

THE AUSTRALIAN

CHRISTIAN

Registered in Australia for transmission by post
as a newspaper.

Vol. 72 - No. 15

AUGUST 9, 1969

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

 THE CHURCH—the sensitive society



the listening ear and helping hand

AGED
HOMELESS
DEPRIVED
ANXIOUS
ADDICTED
DESTITUTE
HOPELESS

The World Convention, Adelaide, 1970, is only fourteen months away. In October next year, all of our churches in Australia will be hosts in Adelaide to delegates from every Continent (excepting, maybe, Antarctica).

As an introduction to the Convention, the "Australian Christian" commences with this issue a series in word and picture presenting personalities of our World Brotherhood.



EDWIN V. HAYDEN

EDWIN V. HAYDEN has been editor of "The Christian Standard" since June, 1957.

He has the A.B. degree from Roanoke College, Salem, Va., 1934; B.D. from Butler School of Religion, Indianapolis, 1938; M.A. from Butler University, 1943; honorary Litt.D., Kentucky Christian College, Grayson, Ky., 1958; and honorary D.D., Milligan College, 1963.

Mr. Hayden is the author of booklets: *Church Officers' Guide*; *Fifty Years of Digression and Disturbance*; and *What Kind of Education for Your Preachers?* besides many articles in Christian publications.

Mrs. Hayden is the daughter of the late Ernest H. Weaver, Christian minister, of Salem, Va. The Haydens were married in 1937 and have three children.

WORLD CONVENTION PREVIEW

The Eighth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ is to be anticipated as a great occasion for discoveries of fellowship among brethren from both sides of the world.

In speaking of discovery, rather than establishment, or even building of fellowship, I express my conviction that Christian fellowship resides in the possession of a common faith in Christ Jesus and a common commitment to His church as it is revealed in the New Testament, rather than in more human or immediate bonds. We have fellowship in Christ with multitudes whose faces we have not seen, whose language we could not speak, and whose names we do not know.

What joy there is, however, in discovering this fellowship through meeting and talking with hitherto unknown brethren! At Standard Publishing we have enjoyed some acquaintance with brethren in Australia through reading the *Australian Christian* and state journals, through personal correspondence, and through delightful contacts with Australians visiting the United States. We like the sample, and we look forward to a fuller measure of discovery, with the World Convention providing in part and imperfectly what we hope to enjoy fully in heaven. At last we shall know fully, even as we are fully known!

THE CHURCH

— THE SENSITIVE SOCIETY

When we ask men and women to represent the church in today's world of poverty, distress, pain, and loneliness, our representatives have a right to expect our interest and attention when they tell us about their frontiers of Christian concern.

E. T. HART, of Queensland, talks of resources for social work:

SOCIAL WORK IN TODAY'S SOCIETY DEMANDS

Deep insight into human nature;

Adequate training available at practical and academic levels for all personnel engaged in the work;

Specialist know-how on physical, mental and spiritual illness;

Practical resources by way of **Finance, Homes of all types, Hostels, Half-way houses, Hospitals, After-care Homes** must be available to folk at all ages of living.

This calls for a reshaping of policy to overcome the imbalance at present apparent in provision for aged people and children. It is essential these Homes be in the name of the Church so that an emphatic and positive declaration of the gospel can be made without any apology of any description.

Whilst waiting for the material aid outlined above there is a real work to be accomplished in educating churches to be receptive to folk seconded to them for care. This demands a more adequate liaison between Social Service Departments and the Minister in the Local Church. This is a matter that can be built up without making any inroads into finance whatsoever. Indeed, it is an imperative as old as the gospel itself. It should need no emphasis, but the sad fact is we have few churches that will allow their resources to be used for this matter. Social work in today's society demands we give attention to this and the time is NOW.

A. R. JONES in South Australia, speaks of the test of Christianity:

"The test of civilisation," Pearl Buck has written, "is the measure of consideration and care which it gives its weakest members." How much more is this the test of Christianity? As Christians there is laid upon us the obligation of service to the weakest and need-

iest members of society, and in this we are challenged to go beyond the requirements of public welfare. One of the first responsibilities of the New Testament Church was to appoint a Social Welfare Committee to care for the widows in the Church. They had caught the spirit of the Master and were concerned for the less fortunate. Thus the Church today is involved in the care of the needy; the aged, the unemployed, the invalid pensioner, the widow with her family, the unwed mother and the deserted wife.

State aid goes so far with these folk. But when there are high rents or sickness, or some other unfortunate circumstance, the hardship is hard indeed. They must find other help lest the children or mother suffer. Christian service takes up where the State leaves off and it not only gives material help, but can also give moral and spiritual support. There can be no let up in the churches' social responsibility while one child goes hungry or while one person suffers.

From New South Wales, DOROTHY COLE declares that temporary relief is not enough:

Professional social work as practised today, was born of the religious revivalism that influenced England during the Industrial Revolution. The recognition that all men equally are children of God and loved by him, encouraged well-meaning people of high character and ample leisure to provide material assistance for their deserving poor. However, most social workers lacked fundamental knowledge of psychology, sociology and anthropology, and their sentimental and intuitive charity, while meeting material needs, had little effect in developing the recipient's own powers of self-determination and respect. The 20th century is seeking to solve its ills of poverty, ill-health, and bad housing by community effort, and to tackle its subtler problems of personal inadequacy and disharmony by utilising modern knowledge and technical social work skills assimilated from the allied professions of psychiatry, psychology and sociology.

THE CHURCH

— THE SENSITIVE SOCIETY

Through its specialised approaches, social work seeks to encourage people to change their attitudes and behaviour so they can live more happily, develop their own capacities, and make better use of the resources of the community. **Casework**, where individuals and families are helped towards more satisfying or acceptable lives through understanding and modification of their personality or environmental problems, is practised in schools, clinics, courts, prisons, general and mental hospitals, family bureaus, etc. **Group work**, where the individual is helped through group interaction to find satisfying activities, build constructive relationships to answer his special needs, or develop acceptable attitudes and behaviour, is carried out in areas such as community centres, housing developments, youth organisations and hospitals. Finally, **Community Organisation** involves the Social Worker in mobilisation of local or national resources to meet local or national needs. Here the value of the untrained voluntary worker is maximised under the skillful direction of the qualified Social Worker.

If the Christian ideal is an appreciation of the dignity and worth of the individual as expressed in the sacrifice of God himself for man, then modern social work embodies this ideal as it brings its most specialised techniques and knowledge to bear in helping realise Christ's purpose of abundant living for all men.

I gave a beggar from my little store
of well-earned gold. He spent the shining ore
And came again, and yet again, still cold
And hungry as before.

I gave a thought, and through that thought of mine
He found himself, the man, supreme, divine,
Fed, clothed, and crowned in blessings manifold
And now he begs no more.

T. A. MORRISON, W.A., points to three vital ministries:

Imaginative obedience to the gospel is the Church's greatest means of pushing back the horizons that limit the vision and possibilities of abundant life for every man. Imagination is being used on the West Australian scene by the Social Service Committee in all aspects of its work.

Bethesda Hospital, which comes under the auspices of the Churches of Christ in W.A., has launched out in a mission beyond itself in providing hospital and medical equipment for our New Guinea Mission fields. This outgoing service is to be highly com-

mended. On the Aged Persons' Homes Board side of things there is a move towards decentralisation with the erection at Bunbury of a similar residential complex to that of Carinya Village in Mt. Lawley. Bunbury is a rapidly growing town in the south-west of our State, some 120 miles from Perth. The Christian Welfare Centre continues to minister to the needs of the many people who come under its care, and who are part of the "State on the Move." The thrilling factor about the welfare work in the West is the healthy relationship which exists between Government Departments and voluntary agencies. The Church has a vital ministry to exercise in the rub of life in these circles. The imperative is to provide a warm atmosphere of listening and serving love in what can sometimes be a cold, hard world. The ministry of the Church is to care—as one of her greats once said: "Christianity has taught us to care."

From Victoria, W. T. ATKIN tells of poverty and other needs:

Social Service began with the early church and was an integral part of its concern for the membership. "Neither was there any among them that lacked . . . for distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Acts 4: 34-35.

As I see Social Service today, there should be a concern not only for people who are suffering from the effects of poverty and other conditions, but also about the causes of poverty, etc.

The Victorian Department of Social Service presented a motion to Conference regarding poverty with some background information. Admittedly the Conference motion does not remove the causes but it does let those who can know the mind of the church. An educational programme on social issues is also a real need today. In this regard, the Victorian Department of Social Service has taken steps to help ministers and others to understand the problem of abortion and drug addiction and has given some lead in regard to these social issues. In addition, it plans at least to consider one major social issue each year. Increased monetary support is required to promote the Social Service programme on behalf of those who are in need, both young and aged, and to help in an educational programme on social issues. In Victoria last year \$5,691, through Social Service and Christian Fellowship Association, were distributed to assist people in need. In our two homes and hospital for the aged there is accommodation for 192 men and women. In this area of geriatric care there should be a continuing and vital concern.

o A QUESTION ABOUT HOMES FOR THE AGED

IS OUR BEST ONLY SECOND BEST?

By R. J. BROWN

I WONDER whether you would agree that you and I have an increasing tendency to compartmentalise and stereotype our fellow human beings? You know what I mean, such labels as "the youth of today," "Hippies," "Commo's," "Irresponsible students," "do-gooders," etc. Doubtless you can think of many more "little boxes" in which we "file" people.

One of these compartments is the one marked "old folk." How do you imagine "old folk"? Are they all male or all female, all five-feet-four and ginger-headed, all ex-lawyers or carpenters, all teachers or housewives? Do they have identical interests and aspirations? (Do they have aspirations at all?)

I suppose it is fair enough that we should have some kind of philosophy about the care of older people. But it is a little strange that we find this necessary only for the 60's and over. Why not a philosophy of care for the 25's to 35's, or for the 12's and unders? Are we in danger of bestowing a kind of anonymity on those, who, having been the "donors" to society for most of their lives, are now to be considered by us, the inheritors of their benevolence, as "the debtors"? We must constantly remind ourselves that we are dealing with individuals who closely resemble ourselves but for a few years.

One of the major needs of this large and growing proportion of our society is that of suitable housing. Whilst recognising the undeniable practical difficulties of maintaining the "three-tier" family in our small and increasingly expensive homes, it is probably a very sad loss which our society has suffered. The complementarity of the generations in a happy home atmosphere is surely something to be admired and encouraged. Yesterday I watched two migrant Italian families enjoying a picnic. One grandfather was seated at the head of the table with the youngest child on his knee. The young men were jiggling to national dance music which was pouring forth from a portable record-player. The older children were happily playing "ball" with their mothers, fathers, and brothers and sisters. It is not a sign of our greater social maturity that such a scene is rarer in this country. It is rather a confession of failure that so many of our elders cannot, or do not, for a multitude of reasons, wish to find a congenial and warm relationship with their own families.

The changing of social attitudes, however, is a slow, almost imperceptible, process. We are faced now with the need to care for those who are the victims, as it were, of the lack of social vision of their own and earlier generations.

Our way of life, our parochial attitudes to enlightened town planning, our minimum standards regarding building sites, etc., all mitigate against old people being maintained, or better, maintaining themselves in their own homes or those of their children. Again, reduced income, physical disability, isolation and loneliness all contribute to the need to move out of what has been a man's "castle."

Once he, (or more frequently, she) decides, or is forced by circumstances, to make the move, it is the responsibility of those who have undertaken to provide the "next best solution" of home units or protective residences, to see that their desire for individuality, dignity and privacy are maintained at all and every level of planning, building and administration.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." The Christian style of life is not one which endeavours to mould and restrict, but one which ennobles, dignifies and beautifies human life. The Christian life is one of reconciliation, of making whole, of recreation and revitalisation. It is a life of the most sublime freedom borne, paradoxically, of a rigorous discipline of mind and heart. Those of us who want to share this "abundant life" must be prepared to promote it through all the "ages of men." It is a crime against humanity to fail to promote this wholeness and fullness of life amongst those who are no longer required as workers in our materialistic world.

In our churches' social ministry we have tried and will continue to strive to maintain these high ideals in all our work amongst older people. The idea that ageing is not synonymous with deterioration, and that age, even while imposing certain limitations on activities, does not inevitably mean decline, are guidelines which influence our planning.

I am a man—let me be fully so,
I am a man—let me retain my integrity and dignity,
I am a man and therefore a creative being—do not
destroy my creativity.

For a variety of reasons there will continue to be a great need for special housing and institutional care for many old people. Perhaps what we do today to meet the need is not the best of which society should be capable. Whilst redeeming what we can of a less than ideal situation let us, as Christians, strive to remake our society so that the forces which result in the alienation of old people from their families or community will be removed.

Social Service Offering

SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1969

GIVE GENEROUSLY

"LET YOUR LOVE BE A REAL THING."—Rom. 12: 9 (Moffatt).

THE CHURCH

THE LISTENING EAR



THOSE HEADING THE TEAM . . .

- QUEENSLAND — E. T. Hart** Minister with Churches of Christ in Australia and U.K. (Leicester). Associate Director of Social Service in N.S.W., now full-time Director of Social Service in Queensland.
- NEW SOUTH WALES — C. Cole** Nine years as Director of the Department of Social Services in N.S.W. Mr. Cole trained at Glen Iris College, and has had valuable practical experience in commercial enterprise and real estate.
- Herbert H. Cox** Executive Officer of Welfare Traders Ltd., and Welfare Appeal Superintendent.
- VIC.-TAS. — W. T. Atkin** who graduated from the College of the Bible, has been secretary of the department since February, 1945. He is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants.
- F. M. Combridge** who was an inspector with an insurance company, joined the staff as assistant secretary in August, 1957.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA — A. R. Jones, A.U.A. (Soc. Science)** Director, Secretary of Homes and Hostel, Prison Chaplain, Social Worker. Hospital Chaplain, serving full-time at Royal Adelaide Hospital.
- J. B. Baker**
- WEST AUSTRALIA — G. Smith** In fifth year as full-time Director of the Christian Welfare Centre in W.A. following 14 years of pastoral ministry in W.A. and N.S.W.
- T. A. Morrison** Newly-appointed Associate Director of the Christian Welfare Centre in W.A. He and his wife are also foster parents at "Karingal" Home. These appointments follow a four-year ministry with the City Church of Christ, Perth.



TOOLS OF LOVE

1. Aged Persons' Homes
IN ALL STATES
2. "A" Class Hospitals
3. "C" Class Hospitals
4. Boys' Homes
—TAS. and N.S.W.
5. Welfare Centres

Prayer

O God, who is ever reaching out to lead us beyond ourselves, we confess our proneness to live in no one's world but our own, tied to no other anchor than ourselves. We confess the ease with which we ignore those we have never learned to know and the satisfaction we find in excluding some from our company.

Teach us to discover the grace of understanding that we may come to know the joy of being instruments of healing for the lonely and discouraged. Give us the imagination to discern the needs of others and enable us to grow in the way of Him whose greatest delight came in making men whole. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

. THE SENSITIVE SOCIETY

EMERGENCY RELIEF



PROVIDING
Emergency Relief
Counselling
Chaplaincies
Foster Homes
Hostels
Holiday Homes
for the deprived

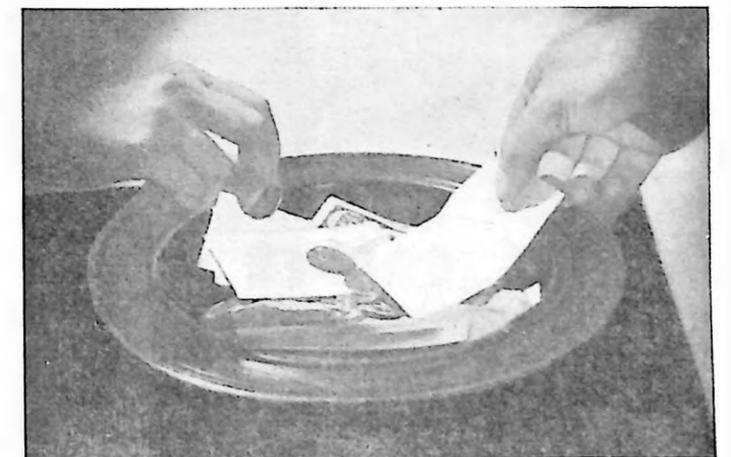
VOLUNTARY WORKERS



THE INDISPENSABLES . . .

Without the support and self-sacrifice of a team of voluntary workers in every State the work of the Social Service Department would be severely restricted. It will be a sad day if ever we come to sing "Where have all the voluntary workers gone?"

THE HELPING HAND



AIMS — to cover costs

- QLD. \$10,000
- N.S.W. \$ 8,500
- Vic.-Tas. \$11,200
- S.A. \$10,000
- W.A. \$10,000

QUESTING

WITH
A. E. WHITE



A materialist wants a world he can have direct contact with. He believes in only those things he can directly perceive. A scientist lives in a world of things he can reach out and touch and dissect. A mathematician lives in a world of precise logic and proof. How can an unseen God and the Christian leap of faith be made real to them? How do we witness to these people?

Once upon a time it used to be held strongly that the existence of God could be proved by reason. One philosopher who influenced Christian scholarship far beyond his own Roman Catholic Church was Thomas Aquinas. He said that there were two paths to knowledge of God. One was by revelation, the other was by reason.

He said, "The way of truth is twofold. For there are things true of God which surpass every faculty of human reason—that he is three in one, for ex-

ample. But there are other things which are in the scope of natural reason, such as that he exists, that he is one, and others of that kind; these have been demonstratively proved by philosophers."

Most Protestant scholars (and a good many Catholics, too) have very largely given up this view. Some like Karl Barth, who died recently, said that natural theology (that is, knowledge of God through human reason) has no place at all, and that God can be known only through revelation.

Others say that natural theology still has some value, but that God cannot be "proved" by it. You can't demonstrate God. Incidentally, natural reason cannot "prove" that God doesn't exist. Neither the atheist nor the believer can "prove" his case.

We must admit that God cannot be demonstrated logically or scientifically, but this does not mean that belief in God is illogical or irrational.

You mention scientists and mathematicians in your question but you must know that there are many scientists and mathematicians of the very front rank who are also sincere and active Christians. It is obvious, therefore, that scientists and mathematicians, are not, as a class, non-believers. When you ask how "we" can witness to "these people," the "we" includes scientists and mathematicians who will be witnessing to others of their kind.

Some scientifically minded persons may act as though they alone are dealing with reality and that those who believe

in God are concerned with the "unreal." When I talk to such people I like to be able to quote (on my side) famous Christian scientists who work in the same field. My friends in discussion cannot fail to be impressed even if they are not converted. But the most I can hope for in appealing to reason is that we shall respect each other as reasonable persons.

Revelation also has some limitations. Revelation may seem to open for me wonderful windows of reality to God and his purposes. I find the Bible a book of revealed wisdom and I find in Christ the revelation of God's love. But this may not weigh very much with another person. It is not God's revelation to me that will fire his faith, but God's revelation to him.

It is important that we discuss matters of faith with non-believers—reason is a God-given faculty—but faith is not a set of logical propositions, it is a way of life. Unless others see in us something of value and purpose and goodness they won't even want to listen to our reasoned defence of the things of God.

The words of Christ were full of wisdom, but it was the life of Christ which won the love and loyalty of the disciples and the church which followed them.

Our weakness in witness today is not a weakness of reason or shaky logic. It is a weakness of living. We are still saying the right words but we shall have to out-live as well as out-think our contemporaries.

Full-Time Ministry for Carnarvon Church

The Carnarvon (W.A.) church and the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board announce that R. J. Anderson, at present minister at Mayfield (N.S.W.) has accepted a call to serve the Carnarvon church, commencing in May, 1970. Mr. Anderson has had a wide experience in various types of ministry which will be invaluable in the work in the very unusual situation he will find at Carnarvon.

Commencing with the Carnarvon Mission, the church fellowship in the district soon included a number of Christians from the town and surrounding district. As the work grew, at one stage three meetings were being held at the same time—the original meeting for missionaries and Aboriginal children at the mission homes, the meeting for those who lived in or near the town (most but not all of European background), and the third meeting of adult Aboriginal Christians on the reserve. With the completion of the Christian Centre buildings, the three groups came together to form an integrated church and many more came into fellowship. A number of New Australians who share in the worship add further to the cosmopolitan nature of this church.

The church has bought land immediately behind the Centre for the erection of a manse, and plans for its construction are being prepared. It is hoped

to have it ready for the commencement of the ministry.

This move comes as a wonderful development of the Aborigines' Mission work. The church, as is natural under any indigenous mission principles, will have a large measure of independence. The Aborigines Board's main concern will be to safeguard the missionary and Aboriginal interests in the church and district. It is anticipated that the ministry will be conducted in close co-operation with the Mission workers, particularly with the Field Superintendent, Lance Fisher, and will provide pastoral and teaching help to missionaries as well as others. The church in Carnarvon also sees its strategic position as the gateway of the vast and quickly-developing North-West, and is looking forward to sharing in this outreach with the mission folk. The possibilities are exciting. The church is enthusiastic, and invites the brotherhood to join in prayer for the development of the witness in Carnarvon and all points north!—D.G.H.

NEW FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

"IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICULUM JUST ANOTHER SET OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS?"

The answer is definitely "No!" The "Christian Life Curriculum" is a plan for learning or a way of arranging or encouraging learning experiences.

It is a plan for all ages (cradle to the grave) and a plan for three settings — the class, the camp, the home.

Among its resources will be **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS** (commonly called) but they will be different from any we, as Churches of Christ, have used before—in methods and in resources available.

The term "Sunday School" is still sometimes used in the Christian Life Curriculum, but the concept is always that "of a church school as an integral part of the church's whole educational programme."

Worship in the class setting is encouraged, but the "C.L.C." also encourages regular corporate worship of children, young people, teachers, parents and adults.

The "C.L.C." is concerned then with encouraging learning experiences through "lessons," but also through worship, through activities, through "take-home material," through small camps, through integration of clubs and Bible Schools, through teacher training and through adult study groups.

The "C.L.C." will not solve all our present problems, but it will have insights and resources which will be positive, practical, realistic and helpful in such areas as "adequate teacher training," "motivation of adults towards group learning," "preventing 'drop-outs' at 14, 15 and 16" and more effective "worship experiences."

The "C.L.C." is not only for the numerically large church. It is geared towards the "average" school and church and it has special helps for small schools.

It is an adventure in learning, with great possibilities—if it is entered into enthusiastically and thoroughly by a local church.

For further information concerning the "Christian Life Curriculum" contact your State Department of Christian Education OR the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

LYLE WILLIAMS

... FLORIST ...

37 Toorak-rd., South Yarra, Vic., 3141.
26-4880; after hours 27-1771.

FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL APPEAL

235 delegates from suburban and country churches attended a luncheon in the Lower Town Hall, Melbourne, on Friday, July 25, 1969, in preparation for the annual appeal of the Women's Committee of the Churches of Christ Department of Social Service which will be received at the Christian Guest Home on Saturday, December 13, to help reduce the debt on that home.

Following the luncheon which was prepared by Mrs. L. L. Lowrey and her workers, Mrs. M. Ward, Supt. of the Women's Committee, presided over a function which was opened with prayer by G. A. Grainger, President of the General Committee. Mrs. Ward welcomed all and conveyed apologies and greetings from 17 churches.

The Lowanna Singers of the C.W.E.F. at Cheltenham, presented four items which were greatly appreciated. Mrs. R. Muller, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, brought greetings

and commended the appeal and the work of the Department of Social Service in relation to its homes for the aged.

Dr. M. Hain, the Medical Supt. of the Royal Freemasons' Homes of Victoria, gave an address in which he emphasised the need for total care for elderly people and commended our homes for giving this. He also emphasised the need for comprehensive planning because of the increasing number who are needing care, not only in homes for the aged, but in their own homes.

W. T. Atkin, in expressing thanks to Dr. Hain and those who took part in the function, stated that there were enough applicants from Churches of Christ members to fill another home the size of the Christian Guest Home.

Delegates were asked to inform their members of the function so that preparation might be made for the annual appeal.

SELLING YOUR HOME?

J. A. CARTER

R.E.S.L.

Proprietor: Robert F. Geyer, F.R.E.L., F.C.I.V.,
SWORN VALUATOR.

Sales Privately or by Auction.

Details of Your Property will Receive Immediate Expert Attention.

164 TOORAK-RD., SOUTH YARRA, Vic., 3141

Opposite Station.

24-1296

7 WARD

LOVING OUT FEAR

Robin had lived in England and when his parents decided to migrate unkind relatives teased him with all sorts of stories about what he would find in Australia and the very thought of coming terrified him.

During the voyage Robin became ill and on arriving here in Melbourne was taken straight to the Royal Children's Hospital by ambulance.

There he was kept under observation and all manner of tests were made, and this small six-year-old boy, because of what he feared in this new land and his illness, was very uncooperative and responded to no one.

The day before he had neurosurgery one of your C. of C. hospital visitors visited Robin and his parents, and gave him a soft, cuddly penguin and told him it was his to keep.

That penguin caused the beginning of a happy relationship and when it was time to go to the theatre the penguin went too and never left his side for the duration of his stay in hospital.

OPEN FORUM

Letters express the viewpoints of the writers. Acceptance for publication does not necessarily imply endorsement by Churches of Christ or by the Editor. Letters should not exceed 250 words and should bear the name and address of the writer.

ABORTION

To the Editor,

I confess that I find it extremely difficult to understand the logic and medico-physiological information supplied by C. K. Milne in his discussion of abortion ("A.C.," June 28). His letter could be dismissed were it not for the suspicion that there are still many in our brotherhood who by their distorted thinking or silence condone the existing laws on abortion in our State.

It becomes a simple exercise to lament the fact that our brotherhood much prefers the role of supporter of the status quo than devote itself to incisive and intelligent action in situations where people suffer. But to lament the fact is not enough.

Victoria has seen in the past few months the Australian Medical Association (Victorian branch) expressing deep concern at the present law and considers that a legislative enquiry be held; the Australian Association of Social Workers, together with the Victorian branch of the Aust. and N.Z. College of Psychiatrists and the Australian Labor Party urging reform of the existing abortion laws. The abortion reform movements have also been active in the presentation of their case.

Victoria has further witnessed a doctor publicly declare that he has per-

formed abortions in defiance of the law. This man, praised by the present Commonwealth Government as one of Australia's model migrants, has had the courage to challenge what for him and a majority of the community is an unjust law. The consequence of his action can lead to a gaol term of 15 years.

But one looks in bewilderment for the church. True the major denominations passed their conference/synod motions, they made their considered statements, they even printed their deliberations but it now seems that all their words have become hollow, empty and pious as we stand by and watch the ferment and action for reform.

It was not by words but by actions,

not by conference motions but by love,

not by committees and sub-committees but by crucifixion and resurrection that the man of Nazareth revolutionised the world and taught us something of true and ideal community.

As those committed to the Man of Nazareth we will need to stand forth and declare our support—emotional, financial, spiritual—for those who continue to challenge laws, which make "abortion a dilemma, a scandal, a racket and a tragedy."—Alan Matheson (Vic.).

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

To the Editor,

I am in agreement with many of the sentiments in an article some months ago which suggested that we in Australia should produce our own scholars, leaders, etc., and not import men and ideas from the U.S.A.

One could take issue with some of our Conference appointments however, espe-

cially if some department men become over concerned with promoting programmes "American style," when we are capable of producing our own.

Regarding effectiveness, I believe that in matters of Christian effort it is difficult to judge, but if we sometimes tend to confuse business effectiveness and ethics with Christian goals, as some American influences appear to do, our judgments may prove disastrous.

In my own experience in three States, some of our leadership on a Conference level lacks imagination and is sometimes accompanied by ruthless conservatism. Also it often refuses to face issues, especially controversial ones.

My understanding makes it difficult for me to believe that a forward-looking leader will have an easy time of it or that he will be able to stay in office for a very long period in these days. I contend that we should look for leaders of deep thought and fervent prayer, with the courage to lead us even where we don't want to go, believing that more often than not this may be the path Jesus trod.—D. K. Thoday (S.A.).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To the Editor,

The Church and Life Movement came and went. At that time, many people were motivated to united action which resulted in good for the community. This happened at Essendon. Inspiration came from the movement to Rev. W. Trewin (Methodist), Cr. Williams (Churches of Christ and then Mayor of Essendon), and Major-General Gordon (Salvation Army), and because of the initiative and enthusiasm of these three men, the "Essendon Citizens' Advisory Bureau" was born and is now successfully functioning.

There are a number of Advisory Bureaus operating in the metropolitan area and these have revealed that one person in three is carrying a personal or family problem for which he needs help and one in eighteen will have a breakdown and needs help now. The Essendon Advisory Bureau, which officially opened on July 17, is a Confidential Referral Centre seeking to answer people's need. The trained staff do not give advice or endeavour to solve the problem; but after sympathetically and impersonally defining the problem, directs the caller to the specialised help that is available. The Advisory Bureau is also an information centre which supplies information on a wide variety of subjects. In the first three weeks the service was available over 40 people sought information or help with a problem.

As resources are pooled and as people from all denominations work together, a power for good results, and we become part of the answer to the needs of a community.

—Muriel Robottom, Sec., Essendon Citizens' Advisory Bureau.

WOOLWICH WINS FOOTBALL

(N.S.W.). In the recent finals of the N.S.W. Inter-Collegiate Soccer Football Competition, the Woolwich College team, captained by Robert Smith, succeeded in defeating Moore College in the final and the Baptist College in the grand final, and thus won the cup for the third year in succession. This feat entitles the College to retain the trophy permanently.

SELF-TAX PLAN

A scheme to encourage Australian church members to tax themselves for overseas aid has been launched by the Australian Council of Churches.

Under the scheme people are asked to apply a self-tax to indicate their willingness for government aid expenditure to be raised to one per cent of the gross national product.

A background document prepared by the Council's Inter-Church Aid Division noted that, to reach the U.N. target of one per cent of G.N.P. for aid, Australia's aid budget would need to be increased from \$155 million to about \$225 million in 1968-69.

"To provide from individual income tax, the extra amount needed, every Australian taxpayer would need to pay an extra three per cent tax," the Council says.

It recommends that the money be given to established aid organisations and particularly commends the work of the U.N. agencies.

It notes that church members who wish to apply the tax to themselves on a regular basis can do so through the Council's Force Ten programme, whose members support a different aid programme each month.—A.C.C.

CALL TO PROTECT WORSHIP

The President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Rabbi Karasick, has criticised the disruption of worship services. In an obvious reference to the black militant James Forman's interruption of church and synagogue services in order to demand reparations from religious bodies for alleged past injustices, Rabbi Karasick said that these tactics were sacrilegious and "a flagrant violation of one of our basic freedoms, the freedom to worship undisturbed and unthreatened." The rabbi said that the act should be made "a severely punishable crime."

SODEPAX REVIEW

(Bossey, near Geneva). "The world is moving as though to a Niagara of chaos . . ." This was the warning issued by Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward), a British internationally known economist, to clergymen and laymen who are members of Sodepax, the Joint Committee on Society, Development and Peace.

Fifty-four participants from 13 nations met for four days to consider the crucial issues confronting the churches and cultures of the world.

Development, national and international, was cited as a priority to which all churches, Protestant, Orthodox and

Roman Catholic, should address themselves. "The human family," one report stated, "possesses the resources required for world development, but the public and political will to do what is needed is significantly lacking." The report further indicated that "the Church has a unique and vital role to play in this process of forming a public conscience. Perhaps this is her greatest role, one that is more urgent than direct church operation in development."—E.P.S.

MINI CHRISTIANS

Pictures of girls in minis are not unusual on the front pages of our newspapers, but there was something a bit different about the girls wearing them when London's "Daily Mail" gave them front page prominence.

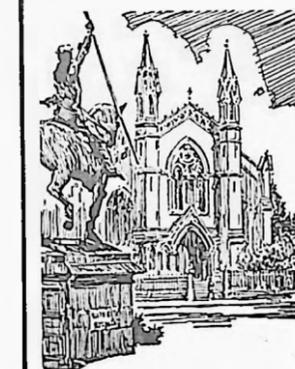
The story and the pictures first appeared in "The War Cry," the Salvation Army newspaper and the girls were wearing the new Army "uniform." In commenting, the "British Weekly" which also smartened up its front page for the occasion, said that the pictures, "proclaimed that Christians are modern, smart, alive, attractive and dedicated."

POPULAR PAPERBACKS

- "In God's Underground" 90c
- "Tortured for Christ" 80c
- "The Soviet Saints" 80c by Richard Wurmbrand
- "The Four Major Cults" — Christian Science, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists. By A. Hoekema \$2.35
- "How to be a Christian Without Being Religious" — The Book of Romans in Living Letters paraphrase 55c

Keswick Book Depot

239 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Phone 63-8188



Swanston Street Church

(Right in heart of Melbourne; opp. Public Library)

Ministers: **Dr. LLOYD JONES**,
B.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D.

Mr. JOHN TUDOR,
B.COMM., L.Th.

11 a.m.: Worship—Communion—Preaching.

7 p.m.: Evangelistic—Worship.



THIS IS ASIA
... looking towards you

Need wears many faces in Asia. Often it is the face of a little child . . . no school, crushed by poverty, uprooted by war, desperately needing a hand-up of love.

That hand can be yours.

For \$11 a month you can sponsor a **specific child** through World Vision. You provide shelter, education, food, clothing . . . and you help lead a little one to Christ.

Clip this and send with your name and address for details . . . **TODAY!**

WORLD VISION CHILDCARE Box 399-C, Melbourne, Vic., 3001. Phone 67 5836.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

(363) 11

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"SOUND OF THE GOSPEL"

To the Editor,

By a superhuman effort the wife got tea over and done with in time for us to get to the pre-Gospel Service prayer meeting . . . about five minutes late! I had just got my breath back and was able to take notice when I heard a brother praying, "Lord, bring people within the sound of the gospel tonight." I couldn't help thinking that it was a bit late to be praying that. It was three minutes to seven, and church starts at seven. I know God is almighty, but I am sure that He has respect for the speed limit!

But what a wonderful idea, getting the Lord to bring people within the sound of the gospel! What a lot of work it would save our overworked minister; and what a lot of guilt it would remove from the shoulders of his rather indifferent flock! (Please don't misunderstand. We are all good Christians, but we don't bring very many people "within the sound of the gospel.")

I looked up my concordance at supper time. I couldn't find a single verse that supported the idea of God bringing people within the sound of the gospel. I only found the uncomfortable verses that seemed to say that we are supposed to take the sound of the gospel out where people are. But of course in those days they didn't have comfortable air-conditioned buildings in which Christians could wait for people to come within the sound of the gospel. They had to do it the crude uncivilised way out in the streets and the markets.

You'd think the sinners would come flocking to church now we've made it so comfortable for them, wouldn't you? But our minister has a job getting the church sinners within the sound of the gospel, let alone the other kind.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

WISDOM OR WISHFUL THINKING?

By Dr. K. S. CROWLEY

In a recent seminar on Abortion at the University of Adelaide, a geneticist, voicing the official view of the Abortion Law Reform Association of South Australia, recognised that Abortion is a tragedy. This was an encouragement to those who may have been excused for concluding from the statements of many proponents of Abortion Reform, so called, that the operation of abortion has no more significance than the removal of an ingrowing toe-nail or the incision of a boil.

Indeed, abortion is a tragedy, and I believe all responsible citizens would concede this point. Why is abortion a tragedy, and what is the case against liberal abortion?

The present law in Australia may be summarised by stating "that the procurement of an unlawful abortion is a felony." By using the term "unlawful," the Law recognises the possibility of "lawful abortion," and, indeed the famous case of *Rex v. Bourne* (1938) established the legal grounds on which the operation may be performed; viz.: 1. Substantial risk to the life of the pregnant woman; 2. Substantial risk to the physical and/or mental health of the pregnant woman.

The U.K. Abortion Act (1967) provides for abortion if two qualified doctors, in good faith, agree that continued pregnancy would cause—

1. Greater risk to life of the pregnant woman;
2. Greater risk to physical or mental health of the pregnant woman;
3. Greater risk to physical or mental health of existing children;
4. Substantial risk of birth of a child handicapped by physical or mental abnormalities.

Proposed legislation in Australia has similar provisions.

It is around Clause 3, the so-called Socio-economic Clause, which is capable of such liberal interpretation as to make induced abortion "legal" virtually on request of the pregnant woman and, to a lesser extent Clause 4 that much controversial debate continues both in the U.K. and in Australia. To appreciate this debate we shall consider various aspects of abortion.

1. **Biological Aspects:** Modern biological knowledge teaches us that from the time of implantation, that is 6-8 days after conception, the foetus has its own unique genetic constitution, and receives no further information in its development. Its rate of growth is different from that of any maternal tissue, and its distinctive immunological make-up may even result in certain blood disorders, such as Rh disease. The foetus is therefore not a mere appendage as some would declare. The International Conference on Abortion (Washington, 1967), which included members of all disciplines and all religions and of none, issued a statement, agreed to by all participants, that "from the present available data, we can only conclude that human life begins no later than implantation, and the foetus therefore deserves respect as human foetal life."

2. **Legal Aspects:** G. Hughes, a solicitor in the N.S.W. Supreme Court, discusses the U.K. Act in the Australian Law Journal (31/1/69). We must ask ourselves whether we realise this Bill represents a radical departure from the long-established legal principle "that you do not destroy human life unless the destruction of one of two, or perhaps both lives, will otherwise occur." It is fundamental to the law in this country that the accused must be given the benefit of any doubt. So then we must insist that Abortion Law "reformers" establish, beyond any shadow of doubt, that human foetal life is not being destroyed when one aborts a foetus of less than some arbitrarily defined age.

In law then, as well as in fact, the foetus is recognised as a distinctive individual. The "reformer" makes much play of such phrases as "incapable of independent existence" and "parasite on the mother." This is a fruitless semantic excursion. Is the new born babe itself really capable of independent existence? Are not non-wage earning children still parasites on their parents? Indeed who amongst us could claim to lead a completely independent existence? We all require human nurture and care, albeit of varying and specialised kinds, from the time of conception until the time when we leave this life.

3. **Historical Aspects:** It is confidently claimed by "reformers" that the "back-yard" black market in abortions, and its attendant complications will wither away with the introduction of liberal abortion. This claim is mere speculation, and has no statistical data to support it. On the contrary, the experience of those Eastern European and Scandinavian countries, where "legal" abortion has been available virtually on request for up to some 35 years, shows that the rate of criminal ("back-yard") abortions has not decreased, and that most women having these abortions are pregnant again within 12 months. The experience in the U.K. during the first year under the new Act follows the same pattern, and furthermore, Sir John Stallworthy, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Oxford University, stated (Feb., 1969), "The public has been falsely persuaded that induced abortion is simple and safe. The figures now being recorded in the Ministry of Health were likely to show an overall incidence of serious complications in about 5% of legal abortions. These include haemorrhage, infection, kidney failure, perforation of the womb, menstrual disturbances, chronic backache and infertility." While Professor Keith Simpson said, "The present Act is a charter to the professional medical abortionist."

No one denies that the problem of Criminal Abortion is a serious one of great magnitude (70,000 p.a. as a conservative estimate in Australia). Whilst liberal Abortion Laws may have been introduced elsewhere in a concerned attempt to lessen this social evil, the plain fact is, no country has yet shown that such laws, in themselves, provide even temporary relief for these particular problems. The adoption of similar legislation in Australia would be another example "that the only

lesson we learn from history, is that we don't learn from history."

4. **Ethical Aspects:** The Code of Ethics of the A.M.A. (1964) includes the statement from the Declaration of Geneva, "I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from the moment of its conception." There are recognised bona fide indications for all medical and surgical procedures, and a long standing principle is "primum non nocere" (in the first instance, do no harm). It is clearly evident to all that to embark on medical or surgical procedures without recognised indications would be tantamount to unethical practice. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, whose advice was sought, recommended the deletion of the so-called Socio-economic clause. However, the Bill was passed in its entirety by a vote of 167 to 83. Of the 630 members of the House of Commons, 60% either abstained or absented themselves in what has been described as "a massive display of political cowardice." Such political action in the face of responsible and expert medical advice to the contrary has led to much difficulty and distress, and prompted Sir John Peel (President R.C.O.G.) to comment (Lancet 15/2/69) "some of the loopholes in the law would have been avoided if the sponsors of the Bill had taken more advice from the medical profession."

The Case for the Defence could well rest at this point. However, for the Christian, the Moral or Theological Aspects possibly represent the crux of the problem. What is the mind and will of Christ in this matter? There is virtually no Biblical instruction on abortion. One verse in the O.T. (Ex. 21: 22) seems to teach us God's assessment of priority in the case of accidental abortion. The life of the mother is what counts most, and is of much more importance than the life of the foetus; but this does not reduce the life of the foetus to something of no importance at all. Most Christians would accept the validity of the commandment "Thou shalt do no murder." And in this context we come back to the important question for the Christian, "When does the fertilised ovum become an immortal soul?" In answer, Professor Anderson, a practising Anglican, and Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in the University of London replies, "We simply cannot say; but we can say that it is a potential human being and therefore worthy of the greatest respect."

One might summarise responsible Christian thought on the matter by quoting Archbishop Lord Fisher of Lambeth. "The theological point of supreme importance is that the mother bears the whole responsibility for caring for the foetus and bringing it to birth. That responsibility belongs to her motherhood, and for it she is answerable to God. But in the discharge of her responsibility she rightly and necessarily heeds the advice of her doctor. The doctor must never advise abortion for non-medical reasons, or for reasons of social or personal convenience. But society may properly give advice, through an Abortion Law, as to what consideration, if any, other than purely medical consideration the doctor may take into account in advising the mother how to fulfil her obligations as a mother, with due regard to medical advice as to her own physical, mental and moral health."

At this point, it is appropriate to note that there are well recognised psychological reactions to induced abortion, which include remorse and feelings of guilt. In one recent Swedish series, 25% of such patients expressed self-reproach for having the abortion. Sweden introduced Abortion on request in 1935. This has been the experience in other series also, and one interpretation of the fact that many women get pregnant soon after induced abortion is that an attempt is being made to make amends.

But some "reformers" still question "why make abortion a matter of law at all?" To quote Lord Devlin "the ultimate justification of the law is that it serves moral ends." The Criminal Law of England has hitherto concerned itself with moral principles. There are, for example, offences against the person for which consent of the victim is no defence. They are prohibited not only to protect the individual, but for the protection of society and "of one of the great moral principles on which society is based, that is the sanctity of human life." And at this point, one might deal briefly with the much-used, and possibly abused, term "unwanted child," and quote again from the A.L.J. Editorial, "are we now to legislate that you can destroy life because in your judgment it does, or it may, lack quality?" and if so, "who is to be the judge?" or "because it will be born to a person, or into a group unable to cope with it?"

All clinical doctors have had the experience of a pregnant woman appalled at first at the confirmation of an "unwanted pregnancy" but who with tactful support comes to welcome her babe with great joy and love. I find myself perplexed at the theological gymnastics of some who tell us that the highest expression of Christian love, namely "agape," involves disciplined out-going concern for the needs of others, and then glibly dismiss any consideration for the foetus by saying it is quite immoral to bring any "unplanned" child into the world.

An Alternative—The foregoing may appear restrictive and unacceptable to many, living as we do in a permissive society. However, I speak from a background of 12 years' varied experience in clinical medicine, including General Practice in Australian country towns, Surgery and Obstetrics. I am the father of three children and I have had the rare and wonderful experience of delivering my own son in a village Mission Hospital in India. I think I have an awareness of the anxieties and problems that face families, and of women particularly during and after pregnancy.

I believe that our present law requires codification, but not liberalisation, in respect to what has been accepted practice in public hospitals in this country for 30 years.

However, where social or economic indications appear to exist for termination of pregnancy, then let's do something constructive about the social condition, by providing practical assistance to the mother and her family, and by helping the "unwanted child" to be wanted, rather than resort to the tragedy of abortion.

Surveys reported in the Lancet (24/5/69) showed that 42% of married couples never use contraceptives and 70% were unprotected at the time of insemination. The bulk of the so called "abortion problem" need not therefore exist, if married couples accepted a responsible attitude. It would appear that many "reformers" are backing the wrong horse, and could better employ their undoubted energies in advocating that contraceptives be included on the N.H.S. formulary, and available, on request, to married couples after, say two children.

Further, realistic baby bonuses, and increasing child endowments are indicated. Australia spends \$40,000,000 p.a. on enticing between 65,000 and 80,000 migrants annually to this country. It appears that the conservative estimate of 70,000 illegal abortions performed annually, predominantly in normal pregnancies, and almost exclusively for social and economic reasons, are negating our whole immigration policy.

Finally, Government sponsored courses in marriage preparation should be considered as a compulsory pre-requisite for engaged couples. These courses would cover all aspects from moral foundations of the family to home acquisition and finance, and include information on sex relationships and family planning.

Any Parliament should examine these aspects closely in looking for more positive solutions to the social problems of which the tragedy of abortion is merely a symptom.

CONCLUSION

In this necessarily brief gambit an attempt has been made to indicate that, except for recognised bona fide medical indications, induced abortion is biologically, legally, historically, ethically and morally unjustifiable. Our present law requires codification in this respect, but it remains true that "in the ultimate the law will remain less important than conscience for many on the one hand, or than expediency and financial gain for the dubious few on the other." (M.J.A., 23/3/68). Abortion is one of the texts of Lord Devlin's theses "that without the teaching of Christian morality, the law will fail."

Against such a background one might appropriately conclude with another quotation, that of S. H. Tow, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the University of Singapore, in addressing an International Symposium on aspects of population. "While Christian physicians should play their part in helping to relieve women of the heavy burden of grande multiparity, we are reminded that what the world needs is more than physical and material well being—Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The world needs most urgently the word of Life—Jesus Christ. Only he has the solution to the problems of a troubled humanity. So let us in our prevention of the first birth, not forget our part in the promotion of the second."

Guest Editorial

GETTING "WITH IT" IN COMMUNICATION

by Dr. ALLEN G. ELLIOTT

THE moon is news. In the days of our grandfathers, dogs barked at it. Today, monkeys and men reach for it. Yes, this is an age when nothing is new, nothing is surprising. The great aim is to be modern. At all costs we must be up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, "avant-garde." Whether one is right or wrong matters little. The real thing is to be "with it."

Even the Bible has to be up-dated! We are told that we can't communicate the gospel because modern man has come of age — and therefore cannot understand the King James Version. Hence the confusing rash of paraphrases claiming to be translations and styled "New Testament in Modern Speech."

Now isn't it strange that Shakespeare, Milton and Bunyan are still widely read? Yet their language differs very little from that of the 1611 Bible. Maybe then the fault is not always with the Bible, but perhaps with modern man — who doesn't altogether like what the Bible says anyway! Or, more specifically, could a charge be laid at the door of our current educational systems, which, while concentrating on many "frills" and "extras," so lamentably falter in giving adequate training in English?

Undoubtedly modern translators have access to more ancient and better manuscripts as well as the recently discovered papyri. Yet few producers of modern versions give evidence of having made much

use of this new knowledge. Furthermore, the only way to be sure whether the "version" we are reading is a good translation or a loose paraphrase is to compare it with the original.

Some modern versions are splendid reproductions of the original, namely, the "Revised Version" (1881), Weymouth's "New Testament in Modern Speech" (1902), and "The New English Bible" (1961). Doubtless we all have our preferences here, but these, with most others of varying accuracy, probably find their best use in study or private devotion. For pulpit use, the American "Revised Standard Version" (1952) appears to compare most favourably with the traditional King James.

Today, the New Testament, in part or in whole, is rendered in hundreds of languages and dialects, and it is the Word that counts. Whatever the version, old or new, the Word as a channel of the Spirit still leads men to Christ. Whatever the problems associated with translation and with reaching the man in the street — the gospel is still Good News when rightly communicated — and the Great Communicator is not the translator or the paraphraser but the Holy Spirit. Perhaps it's not so much a matter of "getting WITH IT" as "getting WITH HIM!"

Special Social Service material for this issue has been provided by the Federal Social Questions and Services Board.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

August is Good Companions' Service Month

- AUGUST:**
- 2 Central & Northern District Half-Yearly Conference—Bendigo
 - 2 B.S. Teacher Training Conference.
 - 9 B.S. Teacher Training Conference.
 - 13 C.W.F. Missionary Rally — Brotherhood Centre.
 - 10-15 Federal Board of Christian Educ. Conf.
 - 4-15 Explorer Worship Activities.
 - 17 ANNUAL OFFERING — DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.
 - 23 HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION, Ararat.
 - 25-30 Explorer Senior Challenge Camp—Monbulk.
 - 25-30 Explorer Senior Mountain Camp—Hall's Gap.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- AUGUST:**
- 22-26 Junior Hi-Camp, Camp Greenhalgh.
 - 23 End 2nd Term Woolwich.
 - 26-Sept. 1 Senior Hi-Camp at Camp Greenhalgh.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- AUGUST:**
- 18 Junior and Inter Teachers' Workshop, Maughan church, 7.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER:

- 1-7 State Conference.

WEST AUSTRALIA

- AUGUST:**
- 19 W.A. Women's Auxiliary Bus Trip to Mandurah.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

B. L. PRYOR FOR S.A.

(Essendon, Vic.) Barry L. Pryor, minister, has accepted a call to Albert Park, S.A. The Officers' Board has accepted his resignation as from the end of 1969.

GUEST PREACHERS AT PERTH

(W.A., D. G. Hammer). Church has had several guest preachers. Noel Flint addressed morning service on May 25 and led an after-church fellowship telling of his experiences in Inter-Church Aid work in Nigeria and Biafra. Many were present from other churches at this fellowship hour. A follow-up fellowship hour was held on June 8 when Inter-Church Aid films were shown. K. J. Patterson, State Organiser, spoke at both services on June 15 whilst Mr. Hammer was in Qld. B. Stitt (Youth Director) spoke at the evening youth service on July 13. On July 20, Mr. Ridden (B. & F.B.S.) spoke at morning service . . . 12 C.Y.F.'ers held a camp at Waterman's Bay, June 20-22. It was a work camp and there was plenty of cleaning up to be done. Also they had to call in the local doctor twice during the night. On the credit side there was good weather and helpful studies . . . Church expressed sympathy to the Lamont family in passing of Mrs. Lamont's father (Mr. Gilbert) and to D. Moyle in the passing of his sister. The church was saddened by the death of a member of many years standing, Miss J. Cook.

REJECTED BY ADULTS

(North Sydney, N.S.W., Noel Flint). A special July series of gospel messages has so far resulted in two decisions. On the Youth Night, titled "Rebels Wanted," there were 55 teen-agers present. A panel of three young people answered questions presented by Mr. Flint. Their main "protest" was that the older people of the church rejected them without really trying to understand them . . . The church is looking fresh with new painting and carpets and a new electronic organ . . . The Young People recently held an evening for the over 50's, providing them a dinner and programme. The over 50's were delighted and expressed their appreciation.

SPOTLIGHT ON ASIA

(Horsham, Vic., R. T. Baxter). The spotlight was on Asia when Dr. Guan Tan, of Malaysia (then stationed at Wimmera Base Hospital) brought a fine word of testimony on July 6 . . . A B.S. scholar made her decision on July 20 . . . Girls' Sunday was observed on July 27 when Good Companions paraded and took part in the evening service. About 60 girls attend the two clubs. A second series of all age Christian Education has concluded. The overall average attendance has been 160 people in study . . . The church extends sympathy to the wife and family of the late David Marshman, Snr.

Don De Welt Team at Toowoomba

(Qld.). Don De Welt Mission Team conducted a Crusade at Toowoomba, July 13-20. Toowoomba and district churches, Ma Ma Creek, Gatton, Harlaxton, Crown St., Dalby, Warwick, Chinchilla and Roma churches all shared in eight days of teaching and evangelistic effort by the four Americans from Ozark Bible College, Missouri, U.S.A. Members of the team were Prof. Don De Welt, evangelist, has taught for 11 years at the Ozark Bible College of Joplin. He also runs the College Press Reprints which has been issuing books long out of print, of Alex. Campbell, J. Haley, Isaac Errett, H. G. Harward, Garrison, etc.; T. Meredith Williams, song leader, who holds the degree of Master of Music Education; Wilbur Fields, the pianist, and associate evangelist. He is a Professor at the Ozark Bible College, an archaeolo-

gist, and author of three books. Tom Tucker is youth evangelist.

The team whilst in Toowoomba did many extras apart from intensive visitation. They conducted an Elders' and Deacons' Clinic for many of the churches, addressed C.W.F. meetings, High School sessions, and undertook radio and television interviews. Tom Tucker, nightly conducted challenging sessions to youth. The team also visited Mylo, our aged people's home.

At the Toowoomba Crusade there were six outright decisions and 11 young people declared their willingness to enter into fuller service for Christ. The thank-offering of \$342 was given to the team as a love-gift. This is the only offering the team will receive in Qld., all other offerings from the churches going to H.M. expenses.—Arnold C. Caldicott.

CROYDON IS 58

(S.A.). An all-day working bee was arranged prior to the church anniversary when over 40 members came and helped clean the church property. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartlett served a barbecue luncheon. The church celebrated its 58th birthday with excellent attendances on July 13. W. Philp (Brooklyn Park) was guest speaker. The day ended on a high note when one of our young ladies made her confession . . . Officers' dedication service was conducted the following week. Two young people were baptized at the evening service. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoskin and Mrs. Sid. Hoskin did not seek re-election; they have proved wonderful workers as deacon and deaconesses over the years . . . C.Y.F. has recommenced, whilst Bible School has introduced team teaching in the Junior Dept. . . . Sister Win Sulley, one of our B.S. girls, now a missionary in Japan, addressed the church on July 27 on the "Attributes of Giving."

GUIDE PARADE

(Red Cliffs, Vic., H. Cave). 30 Girl Guides, Brownies and Troop Leaders shared in a recent church parade . . . C.W.A.F. officers are Mrs. H. Cave, Pres.; Mrs. R. L. Chislett, sec., and Mrs. O. Bennett, treas. . . J. Milne is B.S. Supt., Mrs. T. Sires, Primary Supt., Miss Helen West, Kinder Supt. Ian Cook is sec. and Miss M. Broes is treas. . . Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cook were hosts to C.Y.F. monthly devotional meeting and also entertained at supper . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to the Chislett families and Mrs. Hamilton in recent bereavements.

COUNSELLING CENTRE

(Vic.). The combined churches of Doncaster-Templestowe have become more involved with the community and its problems.

A counselling centre is to be located in the new Doncaster shopping-town to counsel people with problems. A counselling centre would cater for residents of Doncaster-Templestowe as well as people visiting shopping-town and the staff who worked there. The centre will

be concerned with such people as the lonely housewife, the overworked business man and those whose marriage has not reached its full potential.

Other groups who have their problems and could be helped through the counselling centre are the teenager who is unhappy at home, the forgotten elderly citizen, the nervous or anxious person and the parent finding it difficult to cope with a particular stage of a child's development.

B. F. HUNTSMAN HONOURED

(Brighton, Vic.). Minister, R. N. Gilmore, left for Canterbury, England, on Aug. 5 to attend Central Committee meeting of the World Council of Churches. Assistant minister, R. Arnold, will conduct services in Mr. Gilmore's absence. . . . Membership has endorsed officers' recommendations of the appointment of B. F. Huntsman as Life Elder and G. H. Hazlehurst and B. G. Lanaway as elders . . . Family worship service on July 13 was well attended by S.S. scholars, parents and church members, meeting commencing at 10.30 a.m. . . . Experiment in combined evening service with three other churches successful venture with 175 present, 70-75 of own church members in that total.

FULL HOUSE

(Arana Hills, Qld.). Meetings are still being held in the home, but accommodation is taxed to the limit with attendances of 25 to 35. Arrangements for the new building have been completed with the builder and the bank. We are awaiting Council approval before commencement. Gifts of \$650 from the League of 500 and \$80 from the church at Mayfield, N.S.W., have helped greatly. At the annual meeting the minister, Colin McCosker, was elected as board chairman, Peter Jauncey as secretary, and Jess Clark as treasurer . . . After a shortened service on July 6 church members travelled to Kedron where Rob. McInerney was baptized. Later that week, Debra Seddon was baptized at Annerley during De Welt Mission . . . Eleanor and Bob Neville have been fêrevelled on returning to W.A. A presentation of books was made.

N.G. WORK PARTY ILLNESS

As this edition went to press word was received of a serious illness which has come upon Frank White, a member of the Victorian work party which recently went to our New Guinea mission field.

Detailed information has not been received from Bunapas, but Mr. White's son (Mel.) flew to New Guinea last Wednesday in the emergency which has arisen. Mr. White is a brother of the editor of "The Australian Christian."

INFLUX AT BLACKBURN

(Vic., A. F. Cant). Following a Ministers' Training Class for Church Membership, 15 young people confessed faith in Christ on July 6. A second class is now in progress for some older young people. During June and July, 11 were welcomed by transfer; and a programme of visitation evangelism is in progress to adult associates of the church . . . Two morning services continue, and communicants for July averaged 230 . . . M. Wakefield, senior youth counsellor, has been elected an elder . . . C.Y.F. work continues to be very strong, and a current study programme has led to various assistance to needy groups . . . The church has undertaken to produce the Newsletter for the Nunawading and District Retarded and Spastic Children's Association . . . Further consideration is being given to development of a new church in the Forest Hill-Vermont area, in co-operation with the Presbyterian church.

KENMORE GIVES TO KENMORE!

(Qld., F. Ewers). At its recent annual general meeting, Kenmore church re-elected A. Wilson, J. Barclay and S. Jones as elders. A. Wilson is again chairman and S. Jones, sec. C. J. Connell was re-elected treas. Financial statement showed a donation to Kenmore Christian College of \$2,655, in keeping with the policy of the church of passing on to the College any excess of receipts over expenditure.

15th FOR NOBLE PARK

(Vic.). The church celebrated its 15th anniversary on July 13 at which G. R. Stirling, B.A., vice-principal College of the Bible, was speaker at both services. . . . Annual business meeting of the church was held on July 26 when the following were elected: Deacons, R. Pearce, K. Scott, B. Schwennesen, C. E. Thomas; deaconesses, Mesdames K. Gooby, I. Burnside, B. Schwennesen, T. Small, A. Titter . . . Good Companions took the evening service for Girls' Sunday on July 27. "Auntie" Dot Reynolds was speaker.

THE SIGN OF THE FISH

(Vic.). A Coffee Lounge has been opened in Frankston under the sign of a fish. It is not a fish and chip shop, but gains the inspiration for the symbol from the days when persecuted Christians met under the sign of the fish, whose letters in the Greek word stand for the initials of "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour."

The lounge, which was planned by the Frankston Inter-Church Council, is open for young people on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. It is intended to be a neutral meeting place for Christians and non-Christians alike, and in the words of its director, the Rev. Alan Coulson, "no religious jargon will be spoken."

NEWSLETTER FROM TUNG

From AILEEN DRANEY

Last week the Tung children learnt these verses from John 14: 15 and 16. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, the Spirit of truth, to stay with you for ever." As I pray for these children that they may know the Spirit of truth may you, too, know him in the day-by-day occurrences, not just in the mountain top experiences.

August and Maylene Ben are now at Mui. Their home was not finished before their arrival and August is completing this. He wrote saying that a large group were there to welcome them and there were folk from quite a number of villages. They have a meeting each afternoon at four o'clock and the folk have also been going to their home to discuss things. The Mui folk would like them to stay at Mui but August is moving around among the other villages.

Seven of our older school boys are now in Madang at a Vocational School. They are learning something about a variety of things that will help them to improve the village situation. They will only have a year at the school and should then return to this area. Two of the boys are Christians. Ndke, a lad from Temnung, was baptized just before going into Madang.

There are 18 attending a Discipleship class at Pir. Old and young are represented in this group. A class also started at Tung last Sunday afternoon. There were six present. Bagut is a man in his late twenties and is married with a

youngster. About a month ago he belted his wife because she did something he did not approve. She had black eyes and great welts across the back. He is renowned for his temper, but we pray all this will change as the Spirit works. Dori and Fai are a young married couple, as are Gumat and Surek who are also in the class. Gumat, Surek and Dori have all been to school at Tung. Fai comes from the neighbouring village of Giri and so has a Roman Catholic background. Fai is expecting their first child soon.

The other one present was Tmahat, a school boy from Tung. Another young woman and an older man have said they want to come. Another Discipleship class will be starting at Bunapas before long and this will be with some of the Standard 3 and 4 children.

Some Christians are now asking where is our cargo and worldly goods now that we are Christians. The Cargo Cult idea is very much in the thoughts of the majority in many parts of New Guinea. Pray for those who teach and nurture these folk that God's Word will truly bring light and truth into their lives.

DAUGHTER FOR BENS

Word has been received from New Guinea of the birth of a son on July 15, David John, to August and Maeline Ben. We congratulate August and Maeline on the birth of their son and continue to pray for this young New Hebridean couple as they serve the Lord in New Guinea.

"IS IT WORTHWHILE?"

By HAZEL SKUCE

As we sit here in the office day after day, grading papers and answering the letters from Bible Correspondence students that we are never going to see, the thoughts come crowding into our minds, "Is this all worth while?" Maybe some of these same thoughts have also come into the minds of others. What with all of the expense of running the office, the printing charges and the postage which has increased 50% lately, we are receiving very little in return on the financial side. If finance is the main side of our work, then financially we are a dead loss. Our main interest, however, is bringing men and women to Christ.

Many people are having the opportunity of sitting in their own homes and in quiet studying God's Word. We can't tell what this will mean, as the Holy Spirit works in their hearts. It would be impossible for us to say how many will become Christian. And we will never know when they will completely yield their hearts, maybe years later, to their Lord. But some of the letters from students tell us that they have already accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

An Englishman, of 47, writes: "I was an alcoholic, and how happy I am to say that I am no longer an alcoholic. I prayed to him for guidance and again

my prayers were answered, glory be to him and his wondrous works. Thank you, thank you, for helping me, a sinner, to know him." Earlier in his letter he had spoken of a problem that he had and how he had prayed and the Lord answered his prayer.

A young man in the Army made his decision last year. Since then he has been sending Rs.5 (approximately 70c A.) every month to us. This month he wrote, "If you would like me to send you more, I think that I will be able to manage a little more each month." Another, accepting Christ as Saviour, asked us to teach him how to pray.

If we look at things financially then, maybe we are a burden, but then the joy that we have in knowing that through the medium of the Bible Correspondence Courses we have been able to lift the burden from many a heart and who today are rejoicing in their new found faith in Christ, this far outweighs any other side of the picture. A soul who has come to the Lord is the most precious thing in his sight.

Let us continue to uphold this work in prayer, praying that many more will come to know Jesus Christ as their own Saviour. We are labourers together.

N.Z. & RUGBY TOUR

(Auckland, N.Z.). Church groups throughout New Zealand have spontaneously taken up the 1970 rugby tour to South Africa as a subject for intense debate. Wherever there are Christians with an awareness of man's responsibility for man, some individuals have been challenging the decision of the New Zealand Rugby Union to send its team to play under entirely white auspices.

Many church committees began discussing the matter earlier this year, but most were taking their time before reaching any conclusion. Bodies which did take a vote in those months found themselves sometimes in opposite camps, not because any Christian church in New Zealand can support apartheid, but because there could be no proof in advance of the effect of sending a team including Maoris.

The New Zealand Rugby Union has attempted to keep politics out of sport and keep communications open between New Zealand and South Africa.—E.P.S.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR

Aust. Church Women have received a letter from the first Winifred Kiek scholar, Miss Connie Tan, now known by her Indonesian name of Deborah C. Widyatma. She is still very busy organising courses for house parents of children's homes. She led a course in April in East Java, sponsored by "World Vision," and was then asked to arrange a course which will serve several homes, Catholic, Protestant and Muslim. There will be 20 participants and the course will last six months, and she is using donations from Australian friends to help with this course. It is exciting to think that the training she received here in 1965 is being used in this way.

HOW IT STARTED . . .

Wedding Anniversaries

We don't know how it started, but we guess that some wife started it. The 75th wedding anniversary used to be a diamond wedding, but diamonds now celebrate the 60th. This could have been due to the influence of jewellers bemoaning the few who reached the 75th, but more likely the change came through the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria—sixty years a Queen.

The other anniversaries are:

1st year	.....	Cotton
2nd year	.....	Paper
3rd year	.....	Leather
5th year	.....	Wooden
7th year	.....	Woollen
10th year	.....	Tin
12th year	.....	Silk and fine linen
15th year	.....	Crystal
20th year	.....	China
25th year	.....	Silver
30th year	.....	Pearl
40th year	.....	Ruby
50th year	.....	Golden
60th year	.....	Diamond

"BE A BRAIN"

This is the advice of the Victorian railways authorities to the public. "Be a brain, travel by train" and save the strain of driving on traffic-choked roads. It is not surprising, therefore, that an ex-railway man, A. H. Fergeus, secretary of the Gardiner church (Vic.), has conceived the idea of saving participants in the Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention the strain of driving to Ararat. He has ascertained that a Parlorcars tourist coach is available for Saturday, August 23, and he is willing to organise the trip if 40 persons would care to travel this way. Those interested are requested to contact A. H. Fergeus, at 3 Van Ness Ave., Glen Iris, 3146—phone 29-7540.

Ararat and Stawell churches, joint hosts to the brotherhood for the Convention, are busy with local preparations and assure all visitors of a warm welcome. Church-home hospitality will be provided and accommodation in motels will be booked for all who register this requirement with their church secretary. There is no registration fee but failure to register could embarrass our hosts on the convention day.

The Convention commences at 11 a.m. in the headquarters for the day, the Presbyterian church, Barkly Street, with a devotional session conducted by K. Caulton, Stawell minister. The Conference President, Dr. E. R. Killmier, will chair the remainder of the programme. K. J. Clinton, of the College of the Bible faculty, will lead a Bible study at the morning session on the theme, "A Light to the Nations."

Lunch will be served by the Ararat-Stawell ladies at 12.45 p.m. in the Pres-

byterian hall and our own church hall and at 1.45 p.m. a conducted tour of the cities of Ararat and Stawell will commence. After touring spots of historic, scenic and human interest in Ararat the motorcade will travel to the look-out hill at Stawell where "drive-in" devotions will be conducted by D. R. Oakes, Chelsea minister. The city of Stawell will then be toured, after which the motorcade will return to Ararat for tea at 5.30 p.m.

The evening session will commence at 7 p.m. to ensure an early finish, to help those who will be driving home afterwards. J. T. Timms, Peel St., Ballarat minister, will present the session with a challenge to evangelism as he speaks on the theme, "Evangelise or Fossilise."

Excellent items have been arranged for all sessions comprising solos and quartettes from Ararat, Horsham, Kaniva and Maryborough churches. Leader of song for the day will be Arthur R. Haskell, well-known brotherhood singer and conductor.

Visitors who are able to remain over the week-end are assured of a warm welcome at the services of the Ararat and Stawell churches on the Sunday. If a number can remain the fellowship and inspiration of the Convention will be increased for the local brethren.

Enriching experiences have marked previous conventions and it is anticipated that "ARARAT 1969" will measure up to others in this regard. A warm invitation is extended to all members and friends to attend this brotherhood fellowship function to share in all it offers.

"ARARAT '69"

you will share in

- APPETISING REPASTS
- RICH FELLOWSHIP
- ABSORBING BIBLE STUDY
- RENEWING INSPIRATION
- ABLE PREACHING
- TWO-CITY TOUR

at the

VIC.-TAS.

HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION

on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1969

in the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(cnr. Barkly & King Sts., Ararat)

11.00 a.m.: Bible Study—K. J. Clinton.

1.45 p.m.: Conducted Scenic and Historical Tour of Ararat and Stawell.

Drive-in Devotions—D. R. Oakes.

7.00 p.m.: Inspiration and Challenge
J. T. Timms.

Fellowship lunch and tea, 60c; family ticket, \$1.50. Hospitality in church homes. Accommodation in motel or caravan park.

Register NOW with Church Secretary.

For coach travel contact A. H. Fergeus—29-7540

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

Organise your party & transport now.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

THE ABC OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

m=Minister. s=Secretary. (st.)=Student.
mem.=No. of members. "AC"—No. of "Aust. Christian" subscribers on church representative's list.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Semaphore: m., G. O. Setsman; s., J. O. Brooker; mem., 61; "A.C." 12.
Stirling East: m., I. K. Hull; s., Mrs. A. E. Greenwood; mem., 37; "A.C." 3.
Strathalbyn: m., R. L. Oke; s., R. W. Bell; mem., 85; "A.C." 6.
Tarpeena: m., T. R. Mason; s., Mrs. B. Smith; mem., 5; "A.C." 4.</p> <p>VICTORIA
Red Cliffs: m., H. Cave; s., R. L. Chislett; mem., 94; "A.C." 14.
Red Hill: m., J. Turner; s., K. M. Torney; mem., 83; "A.C." 19.
Reservoir: m., A. W. C. Candy; s., C. Crossfield; mem., 118; "A.C." 13.
Richmond: m., D. McKay (st.); s., R. G. Winstone; mem., 65; "A.C." 16.
Ringwood: m., G. W. Barnett; s., B. G. W. Greig; mem., 138; "A.C." 19.
Robinvale: m., E. K. Morrison; s., G. S. Cameron; mem., 54; "A.C." 12.
Rochester: s., W. G. Jackel.
Serviceton: m., R. C. Bolduan; s., K. J. Maddern; mem., 18; "A.C." 4.</p> | <p>WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Rivervale: m., N. B. Wells; s., W. H. Carter; mem., 82; "A.C." 3.
Scarborough: m., T. D. Maiden; s., P. Maiden; mem., 154; "A.C." 13.</p> <p>NEW SOUTH WALES
Paddington: s., B. T. Owens; mem., 34.
Padstow: m., J. Sedman; s., D. S. Hunt; mem., 89.
Pendle Hill: s., W. E. Volkman; mem., 69.
Penrith: s., P. Mallard; mem., 86.
Penshurst: m., D. Nutt; s., R. J. Wotherspoon; mem., 57.
Port Macquarie: s., L. W. P. Smith.
Rockdale: m., C. J. Mackenzie; s., C. A. Maxwell; mem., 144; "A.C." 4.</p> <p>QUEENSLAND
Salisbury: m., R. McLean (st.); s., Mrs. H. Heyworth; mem., 10.
Silverdale: m., H. Davies; s., A. M. Lobegeller; mem., 20.</p> |
|--|---|

WHITE PAPERS ON LIFE AND FAITH

ONE MAN'S TRAGEDY Some are born to misfortune, some achieve it, and some have misfortune thrust upon them. Maybe Edward Kennedy came to his present plight by all three routes. Some of it is certainly due to foolish conduct. Moody was once asked by a convicted thief, "What would you do if you were in my position?" Moody replied, "I would never be in your position."

There are many who feel that Edward Kennedy, the last of four sons of a famous and talented family, should never have allowed himself to be in the dilemma in which he is now placed.

He was set for the highest office in his land. There was a growing possibility that 1972 would be his year to win the presidential election. It is now unthinkable that a nation would so soon yield itself to a man who made such a poor showing in his latest crisis. At best he showed weakness and lack of responsibility. At the worst—and his silence invited the worst construction to be placed upon his actions—he hazarded a girl's life in circumstances that rule him out as a moral leader for his people.

This need not be the end of the road for Kennedy. He is young enough to do something splendid still for his nation and the world, but it will not be easy and it will not be quick.

In the meantime, the U.S.—and the world—will have to wait for another voice and another hand to lead in the search for justice and peace.

STEWARDSHIP OF NATURE We do not lack for those who speak in defence of threatened areas of nature, but not much is being done. Australia's unique forms of animals, birds and plants, are being callously whittled away. The famous black swans of W.A. are now said to be in danger. Plans for the reclamation of swampy areas and the sharpening of river banks are destroying feeding grounds. Man will pay an unnecessary high price for real estate if there is ever a final performance of the graceful ballet of the black swans of the Swan River.

SHRINKING PARADISE The moment of truth has come for Bougainville.

Two villages have refused a final appeal to sell 640 acres to be used as a townsite for the giant Zinc Riotinto copper project for which \$220 million (Aust.) is being raised overseas. Bougainville's copper is too valuable to permit primitive villagers to stop the mammoth financial invasion. It would appear to some of us simple people that if the villagers have a right to sell, they have a right also to refuse to sell. But it is made very clear that they have a right only to sell, they do not have the option of refusal. Like a lonely old lady trying to defend her home in the path of a new highway, the villagers will have to yield.

The village leaders are afraid, among other things, that their young people will be corrupted by the coming of "civilisation" to their island paradise.

They are right to be afraid.

If the copper syndicates have real benefits to offer for the islanders the Administration should wait until they convince the villagers that \$2 a coconut palm is a fair price to accept in exchange for their freedom.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH The churches in W.A. have invited Methodist Alan Walker to lead "Signpost Sixty-nine" in September this year. It is interesting to note that the general chairman of the "Festival" is Dr. Kingsley Mortimer, Senior Lecturer in Anatomy at W.A. University. Dr. Mortimer said, "The church belongs to the world. That's where the battle is, and if the world won't come to the church, the church must go to the world. The voices of scepticism and agnosticism are often heard from our universities, it is worth acknowledging that the voice of faith is also raised there.

GOOD GRIEF! The Alcohol Foundation recently conducted a seminar in Melbourne. The speakers and contributors to the day included many of the best equipped and most concerned persons in caring for the alcoholic. The final item on the programme was—a sherry party!

"LEARNING FOR LIVING"—1969

(Vic.). The Council for Christian Education in Schools invites all churches to participate in Education Week—beginning on Education Sunday, August 10, 1969.

The council is publishing 50,000 leaflets with the theme "Learning is for Living" for distribution among churches and parents.

There are two special Orders of Service, for Primary Schools and Secondary Schools, and 400 copies of the general Education Week poster.

Supplies of the information leaflets, services and posters are available on

application to the C.C.E.S. Service Centre, 55 Exhibition St., Melb., 3000, telephone 63-4105.

In view of the great need for recruitment of lay people to undertake training for voluntary instruction, the council would appreciate the co-operation of the churches in recommending this ministry to their congregations.

The Official Education Week Service will be held at Wesley Church, Lonsdale St., Melb., at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 10, 1969. It is hoped that local churches will arrange special services for observance of Education Sunday.

SORRENTO HOUSE

(Vic.). Youth groups, church groups and clubs are offered by the Y.W.C.A. the facilities of Sorrento House as a holiday home. It is situated 5 minutes from the Sorrento beach. Groups of up to 45 can be accommodated. A flat is also available at very moderate terms, with accommodation for five people. Further details from Y.W.C.A., 60 Russell St., Melbourne.

AID IN N.Z.

The congregations of member churches of the National Council in New Zealand, and many individuals, increased their giving to inter-church aid by 35% during the year ended June 30. This has enabled New Zealand Inter-Church Aid to support additional projects through the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service and to send additional fraternal workers for service in Asia and the Pacific Islands.—E.P.S.

T.P.N.G. NEW BIBLE HOUSE

The tremendous increase in the work of the Bible Society in New Guinea and Papua (Pidgin New Testaments sold at the rate of 2,000 per week and scores of other languages are in course of translation and printing) forced the Society into erecting larger premises.

The sale of the original Bible House will contribute considerably to the cost of the new building. The official opening will be early 1970.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

The next National Committee of Australian Church Women will be held in Melbourne at St. Hilda's College, Feb. 3 to Feb. 6, 1970. Until now the National Committee has been held in association with the annual meeting of the Australian Council of Churches, but as the A.C.C. is not holding an annual meeting in February of next year, the working committee has had to make the decision.

DEATH SQUAD KILLS PRIEST

In Brazil, the Archbishop of Olinda and Recife has charged that right-wing terrorists—people who "think that they are saving Christian civilisation by eliminating priests and student leaders"—are responsible for the murder of a priest, Henrique Pereira Neto, aged 28. The priest's body was found hanging from a tree at the University of Recife, where Neto was a professor of sociology. He had been active in social reform movements and youth work and was highly popular among students.

Churches of Christ BIBLE COLLEGE in New South Wales

Established in 1942 to train men and women for the Master's service at home and abroad.

Regular support in prayer and gifts is sought.

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal.
57 The Point-rd., Woolwich, N.S.W., 2110.

J. F. Morris, B.A., Dip. Ed., Secretary.
14 Sixth-ave., Campsie, N.S.W., 2194.

A. M. Cave, Treasurer.
36 Koombalah-ave., Turramurra, N.S.W., 2074.

30,000 Against Obscenity

(Miami). Spurred on by a group of church youths, 30,000 teenagers and adults massed in the Orange Bowl here for a show of "clean teen power." About half were teen-agers.

The "Down With Obscenity" rally was part of a crusade for decency launched by a group of Roman Catholic youths after a rock singer allegedly exposed himself before an audience of 8,000.

An inter-religious committee was formed with Mike Levesque, 17, as chairman. Rabbis, priests, ministers, newspaper executives and other civic leaders supported the effort.

Top entertainers — Jackie Gleason, Anita Bryant, The Lettermen, the Rhodes Brothers and Impact of Brass—donated their time to be on hand.

Mr. Gleason said he believes the campaign against obscenity "will snowball across the United States, and perhaps around the world."

—"The Christian."

YOUTH ACTIVE AT BOX HILL

(Vic., G. A. Grainger). B. White is now secretary of B.S. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. held camp at Montrose. Explorers had trek over Mt. Torbreck. C.Y.F. attended State Leaders' Camp at Monbulk. At large gathering on Girls' Sunday when young people took part in the gospel service, two teenagers made the Good Confession. C.Y.F. held their third coffee hour when over 70 attended . . . A group from Presbyterian church attended recent gospel service in a desire to build understanding between denominations . . . Judy Steele leaves for America to join her husband as a guest of his firm . . . Visiting speakers have been Ivan Malloy, of Braille Library, at C.W.F., and W. W. Saunders, Conf. Sec. . . . Members have been assisting at Hurstbridge.

GIRLS' SUNDAY SUCCESSFUL

(Hartwell, Vic., M. J. Savage). Girls' Sunday was observed on July 27 when Good Companions and basketball teams had special part in 5 p.m. service. Awards were made during an afternoon tea period at 4 o'clock prior to service. A Junior Girls' Choir trained by Mrs. Willing, sang, and an instrumental group rendered items. An address by Mr. Savage was entitled, "Living is Sharing." . . . C.W.E.F. met on 28th when speaker was Mrs. June Baghal, a City of Waverley Councillor, relating some of her experiences in Local Government . . . N. Ross is in hospital recovering from an operation; Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. McIvor have returned home after illness. Mrs. Verco, from N.Z., was a recent visitor.

\$840 AT TEMPLE DAY

(Carnegie, Vic., M. Glezendanner). 140 guests were catered for at dinner on Temple Day. The offering was \$840 . . . Explorer Midgets and Juniors won pennants at sports night. Sue Peck has returned from Hong Kong . . . Sympathy is expressed to the Strother family in the death of Mrs. Strother . . . Mr. and Mrs. Burness have been welcomed into fellowship from Tootgarook . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn have returned to church after illness. Mr. Fullerton is still very ill, and Mrs. Hill is on sick list . . . The youth held a car rally recently . . . Men enjoyed fellowship with Ormond men's group. Ted Keating was speaker.

fellowship was held at the Barnes home. . . . Youth Tea was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Leach on July 6. C.Y.F. annual business meeting was held on 18th . . . Mr. Crabtree unable to attend meetings because of ill-health. R. Bullen has returned home after surgery . . . C.W.F. had Mr. Phillips to speak on the work of the blood bank. Visitors were present from other local churches. \$5.50 was given for the work of Red Cross. Ladies are preparing a parcel for an Aboriginal girl . . . C.W.E.F. attended luncheon at the home of Mrs. O. Lyon on July 23. Donation was given towards church furnishings . . . Senior Good Companions won first place at choral competition at Doncaster on July 4.

BIBLE DISPLAY

(Hampton, Vic., D. Olafsen). An interesting display of Bibles was shown at the commencement of Bible Week—several family Bibles were loaned for the occasion. Film, "The Crowded Ways" was screened . . . C.Y.F. presented a play-reading, "God So Loves." . . . After the evening service, young people were addressed by a police officer on "Road Safety and You." . . . Young parents have shared in a series of lectures by Dr. G. Whiting.

FAREWELLS TO TRIPPERS

(Boronia, Vic., A. R. Lloyd). Three young women were farewelled as they go overseas, Julie Collyer to Canada, Jane Keeler to England, and Margaret Viggars to New Guinea . . . Plans well in hand for church family camp at Ocean Grove . . . Morning attendances around 120, evening 50-60. Junior, Intermediate and C.Y.F. Depts. of B.S. will attend morning services three separate Sundays. . . . Chain of Prayer Week for H.M. Dept. featured by church and auxiliaries . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brooke enjoying holiday in Queensland . . . Assistant minister, Peter Salisbury, gave address on July 27.

AUST. CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS MISSION BOARD Inc.

MISSIONARY ORIENTATION CAMP

MELBOURNE — January 5-12, 1970

NURSES, TEACHERS, CARPENTERS, MECHANICS, STUDENTS ENROLLED at BIBLE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY or TEACHERS' COLLEGE considering Missionary Service, are invited to attend. Studies include:

The Missionary Challenge. Conditions under which missionaries serve. Field Organisation. Practical Activities, Bushcraft, Motor Maintenance, Handling Boats, etc. Field Relationships.

Camp will be held at COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, Glen Iris.

Cost: \$17.50 (including all meals and accommodation).

Accommodation limited to 40. Applications close November 15.

Forward coupon to Mrs. D. Lewis, 9 Clisby-st., Vale Park, Sth. Aust., 5081.

..... Cut Here and Post

Please enrol me for ORIENTATION CAMP, January 5-12, 1970 (Block Letters)

NAME

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION CHURCH

BOOK REVIEW

"CREATIVE LEADERSHIP" (Revised Edition). Edited by L. L. Smith. (Austral). 168 pp. \$2.75 Aust.

I wish that, when I was in my teens helping in a boys' club, I had been able to buy this book of programmes and techniques for leaders. The balanced presentation of theory and practice is invaluable for an inexperienced leader.

The book also says a great deal to the experienced leader. The writing has a verve born out of a lively experience with boys—it encourages, stimulates and points in new directions. Those who have used the first edition since its publication seven years ago will find it worthwhile to invest in this completely revised edition.

There are many new aspects, in keeping with the development in club work during recent years. Camping is featured much more, with stress on adventure camping. The writers all underline the need to involve the club members in creative activities. For instance, prayer in club life is shown to be much more than the leader using appropriate language.

Chapters which have been recast extensively include the one on understanding the 9 to 15-year-old (a brief but splendid overview) and the one on physical activities. Rope and bar work, pyramids and the skill of "padding" for spring-board and rings receive attention, while the sections on relays and team games have been enlarged. The accompanying diagrams are helpful, and attractively done.

Some things are said with more brevity than before, but this is gain rather than loss. All the activities and approaches tested by experience have been retained. There is plenty of help with club organisation, intellectual and social activities, and devotional programmes. In fact it's crammed full with good ideas.

There are few books available on this subject. The contributors to Creative Leadership, while they are leaders in the Explorer Boys' Clubs Movement of our churches in Victoria, have written in such a way that other organisations, both boys and girls, can use it as a leader's handbook.

(The Y.M.C.A. already are using it in their training courses and Baptist Christian Education Departments in three States have placed orders).

But it's more than a handbook on club work. One of its strengths is the repeated stress that club work is part of the total work of the church and that every leader must keep that in mind while he plans and conducts programmes. In particular no one reading the final chapter on "keys to success as a leader" can miss that note. A leader who is guided by this book can become truly creative.—K. R. Bowes.

(Available: Department of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000).

"FLAME OF ANGER" by Eric Clark (Zondervan Pub. House), \$3.35 Aust.

A novel of African life which traces the story of Cheptum, a girl who took a lover from an enemy tribe, and in trying to find a meaning for life made a long pilgrimage which was both geographical and spiritual. She is caught up in the turmoil of the old and the new Africa and there is also a conflict between the primitive religion of her tribe and the outgoing Christian gospel brought by white missionaries.

Clark writes from within his own experiences. An Englishman, after service in World War II, he migrated to South

Africa. Later, he went to America, became naturalized there, and then returned to Africa as a missionary with the Sthn. Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The background to the story is the terrible drought in East Africa, 1959-60, and the political upheavals in the Congo and Kenya in the early 60's. Although the characters are fictional, most of the incidents are based upon actual events. It is a good story with plenty of excitement and suspense.

"THE FAMILY IN DIALOGUE" by A. Donald Bell. (Zondervan). \$4.40 Aust.

The author has had more than 21 years' experience in marriage and family counselling and he has been leading family life conferences for churches and schools since 1945. He is a seminary Professor of Psychology and Human Relations, and is convinced that the basic problem behind failures in living together is lack of communication. He shares his experiences and insights in a very readable book and offers some useful guidelines in family togetherness.

People often don't know how to talk with one another. Communication is not only a matter of words. Sometimes folk may talk too much and it is often the big talkers who are the worst communicators. There is a time for silence. He gives poor marks to the mother who, when her adolescent daughter comes home wailing and sobbing, barges into the girl's room and starts operating as a detective. "What happened?" "Why are you doing this?" "Who has upset you?" The joke is on the mother, for very often the girl herself doesn't know why. Says Dr. Bell, "Many of our methods of dealing with the adolescent have been built upon the wrong thesis. Too many parents of teenagers go around with one eye shaped like a keyhole. They become detectives and this is wrong." In telling us what is right Dr. Bell doesn't make the solution easy, but he does suggest that a solution is possible. This in itself will be good news for parents who have suffered a series of losses and look forward only to utter defeat.

Life and its adjustments have become more difficult because of its complexities and busyness. When Dr. Bell was counselling an emotionally disturbed 16-year-old girl he discovered that she was an officer in 17 different clubs and organisations in community, school and church. He learned that her parents were in much the same situation. Such a family loses its strength and can no longer provide a sanctuary in a time of crisis.

The book deals with personality development and fulfilment from courtship and engagement, through marriage to parenthood, and on to maturity and retirement.

"THE CHURCH IN A CHANGING WORLD," Angus H. Macleod (Clifford Press, Melb.). 12 cents.

This 32-page booklet contains four studies suitable for personal reading or group discussion.

The studies are: 1. What is Happening in the World?—changes in population, knowledge, speed, nations, communications; 2. What is Happening to People?—the influence of urbanisation, affluence, mobility, secularisation; 3. What is Happening to People's Attitudes?—changes in attitudes to sex, death, Sunday, theology.

The fourth study, How Should the Church Deal With Change? suggests a number of positive attitudes Christians may adopt to the changes happening around them. The booklet does not offer a set of "pat" answers, but stimulates readers to think through the problems themselves.

Suitable for C.Y.F. or Adult Bible Classes, study groups and camps.—A.S.O.

KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Sponsored by the Queensland Conference to serve the brotherhood everywhere.

SCHOLARLY, EVANGELICAL, BIBLICAL, DEVOTIONAL

If you are hearing the call of God, we will do the rest.

Help us break new ground for God.

Enquire: The Principal, Kenmore, Qld., 4069

DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING RINGS

Hand Made from Selected Gems and Materials by H. J. LEM, who will personally assist you to select WATCHES, CLOCKS and GIFTS at

MALVERN DIAMOND JEWEL CENTRE,

1251 High-st., Malvern, Vic., 3144.
Phone 20-5658.

OBITUARY

Robert Burns

An advertisement in "The Australian Christian" announced the closing service of Robert Burns at Brunswick (Vic.) on the evening of June 29. That service, however, was prevented by his quiet and sudden passing in the late afternoon of the previous day. Beside him was a commentary, and near-by were some notes apparently in course of preparation for the anticipated final service.

Robert Burns in his early years was connected with the churches at Gore St., Fitzroy, and Stanton St., Collingwood, prominent and colourful churches in the earlier history of the churches in Melbourne. At Collingwood, Robert met Minna Whimpney, and later they married.

Though he had worked elsewhere previously I first knew Robert Burns when he was employed at a large stationery business as a salesman, later becoming head of a department. He worked in insurance and as a salesman of fabrics and clothing. He was the businessman and the believer, and he became the salesman and the preacher.

He represented a generation in which business and ministry went together. Preachers with a teaching interest held classes in church work, producing young men eager to preach whilst remaining in trades and industries. Robert Burns was one of these, working commercially through the week and preaching on Sundays. Some churches have been maintained by such ministries. Mr. Burns ministered at Croydon, Bayswater, Prahran, Reservoir and Brunswick. In an interval between Prahran and Reservoir he was a field officer for the Sudan United Mission. At Reservoir he ministered for nearly 13 years and at Brunswick for nearly 11 years.

Robert Burns maintained a pleasant and very cheerful disposition. He walked in confidence, but not in pride. What he accomplished is the unknown quantity which is in preaching, teaching, counselling, neighbourliness and friendliness.

Many people are saddened by his going, but will be thankful for his life and work. To his wife and children, Marjorie (Mrs. Harris), Ian and Gary, and the young grandchildren, sympathy with love is expressed, and friends and churches rejoice with them in their remembrance and hope.—A.B.W.

Norman Summerton

The church at Essendon (Vic.) as they met for worship on Easter Sunday were shocked to hear that their newly-elected Chairman of the Board, Norm Summerton, had died in his sleep during the night. His quiet work within the congregation has certainly been missed. Quietly he would go about the task of looking after the new Family Centre. If the hall needed to be polished, so often it was Norm who did the job. The C.M.F. at the Essendon church was spurred on by Norm's enthusiasm as secretary. The last arrangement that he made was a dinner with entertainment to raise funds for the C.M.F. work party. The night was held just as he organised it and raised over \$70 for the project. For many years Norm served the brotherhood as the projectionist for the Christian Education Dept. and the C.M.F. Board. He devoted his life to his parents. The loss of their son to them was a blow that could scarcely be realised, because he was the person who cared for them. Because of his love for the church and the service he rendered as a board member and the work he put into the building of the Family Centre it was decided to place a clock in the auditorium in memory of Norm.

—B. L. Pryor.

Arthur Brownrigg

Any one acquainted with the churches might have known Arthur Brownrigg longer than a ministry at Northcote (Vic.) allows, and in fact I was a guest at the Brownrigg home in Collingwood before these people came to Northcote. Many have been their guests, the choir of the Northcote church in particular enjoying this from year to year at Christmas time, and in the time of the rebuilding of the church the weekly practice was held there. Arthur Brownrigg was baptized at Collingwood by J. C. F. Pittman in 1897. He became in time the secretary of the school there. At Northcote he was a deacon, the treasurer of the church, the choir-master. In all of these he served for many years, being treasurer for more than 20 years. Apart from any position Arthur Brownrigg was significant in the church. His quiet disposition, his faith and the conviction due to it, his sincerity, his loyalty,

his love of the church, made him a remarkable person and a notable figure. Close friends had their own name for him. Others were on a different basis of friendship, but were none the less friends. The church, his little but vital business, were his concerns; so was his garden. In business he had a reputation for good workmanship and honesty. He was a most patient husband, sympathetic and attentive in the years of his wife's ill-health, and with this he was also a good father. He spoke wistfully of the son who bore his name Arthur and who died in young manhood. When he first became ill, last December, he persevered to preserve his speech, singing to himself when alone. More recently he was to be found, even on very cold days, in the garden weeding. To Mrs. Nation, his daughter, and to his son-in-law, the church in its own loss expresses its sadness, but rejoices in the years of his work and witness.—A.B.W.

BLACK MANIFESTO REPUDIATED

(Minneapolis). The American Lutheran Church repudiated the "strong, coarse, inflammatory language" of the Black Manifesto authored by militant James Forman but pledged itself to an aggressive programme of "help to solve the American problems of racism and poverty."

The church council of the 2.5 million-member Lutheran body said portions of the manifesto "are filled with hate and advocate the overthrow of our government by violence and must therefore be condemned as seditious."

The church council recommended that pastors and leaders in the A.L.C.'s 5,000 congregations study the manifesto "in the light of the need to be informed." —E.P.S.

RUMANIAN BIBLE

(Bucharest). The 100,000 copies of the new edition of the Bible in Rumanian printed by the Orthodox Church's publishing house here, are now being distributed throughout the country.

Paper and ink for the Bibles were contributed by the United Bible Societies with headquarters in London.—E.P.S.

CHURCHES PRESS FOR TRUCE

Christian churches in three European nations have urged their governments to press for an end to the conflict in Nigeria/Biafra.

The Methodist Conference of Great Britain meeting in Birmingham asked the government to take the initiative in securing an international embargo on the supply of arms to both sides. The Con-

ference unanimously declared its conviction that military means could not solve the conflict and pleaded with both sides to arrange an immediate cease-fire.

Leaders of the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches in Germany called for a halt to arms shipments, an immediate truce, and free, internationally guaranteed access for the shipment of relief supplies to areas of starvation on both sides of the fighting.

In Stockholm, the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Bishops' Council sent a letter to the Prime Minister appealing for diplomatic action to secure an armistice and a durable solution.—E.P.S.

BLACK MONEY

The New England Conference of the United Methodist Church voted to move towards contributing \$235,000 to Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

A resolution from the black caucus had asked \$500,000 annually for four years. No action was taken on the \$2 million total request.

The issue was hotly debated for four hours before the clergy and lay delegates voted to include the \$235,000 in the 1970 budget if regulations permit.

Meanwhile, the United Methodist Conference of Western Pennsylvania voted an outright grant of \$100,000 to the Interfaith Housing Corporation sponsored by the Pittsburgh Area Council of Churches. It also resolved to "make an honest effort to understand the intent and substance of the Black Manifesto." That document seeks \$500 million in "reparations" from the white religious community in the U.S.—E.P.S.

Wanting a HOUSE, BLOCK OF LAND . . .
or a PROMPT VALUATION . . .
Wanting to SELL
Needing any REAL ESTATE SERVICE



JACKMAN & TRELOAR PTY. M.R.E.I. EST. 1901
LTD.

35 GRENFELL ST. ADELAIDE, Sth. AUS. PHONE 8 4404 (6 Lines)
Licensed Land Agents, Brokers, Auctioneers, Valuers.
RELIABLE PERSONAL AND SPECIALISED SERVICE IN ALL REAL ESTATE MATTERS.
DIRECTORS: D.K. BEILER, F.R.E.I. B.S. BRAYSON, J.P. F.R.E.I., R.E.I.V., G.D. BROWNING, A.A.S.A. A.R.E.I.

"LIGHTS! ACTION! MUSIC!"

The cameraman catching significant shots for Sunday evening's television news was obviously taking more than a routine interest in the programme. So were a thousand or so young people who made up the audience. Attendances which steadily increased from 900 on Friday night to 1,600 on Sunday night were proof enough that "Teen and Twenty—1969" had what it takes. The young man who 'phoned the Brotherhood Centre a day or two later to enquire about training for the ministry said that while he had given this thought at an earlier stage he was moved to do something about it by "Teen and Twenty." By now you should be asking, "What is 'Teen and Twenty'?"

It is an annual production of the S.A. D.C.E. which in four sessions over a weekend challenges young people with the Christian message presented against a background of "with it" talent.

Lights! Action! Music! were key words to describe a brighter than ever show this year. The colourful, lively and tuneful presentations of the Churches of Christ Youth Choir set the pace. In casual dress, with dramatic movement and tableau settings enhanced by imaginative lighting effects, the choir scored another win.

Compere John Halbert, M.B.E., kept the big audience under control and in good humour, while "The Messengers," "The Henchmen," "Petrea and the Rhythm Group," plus the "Tijuana Brass" brought music in the modern style.

Guest speaker Gordon Stirling was clear, down to earth and challenging. The six primary decisions registered were but a token of the total impact of this weekend. We hope the big team of workers who made "Teen and Twenty" possible will do it again next year.

—R. V. Holmes.

South Aust.

TALK BACK

(Forestville, S.A., J. A. Luff). I. J. Chivell spoke at morning and evening services and after luncheon provided by the ladies, a vital talk back session was held. Profits from the charge of 50c for lunch went to the C.W.F. project for the Indian Bible Correspondence Course. . . . C.W.F. was visited by Miss E. Ede, of Wycliffe Translators. . . . Young people shared in Teen and Twenty Mission. . . . Plans are well in hand for committee arranging 50th church anniversary on Nov. 23, 1969.

+ T.V. HIRE +

HIRE A TV SET FOR ONE WEEK,
or as long as you like.

Rental includes Installation, Aerial, Maintenance and Licence.
Repairs to All Makes of Television Receivers.

50-8434 (4 lines)

Snellgrove's Electric-Land
(S.B. RADIO)

205 GLENFERRIE RD., MALVERN, Vic.,
(near Tramway Depot). 3144

22 (374)

GRADUATION AND DEDICATION

(Clovelly Park, S.A.). The B.S. anniversary was held June 22 and 29, and the following week a graduation service to which parents were invited, was held prior to the morning worship and teachers' dedication service. Nearly 200 scholars and parents attended. . . . Two of the gospel services in July featured a discussion in place of the sermon. Another evening we were visited by the B. & F.B.S. and the film "Outreach" was shown. . . . In lieu of the usual A.C.E. programme on July 16, the tea was followed by a farewell social for Mr. and Mrs. J. Coventry and Miss Jill Coventry, who are moving to Vic. . . . Three officers were elected at a special church meeting — Mesdames Curtis, James and Kruger. . . . The C.W.F. raised \$95 in a Time and Talent Project, and were able to hand the church the remainder of the \$470 for payment of the new hall ceiling.

Les Lawlor says . . .

I stand behind every Lawlor Pest Control job personally — all types of buildings — anywhere. Everything unconditionally guaranteed! Weeds — birds on roofs — Argentine and all other ants — "White Ants" — Beers — Carpet Pests — Lawn Pests in fact any pest that grows, walks or flies.

LAWLORS PTY. LTD.
THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE

STH. AUST.: 6-10 Henley-st., Torrensville, 57-9636
141-143 Commercial-st., Mt. Gambier, 2-1861

MELBOURNE ASSOCIATE: Atlas Pest & Weed Control
Pty. Ltd., 3 Kilpa-rd., Moorabbin. Ph. 95-6118.



YOUTH SERVE

(Murray Bridge, S.A., A. M. Arnot). A youth service on July 13 featured in conjunction the B. & F.B.S. and National Aborigines' Sunday. Guest speaker was Keith Chessell, Sturt and State footballer. A B.S. scholar, Robert Lind, who collected the largest amount in a recent B. & F.B.S. project, presented a cheque for over \$50 to Mr. Chessell. . . . The church welcomed Mrs. M. Arnot at an after-church fellowship on June 1. . . . Following a youth tea young people took part in the programme "Beyond the Barriers." . . . Recent C.Y.F. meetings have included a "scrub-bash," and an indoor Olympics Night. . . . The last two meetings of the C.W.E.F. have taken the form of a Mystery Evening followed by supper at a nearby roadhouse, and a Hobbies Night held at the home of Mrs. F. Schutz.

BLOSSOM TIME

(Christies Beach, S.A., G. Smith). Another tour of the almond blossom districts was arranged for the 29th when church members conveyed folk in their cars and returned to the chapel for tea. . . . Church Life Conference was held in May and three committees have been operating to bring ideas into action. Several functions have been held for elderly citizens of the district. . . . One couple sought further commitment to Christ in baptism and were received into fellowship on July 20.

T.E.V.—16 MILLION

The remarkable demand for Today's English Version New Testament continues unabated, 16 million copies have been sold in three years and a similar demand for the N.T. in "Today's Language" is growing in Africa, Asia and South America where the rush for modern Spanish sold over a million copies in a few months. The O.T. will be available in 1972.

Getting Engaged?
HINTON & SON
12 ADELAIDE ARCADE
Jewellers
ALL GIFTS AND REPAIRS
— ADELAIDE :: Phone 23-5462 —

Old-SA-WA

NEW TIME AT ANN ST.

(Brisbane, Qld.). Over 30 Y.P. attended C.Y.F. Camp at Caloundra on weekend of July 11-13 and returned to take part in commendable manner at evening service at Ann St. At the close of the service a young man confessed his faith in Christ, and was baptized on July 27. Sunday morning services now commence at 9.30 instead of 11 a.m. as a permanent arrangement. . . . Church has been saddened by the passing of Mrs. E. (Hannah) Haworth on July 19 and assures the family of love and sympathy at this time. Funeral service at the chapel and Mt. Thompson Crematorium was conducted by Mr. Armstrong on July 22, with assistance by V. Parker and W. Giezendanner. Aged sister Mrs. L. Stocks has suffered a stroke.

FORWARD PLANNING

(Col. Light Gardens, S.A., T. A. Mason). 40 resolutions submitted by Church Life Conference Committees working in the areas of Christian Education, Outreach and Evangelism, Ministry to Youth, and Worship, have been accepted by the Board as a basis for forward planning. . . . Trevor Williams is Adult Counsellor of new Youth Fellowship. . . . Cabin Boys has recommenced in conjunction with Clovelly Park church. . . . Short-term study using the Christian Life Curriculum booklet "The Gospel Today" is being enthusiastically received. . . . G.B. held a well-attended Mother and Daughter Tea. . . . Produce, oxy-acetylene equipment, TV antenna and a garbage tin were displayed at Thanksgiving service. . . . Other special services have included modern music and a panel discussion of the film, "Our Youth Culture: Youth in Rebellion." . . . A series of sermons on Churches of Christ was well received. . . . Mrs. E. V. Lawton addressed a service conducted by C.W.F. . . . Howard Grover has been appointed church treas. . . . A sound reinforcement system has been installed in the chapel.

CONFESSIONS AT FREMANTLE

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A., F. Rees). Two young lads who are brothers, confessed Christ at the gospel meeting on the 20th. Local company of the Boys' Brigade paraded at that service and Mr. Rees installed Graham Rawlings as a warrant officer. . . . Several guest speakers have shared in services at Fremantle during recent weeks. R. Cook (Mandurah church) spoke at the gospel service on 13th and 27th, whilst on 20th, Sonny Graham (Norseman church) sang and preached the gospel message. T. Morrison (Social Welfare Dept.) has addressed both congregations. H. Heyhoe (Pres.-elect of Conf.) and K. Patterson (State Organising Sec.) spoke at Fremantle during the absence in Melbourne on holiday of Mr. and Mrs. Rees.

ONION STEWARDSHIP

(Kadina, S.A., O. R. Clark). Auxiliaries working for building fund: J.C.E. held a walkathon; S.S. presented a concert; Ladies' Guild held film evening; Young Women's Fellowship are collecting rags and scrap; Men's Fellowship have planted 3,000 onions and Auto Cycle Club are holding a ride-a-thon (each motorbike rider is sponsored per lap of circuit). . . . The minister, O. R. Clark, has accepted further year until the end of 1970. . . . 30 Y.P. from Glenelg church spent a long weekend here. Three Y.P. have been baptized recently. . . . Brotherhood Sunday was conducted by I. J. Chivell and Dr. Thornley Thomas.

EXCHANGE WITH BUNDABERG

(Camp Hill, Qld., Allan Webb). A busload of young people led by the minister and his wife journeyed to Bundaberg on an exchange weekend. . . . A Sunday afternoon Youth Bible Study Group is studying Dr. Jauncey's book, "Why We Believe." . . . Members were active in visitation and attendance at Don De Welt Annerley Crusade. . . . There was almost 100% attendance at Camp Hill by the two Brisbane Church of Christ football teams at a recent Sunday night footballers' service. . . . Ladies and girls have knitted enough squares to make four

CONSULT THE LAND PEOPLE OF MOUNT GAMBIER FOR ALL LAND AND LIVESTOCK TRANSACTIONS



D. M. FIMMELL & CO. Pty. Limited
(STOCK & STATION AGENTS)

LICENSED LAND, ESTATE AND BUSINESS AGENTS, AUCTIONEERS,
VALUERS, INSURANCE AGENTS, etc.,

REAL ESTATE HOUSE, 13 PENOLA RD., MOUNT GAMBIER, S.A., 5290.
PHONE: 2-4011, 2-4012. AFTER HOURS: 2-1393, 2-3124 and 2-4013.
ANYWHERE IN SOUTH-EAST of S.A. and WESTERN DISTRICTS of Vic.

knee-rugs for the guests at Hillcrest Home. Ladies meet once a month to make typically Australian bark pictures. These are to be sold as souvenirs at the World Convention in Adelaide. . . . A. E. White was guest speaker during his visit to Brisbane.

ABORIGINAL CHILD SUPPORTED

(Edwardstown, S.A., C. E. Curtis). Women of the church shared in clothing an Aboriginal child, and have also supported the Hospital Chaplain. . . . The first of a series of informal fellowship evenings was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Caudle. . . . A. Glastonbury was speaker at men's tea. Afterwards the men conducted the evening service. . . . Members of the Local Pensioners' Assoc. were guests at a recent evening service. . . . Peter Blenkron has commenced National Service Training. John Pederson Snr. passed away in Repatriation Hospital. . . . Robt. Allen has made his decision. . . . C. H. Dow, Director of D.C.E., spoke to parents of S.S. scholars and preached at two services.

PAUL'S AUTO ELECTRICAL

Armatures Rewound, Repair and Change Over Units, Carburettors, Fuel Pumps, Flasher Units Installed and Repaired.

Distributor of Masse Batteries.
Tune Up with Paul.

PAUL MULLER, 198 Through-rd.,
Burwood, Vic., 3125.
Priv.: 89-3294; Bus.: 83-5559.

So You Want to be

- a MISSIONARY?
- a MINISTER?
- a BETTER EQUIPPED CHRISTIAN?

THEN

TRAIN
IN A
BROTHERHOOD
COLLEGE!

For information write to

G. R. STIRLING,
Vice-Principal,
College of the Bible,
1 Elm Rd.,
Glen Iris, Vic., 3146

VICTORIA

PAGEANT AT MORWELL

(Vic., J. Payer). B.S. scholars presented a pageant as part of morning service on July 6 . . . Evening services have been "Spotlight on Prayer" with visual and spotlight prayers pre-recorded . . . July 23 was a big all-day session for ladies. Dr. Solley (psychiatrist) spoke on "Problems of the Middle Ages and Mrs. Cheshire from the Church of England, also spoke . . . The minister is on committee for Freedom from Hunger Campaign . . . A Young Adult Fellowship has been formed, 16 to 18 years of age.

C.Y.F. PROBES BROTHERHOOD

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic., K. H. Pitt). C.Y.F. held "Know Your Brotherhood" night, featuring the film "Heritage to Destiny," an interview with local officers' board, and displays depicting State and local church's task . . . Dr. K. R. Boves, of D.C.E., spoke to C.M.F. tea on the Christian Life Curriculum. S.S. teachers also attended. A local Educ. Committee has been formed and is studying the curriculum introduction . . . The film, "A Time to Speak" was screened at a youth night service, followed by a "Supp-Inn" . . . Three more have been baptised and received into fellowship following decisions at the Graham Crusade . . . Mr. Bradshaw, of Gideons International, was a recent speaker.

HOLIDAY HOMES

Suitable Town or Country Living.
Erected on your land anywhere in Victoria.

2 Bedrooms \$2,500 3 bedrooms \$2,600 plus cartage and slope of land. Built to Uniform Building Regulations. Fully lined throughout. Wired for electricity.

Sleepouts or Extra Rooms

Built to your requirements.

Write for Brochure.

COOK'S BUILDING CO.

29 Garnet-st., Preston, Vic., 3072
Phone 44 1669



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

(Inc.) Est. 1935

In all States and Great Britain.

Agents in All Churches.

All for Each and Each for All.
(4,000 members).

Membership open to Christians anywhere, regardless of position or age.

Contributions from 5c upwards per week. Information from Secretary of

Social Service Department,
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, Vic., 3000.
32-2447.

SUNDAY TOGETHERNESS

(The Patch, Vic., K. Turmann). Sunday afternoon "get-togethers" are replacing evening services during winter. These are held in various homes and are well attended . . . At evening sponsored by C.W.E.F., coloured films were screened and message given on behalf of Leprosy Missions . . . R. Gray and J. Lyng have returned home from hospital and recovering from surgery.

YOUTH GROWTH

(Swan Hill, Vic.). Fellowship hours are being conducted in the chapel each Sunday evening. The informal type of programmes are creating much interest. New scholars have been welcomed to Bible School and new members to Good Companions and Boys' Explorers' Clubs. Good Companions were featured in morning service on July 27. Junior Choir has been formed and is assisting at some morning services. A camp for teenagers will be held during September school vacation. . . . G. A. Harrison is minister.

TEAM FAREWELL

(Doncaster, Vic., J. G. Shaw). An after-church fellowship farewelled Frank Richards and Horrie Read on leaving with the New Guinea work party. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Morrison, after a lifetime service at Doncaster, were also farewelled as they left the district . . . The church school presented an anniversary cavalcade history of Doncaster. It was scripted by Bob Nelson with scenario by Ralph Petty, lights by David Lee, music played by Mrs. K. Crouch and conducting by Harold Plummer. Five young people made the Good Confession. The following Sunday a married woman and a teenage girl also made decisions . . . The C.M.S. recently had a maintenance work-

ing bee at Camp Waterman . . . The ladies conducted a six-week series of lectures on "Your Child and You." Prominent authorities on the subject were engaged and an average of 100 ladies attended . . . Joe Cutler, from Esso, lectured the men on the Bass Strait natural gas project.

YOUNG PEOPLE GIVE

(Box Hill, Vic., G. A. Grainger). 75 joined in Coffee Hour after C.Y.F. conducted evening service . . . When she could not attend because of illness, Mrs. Holloway sent a tape recording of her experiences at Austin Hospital . . . C.W.E.F. elected Heather White as Pres., Judith Tivendale as Sec., and June Jones as Treas. . . . Mr. Peters is in nursing home with broken arm. Mrs. Tivendale, Snr., and Mrs. E. McFarlane are convalescing . . . Sympathy in bereavement is expressed to friends and relatives of C. M. Wheaton, Mrs. Doris Park and Mrs. Ethel Blake.

ENTHUSIASM AT CASTLEMAINE

(Vic., J. Byrnes). Minister is working very hard and meetings are being well attended with good averages of 60, a.m., and 25-30, p.m. There have been seven decisions recently, four have been baptised and three young people made decisions on July 20. There has been one re-dedication and three transfers. Church was sorry to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Mark and baby son . . . S.S. is planning for "Team Teaching." Recently teachers went to Box Hill to be instructed and see "Team Teaching" in action . . . There is still sickness amongst members. Mrs. Ely and Mrs. Birnie are in hospital; Mrs. Normington has been sick again . . . Preparations are progressing for centenary of church planned for Nov., 1970.

WHERE TO GO AND WHERE TO STAY

VICTORIA

HOLYROOD GUEST HOUSE BRIGHT

Home Away From Home

Spend a quiet, restful holiday with friendly people. HOLYROOD is set in a beautiful garden, with magnificent mountain views. Excellent meals. Tariff reasonable. Lovely honeymoon suite available.

Herb and Meta Schmidtko (Props.)
Phone 33, Bright, Vic., or write.

The New "LUFRA"

Rosebud's largest privately-owned group of Holiday Flats.

Featuring Luxury, Intermediate and Standard Units.

Please write for brochure.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Roediger. 6-8497.

RYE, Vic. — Self-contained Holiday Flats, all convs., on beach, accom. 4 and 8. Wes. Jenkins. Phone 36-2235 (Melb.).

SCHOFIELD, Vic. — Exclusive A.O. Your Restful Holiday Guest Home. Morning, Afternoon Tea and Supper; inc. \$25 p.w. Write for brochure or phone Healesville 40 (Vic.). F. Bos.

Lovely "FLORA FELDIE"

in the Dandenongs.

Group accommodation, Puffing Billy, swimming pool in delightful grounds. For your next Conference, Barbecue or Social Function, ring us 75 2936; or write Box 101, Belgrave, 3160.

When in Adelaide stay at . . .

WILLARD Guest House

35 WAKEFIELD-ST., ADELAIDE (South Australia)

Opp. Gawler Place (buses pass the door). Friendly Service — Courtesy a Specialty.

Good Accommodation — Central Position. Public Dining Room.

Hot Water Service. Parking for Cars. Bed and Breakfast. Other Meals obtainable. Tariff Reasonable.

Enquiries to Manager, or Tel. 23-1032.

INSTEAD OF WAR! — WHAT?

(Celigny, Switzerland). A consultation on alternatives to war, organised by the Ecumenical Institute, was one in a series of reconciliation. It was attended by 45 international lawyers, researchers in war and peace, representatives of protest movements and Christian social ethics teachers.

Sydney Bailey, a British Quaker who spoke on "current trends in world politics," said the total disarmers were right in insisting that there can be no partial ban on germ warfare. Mr. Bailey said the switch from total and universal disarmament arose from a "growing recognition that weapons may be an intrinsic source of international tension," quite apart from the conflicts of which weapons are only a symptom.

Mr. Bailey listed 20 trends during the past 10 years, among which were "from cold war to peaceful co-existence" and "renewed interest in U.N. collective security."

Economic sanctions against countries have been a failure and military actions are an impossibility, the consultation was told by Professor Ulrich Scheuner. Professor Scheuner from the faculty of law at Bonn University said, "a great effort is needed to obtain the full realisation of the prohibition of force" that is present in international law but is absent in international politics.

Scheuner who spoke on "sources of conflict and war from the viewpoint of international law," said Christian conscience cannot acquiesce in a situation in which peace is secured through a fragile equilibrium only resting upon the dissuading deterrent atomic weapons. The Christian church must "ask for a better

and more stable and secure international order" the German lawyer said.

A definitive peace, the jurist said, can only be maintained when order is founded upon justice. He saw the struggle for greater justice in economic relations between nations as a peacekeeping action.—E.P.S.

E.A.C.C. AND CONSERVATIVE EVANGELICALS

(Tokyo). A consultation bringing together conservative evangelicals and other Christians in East Asia around the theme of "Judgment and Hope in the Gospel" is announced for July 8-14, 1970 in Gotamba, Japan. Sponsoring the consultation will be the East Asia Christian Conference (E.A.C.C.), which is concerned about the widening gulf between these two groups of Christians.

The "Judgment and Hope" theme will

be divided into three sub-themes: judgment in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the Church as a sign of judgment and hope. Within this context, special attention will be given to evangelism, social obedience, and human destiny and the end. These are three areas in which there is a marked difference of opinion between conservative evangelicals and other Christians.

Each section will consider papers and questions prepared in advance, seek to delineate areas of agreement and disagreement, and see where co-operative work can be undertaken.

Since 1961 the E.A.C.C. has been aware of the growing gulf between the conservatives and others, both within E.A.C.C. member churches and between member churches. This is the first attempt by the regional council to bring the two groups into dialogue.—E.P.S.

THE STATIC STATUS QUO

People can work for social change chiefly through their jobs and their voluntary associations. But since most Americans are dependent on job income for their livelihood and job security and stability for status, promotion and pensions, they are unlikely to jeopardise all this by agitating for disturbing social change in their vocational context. The situation is scarcely more hopeful in voluntary associations. Only about 5 per cent of nationally organised voluntary associations are actively committed to social action; there is little hope of getting the other 95 per cent to work for social change because voluntary associations are usually inflexible in regard to altering their original goals.

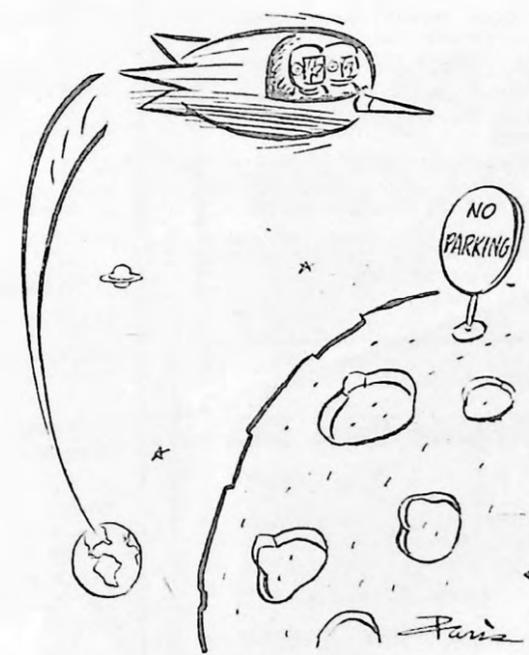
—"Christian Century."

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

"How We Celebrated Peace." Influenza has brought sickness and sorrow to many homes. The strike, with its consequent lack of employment to thousands of people, has entailed much suffering. With food prices at high rates, hosts of people are in deep affliction in wintry weather. The peace celebrations were not a marked success. The absence of the expected triumphal arches, and the falling through of the plan for illuminating the city, made success difficult of accomplishment. For some unexplained reason the authorities brought a great crowd into the city in the morning, and made no provision for their entertainment later in the day. By Special Appointment. In last week's "Current Topics" it was stated that Dr. Jowett preaches at Buckingham Palace. It should have been Buckingham Gate Chapel. Donation. The College of the Bible has received an anonymous donation of £2 with the request that £1 be applied toward the erection of a hostel for lady students. Union. If a church has lost the spiritual vitality which gave it birth, it will not regain it by union with another equally dead. Here and There. The erection of a fine substantial building at Oakleigh after two years' service is a triumph for Home Missions . . . At Grote St., S.A., Mrs. James, of Rose Park, is still in membership. She was baptized in 1856 and was present at the opening of Grote St. chapel the same year . . . At Ewington, W.A., W. R. Hibbert found Mr. and Mrs. Hicks in a 25' x 16' building conducting a bush Sunday School for 72 children.



"I told you it was inhabited"

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG (nee Flett).—A third daughter for Bruce and Iris, born July 19, 1969—Christy Kim.

SERPELL (Clift).—To Jan. and Rob., a son—Christopher Mark, born at Box Hill and District Hospital on Saturday, July 12, 1969.

WILLIAMS (Langley).—Barry and Elsa welcome with love, Heidi Elizabeth, born July 19 at Nhill Hospital, Vic. Sister for Cathy and Andrea.

DEATH

HUMPHREYS. — On July 27, Annie Beatrice (Preston), loved mother of Glad. (Mrs. Cooksley), nan of Dianne and Doug.

APPRECIATIONS

BURNS.—Mrs. M. Burns and family wish to gratefully acknowledge the many letters and cards received at the time of their sad loss of a loved father and husband. Would the readers take this as a personal thank you.

DANIEL.—The wife and family of the late Thomas Harold Daniel wish to extend their sincere thanks to all for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of a dearly loved husband and father. Would all please accept our deepest gratitude.

MR. & MRS. E. J. MILES wish to express deep appreciation to all kind friends for prayers, cards, letters, telegrams and flowers, during his recent illness. Thank you for remembering and for your loving concern.

IN MEMORIAM

BEAMES, Victor John.—Suddenly called home to be with Christ on August 3, 1966. Loving thoughts of days together, hold sweet memories of a wonderful husband and father we'll never forget.—Hazel, Kay and Don; Bob and Rosalyn; Michelle and Anthony.

FARRAR.—In loving memory of my dear husband, John, called home August 6, 1956. "Sadly missed."—Ada Farrar.

JENSEN. — In loving and treasured memory of my dear husband who passed away August 15, 1961. "Always in my thoughts."—May.

Order your

Scripture Union Bible

R.S.V. or King James

Imitation Leather, with Concordance, Maps, Harmony of the Gospels, Teachers' Helps, etc.

\$4.50 (plus post) from

SCRIPTURE UNION BOOKSHOP

1 Sherwood Court, Perth

POSITIONS

SITUATION VACANT

From time to time vacancies occur at this Children's Village for ladies to care for groups of school-age children (not delinquents) who for various reasons are compelled to live away from their own homes. If you wish to know more about this satisfying resident vocation please write to the Principal, Box 42, Bacchus Marsh, 3340. Your own school-age child could be accommodated.

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

STATE SECRETARY

TASMANIA

Applicants are invited for the position of State Secretary of the Bible Society in Tasmania.

The appointee will exercise control of the Property, Depot and Staff, under the direction of the Tasmania Auxiliary Committee, and advance the Society's cause throughout the State. The status of ordination is preferred, but not essential.

Details of conditions and terms of appointment are available from—

The Acting Secretary,
Bible House, 44 Brisbane Street,
Launceston, Tas., 7250

or

The Commonwealth Secretary,
Bible House, P.O. Box 507,
Canberra City, A.C.T., 2601

Temperance Films

FREE OF CHARGE

1. "Liquid Lore."
2. "The Brain's the Reason."
3. "The Friendly Enemy."
4. "5 to 7.30—The Cocktail Hour."
5. "Narcot The Decision."
6. "L.S.D., Insight or Insanity?"

Apply to:

STATE FILM CENTRE

1 Macarthur-st., East Melbourne

o To obtain these films it is necessary to quote the name and number of the following organisation:

Churches of Christ Temperance Committee, Vic. and Tas., 127/1262.

For further details phone 83 9158 (Melb.).

CHURCH HYMN BOOKS for 55c

HAVE THEM REPAIRED LIKE NEW AGAIN

459 - 1201 — PHONE OR WRITE — 459 - 1201

W. A. LATIMER & SON, 6 KYLTA-RD., WEST HEIDELBERG, VIC., 3081

WE REPAIR ALL BOOKS :: Rail Books to Pascoe Vale Station.

ACCOMMODATION

TO LET OR EXCHANGE

Approx. Sept. 30 to Jan. 16, '70 (variable), furn. 3 bedrooms, 2-yr.-old brick ven., carport, quiet court, Melb. East Suburb; negotiate rental or alternatively exchange homes with Perth resident. Collyer, 1 Shirley-ct., Croydon, Vic., 3136. Phone 69-5275 bus. hrs.

TO LET

Holiday House, Dromana, Vic.—Comfortable all elec. home, accom. 9 persons, handy beach, lovely view, vacant August 23 to Easter, 1970. August 23 to Christmas—\$20 weekly. Ring 72 31080 (Melb.).

WHERE TO GO & WHERE TO STAY

Victor Harbour, South Aust. — Fully self-contained flat, accom. 4, 1 minute beach, shops, bowling greens, etc. Contact D. Williams, 16 Burbridge-rd., Brooklyn Park, S.A., 5032. Phone 57 8811.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE PATCH (Vic.)

9.30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 a.m.—WORSHIP

Preacher: K. TURTMANN

A Friendly Welcome Assured.

NOW AVAILABLE!

Completely revised edition

"CREATIVE LEADERSHIP"

an invaluable aid
for leaders of . . .

BOYS' CLUBS.
GIRLS' CLUBS.
YOUTH GROUPS.

\$2.75 per copy (postage 9c)

Order now from:

Dept. of Christian Education,
217 Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne, 3000

'Phone: 663.2449/663.1584

PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

T. Billet, Bunbury, W.A.

Roger Burt, Pat. Shrubssole, Croydon, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kuhle, Julie, Reed, and Reg., Castlemaine, Vic.

Wendy McCrohan, Christine Meager, Wangaratta, Vic.

Shirley and Yvonne Wallis, Mr. Pedroni, Perth, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Filmer, Christies Beach, S.A.

Anthony Gilbert, Darryl Gates, Doncaster, Vic.

Robert McInerney, Debra Seddon, Arana Hills, Qld.

Mrs. M. Agar, North Williamstown, Vic.

Christine St. Aubyn, Balwyn, Vic.

Carleen Stock, Gael Glasson, Julie Owens, Kadina, S.A.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jauncey, from Albion; Mr. and Mrs. Greg. Thompson, Mrs. R. McInerney, from Annerley to Arana Hills, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bradley, from Port Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. W. Maxwell, from Grote St., Adelaide; L. Clisby, from Mt. Gambier to Dulwich, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sanders, from Balwyn, Vic.; Warren Cutler, from Chatswood, N.S.W. to Doncaster, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wright, from Mitcham; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Patterson, from Fawkner to North Balwyn, Vic.

Alan McCrohan to Wangaratta, Vic. Mrs. Fay Ramage, from Shepparton; Mrs. Pam Steele, from Bendigo; Mr. Eric Steele, from Blackburn to Castlemaine, Vic.

Mr. A. Brindley, from Nailsworth; Mrs. A. Brindley, from Croydon to Christies Beach, S.A.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

J. C. Cunningham (minister, Hindmarsh church), P.O. Box 85, Glen Osmond, S.A., 5064. Phone: 79-7176 (Adel.).

P. Jauncey (secretary, Arana Hills church), 2 Pirra-cr., Ferny Grove, Qld., 4055.

E. J. Miles (retired minister), 5 Hilltop-cres., East Burwood, Vic., 3151.

"Back to Wangaratta" (VIC.)

Rowan Street Church of Christ

invites you to services
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on

August 31

All welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards to North Williamstown, Vic.

Miss C. Lillierap, from Scarborough, to Perth, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wise and Kevin, from Norseman; Mrs. Keen, Bill and Howard, from Liverpool West, N.S.W.; Mrs. Shirley Main, from South Perth to Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.

Mrs. Wright and Miss Jennifer Wright, from Fullarton to Clovelly Park, S.A.

MARRIAGES

Ann Phillips to Geoff Beard, Forestville, S.A.

Nola Cooper to Keiran Hughes; Margaret Pearson to Ian Emmett, Castlemaine, Vic.

Margaret Kleinig to Douglas Dell, Wangaratta, Vic.

Lynne Ferguson to David Price; Christine Meadows to William Regan, Brighton, Vic.

Lynette Brown to Marius Russcher; Jill Muller to David Friebel, Box Hill, Vic.

Marilyn Genat to Bruce Bertram; Patricia Wake to Norman Cronin, Doncaster, Vic.

Prudence Snow to Einer Herringe, Dulwich, S.A.

Mrs. R. Randall to Mr. Frank George, Box Hill, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. M. Lilley, Bunbury, W.A.

Mrs. Doris Park, Mrs. Ethel Blake, Box Hill, Vic.

Miss J. Cook, Perth, W.A.

Mrs. Hall, Snr., Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Liddell, Balwyn, Vic.

Miss Emily Walters, W. W. Hall, Castlemaine, Vic.

Mrs. Pedlar, Kadina, S.A.

David Albert Marshman, Snr., Horsham, Vic.

For REAL Service in W.A.

L. J. WEARNE Pty. Ltd.
Members R.E.I.W.A., M.L.B.

Offices:

Subiaco—

244 Rokeby Rd., 6008

Bayswater—

3a King William St., 6053

Scarborough—

10 Scarborough Bch. Rd., 6019

Doubleview—

259b S'borough Bch. Rd., 6018

North Beach—

191 West Coast Hwy., 6020

Tuart Hill—

205 Wanneroo Rd., 6060

AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

119-125 Hawke St.,
West Melbourne, Vic., 3003

Phone: 30-1848

Editor: A. E. WHITE, B.A.

Associate-Editors:

W.A. — J. K. Robinson,
11 Almondbury Rd., Mt. Lawley, 6050.

S.A. — E. P. C. Hollard, J.P.,
31 Tapleys Hill Rd., Glenelg North, 5045.

Tas. — C. J. Robinson,
43a Jermyn St., Ulverstone, 7315

Vic. — W. W. Saunders,
217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000.

N.S.W. — Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.),
B.Sc., Dip.Ed.,
41 The Point Rd., Woolwich, 2110

Qld. — Allan C. Male, Dip.R.E.,
428 Ann St., Brisbane, 4000.

Overseas Correspondent:

S. H. Wilson, 18 Stanley Rd., Leicester, LE2, 1RE,
England.

Advertising Rates

Births, Deaths, Engagements, Marriages, Memorial Notices, Thanks, etc. — per notice: 75c.

Coming Events, For Sale, To Let, Wanted, and similar advertisements, paragraphed — for 24 words: 60c. For five or more consecutive issues: 50c.

Coming Events, Displayed, and similar Displayed Items — for 24 words: 70c. For five or more consecutive issues: 60c.

Accommodation and Travel — For 24 words: \$1.00. For five or more consecutive issues: 85c.

General Advertising—per column inch: \$1.20. For four or more consecutive issues: \$1.00. For quarterly contract: 80c.

Full Page — \$25.00.

Half-Page — \$13.00.

Quarter-Page — \$7.00.

One-Third Page, or one column — \$9.00. For one-third page or more, discount at 10 per cent allowed for four or more weeks booked; 20 per cent for 12 or more issues booked.

Issue:	Deadline:
Aug. 23	Aug. 15
Sept. 6	Aug. 29

THE LAST WORD . . .

Letter from Prison

To his mother—

I thank you for having given me life. When I really think it through, it has all been a single road to God. Do not grieve that I must now skip the last part of it. Soon I shall be closer to you than before. In the meantime I'll prepare a glorious reception for you all.

To his sister—

I never knew that dying is so easy . . . I die without a feeling of hatred . . . never forget that life is nothing but a growing in love and a preparation for eternity.

—Christoph Probst, on day of his death. Executed by Nazis, aged 24, 1943.

Department of Social Service

(The Church in Action)

Churches of Christ Centre,
217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, Vic., 3000

A church without hands or feet is just as helpless as an individual without them.

SOCIAL SERVICE is the hands and feet of the church, functioning according to the measure of support it receives.

Three Homes, sheltering over 192 Sick and Aged.

Let us share together our prosperity and adversity.

Remember the Homes in your will.

Information from the Secretary,
32-2447

INCOME TAX

As a Christian with a sense of responsibility towards the Government, and at the same time a sense of Christian stewardship, you will naturally wish to show your correct income in your tax return, and at the same time, to claim all the deductions to which you are legitimately entitled.

JORDAN BOOKS LTD.

has in stock a book which will give complete, authoritative guidance in regard to every aspect of income tax, and to every aspect of the financial affairs of your church, to ministers, missionaries, church treasurers and all other Christian workers.

This book is

THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF RELIGIOUS ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION by B. Ward Powers.

Price \$3.00, postage 21c. Available from all Christian booksellers or the publishers.

JORDAN BOOKS 189 CHURCH STREET,
NEWTOWN, N.S.W., 2042

The true prophet says humbly, "To me, a sinful man, God spoke." But the scribes and Pharisees declare, "When we speak, God agrees."

—Joy Davidman.

Often you can have the last word by apologizing.

When you pull the wool over anyone's eyes, make sure you have a good yarn.



A doctor posted this notice in his waiting room: "Patients in the waiting room are asked not to exchange symptoms. It gets the doctor hopelessly mixed up."

When a girl finds she's the only pebble on the beach she usually becomes a little bolder.



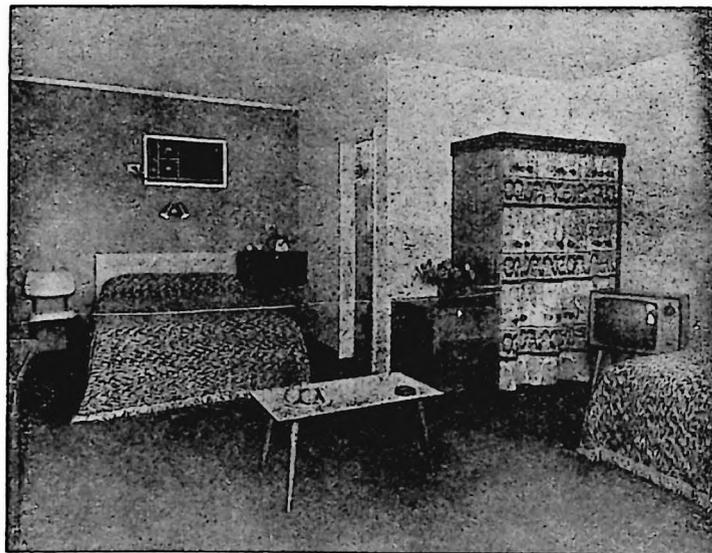
A lot of us would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

The little girl was telling her teacher about her baby teeth coming out. "Pretty soon," said the tyke, "I'll be running on the rims."

ADELAIDE PARKWAY MOTEL

(Within walking distance of the City)

204 GREENHILL RD., PARKSIDE, ADELAIDE, S.A.
Telephone 71 - 0451



53 LUXURIOUS AIR-CONDITIONED SUITES

PRIVATE BATHROOM

TELEVISION

RADIO

REFRIGERATOR

TELEPHONE

SWIMMING POOL

TARIFF

\$6.50 for one person

\$9.00 for two persons

\$11.00 for three persons

\$13.00 for four persons

\$1.00 for Cots

Modern Dining Room —
Not Licensed.

BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED IN PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS

Directors: W. I. McGlasson, D. E. Pritchard, W. L. Brune.