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THE GRAHAM CRUSADE, 1969

Now that the summer holiday season is over, there is quickening of tempo in preparation and a building up of concern for the 1969 Graham Crusades for those areas which missed out owing to the necessarily restricted campaign last year.

In Victoria, 1,075 churches have enlisted in full support of the Crusade, plus 105 other churches which are also participating. A target has been set for 4,000 home and industrial prayer groups by March 1.

The unifying influence of evangelism is shown in that in 73 Victorian country areas there are united committees promoting the Crusade. Many country districts will be represented by delegations to Melbourne, and wide use will be made of the extensive landline provisions.

A Cessna plane has been regularly used in preparation for the Crusade, and in February three light planes will be used for this service.

The Melbourne meetings will be held at the Myer Music Bowl where additional seats will boost seated accommodation to 35,000. As in the 1959 Crusade, when 130,000 attended, the final Victorian meeting will be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Mr. Graham's commitments are: Auckland, Feb. 23-March 2; Dunedin, March 9; and Melbourne, March 14-23. He will be assisted by Cliff Barrows and Geo. Beverley Shea.

Other leading evangelists taking part in the Crusades are Lane Adams at Christchurch, Feb. 21-26; Launceston, March 5 to 9; and Canberra, March 12 to 16; Grady Wilson will be at Bundaberg from Feb. 9 to 23; and Ralph Bell will be at Darwin from March 5 to 9.

We commend these Crusades to the practical and prayerful support of all our members.

A MAN LEAVES THE WHITE HOUSE

Probably no other U.S. President was hated so much whilst in office as Lyndon Baines Johnson. Most of this hatred was the result of his leadership of the war in Vietnam. Although at various stages of his presidency the American people were overwhelmingly in support of the U.S. role, there was a gradual erosion of confidence in the U.S. capacity to achieve its declared aims. This change resulted in President Johnson losing much of his earlier popularity and in March, 1968, he announced that, in the interests of national unity and in hopes of peace for Asia he would not stand for a further term of office, although he would probably have been elected had he decided to stand.

Although some of his critics talked as though Vietnam was Johnson's personal war, he had strong national support, at least until 1967. At the time of the meeting of the leaders of seven allies at Manila in late 1966, U.S. pollsters estimated that 60% of the Senate and Congress supported the war, and that two-thirds of the American people approved the President's policy.

There had always been a significant opposition to U.S. armed forces in Vietnam on moral grounds. It was said that the U.S. had no right to be there at all. Such critics were eventually joined by many more who wanted to end the war for other reasons—it was long, costly in men and money, and damaging to the U.S. warriors who had previously won their wars, but were unable to win this one.

It has been argued that if it were not for Vietnam Johnson would have been a great President. But it is doubtful if greatness can be won from the desk of the White House. The complex tasks of the President of the U.S.A. at home and abroad are so many and demanding that it is probable that achievement in one field will be balanced by failure in another.

Johnson has been charged with "pettiness and peevishness . . . displays of deceit and conceit." These personal evaluations are beyond our capacity to measure, but the weaknesses of any man are magnified by his opponents and the real Johnson may not be known until the distance of time permits a clearer assessment.

We don't think that it is proven that he was obsessed with personal power and ambition. We think that he had two great visions which eluded

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*I want to be ever a child
I want to feel an eternal friendship
for the raindrops, the flowers,
the insects, the snowflakes.
I want to be keenly interested in every-
thing, with mind and muscle ever
alert, forgetting my troubles in the
next moment.
The stars and the sea, the ponds and the
trees, the birds and the animals,
are my comrades.
Though my muscles may stiffen, though
my skin may wrinkle,
May I never find myself yawning at life.*

—Kagawa.

RECOLLECTIONS OF KARL BARTH

By ARNOLD C. CALDICOTT



Few Australians have had the privilege of meeting Dr. Karl Barth. I had that privilege whilst studying at Geneva. And now one of the foremost Protestant theologians has passed from our earthly scene—Emil Brunner, Hendrick Kraemer, Karl Barth—I knew them all; each a powerful force in the theological world, each with their own schools of thought, each with variance with each other, and each with the highest regard for one another—these men are now dead.

In appreciation of Karl Barth, I discovered whilst in Switzerland that the majority of theological students had but one great ambition, and that was to climax their studies with a year under Dr. Barth. Amongst my treasures I have a card which I value greatly, and it reads, "Lieber Herr Caldicott, es freut mich natürlich, Sie and Ihre Freunde zu sehen! Würde Ihnen das ubernachste week-end passen? . . . Signed, Karl Barth."

What memories that card recalls! December 9, 1950! A station wagon set off from Céligny, Geneva, for Basle. The whole of Bossey was thrilled, for Barth seldom granted an interview. He refused a request for an interview by a representative of the American Associated Press (I gathered he had little time for reporters), whom we smuggled into our contingent, after consultation with Dr. Kraemer, and only on condition that not one word of the interview was to hit American headlines.

Kyaw Than of Burma, Dr. John Mid-daugh, U.S.A., Admiral Rolf Johannesson, Germany, Charles Hein, U.S.A., Dr. Zerbst, Austria, myself and others made up the contingent. The journey took some four to five hours, but through glorious scenery. We had pre-arranged our mid-day meal, also paid a swift visit to the S.C.M., of which Kyaw Than had much to do, and then we called on the venerable Dr. Barth. The outside of his home was unpretentious, humble, and reminded me of No. 10 Downing Street in appearance.

Inside Barth's home the interior seemed small and cramped with furniture. We were ushered into the dining room by his charming secretary, and there we were seated about a large family table, capable of seating a dozen.

Barth arrived. Fairly thickset, his hair greying, he was attired comfortably as any man about the house. Barth im-

pressed me as fatherly, one who was growing old gracefully, but bearing the marks of intense years of study. I later met Emil Brunner, the refreshing, dignified professor; no sign of wear. But of the two Barth warmed the heart: we were pastor and parishioners in a heart-to-heart talk.

We had already sent a list of questions to Barth. They were: (a) What were the circumstances that caused you to write your widely-circulated thesis on baptism? (b) do you still hold the same views as reported therein and would you advocate rebaptism of those baptised as infants? (c) Why is eschatology so strongly emphasised in European theology? (d) Is Communism a "sign of the times"? (e) Is Communism a judgment of God? (f) What are your views on militarism? (g) What future has the Ecumenical Movement? (h) Do you hold with the literal inspiration of the Bible?

Barth at that time did not advocate the rebaptism of adults who had previously submitted to infant baptism. He argued that although immersion was the more perfect and Scriptural baptism, yet no one could reproduce the absolute order, and hence immersion, whilst more perfect, was not the absolute, and infant baptism, whilst less perfect, was meant for Christian baptism and hence was valid.

When Dr. Barth expressed this view I could contain myself no longer, and reminded him that baptism involved faith and obedience, not absolutes, but rather a personal surrender and commitment to Christ in the death, burial, and resurrection embodied in believer's baptism by immersion, and that in view of this, infant baptism was a counterfeit, and could in no way fulfil Scriptural conditions required for church membership.

Barth was so impressed that he queried my church background (he had never heard of Churches of Christ, but light dawned when Disciples were mentioned)—he then demanded to know what we believed regarding the second coming of Christ. Barth said this of the second coming of Christ, "We are in the waiting, in the interim period. Like a chess game we are in the end play, when the victor is already certain of his checkmate move. Or like the clock which has stopped moving, but the pendulum is still swinging." You can't get anything more fundamental in doctrine than that!—and he

added, "But this Lord of ours will really come. 'He shall be seen in like manner,' means that he shall be seen as the Lord who showed himself in his resurrection as Lord of his Church and of his disciples and of the world. We cannot separate the bodily and spiritual return."

And so Dr. Karl Barth now passes into eternity. Barth, after a tension-filled pastorate at Safenwil, Switzerland, where his family Commentary on Romans sprang forth impetuously as a stream from a rock of a soul in revolt—along with other streams which later became the large lake of Barth's Dogmatics—Switzerland lost Barth to Germany. He was first called to the faculty at Goettingen, then he went to Muenster, thence to Bonn. Wherever Barth took hold, sparks flew; a new grouping of minds, and discharges, like those of a thunderstorm, resulted. Barthian theology opposed the National-Socialists of Germany, and he was forced to leave the country returning to Switzerland, to the University of Basle where he lectured till last year—the same in which he died.

COMMON MARKET FOR EVANGELISM

(Odense, Denmark). A Common Market on different ways of evangelism was advocated by the Swiss historian Dr. Walter Hollenweger.

Dr. Hollenweger is secretary for evangelism at the World Council of Churches' headquarters in Geneva.

He told church experts, "The Common Market would provide examples illustrating methods of evangelism around the world." "The idea that only fools are engaged in church work is the sign of spiritual despair," the Reformed churchman said. "This can be overcome," he maintained, "by those who want to experiment with different methods of evangelism and make a sincere, determined effort to solve the peoples' problems, meet their needs and find together a new challenge."—E.P.S.

TRIBUTE TO

TINA LAWTON

Just as Christmas closed, the tragic news came to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lawton, of Hawthorn, South Australia, that their daughter, Christina, had been killed in a plane crash in Kenya, South Africa.

Tina was known throughout Australia as a singer of folk songs, and had appeared regularly in T.V., had made recordings, and gave her services at church functions. She had been engaged by the U.S. Army and visited frontline areas in Vietnam. When the tragedy struck she was in her second year at Glasgow University where she was doing an arts course. She flew out to Kenya for a holiday with friends, and the light aircraft which was taking her to their destination, crashed into a mountain, burst into flames and all four on the plane were killed instantly.

News came through to the Federal Government, which in turn broke the news to the Lawtons. Mrs. Lawton is well-known as the World President of the C.W.F. of Churches of Christ.

On the Tuesday following the news a service was held at the home, to which relatives and friends attended. The only son, Dr. John Lawton, spoke briefly on behalf of the family, Max Meyers of M.A.F., a son-in-law, read the Scripture, and the minister at Unley church, R. V. Holmes, led in prayer. The writer spoke and his message is included here at the request of the family.

The faith of this wonderful family has made an impact upon a great circle. From many quarters throughout the nation words of sympathy have been pouring into Hilda Terrace. Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, Dr. John Lawton, Jo (Mrs. Max Meyers), Nan (Mrs. Philip Messent), Lindy (Mrs. Peter Lawrie, resident in England) and Julie are well aware of the concern and loving feelings of their many friends, and thank God for a life well lived and spent so unselfishly.

Tina sang a song, some words of which went thus—

"She stepped away from me
And moved through the fair;
So fondly I watched her
Move here and there.
And then she went homeward . . ."

My tribute then, to use the song's title, is to a girl who "Moved through the Fair"—the fair of life with its happiness, and sadness, its bright attractions and pathetic fronts; its make-believe and stark reality.

We are all dreamers, and in a life well circumscribed, we fly on unseen wings to realms of fantasy, doing in dreams those things which mean adventure, romance and living free as a bird.

Then bursts upon us a young life which has done all the things we would have wished for ourselves. In one personality seems centred everything we feel, yet never attain.

Such a one was Tina—how did she cram so much into so short a time? From the world of spotlights, through the battle areas, into a Greek monastery, across far off lakes in midnight boats, wandering streets of ancient and modern cities, university and college . . . all were part of the chapters of her brief life. Truly she was a bird in flight! But not escaping, for the joy of living was in every spread of her wings; she was soaring into the currents of life which

would take her into changing scenes and patterns, where other pilgrims of her atmosphere would pass swiftly on their own flight. And then, it seemed, this flight, strange though we see it now, came to a halt, and she fluttered from our view.

But what joy she brought! Only her loved ones knew any inner concern—all others absorbed the liveliness of her music, the friendliness with which she lavishly parcelled out her life. And as she went she left behind her an ever lengthening line of those whom she touched and who felt better because she had been there. She did the things, went to the places, which few, if any of us will know—but be not fooled, she carried within her a guerdon of strength which to me, accounts for what she was and what she did.

You see, Tina was a girl of faith in her Father and her Saviour. I might preach about it, you might ponder it in silent moments, but she sang it, and in the sheer joy of living and being, made it as obvious. So she endeared herself to those who knew her best.

It was my privilege to talk with her now and then, and to know that she was constantly seeking—like a multitude of others, she had not attained (and remember that the Apostle Paul, in his late years, could tell that he, too, was still searching for ultimate knowledge) but she knew something, because she knew

Someone. Let us remember that those who constantly seek and search are those who will not be satisfied with what appears to be the last word—there is always a word beyond, as yet unspoken. And because she was young she went on looking for the Gardens of God; and she found them where she could lift a hand to help another—for she believed like her Master, that the "cup of cold water" was the symbol of a heart of gold. Of all things, Tina had a heart of gold.

As she moved through the Fair, the laughter and joy were a little stronger and meaningful because she was there!

Now, about her faith—it came first to her in this home—never in this house! This home, where a multitude have moved through ever-open doors, and it could never have come through preaching! It came to her out of the hearts and example of the two people to whom God had given her. Thus it had eternal implications. Worship became natural, but it did not always express itself in my ways, or maybe, yours. For too long we have asked that others follow the patterns of our thought and ways. And this can never be—God and Christ come to mean a relationship which is personal and meaningful. I am quite convinced that Tina found this to be so.

Therefore, those basic elements which are the glory of revealed religion in Jesus Christ were as real to her as they were to any other, and possibly more so in some areas of her life. I'm convinced that she never travelled in her myriad roads without an awareness that the Companion of all trusting travellers was with her.

To her loved ones—what shall we say that they do not already know? Do you recall that story in the life of King David, when his child was taken from him, and the time came for service? How the king said, "He cannot come to me, but I can go to him." Because you believe in the transcendent power of God, because you believe that in his good time all things will be made clear. "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face . . ." The Lawton family, and all of us who believe in Christ and have our memories, will understand the full import of this—A woman once came up to Ralph Waldo Emerson and said, "Mr. Emerson, do you know that the end of the world is coming next Friday at midnight?" to which the great man replied, "Oh well, let it come. We can get along without it."

This family can get along without the end of the world. The one to come is by far brighter and more desirable, for in it are those we have loved and lost awhile. But there is a blessed now about it all! Did not John conclude his Gospel with this, "These things I have written unto you, that you may know that you have eternal life . . ."? You have it now! It is something we have now, or we never have it at all. It is a present possession or a false dream. We live in this world as those who are in heaven, or we have no hope, no assurance of an immortal life.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." This is so true of Edgar and Kath., John, Nan, Jo., Lindy, Julie, as it was, and is, of Tina.

—E. P. C. Hollard.

LAY INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELISM

THE WORD IS L.I.F.E.

What is a Lay Institute for Evangelism? It is a series of lectures and training sessions which help Christians to experience consistently the abundant life which Jesus Christ came to give ("I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10: 10) and to share it with others in the power of the Holy Spirit. It teaches how to begin talking with others about Jesus Christ and enables us to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ simply and clearly to those we meet in our ordinary everyday lives.

I first attended a Lay Institute in July, 1967 because two Christians I knew had been to one and were excited about it. Although I had been a Christian for many years I would not have described the Christian life as "exciting." I had felt for some time that something was

By JOY COOKE

lacking in my own Christian experience but did not really know what it was nor what I could do about it. I discovered what was missing in my life—I was not witnessing to others as I should because sin in my life was preventing the Holy Spirit from filling me and so giving me the necessary power for witnessing. I could talk to people about anything except my wonderful Saviour and their relationship to him and what he meant to me.

At the Lay Institute I learned how to share with others a little booklet called "Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?" which is a simple and brief presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When we were first asked to share this with another person I thought of a long list of reasons why I could not. I did not know enough about the Bible and people would be sure to ask me questions which I could not answer; they would become annoyed that I should talk to them about Jesus Christ; they would laugh at me; and a host of other excuses. I realised, without a doubt, that I could not do this in my own strength and it could only be done as I was willing to rid my life of sin; sins like unbelief, impatience, irritability and lack of love. I also discovered that this was not something I should do every day, but was as continual a process as breathing. We have been commanded "be ye filled with the Holy Spirit," the correct translation being "be ye being filled with the Holy Spirit"—a moment by moment process.

Then one day I decided to ask God for an opportunity to share the four-laws

(Joy Cooke is a member of Caringbah church, N.S.W.).

booklet with someone, and as I was spending the whole day at home, he would have to send someone to my front door. This he did, and shaking from head to foot, and in a voice I scarcely recognised as my own, when it finally came, I read through the booklet with a young salesman. By the time I had read a few lines my shaking had stopped, my voice had become normal, and I experienced a power and joy I had never known before. I was not laughed at, asked any difficult questions, nor did I experience any of the things I had thought would happen. In fact, we had a very interesting discussion and the young man took the booklet with him when he left and said he would think about the things we had discussed. As I came inside I experienced a joy and thrill which I cannot express in words—never before had I explained to anyone how to become a Christian.

I have done this many times since, with neighbours, as the opportunity has arisen, and people who have called at the front door to talk to me about something they are interested in. I used to get rid of callers as quickly as possible, but now I listen to them, and when they have finished talking, use the opportunity of talking to them about something I am interested in, the wonderful saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and tell them the difference he has made to my life. I do not argue or persuade, just witness, which means to tell what I know. I have the joy of knowing I am obeying one of Christ's commands when he said: "Go . . . tell" and what I saw may be the link in a chain of events which either starts a person thinking of Christ for the first time, or perhaps starts them thinking again about eternal things, or the final link which helps them to decide they want Christ as their Saviour and Lord, too. I carry the little "Four Laws" book in my pocket or purse wherever I go so that I will not miss an opportunity if it arises.

No matter how often I do this, I do not find it easy; I feel weak and sick, but as soon as I commence speaking I experience God's power and a joy which is indescribable, and this is what I would call the abundant life that Jesus came to give. I have found it makes life exciting and stimulating. God is full of understanding, compassion, patience, forgiveness and love, he never rebukes and says "You've let me down twice this week, I'm finished with you," but forgives and "remembers my sin no more," (Heb. 8: 12) and continues to love me with an everlasting love.

I learnt that it is not my ability God wants, but my availability—the rest is up to him because the abundant life is not man's responsibility, but man's response to God's ability.

W.C.C. APPEALS TO ISRAEL

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, has urged the Israeli Government to "respond to urgent appeals made in the United Nations" and permit the immediate return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes on the west bank of the Jordan. At the same time he strongly supported efforts of the U.N.'s Special Representative, Mr. Jarring, to bring a successful conclusion to mediation efforts.

Dr. Blake acted on the basis of two resolutions passed by the W.C.C.'s Divisional Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

The resolutions were transmitted immediately to the W.C.C. office in New York which gave them to U.N. Secretary General U Thant; to Israel's Permanent Delegate to the U.N., Yoses Tekoah; and to Laurence Michelmore, Commissioner General of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

ISRAELIS ON LUTHERAN LAND

(Geneva). Reports of an apparent Israeli military construction project on property owned by the Lutheran World Federation in Jerusalem are a "cause for concern and investigation," Dr. Andre Appel, general secretary of the L.W.F., has stated.

The Federation is "waiting for a full explanation" of the incident which reportedly involved the firing of rifle bursts into the ground.

In New York, Paul Emple, chairman of the L.W.F.'s Commission on World Service, said "the matter is under discussion through official channels."—E.P.S.

• A.B.C. RADIO

"The Man Born to be King"

Twenty-five years ago the physical portrayal of Christ was generally frowned upon: the presence of Christ was usually indicated by a shaft of light or a shadow. This impression of unreality extended to other characters in the gospels, with the result that biblical people were felt to be quite different from ordinary human beings.

It was Dorothy Sayers' belief that this was damaging to the ordinary man's conception of Christianity and, when the B.B.C. invited her to write a series of plays, it seemed to her that radio offered the ideal medium through which to break down the conception. In the event her break with convention did what she anticipated: it roused a storm of outrage and controversy.

Today it is hard to imagine what all the fuss was about. But the quality of what she wrote remains, and the A.B.C. now offers listeners in 1969 an opportunity of judging for themselves how well her writing has stood the test of time.

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LLOYDS CONCLUDE AT DANDENONG

(Vic.). At the church Christmas social, our minister, A. R. Lloyd, and Mrs. Lloyd were farewelled. Opportunity was also taken to welcome home Jack and Barbara Edwards and children from New Hebrides. Miss Joyce Brown was also welcomed home after two years abroad. . . . The Cheltenham C.W.F. presented the programme following the combined C.W.F. break-up luncheon. The Presidents of the afternoon and evening groups expressed thanks to Mrs. Lloyd for her leadership for the seven years she has been in service here . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mr. Badenhop at the age of 94 years and eight months . . . The combined Christmas Day service was held in our church . . . C.W.F. executive has decided to continue to send food parcels to Indian missionaries in 1969 . . . "The Stained-Glass Window," a Christmas play, was presented by S.S. children and teachers.

YOUTHS AND PRISONERS

(Kedron, Qld.). For the second year, three Kedron young people, Anthea Monson, Wendy Brooks and Jenny Stevens, popularly known as the "We Three," sang to prisoners spending Christmas in the General Hospital. This witness has been arranged by Sister Eunice Kane of the Royal Brisbane Hospital staff and member of the Kedron church.

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A. E. WHITE,

Editor of "The Australian Christian."

FAMILIES MOVE AWAY

(Croydon, Vic.). The Prince and Thorpe families were farewelled at an afternoon church session, and each family was presented with a travelling case. The Princes have moved to Queensland and the Thorpes have returned to the mission at Norseman, W.A. H. E. R. Steele, who has been serving in an interim ministry, and Mrs. Steele were also farewelled. A. B. Clark commences his ministry on Jan. 26. . . . Mrs. T. Leach is acting-pres. of C.W.E.F., with Mrs. J. Galletly as sec.

INTERIM AT PT. LINCOLN

(S.A.). The church has been enjoying the interim ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Turtmann. Mr. Turtmann is on vacation from Glen Iris . . . Two young people have joined the church.

COAST CHURCHES

(Murwillumbah-Tweed Heads, N.S.W.). There have been three primary decisions, five baptisms, 11 reconsecrations, and two married couples have been received into fellowship . . . Members attended Kenmore graduation service. B. Cutchie has completed a student ministry of 18 months. At final gospel service Tweed Heads members joined with locals to farewell Mr. Cutchie prior to commencing a full-time ministry at Collingwood, Vic. A cheque was presented at an after-church function. Large and enthusiastic gatherings characterised the last two weekends . . . E. Holt will begin a full-time ministry here on Feb. 2. G. Poulton will conduct morning and evening services in C.W.A. Hall at Tweed Heads, Dec.-Jan., and invites those on holidays in this area to attend.

GRAHAM PREPARATION

(Collingwood, Vic.). Movie films were screened during a social evening on Jan. 18, and the Graham Crusade film, "Outpost Berlin" was shown on Jan. 19.

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OPEN FORUM

SOCIAL SERVICE STUDIES ABORTION

To the Editor,

A small sub-committee of the Dept. of Social Service in Victoria is currently considering the question of abortion with the purpose of making an official statement at the appropriate time.

We invite members of our congregations to contribute any comment or information which would enable us to be fully informed on the subject.

Please address correspondence to the Secretary, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000. All letters will be treated with strict confidence.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

To the Editor,

Because we are under a new covenant and keep a new day, the first of the week (the Lord's Day) and not the seventh or sabbath, should we keep it any less holy? Do we learn anything from the Law which Jesus kept or do we lower the standard? As we are under grace, a higher standard than law, would we not degrade our character by observing Sunday as a holiday and not as a Holy Day? The continued indulgence in Sunday sport will harden the heart against God. The desire for heavenly things will decrease and the desire for earthly things will increase.

—R. J. Picton (N.S.W.)

GLOOM SEASON

To the Editor,

Why do so many people feel that to be a good Christian, one must forgo some of the joy of life? Your correspondent on greeting cards has not realised that by reason of chain store competition, they have never been cheaper.

We receive cards, often with letters included, from Christian friends interstate and overseas consisting, in some cases, of an unbroken relationship of nearly

half a century, and these are generally once a year exchanges.

On the same premise that the money could be better spent, why not eliminate even local telephone calls to maintain friendships?

With these joyless injunctions receiving editorial blessing perhaps one should cease to wonder at the church's lost grip on the present generation. Let in a bit more gloom by adding to Tertius's ten commandments some of the old practices of wearing crepe bands, drawing the blinds at home as the sabbath approaches, and then the adoption of a universal mode of dress.

Instead of condemning the custom, why not capitalise on it? Several youth groups have conducted the Christmas post for years at various churches. Perhaps an enterprising committee will initiate the design of a church greeting card, but it must be good. Why not make it a medium for the promotion of the World Convention?—P. C. Williams (Qld.).

CHURCH IN MOURNING

(Unley, S.A.). The church sorrowfully received news of the death of Tina Lawton in a plane accident in Kenya. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawton (Pres., World C.W.F.) and family have the sympathy of their fellow members. A private memorial service was held in the family home . . . 60 women attended the C.W.E.F. Christmas meeting. Mrs. Edda Thomas told about life in India, and Mrs. Max Meyers gave vivid word picture of home life as mother of small children and wife of a Missionary Aviation pilot in New Guinea . . . 350 men filled the church for the annual C.M.F. meeting and were thrilled by Pilot Max Meyers' talk . . . Informal Christmas evening service which commenced on tennis court was forced to transfer to church building, 125 present. C. H. Dow spoke, replacing R. V. Holmes who was ill. At 8 a.m. Christmas morning a united service was held at Park St. church. Local Congregational and Baptist ministers took part. Young people visited shut-in members and hospitals singing carols.

BEACH MISSION

(Long Plains-Owen, S.A.). The Long Plains church shared with Mallala Methodist Church in a beach mission at Port Parham in Jan. . . . All the district was invited to a special Christmas service in the Institute Hall . . . The Ladies' Fellowship Christmas meeting was attended by many women of district . . . The church was saddened by the deaths of two loved members, A. Clark and W. H. Parker . . . At Owen the combined S.S. presented a special Christmas service . . . Ladies' Guild invited Long Plains Fellowship for Christmas afternoon.

STAMPS AID CHURCH

(Kensington Park, S.A.). J. Molloy displayed his fine collection of stamps in our church hall. Church funds benefited by \$40 . . . A guest choir of young ladies from Beverley church sang under the leadership of Miss C. Fooks at a December service . . . C.W.F. viewed slides of Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Stevens' interesting tour to Queensland . . . The S.S. held its annual picnic at Foxfield . . . Fortnightly table tennis organised by Promotion Committee ended with a match between Magill and Kensington Park when the latter were defeated.

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OPEN FORUM

VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

My letters seem to have given the impression that doubt concerning the Virgin Birth is something new which I have tried to promote.

This, of course, is not the case. I am simply a seeker after truth—persistent enough to refuse to be fobbed off with inadequate "explanations" and scriptural quotations which beg the question. It is pointless to quote the obvious "proof"—Matt. 1: 18-23 and Luke 1: 27-35—and completely overlook passages like Heb. 2: 17. Until someone answers the hard ones, I have no option but to keep an open mind.

Regarding Isaiah 7: 14, am I not justified in pointing out that this verse teaches no more than that the Messiah would be a first-born and verses 15 and 16 certainly throw doubts on the idea that he was born the son of God. Many passages of scripture support rather than contradict my statement.

Jesus called himself by various names but "the Word made flesh" was never one of them.

To the average layman Heb. 1 does not teach the Virgin Birth at all—quite the contrary. Verse 5 states "Thou art my beloved son, this day have I begotten thee." If this is intended to convey the impression of God speaking to Jesus, why the use of the term "this day"? Obviously John 1 and 1 John 2 and 3 come under the heading of scriptural passages which beg the question.

I find it equally incredible that Joseph and Mary would not have understood (Luke 2: 50) if Jesus was claiming to have been born the Son of God.

Why should Mary have said, "Thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing" (Luke 2: 43). In Matt. 13: 55 local people said "Is not this the carpenter's son?" and if they were wrong, why did not Jesus put them right? Had he no concern for them or was it of little consequence?

If these incidents are instances of the Bible speaking surely we should all admit frankly that the evidence is far from overwhelming either way.

—L. R. Reeves (Vic.).

VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

It is surprising that there could be any doubt about the manner of the birth of Jesus. It is very clearly set out in Matt. 1: 18-25, and there is no need for verification elsewhere, nor is there likely to be any contradiction anywhere in the Bible.

The trouble seems to be that some people are afraid to accept the unusual things in the Bible literally as they are described, for fear that they will be said to be rather fanciful in their thinking, and that there is a more "rational" explanation for such happenings.

This attitude can be very upsetting, particularly for those who are new in the faith, since they would be at a loss to know what to accept and what not to accept in the scriptures.

It is essential then to remove this doubt from our minds by accepting everything recorded in the scriptures, as though they had happened in the way described. This will be easy to do if we remember that Jesus gave a lot of messages in parables which can convey the spiritual significance of various things more vividly than if they were described in technical terms. The Bible is not a technical book, and most of the people who read it are not technically minded enough to understand some of the things if described exactly as they happened.

To know exactly what happened in obscure cases is a good theological exercise which would benefit our spiritual growth but is not necessary for salvation.

However, the manner of Jesus' birth is by no means obscure when read from Matt. 1: 18-25. In other words, God was the father of Mary's son Jesus; and, for the sake of Jesus' material welfare, Joseph married Mary and adopted Jesus as his own son.

Here we can see that Jesus is in fact the Son of God—begotten by God—"the only begotten Son of God."

The bond of adoption is so strong that the ancestry of Jesus was traced back through Joseph as though Jesus were Joseph's son. When we hear Paul say in Romans 8 that we are sons of God by adoption, we can see from Jesus' example that this means that we have all the benefits of real sons, that we are "joint heirs with Christ."

—D. B. Price (Qld.).

VIRGIN BIRTH

To the Editor,

It is too late in the day to contest the incontrovertible inspired facts of the virgin conception and birth of Jesus Christ by conjectural innuendo of defi-

ciencies and aberrations in the canons of the Hebrew consonantal text and the Greek Koine (dialect) for these texts in fact contain alone "every Word of God" and nowhere in them is it written that Joseph was the father of Jesus. Everywhere throughout them, Jesus is revealed as the only begotten and beloved Son of the Heavenly Father. The theophany of Jesus Christ therein makes impossible the Josephite theory. My reasons are itemised.

Christ transgressed no commandment of God. He was sinless (Jn. 8: 46). A new creation "from Heaven" (Jn. 6: 62)—"the last Adam . . . the second man . . . in the image of the heavenly father," "the Lord from Heaven" (1 Cor. 15: 44-49). "The first and the last . . . the Alpha and the Omega . . . the beginning and the ending." Attested by his miraculous powers, his transfiguration, his crucifixion, his resurrection, his ascension into Heaven itself unto whom His Heavenly Father has delegated "all power in heaven and in earth." He is the sum and substance of The Law ritually expressed as "The Tabernacle which the LORD pitched and not man" (Heb. 8: 1-2), its altar (Heb. 10: 10), the veil of the Temple (Heb. 10: 20), its Holy of Holies (Heb. 9: 24), the Passover and the New Covenant. But, High Priest for ever after the Order of Melchizedek (Heb. 6: 20), "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords" (Rev. 19: 16), having "the key of David" (Rev. 3: 7). "Great is the mystery of godliness" in Him (1 Tim. 3: 16), attested in audible Voice of His Father from Heaven anointed by The Holy Spirit at his baptism. "What shall I say more? Time would fail me?" "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." God and not Joseph was the Heavenly Father of Jesus.—A. R. D. Moye (N.S.W.).

(Correspondence on the Virgin Birth is now closed).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"BIBLE NAMES FOR BIBLE THINGS"

To the Editor,

Our fathers used to have the slogan "Bible names for Bible things." I remember how upset some of them were when the Oxford Group used the phrase "life-changing" for salvation. It was not a Bible name for a Bible thing. But I wonder how many ordinary pagans know what salvation means. Carl Burke had to use the expression "pulled out" for his young delinquents because the only time they had heard of someone being saved from something was when someone had been pulled out of the canal.

And if we are to use Bible names for Bible things I suppose we should call the church the ekklesia and our elders presbyters and so on, because the original New Testament was in Greek.

I think that the slogan was alright in our fathers' day because people still knew their Bibles. But in these days I wonder if we shouldn't be trying to find modern and colloquial words and phrases to describe Bible things. The Holy Spirit did this on the day of Pentecost when he saw to it that everyone heard the good news "each in his own language."

If it is good enough for the New Pidgin English Bible to change a word like justification into "God 'e say 'im alright," it must be good enough for us to translate the language of the Bible into the language of the pub, or as Saltbush Bill would say, "put 'er in dinkum Aussie lingo."

Something happened to people in New Testament days that needs to happen again. Maybe it will if we can find a way of describing it that doesn't sound too religious and too Elizabethan. I suggest I'm a heretic.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

FEDERAL OVERSEAS MISSION

FIRST CHRISTMAS IN NEW GUINEA

(Mr. and Mrs. August Ben, first New Hebridean missionaries to New Guinea, give first impressions of their new field of service).

We are very happy. Mr. Beale took me out to see some of the new villages. Their Pidgin English is a little different from our New Hebridean, but we can still understand what they are saying and we believe it won't take long before we can fully converse with them.

We had the Christmas service in Tumba for all the villages in the area. This is our first Christmas in New Guinea. It was not like Christmas in the New Hebrides with decorations, singing, the people well dressed and feasts. The people here are simply dressed. They are not very good singers. They came to worship just as they are, sinners saved by Christ.

It's a joy for us to share this Christmas with them. These people are far away from the civilised part of New Guinea,

but they have now found the true meaning of Christmas, and what it means to their souls. They have been able to share "the great joy" which the angel announced to the shepherds on the first Christmas day.

We're leaving Tumba tomorrow for Tung, and we will stay there until Miss Draney returns in February. Then we will go to a new place called Mui to start work there among seven villages in the Keram River area. At the moment no house is built for us, but Mr. Beale is organising this with the people.

Greetings to all our friends in Australia. We send our love to all in the name of our Lord who promised that he will be with us to the end of time.

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE FOR '71-'72

(Odense, Denmark). A conference organised by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (C.W.M.E.) will be held in 1971 or 1972.

Planned as a world mission conference, it will include the results of a study on "Salvation Today" currently being undertaken by the staff of the division.

The committee reaffirmed the purpose of C.W.M.E. whose aim is "to further the proclamation to the whole world of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that all men may believe in Him and be saved."—E.P.S.

MORE AID TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches has given \$U.S.150,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross (I.C.R.C.) to help finance the continuation of the Nigeria/Biafra airlift.

The council's decision followed a plea

by Ambassador Auguste Lindt, the Commissioner General for the I.C.R.C., for Nigeria/Biafra over the past two weeks when it became evident that more cash was immediately required.

In August the World Council of Churches donated \$U.S.37,715 to the International Red Cross towards financing the emergency airlift.—E.P.S.

CHICAGO POLICE SUED

(Chicago). The City of Chicago, its mayor and the police department are being sued for \$1¼ million by a Presbyterian theological student, Roy L. Ries, Jr., of Levittown, Pennsylvania, who has made a charge of police brutality during the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Ries said he was clubbed twice by unidentified policemen on Aug. 28 while urging demonstrators to follow police orders to clear Lincoln Park. He spent 12 days in hospital and was treated for skull fracture, cuts, temporary loss of sight in one eye and double vision.

—E.P.S.



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MEN

CHRISTIAN MEN THINKING

We have many modern comforts

BUT

Do we know how to live?

In a world that has lost all its true values, the **CHRISTIAN MAN** has a vital part to play.

1. BECOME A TRUE CHRISTIAN.
2. LEARN WHAT YOU STAND FOR.
3. BE AN EXAMPLE FOR CHRIST.
4. BE AN INFLUENCE.
5. SPEAK WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
6. WORK FOR THE MASTER.
7. BECOME A LEADER OF MEN.
8. GO OUT INTO THE WORLD OF LIFE.
9. LISTEN.
10. HAVE AN ACTIVE MEN'S GROUP.

Modern Chapels are needed to meet together, but they must not become clubs. They must show the world we care.

The Church. Be it in a Hall, a Home, or a Cathedral, the Church is people.

We must concern ourselves with the Problems of the People, and make it a Better World in which we live.

What a wonderful stage on which to act, but we put on some very poor performances.

ACTION STATIONS

Activities

7 a.m. **BREAKFAST SERVICE** at the Belmont Church, Geelong. 45 men met for a meal, fellowship and challenge by John Bishop, Chairman, Lay Institute for Evangelism, Victoria.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION at the Essendon church, where many bargains were sold such as a steam iron for 50 cents, but it raised over \$200 for Mission work team in New Guinea.

ELDERLY CITIZENS' OUTING to Montrose by the men of the Hartwell church.

CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Melbourne Centre. Full house. Men were from all walks of life, came from India, New Hebrides, country districts.

The beauty of Christmas from a blind man, Cyril Minns; August Ben a black man, Ralph Amos Conference President, and others gave a glimpse of what Christian men could do.

WE ARE FOUND—TO FIND ANOTHER. WE ARE TOLD—TO TELL ANOTHER. WE ARE WON—TO WIN ANOTHER.

Norman F. White,
Sec., Vic. Christian Men's Fellowship.

ANNERLEY WELCOME

(Qld.). At a packed service of welcome the church and community extended a welcome to the new incumbents of the manse—Colin and Ailsa Smith and Peter. Formerly minister at Balaklava, S.A., Colin originally came from Gladstone, Queensland.

Lloyd Martin, Conf. Pres., chaired the meeting. Greetings were brought from the Women's Conference, the Annerley C.W.F. and the Girls' Brigade. The Rev. Mitchell extended the greetings of the Ministers' Fraternal Assoc. Rex Ellis spoke on behalf of the brotherhood, Allan Male for the Dept. of Christian Education, and Lloyd Martin for the officers and church. Lyn Miller sang a solo and the choir also gave items. Mr. and Mrs. Smith responded. On the Sunday, Rex Ellis inducted Mr. Smith to the ministry of Annerley. At the service Colin's family was present from Gladstone and five of the ten sisters of Mrs. Smith Snr., attended.

S. R. BAKER INDUCTED

(Balaklava, S.A.). Early in Dec., S. Russell Baker was inducted into the ministry for 12 months. C. H. Dow, M.A., led the service and Reg. Shepherd welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Baker into the fellowship. After lunch in the hall, Mr. Dow spoke to the church on Christian Education . . . C.W.F. entertained Senior Citizens to a Christmas social afternoon. They also distributed gifts to hospital patients and shut-ins.

D. M. HUGHES LEAVES WHYALLA

(S.A.). A young lady made her decision at final meeting conducted by Dennis Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were farewelled after five years of ministry. A presentation of a china cabinet was made from the church by W. Tregloan. John Lawrie made a presentation on behalf of the B.S. . . . On Dec. 16 the B.S. conducted the gospel service, which included a baptism . . . Recent speakers have been K. D. Horne, H.M. Dept., V. Berry, W. Tregloan and B. Robertson, of Cardiff, N.S.W. . . . The ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sander commences on Feb. 2.

RECOGNITION DINNER

(Vic.). On Thursday, Jan. 30, members of the Federal Board of Christian Educ. and invited guests, will meet to give recognition to the services of Miss M. Deane and Dr. G. Whiting. It is proposed to make a presentation from the Australian Brotherhood and any persons wishing to contribute are invited to do so. Gifts should be addressed to R. Hillier, c/o Dept. of Christian Educ., 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000.

Opportunity will also be taken at the dinner to welcome Miss Merie Peacock, of W.A., who comes to serve as acting-editor during 1969.

EDITORIAL (continued)

him; prosperity for all at home, and peace in the world, especially in that part of the world where the President inherited a special U.S. interest, which moved from the Philippines to Japan, from Japan to Korea, and from Korea to Vietnam. In his speech which closed his era, Johnson announced that we are closer to peace now than at any previous time in the Vietnam war, but it remains to be seen whether others are better peace-makers than he.

The other great goal was that of the Great Society. In civil rights, education, and welfare, he recorded legislation achievements unmatched by any other President. He did not do nearly as much as he planned—he did not solve the civil rights problem, but no one else has solved it either, and Johnson took longer steps in the direction of a solution than any president since Lincoln.

Already, there has been great praise offered for what Johnson has done to further education, effect full employment, and give better medical care for all.

Johnson tried, but he did not reach the unreachable stars of peace abroad and prosperity at home. His tragedy is not so much one of personal failure to complete a task, but that all men everywhere lack the will for peace and a genuine concern for their brothers' welfare.

SUPPORT FOR CHAPLAINCY

(Fullarton, S.A.). At the C.W.F. Family Night, attended by 110, gifts of money were hung on an empty Christmas Tree to assist a needy family. With money previously raised at Apron Parade and Jumble Stall, \$130 will be given to Mission and Hospital Chaplaincy. For 1969, Mrs. C. Suttle is pres., and Mrs. A. Whitrow is sec. . . . Alterations to chapel were dedicated on Dec. 22.

E. STEVENS FOR IPSWICH

(Qld.). E. Stevens has accepted a call to minister at this church. The student ministers, Bruce Gaunson and Don Stewart, received excellent results in Qld. University examinations. Mr. Stewart gained the B.A. degree, and will serve as minister at Traralgon, Vic. Mr. Gaunson will be student minister at Nambour in 1969. Presentations were made to both Mr. Gaunson and Mr. Stewart.

MINISTER RESIGNS TO TEACH

(Wembley, W.A.). The minister at Wembley, D. A. Ladbrook, tendered his resignation from the ministry as he plans to teach sociology at the Institute of Technology early in 1969. The meeting thanked Mr. Ladbrook for his service and expressed the thought that he was merely changing his sphere of ministry. The new elders' board is T. Banks, M. Dix, D. Gregory, G. Hall, W. Mackay, D. Manning, G. Mogridge, I. Nicholas, A. D. Pyne, R. Richards, A. Smyth and R. Stempel . . . G. Moignard is recovering from surgery. . . . At the brotherhood sports meeting Wembley gained third place.

CRUSADE AIRLIFT

Plans for encouraging Victorian country areas to participate in the forthcoming Billy Graham Crusade have taken an unusual twist with the commencement of "flying squad" operations.

The Youth Committee for the Crusade, to be held in Melbourne next March, is using light aircraft to send teams of young people to over 50 towns in Vic,

N.S.W. and S.A. over eight weekends.

These trips will range as far as Orbest in the east, Wagga Wagga in the north, Mildura in the north-west, and Mt. Gambier in the west.

Expenses of the flying squads will be kept to a minimum because all those participating will provide their services free and a number of light aircraft have been made available without cost to the Crusade.

o B. & F.B.S.

129th Public Demonstration

(Vic.). The Rev. J. R. Payne, recently appointed Australian Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, will preside at this important function at the Kew City Hall on Tues., Feb. 25. The Rev. Leo Buckman, former secretary for New Guinea-Papua, who will be actually returning from the release of the Pidgin New Testament on the 23rd, will tell the inspiring story of this latest translation.

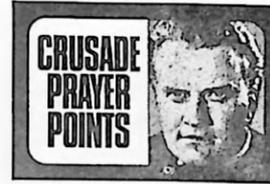
The guest artists for the occasion will be the Methodist Youth Singers.

TERM EXTENDED

(Preston, Vic.). G. J. Crossman has accepted an extension of term of ministry when his present term expires at end of 1969 . . . 11 walkers raised \$110.26 for the Walk Against Want . . . Thanksgiving offering on Christmas Sunday for the Building Fund was \$811.60. The Christmas Bowl Appeal raised \$50.84 . . . 19 Good Companions attended the annual hospital gift night at West Preston . . . C.W.E.F. final meeting took the form of Yuletide service. Mrs. Page is new president.

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

(Melb.). The first council meeting for 1969 will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. R. N. Gilmore will speak on his visit to Uppsala.



G C R U S A D E

- o Give thanks for the arrangements agreed upon for Television outreach; and for landlines to interstate points.
- o Pray for the establishment of four-thousand Home Prayer meetings prior to the Crusade (consider establishing one in your home. If doing so, please request information from Mrs. Diggins, phone 663-1981).

MINISTER AT MACKAY

(Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Risson have been welcomed into the ministry of the church. At a welcome social Mr. and Mrs. Risson were presented with household gifts. The visit of Lloyd Martin, Conf. Pres., was greatly appreciated . . . The church had a round of activities farewelling those who are transferring to Rockhampton . . . Miss Aileen Draney showed picture slides and spoke on the New Guinea mission.

MINISTER FAREWELLED

(Carnegie, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. R. Hillbrich were farewelled on Dec. 15 after six years of ministry. M. Giezendanner is the incoming minister . . . \$340 was raised in a Popular Person competition. Mrs. Jory was the winner . . . The ladies conducted an evening service when members of Elderly Citizens attended . . . Sherryn Scouller had surgical treatment at Children's Hospital . . . The ladies' street stall raised \$103.

DEATH OF MRS. W. W. HENDRY

The many Australian friends of Walter W. Hendry will be saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Hendry in Solihull (Birmingham) on Jan. 8. Mrs. Hendry was formerly Miss Edith May Cornish, of Leicester. Their two daughters, Ruth and Joy, live at home with Mr. Hendry in Birmingham. Ruth is a nurse and was a missionary with the British Churches of Christ Mission in Malawi until her resignation from the field last year, when she returned home to care for her mother during her serious illness.

Walter Hendry entered Glen Irls College of the Bible in 1927 and shortly after graduating came to England and served there as a minister with our churches and, for a time, as an Industrial Chaplain. He later occupied the full-time position of General Secretary of Churches of Christ in Great Britain. In 1967 he resigned from that office and became part-time minister of our church at Moseley Road, Birmingham. The funeral service for the late Mrs. W. W. Hendry was held in the Moseley Rd. church in the presence of a large and widely representative gathering on Jan. 13. Walter Hendry's address is: 132 Grove Rd., Kings Heath, Birmingham 14.

DEBT CLEARED

(Sth. Melb.). A special thanksgiving service was held to celebrate the chapel debt being paid in full. Present and past members attended, and K. Turner was speaker. R. J. Ball, 50 years in membership, was reader, Mrs. Dow was soloist. Past members taking part were T. Turriff and R. J. Tyler.

MALVERN TO CROYDON

(Malvern, Vic.). A. B. Clark conducted his farewell service on Dec. 29 preparatory to transferring to Croydon . . . Mrs. Pfeifer, D. Crockett and L. Finger completed the Walk Against Want to Frankston . . . W. Garrett is back after heart attack . . . Bayside Youth Group conducted a December evening service. Nearly 100 present . . . Members attended a combined carol service at St. Joseph's R.C. Church . . . Mac and Eula Woff, Mrs. B. Killmier, Mrs. Dow and the Gospel Quartette have provided musical items.

SLAVIC CHURCH

(N.S.W.). A man and wife have been baptized. Due to this occasion we had about 15 outsiders present at the meeting, the greater percentage for the first time. As the Belmore church allowed us the use of the hall, we were able to have a fellowship tea. The Croatian Catholics are quite upset over these conversions because of the break in their former association. Please pray for the new converts in the church.

REAL LIFE CRUSADE

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). The Crusade was adversely affected by unseasonable cold, wet weather and severe winds. Appreciation is expressed to the brethren who so loyally huddled together in overcoats and rugs night by night, as J. K. Bond faithfully preached the gospel. 32 made decisions for Christ, 15 of which were first decisions. To our prayer partners all over Australia, we sincerely say thank you. The final Lord's Day meeting was a great witness as all our Ballarat churches came together, over 400 being present. The only offering, a thanksgiving offering, amounted to \$1,400.

BOX HILL FAREWELL

(Vic.). The choir rendered a delightful Advent Cantata after which Leslie Dewberry thanked all for close co-operation and assistance during his seven years' ministry. The Conf. Pres., representatives of Inter-Church Council of which Mr. Dewberry was a foundation member, and representatives of all auxiliaries paid tribute to his untiring and devoted efforts in church and community and wished him God's blessing in his new ministry at Gardiner. Presentations were made by all auxiliaries and a gift to Mrs. Dewberry from C.W.F. . . . Congratulations were extended to S.S. Supt., Ron. Ritter on qualifying for B.A. degree; Mrs. McIntosh receiving Life Governorship of W.C.T.U.; Stephen Dewberry, second award in Temperance Scholarship . . . The Baptist congregation combined with us on Christmas morning.

HORNSBY'S LOSSES

(N.S.W.). Just prior to Christmas the church mourned the sudden death of Mr. Wood as a result of an accident at his work. The church was also saddened to learn that Ian Bentley died in Malaysia from a brain haemorrhage. Ian, an isolated member of Hornsby, prior to leaving for Malaysia, was the greatly appreciated organist. The sympathy of the church is extended to both families . . . Climax of the Christmas period was Christmas Day service at 8.30 a.m. conducted by D. A. Oldfield. Mrs. M. Bartholomew and Mrs. R. Moses sang a duet. The attendance of 114 was an all-time record. The annual "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering at this service is being set aside for the New Guinea work along the Keram River. Total to hand is \$204.12.



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DISTRICT WOMEN'S CONF.

(Morawa, W.A.). A successful Conference of Northern District women was held in Morawa with Geraldton ladies leading. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Digwood visited from Perth and brought information of auxiliary work . . . Recent leaders in services have been A. Anderson, Snr., N.S.W. State Pres., A. Walkington, L. Urquhart, B. & F.B.S., and Dr. Thornley Thomas . . . November Friendship meeting was a gemstone night . . . Sister Helen Maiden who has been matron at local hospital has left for further studies in Victoria. Ladies attended the combined Christmas meeting conducted this year by the Anglicans.

"DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS"

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). On Nov. 24 an augmented choir with guest soloists and 21-piece orchestra, presented Stainer's cantata, "Daughter of Jairus." Barry Goddard, our choir leader, was conductor. 276 were present . . . Don Sonsee, of Hilton, has been accepted for the College of the Bible, 1969 . . . Robert and Elsie Taylor, on completion of their Woolwich course, are sharing with us prior to commencing a ministry at Naremburn, W.A., in Feb. . . . Dr. Thornley Thomas gave an illustrated talk on Indian mission on Dec. 4 . . . C.W.F. Fete raised \$201. 1969 office-bearers are Mrs. E. Cole, Pres., and Mrs. K. Longbottom, Sec.

FOR GLEN IRIS

(Bunbury, W.A.). Ken. Verge has been accepted to train for the ministry in 1969. Ken. and his wife have been very active in Y.P. and S.S. work. Ken. has a considerable amount of T.V. experience . . . At a combined meeting with the Salvation Army "The Restless Ones" was screened . . . A Y.P. night featured our trio group of electric guitar, organ and drums in a popular service . . . Three car loads of Y.P. attended the Manjimup Crusade with the "Beach Kids." . . . Mr. Carslake has been elected chairman of the local Ministers' Fraternal . . . Over 20 have been using G. R. Stirling's "An Ongoing Christian Movement" as a basis for weekly group discussion. \$100 was raised in the C.W.F. garden party at Eaton . . . The Medlocks and Nightingales have been transferred from our Bunbury flats to Carinya Lodge, Perth. . . . A Teaching of Giving programme has lifted the offerings by 20% — over \$120 per week.

GOING AND COMING

(South Perth-Kemscott, W.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Don. Byrne (O.M.F.) were welcomed home from the Philippines. Miss Cherie Khoo was farewelled on returning to Singapore. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jack, who have been a much loved "Mum and Dad" to our many Asian students, were also farewelled on their transfer to Scarborough church, W.A. . . . John Swift has relinquished the duties of church secretary for health reasons. The assistant-sec., K. Ballantyne, is carrying on the duties. Mr. and Mrs. Swift are on a month's sea voyage . . . J. K. Bond will conduct an interim ministry here from the end of

January, with a full-time ministry in view for Kemscott in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wood will be farewelled on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m., three days before their departure for the U.S.A.

SECRETARY FOR 29 YEARS

(Wembley, W.A.). At the annual business meeting, appreciation was expressed to A. D. Pyne for his 29 years as secretary. G. Mogridge was elected as secretary for 1969 . . . The church celebrated its 29th anniversary at a church tea which was catered for by the ladies. Auxiliaries supplied a concert programme.

B.B. ON TOUR

(Devonport, Tas.). The Boys' Brigade went to Tasman Peninsula and gave demonstration and display to help the Nubeena Company. At B.B. graduation service 18 boys passed from Section 1 to Section 2 . . . A family tea was held to say farewell to Mr. Fife and children. He has taken a teaching appointment in N. Guinea . . . The film "The Hope of the Church" was screened . . . Mr. Ingermalls, M.H.A., was speaker at a men's tea. This was followed by a men's service . . . Y.P. conducted a service at Gowrie Park, and another team went to Mole Creek.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

(Hobart, Tas.). A start has been made on alterations and additions to the church which are expected to be completed by March . . . K. J. Harvey has assisted the church in a review of the Planned Giving Programme . . . End of year activities included a C.W.F. luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Golder, a well-attended C.E.W.F. Christmas break-up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Spaulding, and a Y.P. barbecue. The Y.P. presented "Living Pictures" in a special Christmas programme . . . Two young ladies have been baptized . . . Murray Hall has been appointed new church secretary.

FOUR ADDITIONS

(Invermay, Tas.). Three S.S. scholars were baptized and welcomed into the church fellowship. A man made the good confession . . . The S.S. anniversary guest speaker was L. G. Read, minister at Launceston. One girl from the S.S. made her decision . . . Joseph Clark died after long illness.

WRECKAGE FOUND IN CONGO

(Kinshasha). The bodies of three American missionaries have been found in the wreckage of a small plane missing in a northern province of the Congo since Oct. 13.

Identified were Mrs. Harrison Goodall of Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Birney C. Hoyt of Detroit; and Max L. Meyer of Moline, Illinois. Mr. Meyer was piloting the plane when it came down.—E.P.S.

SISTER CORITA RESIGNS

Sister Mary Corita, who was responsible for the colourful pop-art posters at the Uppsala Assembly, has resigned as a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and will resume her family name of Corita Kent. She remains a faculty member of Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, but will no longer head the art department. She said her reasons for resigning were "very personal and hard to explain."—E.P.S.

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(Qld.). Queensland's Chief Crown Prosecutor, Mr. Lloyd Martin, an elder at Annerley, Secretary of the Kenmore College, leads the Churches of Christ in Qld. as Conference President. In a similar position of authority and responsibility, Mr. R. H. Bavington, another Crown Prosecutor, leads the Baptist Union in Queensland.

HARVEST FOR MISSIONARIES

(Chinchilla-Hopeland, Qld.). E. T. Hart (Qld. Social Service Dept.), was guest speaker for Harvest Thanksgiving and Missionary weekend. The Faith-Promise Thank offering amounted to \$1,401.10 in cash and \$425 in promises. The total Faith-Promise offering during last year was \$1,371.40, of which \$400 went to support Mrs. Finger in New Guinea; \$200 to the Aborigines work at Eldsvold; and \$200 to Home Missions. This is in addition to the weekly budget which includes brotherhood committees . . . The Y.P.C.E. groups combined for break-up picnic in Bunya Mtns. . . . Doug. Willis, N. Qld. evangelist, visited most of the church families one weekend and preached on the Lord's Day . . . Our minister, D. J. Schofield, gained the Diploma of Religious Education . . . Arthur Davis gained his matriculation certificate, enabling him to commence University studies when he returns to his second year at Kenmore College.

SCOOTER FOR NEW GUINEA

(Toowoomba, Qld.). The Toowoomba churches are subscribing towards a Christmas gift of a motor scooter for Aileen Draney for use in the work in New Guinea . . . Merv. Gibson has been welcomed home from Glen Iris Federal College of the Bible on vacation . . . George Chambers of Kenmore Christian College is serving an interim ministry at Crown Street . . . Y.P.F. gave an excellent concert on 13th inst. . . . After three months in Thoracic Hospital, Albert Bernoth is improving and thanks those who have been concerned for his welfare. Mrs. Hervey, who fell and suffered a broken hip at Mylo, has recovered and returned to the home . . . I.C.E. sold Christmas trees with the proceeds going to the new hall funds. Y.P.F. again collected gifts of groceries, etc. and distributed them to pensioners of the city at Christmas . . . The annual Carol and Hymn Singing was again held in the Grenfell home, with 50 attending.

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Aged from 10 to 12 years of age, the Juniors numbered 65 and enjoyed the studies, "Discovering the Lord's Prayer." The director, A. C. Male, was assisted by the Zillmere minister, R. V. Holt. Highlights of the camp were the five decisions and four enquirers; the dorm. competition, and the camp cry, "Camp Cal. Forever!"

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At Midgets' Camp, opportunity was taken to thank Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

PLAY AT KENMORE

(Qld.). The Kenmore Church School, with Keith Hack as Supt., took charge of the Sunday night service recently.

Mrs. Connell wrote and produced a play presented by the students. With appropriate backdrops and relevant costuming the audience were transported to Bethlehem. Julie Burnham as Mary and Michael Ewers as Joseph were supported by 20 others with Gwenda Wilson in an undergraduate's gown providing the commentary. The sermon on the life of Jesus was delivered by the Director of Christian Educ., A. C. Male.

CHANGE IN NORTH

(Rockhampton, Qld.). R. K. Sansome will be terminating his ministry in Jan., 1970 . . . The Craig St. C.W.F. raised \$460 for the hall fund by conducting a pre-school kindergarten . . . R'ton C.Y.F. and C.W.F. combined with Gladstone for a "Lamington Drive." R'ton raised \$52 and Gladstone \$20 . . . The minister, R. K. Sansome, Miss Jean Williams and J. Fury, represented at Fed. Conf. . . . Miss Aileen Draney, of New Guinea, visited us recently . . . William St. S.S. Christmas party was on Nov. 30. Craig St. prize-giving was on Dec. 6. A donation was given to the Christmas Bowl.

Langley, of Portland, Vic., for their magnificent contribution of time and talent to the Caloundra camp-site. After finishing the work project at Magnetic Island camp, both these people travelled back to Caloundra to assist in constructing two concrete-block dormitories at the seaside camp, 65 miles north of Brisbane.

Arthur and Mrs. Langley were presented with an electric toaster. Gratitude was voiced by the Director, the Chairman of the Dept., Len Brooks, and the treasurer, Jack Donaldson.

Completion of the units was accomplished in time for the Midgets' campers and will be in continuous use throughout the holiday period. Foam plastic mattresses, double-decker beds with ladders and individual cupboards adorn each unit.

The official opening is set for April 26 when the grounds should be in excellent condition with the lawn planting and landscaping being carried out.

GROWTH AT GYMPIE

(Qld.). Recent evaluation of numerical strength revealed 140 scholars in church school, 25 in J.C.E., 40 in I.C.E., Cadets 15, Girls' Brigade, 25 in two Good News Clubs conducted in private homes.

C.Y.F. CYCLIST

(Redcliffe, Qld.). Ellen Waldron, of Redcliffe, rode her push-bike from Roma to Redcliffe, a distance of 340 miles, to aid the sub-normal children's appeal.

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MARRIAGES

Judith Quinn, of Broken Hill, N.S.W. to Brenton Baker, of Glenelg, S.A.
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DEATHS

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 ROBINSON (Morris).—To Susan and Barrie, on January 14, a son—Andrew Stephen.
 TAYLOR.—To Cath and Keith, at East Burwood, a son—Christopher Sydney, on December 30, 1968. First grandchild to Edna and the late Syd. Taylor.

ENGAGEMENTS

SACHS-DUNCAN.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Whitfield, of 13 Potts-st., Melville, W.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter Carol Dawn, to John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Duncan, of Esperance, W.A.
 NANKIVELL-STEVENS.—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nankivell, of Tumby Bay, S.A., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Helen Joy, to Trevor John, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stevens, of West Croydon, S.A.
 CONIGRAVE-HAMILTON. — Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Conigrave, 407 Walcott-st., Mt. Lawley, W.A., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Jeanette Margaret, to Brian, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hamilton, 12 Piedmont-crt., Nollamara, W.A.
 HETHERTON-ANDERSON. — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hetherton, Piangil, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Valerie, to Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Tresco, Vic.
 JONES-MORRIS.—Mrs. A. Jones (Maylands, W.A.) and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Morris (Clovelly Park, S.A.) announce with joy the engagement of Margaret and Robert (C.O.B.).

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STAYNER-PAYNE.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Stayner, Heatherton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Payne, Beaumaris, happily announce the engagement of Betty and John.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

VEAL - MULLER. — The marriage of Dianne, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Veal, of 154 Smith-st., Thornbury, Vic., to John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Muller, of 80 Rostrevor Pde., Box Hill, will be celebrated at the Lygon St. Church of Christ on Saturday, February 1, 1969, at 5.30 p.m.

MARRIAGE

DUHS-JAUNCEY. — The marriage of Eileen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duhs, Box 286, Nambour, Qld., to Phillip, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Jauncey, Kenmore Christian College, Brookfield-rd., Kenmore, Brisbane, Qld., was celebrated at Albion Church of Christ on Saturday, January 11, 1969, Dr. J. H. Jauncey officiating.

RUBY WEDDINGS

BOLDUAN.—Dorothy and Reg. Bolduan, the Manse, Kaniva, Vic., announce with gratitude and pleasure the 40th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at the Dandenong Church of Christ, on January 12, 1929, by the late T. H. Scambler.

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DEATHS

COLLINGS.—On Dec. 31, 1968, Rosina, loved wife of late Joseph, loved mother of Irene (Mrs. Andrews, dec.), Leila (Mrs. Gluyas), Winifred, loving grandmother of Jean (Mrs. Marshman), Gordon and Howard Andrews, Rae (Mrs. Chambers, Canada), Margaret (Mrs. Gray), John and Kevin Gluyas. Loved by 15 great-grandchildren. In her 94th year. "Forever with the Lord."

WATERS, Charles.—On Dec. 11, 1968 (suddenly), late of Gardiner church, loved brother of William and Grace (Mrs. J. O. Hercules), brother-in-law of Ethel and Jack.

ROLL OF HONOUR

BADE.—In proud and loving memory of our only son, brother and brother-in-law, Captain Kenneth Wilfred Bade, 101 Battery 4th Field Regiment, R.A.A., killed in action South Vietnam, January 8, 1966. Aged 27 years. "Cherished memories." —Inserted by Mum, Dad, Ruth and Keith.

IN MEMORIAM

FINGER.—Treasured remembrance of my beloved parents, called home Alfred Edward, March 16, 1953, and Grace Evelyn, January 19, 1959.—Laurence Finger, Balaclava, Vic.

GOLDSWORTHY.—Treasured memories of our loved father and mother, Reginald, Jan. 12, 1941; Amelia, Jan. 2, 1954. "Until we meet again."—Inserted by their sons and daughters.

LANGLEY.—Fond memories of David Malcom, dearly loved youngest son of Rene and Harold, called home December 24, 1965. "So dearly loved."

LAWRIE, Donald.—In fond memory of our dear husband, father and papa, who left us for higher service on Jan. 3, 1967. "Out of a beautiful garden, God chose for Himself a rare bloom." Lovingly remembered by Marge, Brenda, Noel, Peter and Kerry.

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. G. Simpson presided over the challenging December service at Grote St. Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Rosewarne led devotions and Elizabeth Morrow sang Christmas songs. Our secretary, Kath Fooks, gave a recitation: "The Gifts of the Wise Men." Mr. Pemberton of the Aust. Council of Churches, one of S.A.'s most concerned people for the underprivileged millions in this bounteous world, spoke of instances throughout the world where need is beyond our understanding. The exasperation of a young European at the slowness of an Indian woman at work—until he realised she hadn't enough food for energy for normal activity, the teenager in Vietnam who takes a gun without any interest in which side provides it—just for

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excitement in a drab village life, the mother in Biafra—and the despair in her life when she has nothing with which to feed her babe, routine events in developing countries, while we of the Christian community treat "responding to the need of our brothers around us as an 'optional extra.'"

Margaret Mathieson led a group of singers in a bracket of carols to conclude the Christmas programme.

An evening meeting will be held on April 15 at Grote St. at which we hope to interest many women unable to attend the regular monthly meeting in the activities of Women's Conf. in S.A. Evening groups could consider using this for their April fellowship. A questionnaire from the National Council of Women was sent to all suburban groups giving women the opportunity to express their opinions with regard to new abortion laws under discussion.—C. E. Bright, Asst. Sec.

DEDICATION SERVICE

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). The end of year celebrations included Women's Fellowship bringing gifts for the Hospital Visiting Dept., and a S.S. class promotion and dedication of teachers' service.

FOUR AT ASCOT PARK

(S.A.). Four young people were immersed by the minister C. G. Dredge at a morning service. They had been attending a discipleship course for several months. After their baptism they were received into the fellowship by the elders and shared in the Lord's Supper.

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ALL CHURCHES RALLY

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). T. Lawrie spoke at the November All Churches Rally. These meetings have continued since the Leighton Ford Crusade. . . . We are represented on the recently-formed Meals on Wheels organisation. . . . On Nov. 17, 10 were transferred into membership. One girl made her decision this month. . . . 16 Senior C.Y.F.'ers hiked to and camped under Crozier Hill recently. . . . The area in front of the church has been concreted.

C.W.F. RAISE \$267

(Flinders Park, S.A.). C.W.F. raised \$267 at a garden party towards the re-carpeting of the chapel. . . . 18 young people are being trained as teachers by H. S. Prime. The S.S. came third in State Efficiency Campaign. A series of Christian Witness films have been screened. . . . A large quantity of clothing and \$250 in cash has been raised for the Korean Appeal.

FIRST TEMPLE DAY

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). Temple Day, the first held at the church, raised \$325. Special services were held. . . . A presentation was made to A. M. Norris at Mr. and Mrs. Follett's home at the conclusion of Mr. Norris' five years of ministry. It has been a remarkable and wonderful time for the whole church and the work has been consolidated. The church thanks Nailsworth, Croydon and Maylands for the subsidies and help given to us.

FAMILY BAPTISM

(Port Lincoln, S.A.). Mrs. Audrey M. Lowe, her son Gary, and daughter-in-law Rosemary were baptized here. Mrs. Lowe, Snr., will be received into membership at Murray Bridge, the others at Port Lincoln. . . . S.S. teachers met for a "new outlook on lesson preparation."

The chapel is opened every morning from 6.45 to 8.00 to give an opportunity for quiet minutes with the Lord before going to work. This is already appreciated. . . . The Saturday Evening study group is increasing in popularity and numbers. . . . The ecumenical venture is encouraging. Ted Bain was elected secretary and treasurer, and Robert Dodd became vice-chairman of the Inter-Church Council. . . . A camp was held at Red Cliffs, Jan. 20-24 for young people between 9 and 16 years of age in two groups. Leaders were Brian Ricketts from Tumby Bay and K. Turtmann from Port Lincoln. . . . Interim minister during college vacation has been Karl H. Turtmann, from Glen Iris.

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Million Dollar Programme

A million-dollar programme of overseas aid for 1969 was announced by the Australian Council of Churches for both long-term development aid and more immediate relief needs.

It is an increase of about \$250,000 on the programme being carried out by the Council this year.

Largest allocation in the new programme will go to the Asian projects, which will receive \$358,992 and a major proportion of the \$294,000 ear-marked for internationally-controlled operations.

Projects in Africa will receive \$89,500; in the Pacific \$46,886; in the Americas \$23,000; in the Middle East \$44,000 and in depressed areas in Europe \$42,122.

A total of \$101,500 will be spent in Australia, covering the costs of sending Australian volunteers to serve abroad and refugee welfare services in Australia.

SPECIFIC PROJECTS:

Projects to be supported include:

- o \$25,000 for an irrigation dam in Mysore State, India;
- o \$15,000 for education scholarships for Indonesian students;
- o \$20,000 for rural extension work in the Philippines;

- \$25,000 for refugee service teams in Vietnam;

- \$10,000 for a teachers' college in Papua-New Guinea;

- \$30,000 for refugee rehabilitation programmes in the Middle East.

The programme includes projects in some 60 countries and covers refugee care, agricultural production, emergency aid, health and social welfare programmes, education, technical assistance and missionary work.

Unusual projects include:

- \$2,000 for an Old People's Home in Warsaw;

- \$6,000 for a family planning programme in Brazil;

- \$10,000 for African education in Rhodesia.

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REFUGEES FACE BLEAK WINTER

(Geneva). The first shipment of 400 prefabricated shelters for Jordanian refugees purchased through the World Council of Churches arrived at Souf Camp near Jerash, north-east of Amman, on Nov. 17, and erection started several days later.

An additional 400 shelters left Great Britain on Nov. 19 and are due at the camp this week, according to Richard Butler, Near East emergency secretary of the W.C.C.

As a result of a \$100,000 contribution from the German Protestant relief campaign, "Bread for the World," the W.C.C. has been able to complete an order for 1,600 shelters, all of which will be erected by mid-January, Mr. Butler estimates. Other agencies contributing to the cost of the shelters were Church World Service and Mennonite Central Committee (U.S.A.), the Canadian churches, Christian Aid and Oxfam (Great Britain).

The camp population in Jordan is growing as cold weather approaches, Mr. Butler reported. People who had found some shelter in cities and towns during the summer are moving to the camps in the expectation that some provision will be made for them there.—E.P.S.

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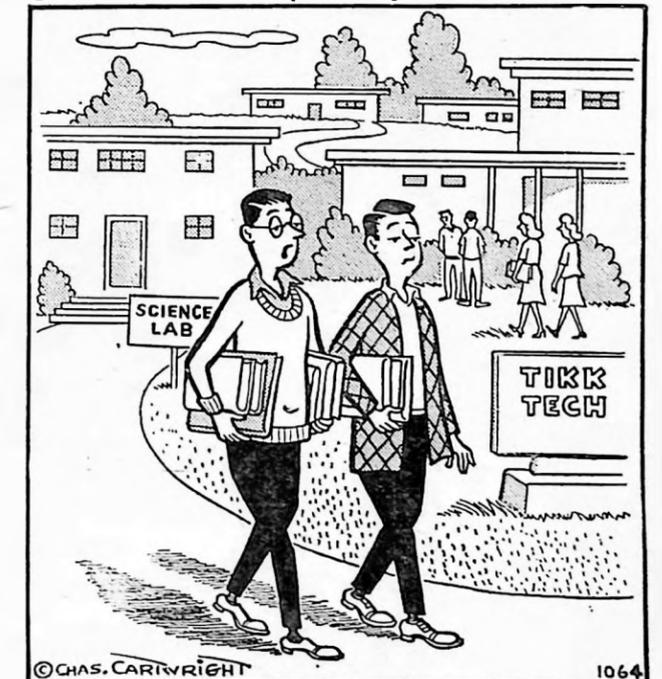
(From "The Australian Christian," January, 1919)

"A.C.'s" Majority. With the close of 1918, the "Australian Christian" completed the 21st year of its existence. It was a splendid advance in the history of our Australian journalism when our two papers made way for one. The "Standard" and "Pioneer" did excellent service; but it was rightly felt that one paper would have a better chance of adequate support, and would have the effect of cementing the brotherhood more closely together.

Three Editors. In its first 21 years the "A.C." had three editors. J. E. Thomas, a regular contributor said of them: A. B. Maston—He did not spend much time arguing with those who differed with him. He simply went right on. He regretted that people differed, and if they did he believed that they were wrong. F. G. Dunn—He was not so demonstrative or aggressive as a writer and speaker. He belonged to the quiet, contemplative men, whose company is a benediction. A. R. Main is a writer of the philosophical type, and his suggestive spiritual articles have been most helpful. . . . It is not an easy task to be an editor. The task of trying to please everybody is a most thankless one.

Death. Baker—On Jan. 14, Leslie Wm. Baker, M.A., B.D., (in Melb., suddenly, after operation), minister of Church of Christ, Norwood, S.A., beloved husband of Eadie (nee Lyall). Aged 34 years.

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INSIGHT INTO ABORIGINES

(Box Hill, Vic.). C.M.F. were given an insight of tribal customs, traditions, problems, etc., of Australian Aborigines by Father Deacon of St. Francis' Catholic Church . . . Ian Mullen is preaching prior to the ministry of Mr. Grainger in Feb., 1969 . . . 30 J.C.E.'s attended a S.E. District C.E. Union Christmas Rally at Springvale . . . Y.P.C.E. shared hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Tliff and worshipped at Eldon . . . C.W.F. and young people distributed over 200 gifts and posies to hospital inmates.

RECORD SCHOOL

(Horsham, Vic.). Allan Leane, of Naracoorte, S.A., was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary evening service. School attendance has reached a record 133 during the year with 20 teachers . . . Bible Study classes each Wednesday evening are in preparation for Billy Graham Crusade . . . Discipleship classes are being held for interested young people . . . Building activities are progressing satisfactorily.

THREE IN MEMBERSHIP

(Parkdale, Vic.). Three young people came into membership in recent weeks. . . D. H. Smith brought news of H.M. activities . . . "Home Coming" on Nov. 24 had A. Cant as guest speaker. A semi-sacred concert was held in the afternoon. . . C.Y.F. presented a concert at Emmaus Home on Nov. 29.

CHANGE FROM CLUBS

(Robinvale, Vic.). Explorers and Companions to be replaced in 1969 by a Junior Christian Endeavour Society . . . Christmas featured a combined carol service, and a Christmas Day service, both held at the United Church . . . All school services, except for the infant classes, were held in our chapel this year.

BELLRINGERS

(Bentleigh, Vic.). A special Christmas service featured the "Bellringers" playing carols on handbells. The choir also gave items arranged and conducted by J. Roper . . . C. Clayden was leader at a young people's weekend camp at Yarra Junction. They returned in time to take the evening service.

CHAPEL DEMOLISHED

(Chelsea, Vic.). The final service in the old chapel was held on Dec. 22 when A. Augustine, elder; H. Taylor, sec. H. Barneden, treas., L. L. Smith, chairman, shared in the service, assisted by A. A. Avery, H.M. Dept., and A. Emmett, Properties Corp. The building has since been demolished and work on the new chapel commenced Jan. 16. D. R. Oakes commenced a ministry on Jan. 19. Services will be held in the hall during renovations . . . Russ. Taylor, B.S. Supt., has gained the degree of B. Sc. with honours.

THE MINSTRELS

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). The men of the C.M.F. staged their Minstrel Show with proceeds for a hot water service in the manse. Two hours of prayer for Billy Graham Crusade was held in the church . . . "Auntie Rita" attended Good Companions to receive gifts for hospitals. The C.W.F. visited the "Gillette" factory at Noble Park.

TO SUPPORT ABORIGINES

(Red Cliffs, Vic.). C.W.A.F. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Marr, with clothing brought and money raised for Dareton Aborigines . . . Allen Marr was speaker at C.W.E.F. Christmas meeting. . . Recent speakers have been M. Milne, V. Jenkins, Ian Cook, Allen Marr, Rodney Cook and I. Mitchell . . . C.Y.F. held its annual picnic at Nangiloc.

"GOSPELAIRES" ASSIST

(Noble Park, Vic.). On Harvey Clark's last Sunday with us the young people's group took the evening service assisted by "The Gospelaire" who provided musical accompaniment. Mr. Clark was speaker. After the service a presentation was made to him in appreciation of his work with the young people, the B.S. and the church . . . A. B. Titter is minister.

A.A. SPEAKER

(Swan Hill, Vic.). A speaker from Alcoholics Anonymous was speaker when 22 men attended C.M.S. dinner catered for by several of the ladies. C.M.S. has forwarded \$100 to Overseas Missions for work in New Guinea . . . Good Companions and Boys' Explorer Clubs presented a Christmas story in reading and song on Dec. 22.



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NEWS ROUND-UP

Sunday School Teacher Training (India)

Roger Ryall reports that the Youth Committee of the Conference are taking up this work. He says, "So far we have visited one group of teachers; their enthusiasm and eagerness to receive new ideas has been very encouraging. It indicates something of the real need for training of Sunday School teachers. More visits are planned for 1969. There is a graded curriculum of S.S. lessons in use widely throughout Maharashtra. Generally speaking, this curriculum is used by S.S. within our Conference. However, many teachers do not yet appreciate the principles which underly such a continuous plan of Christian teaching. Hence the need for training and motivating teachers concerning their important task for the church in this sphere."

Roger also reported on meetings among the boys of the home led by Pastor Bhonsle. "Pastor Bhonsle of our Bombay church came to take special meetings in September at the Boys' Board Home. We are sure that many boys have come into a closer relationship with Christ because of his talks to them at the morning and evening devotional sessions."

Now that the new flat has been purchased in Bombay in the same building where Pastor Bhonsle is residing he will have the added responsibility of caring for the young men who will take up residence there. Prayer is called for as this will be no light task. In a city so overcrowded there are always those who are out to take advantage of the slightest sign of leniency in the administration. Then pray that this will be a vital centre of Christian witness. It certainly will assure some of our young men in Bombay of congenial accommodation, free from the unhygienic overcrowding to which some of them have been subjected.

After a long period of opposition towards the use of motorcycles on our mission field, largely due to the roads being so poor, it has finally been decided to provide one or two. One has been purchased for Pastor Bhonsle in Bombay the gift from an anonymous donor, and another for the Shrigonda area. The one which is under the control of Mr. Veal for the Shrigonda area was purchased in November. This was provided by the Warracknabeal and Ballarat churches, and is a Jawa.

Reports already to hand indicate that they are both proving exceedingly useful, and managing so far the very rough roads. They certainly will be much cheaper to run on urgent village work than the motor car, and much less exhausting than the cycle.

Early in 1969 both the Mains and Powells were due for furlough. The Powells have been asked to remain as long as they could without their return to Australia interfering too much with the children's school terms here. They therefore have agreed to remain until mid to late March in the post as temporary administrator at the Dhond Hospital, a position from which Dr. Gaikwad is receiving much help as he is relieved of many of the small tasks that normally have fallen to the one in charge there. Then the Mains have been asked to remain on for several months to undertake a special teaching ministry to the churches of the Conference. They will now be returning home late in 1969.

Voluntary Workers (New Hebrides)

Mr. and Mrs. P. Strawbridge with their three children arrived in the New Hebrides at the end of Nov. to serve as voluntary workers. They are members of the Annesbrook Church of Christ in New Zealand. Mr. Strawbridge is a carpenter and Mrs. Strawbridge a nurse.

Two years ago Dr. Peter Miller from W.A., served for several months as a voluntary worker in India. Dr. Miller has again offered to serve in a voluntary capacity, and this time will go to the New Hebrides. He left Perth on Jan. 5. Dr. Miller will return from the New Hebrides in March. We are most grateful for the willingness of these brethren to serve in this way.

Relief Assistance (Korea)

Due to generous giving by individuals and churches, the Overseas Mission Board has sent a second remittance, this time \$800 to assist needy people in Korea. The gift has been sent to Mr. Soongook Choi, President of the Korean Churches of Christ to assist destitute people in the South-Western provinces. Several weeks ago \$500 was sent and Mr. Choi wrote expressing his deep appreciation to our Australian brotherhood. He advised that this amount would sustain over 70 families for a week. We are grateful that we were able to send the second gift prior to Christmas.

The Flinders Park church, S.A., has become particularly enthusiastic about assisting our Korean brethren. The church is preparing for shipment a large quantity of clothing and a special offering received in Dec. amounted to \$250.

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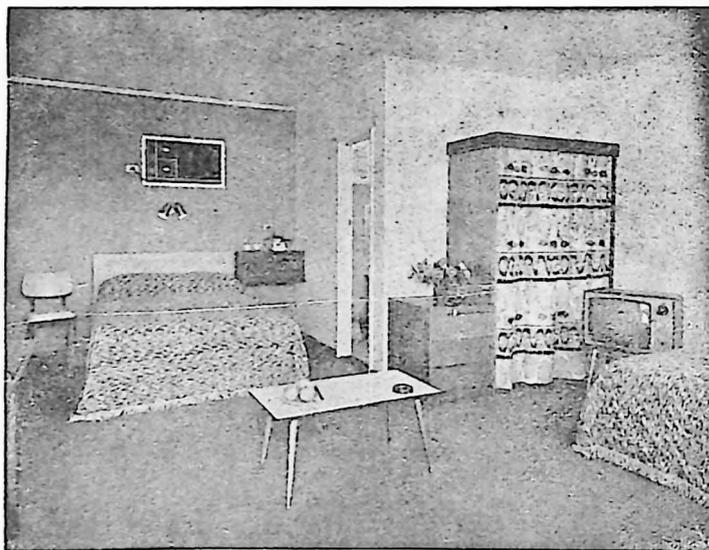
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