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Top Left: BARRY McMURTRIE (Woolwich)

Right: JOHN FRIEBEL (Kenmore)

Left: GRAHAM MARSH (Glen Iris)

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### COLLEGE ISSUE

## Mr. & Mrs. BROWN MAKE A MINISTER!

Not by themselves, of course. They would be the first to admit that their part is very small. But they know that ministers are made, not born. There is very often a Christian home behind a minister, but there will certainly be a Christian church where the Browns, the Jones and the Smiths, share their faith and make their commitment to the mission of the Christ. Then there is the young man's own faith and his acceptance of the call to service leading to the essential years of training in college. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a double role in the making of a minister. They are a part of the local church which sends him and they support the college which trains him.

We need lots of Browns, etc., etc., for we have more men training for the ministry today than at any other time in our history. Our three colleges are planning new advances in theological studies, pastoral concern, and church leadership.

The Christian ministry is still attracting many fine young men. We say, "still attracting," because many denominations are finding it increasingly difficult to gain recruits in this field. Most churches have declining memberships and this fact, taken with a booming Australian economy offering exciting and interesting employment opportunities never before equalled, makes it understandable that fewer men might offer themselves for Christian service.

Not all who set out on the path for the ministry reach their destination. Some, perhaps, find the academic demands beyond their capacities. Standards are higher than ever before because the minister is serving a community which is much better educated. But there are other young men who are troubled by the ferment in ideas and

the invasion of the spirit of rebellion into almost every area of life. The Christian faith is being challenged as never before. Young people in schools, colleges, and universities have to maintain their faith and choose their vocations in the face of many adverse pressures.

Although the ministry is not a wholly paid profession, our ministers-to-be have never expected that it would be. It is not the money which would hold men back to today. There is a much more important consideration that has to be faced. It is what the sociologist calls "work satisfaction."

If a young man is to offer himself for training, the ministry will be required to offer a fulfillment in Christian service that cannot be gained in his spare time/part time service. If we are to urge the best of our young men into the pulpits to preach, into the homes to counsel, into the classrooms to teach, and into the world to witness, they will expect a strong affirmative answer to the question, "Does Christianity make a real difference in life?" We find it easy to define (even if we can't solve) economic and social needs. Can we as easily define spiritual needs?

The answer will be found in the colleges where dedicated men build their programmes around a strong affirmation of faith in a personal Saviour who is also Lord of the world. But the answer is also found in the local church where the Browns and the Jones and the Smiths express their faith in their personal lives, worship in and serve through the local church, and build bridges of concern in community Christian outreach. And they will help to keep our colleges strong and effective in their task of training ministers. Join them!

## DEAD OR ALIVE?

According to Halford Luccock, the State of Ohio, U.S.A., set a problem for the churches within its boundaries. They had to prove, within a specified time, that they were still alive.

The Secretary of State, required all churches to file a "statement of continued existence." Those churches that failed to record, ran the danger of having their charters cancelled.

This might well prove a profitable exercise for Churches of Christ in Australia.

But how do churches go about this business of proving that they are alive?

There are congregations that may draw attention to the multiplicity of activities; the number of auxiliaries that keep the lights burning in the church-hall night after night; the crusades and campaigns that keep the congregation in constant fervour or fever, and they will maintain that these are evidence of abundant living.

In fact, they may mean nothing more significant than that a congregation or its leaders are suffering from a severe attack of "the holy figdits." It is not difficult to mistake scurrying activity for mission to the world.

Another congregation may consider itself alive if it is solvent—without a financial care—whether or not it justifies its existence as a Christian fellowship with an earnest outreach to the lost.

A half century of service to the brotherhood—all

Guest Editorial by C. J. ROBINSON, TAS.

but seven of them in the ministry, leaves one wondering whether we have the wherewithal for survival. We have whipped up evangelical enthusiasm; we have tried filling the gaps through which members seem to slip; we have pleaded for closer attention to "the list of the lapsed"; we have applied the emergency brake, and introduced the coffee-break, but there has been no growth of any significance.

One factor that bothers some of us is that so many little causes struggle on from year to year, and then fold up, because they were unable to get the pastoral help required for survival. It was all bound up with economics, while some "live" churches with average to good attendances, go on adding building to building, and equipment to equipment, but are as dead as the proverbial dodo when it comes to extending the fellowship, and the helping hand to those churches that are dying.

In Tasmania, no new cause has been established for more than 40 years, but some have gone out of existence, and others are waiting for the last rites.

A certain Methodist church in Michigan, took its civil defence programme seriously during the Great War. It practised fire-drill, and could evacuate more than 100 people in two minutes. Apart from the fact that some incendiary sermons we have heard could evacuate twice that number in half the time, it does seem that what we need is not fire drill, but a few tongues of living flame to put an end to that parochialism that bids fair to cause our demise.

# MINISTRY — THEN and NOW

By E. L. WILLIAMS,  
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E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A.

WHEN Alexander Campbell first read his father's "Declaration and Address" he said he would give his life to preaching the principles presented therein without payment for his ministry. His father warned him that by such a path he would have to wear many a ragged coat. It appears that a few years later Alexander firmly resolved never to accept pay for preaching. Fortunately for him the gift of a farm by his father-in-law saved him from the practicalities of economic determinism in relation to ministry. This attitude was not without its influence on attitudes to the ministry in the life of churches of Christ.

### EARLY ATTITUDES CONCERNING MINISTRY

From the beginning, those who desired to restore what they understood as New Testament Christianity emphasised the priesthood of all believers. Even if the Church was thought of as a Theocracy or a Christocracy there was a democratic emphasis which was sometimes fierce. These emphases found expression in a marked antagonism to a "professional" ministry. Alexander Campbell's "Third Epistle of Peter," at once humorous and painful, is a classical example of anti-professionalism.

While the Campbells were well trained the various attitudes within the movement led to at least early indifference regarding training for ministry. As the movement grew, however, Alexander Campbell saw the need for trained ministry and this led him to establish Bethany College in 1840.

Within Churches of Christ in Britain the influence of what has been described as "the Plymouthian Leaven" (Plymouth Brethren) did not make for an emphasis upon a specialised or trained ministry.

These attitudes carried through to Australia as seen in the emphasis upon what was called the mutual ministry. Ministries of preaching and shepherding were quite commonly performed with great credit by those who earned their livelihood in various vocations. Mutual ministry, opposition to professionalism and rejection of a clerical class within the Church walked hand in hand. Such emphases, together with the economic determinism of the times, led to the economic depression of those who offered "to live by the gospel." In some quarters these attitudes showed through in a hesitation about a "parson factory" in the form of a College of the Bible to train for ministry.

### UNCHANGING ATTITUDES CONCERNING MINISTRY

While some things reflect how we are all children of our times and circumstances we see that there are unchanging attitudes about the ministry.

The New Testament doctrine of the priesthood of all believers provides an unchanging emphasis among Churches

of Christ upon the ministry of the whole Church. Priesthood is interpreted in terms of ministry. All Christians offer themselves as living sacrifices which is their reasonable service, and offer all manner of spiritual sacrifices including their sacrifices of praise (Rom. 12: 1; Heb. 13: 15).

The Church is only the Church as it is in mission. Its life consists in mission. The whole mission of the whole Church calls every member into ministry. There is but one ministry. It is the ministry of the whole Church.

Any specialised ministry is functional. Function is according to gifts and call. If some feel called to "live by the gospel" their ministry will be recognised as a functional ministry within the total ministry of the Church. Confirmation of their felt call by an actual call to minister in a certain way does not make them a class with exclusive powers, rights, or privileges. While in practice, responsibilities of leadership and service may fall primarily on them their functions are not exclusive but may be shared by others.

In an earlier day the emphasis on a functional ministry was expressed by designating those who lived by the gospel according to function. Hence they were called "pastors," "evangelists," "preachers." Since all are priests, ministers, servants, none is the minister of the Church. "Minister" was not favoured as a designation.

Practice has shown, however, that various functions—shepherding, evangelising, teaching, overseeing, etc.—are fulfilled by one man who lives by the gospel so that old designations appear inadequate. We have found it hard to know how to describe neatly the function of one who lives by the gospel. Quite commonly we have now chosen "minister" as a designation because of its comprehensiveness, trusting that in the context of our tradition and the actual situation we shall not be misunderstood.

It is clear from the New Testament that it is the responsibility of the whole Church to be involved in mission and every member to be engaged in ministry; but it is equally clear that there were specialised ministries within the whole ministry according to gifts and needs (1 Cor. 12: 28; Rom. 12). There were those who were officially appointed to special ministries as evangelists, deacons, elders. Specialised functionaries were accepted as a gift to the Church for the equipping of the community of saints for the work of the ministry (Ephes. 4: 11-12).

Experience has confirmed the doctrine of total ministry and ministry within ministry. Need and practice have emphasised specialised ministries and the necessity of training for such. It is being pressed home even more today that the demand is for both more specialised ministries and more specialised training for such. The ministry of providing for ministry rests upon the whole Church.

# THE MINISTER'S PREPARATION

By JAMES H. JAUNCEY

PRINCIPAL OF KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



Dr. J. H. JAUNCEY

**TRAINING ESSENTIAL.** Almost all religious bodies are now convinced that the ministry is too important to relegate to untrained men. Preaching the gospel affects men's eternal destiny and therefore preparation is infinitely more critical here than for doctors, engineers and tradesmen.

The claim that "all you need is the Holy Spirit" is just as nonsensical when applied to the ministry as when applied to medicine or farming. The Holy Spirit works through human means not outside of them.

In New Testament days, the apostles spent three and a half years' preparation under the teaching of Jesus. In the early church, long periods of training in the catechetical schools were rigorously demanded.

It is true that some untrained men are doing fine. Those who do succeed are usually men of such ability that they can overcome the deficiency. But just think of how much more they could do for God if they had had the training?

**THE PRESUPPOSITION OF TRAINING.** Obviously, training is not possible unless there is something to train. As far as the ministry is concerned just being a live body is not enough. The minister, like every Christian, is a human being plus. That plus is the impregnation of the human spirit by the Spirit of God: regeneration. This cannot be taught. It comes from a person's own committal.

But conversion is not enough. The successful preacher must be possessed by the Spirit of God and the degree of this will depend on how he develops his spiritual life. This cannot be taught either but it can be encouraged.

**EDUCATIONAL DEFICIENCIES.** Quite often a person will be called to the ministry but have educational deficiencies. (In Australia this means having a level lower than full Matriculation). Raising this level is important for two reasons: (1) It is needed as a basis for theological study. (2) It will keep the minister up to the level of most people to whom he ministers. Personally I feel that a man should not be excluded because of these deficiencies if he has the call of God and this is backed up by his church. However, he should not receive anything more than provisional credit until he matriculates. Kenmore provides its own tuition for these problems and also a one-semester preparatory course where this is desired. I would like to see all colleges doing this.

**THE THEOLOGICAL COURSE.** In-college training for the ministry is very much in a flux at the moment. The traditional method has been to train a man in various subjects representing the Christian heritage and hope that some-

how out of this a minister will emerge. But a recent trend has been to make the training more direct by schooling the man in the practical details needed on the job such as sermon delivery, counselling, administration, conduct of meetings, fund raising and the like.

But these two views are not mutually exclusive. The traditional disciplines enrich a man in himself which is necessary if he is going to be more than a mere tradesman, yet obviously a great amount of time must be spent in achieving professional proficiency.

**VARIETY.** The secret of enrichment is variety and flexibility. Each man's needs are different. Therefore the old idea of insisting on a set academic menu which everyone must eat will no longer do. Yet there must be no serious gaps in the minister's knowledge. Kenmore has been experimenting on this problem by giving the student elective choice within compulsory areas. Now about 40 courses are offered from which the student must select some in each of the following fields: Old Testament, New Testament, Theology (and Christian thought generally), History, Practicum, these to be studied simultaneously.

But variety in presentation is as important as content. This requires many different teachers and this is a serious problem in Australia where funds are not available. Kenmore has sought to meet this need by drawing on the resources in the community. At the moment there are three full-time lecturers and 12 part-time lecturers besides 13 at the Divinity Dept. at the University with which the College is associated.

**TRAINING TO THINK.** Brainwashing has no place in the training of the modern minister yet he must not be indifferent or neutral. The theological college is not like a university which can adopt a take-it-or-leave-it attitude. The minister must be a man of solid convictions yet with a mind always open to further truth. The lecturer must present all relevant points of view yet must have thought things through to such an extent that he can conclude "this is what I believe and this is why . . ."

**PROGRESSIVE ASSESSMENT.** The old method of assessing a student's progress by a final three-hour examination is happily dying out. That was simply a memory test anyway. At Kenmore a student accumulates credit as he goes along by assignments, tests and exercises. This is right in the vanguard of educational reform. Theological colleges should use the best that educational research has to offer.

KENMORE  
CHRISTIAN  
COLLEGE  
TODAY

## KENMORE OFFERING SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER

### Ministers for Tomorrow . . .



In an age when man reaches the moon the theological college must not move with the horse and buggy. The world of tomorrow calls for ministers with vision and initiative, flexible enough to meet the rapidity of change. Kenmore was born in the Space Age, unhampered by the traditions of the past. From its onset the Board of Management and faculty have been dedicated to making the ministry more relevant. New courses have been introduced, archaic subjects abandoned, educational advances put into effect, students trusted to make their own rules and heavy emphasis placed up professional competency.

Kenmore especially encourages the gaining of academic degrees. The college co-operates with the University of Queensland, the only Australian university to grant a primary B.D., thus enabling students to gain the B.D. while training for the ministry.

When further advances are made Kenmore will try to be right there in the vanguard. Pray with us as we explore new paths for a greater brotherhood tomorrow, by training ministers who are not only on fire for God, but thoroughly equipped for the age in which they live.



EXIT STUDENTS AND FULL-TIME FACULTY

FRONT ROW: John Friebe, Mr. G. R. F. Ellis, Dr. J. H. Jauncey (Principal), Mr. F. Ewers, Daryl Thorpe.  
SECOND: Trevor Meares, Kevin Berston, Barry Rice, Graham Poulton, Geoffrey Risson, Rodney Feldhahn.  
BACK: Arthur Griffiths, Ross McLean, Bruce Heyworth, George Chambers, Colin McCosker.

# IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

FIFTY years ago, I preached my first sermon to a congregation meeting in a country hall just outside the city of Perth.

Then, while studying at Glen Iris, I served with the church at Burnley for four years. During three of those years I was the student-minister. This suburb had sections of slum dwellings and many of the residents were unemployed and very poor. To those people the church gave spiritual and material help. As a result many victories were won for Christ. How encouraging it is to meet those who were converted to Christ in those days.

My first full-time appointment was with the church at Moorhouse Avenue, Christchurch, New Zealand. I found the church building an architect's delight. I was with the church a few months before my fiancée came from Victoria to Invercargill where we were married. The kindness of the members at Invercargill and Christchurch was overwhelming. To return to those centres 18 months ago and preach there, meeting some who were in the congregations so long ago, was a blessing.

During this period I had set my heart on securing a training at a University, and to this end I returned to Melbourne. After a few months in a part-time ministry with the church at Camberwell, we responded to the call from the church at Parkdale. While serving the church full-time, I set out on a part-time university course for the next five years. During this period, the great depression hit us overnight. People then began to leave the district. Consequently there were rows and rows of empty newly-built houses. The Parkdale church undertook a ministry of practical help to the very needy in the area. As a result of the three separate terms of ministry with the Parkdale church we have a high regard for the members of this church by the sea.

A call came to us from the church at Hampton, another seaside town. To both Parkdale and Hampton in those days, visitors came from many places to enjoy summer holidays. Over this period our services would be crowded. We sought to make our ministry a blessing to these visitors. We thus became known to church members associated with many suburban and country churches.

We were always happy in our pastoral work. Ministering to people in need always refreshed our own souls.

While we were at Hampton, Ralph Gebbie, who was an editor of the Austral Graded Lessons, died at Auckland, N.Z. When R. T. Pittman was appointed Editor-in-Chief, I was asked to assist him. Then, at a later date, I became Editor-in-Chief. My main task was to prepare lessons for the Junior and Intermediate classes. Although many hours of labour were involved, the financial returns were low and did not cover the cost of the effort demanded in such work. In the earlier days, I would average about \$2 per week and at no time did the payment reach more than \$8 per week. This meant that schools received lesson material at much less than real cost. However, we looked upon this work as a means of service. Our aims were to urge both teacher and scholar to face up to God's aim for them in life. We would say, "What God says is of more importance than what men say." In general, the lessons had a good acceptance throughout Australia and New Zealand.

During 1941, A. R. Main was invited to take up the position of Principal of the Bible College in N.S.W. When Mr. Main resigned from the editorship of "The Australian Christian," I was called to the position, with D. E. Pittman serving as manager of the paper. These were rewarding and exciting

By A. W. STEPHENSON,

PRINCIPAL, CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

days. The war in the Pacific intensified and Australia was in real danger. Because of the differences of opinion about Christians and war, the work of editing the paper was like driving a team of very lively horses. We felt there was a need for the presentation of differing viewpoints but at the same time a need to follow a strong editorial policy and to state this policy in no uncertain terms. We also sought to minister to the needs of readers who were facing the problems of war and also the terrible agony and sorrow associated with it.

We held that the readers of a journal determined its policy. If they did not approve of it, they would let the editor know in some way. Either the circulation would drop or agents in churches would tell of the reactions of readers. During this period the circulation of "The Christian" increased and, at times, broke records. This was so until shortage of paper and the cost of production forced an increase in price. However, this did not unduly affect the circulation.

Toward the end of 1950, we were invited to go to N.S.W. to take charge of the Bible College. We had already refused a similar call years before. Even at that time we did not desire to leave Victoria or the ministry of "The Christian." Although we at first refused to accept the call, the strong plea from N.S.W. made us yield. My teaching experience at Glen Iris during two separate periods gave me a great love for the ministry of teaching the Word of God to young people.

We were warned about the various problems we could face in going to N.S.W. There were various undercurrents. However, after the first conference discussion on the college work, differences were faced by delegates and goodwill and harmony prevailed. Not that all the differences were resolved, but the brethren agreed to recognise various viewpoints and yet work together.

During the years since, we have had the co-operation and support of churches in the plans to develop the college. To the fine stone building purchased originally, there have been added the Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel, Corlett Hall, a Vice-Principal's Residence, a fine Library building and in more recent days accommodation for married students. The standard of entrance and the content of the College course have been raised. Over the years enrolments have increased. We are much indebted to Miss F. M. Ashwood who has provided the College with funds to encourage young men to continue their study with an Australian University. This policy has been very profitable for students and churches.

Men and women who have been trained at the college are now serving in all parts of the Commonwealth, also in New Zealand, India, the New Hebrides and New Guinea. Others are at work among the Aborigines and in other specialised services.

In recent times I have been in conference with Australian church leaders who are seeking to find ways toward closer unity within the church. It has been thrilling to find just how relevant the plea of Churches of Christ may be in the present situation. Principles which the leaders of the Restoration Movement laid down more than 100 years ago are now proving to be guidelines for those churches working toward unity. These are the principles I have sought to present in preaching, teaching and writing.

To the many who have been friends and have helped with advice over the years, I should like to express sincere thanks. Mrs. Stephenson joins me in this. We thank God for his blessings. We thank him for the opportunity to serve him in so many ways and in so many places and over so many years.

# WOOLWICH 1969-70

## PLAN TO COME:

First Term, 1970, begins on February 24, when the College gears itself to a more practical series of courses for the training of men and women in Christian service. Share in this new vision and development.

## COURSES AT WOOLWICH:

In addition to normal growth, some specific changes will be made in—

- **Biblical Studies.** In both the Old Testament and New Testament fields, tremendous advances in up-to-date studies, currently practised overseas, will be strategically applied. Library facilities, which have progressively reached a very high level, are constantly being extended for this purpose.
- **Missionary Studies.** Here the curriculum will be enlarged to include courses covering present-day requirements in Modern Mission Survey, Practical Missions, Cultural Anthropology, Elementary Linguistics. Seminars with missionaries of many years' field experience will make these features "come alive."
- **Psychology and Personal Counselling.** This very practical field will also be stepped-up to give out-going students a more intensive look at and appreciation of the needs of the individual in the modern community.
- **Secular Studies.** Opportunities will be widened for students requiring "Secular" tuition to come straight into College and enrol in the "Secular Course"—to fit them for the more advanced Biblical and Theological levels.



FOURTH-YEAR EXIT STUDENTS: Barry Brown, Garry Towle, George Elliott, B.A., Colin Crago, Bob Smith, L.Th., Garry Walker, Barry McMurtrie.

Also, Women Exits include Misses Jenny Doye, Judith Gordon, Margaret Horne, Mary Pitt and Betty Yates, who expect to complete the two-year Missionary Certificate Course in November.

## WOOLWICH STUDENTS SERVING:

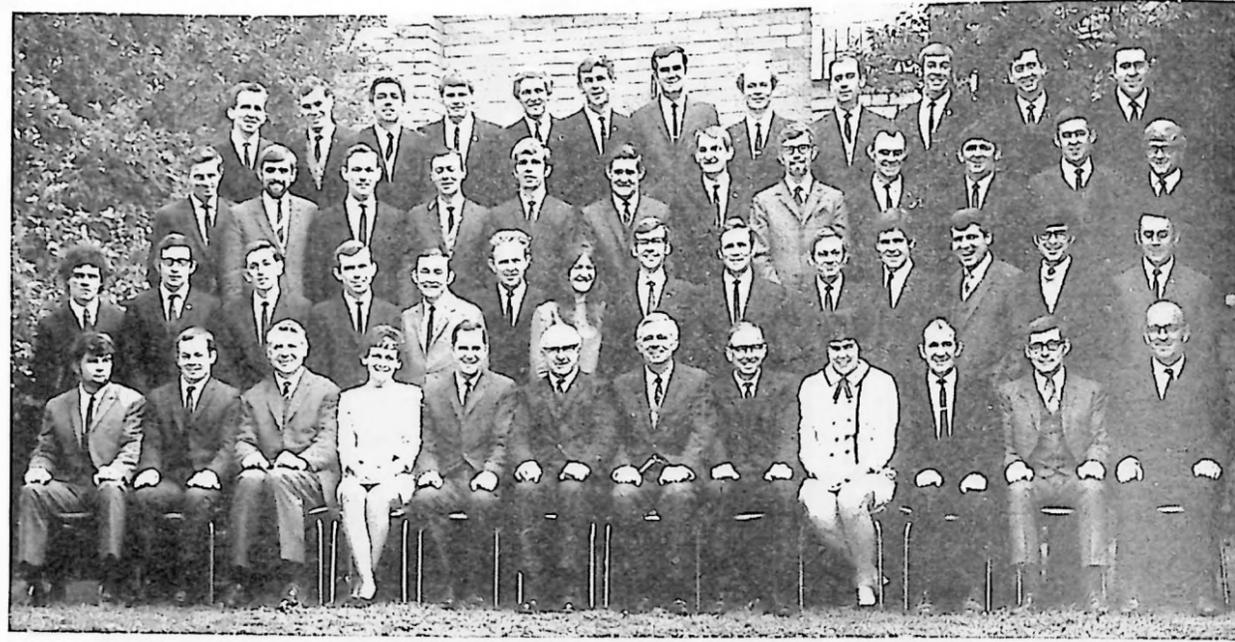
More than one hundred Woolwich graduates are serving in Christian work in all States of Australia, in New Zealand, among our Aborigines' Missions, and overseas, in India, the New Hebrides and New Guinea. YOU, too, can share in the support of this expanding ministry.

## AN IDEAL SETTING:

Beautifully situated on the strategic point where the Lane Cove River empties into Sydney Harbour, the New South Wales College offers unparalleled opportunities in training to serve the Lord — wherever he may call. Woolwich is a Bible-centred, Gospel-oriented College, where the atmosphere is conducive to study, and where untold opportunities exist, among the surrounding Sydney churches, for the development of a practical Christian witness.



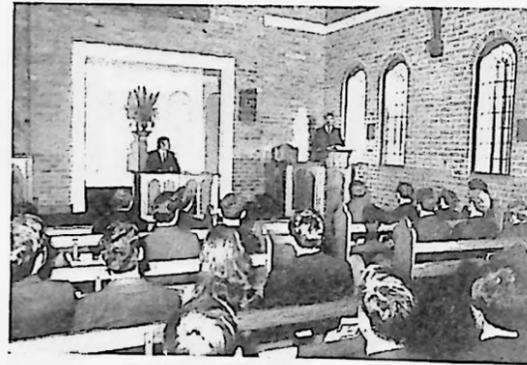
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THE COLLEGE AT WORSHIP.

## ANNUAL OFFERING SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER



"SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG."



"CONTINUING IN FELLOWSHIP."

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# IN APPRECIATION



A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A.,  
Principal, N.S.W. Bible College, 1951-1969

G. H. SLOMAN,  
Chairman, College Board,  
pays tribute to  
the Principal . . .

FOR some months now, the brotherhood throughout Australia has known of the pending retirement of A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal of the Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W. It seems fitting, therefore, in this College issue of our national paper, that some reference be made to the life and work of this man who has made such a mark among our people here and overseas, and who has endeared himself to them.

When Principal Stephenson intimated to the Woolwich College Board of Management that he would like to relinquish his post after the Christmas 1969 vacation, it was realised by all present that we were indeed coming to the end of a great and notable era in the history of the College. For almost 20 years Principal Stephenson has been at the head of the Faculty, and it is almost impossible to assess the vast contribution he has made by his scholarly teaching of the Word and the guiding and moulding of lives destined for the full-time ministry. There are so many in different parts of our own continent as well as in fields beyond who, having sat under A. W. Stephenson during their College course, acknowledge the debt they owe him for his ability and willingness to impart knowledge and understanding.

Mr. Stephenson has been blessed in having at his side for so many years a most wonderful helpmeet in the person of Mrs. Stephenson. This gracious lady has done more for the College than most of us will ever know. Times out of number has she come to our aid and solved problems, which, it seems, only our womenfolk know how to handle. Visitors to Woolwich will always remember her kindness and hospitality to them during their stay.

The writer has known Mr. Stephenson since his appointment as Principal in 1951, and has worked in close association with him in the administrative affairs of the College for over 10 years. Out of this experience comes the realisation that here has been no ordinary man and that through all these years it has been a privilege indeed to have worked with someone completely dedicated to his task.

It is our earnest prayer that Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson will enjoy a long and happy retirement together, and that Dr. and Mrs. Elliott will be greatly used of God in their future years with the Woolwich College.

D. J. A. VERCO, former  
chairman, College Board, also  
writes in appreciation . . .

THE N.S.W. Bible College has been fortunate in having as successor to its first two distinguished principals, A. W. Stephenson, A. R. Main and H. J. Patterson were both men who combined scholarship with practical wisdom. Principal Stephenson has maintained this worthy tradition.

Under his leadership, requirements for admission to the college were lifted in accordance with the general upthrust of educational standards. The coverage and demands of the course were similarly enlarged and increased, so that successful graduates can be assured of a high reputation in scholastic achievement. Through his encouragement, many students have continued with university work and thus broadened their educational base in a community which is increasingly demanding high educational standards of those who take a lead in thinking about religion and life.

While urging the importance of academic study, Principal Stephenson also emphasised the practical side of preparation for the ministry. Himself an admirable pastor and teacher, he has always sought to give his students much practical guidance and experience in these spheres.

As Principal of a Bible College, he has ably taken a lead in matters concerning theological training and has splendidly represented the Churches of Christ in ecumenical affairs.

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## Tribute to A. W. Stephenson

**D. J. A. VERCO**  
continues . . .

It was largely on his initiative that conversations have been held among the representatives of the three Bible Colleges of the Churches of Christ in Australia; these conversations have covered many matters of common interest, and have led to agreements on standards, scope of courses, and relative spheres of influence.

He was active also with the leaders of other theological colleges in N.S.W. in seeking to establish a working relationship with universities in matters of theological training. Although much remains to be done in this field, his work has prepared the way for future progress.

We give thanks for his courageous representation of our plea in a number of ecumenical encounters. Of particular interest, recently, has been his participation in conversations between Catholic and Protestant leaders. For many years he was a powerful representative of Churches of Christ in the N.S.W. Council of Churches and on the Australian Council of Churches.

We honour him as a faithful witness to the principles of New Testament Christianity, as a great teacher, and above all as one in whom the love of Jesus Christ is exemplified in every word and deed.

**RANDALL T. PITTMAN**  
remembers the Pastor . . .

IT was my privilege to be closely associated with A. W. Stephenson during his ministry at Hampton, Vic., which began in July, 1934, and ended in December, 1941. I had formed a high opinion of him during his student days at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, but it was during his term at Hampton that I came to know him as pastor and preacher.

During that troubled period when people were distressed by the depression and fears of a second world war there was much need of pastoral work. Mr. Stephenson entered upon that work with sympathy and understanding. As one who in his own family had experienced the dreaded poliomyelitis (one of his boys contracted the disease and needed much loving care for a long period), he was able to minister to others who needed comfort.

As a preacher, A. W. Stephenson was well qualified to expound the scriptures. His studies at the University of Melbourne included Classical Greek and Ancient History. These subjects were helpful in supplementing the knowledge of New Testament language and background which he had gained during his College course. His preaching was Bible-centred. While not overlooking the present-day problems which people found so perplexing, he realised the importance of a clear presentation of "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints." This enabled him to be a teacher as well as a proclaimer of the Word. He realised the value of words, and presented his material in concise form.

A. W. Stephenson was a keen brotherhood man. He kept in touch with the various Departments, and served on various committees. During his ministry at Hampton he became a member of the Faculty at Glen Iris, and an editor of Austral Graded Lessons. He preached the Victorian Conference sermon in 1937.

**WILL R. HIBBURT**  
recalls the Penman . . .

WE expose our interior self when we write, be it a letter or a reasoned article. This is particularly true of an editor. The writings of A. W. Stephenson provide the measure of the man—his literary ability, his seasoned wisdom, his primary loyalties and truths that matter most.

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- (2) Loyalty to the New Testament as a book of authority in Christian life,
- (3) In all things give Christ pre-eminence,
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### THE ETHICS OF RESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor,

Today we hear of unity—unity in managing the affairs of our brotherhood, e.g., Unified Promotion, and unity in uniting the various denominations of a world brotherhood so that Christian Work and Witness counts most. There are arguments for and against "unity," especially the unity or federation of Christian peoples of various hopes and convictions. The question is how individual Christians, local churches, ministers may approach the subject. Robert A. Dahl in "Pluralist Democracy in the United States: Conflict and Consent" says: "Lying between the simple extreme of unprincipled politics and rigid morality is a domain of action that can be called the ethics of responsibility: meaning . . . an attempt to weigh the consequences of each alternative as intelligently as possible, and then to choose the best available. Acting according to the ethics of responsibility, a leader cannot enjoy the luxury of rejecting an imperfect compromise . . . so long as that compromise represents the best possible alternative presented . . . Irresponsibility, in this view, consists not in making concessions, but in making unnecessary concessions; not in adhering strictly to principle, but in holding rigidly to one principle at excessive cost of other principles."—G. Setsman (S.A.).

### INDIA AS IT IS

To the Editor,

There have been many recent vague statements about missionary work in India. I would like to make some observations:

1. The reasons given when missionaries are refused visas are varied. Usually the government requests that an Indian national should be found to replace the missionary. This may not be easy, but I think we can appreciate the concern of the government.

2. When missionaries are told to leave at short notice, it is usually because they are working in border areas, and other foreign business men are usually asked to leave also.

3. There have been some new missionaries entering India over the last twelve months; certainly only a trickle, but it is not correct to say that no new visas have been granted.

4. Almost without exception, present missionaries are given a "no objection to return" certificate when they go on furlough.

5. There are no restrictions on Commonwealth citizens entering and working in India. It is possible for Christians to enter the country and work on certain agricultural, medical, relief, scientific and educational projects without any visa requirement. There are many opportunities of secular employment which would allow avenues of Christian witness.

—L. R. Reeves (Vic.).

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### JUDGMENT DAY

To the Editor,

*Our church board has just had judgment day. They have separated the sheep from the goats. They have put the Christians on the Active Roll and the backsliders on the Inactive Roll. The backsliders were costing us too much in Conference fees. The board was very business like about it and they worked out a neat formula for the separation. I thought that they might have used the New Testament formula in Matthew 25, and found out which of us visited prisoners, and fed the hungry and cared for the foreigners. But they had a quicker, easier way than that. Their criterion was whether a person had attended ten services for the year.*

*It does make it that much easier to be a Christian. No awkward things like Christian discipline, second miles, Bible study, prayer, and "climbing the steep ascent of heaven through peril, toil and pain." All you have to do is go to church ten times a year . . . provided of course that you are baptized as well.*

*Mr. Editor, do you think that attending a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon should count as a church attendance?*

TERTIUS.

### OPEN MEMBERSHIP

To the Editor,

Much concern has been expressed regarding the "liberalism" in the "Open Membership" letters of Tertius and others. a. In effect they deny the plea for existence of Churches of Christ as such. b. Then, by condonation of others' commands, deny the authority of the Word of God.

In the "liberal" camp, there seems to be a promotion of the "love" that is not in the obedience to Christ's commands, and a general tendency to purify the water by whitewashing the pump.

The Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Table are as usual the main avenue of contention. Who would dare with impunity to break down the authority of God's Word, and promote unbelievers' baptism? Or to improve the Lord's Table by force-feeding the emblems to either those capable or incapable of belief, in case it did some sort of good.

Statistics warn that the flourishing church is the one which stands on the Word of God and on the other side the cults such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Herbert W. Armstrong flourish as such.

Yes, the Lord does add to the Church; but also adds warning to additive gospel teaching. Christian love also brings admonition.—H. H. Large, Qld.

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## Loss to the West

Following nine years of service with the Christian Welfare Centre, Miriam Holloway left the Centre and W.A. in August, 1969, to reside in Victoria, the State of her birth.

Miriam Morrall was baptised by A. J. Fisher in 1929 in the Preston Church of Christ, was married to Jan Holloway at Brighton by Stan Lowe, and shortly afterwards transferred to Tasmania, where they resided from 1948-57. Mr. Holloway was appointed as manager of an insurance company in Perth and on transfer to this State it was not long before Miriam became involved in Social Service work, first as a representative of the Women's Auxiliary on the Social Service Committee in 1958, and in 1960 as Superintendent of the Welfare Centre. Over nine years of continuous service Miriam has seen the Welfare Centre grow from a simple distributing agency where provision of blankets and clothing was made to needy pensioners, to its present day activities involving an annual case load of 3,000 persons, and a staff of four full-time and three part-time workers. She has dealt with thousands of social problems including Aborigines, alcoholics, deserted wives, migrants.

In her membership with the city Church of Christ, Mrs. Holloway played an important part in helping family groups in the immediate vicinity of the Christian Centre.

She represented the committee on the Good Neighbour Council and the Council of Social Services, and has been requested to be W.A. representative of the Council of Social Services on the Australian Council of Social Services centred in Victoria.

Her husband Jan has been a loyal supporter of this work, and for the major part of Miriam's activity with the Welfare Centre acted as treasurer of the committee, and was responsible for much of the careful financial planning in each advance of the Welfare Centre. A public representative farewell was held in the Christian Centre on July 29 at which presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Holloway in appreciation of services rendered. Brotherhood speakers expressed their thanks.

### VISITORS TO BENTLEIGH

(Vic., A. H. Pigdon). H. Barclay from Regions Beyond Mission, was recent speaker. He showed interesting slides of the work in Nepal . . . A Youth for Christ Team led by Clive Stebbins, were guests at a smorgasbord tea on Sept. 7. At the evening service, Len Wallace, organist, and singing by Glenys McDonald, Fortune Singers and Part-Time Singers, assisted in presenting the gospel mainly to youth . . . Mrs. A. Box is new resident at the Oakleigh Guest Home . . . Ian McDonald has been home on leave prior to leaving for Liverpool, N.S.W., for National Service . . . The tennis team won the grand final in the winter competition B2 Grade.

### 16 TONS OF WOOD

(Swan Hill, Vic., G. A. Harrison). The Christian Men's Fellowship has collected 16 tons of firewood and distributed 20 loads to older church members and contacts . . . The B.S. was represented at Christian Life Curriculum Seminar in Echuca on Aug. 13 . . . Arch Jeffrey has returned to England for a three-months' trip to visit relatives . . . A young married couple has been welcomed on transfer from Mayfield, N.S.W.

### PEEL ST. VISITS

(Vic., J. T. Timms). Seven cars took C.Y.F. members to Dunolly's 97th church anniversary. Cars also conveyed C.Y.F.'s to the DeWalt Crusade at Collingwood and the Half-Yearly Convention at Ararat . . . A special service was conducted for C.Y.F. by the State Migrant Service Team led by P. Strack . . . A young lady confessed Christ and two other brethren made reconsecrations . . . Y.P. have shared in a lesson series, "Winning Men to Christ" by Frank Hunting at Dawson St. church . . . A Y.A.F. has been formed for adults 21 to 31 . . . A White Elephant Sale in aid of proposed Christian Educ. Centre raised \$256. A loan has been made available through the Properties Corporation.

### BROTHERHOOD INVOLVEMENT

(Robinvale, Vic., E. K. Morrison). Don Smith and Ted Keating, of H.M. Dept., shared with us at church—then three of our elders attended the H.M. Consultations in Melb. . . The annual meeting elected W. G. and D. J. Chislett, G. S. Cameron as elders, and six deacons . . . The film, "Gospel Blimp" was screened to conclude second of Happy Hours . . . "Education for Christian Living," has

been used as resource material for four weeks at the Prayer and Bible Study meetings . . . Local C.E. invited Don. Prout and a group from Melbourne to lead a special youth weekend. Baptist C.E. Society of Mildura also shared . . . Junior Camp and combined meetings of C.Y.F. with Meth.-Pres. Youth Club well supported.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

(Berwick, Vic., B. F. Goldsteen). The long awaited centenary celebrations are under way. Visits from churches, members and speakers including A. Avery, K. R. Bowes and E. L. Williams have been appreciated. The concert led by Alan Rowe was well attended and a great success. Leading ticket-sellers, Kristine Fletcher, Gail Symes and Alex Stephenson, have been awarded plane trips. S.S. anniversary and picnic are other eminent features of centenary activities, a large influx of ex-members and friends is expected for fellowship on Oct. 5, to climax the six-week programme.

### COTTAGE FELLOWSHIP

(La Trobe Tce., Geelong, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). During winter months Mr. Holmes started Cottage Fellowship meetings in various areas of the city. These resulted in some restorations and renewed interest. There have been seven recommendations and one addition over past few months . . . "Afterglow," the Y.P. after-church Coffee Club, celebrated its first birthday. Attendances have been up to 100 . . . Christian Literature Week was celebrated with a book display and the first anniversary of the church library set up by the Youth Fellowship . . . Geelong churches were visited by Don DeWalt team on Aug. 6 . . . G. R. Stirling shared with the churches here, Sept. 12-16.

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## GETTING READY

(Kalgoorlie, W.A., A. Coleman). Teachers and other adults of church are studying booklet, "Education for Christian Living" at monthly tea and fellowship meetings in preparation for New Curriculum next year . . . Badminton Club raised \$90 at a variety concert and \$25 at a surprise social—proceeds for church school . . . Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and family visited Esperance during school term holidays to contact church members and to visit Fairhaven. They took various items collected by the ladies . . . The opening and dedication of St. Peter's Combined Church at Kambalda took place on Aug. 23. We have members loyally working there . . . Representatives of I.T.I.M. visited Kalgoorlie recently and held a three-day seminar to assist Ministers' Fraternal in their Mission to industry in district.

## CALL ACCEPTED

(Northcote, Vic., A. B. Withers). Graham Marsh has accepted a call to minister to the church commencing early in 1970 . . . At the annual meeting all retiring officers were re-elected . . . C.W.E.F. held birthday night with Miss P. Davis (Matron, Women's Hospital) as special speaker.

## NEW SECRETARY

(Ashburton, Vic., M. Gray). Sunday afternoon church business meeting was followed by a family tea. New board members are Trevor Jones and Len Senaris. The new secretary is Frank Robinson . . . Ashburton was host to all churches in the district for quarterly inter-church service. Fellowship supper afterwards . . . Church regrets the loss of the Buchanan family who have moved to Sale . . . L. Dewberry introduced C.L.C. to B.S. staff and Board . . . A successful parent dedication service was held.

## THINGS TO COME

**SEPTEMBER: VICTORIA**  
25 Sun. Bayside Dist. C.Y.F. Programme.  
26-28 C.W.F. Evening Fellowship Camp—Monbulk.  
27 Boys' Sunday.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
**SEPTEMBER:**  
27 September "Youthquake"—Greenacre, 8 p.m.  
26-28 Men's Camp, "Naamaroo," Lane Cove National Park.

**SEPTEMBER: QUEENSLAND**  
24-28 Teen Week at Camp Hill. Ted Watson, Southport.

**OCTOBER:**  
4 Golden Age Retirement Village Opening by His Excellency The Governor.  
9-12 Dept./Church Relationship Programme. Roma. A. C. Male.  
25-26 Half-Yearly Conference, Harlaxton.  
26-31 Dept./Church Relationship Programme. Dalby. A. C. Male.

**WORLD CONVENTION  
ADELAIDE — 1970**

# WHITE PAPERS

## ON LIFE AND FAITH

**THE MANY FACES OF HO** Ho Chi Min had many faces—the simple peasant, the peace-loving uncle of his people, the gentle poet, the frail but durable boss of his Communist party, the neutral balancer on the tight-rope between Peking and Moscow, the playful friend of little children, the subtle diplomat, the ruthless revolutionary, and the treacherous friend. It may take history quite a time to make the real Ho stand up to face mankind's judgment. It can be anticipated, however, that such a judgment will declare that he exacted far too high a price from his country in order to achieve his political aims. It will be taken into account that when the U.S. was making genuine efforts to de-escalate the war, and, later, showing clear signs of wanting to get out of Vietnam completely, the North Vietnamese leader made not one gesture to encourage the hope that peace would come through American withdrawal. There are those who think that the removal of Ho will open the way for more moderate leaders, for Ho was the one constant in the drawn out agony of Vietnam. The South Vietnamese changed leaders and policies several times. The U.S. has had four Presidents throughout their nation's involvement—but Ho was always there, unchanging. It is not known who will replace him, or whether the removal of the man will also take away his people's spirit for war. But whoever follows Ho, it seems certain that for some time, at least, his successor will wear the grim, unyielding mask of war and terrorism that Ho's enemies know only too well.

**GOOD GRIEF!** A recent article in an Australian church paper had this to say about those who advocate the abolition of capital punishment: "The prospect of a prison sentence, rather than execution, encourages the criminal to believe that murder is not so serious after all. This hinders the work of the Holy Spirit in His work of conviction, and the salvation of the guilty soul becomes more difficult. Abolitionists must consider the grave possibility that they are hindering the Spirit of God in His plan of salvation. A murderer facing execution has several months to repent and prepare for eternity. Viewed in this light, his eternal prospects are far greater than those of masses of people killed on our roads each year, without time to prepare."

## SUNSHINE MINISTRY

(Vic.) B. J. Goldsteen will commence a part-time ministry with the church early in 1970 following his service at Berwick.

## AYERS ROCK VACATION

(Qld.) The Queensland D.C.E. organised their third Christian Vacation, this time to Central Australia and the world's largest monolith—Ayers Rock.

Official chaperons, Ted Grenfell, of Toowoomba, and Mrs. Kath. Male, led the party of 23 in a memorable journey of Christian travel and fellowship.

Highlights of the tour were: Meeting Dean Hamilton, the minister at Mildura, the delightful hospitality of Mr. Clark at Churches of Christ camp site at Mildura, Ayers Rock (some brave ones made it right to the top!), PITCHIE RITCHIE and the life-like carvings, camping under the

stars, united service of worship at John Flynn Memorial Church at Alice Springs—at this service two of the tourists (Mary Poole, Kedron Park Teachers' College, and Lyn Miller, assistant to the Director, sang a duet), Mount Isa and the mines.

The next Christian Vacation is to the Atherton Tablelands on Jan. 5-23 with absolutely all expenses paid costing only \$96. Anyone interested should contact the Director at 426 Ann St., Brisbane.

## QLD. YOUTH GROUP EXCHANGE

The Department of C.E. organised the "matched" Youth Group Exchange programme to coincide with the 21st Annual Sports Day on Sept. 6.

This exchange was the visit of young people from provincial centres to the metropolitan clubs and is a means of creating fellowship between C.Y.F. members of the State.

## AUSTRALIAN NURSES' CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT annual public meeting THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION SERVICE

DATE: September 29 (Monday) 7.45 p.m., Collins Street Baptist Church, Melb.

SPEAKER: Mr. J. R. SOLOMON, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., Paediatric Surgeon, Royal Children's Hospital.

SINGING: A.N.C.M. Choir.

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## DR. JAUNCEY INJURED

(Qld.) The Principal of Kenmore College, Dr. J. H. Jauncey, was involved in an automobile accident in a recent tour of the U.S.A. He received numerous injuries, with lacerations of the face, fractured nose and bruised ribs. Failure in one eye was evident on arrival in Australia and surgery was undertaken to release the muscle of the eye which was causing this effect. The brotherhood will rejoice to know that Dr. Jauncey is now progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Jauncey carried out the remaining visits that the Principal was unable to accomplish.

## LES CRISP IN HOSPITAL

(Vic.) The minister of the church at Thornbury, L. G. Crisp, suffered a stroke just prior to the worship service on Sept. 7 and was immediately taken to Heidelberg Hospital for treatment. On going to press his condition was reported as showing some improvement.

## EARLWOOD HONORS MISS COX

(N.S.W.) The church pays tribute to the loyal service of Miss Cox over many years. Whilst Miss Cox is by no means retiring, the church decided to present to her a reading lamp which will help her in the extensive correspondence and paper work that she has to do. As well as her work at Earlwood, Miss Cox is well-known throughout the brotherhood for her valuable role as superintendent of the isolated scholars.

## EXTENSIONS AT HOBART

(Tas., L. Cooke, and R. E. Pfeifer). On Aug. 31 a special service and fellowship tea celebrated the opening of the church and hall following renovations and extensions. The doors were unlocked by A. E. Heard and Miss Jacqueline Caldwell representing older and younger generations. At tea, B. Golder recognised the services of J. Earnshaw, builder, and L. C. Moore, liaison officer . . . A successful Vacation School was held during second week of school holidays . . . R. McKenzie, Director-Elect of Dept. of Christian Educ. shared in a mid-week meeting . . . Y.P. activities have included a sports evening and a car trial.

## THANKS

MRS. F. FERGEUS and Phyllis wish to thank all those who have so kindly expressed love and sympathy to them in their recent sad bereavement. We have felt undergirded by your prayer. Truly God is good. We can praise His name for He has not failed us.

## QUEENSTOWN (S.A.) CHURCH OF CHRIST

**100th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
October 26, 1969**

Old members of Queenstown Church of Christ who are interested in sharing with current members of the church in the centenary programme are invited to contact the church Secretary, Mr. S. Quilliam, 42 Alma-tee, Seaton Park, S.A., 5023, for all information.

1969

# Mission with a Difference

(Tas.) When Ted Keating completed his special campaign with the Margaret St. church in Launceston it had truly been a mission with a difference, and it accomplished what many more costly missions have failed to accomplish. It helped us to see that it is still possible in this day to touch an alienated world for Christ.

In the circumstances we could not have been better served. Built around a number of strong families, Margaret St. exhibits all the strength and weakness of an "in-grown" community. A strong and tightly-knit fellowship, our field of operation has been, for long, critically limited. We needed bridges into a world, stubborn, even hostile, in its indifference. It says much for this effort that we saw them built where we would never have looked for them.

Majoring on friendship, the campaign made most effective use of small fellowships centring around strategically placed homes. These functions were interspersed with luncheons and youth programmes

culminating in "up-tempo'd" Sunday evening services, the best attended in years. The more imaginative use of music was most enthusiastically received.

The campaign owed a lot to the leadership of Ted Keating whose social and teaching gifts are outstanding. He is magnificently equipped to perpetuate and develop that tradition of service we have come to associate with our H.M. Department and its Field Officers. Also worthy of commendation was the quality of local organisation led by Colin Orr.

Directly in consequence of the mission, 13 young people of critical age will be gathered into classes for instruction with a view to baptism and church membership. Other baptisms are pending. Four have been received into membership on application. Others have openly expressed an interest in closer contact with a view to membership. A whole new family of contacts has been added, offering to the church larger opportunities than we have contemplated for a long time.

## 21st

## QLD. SPORTS DAY

This 21st anniversary of Sports Day was improved by the attendance of young people from country churches attending due to the matched Youth Groups Exchange programme.

Junior Champion Girls: Gail Clifford (Camp Hill), Desley Farrow (Acacia Ridge), tied; Junior Champion Boy: Mark Smith (Redcliffe); Juniors—1st, Camp Hill, 2nd, Acacia Ridge, 3rd, Redcliffe; Senior Champion Girl: Carolyn Bedwell (Albion); Senior Champion Boy: Greg Waugh (Albion); Seniors—1st, Chinchilla; 2nd, Albion; 3rd, Annerley. 13 records were broken during the day. Chief organisers of the day were John Lowe (Annerley) and Ray Smith (Kedron).

## HUNGRY CHILDREN

"Most of the world's hunger victims are under the age of five," Mrs. G. N. Frost, National President of the Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign, said recently.

"This ghastly tragedy affects 750 million children in the world today." Mrs. Frost was commenting on the Freedom from Hunger door-knock appeal which will be held throughout Victoria on September 28.

"As you read these words, children are dying of starvation and others are seriously affected by diseases caused by protein deficiency.

"It is hard sometimes for us, in this prosperous and healthy land, to comprehend that 1,000 million hungry people live within five hours' flying time of our shores."

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## The Fascination of the East

By B. V. COVENTRY

The smell of the curries in preparation for the next meal, the rhythm and the pitch of the catching music, the blasting of horns and the weaving of vehicles through crowded streets, the masses of moving humanity—to sell, to buy, to beg, to work—capture, fascinate and hold one to wonder how things get done, especially within anything like punctuality!

It was a wonderful experience meeting old friends, and for a few brief weeks, sharing our love for Christ and his Church.

Looking once again at this ancient, yet modern, land after an absence of almost six years, one could note some of the changes that have taken place, hear some of the problems that have only changed in the increase of their intensity, see some encouraging signs which hold real promise for the future. Let's look at these three aspects very briefly.

1. The rapid expansion of Poona holds one almost spellbound. This city, which used to have a population of one million, has reached out in some directions as far as 11 miles. In the future, this city will have new suburbs where houses will have space around them, roughly eight blocks to an acre instead of the long line of terrible, almost indescribable slum dwellings.

There is also expansion in Bombay, where rows and rows and rows of new 5 to 10-storey flats are springing up. A new causeway bridge (¾ mile) will bring Poona and our area approx. 20 miles nearer Bombay city. Factory development and employment opportunities increase rapidly, but unfortunately not as fast as population increase.

Less dramatic, yet significant, is development in and around Baramati in particular, but our other areas of work also.

2. The problems facing the church

require constant prayer. An indigenous church endeavouring to face up to the whole range of problems confronting them with the inevitable approach of assuming full responsibility for the work cannot but demand our sympathy and understanding. Assured of continuous financial support from the Board they are concerned none the less in the increasing share of the finance that they feel they should shoulder.

3. The growth and general settling down of the church work in Bombay, the improvement in attendance at meetings and their improved giving and potential with their concern for outreach in the newer suburbs, were stimulating.

The large number of our people now living in Poona (over 60 of them, but in widely scattered areas), indicate some of the possibilities for the future. In a meeting with them and in private discussions, we heard of their own aspirations. They have their own ideas for their future development, and we await word from them on how this is to work out.

The concern of young people in some of our older churches regarding evangelism in all its aspects and church and Conference leadership, indicate that young people want to express themselves, share responsibility and feel a real part of the entire work.

We would convey a false impression if we did not admit to some concern on certain levels. But we know that with patience and prayer, what today seems a great problem, will in God's time be resolved.

We thank God for the work in India, for all who have served there, for all who have come into a personal relationship with Christ through the years, and for those who witness for him there today.

### HYMN COMPETITION

Poets, hymn writers and composers are invited to enter the Hymn Competition, for the Adelaide World Convention, 1970.

The hymn should have not more than two verses, with not more than six lines to the verse. The theme is "One World . . . One Gospel." (Not "The Good News" as announced earlier).

Words and music should be sent to A. A. Glastonbury, 17 Kyeema Ave., Cumberland Park, S.A., 5041. Closing date: Oct. 31, 1969.

### INFANT BAPTISM

(U.S.A.). A check on Southern Baptist Convention statistics showed that in 1968, Southern Baptist churches baptised 1,463 children under six years of age, and 38,867 children from six to eight years.

### LOSING INFLUENCE

According to a recent Gallup poll, 70% of adults in the U.S.A. think that religion is losing its influence. In 1957 only 14% felt that way!

### BAPTIST MEN'S TEAM IN N.G.

Two three-man teams left for New Guinea in August to make improvements to the Tinsley Memorial Hospital at Baiyer River, New Guinea. The project will involve the installation of underground water storage tanks to hold, eventually, a reserve capacity of 30,000 gallons; the erection of a 1,000-gall. tank on a 25-ft. tower, installation of an electric pump and a stand-by hand pump; laying of hundreds of feet of pipe; installation of three 60-gall. solar hot water units; and many other jobs related to plumbing, sewerage, major electrical installations and overhaul.

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- An inability to make cheerfully the best use of the equipment that is available; The Christian Life Curriculum will not provide extra rooms, pianos, projectors or paint. Strive for these things—but be cheerful in the present conditions!
- Lack of children to teach! Staff members will still have to promote the activities of their school, canvass for scholars, follow up absentees and nurture each child for his own sake!
- Lack of appreciation of other Christian points of view; A person who is determined to present his individual understanding of the faith and life of the church as the only possible understanding, irrespective of the beliefs of the church as a whole, will still be a problem!

These are just some of the problems which the Christian Life Curriculum cannot possibly solve.

It is only a curriculum—a plan for systematic learning experiences—and it does not claim to be perfect. It is, however, an exciting new tool which can be used to fashion Christian character and purpose in the hands of a dedicated craftsman.

## S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**PIONEERS' AFTERNOON:** Mrs. E. Simpson, President, and members of the Executive, invited pioneer members to an enjoyable afternoon in their honour on Sept. 2. The 147 pioneers present had a happy time of fellowship and re-union. Items were provided by Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Kath Fooks, Mrs. P. Johnson, and Sonny Graham. Greetings were brought by the State Pres., W. Heath.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** The President, Mrs. E. Simpson, welcomed 350 ladies to the 6th Annual Conference. The Obituary Observance was presented by Mrs. M. Williams. Mrs. R. Saunders, President-Elect, led morning devotion.

Following the country reports, Mrs. P. Messent rendered a delightful solo. The Dept. leaders presented reports, bringing highlights. A greeting was brought from the World Women's Pres., Mrs. E. V. Lawton, followed by a brief report from the catering and accommodation leaders for the World Convention bringing us a sharp reminder that such a brief time remains before this time of world fellowship.

Mrs. Simpson brought the highlights of her presidential year which has been such a happy one. A beautiful luncheon was served by the Catering Committee led by Mrs. Price.

Devotions by Mrs. Combridge, Bordertown, opened the afternoon session. Missionaries present were Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Carnarvon, and Sonny Graham, Norseman. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Butler and Mr. Graham.

The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Helen Caterer, who delighted all with her talk on "Witnesses." The soloist was Mrs. Rundle, from Berri.

Officers elected for 1969-70 are: President, Mrs. R. Saunders; President-Elect, Mrs. W. Morrow; Secretary, Mrs. K. Fooks; Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Packer; Asst. Sec., Mrs. C. Watson.

Grote Street was packed for the evening session, guests from other churches and organisations were welcomed, and the Bible reading was brought by the President's daughter, Lyn Simpson. Items were given by Mrs. Barbara Turner and the Elizabeth Choir.

Mrs. Lawton, President of World C.W.F., spoke of World Convention, 1970. She introduced a pageant based on the work of W.C.W.F.

Mrs. Jones, Women's Federal President, introduced new members of Executive for ensuing year, and W. Heath, State Pres., led in a dedicatory prayer.

—L. Watson, Asst. Sec.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

(Strathalbyn, S.A., R. L. Oke). Graham and Heather Butler and family are home on furlough from Carnarvon Mission . . . The S.A. Conf. Pres., W. Heath, was guest speaker on Aug. 31 . . . Plans are being made for the centenary celebrations on Nov. 1 and 2, 1969.

### LONG-TIME MEMBERS LEAVE

(Whyalla, S.A., D. Sander). Foundation members, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tregloan, were farewelled on Aug. 23. Their 29 years' service at Whyalla will always be remembered . . . Evening Ladies' Fellowship in conjunction with church A.O.P. (Adult Outreach Programme) has commenced and is making new contacts. . . . Combined winter B.S. with three other churches has been successful venture . . . The death of little Scott Shinnick, age 20 months, Aug. 25, came suddenly.

### KEITH LOSSES

(Keith, S.A., G. T. Lawrie). The church membership declined still further with the removal of the Biddle family to Bordertown and Don Randall to W.A. for employment . . . Average communicants: 16. 15 of our 16 members attended general business meeting . . . There was a "full house" for a footballers' service in July . . . Our C.W.F. helped with a fete at Bordertown on Aug. 15. Proceeds of \$187.36 go towards our S.R.D.C. Overseas Missions project . . . Mr. Lawrie completes his part-time ministry in Jan., 1970.

### CHORAL ASSOCIATION HELPS

(Port, Pirie, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). Churches of Christ Choral Association greatly assisted 94th church anniversary with quality musical items and programme. Thank-offering was \$103 . . . C. Dow and R. Brand gave officers and teachers valuable explanation of new C.L.C. . . . Annual meeting elected Board Chairman, I. Purdie; secretary, J. McNicol; treas., R. Robinson . . . L. Arnel has undergone successful surgery in R. Pat. Hospital . . . 28 from S.S. and church took part in B. & F.B.S. Walk-a-thon and raised \$133 towards Bibles for New Guinea . . . A. R. Jones, Dept. of Social Service, spoke at church services and addressed men at tea on Gaol Chaplain work . . . August youth service featured interviews on youth/adult relationships in connection with Mental Health Week. Jungle Doctor film strip was shown . . . 14 young people from Maylands helped at morning service and conducted night services. There was a church barbecue lunch on Davies' farm.

### DIET OF BUSINESS

(Wamboony, S.A., R. C. Combridge). On Aug. 10, following the communion service, 19 members stayed for lunch and the annual meeting. Tom Hamilton, Snr., was elected elder, and Mrs. E. Scown as deaconess. The average attendance was reported as 41. There are 23 members. . . . The elders and deacons met with K. D. Horne, H.M. Director, to discuss the mission of the church and the new Christian Life Curriculum . . . The church is saddened by the death of R. E. Hunt who served as elder, deacon, and B.S. Supt. He is survived by his wife and three children.

## YOUTH TEMPERANCE AMBASSADOR QUEST

(S.A.). The Ambassador Quest is organised by the Temperance Alliance of S.A. through its youth section, the Young People's Temperance Union.

The winners were: Alison Trigg, 18, a matriculation student. She attends St. Stephen's Methodist Church, Edwardstown. Roy Magor, 22, a secondary school teacher. He attends Salisbury Methodist Church.

Runners-up were: Karilyn McKenzie, 17, business college student. She attends Forestville Church of Christ. Ian Hughes, 17, bank clerk. He attends Grote Street Church of Christ.

The two winners are flown to Brisbane and stay in the Canberra Hotel as guests of the Queensland Temperance League.

Judging of entrants is based on leadership ability, public speaking capability, general appearance and deportment,

knowledge of the alcohol problem, and concern for the community issues involved. On the final night of the Quest the Grote Street Church of Christ Hall was packed. Six finalists gave a five-minute speech on alcohol problems in the community.

Sponsors who made the Ambassador Quest possible are Ansett Airlines, Queensland Temperance League, Canberra Hotel, Brisbane, Ansvar Insurance Co. Ltd., Independent Order of Rechabites, and Cottes Ltd. Thanks also to the judges, Les. Chiswell, Mrs. Rita Tregilgas and Mr. Neil Andrew. Finally thanks to Jenny Byerlee and Barry Galliford for their understanding work on behalf of the Young People's Temperance Union since they were named Ambassadors in 1967. Organiser for the Ambassador Quest was David Pitman, the Education and Research Director for the Temperance Alliance of S.A.

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## OPEN FORUM

### THE CHURCH—THE SENSITIVE SOCIETY

To the Editor,

As a grateful recipient of the consecrated efforts of our Social Service Dept. in a current as well as a past sense, it is with a great deal of reluctance that I join issue with the contributors to the special issue of Aug. 9 in one respect while supporting most of their claims.

Although a poor committeeman, I served two periods of duty in such capacity finding that in the main the monthly meetings only served the purpose of rubber-stamping what had already been decided. Not all of the members even visited the homes.

I have considerable admiration for the Directors with whom I have been in close contact in at least three States, but sometimes wonder if their great talents should not be devoted to a more direct method of the primary purpose of our existence. If we are to be the promoters of what some of them claim to be big business let us include a college course in such administration and not rob the ranks of men of otherwise considerable evangelistic potential.

There is a necessity to care particularly for our frail aged in these days of increasing longevity, but "the tail is now wagging the dog." Social Service properties are exceeding in value all of our church buildings. One of the articles complained, "we have few churches that will allow their resources to be used for this matter." For these days of financial stringency (through inflation) it does not make this difficult to understand, particularly when the Social Service Dept. has the means of generating their own funds.

It was also stated "It is essential that these homes be in the name of the Church." I realise it is only a matter of phraseology but find it incongruous that not one of these institutions bears any Biblical name.

While fighting social evils I have found it a little jarring to listen (in our homes) to blaring radios of the races and not a few indulging in chain smoking from which their health has already suffered. As beneficiaries of State Aid this is perhaps unavoidable but patients should be informed of our views on the subject. Whilst these people have to be accepted they have at times excluded the admittance of our own folk.

—P. C. Williams (Qld.).

This letter was referred to the Secretary of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Social Service. He commented as follows:

While appreciating P. C. Williams' opening words there are a few points which require comment and I do this from the point of view of the Victorian Dept. of Social Service.

1. The members of my committee do not serve the purpose of rubber-stamping what has already been decided. They make the decisions and executive officers carry them out and continually report progress to the committee.

2. I have never felt that my appointment has removed me from evangelism, for social service is part of evangelism.

3. May, I suggest to Mr. Williams that he read the article again from which he quotes "We have few churches that will allow their resources to be used for this matter." I think the writer is not referring to finances, for I quote from the same article "this is a matter that can be built up without making any inroads into finance whatsoever."

4. I wonder what P. C. Williams means when he states "Social Service Departments have the means of generating their own funds," for we have no such means in Victoria. If he refers to capital in-going payments from residents in homes and units, this means of finance is not in practice in Victoria nor is it the policy of my department to ask for capital donations. All who are residents in our self-contained units only pay a weekly amount from their pensions. We are dependent upon gifts from individual members and church groups. These along with Commonwealth and State Grants have helped to make our homes possible. The further development of our homes will depend on gifts from church members and groups, for there are no self-generating funds.

5. Two of our homes have biblical names—"Emmaus" Rest Home and "Christian" Guest Home.

6. We have never been asked to admit any one because of a State Grant. Indeed, authorities know that our church members are always given the preference. Because of this the vast majority of residents and patients in our two homes and hospital are church members and most of the others are associated with church members. Two only out of 192 are smokers. These did not have to be admitted because of State Grants but were accepted because they are members of the church. A third member has given up the habit since his admission. For the comfort of others the two smokers are restricted to certain areas of the home when smoking. There are no blaring radios on racing in our homes.—W. T. Atkin, Sec.

### \$166 RAISED

(Redcliffe, Qld. T. Meares). A jumble sale conducted by the ladies realised \$166 for the Building and Organ Fund . . . C.W.F. has shared in providing clothing for an Aboriginal girl. Mrs. Surtees led devotions at C.W.F. and spoke on Home Missions. A donation of \$10.00 was given to H.M. . . . G. Gibson and B. Ellemor were recent speakers. Mrs. J. E. Brooke and Mrs. Plint rendered a duet and Jean McNicol a solo. Mrs. Plint is improving slowly in health and is able to attend some services . . . The S.S. is holding a successful bottle drive. The S.S. picnic was held at Bunya Park . . . W. Berlin spoke to the Men's Fellowship on his large collection of shells . . . J. Wiltshire spoke to the church on behalf of Aborigines' Missions.

### TALENT PROJECT

(Roma, Qld., D. H. Paddon). In a Stewardship Campaign each member has received \$1 as a token investment. Members have six months to complete their talent project . . . Adult C.E. Soc. organised a variety concert featuring local talent and visiting talent from the Chinchilla church. The proceeds were for Qld. Youth Dept. State Project . . . A demonstration night for the Vacation B.S. was conducted by Roma Ministers' Fraternal. The V.B.S. had three departments following Aboriginal themes such as "Boomerangs From The Bible" and "Following Footsteps." Children made bark pictures and toy drums from ice-cream tins . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clow have commenced a Young Worshipers' League at morning service . . . Raymond Heath of Chinchilla, on leave from service with the R.A.N. on H.M.A.S. Melbourne after the recent collision at sea, was recent visitor.

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## News of the Churches

### TWICE THROUGH N.T.

(Mackay, Qld., A. C. Risson). Five members took part in the B. & F.B.S. Read-a-thon in David Jones' store window. Each read over the p.a. system for 30 minutes. From Aug. 5 to 9, 12 hours a day, readers went through the N.T. twice and also read some O.T. books . . . Mr. Risson led the Magnetic Island Youth Camp, but he had to return as Mrs. Risson became ill. F. Schneider completed camp studies . . . Doug. Willis was speaker at all sessions of church anniversary which began with Family Tea on July 12 followed by a rally and special Sunday services . . . There was one decision at the Don De Welt Mission on July 30-31. The mission was preceded by three weeks of nightly prayer. There was considerable visitation and invitation to those on contact list.

### FAMILY EMPHASIS

(North Perth, W.A., J. K. Robinson). July and August featured a series dealing with "Living Together in Families" showing the relevance of Jesus Christ to young people, engaged and married couples, and elderly folk. Mr. Robinson was assisted by visiting specialists. Film strips and tapes were used . . . Mrs. Rushton is improving after her accident. Philip and Jill Michael are home, holidaying from the Ord River . . . Recent speakers have been Brice Wells and K. Patterson . . . B.S. scholars attended camps in holidays.

### NEW HALL IN BUSINESS

(Ormond, Vic., R. McKenzie). Ladies held a "simulated" wedding breakfast in our new hall and catered for 109 . . . Mr. McKenzie has been in Tasmania combining his holidays with visits to the churches . . . Two meetings, "Learning as Adults," were held in our hall on Sept. 14 and 19, conducted by the D.C.E. . . . Good Companions held a film night to aid new hall fund.

### FROM 5 TO 7

(Dandenong, Vic., A. A. Avery). The successful 5 p.m. "Winter Family Series" concluded and evening services are now at 7 p.m. "Sunday Night Sing Out" featured favourite hymns with the Caulfield Tech. School Singers taking part . . . 30 youths camped at Toolangi in Aug. with Albie Jones as leader. The studies based on The Prodigal Son were different from anything before attempted by Mr. Avery and the young people . . . 50 attended an "Evening of Honour" for four young couples soon to be married. . . . C.W.F. ladies visited the Will H. Clay Nursing Home with cakes and entertainment . . . The C.W.E.F. celebrated its 21st birthday on Aug. 14 with a variety concert . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Smith have been farewelled on leaving for Healesville . . . A Good Companions' cake stall raised \$30 for the windows of a missionary home in New Hebrides . . . Laurie Dunn won the Ormond Movie Club first prize for a film on the Gramplans . . . The tennis team won the grand final.

### VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Muller, welcomed 126 delegates and visitors representing 46 churches on Sept. 5.

Members of the Cheltenham C.W.F. presented the 14th W.C.W.F. Birthday Service. The theme was "Christian Joy" prepared by two members of the Friendship Mission Church, Paraguay.

Mrs. Strack, Australian representative of W.C.W.F., reported on the work in Haiti. Mrs. Gillespie, C.W.F. archivist, gave a short resume on the beginning of women's work in the church.

At next council, Oct. 3, 11 a.m., Mrs. Lundin will speak on "The Moscow Story."—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

### ASSISTANT TAKES OVER

(Ivanhoe, Vic., E. W. Roffey). W. Tabbernee, Asst. Minister, is occupying pulpit during absence of Mr. Roffey who is lecturing at Kenmore Christian College. . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Dr. E. Killmiger, Conf. Pres., and G. Powell, Conf. Pres. of W.A. . . . In a question and answer session, Dr. Peter Miller, who rendered voluntary missionary service, gave impressions of India and New Hebrides as gained by Christian doctor . . . Two youth clubs held a barbecue at home of Mr. Tabbernee. . . . The tennis club won premiership in church competition . . . Men's and girls' basketball teams reached finals . . . Church has commenced prayer workshop for group experience once monthly . . . At After-Church Fellowship, Graham McDonald, recently returned from active service, screened slides of life in Vietnam.

### HAMILTON HILL ALL-PURPOSE

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A., F. Rees). The church has endorsed the Board's recommendation that the initial building erected at Hamilton Hill for the present Hilton members be an all-purposes hall instead of the originally-proposed chapel. . . . Two Hilton members who had been very seriously ill for several months, died on Aug. 9 and 10 . . . W. Duke has become the Supt. of the Hilton B.S. . . . A young woman was baptised on the 24th subsequent to her confession of faith.

### FOR BIBLE SOCIETY IN ASIA

Following strong representations from Asians the United Bible Societies have appointed Keith W. Ellem to the important position of Executive Secretary for the U.B.S. in Asia with headquarters in Hong Kong.

Mr. Ellem who has been Production and Distribution Officer of the Bible Society in Aust. has just returned from Taiwan where he spoke at a management and distribution conference for Asian Bible Society executives.

As Executive Secretary he will have the responsibility of the programme and management. A Chinese, Paul Hsu, will be responsible, under Mr. Ellem, for work among the Chinese community in Hong Kong and beyond. The production of scriptures in Hong Kong for South East Asia is to be increased.

### PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

(Hornsby, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). On Aug. 31, J. Morris, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., spoke to the church . . . Other recent speakers have been Principal A. W. Stephenson, and F. Stephenson, of Chatswood. The 5 p.m. service on Aug. 24 was conducted by "The Gospel Heirs" and G. Cantlay was soloist on Aug. 31. . . . The evening services, held at 5 p.m. in winter months, are now held at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Beatrice Amy Vaughan

Mrs. Vaughan died at Kyneton (Vic.) Hospital on Aug. 4, 1969, aged 61 years. The funeral was conducted at Warracknabeal by C. G. Thomas assisted by D. Smith (student minister of Kyneton church). Mrs. Vaughan was born at Warracknabeal, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parsons. She is survived by her husband, Bill, three sons and nine grandchildren. Until recently, as her terminal illness worsened, she was in regular attendance at the Kyneton church. She consistently supported the ladies' guild meetings and was a very good worker in this group. Mrs. Vaughan was a woman with profound faith in God, a quiet yet friendly person, very well loved by each of her acquaintances in church and community. She will be sadly missed.—D.S.

### Albert Victor Taylor

The church at Shepparton, Vic., pays tribute to the life of the late Albert Victor Taylor who died on June 8 in his 75th year. Although he had experienced periods of indisposition his sudden passing came as a great shock particularly to those who had worked so closely with him throughout his long association with the church. In 1922 when the Goulburn Valley was being opened up for fruit growing Mr. Taylor acquired an orchard property first at nearby Lemnos, and later at Kialla. In this venture he was most successful, although there were periods that tested his business acumen as also his perseverance and faith. He was a man of integrity and highly esteemed throughout the district. As a young man and prior to active service in World War I, he was in membership with the church at Moreland. When he took up residence in this district he continued in the church's life. He served as B.S. teacher, deacon, treasurer, secretary, and as an esteemed elder. He was loyal, dedicated, generous and meticulous in every area of his commitment to Christ. The attendances, both in the chapel and at the graveside, were testimony to a good man. With his wife, daughter Adele (Mrs. G. Hearn), sons Graham and Max, and relatives, we share a great loss.—R.E.H.

### Miss H. Byard

Miss Hephzibah Byard was one of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Byard at Circular Ponds (Mayberry) Tasmania. In 1900 she confessed her faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord and joined the church. Though somewhat handicapped she always manifested a clear faith in her Lord, and left a gracious influence wherever she went. Though not always in the best of health she lived to be 82 years old. The two remaining members of her family, H. Byard and Mrs. J. Howard, both reside in Devonport and are members in good standing in the church. The funeral service at Mole Creek on Aug. 20 was conducted by E. W. Taylor, minister at Devonport, assisted by A. Harvey, minister at Caveside-Mole Creek.—E.W.T.

# Modern Churchmen in Ancient Canterbury

(England). An Asian layman told Western churchmen they were wrong in thinking that the ecumenical movement was letting humanism in through the back door.

M. M. Thomas, 53, from Bangalore, India, was delivering his report as chairman to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches during its annual meeting at the University of Kent at Canterbury, Aug. 12-23.

Mr. Thomas, who is a member of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, told the critics of the movement, "So long as the crucified and risen Jesus of Nazareth is declared the only one through whom men receive forgiveness," their charge is not valid.

In a review of developments since the 120-member policy-making Central Committee met in July last year, Mr. Thomas said the "primary concerns" of the 21-year-old Council were world economic development, racial justice, education, international relations and studies on what really is man. The Indian churchmen noted that the Council is attempting to clarify its priorities and develop a framework to fulfil them.

Earlier in the day Lord Chalfont, a Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in the British Government, said he hoped the time would come when "we politicians will be as successful" as the World Council has been in surmounting differences of mankind in colour and creed. "Your co-operation . . . is a great example to us all," he said.

Dr. Michael Ramsey, a former World Council President, in his address of welcome said, "The Uppsala Assembly had

as its text 'I make all things new.' For an ecumenical gathering to take such a text is to expose itself to divine judgment, for it is one thing to talk about God making things new and it is another thing to be ready to become renewed."

The Primat said the Church is made to reckon with the realism of youth's demands in a new way. "Our faith," he said, "is tested by our actions about race and poverty."

The one-million member Evangelical Pentecostal Church "Brazil for Christ," based on Sao Paulo, is the largest revivalist group in Latin America to apply for membership. If approved, this would mark the entrance into the Council of Pentecostalism on a large scale.

A warning that Christians must stress "the new and exciting potential" of our increasingly polarised times or become paralysed with fear at the great dangers we face, was sounded by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the Council's general secretary.

"The growing expectations of the poor" were frustrated, Dr. Blake said, because of the unwillingness of the "affluent and powerful" nations to respond to their needs.

The Council, Dr. Blake said, has sought through the Churches' Commission on International Affairs to "mediate and reconcile" in the war-torn nation of Vietnam, the Nigeria-Biafra civil war and the 21-year-old conflict in the Middle East. To these areas the Council also brought material relief through its Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

## LITURGICAL CENTRE

(Melb.). A truly ecumenical meeting has recently brought into being the Liturgical Centre of Victoria—for the Historical and Pastoral Study of Christian Worship.

Under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. Barry R. Marshall, Chaplain of Trinity College, representatives of the Roman Catholic and Anglican Archbishops, and representatives of many churches, including the Churches of Christ Standing Committee on Worship, met on Aug. 21 to consider a report prepared by the Melbourne Studia Liturgica Group. The main proposals of the report were adopted, and the Liturgical Centre was formed.

The purpose of the Centre is to serve the Church by encouraging, and providing facilities for, liturgical renewal, study and research. Its membership will consist of persons interested in its work, the corporate membership of liturgical groups or societies, and a corresponding or associate membership of people who live at too great a distance from Melbourne to participate fully in its work.

Its proposed activities include the provision of courses and seminars in liturgical studies, the preparation of a panel of speakers on liturgical subjects, the effecting of a means of exchange of information between the various groups and societies within its membership, the compilation of an index of resource material available in Melbourne, for liturgical research, and the maintaining of links with similar ecumenical organisations for liturgical study in other parts of the world.

The location of the Centre is the Congregational College, 2 Studley Ave., Kew. A provisional committee has been appointed to promote the proposals.

## TRAINED, READY, AVAILABLE

By K. R. BOWES

(Vic.-Tas.). An Australian church leader has commented that the task of the church is to help its members to be "trained, ready and available" for the mission of Christ to the world.

It is heartening to see the strong desire by many to be trained. This desire is evidenced by the ready response to the various training programmes offered recently by the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education.

o Fifty enrolled for an Explorer leader training course over four Wednesday evenings. Their text book was "Creative Leadership" the Department's newly-published book for leaders of junior clubs.

o The two C.E. members who attended the National School of Leadership have passed on what they learnt to our State C.E. Committee. They in turn have begun a series of training sessions designed to cover all C.E. societies throughout our churches.

o "Boy-girl" relationships was the subject of a training session conducted by A. E. White. Fifty Good Companions

leaders attended and received help in handling this important aspect of club life.

o More than 60 representatives of churches entered enthusiastically in a one-day seminar on camping. The aim was to encourage quality in local church camping, using know-how obtained through many experiences in Department-sponsored camps.

o 40 senior young people spent a week-end for the annual C.Y.F. Commission. The theme was "making the club vital" and the major focus was on developing a committed core of young people within the youth group of the church. The constant stress was on assisting C.Y.F. groups to be involved in their basic task of confronting young people with the total claims of Jesus Christ.

o More than 400 teachers shared in a six-hour conference in which they used the Introductory Training Kit of the Christian Life Curriculum. The deep desire to teach effectively the Christian faith was again evident.

o Forty women came together to discover what resources are available for study in C.W.F. groups and also how to stimulate study programmes.

These training sessions by no means indicate the total amount of training proceeding in the churches. Ministers, Superintendents, Local Education Committees and others are constantly aiding persons in the local scene how to be "trained, ready and available."

—K. R. Bowes.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### "Teaching for Christ"

By HARIBA WAGHMODE

What can we do for Christ? It is true that in a secular state everything tends to run on a secular line. Schools are no exception. Nevertheless, Christian schools have a place even in a secular state like India. India still remains a nation which is deeply religious at heart. Christian schools can do a lot even in so-called "secular India."

In our Mission High School at Bara-mati we have a student population of about 530, out of whom about 25% are Christians. That means that every Christian student has three others to whom to witness for Christ. Children as a rule are full of activity. For the best part of the day they live together, play together, and work together. There is a wonderful opportunity to show Jesus Christ as Lord in every phase of student life.

In this school we have 20 teachers, of whom 16 are Christians. These are the people who are full of the knowledge of this world as well as of God as found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Following the example of the Great Teacher they have a tremendous opportunity to shape and mould the lives of the young people.

Peons, clerks and other workers, too, have a unique opportunity of rendering Christ-like service to the small community in which we live. "He being equal with God . . . took upon himself a form of a servant," is a constant reminder and an inspiration in all our service for him. In him we find a pattern of service which equals none. Such service will always glorify our Lord.

In a secular state like ours "citizenship" is the aim of all educational activities. All schools whether secular or otherwise must work together towards this one goal of producing good citizens for the country. A Christian school is pledged to do this and much more. It not only trains pupils in brain and muscle but also their hearts and souls. It seeks to develop in them a character which would make them fit citizens not only of this world but also of the world to come. It is a privilege to be engaged in such a work—to help people become heavenly citizens. Is there a reward for all this? Certainly there is. But greater reward there is none other than Christ himself. To have Christ is to have all.

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### AT THE LORD'S TABLE

## Return to Faith



There is an almost unbelievable optimism in the life and teachings of Jesus. He is a realist who knows the dangers but he also knows the possibilities of man when he returns to faith. The story of the prodigal son shows this. The prodigal wandered far from home, but he finally turned again to the security and love which for a time he spurned.

Later, Jesus faced Peter, a prodigal-to-be. Peter was very shortly to desert his Master and wander in frustration and confusion. But Jesus said, "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." (Luke 22: 32). Not if you turn, but when you have turned again.

There is a sense in which we all leave the Father and wander off into a far country of self-interest and forget that our main concern is to reflect God's interest in all of his family and to do his will in the spot in which he has placed us. There are so many distracting influences that goad us to rebel.

For most of us, our moment of return is here at the table. We reflect upon our experiences and are made aware that life away from discipline and love is not what we imagined. Instead, we realise that our rebellion has led us into areas of thought and action that have stained us and revealed our inability to live in our own wisdom and strength. Of course, we are received with the welcome God also extends to the prodigal, but with the welcome comes a responsibility.

Our Lord speaks to us: "When you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." For ourselves, we need to come back to this table to receive forgiveness and to rejoice again in the love and security that are found in God. But as we return to faith we know that we do not live to ourselves. We need faith, but the faith we find or recover can make others strong.

We may not know why Jesus should have confidence in us, as he had in Peter, but he has.

### THANKS FOR THE BREAD

Our faith, like the bread is a gift from you, we receive them both with gratitude to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THANKS FOR THE CUP

Our faith, like the cup, is not only received, it is also given. Help us to be ready to pour out our lives for others, with Christ. Amen.

# BOOKS

## GUIDANCE BY GOD

By James H. Jauncey. (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A.).

"Being guided by God is a real experience. It does happen," affirms the writer, Dr. J. H. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, Qld., in the opening sentences of his book. Thereafter, in more than a score of chapters, he speaks of the ways guidance comes, and warns of things that cause misunderstandings and mistakes concerning it.

Guidance comes to us through the Holy Spirit, who is simply "God in action in our lives." And through Christ—"when we meet him in faith, the first century A.D. comes alive and begins to repeat itself in our lives."

Essential to Divine Guidance are right attitudes on our part. It ceases when known sin is present with us. Total commitment is needed, for it places us in the very centre of God's will. We are living in the way God wants.

Spiritual sensitivity must be cultivated, to respond to the slightest touch of God's finger and the softest whisper of God's voice. Much of God's activity in guiding us takes place in the realm of the unseen. We only recognise it long afterwards, perhaps never at all.

Certain aids to guidance by God include the Bible and Prayer, "the most fertile environment for guidance."

Then comes Guidance through Conscience, the inner feeling that there are certain things we ought to do and others that we ought not to do. Conscience is not unerring; it needs constant education and exercise.

God guides us in the interpretation of His Word through His Church. This also, is often very approximate and fallible, because the Church consists of human beings, but slowly, enough of them are changed and consecrated for the truth to seep through.

A chapter each is given to the vitally important subjects of guidance in marriage and guidance in church vocations. These pages are full of deep and practical wisdom.

In the latter part of his book the author strikes needed notes of warning and correction. The Bible and Christian experience recognise guidance in the circumstances of life, but there is too much uncertainty in trying to trace God's guidance in events as they come. "This is seldom possible, simply because guidance doesn't come that way. It is in the pattern, not in the pieces."

"Hunches" or "intuitions," sudden feelings that something is true, are far away from true guidance by God. But unsupported intuitions are dangerous, as uncertain as horse-racing, "transitory and inconsequential eruptions of the unconscious."

Dr. Jauncey strongly insists on integrity in guidance. The claim of Divine guidance is often used as a cloak to cover ambition, self-seeking, pride, evasion, and rationalising. A very subtle temptation is to exaggeration in reporting alleged guidance.

Those who read this book will find themselves walking more confidently and adventurously the way of God's will. (J.E.B.).

## SERMON BOOKLETS

By Gordon Moyes.

Gordon Moyes, in each of his ministries, at Ascot Vale-Newmarket, Ararat, and now at Cheltenham, Vic., as well as in youth camp leadership, united meetings, and interstate evangelism, has been strikingly successful. Now, in attractively produced booklets, he has published several of his sermons. We are sure that these will be a very helpful extension of his ministry.

Gordon has a vital personality and an incisive mind. His influence should be spread as widely as possible.

His themes have been well chosen to meet great practical needs of life—"How to Overcome Sin," "How to Overcome Fear," "The Answer to Anxiety."

The sermons are laden with ample quotations from Scripture, gaining freshness at points through use of modern translations.

Noteworthy is the liberal employment of illustrations, none of which could be called an "old chestnut," but the fruit of wide and up-to-date reading. "How to Overcome Sin" is illustrated by a long but gripping quotation from John Noble's "I Found God in Soviet Russia," "How to Overcome Fear" by another from Luther King's "Strength to Love," and "The Answer to Anxiety" by Judge Medina's account of the attempt by 11 top U.S. Communists to ridicule and overthrow the Court.

Gordon is not afraid to illustrate from his personal experience. These are not overdone; just sufficient to establish and maintain rapport between preacher and hearer.

Then, from the Biblical and illustrative material he sums up the orderly march of his argument, culminating in the call to faith and action. (J.E.B.).

(Copies may be obtained at 10c, plus postage, from the Distributor: T. H. Fraser, 17 Eden Street, Cheltenham, Vic., 3192).

# Crime is Your Business

(W.A.). Kingswood College, University of Western Australia, was the venue of the 5th National Conference of the Australian Crime Prevention, Correction and After Care Council, Aug. 16-23.

164 registrations from all States and territories, plus three overseas guests from Hong Kong, Israel and United Kingdom, represented a significant gathering of leaders in the realm of crime prevention, correction and after care including police, probation and parole, magistrates, judges, criminologists, prisons departments, civil rehabilitation councils, prisoners' aid associations and churches.

Formerly known as A.P.A.C., the new council with a broader basis and wider representation was able to cover an area of topics giving a national perspective on the problems of crime. These included problems confronting the parents, the educator, the young offender, the police, the prison administrator, probation and parole officers, community participants in correctional work, sentences, employment, the psychiatrist, migration, the female offender, and the current trend of examining alternatives to imprisonment.

The principal speakers were Prof. I. Drapkin of the University of Israel; Prof. R. Drinkwater of the University of Hull, U.K.; and G. R. Pickett, Commissioner of Prisons, Hong Kong.

The Conference brought to the surface, in significant papers presented by guest speakers and commentators from the various specialised fields, the recent trends in world attitudes to offenders, indicating along with other advancements in knowledge and human understanding the pendulum swing from the 19th century approach to incarcerating the offender to the current trends of seeking rehabilitation of those who fall foul of society.

The W.A. Government made many generous donations towards the success of this Conference, and the concluding banquet on the 13th floor of the Government buildings was a fitting finale, with close on 200 persons gathered. The next Conference will be held in Brisbane late in 1971.

One significant absence from the Conference was representation from the major communions, although many church men were present representing non-statutory agencies. The major denominations have not yet affiliated with the Council. It is hoped that this will take place in the next two years, especially in the light of the positive part the church has to play in the correctional field through its youth work, its chaplaincy appointments, and its basic philosophy of compassion.—G.S.

## \$1 worth \$100

"Every dollar that is given to the Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign will eventually produce at least \$100 worth of food in a developing country," said Mrs. G. N. Frost, Victorian Chairman of the Campaign. Mrs. Frost was commenting on the campaign's appeal for funds which will be held in September. The one hundred fold increase on the donation was assessed on the work that the campaign has carried out over the past few years. "The philosophy of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign is to support schemes that will help increase food production in the developing countries. This makes a donation to the campaign the world's best investment."

## H.M. DIRECTORS CONFER

The five State Directors conferred at Monbulk, Aug. 13-15. These annual conferences give an opportunity for the sharing of information relative to State programming and activity. Interest centred on the recent visit to the United States by K. E. Crawford, the N.S.W. Director. Particular note was taken of congregational involvement and concern in programmes of visitation in American churches. These involved continuous calling for contact, commitment and conservation.

All states are planning to involve visiting overseas leaders in evangelistic

meetings either prior to or immediately after the World Convention in 1970. State department directors will head up plans for these meetings. To meet the needs of church extension and evangelism in all States there is an ever increasing need for additional finance. In some instances opportunities were being neglected through lack of necessary support. Members of the Federal Board of Christian Education were also resident at Monbulk. In a joint conference important decisions were reached in relation to the joint production of discipleship materials some of which should be available in 1970.

## SHARING DISCUSSED

(Dulwich, S.A., S. Neighbour). John Akehurst, Congregational minister, addressed night youth service. Discussions are continuing with Congregational and Methodist churches re possible combination of certain aspects of work . . . H. L. Rodda (secretary here from 1925 to 1928) returned as visiting president from Maylands under district exchange arrangements. He was accompanied by C. L. Smith, Maylands' minister.

## BAND VISITORS

(Ascot Park, S.A., C. G. Dredge). On Aug. 24 we were visited by Mrs. Cotton, Miss Owen, and Carol Bartobsky, members of the Greenford, Middlesex, Girls' Brigade Drum and Trumpet Band . . . D. G. Fenn introduced the Christian Life Curriculum to the annual meeting of the B.S. Approval was given to introduction of C.L.C. in 1970 . . . The last of the House Church meetings was held on Aug. 17. Four homes in selected localities were chosen, and invitations sent to members and friends. The programmes took the form of questions and discussion. The young people met at the church with Mr. Dredge at the same time. The overall attendances were an improvement.

## SUPPORT FOR N. GUINEA CHILD

(Balaklava, S.A., S. R. Baker). The B.S. scholars are supporting another child in New Guinea. Mr. Baker was speaker at all sessions of B.S. anniversary on Aug. 24. Music was assisted by Mrs. D. Lange, organ; Miss Jennifer Shepherd, piano; and Gordon Shepherd, guitar . . . I. J. Chivell spoke on his U.S.A. visit and on the World Convention, 1970, at a church family tea . . . Bible study is held at the manse and prayer meetings in members' homes.

## \$150 FOR PIDGINS

(Grote St., S.A., R. Greenhalgh). Young people raised \$150 in B. & F.B.S. Walkathon for Pidgin New Testaments, also through B.S. a \$-for-\$ subsidy raised \$38 for same project . . . Cec. Watson, Senior Chaplain with I.T.I.M., and his wife, also Carol Dawson, received into fellowship . . . Ian Hughes was runner-up in the Youth Temperance Quest . . . Bryan Ezard is on his own (for W.B.T.) on Fergusson Island. His wife, Janet, is hospitalised at Ukarumpa, awaiting birth of baby . . . G. M. Mathieson's offer of one day a week voluntary visitations of shut-ins has been gratefully accepted by the Officers' Board . . . Communicant attendances have risen by a weekly average of six over last year . . . Broadcast over 5KA, Sunday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. . . . Rev. Paul Chang, C.N.E.C., conducted concert and also conducted gospel service, Aug. 17.

## 15 PLUS ADD \$100.00

(Magill, S.A., R. Clymer). Don Deering is congratulated for his work with the 15 Plus Group. They organised a concert and raised over \$100. The same concert was presented at the McNally Research Centre . . . R. Brown and I. McPheat were elected as elders and five deacons were elected . . . The "D2" and "O" girls' basketball teams won premierships. Jenny Young and Penny Heath were chosen for the Interstate Basketball Carnival . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. H. Holmes, a foundation member.

## NEW SECRETARY

(Cheltenham, S.A., R. W. Saunders). M. Padget has been elected as church secretary. Mrs. Padget has been appointed as a deaconess . . . The youth group has been revived . . . The Girls' Brigade is active but needs more experienced leaders . . . The H.M. Dept. is represented on the Officers' Board by Glen Pearce who attends the monthly meetings in an advisory capacity . . . Miss Sinclair has recovered from a long illness. Ivor McGuire and Jeff. Clark are in Queen Eliz. Hosp. . . Dennis Cook, on leave from the C.O.B., has been active in many meetings.

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### BIBLE OPTICIAN

At Rethy, deep in Eastern Congo, a missionary, who is a trained optician, specialises in adapting used spectacles for his African friends. Recently he received from the West Nile district of Uganda a parcel of some 40 pairs of glasses, with the request that he should put stronger lenses in them. They were, he said, "the strangest assortment of ancient frames" that he had ever seen, but he set to work and did what was needed. The reason for the request? A new Bible had been published for the West Nile region; the print is smaller than that of its predecessor, and so a number of Bible readers found themselves in difficulties.

### OFFERING BY CHEQUE

(Holland). Dutch churches have experienced a decline in the offering through the collection sack (they don't use offering plates in Holland) but this

Statistics of secular paper-backs are based on print orders not on actual sales, and if the retailer cannot sell he has the privilege of returning them postage paid. The figures for "Good News For Modern Man" are figures of actual distribution and do not allow any returns.

"Good News For Modern Man" is now standing third in the list of all-time paper-back bestsellers with only the Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary and Dr. Spock's "Baby and Child Care" in front of it. If present sales levels continue, Today's English Version will surpass both of these by 1970.

does not mean a lower income for the churches. It is because Dutch citizens are allowed to count their offerings as tax deductions if they pay by bank cheque. This concession does not apply to coin offerings.

### NEW BIBLE FOR SANGA PEOPLE

The Bible Society in the Congo is receiving 20,000 copies of John's Gospel in the Sanga language, produced by the National Bible Society of Scotland. Sanga is one of a number of Bantu languages connected with the Luba peoples in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in neighbouring parts of Zambia. The first translation into this language was done by the famous missionary, Dan Crawford; in 1903 the National Bible Society of Scotland published the four Gospels, followed by the N.T. in 1904. This new edition of John's Gospel is a new translation, rather than a revision of Dan Crawford's.

### BIBLES FOR RUMANIA

Following the £31,000 gift of paper and ink from England to print 100,000 Bibles in the state press of Communist Rumania in 1967, the Rev. B. J. Tidball, United Bible Societies' Consultant for Europe, reported that he saw the work.

Mr. Tidball said that the printing was of a very high standard and much that he saw was ready for binding. Some bound copies of the Bible were delivered to London Bible House in April, 1969 and meanwhile a new 5-ton lorry, bought by the Church in Bucharest was preparing to distribute the 100,000 Bibles among the 10,000 Orthodox Church parishes.

### CHANGE OF PRINTER

For three generations the Hong Kong Press has had a contract with the Bible Society to print scripture, but the firm is so busy printing the Thoughts of Chairman Mao in "the little red book," that it has terminated the Bible contract. The scripture will now be printed by several other firms.

### BAPTISTS IN RUSSIA

(Geneva). A delegation to Russia by representatives of the World Council of Churches found "vigorous growth" in the 250,000 member Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, especially since World War II. This advance occurred despite anti-religious government pressure. However, the Baptists were facing a new kind of challenge—the secularist mood so prevalent in the Western world, which is beginning to be felt by the congregations.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

### 50 YEARS AGO

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

Here and There. The influenza epidemic has hit Tasmania and very few meetings are held, apart from some in the open air . . . S. J. Southgate has commenced a training class for young men in Hobart to prepare them for preaching service . . . Brim church has celebrated its Silver Jubilee. In 1892, G. H. Brown was sent by the H.M. Committee to the Mallee district, and in 1894 the church was formed with 11 members.

On the Trail. College of the Bible students travel 2,800 miles each weekend to preaching appointments.

Religion and Civilisation. Alfred Noyes was quoted as saying that the war has shown the complete moral rottenness of two great European empires. It has shown men of culture, statesmen, diplomats lying and plotting murder. The Peace Conference is becoming more and more political in its nature. Something more is absolutely necessary if we are to make the world not only safe for democracy, but for the human soul. Democracy and freedom depend upon the establishment of justice and a law before which all men are equal.

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### BIRTH

ELLIOTT (Ellis).—September 6, 1969, at Sutherland District Hospital, N.S.W., to Deanne and Franklyn, a son—David Andrew. A brother for Stephen.

HEMER (nee Holland).—To Helen and Trevor, 4 Primrose-crt., Underdale, S.A., a son—David John, on Aug. 27. Both well.

### ENGAGEMENTS

GOLDSWORTHY-ANDERSON. — Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goldsworthy, 11 Webb-st., Kaniya, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Anderson, 30 Grand View Grove, Wendouree, Ballarat, happily announce the engagement of Barbara and Daryl.

HARRISON-BROAD.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Roadside Delivery, Bridge-water, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Laurel Yvonne, to Mervyn Lyndon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broad, Lynlea, Pyramid Hill, Vic.

YELLAND-JENKIN.—Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Yelland, of Barnard Grove, North Kew, happily announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Vicki Joanne, to John Linley, only son of Mrs. P. Jenkin, of Waverley Parade, Pascoe Vale South, and the late Mr. L. Jenkin.

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### DEATHS

DAVIS, Frederick Alexander.—At Toowoomba Base Hospital on Aug. 27, beloved husband of Ettie, 16 King-st., Chinchilla, Qld., loving father and father-in-law of Margaret (Mrs. H. Bell, Chinchilla), Thomas, Hopelands; Keith, Helidon; Lorna (Mrs. I. Arnold, Kilcoy), Lindsay, Brigalow; Robert, Toowoomba; Alwyn, Dalby; their husbands and wives. Fond Poppa of 22 grandchildren. "He giveth His loved one rest."

ELLIS (Auntie Pris).—On September 2, 1969, Priscilla Mary, of 41 Murrumbena-rd., Murrumbena, Vic., beloved younger daughter of the late John and Helen Ellis, beloved sister of Jack (dec.), adored sister and lifelong companion of Helen (dec.), and very dear friend of Ernestine Skellern. Aged 79 years. Privately interred. "In thy presence is fullness of joy."

TIPPETT, Muriel Anna.—Loved wife of the late Richard, mother of Mavis (Mrs. Reynolds, dec.), Randolph and Thelma; mother-in-law of Ted, Gwen and Les. At Blackwood, S.A., August 27, 1969.

WHITING, Elaine Joyce.—On September 2, at Balaklava Hospital, S.A., loved wife of Volney, loving mother of Robert, Colleen, Raclene and Lynette; sister-in-law of Mildred, Geoff. and Marj.; only child of May and Bruce Marriott. Aged 44 years.

### IN MEMORIAM

TIPPETT, Daryl Richard.—Loved son of Ran. and Gwen, brother of Rod., Pam., Barbara and Ian; brother-in-law of Jennifer, Glenn and Russell.—August 18, 1962.

BICKFORD, Jessie.—In loving memory of my dear wife who was called home Sept. 30, 1967. — Always remembered by Bert and family.

BRADLEY, Fred.—Four lonely years have passed, Fred, but the love we had for you has never passed. We loved thee well, but Jesus loved you best so He came and took you home.—Loving wife Ethel and son, Neville.

FORSYTH.—Lovingly cherished memories of my loving husband, Gordon, a loving father and grandfather, suddenly called home Sept. 10, 1968. "His memory is like a thread of gold, Never will it tarnish or grow old. A treasured keepsake to be ours always."—Loving wife Eileen, children and families.

JOHNSON, Hilda Mabel.—Passed away October 3, 1967. Loving and loved sister and cousin of Rhoda and Maurine. "Though so poor without her gracious presence, how rich we are in happy memories."

KENLEY.—In loving memory of my loved sister, Christina, who passed away on September 17, 1968. "Resting where no shadows fall."—Inserted by her loving sister Edith Waldron, Stawell, Vic.

PRINCE, Charles.—In memory of our loved father who passed away on Sept. 25, 1968.—Rex, Roy and Beth (Mrs. Easdown).

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## Church Centenary

Theme: "The Next 100 Years."

- Sept. 21 11 a.m., B. F. Goldsteen, 3.30 p.m., S.S. Anniversary, 6.30 p.m., L. Brooker. (Special singing by children).
- Sept. 24 8 p.m., A. E. White, B.A.
- Sept. 28 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., B. F. Goldsteen.
- October 1 8 p.m., Gordon Moyes, B.A.
- October 3 8 p.m., Young People's Night. Gordon Moyes, B.A., speaker. The Silvertones.

### October 5—Centenary Anniversary Day

- 11 a.m.: Dr. Killmier (Conf. Pres.) speaker. A. C. Male, Dip. R.E., Queensland Youth Director (President). G. Ogden (soloist).
- 1 p.m.: Luncheon.
- 3 p.m.: P.S.A. D. H. Smith, Dip. R.E. (Director, Home Missions & Evang.) speaker. The Campbell Singers.
- 5 p.m.: Tea. Speaker: A. C. Male, Dip. R.E.
- 7-7.15 p.m.: Song Service. A. Haskell. Gordon Moyes, B.A., speaker. The Missionaires.

Thank Offering and proceeds of concert towards Centenary Mission target of \$300.

### COLLINGWOOD (Vic.)

## 101st ANNIVERSARY

7.45 p.m. Saturday, September 27

- 11 a.m.: Worship.
- 3 p.m.: P.S.A. Fellowship Tea.
- 7 p.m.: Gospel.

### September 28

Guest Speaker for the weekend will be Mr. Joseph Hunting, of Jewish Evangelical Witness. Films and audio-visuals of modern Israel will be shown.

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### DISCIPLESHIP

Miss Joan Stewart, Whyalla, S.A.  
Pam Henley, Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.  
Mrs. M. Walter, Geelong, Vic.  
B. Randell, Keith, S.A.

Ron. Hansen, from Southport to Roma, Qld.  
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Joyce Lancaster to Stuart Whistance, Geelong, Vic.  
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Margaret Bellette to Jim Mitchell, Hobart, Tas.  
Lynette Cook to Ronald Mitchell, Hartwell, Vic.

### MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Drew, from Mayfield, N.S.W. to Swan Hill, Vic.  
Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams, from Hobart; R. Robinson and Bryan Isaacs, from Blackburn to Geelong, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Mogg, from Qld. to Robinvale, Vic.  
Mrs. Glenda Seaforth, from Port Pirie; Mrs. Edwards, from Murray Bridge to Whyalla, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cec. Watson, from Ascot Park to Grote St., S.A.

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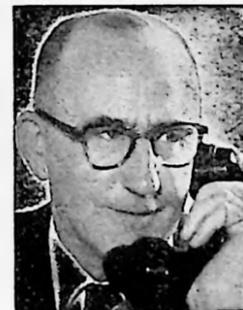
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