conducted by the Bendigo minister, R. Pritchard, assisted at the church by Gordon Andrews, and at the graveside by C. Jackel of the Harcourt church.

—R. E. Pritchard

Mrs. Ethel Campbell.

Mrs. Campbell, who died at Wangaratta on March 27, was with her husband Archibald, an active member of our Wangaratta church all through the formative years and early history of that church. In earlier years she had been at Dunolly and Richmond. During my ministry at Wangaratta in the period 1940-45 Mrs. Campbell was one of the regular church organists, serving very efficiently and assisting in the S.S. from time to time. She and her husband served faithfully together in the church. In looking back I pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell that their five children were brought up to be regular at church, youth groups and S.S. At that time their elder children were teachers in the school and the younger ones were pupils. In recent years she has suffered severe ill-health. In the knowledge of the resurrection of Christ we express loving Christian sympathy to husband Arch., to the family—Lorna (Mrs. J. Parry), Thelma, Glenice (Mrs. A. Simpson), Marion (Mrs. G. Stribling) and Russell, and the grandchildren. The Wangaratta church was well filled at the funeral service on March 29 conducted by the writer there and at Wangaratta Cemetery. Mrs. Campbell's two surviving brothers, Cecil and Wallace Jackel each led in prayer.

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HARBOUR HARVEST

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). Harvest Festival services all featured special singing by the choir led by Miss Helen Sinkinson . . . Victor Harbour was on the landline during Leighton Ford Mission, meetings being held in the local Town Hall . . . South Coast Women's Conference was held in the Victor Harbour church.

PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

(Swan Hill, Vic.). K. J. Harvey visited the church, April 5-7 to launch programme of "Outreach and Development" which will be conducted jointly with Woorinen church until Sept. . . . Teeners' Club held drive-in film night when visitors came from as far away as Robinvale . . . Church annual meeting elected the following elders: D. W. Cockroft, S. F. Scott.

CRUSADE DECISIONS

(Cowandilla, S.A.). During the recent Leighton Ford Crusade two of our teenagers, Lyndall Wells and Erika Dawson went forward for primary commitments . . . Three members of the Boys' Brigade also made decisions at the Brigade enrolment service. They were Peter Larritt, Daryl Chivell and Andrew McLean . . . The annual meeting of the church re-elected R. S. A. McLean, Federal Overseas Mission secretary, as an elder . . . S. E. Matthews is conducting a part-time interim ministry.

NEWS SHEET BEGUN

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). A weekly news sheet, "Contact," was started in March . . . Harvest Thanksgiving on March 31 with attractive display of fruit, vegetables, tinned and packaged goods. The perishables were sent to Oakleigh Guest Home, and other goods packed for India . . . Jennifer Chislett has received her diploma from Adelaide Teachers' Training College . . . Mrs. Trembath has left for a tour of England, and Mr. Sprigg has returned from a tour of the Islands and N.Z.

ADDITION IN NEW MINISTRY

(Croydon, S.A.). F. B. Burt has settled into ministry here. One of our young ladies was recently baptized . . . Women's Fellowship visited headquarters of St. John's Ambulance Brigade . . . Harvest Festival goods were distributed to our aged homes and Aborigines' Colebrook home . . . Mr. Burt assisted at Longwood Camp. K. D. Horne was Easter speaker at Croydon.

S.A. — VIC. — QLD.

CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE

(Port Pirie, S.A.). C. Dow conducted a Church Life Conference over a recent weekend. A cross section of the church was represented at most sessions. Difficulties revealed in questionnaires returned by the congregation were discussed. The successful conference resulted in volunteers to work on committees. Outreach is being planned . . . Twelve young people journeyed to Adelaide for the Leighton Ford Crusade, and visited three of our churches for services.

15th AT ALBERT PARK

(S.A.). On March 17 the 15th Church Anniversary services were held and the annual Temple Day offering was received . . . One young lady was baptized and received into fellowship on March 31 . . . A family night concert conducted by the youth group was well attended on March 30.

PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS

Zillmere-Boondall circuit . . . The Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, and Churches of Christ congregations have unanimously accepted the agreed New Zealand syllabus of those communions, for use in primary school religious instruction in this area. Funds to provide material for this purpose have been raised by all our people's generosity, and the ministers teach in grades rather than denominations. We have been particularly pleased with the co-operation of educational authorities in this operation.

LANDLINE RESULTS

(Goolwa, S.A.). Several members met at Victor Harbour Town Hall to share in the landline service from the Leighton Ford Crusade. Nine inquirers came for counselling. Counsellors from Goolwa church had received instruction and were available to assist . . . The minister, H. E. Greenwood, assisted in counselling at Wayville meeting on April 7 . . . Church will miss Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burgar and their four children, having sold their farm at Middleton and removed to W.A. They were very active in all church work. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowey and family have been welcomed back in the district . . . One of church's oldest members, Mrs. Margaret Hall, in her 95th year, died on April 3 . . . Miss Pat Robinson, A.B.I. Victor Harbour, is teaching in the B.S. and assisting in singing at gospel services.

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NEW SOUTH WALES C.W.F. CONFERENCE

Over 400 ladies were present at the 74th Annual Conference of the N.S.W. C.W.F. at Enmore Tabernacle on March 26. They represented 40 city and 17 country Fellowships.

Mrs. Humphries, from England, brought a greeting, and Mrs. Acland from Charters Towers was present. There were more than 30 ladies present over the age of 75, these were suitably recognised and each one received a small gift.

Mrs. Elsmore presided and Mrs. Flint, North Sydney, led in the Resolution of Loyalty and a prayer for the nation. Mrs. Mansell from Wollongong, responded to the welcome for the delegates. Mrs. Main, Warrawong, led the devotions which were centred around the theme for this year, "Know God." Mrs. Baker read from Psalm 8 and Mrs. Souness rendered a solo. P. R. Morton brought a greeting to general Conference.

Mrs. Jones, Burwood, presented the obituary report and led in prayer remembering those who had been bereaved during the year. Mrs. Morris from Nth. Turramurra, then sang "O Love that wilt not let me go."

Miss Rofe, the treasurer, presented the financial statement, and brought the recommendation for the distribution of the budget from the Finance Committee.

It was with sadness in our hearts we learned of the sudden passing of Mrs. Wylie's father, and regret that Mrs. Wylie was unable to take part in the morning session, but Mrs. Copley stood in at short notice and reminded us that World Convention would be held in Adelaide in 1970, and brought a challenge to all to be present if at all possible.

Mrs. Bloore, the Federal President, told of items of interest regarding

Ladies' Day at Federal Conference in October.

Mrs. Main presented her programme for the coming year, which will include special emphasis on the 75th Anniversary, and the 30th Anniversary for Ashwood House.

Miss Rosalie Rofe was present and brought a greeting from the New Guinea Mission Field. Miss Rofe concludes her furlough soon and we wish her God's richest blessing as she returns to the field.

Mrs. Holloway gave the Call to Worship in the afternoon session. Greetings were received from the Inter-Church Council and the B. & F.B.S.

Mrs. Elliott asked Mrs. Northey questions relating to the commencement of the work at Dapto. Mrs. Northey with her husband had commenced the work in their own home.

Ladies from Caringbah C.W.F. provided choral items, and their rendering of "Living for Jesus" and "The Glory of His Presence" did much to set the spiritual tone of the meeting.

Harold Long, incoming President of Conference, spoke on his recent trip to the New Hebrides for the graduation of the first students at Banmatmat.

Mrs. Elsmore introduced Mrs. Main as the new president. Mrs. Main responded and presented Mrs. Elsmore with a copy of the Bible and thanked her for the year of service just completed.

Mrs. Dickson read the names of all Officers and Superintendents and Committee members, and Mrs. Anderson from Mayfield led in a dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Elsmore thanked all ladies who had contributed in any way to the success of the day, especially Mrs. Broady for the floral arrangements and Mrs. Armstrong and her helpers for the catering work.—J. Torode, Ass. Sec.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CHURCH ELDER

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). The church has suffered a severe loss by the sudden death of our beloved elder Perce Talbot after approximately 50 years of faithful service. To all members of his family the members of the church extend sincerest sympathy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Humphries from Derby, England, have been among the visitors . . . The annual business meeting re-elected D. Brown, D. Ewers, K. Shaw and T. Fraser as deacons. The C.W.F. elected Mrs. Howard president, Lyal Shaw sec., and Mrs. R. Fraser treas. . . R. Combridge is B.S. Supt., J. Roberts, kinder. Supt. and P. Looney general S.S. Supt. . . A delegation from the C.W.F. attended the State Women's Conference in Sydney making the journey by bus.

CLUBS THRIVE

(North Turramurra, N.S.W.). Entertainment clubs may thrive in N.S.W., but so do the Boys' and Girls' Brigades at North Turramurra. The clubs with a joint membership of 80 children (53 girls and 27 boys) are taxing building facilities. Results achieved are rewarding—33 girls recently participated and earned their swimming and life-saving badges . . . 37 attended C.W.F. to hear Miss Rosalie Rofe speak on work in New Guinea . . . A morning tea for mothers with children on the cradle roll was held . . . S.S. achieved a record attendance of 99 on Feb. 18 . . . A Reading Training Course was conducted for men on three Sunday afternoons . . . Feature of gospel services has been a soloist each week and choir (March 17). . . Graham Hill, C.Y.F. member, was baptized on March 10.

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LADIES ASSIST EXTENSIONS

(La Trobe Tce., Geelong, Vic.). Extensions at Thomson Hall are now in progress. The Ladies' Aid Society has paid \$765 towards these extensions since October . . . 58 young people entered the C.E. car rally when church secretary, D. Drayton, won the prize, a portable barbecue . . . On March 24, the Y.F.C. Chorus presented John W. Peterson's Cantata "The South 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.

GOODIES AT THE STALL

(Footscray, Vic.). Four Good Companions held a street stall and raised \$22. This enabled them to send three food parcels to Indian families . . . Youth Fellowship conducted a paper drive and collected 26 cwt, the sale of which netted \$24 . . . Three S.S. girls were baptized on March 10 and a lady made the good confession . . . Church members were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Rose . . . C.W.F. held a luncheon on March 20 when 75 ladies of district churches heard Mrs. Lowe, of "All Nations" Church, Carlton, speak of the work done with migrants.

GLOOM TO GLORY

(Box Hill, Vic.). The special Easter cantata "From Gloom to Glory" was rendered by the choir conducted by Eric Hammond . . . A young woman has confessed her faith . . . C.Y.F. were in camp at Anglesea led by Messrs. Mullen, Mitchell and Humphries . . . Mrs. Hall spoke to C.W.F. and showed slides of her recent trip abroad to Greece, Turkey, Austria and the Middle East . . . R. Muller entertained C.M.F. meeting with colour film of recent American tour . . . Junior cricket team won the premiership . . . Sympathy expressed

on death whilst on holidays of Geoff. Gunn and the sudden passing of Mrs. Emma Hiron. Mr. King is home from hospital, John Jeffery suffered severe leg injury at Boys' Club; David Carter is still in hospital but improving . . . Boys from Junior and Intermediate Boys' Explorer groups promoted four-fold Explorer programme — physical, intellectual, devotional and social — at Shepparton.

INTER-CHURCH DISCUSSIONS

(Gardiner, Vic.). For the past six weeks we have joined in fruitful inter-church discussion groups which have met in various homes to study issues relevant to renewal of our life in Christ and participation in his mission to today's world . . . On April 3, ladies of the church heard David Cox tell of the work of the European-Australian Christian Fellowship amongst European migrants . . . On April 7, 32 members had lunch in the hall after the morning service, and then took part in the second of a series of three discussions on "Our Call to Mission."

EXTENDED MINISTRY

(Horsham, Vic.). R. T. Baxter has accepted an invitation to continue for a further three years from Feb., 1969 . . . Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on March 31. The goods sold the following evening to benefit Bethany Boys' Homes . . . The annual meeting showed a nett increase of 10 and membership now stands at 178 . . . Horsham was host to eight churches in N.W. Dist. Conf. on April 6. The spotlight was on the Overseas Mission Dept. and H. M. Long (N.S.W.) was guest speaker. He told of his recent visit to the graduation service at Banmatmat Bible College . . . Six young people were welcomed into fellowship on April 7 following their baptisms . . . B grade tennis team won the premiership in Central Wimmera competition.

MORNING BAPTISMS

(Glen Waverley, Vic.). Three young S.S. scholars, Bronwyn and Llewella Bates and Stephen Young were baptized on morning of March 31. Others who have made decisions recently are Adele Topp, Lyn and Debbie Bantow . . . Cricket club has won premiership of 5th Grade South Suburban Churches. Don Bienvenu scored 132 in grand final.

BACK TO ST. ARNAUD

(Wedderburn-St. Arnaud Circuit, Vic.). The "Back to St. Arnaud" celebrations began with a meeting of welcome at which Les. Snow, a former member, was guest speaker. Supper provided an opportunity for fellowship with many friends who came back for the occasion. On the Sunday, Les. Snow was morning speaker and Cecil Jackel, of Castlemaine, preached at gospel service . . . At Wedderburn, Mr. and Mrs. Baden Jackel have celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Chambers is back after a long illness. . . Inter-Church youth fellowship meetings are held fortnightly in the Pres. Hall at Wedderburn. Morning prayer is held each Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the Methodist church . . . Wedderburn and St. Arnaud churches are to hold school vacation Bible Schools.

MANSE ADDITIONS COMPLETED

(Brighton, Vic.). Additions to the manse costing \$3,188, have been completed . . . David Cockroft, B.A., first year student at the Federal College of the Bible, is assisting the minister. Pastoral care is being organised for the period of minister's absence overseas . . . 275 members and friends attended picnic at Bacchus Marsh on April 6. A special train went direct from Middle Brighton.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

(Vic.). The president, Mrs. Ferguson, welcomed 166 delegates representing 55 churches to the April council meeting.

The Rev. R. W. Fowler, B.A., B.D., consultant at Cairnmillar Institute, gave an address on the work and aims of this institute.

The Evening Fellowship March Effort raised the sum of \$229.90 for the Dept. of Christian Educ.

Appeals were made by the Aborigine and the Hospital Visitation Committees for clothing for teenage boys and girls.

Appreciation was expressed for the splendid leadership Mrs. Ferguson had given during the past 12 months.

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NIGERIAN GOVT. SECURITY CHECKS ON MISSIONARIES

(Lagos). The Nigerian Government announced here that, as a precautionary measure during the present civil war, it will make monthly security checks on all foreign missionaries.

All missionary organisations have been ordered to provide information regularly on the nationality, profession, position and location of their staff members. Major denominations most affected by this regulation include the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

"It is not our intention to depart markedly from the previous liberal policy of exempting missionaries from sending

staff reports," a government spokesman said, "but it is equally important that we maintain accurate records of all such institutions."

Although government officials have not made any specifically anti-missionary statement, criticism of missionaries has been broadcast by Radio Nigeria. One such broadcast, in February, assailed the work of "peace-makers and missionary do-gooders."

It said that reports of the bombing of a missionary hospital in Biafra were part of an effort to "blackmail the Federal Military Government."—E.P.S.

ORAL ROBERTS JOINS METHODISTS

(Oklahoma). Methodist Bishop W. Angle Smith of Oklahoma City announced here that evangelist Oral Roberts will be received into the ministry of the Methodist Church at the 1968 session of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

The widely known faith-healer and president of Oral Roberts University of Tulsa has been affiliated with the Pentecostal Holiness Church.—E.P.S.

Dr. BLAKE FOR GREECE BEFORE UPSALA

(Geneva). Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, W.C.C. general secretary, has stated that he expects to visit Greece before the Uppsala Assembly.

At a Press conference held by Archbishop Hieronymos in Athens on March

13 it was announced that the Church of Greece would not send delegates to the W.C.C. Fourth Assembly. The Archbishop was also quoted as saying that Dr. Blake was "not welcome" in Greece.

However, a letter from the primate has indicated that Dr. Blake would be welcome in Greece if he came "in the capacity of a dear friend."—E.P.S.

CZECH OFFICER REPLACED

(Prague). Karel Hruza, who has been the head of Czechoslovakia's state office on the churches, has been relieved of his duties. Since his office had been responsible for considerable repression of churches over the years, the move is considered a sign of the recent thaw in church-state relations. His successor is Mrs. Erika Kalecova, who has headed the department of sociology and religion in the Czech Academy of Sciences.—E.P.S.

INDONESIAN SEMINARIES START CRASH PROGRAMME

(Jakarta). All theological training institutions in Indonesia have launched a crash programme to train new pastors to meet the shortage created by rapid church growth in the past 2½ years. Large numbers of applicants for admission to the special training programme are reported. At the seminary here, for example, 67 candidates applied for the 20 places available in the new course.—E.P.S.

AUST. CHURCHES SPECIAL VIETNAM APPEAL

(Sydney). The Australian Council of Churches voted to launch a special fund appeal on behalf of the 100,000 new Vietnam refugees whose homes were destroyed in the February fighting.

By April 11 when the appeal closed, it was hoped to receive a minimum of \$A100,000. The money will be sent to the Disaster Co-ordinating Committee in Saigon, established last month by voluntary aid agencies in the Vietnam capital.

The Council's special appeal follows close on the heels of the annual Christmas drive for funds to aid suffering people around the world. However, after hearing a report on the gravity of the Vietnam situation, the 62 delegates attending the council meeting decided that immediate action was necessary.

The Inter-Church Aid Division reported that a grant of \$A20,000 had already been sent following the February crisis.—E.P.S., Geneva.

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

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POLITICS IN PULPIT OR EDITORIALS

Strictly speaking the word "politics" is related to the responsibilities of citizenship. It is the science and art of government. If the preacher makes oblique references to "politics" in this broad sense there is not much difficulty.

When the criticism is made, however, that the preacher is bringing "politics" into the pulpit, what is generally implied is that he is interpreting Christian responsibility in a way that cuts across deep rooted prejudice, or the policy of the political party to which the critic belongs, or perhaps the present government policy. If he keeps within the area of a narrow "closed" personal morality and avoids the vexed issues that cause controversy and need to be worked out in terms of an "open" Christian interpretation, then he is generally safe from criticism.

The paradox is that the Christian preacher or writer can refer, with impunity, to alcoholism, old age, sexual licence or some similar social problem which has political implications. But if he seeks to relate his gospel to other wider issues, such as war and race, then his message is "political" although there is no mention of politics or any political party.—"The Spectator."

ARE HEART TRANSPLANTS MORAL?

The astonishing way in which teams of cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, anaesthesiologists, and physiologists have co-ordinated their efforts to effect clinical heart transplants has won world attention. But almost overnight these transplants have become a subject of bristling controversy. While the only survivor of five transplant cases made good progress in South Africa, debate

mounted everywhere over the moral and legal implications of recent medical and technological advances.

What distinguishes heart transplants from previous homogenous transplants (including skin tissue, bone tissue, corneal tissue, and kidney transplants) is that the donor must always die before his organ can be attached to another body.

Legal questions are fully as knotty as the ethical. What, for example, are the legal proprieties if next of kin refuse to honour a deceased person's assignment of an organ for medical purposes? What possibility exists of a black market in human hearts—might the Mafia promise overnight delivery with anybody its prospective victim?

What complications are posed for wills and insurance coverage if a prospective donor bequeaths his organs for transplant and invites premature death? And, since some doctors find the point of death not in heart arrest but in absence of brain function (which permits removal of organs for transplant before irreversible damage sets in), may some patients be illegally considered dead? Ought the legal determination of the moment of death to be left to the preference of the medics?

—"Christianity Today."

THEE, THOU, AND ALL THAT

The nominating committee asked Bill Sykes to be president of our men's group and he refused; so I went around to talk with him. After giving all the bad reasons he gave the real one: he didn't want to lead in public prayer. "Do you pray in private?" I asked.

He said, "Of course I do." (I guess Bill doesn't know how many Christians have difficulty in this department.)

"Well, public prayer is the same except you do it out loud," I said.

"Oh, no, it isn't," he replied. "In private I just talk with my Father, but in public I have to say thee, thou, and all that, and I can't get the hang of the lingo."

A good many conversations with men like Bill have begun to convince me that the 20th century is here and that perhaps we should recognise the fact in public prayer.

The traditional language of devotion is stately and beautiful, when used correctly. But there is much to be said in favour of talking with our Father in the same language we use the rest of the time.

—Andrew W. Blackwood, in "Christianity Today."

NOTED AND QUOTED

NO SAFETY ZONE

"We can sidestep live questions . . . We can frequently straddle controversial issues and flee to the safety zone of the fervent reiteration of obvious platitudes . . . and shrink from the more dangerous business of prophetic leadership . . . The church of Jesus Christ started in the world with a cutting edge to its truth. It turned the world upside down. Then it became diplomatic—in a word insipid . . . If our religion has no alarm to sound against evils which prey upon human life, if it has nothing piercingly Christian to say, it is bankrupt."—Halford E. Luccock.

CLERGY, CRISIS, AND CANDOR

Item: A Christian father in rural India writes to a city pastor, pleading, "My son, brought up in our very poor home, is coming to your city to try to enter teachers' college. If he fails, please help him to get into theological college." Says the pastor in reply: "Unfortunately I cannot subscribe to the view that poverty and inferiority are qualifications eminently desirable in one who is to be an ambassador for the King of Kings."

Item: "We must honestly face the fact that Africa, even Christian Africa, no longer looks to the Christian ministry for spiritual leadership. Why has this happened? It has happened because the Church has not cared enough for her own ministry." ("The Crisis in the Christian Ministry in Africa," published by the All Africa Conference of Churches).

Item: . . . there is a gradual deterioration in the "brand-image" of the pastor. In a number of recent conferences with clergy (in Africa and Asia) I have been struck by the general disappointment they show in their own sons, few of whom even contemplate ordination or full-time service of any description with the Church. This is hardly surprising if they have grown up watching a father trying to claim a status which few are prepared to accord him any longer." (Douglas Webster, professor of missions in Selly Oak Theological College in England in "The International Review of Missions.")

Let's face it: In most of the Christian world, whether in the western hemisphere or the eastern, the ordained ministers are in a state of declining status and of reduced effectiveness. To be sure, there are compensating facts and factors. One of them is the growing conviction that, as the Anglicans put it 10 years ago at the Lambeth Conference, there is "too sharp a distinction between clergy and laity."

Protestants are beginning to realise that clergy-lay relationships must be rescued from the "caste system" that has grown up around them. In Douglas Webster's words, "Just as the whole Church is the laity, so the whole laity has a ministry and is a priesthood." True and timely.

—"World Vision."

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Churches' New Audio Visual Centre

(Vic.). On April 3 the Christian Television Association opened its new Audio Visual Centre in Melbourne. This is a top flight professional studio with new equipment and facilities for recording work for radio and television release, for conducting seminars, workshops and consultations among the churches for the developing of skills in the arts of communication.

The new Centre was made possible through generous donations from business houses, individual friends of C.T.A. and several large trusts including the Sidney Myer Trust, the Cato Trust, and the Sunbeam Trust.

The Lieut. Governor of Victoria, Sir Edmund Herring, officially opened the Centre. Sir Edmund has been the active man behind the raising of the money for the C.T.A. Centre. In his opening address he said: "We live in a world of wonderful mass media, and we must use them if we are to complete the Lord's work. Television is used extensively by the forces of evil, and Christian people must combat this by spreading the gospel of Christ to those whom the Church doesn't touch." In a very forthright address, Sir Edmund continued: "The manner of conveying the message of the gospel must be relative

for each age group for whom it is intended. People at different extremes of age groups often don't like the methods of presentation used either for other age groups or for people right outside our Church culture. Christian people must be kinder in their understanding and criticism of the methods used to convey the message."

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Woods, dedicated the Audio Visual Centre and the Chairman of the C.T.A.V., Dean Tom Thomas, of Melbourne, demonstrated some of the new Christian radio programmes that have been produced.

One series of 3½ minute discussions on the doctrines of the faith brought spontaneous applause from the representatives of all the gathered churches. These radio and television releases will be used nationally throughout Australia. They have a professional quality and a depth of content that is a delight for Christian people to hear. C.T.A.V. services 22 television stations throughout Australia and it is expected before long to be servicing a large radio network. Churches of Christ were represented by their member on the C.T.A.V. Executive, G. K. Moyes.

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To be myself

O God our Father, who dost exhort us to pray, and who dost grant what we ask, if only, when we ask, we live a better life; hear me, who am trembling in this darkness, and stretch forth thy hand unto me; hold forth thy light before me; recall me from my wanderings; and, thou being my guide, may I be restored to myself and to thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—St. Augustine.



Life can only be understood backward but it must be lived forward.

—Soren Kierkegaard.



"How much better that he should speak ill of me to everyone than all speak ill of me to him."

—Tasso.



A genuine statesman should be on his guard,
If he must have beliefs not to believe 'em too hard.

—J. R. Lowell



Personally, I always feel there's enough trouble on the stage without having it in real life.

—Theatre-goer.



The speaker who does not strike oil in the first 10 minutes should stop boring.



Two dense landlubbers, at sea for the first time, were looking out over the mighty ocean. Said one: "That's the most water I ever saw."

The other replied: "Yeah, and that's just the top of it."