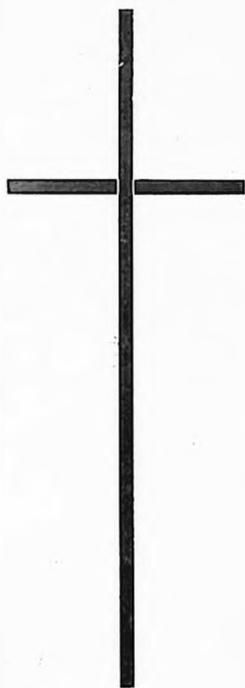


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"A.C." HOUSEKEEPING

Like Charles Dickens' Mr. Micawber, we know the hard facts of housekeeping accounts. If we live within our income the result is bliss, if we live beyond our income — by no matter how small a margin — the result is misery.

We are not exactly ecstatic about our present position, but we are far less miserable than we used to be.

Since our income is your outgo, we thought you would like to know how we are getting along.

A pleasant fact is that our financial position has improved. This result has been achieved by publishing fortnightly instead of weekly and by having an occasional issue of 20 rather than of 28 pages. We are confident that we shall not be required to make a major call to the churches for financial assistance, but it is evident that we shall need to maintain a subscription list of at least 5,400 copies if we are to maintain a 28-page fortnightly issue and to cope with inevitable production cost rises.

Our present subscription list of 5,014 copies is made up as follows: W.A. 383; S.A. 1,057; Vic. 2,361; Tas. 137; N.S.W. 548; A.C.T. 38; Qld. 370; O/seas 120. Percentages of subscribers in relation to membership are: W.A. 10.6%; S.A. 15.1; Vic. 19.7; Tas. 18.3; N.S.W. 7.9; A.C.T. 11.3; Qld. 11.0

Our subscription rate is falling. That is a sad fact. One reason is that some long-time readers reach the end of their pilgrimage and are not replaced with younger readers. We are working on this problem of enlisting younger subscribers but haven't solved it yet.

A number of pensioners cancelled because of economic difficulties, one lady, a reader for fifty years, cancelled for this reason. We should be able to provide free copies for such persons, but our financial position does not permit us to do this at present.

Others cancelled their subscriptions because they thought that with our improved financial position they would not be missed. Nothing could be further from the truth. Some churches, reducing the number of copies being taken, explicitly stated that they did so because, according to them, we no longer needed financial support. The truth is that our improved finances are a direct result of reduced services to the churches and it will be most unfortunate if further restrictions have to be imposed.

During 1968 an approach was made to some churches to see if they would accept responsibility for a subscription for a missionary. The response so far has been most encouraging. Previously, some missionaries had been paying for their own subscriptions at overseas rates, some were receiving free copies, and others were not receiving their brotherhood journal.

The Journal

Although it was suggested above that our service to the churches has been limited by financial difficulties, we think that you will agree that there is still a remarkable coverage, in width and in depth, of the life of the churches.

There were 2,392 news items printed in 1968. These included local church items from these States: W.A. 104; S.A. 263; Vic. 528; Tas. 29; N.S.W. 174; and Qld. 81. Every report submitted is printed after editing.

There were 135 general articles; obituary notices were printed for 91 members; the names of 1,042 new disciples were shown; and there were 102 letters in the Open Forum section.

The regular features: "Tertius," 50 Years Ago; Questing; At the Lord's Table; Uncensored; and "The Last Word" continue to find appreciation by a wide range of readers.

The Future

Most churches throughout the world are finding it difficult to maintain their religious journals and those with a circulation of less than 20,000 are finding life precarious. Our own position is far from easy or secure, but we can say with confidence, that a small reader increase in every church, will ensure the continuing effective service of "The Australian Christian"—now in its 72nd year.

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WANTED — A MESSENGER

*The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day,
To speak a message of cheer
To a heart that was weary and worn and sad,
Weighed down with a mighty fear.
He asked for mine, but I was busy quite,
With my own affairs from morn till night.*

*The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day,
To do a loving deed;
He wanted two feet on an errand for Him,
To run with glad some speed,
But I had need of my own that day;
To His gentle beseeching I answered "Nay."*



OPPORTUNITIES in

CHALLENGE
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CONFERENCES

What a day we live in! There's something new every day—something to heal, something to destroy; something to inspire, something to depress; something to use, something to ignore. The Christian Church can make positive use of many of the new thoughts and practices of the day.

The Departments of Christian Education in the States, both as independent committees and as co-operating members of the Federal Board of Christian Education, are keen to grasp the new opportunities of our decade. In this issue of the "Australian Christian" we tell of some opportunities which are being developed.

CHALLENGE:

During 1968, the D.C.E. (N.S.W.) saw the opportunity to develop a Sydney-wide Churches of Christ Rally. The aim is primarily evangelistic. The secondary aim is to develop the musical talent of our young people in the witness of the Gospel.

Months of planning preceded the first Christian Youth-quake held in September, '68. The rallies are conducted bi-monthly and a balance is maintained between the lightness of humour and the challenge of direct gospel preaching.

The presentation of the rally itself carries variety and virility in the fast moving, well ordered timing. Due to the versatile Greenacre plant, the scene of Youth-quakes, no sooner has the main programme concluded than a second begins.

The whole audience is free to move about, leave, talk, or buy at the canteen while the set is changed. We simply reverse ends and the stage at the rear of the hall becomes the setting for the "Fresh-faces Segment." Young new, or inexperienced groups take part in this informal setting.

Numbers have ranged around and above 400 at each rally. Greenacre is ideally located as central to all areas and suited to cope with such large numbers. A number of decisions for Christ have been registered and interesting developments of these Youth-quakes in the future are anticipated.

Focus:

"Focus" prepared to enter its fifth year of publication. It has undergone a number of changes over the years. For a period it carried State news, but the demand was wider than the State of N.S.W.

This meant that more articles went into the magazine and the news went into a monthly news-sheet called "Focusette." But the demand did not stop at that. With no increase in subscription, the magazine has increased to 24 pages. Only four pages carry advertisements. This growth has meant extra work, more writers, etc., but also greater opportunities. With the first issue of the 24-page "Focus," 1,600 magazines were distributed.

Publications are important to Christian Education and the N.S.W. D.C.E. has fostered a number of publications for use in follow-up or initial witness.

CURRICULA

Next year about two-thirds of our Australian churches will be using resource materials for Christian Education under the heading of **Christian Life Curriculum**. The major impact of these new materials will be felt in the church schools, but C.L.C. is not designed only as a new set of children's and youth lesson materials. It will provide stimulating resources for the whole of the Christian Education conducted by the local church. Produced in Australia as a result of the co-operation by Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Churches of Christ churches, the C.L.C. provides a lead to our churches for the new opportunities of the 1970's.

"Associates in Christian Education" are being trained to understand the C.L.C. and help churches prepare to make the best use of it. These people will visit churches and groups over the coming months.

A great deal that is in the C.L.C. is old — very old. It will be as old as the message of the Bible, for it is founded on the Word of God and the eternal truths contained in the Scriptures. A great deal that is in the C.L.C. is new—very new. It will be as new as the present needs and tensions and problems of the young people and adults of Australia, for it will speak the word of the Gospel to OUR situation.

The following article concerning **Local Education Committees** is of central importance for the reception and operation of the C.L.C. The Federal Board urges each church to establish a L.E.C. — whether or not you will be using the C.L.C. — but especially if you are!

For the rest of the year every second issue of the "Australian Christian" will carry a column of information concerning the C.L.C. Please read and remember the information. Welcome to the new curriculum of our Australian churches Federal Board of Christian Education!

MAY IS OFFERING DAY AND BUDGET
4 REMINDER DAY FOR CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION.



COMMITTEES

(OR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS)

The Church had a problem.

Several years before it had embarked on a new kind of youth work in which the church property was made available on a community basis. The young people had come. The opportunities were there. But the church wasn't completely happy about it.

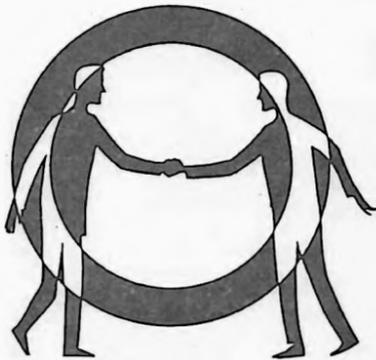
There were, in fact, two different approaches, and these came into conflict.

One group tended to measure progress only in terms of conversions. It didn't see the need to make contact first. The other group tended to be so involved in making contact that it seemed to lose sight of the need to share Jesus Christ with the young people. Not much progress can be made when there is tension like this.

Into this situation came a newly-elected Local Education Committee. It was able to view the whole situation with a degree of objectivity. It investigated claims and counter claims. It began to dispel some of the fears by making the facts available, and it generated discussion between the Board of Officers and the new youth club.

The Local Education Committee did not perform miracles overnight. But it did greatly assist in a crisis situation. This small committee was able to take the "overall view."

The Board of Officers in another church had discussed briefly some aspects of its Christian Education programme. The limits of time, among other things, prevented any wrestling with the real issues.



CITIZENSHIP

(OR, AN INVESTMENT IN YOUTH)

into positive, useful channels, the boys' change in outlook is amazing.

In its social education the scheme is unique in that the boys are taken out into the society to learn of its structure and the mutual interdependence of its members.

Each week aids to social etiquette are given, and opportunity is provided to put these into practice during outside visits. Included in each course, are two week-end camps: One is at "Camp Cal." at Caloundra, and the other in the country. The country camps include mountain climbing with rope work, cave explorations and a "Camp Champ" competition consisting of "Outward-bound" type activities. Church services are held with the staff of Christian young people assisting Allan Male who presents themes concerning awareness of the presence of God.

Each week there is an inspection based on cleanliness of appearance. A uniform of a white T-shirt with a small monogrammed "S," navy blue shorts, white socks and gym. boots, are supplied to each boy.

How can the success of a scheme such as this be measured? Take a look at the reports that each boy writes weekly at the end of each session, and see the change of outlook that develops. Read press reports on a group of 25 boys up to 17-years-old, giving up their week-ends to clear lantana scrub for a Riding School for Disabled Children or preparing playground equipment for the School for the Visually Handicapped. One boy from the very first course is now a gymnastics instructor with the Y.M.C.A.

At the closing ceremony which politicians, councillors, Rotarians and all associated personnel attend, the boys receive their certificate in citizenship.

The State Government now provides an annual budget of \$10,000 for the operation of the Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre.

CONFERENCES

(OR, GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REAL ISSUES)

No matter how shiny the car, what latest extras may be put on the dashboard, unless the car works efficiently all the luxury of extras is a waste of money and effort. In the last two or three years, what started as a "Chevy Tourer" has become a "Monaro Special" to those who use it aright. Church Life Conferences are simply meetings of leaders and members of a local church who come together for several sessions, usually over a weekend on the church property, to consider seriously what it means to be the Church in its own situation. The optimum words are "to consider seriously" because it is not a stunt or a slick method for instant success.

Because it is an adventure of faith when people are disturbed by the Holy Spirit, there can be no detailed prior determination. If it is pre-set it becomes another manipulative idea that the Church has dreamed up to increase its numbers or some other such goal.

The aims of such a Conference are as follows:

1. To carefully review with a high degree of frankness the existing work and life of the local church.
2. To appraise its strengths and weaknesses, its accomplishments, and failures.
3. To discover the way ahead for the ongoing life and mission of the church.
4. To consider the findings, and work out how to put the ideas into the areas of worship and witness.

Your next question no doubt will be, "Who comes to such a Conference?" It is open to all the members and friends of the



church. It is important to hear from all sections of the Church, old and young, satisfied and dissatisfied, conservatives and liberals, accelerators and brakers. The normal pattern sees the Church Life Conference begin on a Friday night with a two-hour session. Prior to this session the church members have filled in a questionnaire answering penetrating questions. On Sunday morning the sermon challenges the church to serious discipleship. Sunday afternoon sees the beginnings of suggested structures to meet the need of being faithful to the call of Christ.

It is preferable to call in an outside consultant to be the leader of such a Conference. After the Conference the recommendations should be treated seriously by the Board because the membership of the local church has voiced real concerns and indicated a desire to be involved at points of real need. Sub-committees work for several weeks after the Conference and make firm proposals that are put to the church for action by the Board and members with particular skills.

When a Church takes itself and its task seriously and is willing to pay the necessary price, there is no limit to what can be attempted and achieved for the Kingdom of God. But remember, "no matter how shiny the car, what latest extras may be put on the dashboard, unless the car works efficiently it is a waste of money and effort." A number of our churches in South Australia have found that a Church Life Conference is "A Vehicle That Works."

CAMPING

(OR, A NEW STYLE IN ADVENTURE)

Adventure Camping!

A new idea in Christian Education!

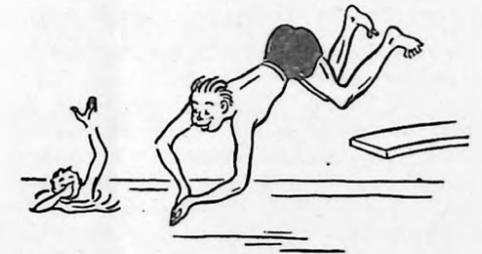
Every field has its methods, every discipline its jargon. What do we mean by and hope to achieve in an Adventure Camp? Certainly we need to ask the questions else it ceases to be "Christian" education.

"What sort of camp is this?" could well have been the average church member's query of W.A.'s first "Stirling Adventure Camp." Big boots, wide hats, packs, hike tents, billies, a fearsome array of knives and daggers.

Christian Education aims at nurturing Christian character. Many educational structures centre around teaching through lecture, seminar, discussion group. The Adventure Camp uses different techniques. Certainly it seeks to appeal to the ruggedness, the need for challenge and achievement in the soul of youth. To watch a lad doggedly struggling up a slope—fear tugging at his heels, effort straining his muscles, dawning achievement bright in his face—is to watch a lad become his "greater self." The wild cries of encouragement, the ready hand of comfort, the struggling skills of communal bush living are fellowship come alive. The bright camp fires, and brighter eyes, the bowed heads at evening devotion, make for worship in its truest sense.

Adventure Camping seeks to challenge the inner life in a creative experience of Christian Fellowship and activity. A tight community dependent upon each other seeks the meaning of being Christian.

W.A.'s first camp was held in August under the threat of snow, heralded by bright sun and steely cold nights in the Stirling National Park—a rugged mass rearing its head some 4,000 feet sheer from the plain. A motorcade of 24 campers



and five leaders travelled the 300 miles from Perth in a long day's trek, setting up base camp at Moingup Spring in a grove of gums—a truly beautiful spot with peaks rearing their heads all around.

Camp life was vigorous and rigorous. One comment: "I can't stand it" referred to the practice of "if you're hungry—cook it yourself." Many an ache resulted from overlooking the rule "bring what you like but you carry it!" Instruction was given in climbing, types of gear, keeping warm, cooking with a "tin, axe and knife, first aid." Parties were formed to climb the peaks. The delights of climbing—carrying a loaded pack, sleeping in the wind and rain, coping with one's feet—were all enjoyed. Peaks with such names as Toollrinup, Yungemere, War-rungurup were scaled, even Bluff Knoll with its 800 feet sheer walls. Peaks such as Moongongconerup, the Arrows of Mirl-punda and Ellen's Peak were gazed at with awe—and promises of "next year."

A truly magic circle was built of logs. Within the circle a roaring camp fire, guitars, ballads, choruses, hymns, the mur-murs of prayers, the bubble of conversation, was the nightly round. Here the youth heard and saw crystallised the experience of God—of each other, and listened intently.

This is Adventure Camping! Almost all who attended have announced their intention to return this year. Why? Is it because these youths were involved in a meaningful, challenging experience of being a Christian?

THE HAPPY FAMILY IMAGE



I am hereby pleading for a semblance of honesty and originality in the illustrations in Christian magazines, devotional booklets and church bulletin covers.

I'm not sure to whom I ought to direct my caustic comments — to the photographers, the editors, or to the Christian public. Perhaps it is ourselves who are to blame, for it is the customers who largely determine the product. I remember that last year our own denominational magazine illustrated the cover of one issue with "modern art"; the flood of letters that stormed their way to the editor gave the impression that the good man had somehow assassinated God.

If a man from Mars were to leaf through our Christian literature, looking only at the pictures, he would form some decided impressions about the "typical" family belonging to this strange sect. His conclusions might be something like this:

By LEROY KOOPMAN

HAPPY CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN THE HOME

A Happy Christian Family always has one small boy and one smaller girl.

The Happy Christian Mother always cleans her house and prepares her meals in her Sunday clothes.

Happy Christian Mothers always stand outside the door to welcome Happy Christian Fathers home from work.

Happy Christian Fathers never work in factories. Or else they change into suits before they come home. Perhaps they carry their work clothes in the briefcases they always carry.

Happy Little Christian Girls always have rosy cheeks.

Happy Little Christian Boys always have freckles.

Happy Christian Fathers always eat dinner wearing suit coat and tie.

Happy Christian Family Devotions are always conducted with Father in an easy chair with a monstrous Bible on his lap. He is wearing a suit and tie. On the wall is Sallman's "Head of Christ." There are no ash trays. Beautiful Mother sits beside him on the floor (or on a hassock), dressed in stunning pink dress. She stares into Father's face with starstruck awe. Their two Beautiful Children are dressed for Easter Sunday. The rosy-cheeked Girl is sitting on her Father's lap. The freckle-faced boy is sitting on nearby chair. Both are staring into Father's face with starstruck awe. Batman does not exist.

I consider myself the head of a Christian Family — a quite happy Christian Family. But we have been known, on occasion, to be of sour disposition, to be sloppily dressed at home, and to be less than starry-eyed in church.

Where have we gone wrong?

—"The Christian Herald."

HAPPY CHRISTIAN FAMILIES AT CHURCH

Happy Christian Families never have anyone sitting in front of them. Usually they don't have anyone behind them, either — with the possible exception of Grandpa and Grandma Saint.

Happy Christian Girls and Boys always sit quietly in church, Bibles clutched to their hearts, hands folded devoutly on the Bible, eyes straight forward.

Happy Christian Families at worship are always bathed in a brilliant, eerie glow of light. Perhaps an angel visitation?

Happy Christian Fathers always wear wide ties.

Happy Christian Mothers always wear pink hats.

Happy Christian Families never look at the hymnal while singing.

Happy Christian Sunday School Pupils always smile in class. Their teacher always smiles. It is a quiet class.

Happy Christian Families are always the first ones out of church. They always seem very happy to leave.

Happy Christian Ministers are never short and fat.

Happy Christian Families never attend church in the inner city.



K. J. CLINTON

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive and Nominations Committee announce that K. J. Clinton, of Bayswater church, has been appointed president-elect of Conference for 1969-70. A member of the faculty of the College of the Bible, K. J. Clinton's training, experience and service, both at home and abroad, fit him admirably for this office. He has conducted a number of effective interim ministries in recent years, presently with the Dandenong church whilst it awaits the commencement of A. A. Avery's ministry. Conference departments on which he has membership are H.M. & Evang., and Literature. As president-elect 1969-70, K. J. Clinton will be inducted to the office of president at the 1970 Conference, succeeding Dr. E. R. Killmister, who will become president at 1969 Conference, Sunday, April 27 to Saturday, May 3.

VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Ministers and Conference.

The Ministers' Association will combine their annual seminar with State Conference in one period. The seminar will be at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, from Wed., April 23 to Sat., April 26, leading up to Conference which commences on April 27. Other functions planned for the Conference period are a theological session at the College of the Bible on Monday, April 28, at which John Alexander, M.A., B.D., of Ormond College, will lecture; the ministers' conference at the brotherhood centre on Tuesday, April 29; and a practical session on caring for delinquents, to be held at Torana Boys' Home on Friday, May 2. Most churches are glad to free their minister for this period and many are contributing annually to a fund aimed to equalise travel costs for ministers in seminar-conference.

Women and Men in Conference.

The Wednesday of the Conference period is always a great day for our women. They conduct their annual conference in the St. Kilda Town Hall and have a wonderful time of fellowship, effective business discussion and inspiration. They repledge to Christian ideals and work in a service of commitment and dedication. They offer the fruits of their Christian stewardship as they present their "golden bags" offering and their gifts for home and overseas missions and the College of the Bible.

It is hoped that what Wednesday means to the women the Friday evening of Conference will come to mean to the men of our churches. The Christian Men's Fellowship invite men to a fellowship tea and annual meeting as part of Conference in Coles' city cafeteria on May 2, 5.45. The programme includes music, items by guest artists, business, the election of the C.M.F. board, and a challenging address. This is followed by attendance at the fourth business session of Conference in Nicholas Hall. It is stressed that this Conference function is for all men and it is hoped that several hundreds will participate. As the number of meals required must be notified to the caterers in advance, men are requested to forward notice of intention to participate and \$1 to N. F. White, cnr. Warrigal and High Street Roads, Ashwood, 3147, by noon, Tuesday, April 29.

Presidential Address

R. V. Amos, the outgoing Conference President, will deliver his presidential message at the last session of Conference, Saturday evening, May 3. His theme is, "Let the Church Attack." Following the presentation of the address he will induct his successor to the office of President for 1969-70.

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



tells us to do the right. When we deliberately do what is wrong we feel bad about it—we have a guilty conscience.

On the other hand, when we do the right we feel satisfaction. I don't mean a "pious glow," but a healthy sense of being on the side of truth and decency.

Although your conscience tells you to do the right, it cannot tell you what is right. What is right is a matter of knowledge and judgment. Paul was following his conscience when he led the campaign against the early church. He was also following his conscience when he became that church's great defender.

Paul's conscience hadn't changed. It was still exercising its proper function of telling Paul to do the right. It was Paul's knowledge of what was right that had changed.

Jiminy Cricket's advice to "always let your conscience be your guide," is good advice—up to a point. The conscience of Calvin permitted him to approve the burning of Servetus, the conscience of Torquemada was not troubled by the torture of those his church called heretics, the Crusaders were following their consciences when they took the sword and killed in the name of the Christ of the Cross. The consciences of other Chris-

tians will not allow them to take part in anything related to war or killing. It is quite obvious that conscience does not tell us what to do.

Conscience has partners. One of them is knowledge. As our knowledge increases we are better able to make moral judgments, better able to determine which is the right course of action to take. When we know what is right, our conscience will tell us to do it.

We can be wrong in our judgments. Our parents can be wrong. Society is often wrong. Even the Church has been wrong. It is no wonder, then, that we find it difficult, and soul-disturbing, as we battle with different courses of action each struggling for the approval of conscience. We must be ready to use every faculty which God has given to us in order to master the business of living.

Paul told Timothy to "wage good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their lives." (1 Tim. 1: 19).

By rejecting reason, faith, and the example of good men and women, persons can also make shipwreck of their lives. The good life depends upon many things. One of them is conscience, but it is of great significance.

UNCENSORED

THE VIEWS OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS ON NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, FAMILY AND PERSONAL ISSUES.

No. AT WHAT AGE SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE BE ALLOWED TO "GO STEADY" ?

JENNIFER WILSON (Tasmania): This question cannot be answered merely by stating an age. It depends on the maturity of a person, which, of course, varies from person to person. One should realise that there are problems which come with "going steady" and one should be able to cope with them. Before "going steady" it is necessary to have "dated" either boys or girls. A person in their early teens (or younger) should not go steady. If they do then they are only giving themselves unnecessary problems. "Going steady" is something which can not be bound by an age limit.

I. M. ROBOTTON (Vic.): A person who is "going steady" must have attained a degree of commonsense and responsibility. These factors develop as a person matures. However, rate of maturity differs among individuals; chronological age (age in years) is no absolute indication of physiological age (degree of mental and physical development) and it is physiological age that determines maturity. Therefore, no absolute age should be fixed; parents should make the decision after appraisal of their own child's development. Usually, however, a person, in having reached the stage where he or she wants to "go steady," has attained the necessary degree of responsibility and commonsense.

P. W. KLEIN (Qld.): No one can really state in an exact number of years just when a person is old enough to go steady. Readiness cannot be based on the number of years lived, but on your ability to realise the difference between love and infatuation. Parents and their ideas greatly influence this. If a person has not been permitted to date as early as other friends, when they are permitted to do so they often tend to think "This is it," and feel that they want to go steady. Some parents feel that their children should not date regularly with different people (i.e., a different person every month or so. If one can do this (within reason) I feel that one would "come to know the difference" between one person and another, and thus realise the difference between love and infatuation. If parents can see that their children have reached maturity, are able to make logical decisions for themselves and are not easily infatuated, then they should permit them to go steady.

M. PITT (N.S.W.): An age cannot be fixed as much depends on the maturity of the two young people involved. Today's accepted behaviour is for teenagers to go steady at an early age but it would be preferable if they went out in groups rather than twos until they decide just what attributes or characteristics they would like to find in a friend of the opposite sex. Going steady means that all one's time and thought is centred about one person and as people mature so their ideals mature. By going out in groups, until they have formed basic ideas of what they desire in a friend, they may enjoy the company and friendship of the opposite sex without any ties.

STEPHEN SIMPER (A.C.T.): Young people are maturing at a much earlier age than in previous generations. This seems to me an indication of their capability of forming a steady relationship at an earlier age than in the past. Perhaps an age limit of 15 should be imposed, since before this age, young people have very little idea of their feelings. After the age of 15, I feel that this type of relationship if not abused can be extremely beneficial to both parties, in the sense that a greater understanding of human feelings and emotions leads to a further appreciation of life itself.

HELEN DAVEY (W.A.): During their early teens young people can have a lot of fun and fellowship as a group. It is a shame to miss out on this by "going steady" too early. Even if a person finds who he or she thinks to be "the" girl or "the" boy while fairly young it is wise not to agree to go steady but to continue dating casually. This way it is possible to "look around" without feeling guilty. Later if they decide to go steady they'll be sure and with good management they'll still be "going steady" when they've been married for fifty years.

No. SHOULD I TRUST MY BIBLE CLASS TEACHER OR MY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF LIFE ?

SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTIVE

(Windsor Gardens, S.A.). K. D. Horne has commenced a ministry with us for this year. The Sunday Services Committee has been active and morning and evening attendances have increased. Also the target for \$70 weekly was reached for the first time . . . 200 attended the S.S. picnic at Paracombe. Special services in March and April were designed to help members get to know each other and to face up to Christian responsibility in church and community. . . . Harvest Festival goods were sent to the Social Service Dept. and were also used locally for needy families . . . Working bees were held to cement around the building and for other urgent jobs.

MANSE "KOFFEE KLUB"

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). A "Koffee Klub" is attended by 15 young people at the manse on Sunday nights . . . C. H. Dow met the officers recently to discuss proposed Church Life Conf. to be held in May . . . A group of young people combined with C.Y.F. young people, Adelaide, for a river trip on the "Avoca"

recently . . . Goods from the Harvest Festival service were forwarded to the St. George's Rest Home . . . The C.W.E.F. held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. L. Buckley, Brinkley . . . The evening service has reverted to 7 p.m. . . . Painting and repairs to the manse have been almost completed by the men of the church . . . The tennis team was defeated in the semi-final . . . Kindergarten teachers attended a training course in Adelaide on March 17 . . . Mrs. Morphet celebrated her 95th birthday on April 8.

GAIN AFTER LOSS

(Goolwa, S.A.). The minister, H. E. Greenwood, received Mrs. Lee into the church fellowship on transfer from Strathalbyn. The church was delighted, especially after losing 20 members within the last three years, mostly by removal to other areas . . . The church had been encouraged by visiting brethren from the city, including Albert Jones, Ron. McLan, Stan. Riches. We deeply appreciate their helpful messages . . . Among the sick are Ron. Tuckwell, Les. Hopgood, Janet Skewes, Mrs. E. McKinlay, Dorrie Reed and Jack Reed.

WARD

DOUBLE TROUBLE

There they were, Jimmy and Joy—brother and sister—side by side in the same ward, victims of the same car accident. Poor Dad, still very shaken, was trying to cope with visiting two fretful children and an injured wife in another hospital as well.

At home was another child who had been discharged from hospital after observation. It is such a small thing that we do for Jesus' sake—but it does bring joy to children and parents, too.

BOOKS

"TRUTHS THAT COMPELLED." By Stewart Lawton (Hodder & Stoughton). Aust. \$4.25.

In all of the great upheavals on the church, churchmen are called upon to face with honesty the ways in which our faith is being called into question. Two reactions could be disastrous: that of withdrawing into an extreme fundamentalism which will not even listen to the disturbed modernists, or to advance into extreme radicalism which, whatever it may do to God, tends to leave the church for dead. To such a situation Stewart Lawton speaks in this new book. After a chapter on Interpreting the Bible, he looks at the main streams of both the Old and New Testaments and finds a convincing unity in God's relationships with man. Lawton has that essential capacity—which so many of us can appreciate but so few can demonstrate—of being able to integrate into a sane statement the contributions of theologians of many different schools of thought. So he ranges from great theoretical to great practising Christians, from St. Bernard and St. Ignatius, via John and Charles Wesley, to Ritschl, Schweitzer, Barth, Dodd, and Bultmann.

He is no literalist. He says that it is not credible that God would stop the revolution of the earth for an afternoon so that Joshua could win a battle, or that he would turn the earth in the opposite direction to convince Hezekiah that he would recover from an illness. (And he points out that some of the most important O.T. characters have no miracle stories associated with them—Samuel, David, Solomon, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah).

This book is a summary (it could be no more than that in one book) of the great Christian doctrines and their Old Testament backgrounds. It talks common sense about the incarnation, and the atonement. It's thesis is probably expressed in Lawton's own words on p. 161, "The Bible is not concerned with belief in a being who can be made use of by men in a quasi-magical way, and who snatches us out of life's battles when they get too hot for us. It is concerned with him who speaks to us through events in nature and history, calling and challenging us, ever opening up new creative situations for us, and supporting us however deeply we fall in tragedy and sin."

After serving in a pastoral ministry for 13 years, Dr. Lawton has been involved in the training of men for the ministry for twenty-two years.

This book is recommended for general readers and as a refresher course for ministers and church leaders.

"PREACHING FROM PAUL." By R. C. H. Lenski (Baker Book House, Michigan, U.S.A.).

This is a republication of a book first issued in 1916. Lenski was also the author of a commentary on the whole of the New Testament and a book on preaching. Both of these marks are upon this book. There are nine long sermons which are in the form of textual commentary; then there are sermon outlines related to the scripture passage, together with illuminating bits and pieces culled from many sources, mainly Lutheran. The scholarship is conservative and stands the test of time. The main text will be appreciated as biblical commentary rather than as models for sermons for today. Their length would rule them out for many of us. 7,200 words is long by almost any standard!

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"THE DESERT IS MY DWELLING PLACE." By Elizabeth Hamilton (Hodder & Stoughton). Aust. \$6.65.

The harvest came only after the root had died. When Charles de Foucauld died he had not won a single convert among the people with whom he lived. He anticipated the coming of many from Europe to help in his work among the Tuaregs but none came. For a time he had as his companion Brother Michael, a Breton, but life with Charles was hard and lonely, and maybe Charles was not the easiest of men to live with. He was alone in his desert outpost of Christianity, and he died from a bullet fired by a frightened boy in December, 1916.

He first chose a career in the French Army and he lived it up like the traditional playboy officer. After taking part in an attempt to quell an insurrection in South Oran, he resigned his commission and made plans to explore a little-known area of Morocco. But his great call was to come through the church. Although his life as a young man suggested that he had renounced faith in favour of scepticism, there were religious forces at work within him. Religious belief and witness had surrounded him as a child. He did reject some aspects of the church, partly for emotional and partly from intellectual reasons. But instead of finding the freedom he sought he endured an even greater frustration. He could not give up his faith, and eventually his faith claimed him. He became a Trappist monk.

He had been influenced by his contact with the Moslems as army officer and explorer, and he could not resist the urge within him to serve them. He chose a place in the Sahara, a thousand miles south of Algiers. He did not share the view held by many Christians that Moslems could not be won for Christ. But he did not think they could be won by preaching. It would be a slow victory. His task and that of those who were to come after him was to be patient and prudent—make friends, remove prejudice, build up confidence. He wrote, "Centuries must pass between the spade-work and the final harvest, but this is no reason for apathy and discouragement."

But he did plan for others to follow him and he set out a Rule for the Little Brothers and the Little Sisters, but when he died there were no such Orders established. It looked as though his only achievement would be the splendid Tuareg-French Dictionary he completed in 1914. Gradually, however, his influence extended and, fifty years after he died, Little Brothers and Little Sisters are found in five continents, including Australia. They learned from de Foucauld, "Be kind and compassionate; let no distress leave you unmoved," and "Spend your life in the love of your neighbour." His own injunctions had come to life in the man himself and T. S. Elliot had the Trappist in mind when he wrote these lines in "The Family Reunion,"

"To the worship in the desert, the thirst and deprivation, A stony sanctuary and a primitive altar, The heat of the sun and the icy vigil A care over lives of humble people."

There is a great gulf between us and de Foucauld's church, but we cannot fail to be inspired by his life of complete dedication and his awareness of the need to show the life of Christ from within society rather than to preach at it.

This biography will find acceptance across the boundary lines of the broken church.

OPEN FORUM

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

LONELY APPRENTICES

To the Editor,
As the Protestant Chaplain responsible for the welfare of apprentices at the Army Apprentices' School, Balcombe, Vic., I wish to bring to your notice an area of service which might appeal to some of your readers.

Army apprentices are drawn from all over Australia, and in the past some have entered the school from as far away as Papua-New Guinea. Many are only 15-years-old on entry.

In order to combat loneliness and provide a "home away from home," the school seeks to approach suitable families willing to provide "approved addresses" to which a boy might go at week-ends.

The ideal setting would be a home close to public transport, and in which the family includes one or more teenage boys.

When a family expresses willingness to provide an approved address, the Chaplain supplies this address to a boy who already has received his parents' permission to visit. The boy is then required to contact the home to arrange for a first meeting. Subsequent visits will be entirely at the discretion of the "approved address" parents. Should a boy fail to fit in to a particular situation, or if the hospitality offered was abused, the arrangement would not continue.

Interested persons could contact me.

—Chaplain R. W. Tippett,
H.Q. Mornington Peninsula Area,
Balcombe, Vic., 3935.

A TIME TO SPEAK

To the Editor,
This letter has been penned twice in the hope of avoiding any offence but I do feel space in our national paper should not be devoted to political personages who have no allegiance to nor very little sympathy with the church.

Edward St. John has my admiration for what one cabinet minister said was his aura of sanctity. It is amazing to me that with two close associates with whom he could check the P.M. could not time his movements to within one hour closer to the truth.

Probably the two most silent on the subject were the P.M.'s press secretary and the Leader of the Opposition. For this Gough Whitlam goes up in my estimation and I give much credit to Tony Eggleton for this discretion. Accustomed

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

To the Editor,

I get terribly depressed about my record in personal evangelism. I don't think that I have ever won any one to the Lord all by myself. I know that I have influenced a few, but that always reminds me of the fisherman who was asked how many fish he had caught. He said, "None! But I have influenced a great number."

I decided to have a talk about it to Brother Andrews. He has a sure-fire method of personal evangelism that involves memorising eleven texts. He has hundreds of printed cards to slip into your Bible with all the texts on them. He is always complaining that the church has lost its evangelical zeal. He regrets the passing of what he calls the old-time gospel service. At the drop of a hat he will tell you why the churches aren't winning souls like they used to.

In my depression I went to him ready to be a learner, sitting at the feet of an expert in evangelism. After the first hour I still was not clear about how I would go about winning a soul. So in all innocence I said, "Just go through in detail, step by step, one of your own experiences of soul winning." It was terribly embarrassing. He hadn't won any one. But in all of his embarrassment I felt a lot warmer towards him. There were two of us.

And the thought was given to me, "If you go about loving people something like Jesus did, the Holy Spirit might give you the high privilege of using you to win one of them."

TERTIUS.

as I am to the "chit chat" of journalists I do wonder whether what did get into print was no more than the tip of the iceberg.

In any case there are enough problems in church politics without concerning ourselves with the conversation pieces of the Canberra Cocktail Circuit. It would have been more to the point if we had attacked the sordid struggle for power which occurred immediately after Mr. Holt's fatal swimming venture.

—P. C. Williams (Qld.).

SCRIPTURE OUTREACH

(Swanston St., Melb.). In the church's programme of Scripture distribution of modern versions of Mark's Gospel, copies were made available to large numbers of students in universities, colleges and nurses in hospitals. These have become the basis for a course of expository sermons delivered on Sunday mornings by Dr. Jones. In attendances, last year's record communicant figures were exceeded. There were two decisions for Christ during the month and 10 Asian and Australian folk are already enrolled in discipleship classes. Five baptized believers have been welcomed into the church fellowship. Four Asian students have returned home but 15 new ones have begun to worship with us. . . . The church has shared fully in the Graham Crusade and provided a number of leaders on

city committees, as well as counsellors, advisors, choir members and ushers. Dr. Grady Wilson was guest preacher on March 16. . . . The church extends deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyall in the sudden death of their eldest daughter, Mrs. Betty Newman. . . . New Youth Dept. secretary is Robert Price. . . . The Board of Officers spent a full day's retreat recently to survey and plan the year's programme.

HARBOUR CRUISE

(Footscray, Vic.). Evening and afternoon Fellowships combined for Harbour Trust cruise. . . . Church participated fully in Graham Crusade. Members shared in Life and Witness classes. Hospitality was provided for 20 visitors from Mt. Gambier church, also provided buses to transport members and friends. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Saunders and family and Mrs. Joan Manallack in the death of their mother.

STUDENT TRANSFER

(Knoxfield, Vic.). The church was sorry to lose the services of Dennis Cook, Assist. Student Minister, because of his transfer to Coburg. Greg. House has been welcomed in his place. . . . The highlight of recent activities was a church Family Camp held at a beach site at Dromana. The camp was planned primarily to provide opportunities for fun and fellowship.



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64th CONFERENCE

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. W. Robartson presided over 64th Women's Auxiliary Conference throughout the day and the evening rally.

256 ladies from 39 metropolitan and country C.W.F.'s attended. A special welcome was extended to the wives of five ministers who had recently arrived in W.A. for new appointments.

Large bowls of flowers, predominantly dahlias, were arranged by the floral convener, Mrs. G. Moignard.

The financial statement showed total receipts \$5,603; budget \$2,295. Special projects: Overseas Missionaries' holidays, \$187.30; and Fairhaven Furnishings, \$210.17.

The revised constitution was adopted and became effective at once.

Mrs. C. W. Digwood presented devotional books to retiring officers. Superintendents: Mrs. C. R. Johnston. Obituary 10 years: Mrs. J. T. Holloway. Social Service 9 years; and Mrs. F. Newcombe. Prayer. Mrs. Newcombe had previously served as Isolated Supt. for 10 years and with her presidential year made a total of 12 years' service. Representatives: Mrs. G. Moignard, Aborigine Missions, and Mrs. Horton, Social Service.

The Conf. Pres., A. H. Walkington, brought greetings on behalf of Conference and thanked the women for their interest and financial support of all Con-

ference Committees. As an expression of appreciation he presented Mrs. W. Robartson with a Bible.

Induction of Incoming President. Mrs. A. H. Walkington was inducted by Mrs. W. Robartson. In response Mrs. Walkington presented her theme, "Bridge Builders for God" and the motto "Make Love Thy Aim . . ." (1 Cor. 14: 1, R.S.V.). She also outlined her proposed programme for the year and closed the morning session with a meditation.

Christian Fellowship Hour opened the afternoon session. 15 veteran sisters, 80 years and over, were presented with a shoulder-spray and hand-painted bookmark with the President's theme, made by Mrs. Murphy. The guest speaker was Miss Joyce Brand, Matron-elect, Bethesda Hospital.

Music always commands an important part of Conference. This was provided by Mrs. L. A. Brigatti, organ, and Mrs. V. Conigrave, piano. Leaders of song services were Mrs. J. Pendlebury and Mrs. B. Brand. Items included solo by Mrs. W. Calladine; duets by Mrs. Smythe and Mrs. McIlwraith and also Mrs. McIlwaine and Mrs. Carslake; a sextette by mothers and daughters; choir items by Mukinbudin C.W.F.

R. Taylor, Narembeen, gave the address at the evening rally.—D. M. Gordon, Sec.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

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mem.=No. of members.

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Kalgoorlie: m., A. H. Coleman; s., G. Henley; mem., 155; "AC" 15.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Hindmarsh: m., A. E. Cremin; s., J. Holden; mem., 68; "AC" 7.

Koongarra Pk.: m., R. Clymer; s., R. H. Brown; mem., 170; "AC" 20.

Kadina: m., O. R. Clark; s., A. P. Rus-sack; mem., 108; "AC" 6.

Keith: m., G. T. Lawrie; s., H. C. Randall; mem., 19; "AC" 7.

VICTORIA

Haven: m., R. T. Baxter; s., F. H. Mack-ley; mem., 14.

Hawthorn: m., A. O. S. Baker (pt.); s., c/o Mrs. M. Morris; mem., 14; "AC" 3.

Horsham: m., R. T. Baxter; s., J. E. Marshman; mem., 186; "AC" 28.

Hurstbridge: m., H. Pletzsch; s., D. W. Mynott; mem., 24; "AC" 3.

Ivanhoe: m., E. W. Roffey; s., R. O. Darby; mem., 161; "AC" 29.

Kaniva: m., R. C. Bolduan; s., D. R. Williams; mem., 133; "AC" 43.

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BETHANY BENEFITS

(Launceston, Tas.). An excellent display of vegetables and fruit at Harvest Festival services on March 23 was handed over to Bethany Children's Home. . . . The Margaret St. Methodist Church combined with us for the evening service on Easter Sunday. The Methodist minister gave the address. . . . 24 young people plus leaders were at C.E. Youth Camp at Bridport over the Easter weekend. . . . The C.W.F. recently entertained ladies of the City Mission Quiet Hour to afternoon tea.

TREASURER'S LONG SERVICE

(Balwyn, Vic.). Keith Sharp is in his 13th consecutive year as Treasurer, and has filled many other positions with loyalty and efficiency. . . . Crusade Thanksgiving Family Tea and special evening service followed end of Crusade. Study classes are held to assist new members who made Crusade decisions. . . . Y.A.F. raised \$17 with theatre and supper party to aid New Guinea Work Party, and S.S. is raising more money for same appeal by car-washing.

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PRIORITY FOR HUMAN VALUES

In Australia there is a curious reaction against discussing human values and personal responsibility other than in a religious context. Yet the rapidity of technological change and its influence on our society is such that it should be every individual's responsibility to ensure that society is master of events—before such events master society. Whether or not this responsibility will be accepted depends very largely on people's priorities in terms of human values.

The aim of Australian Frontier is to help Australians to meet the challenges of this new era—an era in which human values and human relations are under threat of being overwhelmed by technological and scientific developments.

Its purpose is to arrange for a meeting of minds on the challenge of adapting the organisation of society so that every individual can contribute to the common future, creatively and responsibly.

Australian Frontier's activities have

now been creating a greater social awareness and flexibility of mind amongst groups of Australians for six years.

This has been done through the arranging of consultations which are meetings of people with a common interest in a problem to examine its underlying social causes and identify alternative ways in which responsibility for it may be discharged. Consultations are held primarily so that participants may benefit from the inter-play of minds leading to a deepening of understanding and widening of outlook. The chief result is community leaders with a fresh appreciation of the possibilities in their own areas of responsibility.

Action has followed consultations. Examples are:

- Establishment of an Aboriginal Social Centre in Adelaide.

- Appointment of a full-time youth organiser and the use of a State High School for recreation at Pennant Hills, N.S.W.

- An official inquiry into the development of an adequate training for teachers of handicapped children in Adelaide.

- Establishment of a Joint Commission of the Churches in the A.C.T. which has made possible a continuing programme of joint action by the churches including the common use of buildings.

- Victorian Department of Mental Health and the universities undertaking a survey of community life in an inner suburb. The survey is also being financed by Australian Frontier.

- Establishment of a State Government committee for the overall conservation of the Moreton Bay Islands in Queensland.

- Publication of a simplified version of a technically complex town plan for Adelaide.

- South Australian Mental Health Association conducting introductory courses in education for family life for trainee counsellors for community organisations.

- Undertaking of a sociological survey of hostel life by staff of the Australian National University.

COURSE IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Australian Frontier also conducts courses in social responsibility designed to help people understand the nature of modern society and to help them discover some meaning in it and how to make an effective contribution to building a responsible society.

The courses involve three major areas. First they look at the kind of world that is now emerging under the process of urbanisation.

Second, the courses look at freedom, responsibility and human relationships. Australian Frontier believes that if we are able to fashion the future, then obviously the future must be consciously shaped. We need to develop a new social consciousness which includes a social conscience. Only in this way will we be able to develop the machinery of social organisation that will adequately handle new and complex social responsibilities.

The third area of the courses deals with the question of social structures and the dynamics of change. Australian Frontier feels that the factor of change in a rapidly changing society is probably the most crucial issue that we face because man is notorious for his inability to face change.

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Christian Women's Camp at Caloundra

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Miss V. Callanan was Study Leader. Three studies were taken from Ephesians under the headings, "The Christian's Wealth," "The Christian's Walk" and "The Christian's Warfare." After an introduction by the leader, campers formed into discussion groups. "Prayer Cells" for one hour were led by Mrs. Haigh on the Saturday afternoon, when continuous, spontaneous prayers proved rewarding experiences. The music for the camp was arranged by Mrs. D. Sleaford. Miss Dorothy Howden, our missionary guest for the weekend, gave accounts of her work and experiences in New Guinea.

Prayer and praise at "Sunrise on the Beach" on Sunday morning was a rich

experience for those who voluntarily rose at 5.30 a.m. Conf. Pres., Mrs. M. Chapman, presided over the Lord's Table at a pre-breakfast communion service in the lovely open air chapel. The serenity and calm of this natural setting greatly added to the worshipful atmosphere of the service. "Camp Impressions" following the Sunday morning study brought a fitting climax when many of the women testified to the blessings received and spoke of the certainty of their salvation, some giving personal testimony of the power of Christ in their lives. All expressed the opinion that the camp was the "best yet."

Six men from various churches voluntarily gave their services in providing meals under the leadership of N. Cole.

—E. L. Robbins,
Asst. Sec., Qld. Women's Conf.

C.W.F. Missionary Camps

(Vic.). On Feb. 21, 70 ladies shared a weekend of fellowship, inspiration and challenge at Monbulk led by Missionary Supt., Mrs. D. Heard. Focus was on India, and special guest was Mrs. L. Main (N.S.W. Pres) who spoke of her visit to Indapur, leaving us with a deep spiritual challenge. A "One-Day Seminar" on the Saturday featured information centres. Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams and T. Heard led these. 150 ladies were present with Mr. and Mrs. Rocha as guests. Mr. Rocha gave a testimony and spoke of life and culture in India today.

A similar programme was shared at Hall's Gap during the weekend of March 28-30. Forty travelled by bus to meet with ladies from country churches. The Sunday morning service at Stawell church, led by ladies from the camp, a mystery tour of the Gramplains, an inspiring prayer time for missionaries on the field in India, and a gay Saturday evening programme were some of the highlights. Matron Gall spoke of the work of the Christian Guest Homes, Mrs. Weatherhead gave a demonstration of hospital gifts and Mrs. Geyer spoke of the valuable work of the Bible Women in India.—Helen J. Hall.

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But when we seek for the most truly significant moment in time we find that the spotlight does not fall upon a king or a general or a philosopher. It falls rather upon the bleeding head of a Galilean peasant as he hung across a cross and cried, "It is finished!" This was the "Einmaligkeit" of Emil Brunner, the unique moment in time. This was the unrepeatable, "once for all" moment when God entered into the human race and died for its sins. The Christian looks back to this moment from his cleansed and sanctified position at the Lord's Table with thankfulness too deep for words.

But at the same time the Christian looks forward to another moment that has not yet entered history. In many ways it will bring greater joy than that other moment; it will complement the earlier moment and provide a climax that could only proceed from the heart of God. It will be that moment when Christ shall once again appear; this time to bring peace and righteousness to a world doomed to defeat without Him.

From the Lord's Table the two focal points in history emerge as a moment in the past when a Man was crucified and a moment in the future when a Man shall be crowned as King of kings and Lord of lords. ". . . this do ye . . . in REMEMBRANCE of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—D. Mills (N.S.W.).

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

This broken bread reminds us of Thy body, torn by lash and spear for us, yet remaining a perfect sacrifice. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP

This cup speaks to us of the cup of bitterness He drank on our behalf and which has now become to us a cup of blessing. Amen.

MINISTRY AT DIMBOOLA

(Vic.). C. W. Jackel, the new minister at Dimboola, together with Mrs. Jackel and daughter Helen, was welcomed at a social evening chaired by Keith Sutton. Visitors came from Haven, Horsham, Warracknabeal and Stawell. Mr. Jackel was inducted into the ministry by C. G. V. Thomas, of Warracknabeal. This is the first full-time ministry at Dimboola. Previously, Mr. Jackel had served at Peel St., Ballarat, and Castlemaine churches.

T. V. WEIR FOR OAKLEIGH

(Vic.). T. V. Weir commences a ministry here on May 11 . . . A teenager made her decision on the last day of E. J. Miles' ministry . . . 30 helped with visitation for Graham Crusade. 50 from Horsham were billeted for last two meetings . . . 12 C.Y.F.'ers cleaned out the backyard of a disabled family . . . Norm Woodward has been selected to go to New Guinea with the Work Party in July . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Wattle Park . . . Cricket teams had a good season. Both tennis teams reached the finals . . . Explorers attended camps at Banksia and Eppalock.

THINGS TO COME

QUEENSLAND

APRIL:
17-20 STATE CONFERENCE.
17 Women's Day—Mrs. E. V. Lawton, Ann St., Camp Hill—7.30 p.m.
18 Zillmere—7.30 p.m.
19 State Conference—Brisbane State High.
20 Conference Sermon: Dr. Lloyd Jones.

MAY:
2-9 "Teen Ranch" Camp, Marburg.
10-18 Dept./Church Relationship — Camp Hill, A. C. Male.

NEW SOUTH WALES

APRIL:
19 Bible Society "Good News Fleet" Harbour Cruise.
28 Ministers' Fraternal Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

MAY:
2 C.W.F. Monthly Meeting.
11 "Mother's Day"
17 First Term ends at Woolwich Bible College.
26 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

APRIL:
13-27 Crusade '69. Evangelistic meetings in Christian Centre, Beaufort Street, Perth. Preacher: Gordon Moyes, of Cheltenham, Victoria.
Apr 27-May 4. "Living Christianity." Leichhardt, Ted Watson (Southport).

MAY:
13 8 p.m., Evening Rally for Young Women. Guest Speaker: K. Parry.

April, May, June, on Wednesday afternoons, a Training Course for voluntary social workers conducted by the Social Welfare Committee in the Christian Centre.

TASMANIA

MAY:
8-11 Third Jubilee of the B. & F.B.S. in Tas. Details: May 8, 9.15 a.m., Commonwealth Council Meeting; 2.30 p.m., Women's Rally; 8 p.m., Jubilee Demonstration. May 9, 8 p.m., Sacred Concert by A.B.C. in St. David's Cathedral. May 10, Youth Rally. May 11, Jubilee Service, St. David's Cathedral, 11 a.m.
24-25 Tasmanian State Conf. of Churches of Christ at Margaret St., Launceston.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

E. J. MILES RETIRES

(Vic.). Two-hundred members and friends met at Oakleigh on March 28 to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Miles. Ern. Miles had been in the ministry for 43 years and at Oakleigh for the past nine years. Other churches served by Mr. and Mrs. Miles have included Moreland, Camberwell and Caulfield.

Among those who spoke in appreciation were R. V. Amos (Pres., Vic.-Tas. Conf.); Chaplain General McCullough (United Churches' Chaplaincy Board); D. Watt (Men's Fellowship); R. Johnson (Boys' Explorers); A. Scantlebury (tennis club); Mrs. D. Nash (Women's Combined Executive); Miss K. Dow (C.Y.F.); S. Lunn (B.S.); and S. Fordham (Elder

representing the church). Items were presented by K. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Woodroffe, and the C.W.F.

Mrs. Miles received a sheaf of flowers from the Women's Combined Executive and another from the Good Companions. Mr. Miles received a book from the C.M.F., a wallet and cheque from the church, and an illuminated address. The address included these words: "To our loved Brother E. J. Miles, who for nine years gave of himself in untiring, unselfish and, in later years, courageous service. His teaching of the Word, kindness to the sick, concern for the aged, and encouragement to the young will be remembered in the hearts of us all."

C. R. BURDEU HOME

(Albion, Qld.). C. R. Burdeu has returned home following his operation, and continues to improve . . . Sunday evening youth teas attract about 60 young people. These are followed by C.Y.F. and Intermediate C.E. meetings. Because of increasing numbers, a Junior C.Y.F. has been formed . . . Seventy travelled to Glasshouse Mountains for a barbecue organised by the Junior C.E. A climb up Mt. Ngungun was a highlight. Most climbers reached the top and Mrs. Bedwell was voted the most outstanding climber.

TRUCK DRIVER FOR CHRIST

(Horsham, Vic.). Peter Hovey has left for the Kimberleys where he will drive a truck for the U.A.M. . . . The minister, R. T. Baxter, has announced his resignation as from Dec. 31, 1969 . . . Bethany Children's Home benefited from the sale of goods following the Harvest Thanksgiving services . . . C. Sherriff has been elected elder . . . A youth camp was held at Hall's Gap during Labour Day weekend . . . B.S. and clubs have recommenced following completion of new buildings. 60 girls were at Good Companions.

FOR JERUSALEM

(Perth, W.A.). The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Rev. George Appleton, M.B.E., M.A., has announced the appointment of the Rev. M. A. Coombs, A.C.T., Th.L., as Chaplain in the Jerusalem Archbishopric.

Mr. Coombs is married with three children. He was formerly a minister of the Churches of Christ and graduate of the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic. Following ministries in Maryborough, Vic., Long Plains-Owen in S.A. and a suburban ministry in Albert Park, S.A., he was appointed the first Director of the Christian Television Assoc. of S.A. in 1960.

Mr. Coombs and family leave Perth for Israel on May 5. The appointment is for an indefinite term but permission has been given for him to remain as a "clergyman on leave overseas" from the Diocese of Perth.

Mrs. Coombs is the daughter of the late N. W. Heath and Mrs. Heath, well-known in the Maylands congregation, S.A. One brother is at present the State President of Churches of Christ in S.A. and another is Chaplain to the Dandenong High School, Vic.

PRISON CHAPLAIN

(Rockhampton, Qld.). Our minister, R. K. Sansome, has been nominated as Churches of Christ Chaplain by our State Social Service Dept. He will counsel prisoners at the Etna Creek Prison . . . Over 670 doz. lamingtons were made by the R'ton C.W.F. and Gladstone church combined with the R'ton C.Y.F. in obtaining orders and delivering . . . A youth camp was held at Emu Park at Easter weekend. The film "King of Kings" was screened. Services in Rockhampton were transferred to camp and members went to Emu Park. L. Brooks visited camp . . . The Bowls Club at Craig St. did well this season . . . New carpets were donated to the William St. chapel by a group of members . . . Miss Lou Joyce from Qld. Overseas Committee, visited us.

TO MOVE FROM IVANHOE

(Vic.). E. W. Roffey has notified the church of his acceptance of a call to Blackburn as from Jan., 1970. The associate ministry of W. Tabbernee and regular pulpit exchanges with S. Bannon (Brier Hill) are much appreciated. Mr. Roffey led the combined Protestant churches' Good Friday service in the Methodist church . . . Budget target of \$280 being maintained . . . Several of our young people were referred to church for follow-up during Billy Graham Crusade . . . H. Earl, P. Kenny and R. Darby are recovering following hospital treatment . . . Two tennis teams reached finals and cricket team finished fourth. . . Christine Chipperfield has been awarded American Field Service Scholarship for 12 months' study in U.S.A.

SUCCESSFUL STALL

(Ormond, Vic.). The ladies raised \$60 from a street stall towards funds to furnish kitchen in new hall. They are planning to cater in new hall . . . Men are working hard to purchase stage curtains for the new hall . . . Our minister, R. C. McKenzie, is in Adelaide.

BACK FROM VIETNAM

(Preston, Vic.). G. J. Crossman has returned from a staff visit to R.A.A.F. stations in South-East Asia . . . Thanks are expressed to visiting preachers whilst he was absent . . . Harold Olney was a recent visitor . . . 126 attended the Women's World Day of Prayer service in our chapel. Morning tea was served. . . The cricket team was beaten in the semi-final match . . . Six members of C.W.E.F. attended camp at Hall's Gap.

HOME MISSIONS



D. Willis, Queensland's "itinerant" northern evangelist in recent Operation Outreach venture, with special truck used for towing tent and roadside caravan-chapel equipment.

QUEENSLAND'S OPERATION OUTREACH

Much re-thinking has been going on in Queensland recently about outreach to small, distant centres. The Home Missions Committee is faced with the fact that in many places many things traditionally regarded as "essential" cannot be expected—no full-time ministry for small congregations, no property facilities of any elaborate kind, but rather small groups of people meeting in "house" churches at the Lord's Table, with gatherings in homes or hired halls for prayer and the study of God's Word.

With this in mind, Doug. Willis began a ministry as "northern evangelist" this year. At a special and quite stirring meeting held in the spirit of Acts 13: 2 to "separate" Mr. Willis for this task, every effort was made to recapture the pattern and purpose of the New Testament example. Churches in Brisbane came together for prayer, after a time of fasting, and in a meeting at which the background of evangelism in the days of the early church was emphasised from the Book of Acts, the elders of representative churches gave "the right

hands of fellowship" to Mr. Willis for his ministry in the gospel.

Now centred with his family at Char- ters Towers (1,000 miles north of Brisbane), Doug Willis has undertaken over a wide area to take the gospel to distant places—calling on isolated brethren, doing house-to-house evangelistic visitation, conducting Bible study groups, holding tent missions and roadside preaching services. As a result, it is hoped that many "house" churches and witnessing points will eventuate, with the Lord's Table set up wherever possible.

Support of the venture comes from the churches and interested brethren. We face the challenge of repeating this basically New Testament pattern of outreach in other areas of this vast State—with preachers appointed, not to minister in a settled work with a congregation which supports them, but to minister on an itinerant missionary pattern—supported by the congregations who pray and pay elsewhere!

It's an exciting move. We expect much blessing of God's Spirit in it.

B. & F.B.S. WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

(S.A.). The Rev. Ted Cline, Sec. for the Bible Society in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, will visit S.A. in May.

Of particular interest to women is a meeting in Willard Hall, Wakefield St., on Wed., May 14.

There will be a musical programme, commencing at 10.45 a.m., followed by luncheon and an address by Mr. Cline. Ladies will pay \$1.50 to cover cost of lunch and incidental expenses. There will not be an offering.

Admission will be by programme, issued as receipt upon bookings, and because of catering it will not be possible to admit people who have not made a booking. Programmes are available from Bible House, 133 Rundle Street.

22 RESPONSES

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). There were 22 referrals made by the Graham Crusade to our church for follow-up. Buses were used to attend each session . . . The B.S. picnic was held on Labour Day at Riddell . . . Harvest Thanksgiving and auxiliaries' Thank Offering services were held on Palm Sunday. The food displayed was later donated to the College of the Bible and local families . . . Worship and Communion were featured in the combined service in our church on Good Friday.

TONGUES ON T.V.

A recurrent feature in many religions is the "ecstatic" who gets carried away and seems to lose control of himself. One expression of this is "speaking with

tongues"—an experience associated particularly in Christianity with the churches known as "Pentecostalist."

In 1968 a programme about this phenomenon was shown on all ABC-TV stations. The great interest it aroused has led the ABC to repeat it this year.

Screening times are: April 13, Tasmania; April 20, Queensland; April 27, South Australia; May 4, N.S.W., Victoria and the A.C.T.; May 11, W.A.

BRIGADE GROWTH

(Nubeena-Highcroft, Tas.). Boys' Brigade Section 1 continues to grow with a number of boys now in uniform. Regular attendance is 14. Four boys and two officers attended a Boys' Brigade camp at Port Sorell recently . . . The recently-formed Junior Singers sing at the gospel service each fortnight. Our minister, W. J. Flett, and six young people attended the Easter Camp at Bicheno. Two of the young folk made decisions . . . The church mourns the loss of long-time active member, H. Nichols.

GOLDEN WEDDING

(Unley, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brooks celebrated their golden wedding on March 31 . . . Easter music at morning services has been provided by church choir, and a young people's group who sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (20th Cent.) . . . A coloured two-hour film, "Day of Triumph" brought the Easter message to congregation of 130, many of whom were not regular attendants . . . I. J. Chivell has been welcomed to his home church, and his address on his visit to U.S. was full of interest and information.

MISSIONARY STIMULUS

(Norlane, Vic.). Missionary nights have stimulated interest in Overseas fields. These included two youth presentations by Jack Edwards on New Hebrides, and a C.W.F.-sponsored evening featuring Miss Elaine Smith's recent experiences on the Ramu and Keram Rivers in N.G. . . . Church picnic was held at Port-arlington. Good Companions have been divided into senior and junior groups. Leaders are Mrs. Stratton, Faye Chislett and Elaine Smith . . . Nine attended Hall's Gap camp and four at Cheshunt. . . . Graham Dandy has commenced university, after attaining record results at the Gordon Institute of Technology.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A thought-provoking Easter play, "One Thing Needful" was presented by Mesdames Cunningham, Hollard and Page at the April meeting of South Australian women. Mrs. Attwell and Mrs. Dix were soloists and Mrs. A. R. Jonas, Fed. Pres., led in devotional. Mrs. G. Simpson spoke of her activities as president in March, group visiting, postage stamp packaging with the Overseas Missions Committee, a "Share and Prepare" programme of the Christian Educ. Committee and the Northern Districts Conf. gave some indication of the wide interests and activities of women in S.A.

The many who met and talked with Mrs. Chapman, of N.Z., were glad for the exchange of ideas. Mrs. Edgar Lawton left for the Eastern States and N.Z. to undertake a full itinerary in the interests of 1970 World Convention.

REFLECTIONS

By E. J. MILES

Forty-three years ago I left the plow for the pulpit. In a small country town in Western Australia. God laid his hand upon my shoulder and claimed me for the ministry. During those years I served eight churches and enjoyed every day of it. It has been a joyous privilege to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and my brethren. The most wonderful people I've known have been Christians, men and women committed to God, whose lives have been a benediction.

As I look back across the years, I recall many changes, some for the good, some not so good.

As a young minister, there was great emphasis upon doctrinal teaching and preaching, and the churches grew and prospered. Faith, repentance, confession, baptism, church membership, were words which had great meaning to every member of the church. The older generation of preachers were strong on doctrine. The authority of the scriptures was seldom questioned, we were a people of the Book. The plan of salvation was made clear, the commands of Jesus were final. Today the Bible is being doubted by some, the great doctrinal truths neglected, many have become confused and turn away from the church not knowing what to believe nor where they are going.

Another great change is the declining interest in the Preaching of the Gospel. When I was a young man, the best attended meeting was not the morning but the evening meeting. True, the members attended the Lord's Table with regularity, but they returned in the evening, and brought their friends. There was always the spirit of expectancy. The pre-gospel meetings were well attended, people prayed for their friends. They loved the gospel and gospel preaching. They believed that the unsaved were lost, and there was an urgency in their approach to the evening service. Today many seem to consider that their duty to Christ is finished by attending one service. We need to recapture the enthusiasm of the pioneers, remembering that the time is running out and that the opportunity to seek out the unsaved and bring them to the Saviour might soon pass away. Wherever the simple gospel is being preached today, men and women are responding. The enormous interest in the Billy Graham Crusade shows the hunger in the community for fearless gospel preaching.

In many churches, the invitation to receive Christ is seldom given and the challenge to become a Christian is never heard. The introduction of substitutes for the gospel such as Home Church, Discussion Groups, Coffee Breaks, Sunday Group Picnics and other gimmicks have emptied the churches. Men need

On completing his ministry at Oakleigh, Vic., Ern Miles offers these reflections upon retirement.

Christ and his redemptive power within their lives. Any substitute will never satisfy.

Further, we seem to have lost our love for what our forebears called "The Plea." The only basis upon which Christian unity can be achieved is the New Testament. This I firmly believe today. Some seem ready to compromise and to surrender Biblical truth for the sake of unity among the churches. It won't work. If unity is ever to come it will only be reached as we make the Word of God our sole guide in matters of doctrine.

As I retreat into retirement, I shall prayerfully follow the church and any changes taking place in her teaching and ministry.

I love the Church, for she is Christ alive in the world today.

\$250 FOR BANKSIA CAMP

(Doncaster, Vic.). The Doncaster church sent \$250 as a special gift to the Dept. of Christian Educ. towards developing "Banksia." . . . The C.Y.F. successfully produced two plays, "Aladdin's Lamp and Other Junk" and "He Died on Friday." The plays were played on two consecutive nights and were well attended.

Harvest Thanksgiving gifts were gathered and distributed to the College of the Bible and the Social Service Dept. The ladies of the church have also been busily engaged in bottling fruit for the Social Service Homes . . . Fifty men attended the Christian Men's Fellowship 7 a.m. Sunday Communion Breakfast Service when guest speaker was Gordon Stirling, Vice-Principal of the College.

FOURTEEN REFERRALS

(Bayswater, Vic.). The church participated in Billy Graham Crusade and 14 enquirers have been referred to our minister. A number are connected with the church. Many assisted as advisors, counsellors and choir members . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keatch spent Easter at Lake Eppalock directing the D.C.E. camp. Principal E. L. Williams occupied the pulpit on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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Sunday, April 27, 2.30 p.m.

Organ recital—Glen Witham. Leader of song—Steve R. Corlett.

Items by Churches of Christ Choral Society conducted by Valentine Woff.

Preacher: N. S. MOORE, B.A., Dip. Ed. Subject: "COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY." Offering for Conference costs and Preachers' Provident Fund.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Nicholas Hall, 150 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

1. MONDAY, APRIL 28, 7.30 p.m.

Greetings. Conference Executive Report. Devotions. Focus: Department of Social Service. Executive Motion: Time limits on speakers.

2. TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 7.15 p.m.

Executive motion: Recommendations re theological education. Christian Men's Fellowship report. Focus: Literature Department. Executive Motions: (1) Method of assessing Conference fees. (2) Sliding scale re Conference fees. Devotions. Dept. of Christian Education report.

MISSIONARY VISITORS

(Mackay, Qld.). The church is progressing under the leadership of D. Risson. Sister L. Joyce showed slides and described work and problems of the N.G. and New Hebridean field . . . The deputation meeting of the S.I.M. was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bensley (Methodist). Mrs. R. Cane gave an excellent address followed by slides and a description of the work in Ethiopia . . . The young man who confessed Christ the previous Sunday was baptized on March 30 . . . C.W.F. have been helping with gifts and at the B. & F.B.S. and W.C.T.U. street stalls.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

Thirty-one ladies attended the April meeting, with twelve churches being represented.

Mr. Rimmer from the Freedom From Hunger Committee, spoke on the needs of the underdeveloped countries, especially requesting help for this fund in a "Door-Knock" Appeal to be held in September.

Eric Hart, Director of the Queensland Social Service Dept., then gave accounts of the many facets of the Social Ser-

vice work. All were inspired to a greater effort in this direction.

The camp at Caloundra was an unqualified success, over 100 women being present from many parts of Queensland. Spiritually, we were often taken to a "mountain-top" experience. Friendship and fellowship was wonderfully warm and financially, we concluded with a credit balance.—E. L. Robbins.

GROWING SCHOOL

(Arana Hills, Qld.). Attendances at services have been increasing. B.S. now has over 110 scholars. Fay and Jan Christensen, teacher-trainees from the Harlaxton church, are helping us. Also Joy and Greg Thompson, from Annerley, who are giving much-needed help. Marion Lawrie has been added to the staff. . . . We farewelled Dianne Feeney, Kenmore student, who has assisted over the past two years. Dianne is now on voluntary mission service in the New Hebrides and the church presented a gift towards her travelling expenses. Also farewelled was Gillian Neil prior to her marriage to John Watson. Gillian assisted for over two years as pianist and later as Beginners' Dept. Supt., and the church will miss both her and Dianne . . . Bible

study-prayer meetings have commenced in the manse and most members are attending.

GUEST FOR EASTER

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). The combined service on Good Friday was in the Congregational Church. On Easter Sunday, Dr. J. H. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, Qld., was guest speaker . . . Harvest Festival services featured singing by the choir . . . Last Sunday the church again enjoyed a youth service which followed a basket tea. The guest speaker was Peter Johnson.

MISSIONARY GUEST

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). Special guest on March 23 was Sister Janet Hunting, Clinic Sister at our Bunapas Hospital, New Guinea . . . At Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield were the leaders at a Young People's House Party at Coal Cliff. 39 attended. V. Makila conducted early Communion service and H. Bishop preached in the evening . . . A. Bell conducted the Good Friday service at 9 a.m. with the guest soloist, Miss K. Lucas (Asquith).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

(Inglewood, W.A.). A successful stewardship campaign has meant a great deal to the life of the church . . . The annual meeting had lively discussion on the evening service. Elders elected are Ron Wright, Ron Hancock and Ern Wortle-hock . . . Youth teas precede evening programmes each Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. Savage, of Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. David Verco, of Sydney; Mrs. Hadow, of Melbourne and Gordon and Yvonne Harrison, of Launceston, have been meeting with us.

S.S. HELPS ABORIGINES

(Kensington Park, S.A.). The S.S. raised \$14 from a picture show to help support two Aboriginal children. The Aboriginal annual offering was \$59.70 . . . At C.W.F., Paton and Baldwin staged a mannequin parade of new season's goods. Proceeds \$22 . . . The evening group combined with day group for a special Easter devotional service . . . Mrs. Hein and Mrs. Owens are recuperating after eye operations and Mrs. Starr is recovering from a fractured arm . . . Eastern District meeting at Magill discussed ways and means of furthering the work of our churches . . . Recent speakers have been John Wehr (who spoke on Our Aborigines), Allen Norris, G. Simpson and A. R. Jones who spoke of work amongst the prisoners.

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3. THURSDAY, MAY 1, 7.15 p.m.

R. N. Gilmore motion: Relieving poverty. Department of Home Missions & Evangelism report. Focus: Properties Department. Devotions. College of the Bible report. Advisory Department motions: (1) Schedule "A." (2) Schedule "B."

4. FRIDAY, MAY 2, 7.45 p.m.

Christian Women's Fellowship report. Department of Social Service motion: Selective conscientious objection. Focus: Department of Christian Union. Devotions. Overseas Mission Department report.

5. SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7.30 p.m.

Focus: Aborigines' Mission Department. Advisory Department report. Department of Social Service motion: Poverty and pensions. Election results. INSPIRATIONAL—Items. Presidential address: R. V. Amos. Induction of President.

SECTIONAL SESSIONS

1. MINISTERS' & SECRETARIES' TEA

Monday, April 28, 5.45 p.m. — Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre. Address: SENATOR IVOR J. GREENWOOD. A national leader challenges church leaders.

2. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 29, 9.30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Reception room, Churches of Christ Centre. Morning: "Dialogue with Directors." Forward policies of D.C.E., D.H.M. & E., and C.O.B. Afternoon: "What is a Minister Commissioned to Do?" Three ministers express their views on the minister's role. Annual business meeting, 3.30 p.m.

3. COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE OLD BOYS' CLUB

Tuesday, April 29, 5.30 p.m. Reception room, Churches of Christ Centre. Annual get-together. Tea. Fellowship. Business.

4. WOMEN'S 83rd CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 30, 10.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 7.15 p.m.—ST. KILDA TOWN HALL. Organ recitals. Devotions. Reports. Business. Vocal items. Service of Commitment and Dedication. Afternoon speaker: Sister Jan. Hunting. Evening speaker: Principal D. M. Himbury.

5. CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE TEA & ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, May 2, 5.45 p.m. Coles' Cafeteria, 236 Bourke St., Melbourne. Business. Election of Board. Items. Fellowship. Speaker: M. W. LEE, M.P. ALL CHURCH MEN INVITED. Cost \$1. For catering purposes order in advance. Send \$1 to N. F. White, cnr. Warrigal & High Street Roads, Ashwood, 3147.

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PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

Glenn St. Aubyn, Balwyn, Vic.
Stanley Gliszynski, Norlane, Vic.
Ron Wilson, Albion, Qld.
Mrs. Pagel, Barry Rogers, Mrs. Manley, Dandenong, Vic.
Ellen Stringer, David Joy, Victor Harbour, S.A.
Leonie Andrew, Robyn Kirby, Ian Lee, Sall-Ann Hill, Margaret Holmes, Red Hill, Vic.
Anne Williams, Gary Smith, Leigh Wilson, North Essendon, Vic.
Susan Standen, Swan Hill, Vic.
Miss Roslyn Walpole, Oakleigh, Vic.
Delma Reeves, Ormond, Vic.
Don. Simkin, Robert Petchell, David Fitzgerald, Ivanhoe, Vic.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. A. Williams, from Brighton Gardens to Victor Harbour, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas, from Annerley; Mr. and Mrs. W. Steele from Stafford; Mrs. L. Edmonds, from Hawthorne; Miss M. Lawrie, from Maryborough to Arana Hills, Qld.
Mrs. M. Barton, from Prahran to Oakleigh, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farmer, Greg Farmer, from West Preston to Doncaster, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Marr, from Croydon; Mr. and Mrs. A. Clough, from Nailsworth; Mr. and Mrs. L. French, from Cheltenham to Windsor Gdns., S.A.
Mrs. Lee from Strathalbyn to Goolwa, S.A.
Faye Nicholls, from Maryborough to Ormond, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Melville from Colac to Ivanhoe, Vic.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Evelyn Clark to Michael Confoy; Judith Dorgan to Ronald Bailey, North Williamstown, Vic.
Jan Taylor to Keith Flentjar, Dandenong, Vic.
Lesley Gilmartin to Robert Alves; Frances Dowling to David Dippie; Lynne Marshall to Raymond Bridger, North Essendon, Vic.
Heather Margaret Cocks to Eric John Anderson, Robinvale, Vic.
Greta Hercott to Kevin Perry; Margaret Cockroft to Greg. Carter, Swan Hill, Vic.
Joan Shepherd to Allan Heath, Maidstone, Vic.
Pam Shultz to George Henderson, Bayswater, Vic.
Joan Manning to Lindsay Marr, Kensington Park, S.A.
Janice Wise to Graeme Selzer, Waragul, Vic.
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Dianne Sedgman to John Combridge; Loretta Lyon to Ken Combridge; Denise Chipperfield to John Millar; Julie Doidge to Robert McEwan, Ivanhoe, Vic.

DEATHS

Miss A. Pearce, Victor Harbour, S.A.
Mrs. Mary May Raggatt, Horsham, Vic.
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3 p.m.: **Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.** Speaker: **Mr. Stirling.** Musical items: **Part Time Singers.**
5.15 p.m.: **Church Tea.**
6.50 p.m.: **Song Service.**
7 p.m.: **Worship and Witness.** Speaker: **Mr. Stirling.**

BIRTHS

ADDICOTT (Bullen).—To Rhonda and Graham, a daughter—Fiona Cheryl—on April 13 at Box Hill and District Hospital.

BAKER (Alford).—To Beryl and Ralph, a son—Davin Ashley Clive, born March 21, Mitcham and Dist. Hospital.

CLARK (nee Hunt).—Owen and Marion welcome with love God's gift of a son—Russell David—born March 21. Brother for Phillip and Stuart.

FLETT (Head).—To Bill and Judy, God's gift of a darling daughter—Jillian Gayle, born March 25, 1969 at Koonya, Tasmania.

WHYATT (Vivian). — Jeanette and Lyle are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter—Linda Michelle—March 30, 1969.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

GENAT-BERTRAM.—The marriage of Marilyn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Genat, of Doncaster, to Bruce Bertram, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bertram, of Doncaster, will be celebrated at 3.30 p.m. on May 3, 1969 at Doncaster Church of Christ, Vic.

LENG - RENFREE.—The marriage of Janice, elder daughter of Mrs. I. M. Leng, Ginqam-ave., Irymple, Vic., and the late Mr. C. M. Leng, with Phillip, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Renfree, 25 Patty-st., Mentone, will be celebrated at the Church of Christ, Mildura on April 25, 1969 at 5 p.m.

MORLEY-MORRIS.—The marriage of Elsie May, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morley, Bulleen, Vic., with Geoffrey Dixon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morris, Horsham, will be solemnised at St. Silas' Church of England, North Balwyn, on April 25, 1969, at 3.30 p.m. R. B. Cutchie (Collingwood Church of Christ) will be assisting.

IN MEMORIAM

ANNETTS, Lexie.—In loving memory of a devoted wife, mother and grandma, called home on April 15, 1965. "Some-day, sometime, we'll understand."—Inserted by Harold, Bill and Merle and family.

BOAKE.—In loving memory of our dear son, Russell James, who was called home April 2, 1965. "Forever with the Lord."

CUTCHIE. — Cherished memories of Albert, who departed this life April 11, 1966; loved husband of Mary, dear Dad of Janice, Shirley and Barry; father-in-law of Harold and Gerald; Grandpa of Grant and Lyndell Howlett; Joanne, Andrew and Kim Mitchell. "Till we meet again."

KING, Martin Luther.—Died on April 8, 1968. A humble tribute to a great Christian gentleman. "God made day as well as night; God made black as well as white."—Inserted by L. McColl, Maidstone, Vic.

HINRICHSSEN, Bessie Olive and Albert.—Treasured and wonderful memories of our dear parents, parents-in-law, grandparents and great-grandparents, who departed this life, Bessie Olive, April 25, 1963 and Albert, February 3, 1964. "Awaiting the resurrection morn."—Always remembered by their loving son, daughters and families.

MORELAND (Vic.)

60th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, May 4, 1969

11 a.m.: **Worship Service.** Guest Speaker: **Principal E. L. Williams.**
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(U.S.A.). The famous playwright, Tennessee Williams, 54, author of many popular stage dramas, became a Roman Catholic and was baptized in Florida. The conversion is said to have taken place after a near-fatal attack of influenza. Mr. Williams was an Episcopalian and, normally, re-baptism would not be required. But Mr. Williams himself asked for the ceremony. The author plans to make a pilgrimage to Rome and hopes to receive a blessing from the Pope.

HOUSE CALLS BY MORMONS

(Edinburgh). Scottish Presbyterians who may be visited by Mormon missionaries are "warned" in a leaflet issued by the Church of Scotland that they won't get anywhere in discussions with Mormons on religious or moral issues.

"Invite them in," the leaflet advises, "but only if you possess qualities of patience and tolerance in high degree." The leaflet is designed to help its 1,250,000 members whom Mormons call at their homes. A similar leaflet was issued some months ago to give guidance on dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses.

The Presbyterians are advised that Mormon missionaries believe they have nothing to learn and that "any mutually helpful discussion with them on religious or moral issues is therefore impossible."

THREAT TO SPLIT

(Eng.). One reason why Methodists have been hesitant about the plan in Britain to unite with the Church of England, is the strong opposition by some influential members. Recently a letter was issued over the signatures of well-known Methodists entitled "Letter to

the Methodist People." It declared that if a major part of the Methodist Church "determinatively submits to the historic episcopate" there will be a substantial minority prepared to form a new Church rather than submit.

William Wallace in "The British Weekly" says that the historic episcopate is at the very foundation of the differences. "And what a tottering foundation on which to seek to erect anything lasting or of value. One might conclude that apostolic succession—the less popular name for the historic episcopate—is of enormous significance for every Anglican, as of the very essence of the faith." Wallace says that this position is very doubtful and that many Anglicans think the question should be raised in their Church. But to do so might split the Anglican Church. Apparently it's better not to raise it and so merely split the Methodists.

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A "leading mental specialist" has said: "What the great majority of people drink alcohol for is not because they like the taste of it, nor because they are thirsty, but . . . because it makes them feel jolly." Things are not as simple as that. I have been a total abstainer myself for a year or so now, and certainly do not feel less "jolly" than before. It is an inexpressible relief to know that I can never again find myself—as most drinkers, if they are to be honest, must admit they have at one time or another—at the wheel of a car in a tipsy condition.

As a sober-head among drunken ones, one realises what an illusion it is to suppose that alcohol stimulates witty conversation. The tedium is terrible; indeed, I am convinced that a film recording of a drunken party shown to alcoholics taking a cure would be an enormous inducement to keep off the bottle.

—Malcolm Muggeridge in "The Observer Review."

OBITUARY

Miss Florence Cameron

Miss Florence Cameron died on Feb. 5 in the Royal Adelaide Hospital where she had been taken for observation from the St. George's Christian Rest Home. She had been very unwell for some time, but her home call came suddenly at the last. In compliance with her own expressed wish, the funeral was privately conducted at the Centennial Park Crematorium. Miss Cameron leaves behind her a life of devoted service to her Lord. Baptised by H. R. Taylor in 1911, she early felt the call to serve in Overseas Missions, and studied for one year in a Bible College in Adelaide, and spent another year at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital, and left for India in Jan., 1915. She gave forty years to the work in India, thirty-eight of them in charge of the Girls' Home at Shrigonda. Many hundreds of Indian women, and brethren, will cherish loving memories of one they loved greatly in the Lord. Maylands church was honoured to have Miss Cameron as their Living Link through the years of her service to India. The sincerely felt sympathy of the church goes to her sister, Mrs. W. Heath, Senr., and the relatives. While we share a common sadness at losing the fellowship of such a lovely Christian, we rejoice for the abundant entrance into the eternal glory which is now hers.—Albert J. Ingham.

(Portion of the funeral address by B. V. Coventry was printed in the "A.C." for March 8, 1969. We regret the delay in presenting this obituary notice.—Ed.)

George Albert Mott

The church at Ringwood (Vic.) was saddened at the death of George Albert Mott on Feb. 21, after 18 months as a patient at the Will H. Clay Hospital. In all of the 82 years of his life he was associated with Churches of Christ. Born at Dinyarrack in the Kaniva-Lillimur district, he moved with his parents to the Victorian Mallee at the age of five. At that time the Mallee was first being opened for cultivation. His godly parents gave him an appreciation of the church, which developed in him to a dedicated love of Christ. This resulted in a life of service for God and the church. In 1919 he moved to Woorinen and he attended the church at Swan Hill. The church his father had been influential in starting. Later, when he retired from the land, Mr. Mott settled in Swan Hill, where he shared in the preparation of the erecting of a new chapel. Seven years ago he

suffered a stroke, and with his wife came to Ringwood. His one great regret was his inability to share in the active work here. When specialised care was needed, he was admitted to the Will H. Clay Hospital, where he remained alert in mind and interested in the work of the church right to the end of his life. His wife predeceased him by 10 months. After a service in the Ringwood Chapel, he was buried at the Springvale Lawn Cemetery. To his son and daughters and those of the close family circle, sympathy is extended.—G.W.B.

Mary Estelle Gollan

Mary Gollan died on March 17 following a protracted illness during which she underwent both operations and lengthy treatment. She was aged 47. Throughout her illness she maintained a keen interest in family affairs and church life until she found it difficult to give attention to the outside world. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She spent her early days at Chelsea (Vic.) where she joined the Church of Christ, and where she was married to Alex. Gollan. After a short stay at Richmond they moved to Mont Albert and then some thirteen years ago settled at Bentleigh. Here their family of four girls grew up and all joined the church. Mrs. Gollan took an active part in the life of the church and was always ready to help in any ways that she could. She was a bright, active and optimistic person and her faith was an essential part of her life. To her husband, Alex., and her daughters, Kath, Stella, Margaret and Jean the church and the brotherhood extend their prayers and sympathy.—A.R.P.

CHURCH MERGER REJECTED

(Atlanta, Georgia). The proposed merger of the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) was defeated when the proposal failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the Reformed Church's 45 regional classes. The Southern Presbyterian Church had enough of its presbyteries voting in favour of union to meet the required three-quarters positive vote.—E.P.S.

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(Vatican City). Pope Paul VI announced recently the establishment of the "Populorum Progressio" Fund for development aid to Latin America with a \$1 million interest-free loan.

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EISENHOWER'S DEATH

(Geneva). Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, on learning of the death of a fellow American, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, said, "Dwight D. Eisenhower was a great man despite the carping criticism of many intellectuals during and after his administration as President of the United States. I deeply respected him as a man of simple faith and moral integrity. How able a President and General he was I am content to leave to the historians. The world is poorer because he is no longer with us."—E.P.S.

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NEW MINISTRY

(Pahran, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jackel have settled in and being well received . . . Harold Jones concluded a 12-months' interim ministry . . . The new brick toilet is almost complete . . . A number of names has been referred to church as enquirers from the Graham Crusade . . . Peter Norton, of St. Kilda, is helping to re-form the Explorers' Club.

FOUR MISSIONARIES

(Maidstone, Vic.). Four of our young people are following Christ as missionaries . . . Maidstone strongly supported Billy Graham Crusade by distributing leaflets and organising buses every evening . . . A picnic was held at Williams-town Beach on March 29 . . . New programmes for 1969 include Adventure Club for school pupils, Teen Club every Friday and after-church meeting in various homes each Sunday evening.

INTERIM MINISTER WELCOMED

(Dandenong Vic.). K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip. R.E., has been welcomed as interim minister until end of June . . . Members were encouraged to attend the Graham Crusade. Morning services were curtailed and evening services not held on March 16 and 23 . . . At C.Y.F. camp at Dromana, A. A. Avery, K. W. Heath and A. Jones shared with the young in discussing problems of today . . . C.W.F. Prayer Committee presented programme to afternoon group. The evening group were shown the film "Seduction of the Innocent" (a teenage drug problem). A police officer gave information . . . A parent dedication service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Demarion and their son, Andrew . . . Miss Dianne Walker has resigned from our Doveton S.S. to enter the Melb. Bible Institute . . . Our tennis team won the grand final on March 29.

LONG TRIP

(Robinvale, Vic.). A number of members attended the two weekends of the Billy Graham Crusade in Melbourne—returned home thrilled and excited with the meetings . . . C.E. led first of bi-monthly youth services . . . Day and night sessions for Women's World Day of Prayer held in our chapel. Mrs. Morrison gave main address . . . J.C.E. was begun last month. T. Vertigan, from Warragul, presented a show of magic for 45 minutes. He later repeated this to the C.Y.F.

INTERIM AT MALVERN

(Vic.). In collaboration with the Advisory Board and the College of the Bible, the church has arranged for Principal E. Lyall Williams to speak on Sunday mornings during the remainder of the year and for Ian Adams and his wife, second-year students, to occupy the manse and take general control of the church. They will be assisted by first-year student, Ken Verge and his wife, Sue, in visitation, clubs, and S.S. . . .

CRUSADE REFERRALS

(Box Hill, Vic.). Several referrals have been received from the Billy Graham Crusade . . . C.O.B. benefited as a result of Harvest Thanksgiving special service. A young lady confessed Christ as Saviour . . . The choir, under leadership of Mr. Hammond, rendered special Easter cantata, "The Victorious Christ." . . . Miss Eileen Steenson has been guest speaker at a Sunday morning native service in the open in the Victoria River Downs area, New Guinea . . . Eastern District C.Y.F. held worship service at Box Hill.

C.L.C. ADOPTED

(Chelsea, Vic.). The church adopted the Christian Life Curriculum for 1970, and will encourage all other auxiliaries to make use of the C.L.C. resources . . . Local Christian Educ. Committee has been set up to arrange training programmes for all teachers, leaders and other workers . . . B. J. Combridge, although unable to continue as elder, has accepted position as church historian. A. Augustine was elected elder . . . D. Oakes is minister.

MAYOR AT LECTERN

(Mitcham, Vic.). The Mayor of Nunawading, Cr. Rooney, a member of Blackburn church, gave the N.T. reading on March 30. That night, fifteen enquirers from the Graham Crusade were introduced to members and entertained at supper. The church took active part in the Crusade as counsellors and ushers, including several C.Y.F. members. Buses were used for transport . . . Miss Jan Hunting, on furlough from New Guinea, was speaker at the Women's Bible Study Group . . . At our own church a devotional communion service on Thursday evening preceded a combined churches' service on Good Friday.

WIDENING REACH

(The Patch, Vic.). C.W.F. groups continue to broaden their Social Service activities and have forwarded donations to the shire "Meals on Wheels" and to a local appeal for a young girl needing operation for a heart condition . . . Annual business meeting was well attended, as was the picnic by bus to Fernshaw . . . The church anniversary had R. V. Amos (Conf. Pres.) as guest speaker. At night, musical and vocal items were presented . . . Ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Turtmann is much appreciated . . . Several members attended Billy Graham meetings and those referred for "follow-up" have been contacted . . . S.S. has gained seven new scholars—attendance including teachers averages 35.

A. L. Finger has been appointed church treasurer in place of John Blucher who is moving out of the district . . . Recent speakers have been P. Thickens, R. Amos, F. Buckingham, D. Crockett, S. Allison and H. Steele . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clark have been visiting from Tasmania . . . Mrs. Locke has been admitted to the Emmaus Guest Home. Men of the church will assist in services at the Christian Guest Home during April . . . One member has been received as a result of the Billy Graham Crusade.

Nearly 100 attended the annual cricket banquet held in the hall . . . 10 juniors and two leaders attended Explorer Inter-Club Camp at Eppalock . . . Mrs. Vi Gray assisted Knoxfield church at weekend camp . . . Mrs. G. Wigney and Mrs. G. Clare are assisting the minister with religious instruction at Primary School . . . Junior C.E. groups attended a Missionary Rally at Collingwood . . . Noel Spencer was flown from Adelaide hospital after recent accident and is making slow progress in Box Hill Hospital . . . Mr. Ward improving after recent hospitalisation.

EIGHT DECISIONS

(Croydon, Vic.). The church gave strong support to the Graham Crusade and ran buses on three occasions. Eight names of those who made decisions have been passed to the church for follow-up . . . Five of our men attended the Men's Prayer Breakfast at Coles' on March 15 . . . Our C.W.F. shared in Eastern Dist. C.W.F. picnic on March 27. C.W.E.F. meeting was held at home of J. Galletly for sewing for the coming fete . . . A combined Good Friday service was held at the Presb. church. Our minister, A. B. Clark, preached the sermon.

NEAR THE 100

(North Fitzroy, Vic.). At the 96th church anniversary on March 30 former members conducted morning service and Conf. Pres., R. V. Amos, was speaker. At 3 p.m. Churches of Christ Choral Society presented the cantata, "His Glorious Appearing." A reunion tea attracted many past members. At night the C.E. Quartette brought messages in song. Speaker was G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, C.O.B. Three young people made decisions . . . The church was saddened at the death of former member, Mrs. T. Baker.

CAMP COMMITMENTS

(Manifold Heights, Vic.). Manifold Heights' contingent to Hall's Gap Easter Camp was 22 young people. Frank Hunting was camp director with Vic. Berry assisting. Theme of studies prepared by Frank Hunting was "Radiant Living." Study leaders were Dr. Keith Bowes and A. E. Stevens. The day of worship and study on Sunday culminated in 10 young people committing their lives to Christ, three of whom were from Manifold Heights. These camps have been held for more than 20 years now and always prove a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and learning.

EASTER BAPTISM

(Swan Hill, Vic.). A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday morning . . . The church has withdrawn from the Combined Evening Services and commenced Sunday evening house fellowships on April 13 . . . Adrian and Owen Casey and Gary Beasy represented Swan Hill at Little Athletics State Championships at Olympic Park on Easter Monday. Geoff. Harrison and Neville Rogers were named as emergencies. All boys are members of B.S. and Explorers' Club. The B.S. has welcomed 12 new scholars. . . . The church annual business meeting elected W. I. Crowe and D. W. Cockroft as elders.

EVANGELISTS FROM ASIA

No.2 DR. JONG SUNG RHEE

The 1968 South-East Asia Congress of Evangelism brought together many of that continent's outstanding Christians to grapple with problems concerning the message and methods of evangelism for today. In this series, Allan Avery, of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. and Evang., introduces some of these evangelists and their contributions to the Congress.

Dr Jong Sung Rhee from Korea spoke on Theological Dilutions Which Hinder Evangelism.

Dr. Rhee claims that there are four main schools of thought which are having a dilutory effect upon the work of evangelism and which hinder and slow down the evangelistic process. The first is humanism. Humanism misrepresents the nature of man as a creature. Man is seen as his own creator and his own judge.

Humanism minimises the importance of believing in Jesus Christ as Saviour. It is not Jesus that saves but science and humanism. Jesus Christ may be a good teacher and philanthropist, and God a good working hypothesis for the betterment of human life but he is not the Saviour of mankind.

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Modern humanism is built on the theory that man can rule himself and the world will survive without God's interference. As Nietzsche cried, "God is dead."

The second theological dilution that is hindering the work of evangelism is liberalism.

Modern liberals are losing their confidence in the biblical records as historically true and philosophically meaningful and are suspicious about the historicity of Jesus.

Syncretism is seeing Christianity as just another religion standing on equal ground and offering no special or unique revelation of God. When Paul faced the Stoics and Epicureans with the message of the living God he did not compromise with their metaphysical philosophising about the idea of God but presented God as revealed in Jesus Christ as the one true God. Any departure from this concept only serves to cut the nerve of evangelism.

Universalism has as its key thought that sovereign grace will not have triumphed until every member of the human race is saved. When Jesus died he not only died for the whole human race but he also saved all by his death.

Dr. Rhee summed up by saying: Modern humanism claims a new religion for modern man, liberalism tears apart the fundamental doctrines of the traditional church, syncretism endangers the absoluteness of Jesus Christ and universalism apostatizes the Christian eschatology.

As Christians we should be genuine humanists in the sense that we accept human value because God created man after his own image. We are liberals and free men as Luther said in obeying God's word. We honestly hope that God has revealed himself in other religions even though not to the same extent as he has done in Jesus Christ. Our earnest hope is that no one will be excluded from the kingdom of God even though that is not clearly revealed in His word.

(The Rev. Jong Sung Rhee of Korea is Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Seoul.)

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BALLARAT'S GOOD FRIDAY

(Vic.). The churches in Ballarat combined for Good Friday morning service in the York St. chapel. Members from Dawson St., Peel St., York St., and Mt. Clear churches attended together with many visitors. The musical arrangement was by Mrs. E. Graham and the soloist was Wayne Talbot. The speaker was Elder A. H. Graham. The attendance was most gratifying considering that 150 young people and their leaders were in camp at the annual Hall's Gap Easter Camp.

RED HILL'S 84th

(Vic.). The church celebrated its 84th anniversary on March 30. Dr. K. R. Bowes was guest speaker. Morning service filled to capacity. In the afternoon, following lunch at the church, the Campbell Singers thrilled good congregation with variety of singing. J. Turner

spoke on experiences in Trade and Industry Mission . . . On April 6 five young people were baptized and received into fellowship at morning service . . . Ron Kingsley and wife Kath, a former member at Red Hill, were farewelled on leaving for New Guinea to work for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship . . . H. W. Holmes and G. Ward attended an all-day work-in at Tootgarook together with Explorer leaders from neighbouring churches.

PROCLAIMERS AT STAWELL

(Vic.). On Easter Sunday the Proclaimers took morning service. We combined with other churches at night . . . Ladies from the C.W.F. Missionary Camp conducted morning meeting on March 30. There was a Thanksgiving Service at night . . . The church took part in the Graham Crusade . . . At the annual meeting F. Mortyn was elected elder; D. Hillier, Sec., and L. Mason, Treas.

THE WHEELS OF THE MEALS ON WHEELS



(Vic.). An essential service to a needy part of our community is given by the Meals on Wheels programme. The first Meals on Wheels in Western Victoria was started at Stawell. It began with providing three meals a day and now averages more than 20 a day.

For five days a week the meals are prepared at the Albion Hotel in Stawell and packed in heated containers. The delivery takes about 40 minutes. The meals are delivered by voluntary helpers recruited from the Stawell Rotary Club, business houses, churches, and private individuals.

The photo below shows Kevin Caulton, minister of the Stawell Church of Christ, loading meals into the boot of a car. R. L. Grant, secretary of the Stawell Old People's Welfare Assoc., is very much in the picture. He organised the first distribution and still looks after the vast amount of administrative work. — Block by courtesy of "The Mail-Times."

DEATH OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

(Essendon, Vic.). The church was saddened by the sudden death of Norm Summerton on April 6. He had recently been elected Chairman of the Board of Officers . . . During the Graham Crusade there were six decisions . . . An impressive "Upper Room Communion" service was held on the evening of April 3. Soloists were Mrs. N. Hutton. Easter Sunday p.m. service was held at Essendon Baptist Church. All five churches in Buckley St. combined for Easter Sunday service at 7 p.m. Mr. Pryor gave the address . . . Many of our young people were in camp at Monbulk over Easter. . . . Five teams have entered for basketball competition.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

(Hartwell, Vic.). On March 30 J. McCormick, from Wattle Park, exchanged pulpits with M. J. Savage. Mr. McCormick was associated with Hartwell during college days . . . A special service on Good Friday attracted good attendance, also on Easter Sunday when school united with church for worship. Choir rendered special music at both services; a solo was given by Eric Hancock. On April 1, C.W.F. conducted a pre-Easter service from the C.W.F. handbook.

HUNGARY & M. L. KING

The Council of Hungarian Free Churches has published a book entitled "For Others—For Everybody" dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King. It reviews the life of Dr. King, includes portions of his sermons, speeches and other works and reports the response of Hungarian newspapers to his activity and his martyrdom.—E.P.S.

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Mrs. KING AT ST. PAUL'S

(London). The widow of the late Martin Luther King Jr. pleaded for reconciliation between the races when she preached in St. Paul's Cathedral on March 16.

"Now is the time to begin the ministry of reconciliation. Now is the time to challenge the racial oppression in the world. Now is the time to catch the spirit reflected in the life of Martin Luther King," she told more than 4,000 people in the 260-year-old cathedral.

Contributions to the Martin Luther King Foundation continue to come in. It is hoped to raise £100,000 during the first year of the foundation's existence in order to give moral or material support to non-violent movements for civil rights, to assist or initiate projects to further good relations between all races in Britain, and to aid victims of discrimination or intolerance.—E.P.S.

MORE FUNDS

(Geneva). The Divisional Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service of the W.C.C., has urged that a new call be made for additional money to finance relief and rehabilitation programmes among victims of the Nigeria/Biafra conflict.

At the Fourth Assembly of the W.C.C. in Uppsala, Sweden, an appeal was made for \$3,800,000 from the churches and their agencies to aid those in extreme distress because of the fighting. The response so far given through the Division has reached \$2,253,765. Of this total, \$1,688,793 has been spent and the balance is committed for ongoing programmes.

"The need for a new appeal is therefore apparent," the committee said, emphasising that even while relief needs continue and increase, money is required for massive rehabilitation.—E.P.S.

U.S. TIES WITH VATICAN

(New York). Objections continue to be voiced by U.S. denominations against the establishment of diplomatic ties between the U.S. and the Vatican.

The Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. is the latest group to send a telegram to President Nixon registering "in the strongest terms our opposition to any such representation."

Similar expressions of disapproval were issued individually by the presidents of the three major Lutheran bodies associated in the Council.

In a one-hour televised press confer-

ence following his European tour, President Nixon said he had found his conversation with Pope Paul "extremely helpful . . . I received information and also counsel that I consider to be very important," he said. "I want that line of communication kept open." However, he noted, the means of doing this is still under study.

Earlier, several Baptist bodies had opposed the move including the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and the president of the American Baptist Convention, the Rev. Culbert C. Rutenber.—E.P.S.

PRESIDENT MEETS SECRETARY

(Washington, D.C.). President Richard Nixon and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the W.C.C. conferred in the White House oval room on March 20.

After the meeting Dr. Blake told our correspondent he met President Nixon to "establish general relationships for the World Council" and to reflect some of what he had heard on his recent five-nation tour of the Middle East.

Dr. Blake, who was accompanied by Dr. Eugene Smith of the World Council's New York office, and Dr. Richard Fagley of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, said President Nixon expressed interest in the World Council especially as it seeks to secure justice and peace in the conflict areas of the world.—E.P.S.

R.C. STRENGTH

The Roman Catholic Church seems certain to replace the Anglican Church within ten years as Australia's biggest single denomination. That has already happened in Victoria, which has received the largest number of European Catholic immigrants, and in the A.C.T., partly as the result of the high percentage of Catholics in the Federal Public Service. The indications of R.C. strength are also visible in Tasmania.

"The Australian" recently gave two principal reasons for this trend: (1) Roman Catholic families on the whole are substantially larger than the average in Australia; (2) the proportion of Roman Catholics is high among the people who in the past two decades have come to Australia to live.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

Building Disaster. The new church building at Towns- end, Qld., has been completely wrecked. After drought conditions for a year a terrific cyclonic storm levelled the building to the ground. Not a single board remained in place. After a hard struggle the members were within £5 of clearing the debt when the disaster came.

Foreign Missions. H. Watson is not able to take the post of Fed. Sec. after all. He cannot return to India because of the health of Mrs. Watson. Since their return to Aust. her health has been worse rather than better. Mr. Watson cannot accept a position which would require frequent absence from home.

Preachers' Houses. "I should like to say a hearty Amen! to J. E. Thomas' suggestion re preachers' houses and would shout a long, loud, lusty Hallelujah! when all our churches provide suitable houses for their preachers."—Ethelbert Davis.

Welcome Interference. The meetings at Boonah have been interfered with by rain. This is indeed a welcome change for which we are very thankful.

Men Wanted. The Qld. H.M. Sec. will be pleased to hear of two or three men willing to take circuit work in promising centres. Splendid opportunities for strong consecrated men.

Happy Birthday! From U.S.A., Harry L. Bell writes, "I have been a reader and subscriber of the "Christian" since 1907 when I became a Christian at Wanganui, N.Z., and appreciation of it grows every year. Congratulations on your 21st birthday!"

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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WRIGHT THINKING

by C. H. J. WRIGHT

WORK and PRAYER

There is an old Egyptian proverb which says, "An archer hitteth the mark partly by pulling and partly by letting go. The boatman reacheth the landing partly by pulling and partly by letting go." Here is a piece of wisdom the ancients knew which is often forgotten in modern times.

How confused we are! Either we sit with folded hands, totally passive, longing for peace of mind and serenity of soul, or we dash madly about, pushing and pulling, determined to take the desired object in our own strength. It is no wonder that our generation has been characterised as a shattered atom, a deflated dollar, and a worried look.

The wisdom of the old proverb seems to be even more applicable, more pertinent to our day than to the time in which it was first phrased. The habit of worry and the sense of futility, both of which are common to our generation, can be overcome only by the person who has the sense to work as if the whole thing depends on him, and to trust as if the whole thing depends on God. You see—partly by pulling and partly by letting go. Work as if it all depends on you—trust as if it all depends on God.

There is a passage in the Old Testament which interprets the matter clearly for us. This is Moffatt's translation of Deuteronomy 29: 29. "The hidden issues of the future are with the Eternal our God, but the unfolded issues of the day are with us." How much happier most of us would be if only we could make this affirmation the basis of a working philosophy of life. Our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

Notice how this technique of living, "partly pulling and partly letting go" is set before us in the life of Jesus. He lived an exceptionally active life. On foot he travelled from one end of the land to the other. He talked to great crowds of people day after day. He performed mighty works and carried on

his shoulders a burden of responsibility which makes our burdens light by comparison. "I must work the works of him Who sent me while it is day," he said. Time was short, and he had so much to do. But in all those busy, crowded days he never failed to "let go," and seek the reviving power of quietness in the lonely mountain or by the solitary shore of the sea. "He withdrew into the mountain himself alone . . ." "He withdrew into a desert place and there prayed."

When Jesus was facing the bitter crisis of the Cross, the narrative runs: "And he withdrew about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed." (Luke 22: 41). He did not withdraw completely from life's reality—we can never run away from life. It was only a stone's throw away, but it was far enough to get his bearings, and to summon resources greater than his own. Then, when he had determined the "hidden issues of the future" and found God's will in "letting go," he moved out again in tremendous courage to deal with "the unfolded issues of the day."

Perhaps someone reading this is faced by a crisis, some problem or some anxiety—could you not withdraw about a stone's throw, kneel down, and pray? An old Quaker in the First World War engaged in relief work, when faced with a heavy day's duties would say, "We shall be very busy today—we must be very quiet." Our temptation, when such a day comes is to make a blind rush at it, and go like a sledge-hammer. It is foolish, our fingers will be all thumbs. That time of quiet, relaxed waiting on God, will give us the inner poise and peace that makes all the difference.

You see, there are at least three things prayer does for us. One: It gets things in their true perspective. We are too near our problems to see them clearly. Just as an artist, working on some wide canvas, has to stand back now and then to view it from a distance, so we must stand back occasionally from the noise

and bustle of life into the healing presence of God.

Two: Prayer, real prayer, achieves release from tension and anxiety by bringing our will into line with God's will. "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Three: Prayer releases within us new resources of power to handle life. "We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!" A young lad once asked an old sailor, "What is the wind?" After a while the sailor replied, "I don't know—I can't tell you—but I know how to hoist a sail!" Endless unanswered questions about the wind. But still the wind is real. Hoist your sail and see!

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From the Fields

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The following is an appreciation from the Committee of Management in India of the services of the Powells, written by H. M. Waghmode: "This couple have made a magnificent contribution to the Lord's work in India, during their first term, and we do appreciate their love and zeal for the Lord and his people here. We thank the Home Board and the brotherhood for sending them to India and we request unanimously for their return to this field after their furlough in Australia."

V. Y. Gaikwad

This man, a convert from the Takari Bhampta tribe young in life, has given over 40 years of faithful Christian service. In the early years of the work of H. R. Coventry, he, together with a number of others from the Takari tribe, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Gifted with a good voice and real ability to conduct the Indian musical "Kirtan" (a method of conveying a message by song and story) he used these gifts to proclaim the good news of the gospel effectively far and wide. Mr. Waghmode wrote of him: "Buvaji is retiring at the age of 64, after having served the Lord for over 40 years. We praise God and thank him for such an honest and faithful servant."

Along with him two other colleagues of long years of service are also retiring. G. A. Thorat and Mrs. Sitabai Jadhav. Mr. Thorat in the Boys' Home and evangelistic work, and Mrs. Jadhav in the Girls' Home School and evangelistic work, have likewise given faithful and consecrated service, extending over four decades.

Indian Field tribute to Miss F. Cameron by H. M. Waghmode

We record our deepest gratitude to God for every remembrance of "Auntie Cameron" as she was so well known in India. Hundreds of those boys and girls whom she loved so dearly and for whom she gave her kindly thoughts and prayers all her life will mourn her loss as this sad news of her passing away reaches them. This Conference will always feel indebted to her for such a wonderful record of true Christian service in India. While we mourn her passing we extend our sympathy to all her loved ones. We thank the brotherhood and the Board for sending her to India, and we hope that some fitting memorial will be made in India as a gesture of her dedicated life and service.

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NEW GUINEA

Bolton family returns

After furlough in Australia, John and Joyce Bolton with their two children returned to New Guinea on April 7. The Boltons have been appointed to the new work in the Keram River area and we shall watch with prayerful interest the development of this work.

Shannons returning from N.G.

The Shannon family returns from New Guinea in May. Travelling Ansett-A.N.A. their arrival times are as follows: May 9, Brisbane, 3.10 p.m.; May 10, Melbourne, 5.50 p.m.; May 14, Adelaide, 5.10 p.m.; May 16, Perth, 12.20 p.m.

During his stay in New Guinea, Dr. Shannon has made a survey of the medical work being performed by the mission and future possibilities. His conclusions are that while a great deal of good medical work has been done and there is much more that can be done, there is no need, at this stage, to have a doctor permanently located on the field.

NEW HEBRIDES

Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling and their four children returned to the New Hebrides on April 14. At Banmatmat Bible College on Pentecost Island, the students eagerly awaited their return. Sister L. Joyce returned to the New Hebrides with the Eaglings and will resume her work at the Nasawa Hospital on Maewo. Sister Shirley Stewart, from N.S.W., has arrived in the New Hebrides where she has offered to serve as a voluntary worker for 12 months.

New arrival

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Coulter, at Ndul Ndul, New Hebrides, on the safe arrival of Andrea May on Feb. 15.

Isolated on a Pacific island

Despite the romantic stories that are often written, it is possible to feel rather apprehensive when you live on an island and are completely cut off from the rest of the world. In the New Hebrides, our missionaries rely on launches and the radio to communicate with fellow missionaries on other islands and the outside world. If the weather is bad, making it dangerous for ships to venture out, or the launch is out of action, and the radio will not operate, the sea no longer appears beautiful but cruel, for it becomes an impassable barrier.

Our island brethren know the importance of maintaining communications and recently when the radio transmitter on Maewo was declared to be unrepairable, they offered to provide finance for a new one. This will cost approx. \$300.

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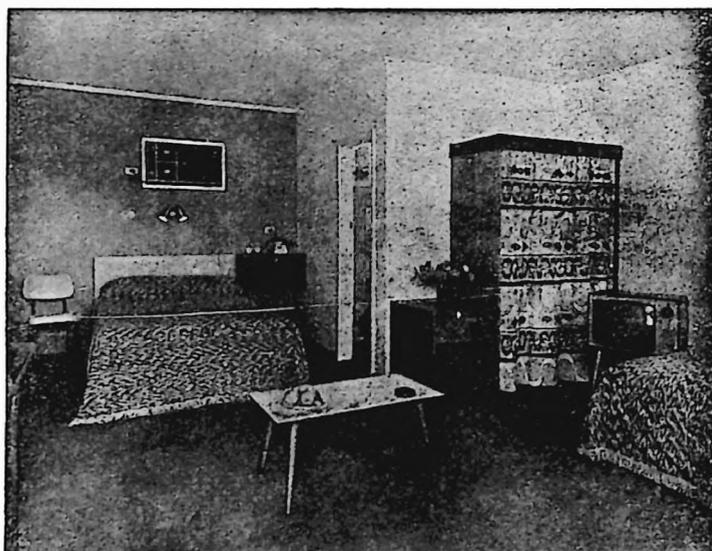
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Children have more need of models than of critics.



There are said to be three sorts of lawyers—able, unable, and lamentable.



When one door closes another opens, if you push.



There's a new wig out to be worn while shopping in supermarkets—it has curlers in it.



This is the first generation to be born in the shadow of the nuclear cloud, and the first to be weaned on television.



The weaker sex is the stronger, because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.



Never get mad at someone for knowing more than you do. It is not his fault.



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