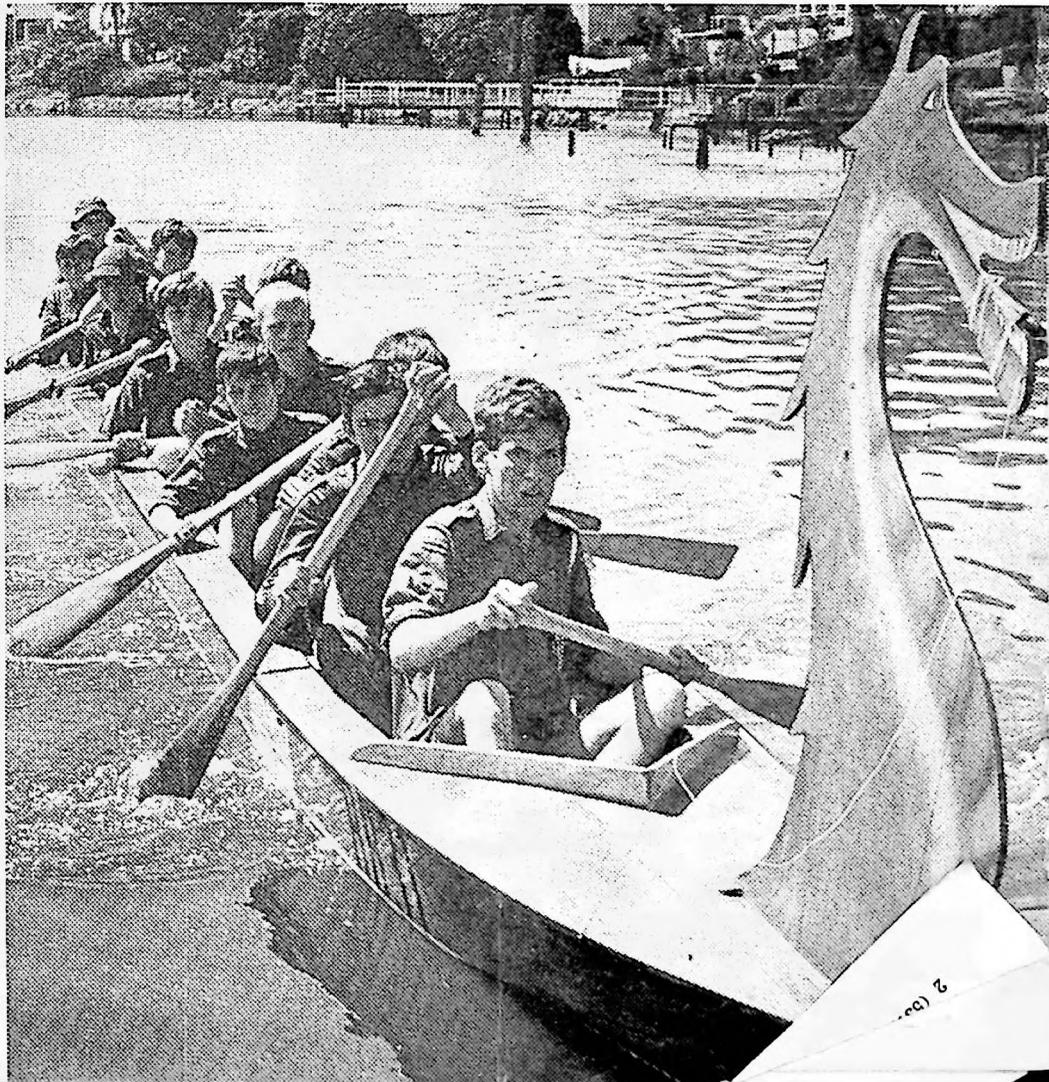


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1,449 BIBLES YOU CAN'T READ

THAT is, of course, if you know only English—just one of the roughly 1,450 languages that the Bible is speaking in at this time. Isn't it just as well we weren't left out!

For the English Bible itself is a translation. God did not inspire the Authorised or the Revised or Today's English Versions; God spoke his revelation to men who wrote only Hebrew, or Greek. We got it in English for the same reason that a million people in New Guinea recently got it in Pidgin: someone was interested enough to take the trouble.

This has happened in all the other 1,449 languages, too. The result is that out of every 100 people alive today, 97 can find the scriptures in his own familiar speech.

There are still quite a lot of other languages, and missionaries around the world are now working on 800 of them—some for the first time, others to prepare modern versions so that ordinary people can read them comfortably.

Last year 64 languages got at least part of the Bible for the first time. Others got revised versions. The score will be about the same this year.

GUEST EDITORIAL by R. A. HICKIN,
Deputy Commonwealth Secretary, B. and F.B.S.

It is all co-ordinated by the 50 Bible Societies. In most of the world's Bible Houses scholars are writing to the translators, helping them solve their problems. Often they go out from the Bible Houses to the field, visiting the translators in their lonely outposts, and sometimes holding translation seminars and schools. Men and women from all the missions are brought together, and in fellowship they find that difficulties are not peculiar to themselves; more important, that there are solutions that most of them wouldn't have thought of alone.

There certainly are difficulties. Translation is concerned with the sense of the passage, not with a simple word for word correspondence. So you need Biblical skill and theological expertise. And in many languages you search in vain for a native word or phrase that will express the meaning exactly. The experts come up with suggestions, and the difficulty is got over.

The Book must speak in every man's language. While there is still a problem of communication of the Biblical message to any human being, the work will go on.

WORLD CONVENTION



Dr. HOWARD E. SHORT
(U.S.A.)

Editor: "The Christian."

Editor: "The Bethany Press."

HOW IT LOOKS FROM UP ABOVE

All my life I have heard rumors of a certain civilisation—"down under." Of course, I never had any intention of investigating to find out the truth. There has been a steady stream of people crossing my path here in the United States, beginning with a college professor 40 years ago, who have said that they were Australians. Many of these people have become good friends and some are regular correspondents. But, so far as first-hand knowledge is concerned, I know nothing of a superior civilisation "down under."

Back in the pioneer days of space travel, the news came that the lights of Perth were all turned on at once, as a welcome to our astronauts. That sounded like a pretty decent thing to do, and an indication of a warm-hearted people. Prior to that, my distinguished predecessor as editor of "The Christian," Dr. Lin D. Cartwright, wrote in our weekly journal that he actually made the trip to Melbourne in August, 1952, and attended a World Convention of the Churches of Christ. Now the news keeps coming of another such gathering in 1970.

There's only one thing to do—investigate! To tell the truth, I paid my registration fee for the Adelaide assembly a few months after we left San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1965. Nothing that I can control will keep me away from Adelaide in 1970.

Hardly anything is as good a morale booster to Christians in one country as the opportunity to meet brethren from all over the world. There may be just one or a half dozen from some of the countries, but the worldwide fellowship is in evidence.

We have already carried many news items about the Adelaide Convention in "The Christian" and Qantas Airlines has portrayed a cute little koala up a eucalyptus tree in their advertisements which we carry. Our pages are open to the Australian committee as they undertake the task of keeping the people "up above" informed of the plans for October 19-25, 1970, in Adelaide.

—Howard E. Short.

(This is the sixth in a series dealing with World Brotherhood and World Convention personalities).

NORTH AMERICAN SCENE

(Part I)

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

My recent lecture tour to the United States and Canada was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to travel across North America visiting the various educational institutions associated with the Restoration Movement. Not the least valuable aspect of the venture was the privilege of sharing with individual Christians, students, college professors, and also congregations, from all three streams that originated with the Movement of the Campbells—Disciples, Christian Churches, and Non-Instrumentals. These contacts thus gave me an over-all picture and a reasonably balanced view of New Testament Christianity as it is practised and propagated in the North American Continent in this second half of the 20th century.

An interesting and helpful itinerary was arranged for me, colleges and churches visited covering accommodation and travelling expenses. Moreover, wherever I went I presented some aspect of the World Convention, Adelaide, 1970.

CHURCHES:

In most areas, from California across to the Eastern seaboard, I preached in churches somewhat larger than we are accustomed to in Australia. Here and there, too, as might have been expected, the order of service varied. Yet, in almost every instance, I was encouraged and overjoyed to find the same reverent fellowship, the same oneness, and the same sense of the living presence of Christ as I shared with so many in the service of communion around the Lord's Table. I might have been sitting at home in any one of our Australian churches.

And though there are obvious differences of method and viewpoint in ways of outreach, this oneness around the Lord's Table made evident to me the common ground that still exists among members whose basic belief stems from the authority of Christ in the New Testament.

COLLEGES:

Beginning at Pacific Christian College, Long Beach, California, I moved across the country, lecturing, preaching, conducting seminars, tutorials, colloquia, and also sharing in private conversations with many of the leading men among the churches. Pastors, evangelists, academics, administrators: they were all eager to hear a word concerning the gospel and its outreach in Australia and our missionary areas, India, the New Hebrides and New Guinea.

I continued on at San Jose, San Francisco, Mid-West Christian College, and Ozark Bible College, Joplin, Missouri. From there I passed on to St. Louis Christian, and then up to Lincoln Christian College and Graduate School, which caters so admirably to the needs of the hundreds of Christian churches in the State of Illinois.

Cincinnati Bible Seminary and Graduate School; Atlanta Christian College, East Point, Georgia; Johnson College; and Emmanuel School of Religion, on the campus of Milligan College, Tennessee, also claimed a good deal of my time, and it was certainly well spent in these institutions where I was able to see, at first-hand, so much that is really in the front rank in modern ministerial and missionary training. It was also a wonderful privilege to share with Maritime Christian College, Prince Edward Island, Canada, as guest lecturer at their graduation services.

Among Disciple ministerial training centres, I visited Phillips University and Graduate School, Enid, Oklahoma;

Lexington Theological Seminary; Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis; and Disciples' Divinity House, Yale.

It was also a privilege to be on the campus at Stanford, Berkeley; Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena; Moorehouse College, Atlanta; where Dr. Martin Luther King received his training; as well as the University of Maryland, Washington, D.C.; Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University, New York; and Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts—so that in all I had contact with over 30 teaching institutions concerned in some way with training men to preach and teach either at home or on the overseas mission field.

Fuller Theological Seminary, one of the great conservative training centres in North America, is fortunate indeed in having Dr. Don McGavran, one of our own men, as Professor and Director of what is possibly the most up-to-date Department of Missions in the world today. Here, as in many other graduate schools I visited, such as Emmanuel, Cincinnati, and Lincoln, the splendid library facilities give more than adequate opportunity for microfilming and advanced work in the fields of archives and palaeography. Practical Linguistic Laboratories, for the teaching of Hebrew and Greek, contain up to 200 cubicles in each classroom, fitted with earphones so that the student may receive instruction by means of a master-system of tape-recorders. Similar sound-proof technical apparatus is employed also in the teaching of Homiletics and Elocution.

CHARACTERISTICS:

I suppose the first thing that impresses the visitor to the United States is the "bigness" of everything: the vast cities, the enormous commercial and industrial consortiums—and the large-heartedness of the American people. It is not surprising, therefore, that so much of this large-scale thinking is actually carried over and translated into the life and work of the churches—and the training activities of the colleges and graduate-schools. In Christian ventures they have come to expect big things!

Of course, there are many small churches and limited training institutions as well, but the major emphasis is nevertheless on the greatness of the task—and also the greatness of God's resources to meet the challenge!

"Church Growth" and "New Church Development" are familiar phrases on the lips of many Americans. Among the Christian Churches in particular this outgrowth is sponsored either by vigorous Departments of Evangelism in the Colleges or by District Evangelistic Associations. What we would call the Home Mission Department and the College are geared together in most of these ventures. In this field it was a privilege to see something of the outreach of Cecil Todd's "Revival Fires," in Joplin, Missouri, as well as the work of men like Harvey Bream and Reggie Thomas, stemming from the Christian Restoration Association with its headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Local churches maintain up-to-date "prospect files" and reserve at least one night each week as "Visitation Night." College personnel are involved in these efforts, too, as part of their practical training. All types of visits are made—to make contacts, to cultivate friendship, to seek straight-out commitment, and to maintain "follow-up" teaching. Much

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QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Why are some Christian ministers and scholars not convinced by the fact of the resurrection of Christ?

Our faith is in a Christ we have not seen and our acceptance of events in his life, including the resurrection, also rests upon faith, although there is a great deal of historical and documentary evidence to support the traditional viewpoints of Christianity.

I do not know why some Christian ministers and scholars deny the resurrection of Jesus. One is torn between regarding them as enemies of Christ or (out of respect for their integrity,

concern for others, and devotional lines) accepting them as Christian in spite of their attitude.

None of our own ministers or scholars, so far as I know, deny the fact of the resurrection, although there are those who are troubled by some aspects of it. This is fair enough. No Christian doctrine should be accepted without being subjected to every mental test for which God has endowed us.

The critics usually do not present evidence against the resurrection. They usually state simply that there is not enough evidence for it. Many of them start off with a dogmatic rejection of all miracles and go on from there: There are no miracles; but the resurrection is claimed to be a miracle; therefore the resurrection is not a fact.

If the resurrection is not a fact then the records which declare it to be a fact are the result of imagination, errors, or lies.

The critics have little trouble with the historicity of Jesus. As one of them said, "Hardly anyone seriously doubts that there was a Galilean Jew named Jesus . . . who took an unusual interest in people . . . fell foul of the religious authorities . . . (with the result that)

the Roman governor had him crucified." (Principal L. Geering).

It seems to many of us that the evidence for these things (which Principal Geering accepts) is found in exactly the same sources as the evidence for the resurrection (which he rejects). There is one great difference—the resurrection is a miracle and, any evidence for it is automatically regarded as unreliable.

If one excludes all of the evidence that is against a point of view, and only admit the evidence which is agreeable, one may find some kind of self-justification, but one is not likely to find objective truth. Archbishop Whately showed this in his day when some critics proved to their own satisfaction that Jesus did not exist. Whately used their methods and proved as conclusively that Napoleon did not exist!

With the exclusion of the resurrection from Christianity, far too much is lost concerning the authenticity of the rest. It is true that we live our daily lives without "proof" of the resurrection. Our acceptance of this doctrine is by faith, but it is by faith in God, built upon our trust in the scriptures and those who wrote them. That trust is reasonable and supported by a great deal of evidence.

Those who claimed to see the risen Lord (Paul said there were 500 of them in addition to the Twelve) either told the truth or they imagined the resurrection, or they lied. If the resurrection was imagined, then something happened to the body of Jesus. Since the enemies of Christianity would be the last people to conceal his body, then his friends must have done so. But this would make it no longer a figment of the imagination, but a deliberate falsehood.

The available evidence is strong for the resurrection as the truth, and I do not know why it is not accepted as such by all who claim to be Christian.

BOYS' BRIGADE FOUNDER'S DAY

(Qld.). The annual Boys' Brigade Founder's Day church parade was held in St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, on Oct. 26. A procession of 850 boys, plus officers, marched from Roma St. Railway Station, past the War Memorial, to the cathedral. The marchers were led by a Bugle Band and a Pipe Band, both of which was attached to the Brigade.

In the cathedral, the clergy were led by the Precentor, Rev. D. Bleakley, carrying a tall cross. Ron Holt, minister of Zillmere Church of Christ, conducted the service, which was arranged by Leslie G. Armstrong, minister of Ann St. Church of Christ. The lessons were read by Privates C. Yarrow and J. Dickens from Kedron Church of Christ and boys from that church also illustrated, in tableau form in various parts of the cathedral, Mr. Armstrong's sermon. Salisbury Baptist Company presented "The New Life Sounds," modern music and song, with guitars and drums. Rev. V. Bowring, Chaplain General, conducted the inspection and took the salute. Bishop Muschamp gave the closing prayers and benediction.

The Boys' Brigade, founded by Sir W. A. Smith in 1883, is the oldest boys' organisation in the world.

South Aust.

CHANGE AT GROTE ST.

(S.A., R. Greenhalgh). The Greenhalghs will be farewelled on Nov. 19 and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Long will be welcomed on Dec. 6. Mr. Long will be inducted by Sir Philip Messent on Dec. 7. A special broadcast on Nov. 16 will enable Mr. Greenhalgh to say farewell to the radio congregation through 5KA. . . . The annual meeting elected G. M. Mathieson and C. E. Watson as elders. Elder C. W. McDonald did not seek reelection but retired after 58 years' service. A special minute of appreciation was recorded . . . The toilet block will be altered and enlarged. Also the kitchen will be enlarged and the stairs leading to Magarey Hall will be renewed . . . Six 11 lb. parcels have been sent to the Ezards with Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea. Bruce and Alison Whyatt, serving at Popondetta through Australian Volunteers Abroad are expected home on Christmas Eve, after two years' absence.

ELDERLY BAPTISM

(Fullarton, S.A., N. Gavros). A lady, 80 years of age, was recently baptised at the prayer meeting . . . The B.S. anniversary had W. Compston and R. Thompson as guest speakers. Mr. Gavros conducted the singing assisted by Mrs. Gavros (pianiste), R. Bawden (guitar); and D. Patrick (drums) . . . At C.W.F. annual meeting, ladies had an apron parade and Bible Quiz. Mrs. Gavros is Pres., and Mrs. M. Poulsen is Sec. . . . L. Chiswell spoke on work of the Alliance and Miss E. Hammond led a special ladies' service on Oct. 25 . . . Several missionaries have shown slides, including R. Powell from India . . . A new hot-water service has been installed in the manse and the outside of the chapel has been painted.

MANNINGS MOVE

(S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. B. Manning have now taken up residence at Everard Park Christian Rest Home. They are missed from Kensington Park where they have been worshipping, and also from North Adelaide where for nine years Mr. Manning has exercised a part-time ministry.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN HELPED

(Kensington Park, S.A., W. Bartlett). On C.W.F. Hobbies Night, Mr. and Mrs. Lindus displayed an interesting collection of dolls and matchbox labels. The Crippled Children's Fund benefited by \$10.50 . . . A garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Molloy raised \$14 towards church funds . . . Over 100 attended the youth service on Sept. 28. Four junior girls helped in opening exercises and three senior scholars asked questions which were answered by Mr. Bartlett. Guest artists were Miss L. Docking and C. Phillips, guitarists, Mr. Haworth, saxophonist, Ray Newling, drums, Miss Heather Burford pianist, and Mrs. McKay organiste. Young folk from other churches shared the Coffee Hour after the service . . . Ira Raymond is with us again after his recent operation.

STUDENTS WIN DESTINATION INDIA

Two young university students, both girls, have been selected from 120 entrants for a study tour of India through the Australian Council of Churches' youth programme, Destination India.

The winners are Miss Susan Wheeler, 18, arts student of East Lindfield, Sydney, N.S.W. and Miss Louise Wilson, 19, medical student of Ipswich, Qld.

Youth Indonesian Project

Plans for a Destination Indonesia programme for Australian youth groups have been announced by the Australian Council of Churches.

The Council's youth secretary, David Parker, revealed that, following the success of this year's Destination India project, Destination Indonesia would be conducted during 1970.

It is hoped that more than 800 local

One finalist from each Australian State took part in the national judgings in Sydney. Knowledge of India and ability to represent Australian church youth was the basis of selection of the winners.

The two winners will fly Air India to India in January and spend at least three weeks visiting Indian church youth groups, inspecting development work and meeting with community leaders.

youth groups will take part in the new programme.

As in the Indian programme, each group will be asked to raise at least \$50 for development aid in Indonesia and to study the Indonesian nation and churches.

Each participating group may enter one of its members for possible selection for a free study tour in Indonesia after the programme has ended.—A.C.C.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MISSION

(Maylands, S.A., C. L. Smith, A. J. Ingham). Mr. and Mrs. Brian Matthews, two young people from the church, have volunteered for four months' missionary service, and will leave early in the New Year for the hospital at Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides . . . The Women's Fellowship raised \$60 at an afternoon in aid of the infirmary at St. George's Christian Rest Home . . . Mrs. Joan Day organised a youth Talent Quest and raised \$35 for the basketball clubs.

MEN AT WORK

(Magill, S.A., R. Clymer). A men's working bee has improved the grounds and buildings . . . The 15 Plus Group shared in a gospel service with a singing group and an instrumental group . . . Ladies' Fellowship birthday took an Asian theme. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald showed slides of their Asian tour and supper had a definite Asian flavour . . . S.S. Teachers have had a Team Teaching demonstration as an introduction to the C.L.C. next year . . . The film, "No Greater Love," was screened and the offering was forwarded to World Vision to help their work in Vietnam.

HEAR EVANGELIST

ALAN LEANE

4 VITAL SUBJECTS

FRIDAY, NOV. 21—
7.45: BLUE, BLUE, MY WORLD IS BLUE
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7.45: SPIRITUAL LIGHTNING
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BETTER STAND ALONE

To the Editor,
What are some Church of Christ members coming to? Someone had "fondly imagined that we had grown up in our attitude to other Christians and had matured from a text-waving sect into a people with a deeper understanding of the gospel and the way God is winning people unto Himself." ("A.C.," Sept. 6). Don't we still believe that Satan himself can be transformed into an Angel of Light, suggesting that the final command of Jesus—Baptism—is not of great importance after all?

Yes, quite true, we see people pressing in, and unless we bear in mind that they are disobedient followers, we had best beware! Certainly we must be spurred on to Christian Unity, but with obedient believers. Otherwise let us "stand alone"—"Come out from among them and be separate."

Surely we are in the last perilous days when many shall depart from the truth, following their own pernicious ways! Some of our members would be well advised to take time off from their writings and make a thorough study of the NT.—Miss M. Cox (N.S.W.).

"TORTURED FOR CHRIST"

To the Editor,
Having just read Richard Wurmbrand's book, "Tortured for Christ" I feel compelled to write to encourage others to buy and read it. It tells of witnessing Christians behind the Iron Curtain despite the certainty that many would be thrown into prison, tortured and die for their faith. Not only does it graphically portray what is happening today, but shows us clearly just how the apostles and early Christians suffered, and it gives us a contrast to the attitude and lassitude of our western churches.—R. N. Handasyde (W.A.).

"E.F."

To the Editor,
While it is commendable for T. O. Turriff to defend the existence of the "Churches of Christ Evangelical Fellowship" ("A.C.," 18/10/69) he makes it difficult for those of us who do not belong to this group to follow his argument when he insists on giving some words an obviously different connotation from the usual.

He refers to the "saints" and within the context of his article they must be presumed to be the founders of our movement and in particular the "E.F." Most authorities tend to give this word a wider area of meaning and include men and women outside of the brotherhood.

Mr. Turriff also denies the existence of "a tradition." The nearest dictionary

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM"

To the Editor,

There was a ding dong argument on religion at work yesterday. An enthusiastic little girl in the office overdid her witnessing and told the foreman that he was a sinner and needed saving. The approach was a bit too direct. He lost his block and yelled at her that people outside the church are just as good if not better than the hypocrites in the church. Then it was on.

Charles didn't get into the argument, which surprised me, for he is a very intelligent agnostic.

Later in the lunch room Charles and I were masticating the mystery of our meat pies. He said, "Tertius, you Christians are always trying to tell us how good you are and how bad we are. That's not what we're interested in." He took another bite of pie and chewed reflectively and went on. "All we want to know," he said, "is if your God can really be trusted, and if He really does the things that you Christians say He does, besides making you behave like wowsers. When that comes through loud and clear in some of you Christians in this firm, some of us would be glad to believe in your God. We have a wistful sort of feeling that there may be something in it . . . but we don't see too many living as though they've swallowed a divine sort of dynamite. Honestly, all we get from you is lily-white ethics, and look-down-the-nose judgment, and being religious."

Poor Charley, he's such a nice chap. Pity he's on the road to hell.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

to my desk says this word means "anything bound up with the continuing life of the family." If we use this accepted definition of the word, our movement certainly has traditions and I for one am proud of most of them.

Common usage of the word "denomination" also contradicts his spirited denial that we are such a body. In my dictionary I find that this word merely refers to "a collection of individuals called by the same name." What is sinful or evil in being labelled by the world as a denomination?

—John Pederson (S.A.).

PRINCIPAL AT ANNIVERSARY

(Hartwell, Vic., M. J. Savage). B.S. anniversary services held on Oct. 26 had Principal Himbury as guest speaker. Children sang well under leadership of Eric Hancock. Several Y.P. took special part. Afternoon service was conducted by Primary and Kinder. Depts. and at night address was given by Mr. Savage . . .

At church annual meeting on Oct. 29, reports of auxiliaries showed progress. All retiring officers re-elected.

10 A.M. EXPERIMENT

(Brighton, Vic., R. N. Gilmore). A special series of four services commencing at 10 a.m. is in progress. It gives opportunity for two senior departments of the school together with parents of scholars to meet in morning worship . . . Church suffered the loss of Mrs. Fay Baker whose death came after a long illness. Mrs. Baker served the church with great distinction for 36 years . . . Church members will present their gifts of "one day's pay" for a cause to assist the underprivileged of the world at a church family tea on Nov. 20, the actual day of the 110th foundation of the work in Brighton . . . Mr. Gilmore spoke on his experiences at recent W.C.C. Planning Committee meeting at Canterbury (Eng.) on Sept. 30 with members of brotherhood committees as guests of the church at a fellowship tea. 95 were present.

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Sunday, November 23

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2.45 p.m.: P.S.A.

6.45 p.m.: Community Singing.

7 p.m.: Gospel Service. Speaker: J. Maxted.

8.15 p.m.: Fellowship Hour.

If you wish to stay over for more than one Sunday service, please advise Church Secretary, C. J. McKennay, 32 East Ave., Black Forest, 5035—phone 53 5013—and we will be pleased to arrange hospitality in members' homes.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND (Vic.)

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

TOORA HALL

November 16 at 11 a.m.

Speaker: E. W. Roffey, Fed. Conf. Sec.

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5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m.: Speaker—R. N. Gilmore, B.A.

All former members cordially invited to share in this day of fellowship and reunion.

Luncheon hospitality will be provided in the homes of church members. Visiting friends are asked to contact the Secretary:

R. Scott,
14 Ratho-ave., East Brighton, 3187.
(Telephone 92-5377)

by November 19, 1969, in order to make necessary catering arrangements.

We look forward to your presence.

CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

A MEMBER of the Glen Waverley church, Vic., Dr. James Holden, 29, has been awarded a \$9,000 Churchill Fellowship to take him and his family to the United States for post-doctorate studies in the field of soil engineering. Dr. Holden is a young man who has been working on the foundations of the Lower Yarra crossing in Melbourne for the Country Roads Board. He has developed a penetrometer for analysing the stability and stress of subterranean soil composition.

Jim Holden was converted, baptised and married at the church at Ascot Vale, Vic. While he was a university student he developed a friendship with Miss Judith Wilson from the church at Ascot Vale, and with the minister, who was also at university at that time. Jim became a deacon and youth leader in that church.

He will be returning to Glen Waverley after studies in Florida and in Europe.

ANOTHER Churchill Fellowship was awarded to George Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre, Churches of Christ in W.A.

With the aid of the Fellowship, Mr. Smith will go to London in November, 1970, and serve at a London unit with Dr. David Hawks (formerly with the W.A. Mental Health Dept., and a member of our W.A. churches) engaged in research into therapeutic hostels for drug addicts and alcoholics. Mr. Smith also hopes to examine what is being done in this area in the U.S.A.

As Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association in W.A., Mr. Smith has been concerned to help prisoners as they complete their sentences. An indication of the value placed upon his work is seen in the recent gift by the W.A. Government of an old school in West Fremantle. Prison labour has been used to convert the building for use as a half-way-house or hostel.

LOSS AT BOX HILL

(Vic., G. A. Grainger). The church lost a very faithful member in the death of Mrs. C. A. Gray after 42 years' service at Box Hill . . . I.C.E. and senior Good Companions were granted a tour of inspection on Hospital Sunday over the Austin Hospital . . . C.Y.F. were hosts to Gardiner and East Kellor clubs . . . Christian Endeavourers visited Emmaus Guest Home . . . Senior Explorers "hiked" at Wilson's Promontory . . . C.W.F. Thank Offering stands at \$221 . . . A B.S. girl accepted Christ as Saviour. . . Keith Farmer is seriously ill in Fairfield Hospital, Mrs. F. Tivendale had to return to hospital, Mrs. W. Duffin is recovering after surgery, and T. Twyford after a car accident. W. Peters is in hospital at Emerald . . . A recent guest speaker was Dr. E. R. Killmier.

SELF-TAX

(Parkdale, Vic., B. Crowden). \$65 was received as a beginning to the self-tax for the hungry . . . Church and auxiliaries shared in the H.M. Week of Prayer . . . C.W.F. afternoon group was visited by the Ladies' Committee of the College of the Bible . . . Three groups have maintained good attendances for Adult Christian Education discussion. The group have met on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday morning. . . The church has been saddened by the passing of Mrs. H. Cemm. an aged member of long standing . . . B.S. anniversary second Sunday featured scholars sharing in a family service at 10 a.m., a church and scholars' tea at 5 p.m., followed by the evening service. Y.W.L. anniversary speaker on Oct. 26 was D. Walker.

SONNY IS GUEST

(Kalgoorlie, W.A., A. B. Coleman). Sonny Graham from Norseman Mission was guest speaker on October 19 at church school anniversary. Puppet plays and percussion band were featured. Traditional and contemporary tunes highlighted the theme "Christ is Life" . . . The church is saddened by the death of Miss Ruth Edgell who left here for missionary service in the New Hebrides and extends loving sympathy to loved ones . . . Ladies of the church were guests recently of the Norseman Mission C.W.F. . . The church is fielding three teams in women's basketball . . . The Generation Gap was bridged in a panel discussion with men and boys of the church on problems of youth and parents . . . Recent films screened were "No Time to Wait," "Just a Stranger," and "The Angry Jungle." . . . Four studies in the series "Education for Christian Living" have been completed.

98 AND 90

(Nambour, Qld., B. Gaunson). Two of our elderly members celebrated birthdays last month . . . Mr. Kingston was 98 and Mrs. Bade was 90 years of age . . . R. Bull has been elected Chairman of the Board; the Secretary is G. Page; Assistant Secretary is G. Hannaford, and Treasurer is K. Winter . . . The C.W.F. celebrated its birthday with a luncheon following a special service when representatives of other women's guilds were present. Mrs. George Francis of Brisbane was guest speaker . . . Mr. Walmsley and Miss Gillvray of the Mission to Lepers have visited us.

ALAN ROWE AT ROBINVALE

(Vic., E. K. Morrison). Alan Rowe, entertainer, compered a happy night of fellowship and fun. His personal appearances were first class. Mildura Salvation Army Band provided supporting items. The evening concluded our major emphasis on conservation . . . F. Levett and K. Geyer engaged in a busy round of deputation meetings for the B. & F.B.S. . . . Earnest prayers being offered for Colin Stone, extremely ill after an emergency operation. Transferred to Royal Melbourne Hospital by air ambulance . . . Youth Club engage in frequent combined activities with newly-formed Meth.-Pres. Youth Club.

CIRCUIT FORMED

(Warrnambool, Vic., C. R. Perkins). The annual business meeting instituted a circuit ministry embodying the Warrnambool, Port Fairy and Portland churches. The acceptance of women to serve on the Board of Officers found favour. Elected to the Board were E. C. Houston (elder), J. Albert, R. Brown, R. Irvine, W. Pearce, J. Porter, D. Witham (treasurer), and Mrs. R. Irvine. Deaconesses appointed were Mesdames J. Albert, W. Hill, N. Loader, W. Pearce and C. Perkins . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Mogg and family have been welcomed from Robinvale. Mr. Mogg is now Postmaster at Terang . . . The term of Mr. Perkins' ministry has been extended to the end of 1971.

TO TERMINATE

(Berri, S.A., R. L. Baxter). Mr. Baxter has indicated that he will terminate his ministry at the end of 1970 . . . Youth conducted a successful service on the theme, "A Life to Give." One young man was baptised. Special music and instruments were used . . . Miss Sue Thorpe (State Organiser of the Girls' Brigade) recently visited the Upper Murray . . . Members have started a special project of planting pumpkins for the New Building Fund.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE GIRL FROM DADAYA Judith Todd was born on the N.Z. Churches of Christ mission at Dadaya in Southern Rhodesia and her father, Garfield Todd, became Prime Minister of his adopted land. Judith sat in classes with the blacks in the mission school, and they were very much a part of her environment. She is a big girl now, a journalist and authoress, with the cause of Black Rhodesians so much on her heart that she is in Australia to find out why we are so much out of step with most of the world in our attitude to Ian Smith and his illegal government of Rhodesia. Smith's regime has been built upon deceit, self-interest, and racism. It began with a lie when Smith promised Sir Humphrey Gibb, the Governor, not to use special emergency powers to make a Unilateral Declaration of Independence. Within six days, Smith did make such a declaration. Last week the Rhodesian Parliament ratified a new constitution designed to ensure white supremacy for at least 300 years. In flagrant disregard of the processes of law, which we take so much for granted, Smith's government has kept men in prison for years without being charged with or convicted of any crime. Rhodesia's educational system is slanted to keep the blacks in the role of second class citizens, which is another name for third-class slaves. Almost all the world is offended at what Smith has done and the United Nations Organisation proposed the strongest measures against the new and illegal State. Australia's response to the call for sanctions has been to deny entry to Colin Bland, an international cricketer travelling on a Rhodesian passport! However, its efforts in other directions must fill us with shame. Since 1965, exports by Australia to Rhodesia have increased by 25% and now exceed in volume the combined exports of the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It is fairly easy to forget what is happening so far away, but Miss Todd's visit has reminded us that our growing importance among the nations of the world carries with it an increasing responsibility for our actions. The moral weakness of our stand with Rhodesia is exposed and we are being counted with South Africa and Portugal as the friends of Ian Smith. Being in such company looks even worse when we are reminded by Miss Todd that only the Dutch Reformed Church in Rhodesia has supported Mr. Smith. Every other church has condemned him. It is time to put some pressure upon our Government to do what is right.

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Planning is now in progress for the Churches of Christ Fifth National Youth Convention, Melbourne, Jan. 4-10, 1971.

The Federal Board of Christian Education spent much time in initial planning and a group of Victorian young people, led by Ray McKenzie, incoming Director of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Educ., is working on the detailed arrangements for the Convention.

In connection with the Convention, the Federal Board of Christian Education announces a Hymn Competition. There will be two sections in which competitors may enter:

- (i) Under 18 years,
- (ii) 18 years and over.

Competitors are invited to submit an original hymn (maximum of five stanzas) in line with the Convention theme, "The Man at the Centre." Competitors may compose the music for their hymn entry or indicate a suitable existing tune. The winners in this competition will be announced at the Convention and the winning hymns will be featured in the Convention programme. Hymn entries with the competitor's name, address, local church, and age, clearly marked, should reach the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000, no later than June 30, 1970.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

(Margaret St., Launceston, Tas., L. G. Read). The building extensions to the School Hall have reached a significant stage with the ceiling and roof in position . . . A. E. White (Melb.) was guest speaker at the church and Bible School anniversary services which were held on consecutive Sundays in Oct. . . . 40 C.W.F. ladies were hosts to ladies from Invermay and Caveside churches at luncheon in the School Hall. The W.C.W.F. birthday programme was presented and an offering taken for the Literacy Project in Haiti. . . . The church actively supported the recent Austcare-Freedom from Hunger campaign to which members contributed \$314 . . . The church is deeply saddened by the sudden "home call" of Tas. Parry. . . . Gordon Stirling addressed church at evening service on Oct. 26 whilst on College of the Bible deputation tour.

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Woolwich College —

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL

The Board of Management of the Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W., is pleased to announce the appointment as Principal of Dr. Allen Elliott, M.A., Ph.D., B.Sc., Dip. Ed., effective as from December 1, 1969.

Dr. Elliott came to us from Western Australia, he joined the Faculty in 1951 as Senior Lecturer and was appointed Vice-Principal shortly afterwards. This formal announcement is made with a deep sense of gratitude that Dr. Elliott has accepted the Board's invitation to succeed A. W. Stephenson, M.A., in one of the most responsible and important posts our brotherhood has to offer. Both Dr. and Mrs. Elliott are widely known throughout Australia, and have already served in an outstanding way in the work at Woolwich. They will be greatly on our hearts as they take up this vital task.

—G. H. Sloman, Chairman.

BOOK & TOY NOOK

(Burwood, N.S.W.). A "Book and Toy Nook" was officially opened on Oct. 27 in the Queensland Arcade shopping centre of Burwood, by the Burwood church. With the co-operation of the D.C.E. Central Book Room, this venture has been made possible. Volunteers from Burwood church will assist daily in the sale of Christian literature, Christmas cards, toys, etc., and the whole project will be used as a witness in the community.

S.E. ASIAN REPORT

(N.S.W.). The Federal Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board, Ron S. McLean, spent a few days in Sydney in early November after his recent tour of South-East Asia. Mr. McLean was special speaker at a Great Missionary Rally at Burwood chapel on Nov. 7. He spoke concerning the opportunities in countries to the north of Australia, including Indonesia, and in a general way presented a "South-East Asian Report."

ASIAN VISITOR

(N.S.W.). Vincent Tan Song Kiang, a notable Christian leader from Singapore, has visited many N.S.W. churches. Prior to his conversion, Vincent Tan was the mastermind of a network of vice involving about 180 groups, engaged in kidnaping, protection rackets, and infiltrating the Singapore community in many other forms of underworld activity. He speaks six languages fluently—Malay, Mandarin, English, Hokien, Teochew and Cantonese—and has a wonderful story to tell concerning the grace of Christ. Mr. Tan also joined with the N.S.W. ministers at "Naamaroo," Lane Cove National Park.

ASHWOOD HOUSE FUNCTION

(N.S.W.). On Oct. 22 all roads led to "Ashwood House," Pendle Hill, for the women of the N.S.W. churches. Representatives from most of the nearby C.W.F.'s were present at a special "morning tea" when they saw very fine handcrafts of the ladies of the home. There was opportunity for fellowship and inspection of the premises.

MEN'S WORK DINNER

(N.S.W.). The annual Men's Dinner sponsored by the Dept. of Men's Work was held in the Burwood Church Hall on Thurs., Oct. 23, attended by delegations from many suburban churches. Chairman was Norm Edwards, of Belmore, and the speaker was James P. Henderson, of Epping, who is also Director of the Ormond School in connection with the N.S.W. Child Welfare Dept.

MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE

(Bexley Nth., N.S.W., D. Hammer). Our minister, Mr. Hammer, will conclude his ministry here in Jan. next . . . Recent features have been the Women's Fellowship anniversary with Mrs. Elliott as speaker, and the B.S. anniversary led by

S. Craven . . . There has been much sickness. Five members have been in hospital but are now recovering . . . Members shared in a bus picnic to Bowral on Labour Day . . . Vincent Tan of Singapore, Asian evangelist, spoke Oct. 12.

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The 41 foot dragon canoe, "breathing fire and smoke" (see front cover) was 12 minutes ahead of the conventional two-man canoe, crewed by the 36th Company of the Brigade, St. Mark's Church of England, Clayfield. Third to finish, out of 20 entries entered by 15 Companies of the Boys' Brigade, was the two-man canoe manned by the Salisbury Baptist team.

The cover photo shows Greg Jenks and Des Ede with the other nine crew members.

C.W.F. AT 21

(Chinchilla-Hopeland, Qld.). Hopeland Ladies' Fellowship 21st birthday visitors included Mrs. Chapman, Conf. Pres., and Mrs. B. Armstrong, of Sydney, and Mrs. C. Wheat, former members. Others came from Toowoomba, Dalby and Chinchilla. E. T. Hart was guest speaker . . . Hopeland S.S. anniversary items featured missionary work . . . Love and sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rubie and family in the death of a husband and father.

"FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING"

(Qld.). For 21 years the Queensland Council of Churches has conducted the ceremonies of the "Festival of Thanksgiving" and "The Blessing of the Plough" in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Show Association.

The Queensland Council of Churches has objected strongly to the reported possibility of the Brisbane Exhibition being an "open day" on Sunday in 1970. A. C. Male is secretary of the Q.C.C.

LADIES TAKE OVER

(Gatton, Qld., D. Usher). While eight men attended the Men's Camp at Caloundra in Sept., the ladies conducted the Sunday morning service. Mrs. Usher gave the address . . . At the Qld. Agricultural College meeting on Oct. 8, three students made decisions . . . 128 attended the S.S. anniversary which presented various items including a Puppet Show by Miss Lill Cooper, from Southport . . . The C.W.F. led the programme for the combined West Moreton ladies' meeting. Mrs. Usher was speaker . . . 70 youth from Nambour and Gatton held a combined weekend camp at Caloundra on Oct. 4 and 5.

QLD. C. of C./N.A.S.A.

Because of adverse criticism being levelled at the astronaut Buzz Aldrin's reading of Psalm 8 on the Apollo 11 Mission, the Queensland Council of Churches wrote to the National Aeronautic Space Administration in Houston, Texas, commending this action.

Half-Yearly Conference, Harlaxton

Harlaxton is a suburb of the Queen City of the Darling Downs—Toowoomba, at the northern end of the main street. This virile fellowship has witnessed in this area for over 22 years, and is at present ministered to by Bruce Roberts. The State Half-Yearly Conference was conducted at Harlaxton this year, with Des Collins, Conference President, chairing all meetings. Kev. Ludgater, Conf. Sec., was again in attendance.

After luncheon, a roll call revealed that the South-Eastern Churches were represented from as far apart as Warwick, Gympie, Chinchilla and West Moreton.

The large number of delegates who attended were informed of and challenged by the dynamic developments within the State since the last Conference. Reports were given on behalf of the women—Mrs. Chapman, President; Home Missions—Alex Surtees; Christian Education—A. C. Male; Social Service—E. T. Hart; Overseas Missions—Rex Ellis, Secretary-elect; Kenmore College—Dennis Usher, Board member. Questions were few, which indicated wholehearted approval of Committee actions. Amongst

the thrilling and exciting areas of development, we were told that the Lions Club of Maryborough had agreed to raise \$4,000 towards the erection of a Children's Home in that city.

A stimulating discussion was held on the subject of "Our Churches' Consultation on Christian Union," led by Les Armstrong of Ann Street, and Alex Surtees. Many questions here indicated the great interest in this theme.

Other brotherhood committees were highlighted—Aborigines—Rex Ellis, retiring chairman; Property—Lindsay Nell; Preacher Placement and Advisory Board—Les Armstrong; Brotherhood Advancement Fund—Kev. Ludgater; World Convention—Kev. Ludgater.

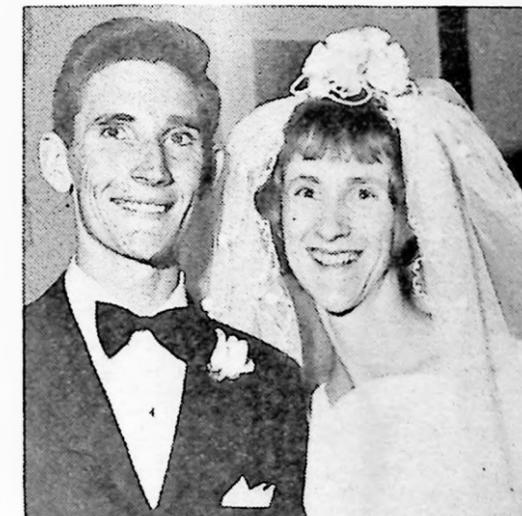
Devotional Messages were given by Ern. Stevens (Ipswich), Chaplain Glen Brown (Amberley), and Colin Smith (Annerley). These speakers developed the President's Conference theme: "What Shall It Profit?"

The experience was one of great sharing and fellowship and of benefit both to the delegates who visited and the church that was host on this occasion.

Captain Marries Captain

(Zillmere, Qld.). Wayne B. Rees, our Boys' Brigade Captain, and Carla Van Laar, our Girls' Brigade Captain, were married here on Oct. 25 by the bride's brother, Louis Van Laar, minister of Hervey Bay Church of Christ, North Qld. Ron Holt, minister of Zillmere church, was best man. The bride was attended by Helena Van Laar, Carol Rees, Josephine Adriaansen, and Jane Rees. Groomsmen were Peter Smith, Maldwyn and Royston Rees.

A combined choir of 40 children from the Boys' and Girls' Brigades sang two anthems. There are 73 boys and 37 girls in the two Brigades. These formed a guard of honour outside the chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rees are building their home in the district and will continue their excellent work as Brigade Captains.



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DEATHS
COMBRIDGE.—On October 31, Bert (B. J.), Unit 11, 6 Robertson-pde., Aspendale, devoted husband of Win, dearest father of Winifred (Mrs. Sinclair); father-in-law of Ian, and adored pa of Leanne and Russell. "A silent sufferer at rest."

EDGEELL.—Loving memories and happy thoughts of our dear friend, Miss Ruth Edgell, who was called home on October 27, 1969. Her work and interest for the church will always be remembered by her many friends at Newmarket Church of Christ.

GRAY.—On Oct. 25, at her residence, 2 Simpson's-rd., Box Hill, Vic., Constance Agnes, dearly loved wife of the late Richard Vince, loved mother of James (dec.), Gordon (dec.), Irene (Mrs. L. R. McCredden), Mildred (dec.), Ruby (Mrs. G. McCredden) and Jack; and loved mother-in-law of Beth, Vi, Beaty, Les., and Glad. "A wonderful mother to us all."

SUMMERTON (Sell).—On Nov. 5, at Frankston Community Hospital, Vic., Jessie Florence, dearly beloved wife of Frederick Norman, loved mother of Norman (dec.), Jesamond, Desmond, Audrey and Alwyn; mother-in-law of John, Joan and Ben; loving Nan of Graeme and Robert, Bruce, Heather and Julie Summerton, Gary, Terry, Wayne and Leigh Glassborow, Trevor, Denise and Brenda Summerton. Present address: 9 Houston-ave., Strathmore, Vic.

WILLIAMS.—Passed away Oct. 26 at Kaniva District Hospital, Vic., Adaline Ann, of Lillimur, loved wife of Albert (dec.), loved mother and mother-in-law of Eddie and Gladys, Olive (dec.), Grace and Herb., Charles (dec.), Evelyn (dec.), Albert and Joyce. Aged 85. "At rest."

IN MEMORIAM
STURGES.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Lyli, who passed away Nov. 11, 1944, and dear father, William Henry, Jan. 1, 1961. —Inserted by their loving daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. J. Searle, dec.), Concie (Mrs. C. MacDonald), Alice (Mrs. N. White). "Deep in our hearts a memory is kept."

WATERS.—In fond memory of my husband, Jack, called home 25/11/64. Also father of Allan, Vincent, Arthur and Geoffrey and grandchildren. "God has him in his keeping, We have him in our hearts. At rest."

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Mr. Les Crisp wishes to convey his sincere thanks to those who have been thoughtful to him during his recent illness. The good wishes and prayers have been of great value to him at this time.
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Jill Beattie to Ian Trethowan, Hartwell, Vic.
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Alison Oliver to Ian Jarred, Horsham, Vic.

DEATHS

Tas. Parry, Launceston, Tas.
Miss Ruth Edgell, B. J. Combridge, Chelsea, Vic.
Constance Agnes Gray, Box Hill, Vic.
Mrs. F. Baker, Brighton, Vic.
Mrs. Hilda Cemm, Parkdale, Vic.
Mrs. Violet Poulsen, Fullarton, S.A.
L. Rubie, Chinchilla, Qld.
Mrs. Ward, Berri, S.A.

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CATHOLICS APPEAL FOR ECUMENICAL BAPTISM

(New York). A Roman Catholic religious order has officially called on the leadership of the various churches "to give more positive direction" so that "full communion among Christians" may be attained.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, popularly known as the Graymoor Friars, wanted the Roman Catholic Church to end conditional baptism of Protestants who join the church, "a practice which is in violation of the church's own theology."

Furthermore, they said, the children of mixed marriages should be baptised in an ecumenical service because "there is no such thing as Catholic baptism or Lutheran baptism but only baptism in Christ."—E.P.S.

VICTIM OF OATH TAKING

(Nairobi). One Presbyterian minister has been killed and another beaten by a gang that invaded his church service, as a result of their protests against oath-taking ceremonies inflicted by Kikuyu tribesmen.

A third minister, a 54-year-old preacher of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, was also attacked by a gang near Thika.

This harassment of clergy who oppose oaths seems to be a repetition of similar difficulties in the 1950's which took the lives of 20 Presbyterian churchmen who refused to take an oath.

The impact of the oath has fallen on Christian Kikuyu who have refused to pledge their allegiance to the tribe rather than to Christ. Church meetings have been held throughout Kikuyu areas

and other parts of the country to rally Christians in the face of pressures to take the oaths.

Although the government has ordered an investigation into the ceremonies and condemned the violence involved, church leaders claim that not enough is being done.—E.P.S.

DIVISION OF MISSION

A Methodist clergyman has been appointed Secretary of the Division of Mission of the Australian Council of Churches. He is the Rev. E. V. Newman, B.A., B.D., B. Litt., Assistant General Secretary of Methodist Overseas Missions since 1956. Mr. Newman will have a special task of assisting the Division in a large-scale review of its role during the next 12 months.—A.C.C.

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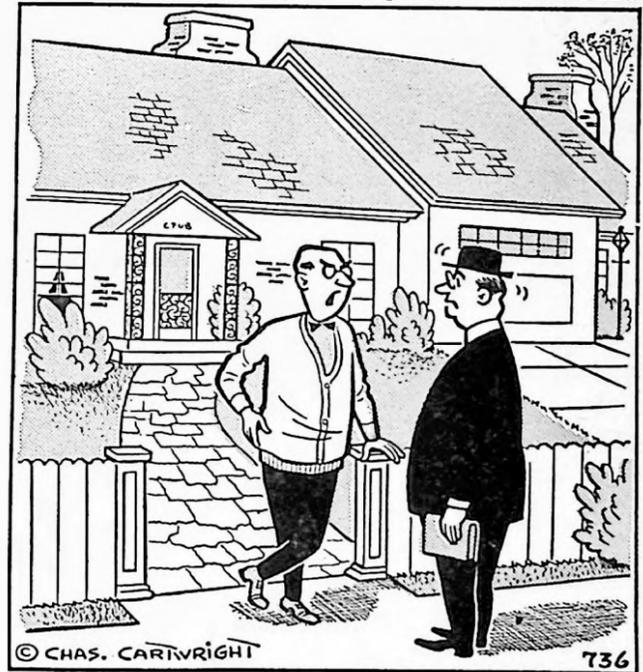
(From the "Australian Christian," November, 1919)

Prohibition! "By 65 votes to 20, the U.S. Senate today quickly again passed the Prohibition Enforcement Bill, despite President Wilson's veto, thus following the action of the House of Representatives on Monday." No news item, and no Government action, ever more encouraged the advocates of reform, sobriety and purity.

The Needle. There are a great many theories as to who won the war. The honours are divided between soldiers, sailors, and munition workers, between big guns, tanks, airships and warships. I want to put forward a claim for the needle-point, so infinitely small, yet so infinitely great. Was it not the needle's point that led the way in clothing your armies? Was it not the needle's point that led the way in the great sock campaign? Who, I ask, took a more leading part in making our boys look "spick and span" in their khaki? Who was it pointed out the way to keep our soldiers warm? It was this very same warworker who did so much in making the soldiers' sturdy footwear. In fact, when the history of the war is completed, and we see things in their right proportion, we shall probably conclude that the war was won by the point of a needle! (W. R. Hibbert).

End of the World. Great interest was created in newspapers by a statement from a leading Anglican preacher that the world might end this year, or at the latest in 1929.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"I could be a good Christian if other members would just let me. By pledging they make me feel like a tightwad!"

ELDERLY VISITORS

(Ormond, Vic., R. McKenzie). The Ormond Elderly Citizens' Clubs and our "over-sixties" were guests at tea on Oct. 19. Over 100 were entertained . . . Explorers took part in the evening service on Boys' Sunday . . . Y.P.S.C.E. attended an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and were also in a worship competition among several churches. Our young people were successful and retain the trophy for 12 months . . . Wed. night study group became part of a pilot scheme for Christian Educ. in studying "Christian Living." . . . Ladies raised \$86 at a street stall . . . Explorers held a hike and barbecue at Jumping Creek Reserve at War-randyte.

RICHMOND AN OCTOGENARIAN

(Vic., D. McKay & Garth Nelson). 80th anniversary guest speakers on Oct. 19 included E. W. Roffey, Dr. G. A. Whiting and J. G. Shaw. Many past members returned and remained for Fellowship Tea . . . The B.S. has just completed a "pick a book" competition . . . Girls' Sunday was observed. Miss Diana Basinski, one of our own girls, gave the address . . . Explorer boys assisted on Boys' Sunday . . . C.W.F. are packing medical parcels for Vietnam . . . Dr. Whiting has completed a series of discussions to "Young Parents with Problems." . . . Miss Pauline Brodie returned to New Guinea after a holiday at home. John Hunter returned home for five days from Vietnam.

FOR BETTER WORSHIP

(Horsham, Vic., R. T. Baxter). Training sessions for men on service plan are being held . . . The B.S. anniversary featured the Kindergarten one Sunday and the senior school the next. Speakers were Mr. Baxter and R. Tucker. Special singing by scholars was led by Mrs. Short . . . Monthly "Sing-a-longs" are proving popular . . . The annual picnic was held at the Natimuk Golf Links.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

(Gardiner, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). On Sept. 28, at our church anniversary, a lovely memorial window above the baptistry was gratefully received by the church from Mrs. Daff and family. It was erected "in gratitude for the life of Charles C. G. Daff." Speakers at anniversary services were N. S. Moore, A. E. White and L. S. Dewberry . . . Over \$250 was raised by a celebrity concert in September arranged by Alan Rowe and sponsored by the Christian Men's Fellowship. It supported the Work Party which recently went to New Guinea . . . Visitation on Oct. 26 has resulted so far in 12 new scholars for the B.S. On Nov. 1 a B.S. scholar confessed Christ . . . A "Noel Boutique" arranged by the C.W.F. produced \$400 to be used in improving amenities about the church buildings . . . On Nov. 4 a picnic at Whittlesea Showgrounds combined the church, B.S., youth groups, and the Elderly Citizens' Club.

OPEN HOUSE

(Vic.). An "Open House" will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKenzie, on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 9 Normanby Road, East Bentleigh, Vic. All interested in seeing the Department of Christian Education's house are invited.

ANSWER IS A SERMON

(Ivanhoe, Vic., E. W. Roffey). At a youth service on Oct. 26, Mr. Roffey preached on a question asked by the young people, "What is Immorality?" . . . The Chairman of the Board for the next 12 months is N. Fisher; secretary, R. Darby; and treasurer, F. Chipperfield . . . At A.C.E. family night on Nov. 2, a film was shown of the rebuilding of the church in 1965 as part of the recognition of 52 years of service by Mrs. Pettigrove, who is leaving the district.

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The "Gold Coast Crusade" is organised by Youth for Christ, an inter-church organisation, and activities will include surfing, aqua-planing, water skiing, tennis, basketball, bus tours, boat trip, New Year's Eve Hawaiian Night, films, camp

98th ANNIVERSARY

(Bayswater, Vic., M. D. Keatch). The guest speaker for the 98th church anniversary was R. V. Longthorp. P.S.A. speaker was Col. Stevenson of the Salvation Army. Soloist was Daniel Hills. The Yukana Singers also assisted. 150 were at fellowship tea under the expert leadership of Clive Crouch, of Nhill, Danny Hills, Max Gedy, John Davis and Alan Handasyde . . . 11 Explorers boys spent a weekend rock-climbing at Mt. Arapiles . . . Mrs. Keatch led devotions for C.W.F. 31st birthday. The Yukana Singers gave a musical evening.

concerts and the National Talent Quest Finals. Each morning Ray Harrison, of Geneva, Switzerland, world leader of Y.F.C., will be the Bible Hour speaker, and at night great outdoor Youth Rallies will be held in the park at Currumbin.

The special train will leave Melbourne on Christmas night, Dec. 25, returning on Jan. 6, and the Crusade is open for all young people between the ages of 15-25.

Applications and further details are available from the Youth for Christ Office, 747 Burke Road, Camberwell, Vic., 3124, phones 82 1528, 82 6971. Registrations close on Dec. 9.

B.S. PROJECT

(Thomson, Vic., R. A. Banks). Some weeks ago, B.S. scholars were given half-a-dozen plastic cups each. On Oct. 25 they brought back the cups, each with a thriving plant to be sold for school funds . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. Simper have been re-elected Supts. of the S.S. and Kindergarten, respectively . . . D. H. Smith, H.M. Director, preached on Oct. 12 and spoke at the after-church fellowship . . . C.W.E.F. 4th birthday was conducted by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Haddon, Mrs. Weatherhead, and Mrs. Hancock, all of Melbourne.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

News from Pentecost

I have suddenly realised how close it is to Christmas, yet it seems no time at all since I landed on Pentecost. But that's usually the way it is when you are enjoying your work.

It has been a very full month, including Field Council meetings, two weddings, the opening of a new dispensary, a new church opening, a school visit from the British District Education Officer, and another baptismal service, amongst other things.

For Field Council at Ranmawat, from 1st-3rd, Keith Ludgater was over from Londua to join with Kay Williams and Dr. Coulter, already here after August's activities. It came as a surprise to us during F.C. to discover it was the Pingers' 25th wedding anniversary, so some time was spent reminiscing over their wedding on Aoba and some of the earlier years of the mission on that island.

Our new dispensary at Pangli was opened by Dr. Coulter on Sept. 6. By this time our run of bad weather had

By D. FEENEY

cleared and the ground had dried up to make conditions for such a celebration most pleasant. I wasn't able to attend the official opening as I had to stay back at the school with some of the girls. Unfortunately, either Beth or I are often obliged to do this, but we learn to accept this as part of the work.

As usual, when the Church shows signs of progress, Satan tries to undermine, and within a fortnight of the opening, a "witchdoctor" had been brought over from Santo, presumably to chase away evil spirits that were believed to be lurking around someone's house. He went on to administer leaf medicine to one of the villages close-up to Pangli. This sort of thing is most discouraging and heartbreaking when we see people who profess to follow Christ so easily led back to the old ways.

The bulldozer has finally been fixed and is working again after three months

of inactivity—in a matter of days the workmen had completed the road around the point to Waterfall. You could not really appreciate how wonderful it is to be able to walk around that cliff without climbing over boulders and rocks, unless you'd experienced it.

I write this on Oct. 4 and so far the road has progressed over half way to Melsissi—normally two hours' walk over cliffs and through a narrow bush track. Oct. 1 was a red-letter day when a road was made up to Ranwadi, connecting the new road running along the beach front below our hill. Since then nearly everyone on Pentecost who owns a truck or jeep has been up to visit us, and I'm sure the excitement at seeing a truck drive right up to our doorstep will continue for a few weeks yet. The problem of bringing cargo up from the beach is eliminated, especially with the new Ranmawat truck, and we can get sick children down to Ranmawat without any delays. It's probably hard to visualise our position up on top of a hill and separated from the nearest village by a high cliff. We feel quite civilised now—and as we say here, the road is "Number One."

The school had a visit from the District Inspector in September—he stayed for a couple of days and appeared to be happy with the school, at least he didn't express any complaints to us.

We held a baptismal service for Reuben on 21st, as he was unable to join with the others in August when he developed filaria.

Beth Clapp and I have been thrilled with the response of the men who have been willing to come and work—we had planned to plant more gardens at this time of the year anyway, and a great deal of bush had to be cleared in order to do this—so we are doubly grateful for their assistance.

As I've said before, life here is never dull. There is always something exciting around the corner, and I count it a real joy to be part of it. Thank you for your continued interest and prayers for the work here.

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"Somewhat sultry," suggested Sophia.

"Sar-sartin, Sophia," said Sam. (Silence seventeen seconds).

"Selling saddles still, Sam?"

"Sar-sar-sartin," said Sam, starting suddenly. "Season's somewhat soporific," said Sam, stealthily staunching streaming sweat, shaking sensibly.

"Sartin," said Sophia, smiling significantly. "Sip some sweet sherbert, Sam." (Silence sixty seconds).

"Sire shot sixty sheldrakes, Saturday," said Sophia.

"Sixty? sho!" said Sam. (Silence seventy-seven seconds).

"See sister Susan's sunflowers?" said Sophia, sociably scattering such stiff silence.

(Stopping Section Succeeds)

THREE INTO 17

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(Answer next issue)

THERE was a young girl from Iran who had trouble in finding a man; It was funny, you see, Until she spotted me . . . Then Iran and Iran and Iran.

THE LAST WORD...

Letter from Prison

I believe that God purposes to give us in every crisis as much power of resistance as we need. But he does not give it to us in advance, in order that we shall rely not on our ourselves but on him alone. In such faith, all fear of the future would necessarily be overcome. I believe that even our defects and errors are not in vain, and that it is no more difficult for God to deal with them than with our supposed good deeds. I believe that God awaits and responds to true prayer and responsible actions.

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Some fellow has figured that we have 35,000,000 laws trying to enforce the Ten Commandments.



Most of us would get along all right if we used the advice we give to others.



Though we speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and give our bodies to be burned, if we are irritable and hard to live with, it all counts for nothing.

—Margaret Widdemer.

It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles; the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.



God help the children of the rich. The poor can work.



The man had barely paid off his mortgage on the house when he mortgaged it again to buy a car, and not too long after borrowed money to build a garage. His banker hesitated, and said, "If I do make this new loan, how will you buy petrol for the car?"

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