

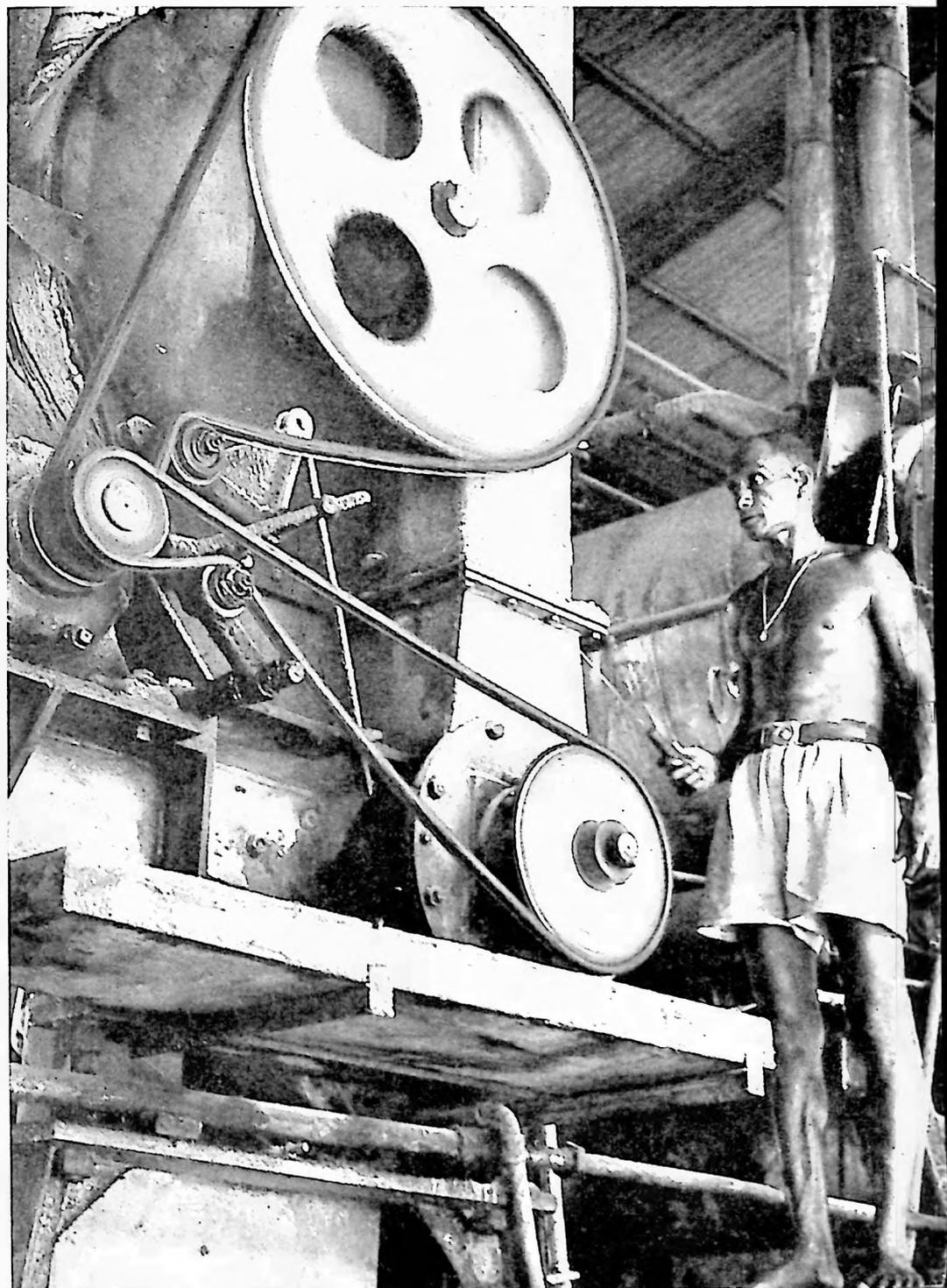
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TELLING AND DOING

Usually, we are pretty good in Conference at telling others what they ought to do about the world's needs. We did it again in the Victoria-Tasmania Conference. We told the Commonwealth Government that it ought to lift its allocation for aid and development programmes beyond Australia and the T.P.N.G. to at least 1% of our Gross National Product.

That's what we usually do, and that's where we usually leave it. We never quite know what the Government does about our resolutions for we never hear of them again.

It was different this year! After passing our resolution we decided to act on it ourselves. At least we passed another resolution which recommended that the churches give 1% of their weekly offerings to aid and relief programmes. This means that out of our regular offerings 1% will go to help others beyond our shores. It was specifically pointed out that it would be unfair to make our other commitments suffer.

Then we went further. We agreed that every member should be challenged to give one day's pay a year for five years to help the underprivileged.

Now, in our Conferences we usually quibble over any extra charges upon our churches and members, but when our affluence was faced with the world's need the resolutions were passed almost unanimously. We felt kind of proud and humble.

There could be no doubting the sincerity of all who spoke to the resolutions, and the response was a demonstration of our sincerity and integrity. We could hardly tell the Government what to do, if we were unwilling to do it ourselves.

However, we know very well that writing a resolution is not quite the same thing as writing a cheque and a lot of Christian living will be required before the suggestion becomes a sacrifice.

Now we must wait for the endorsement of churches and members before the next chapter is written. A lot of us are going to feel mighty ashamed if our resolution finishes up in the same box as the one we sent to the Government.

A MATTER OF MORALITY

Although all of the signs point toward the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam in the near future, there is still heartburning over there and over here concerning the war and those who fight in it.

The issues of conscription and conscientious objection were raised at the Victoria-Tasmania Conference by Senator Ivor Greenwood, who was guest speaker at the Ministers and Secretaries Tea. The Senator declared that Australia's involvement in Vietnam was endorsed by a clear vote of the people. This is a fair statement and it follows that the violence that is being directed against the Government because of Vietnam is to some extent a violent reaction by a minority against a democratic majority decision.

Of course, it is not certain that a majority at present would support Vietnam involvement. People as well as governments may change their views as to which is the right course of action, and they may also change their attitude as to the means by which that action is taken. One thing is certain, there is increasing unhappiness about the ballot system by which some 20-year-olds are drafted into overseas military service. More and more it is regarded as an unfair method of obtaining manpower resources and it mocks the principle of equality of sacrifice in national responsibility.

The ballot system is unfair because it operates against those who have no vote, and because it places one section of the community at a disadvantage in comparison with others in the same age group.

The present method was introduced because voluntary recruitment failed to produce enough young men quickly enough. Young men did not volunteer because they did not want to fight or, at least, they did not want to fight in Vietnam. If offered a choice they would stay home and do something else—such as study for a profession, train for a trade, or

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*My life shall touch a dozen lives before
this day is done.*

*Leave countless marks for good or ill
ere sets the evening sun;*

*So this the wish I always wish, the
prayer I ever pray,*

*Let my life help the other lives it
touches by the way.*

—Strickland Gillilan.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS?

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"Why do you Christians make so much of Jesus? What is so special about him?" This is the question our Israeli guide asked my wife and me as we were riding north from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee. It's a good question and a fair one.

Our Israeli friend, though he might not have been fully aware of it at the time, had gone right to the heart of our Christian faith. For the characteristic which distinguishes Christianity from all other religions lies in the personality of its founder. Hinduism is loyalty to an idea. Confucianism is loyalty to a tradition, Shintolism is loyalty to a country, Islam is loyalty to a code and Judaism is loyalty to a law and covenant. But Christianity is loyalty to a person.

We can conceive of Christianity without ritual, organisation or creed; but to think of it without Christ is as anomalous as impossible. Ours is not a religion of a book, but of a person. Christ produced the Church and then the Church produced the Bible.

I believe that if the New Testament is a reliable book and if the history of Christian experience for nineteen centuries can be counted as evidence, then Christ is different from all other men and the word "human" is not big enough to contain the truth about him. But the question persists: What, specifically, is so special about Jesus?

First, he was truly man. "Son of Man" was his favourite title. He was representative man. Jesus was man at his highest, but truly man. When his finger was cut, it bled. He knew what it was to be hungry and thirsty and tired. His temptations were real. He prayed to the Father.

Yes, I believe Jesus was more than man. But his manhood is important. Many of his followers are fearful that if they emphasise the humanity of Jesus, they will subtract from his divinity. But such is a false alarm. Quite the reverse is true. It took his humanity to show his divinity. For instance, watch that scene in the upper room the night before he died. "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands"—that spells out his divinity—"and that he had come from God and was going to God"—and that spells out divinity still more—"rose from supper . . . girded himself with a towel . . . and began to wash the disciples' feet" (John 13: 3-5). Do you see what was happening? This was not merely a demonstration of Christian humility, though it was that; it was Jesus' use of his humanity to express his divinity. If he had not been truly human Christ could not have revealed his divinity. Men could not have understood him.

Yes, Jesus was "the Word (that) became flesh and dwelt among us"—God in human form. Without the humanity—the "flesh" and the "form"—we of the flesh could not have fully known God. The first great theological controversy you read about in the life of the church was not over the divinity of Jesus, but his humanity. What had happened was that some people in the church, wrongly influenced by Greek philosophy—

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people known as Gnostics—were claiming that Jesus was not really human. They claimed that he just seemed to get hungry, that he merely appeared to weep over Lazarus' grave, that his "death" on the cross was a masquerade and that what the disciples saw later was a ghost or an oddity in the atmosphere—or nothing. But listen to Paul in Colossians: "In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (1: 19). Listen to this greatest theologian of the church again in Philippians: "Though he was in the form of God (Jesus) did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself . . . being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (2: 6-8). There's nothing phony about Jesus' humanity there or anywhere else in the New Testament.

Jesus was man and because he was, we have a Father who knows us, who loves us and whose love brought him all the way to our need. Not man trying to find God by reaching up with anxious good words, but God finding man by reaching down with suffering love—that's what is so special about Jesus.

And then this: He was fully God. The word "human" is not big enough to describe all that Jesus was and is. He was not only Master but Lord, not only Teacher but Saviour, not only Example but Emmanuel—God with us!

God dwelt as fully in Jesus of Nazareth as he could in man without disrupting and destroying his humanity. Not all of God's power dwelt in him: God still was able to keep the planets in orbit during those thirty-three years. Not all of God's presence dwelt in him: God was not confined to Palestine. Not all of God's eternity was in Jesus: God did not start to live at Bethlehem when Jesus was born, nor was he dead for the three days the body of Jesus lay in the tomb. But all of God, in the personal sense that man can understand and believe and receive, was in Jesus.

Now, why do we believe that Jesus was divine, full of God? For one thing, we are drawn to him because of his sinlessness, his moral perfection. He never prayed, "Father, forgive me"; he had nothing in his life to be forgiven. Judas said of him, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27: 4). And Jesus forgave sin, not sin against himself—any man can do that—but sin against God and against other men. And no man can do that.

For another thing, we are drawn to him because of his claims. He said, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 37). No one had ever asked for that kind of loyalty. He said, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11: 28). What egotism and blasphemy—unless he is able to do it and unless he has an authority far beyond that of ordinary men! "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14: 9). Remember that he made these claims among a people who had a horror of idolatry—Jews conditioned by the centuries to believe that only

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God could be God. Yet, when he had been with his associates for a time, Jesus asked them one day whom men said that he was and Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16: 16).

Next, we are drawn to him because of his compassion. He didn't hate. He identified himself with all kinds of people. He was approachable. Across the threshold of his home in Capernaum fell the shadows of the limp, the lame, the halt and the blind; and he healed them. He loved people whom nobody loved. And only God can love like that.

Finally, we are drawn to Jesus because of his universal appeal. To every nation he is peculiarly their own. He was born a Jew but we hardly ever think of him with racial characteristics. On Good Friday the world said "No!" but on

THE WORLD'S WORST DISEASE

By C. H. J. WRIGHT

Why do not all the women of the world, who bear and care for children, unite to banish war? They have most to lose in modern warfare, and since there are more women in the world than men, and they have subtle ways of ensuring that men do as they wish, their united action could do much to cure the insidious disease of war.

These thoughts were in my mind last Anzac Day when, representing Churches of Christ, I attended a very moving memorial service at Canberra's National War Memorial. The setting was magnificent, the weather perfect, and the service beautifully performed. The Governor-General of Australia, the Prime Minister, and Ambassadors of many countries placed wreaths on the Cenotaph. The most moving moment came for me when the president of War Widows, and two young people from Legacy came forward to place their wreaths. I recalled some words of Sir Mark Oliphant which I had heard a few days earlier: "I cannot understand why all the women, who bear and care for children, do not unite to banish war."

Professor Sir Mark Oliphant, of the Research School of Physical Sciences at the Australian National University, was speaking at the nurses' graduation ceremony at the Canberra Hospital: "I beg of you, as nurses, to remember always your humanity, both in your day-to-day duties and in your contribution to the total of human welfare. Use your influence, which is great, to the end that all disease be wiped from the earth, especially the most virulent and terrible disease of all, warfare."

Today the man of science is haunted by the fear that his work will be misused by politicians or entrepreneurs to add to the slaughter and misery of war. This is now as true of the medical sciences as of physics and chemistry, for biological warfare has become as powerful a method of mass destruction of life as is the hydrogen bomb. The nurse is free from such fears, for she has chosen a career which can contribute only to human health and happiness, and can never be distorted to kill and maim.

Sir Mark Oliphant told the nurses and the large assembly there was one aspect of health which is of grave concern to all men and women of goodwill: "An insidious and infectious disease from which mankind has suffered from time immemorial is war. The intolerable misery and suffering caused by war, though terrible, is not so horrible as its dehumanising effect. In the atmosphere of war, men and women forget their humanity and behave with brutish callousness. At one time war was combat between individuals, where bravery had real meaning. Even in those days, however, women and children were put to the sword, or suffered unspeakable indignities at the hands of a conqueror.

Easter, God said "Yes!" so that the Jesus of history has become the Christ of universal experience. To Dante, he is a redeemer; to Shelley, a poet; to Blake, the Incarnation; to Ruskin, the Master of things; to Lanier, the crystal Christ.

Jesus stands strong among the weak, erect among the fallen, pure among the unclean, confident among the confused. He has changed the world.

He was in human form, but fully God: human, so that God became accessible, and divine, so that it was not just another prophet who came, not just another teacher who taught, not just another martyr who died—but this: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish" (John 3: 16).

That's what's so special about Jesus!

—"The Christian."

"Scientific and technical advances, applied to warfare, have deprived it of any virtues it may have had. Those who fire long-range guns or rockets never see those whom they kill. The crew of a bombing aircraft never comes face to face

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—Sir Mark Oliphant.

with the suffering caused by the napalm, incendiary or high explosive bomb it drops. A girl, sitting at a control desk in an underground centre can press a button which sends on its journey a large rocket carrying a thermonuclear warhead. Twenty minutes later the H-bomb will explode over the centre of a city 6,000 miles away, killing a million people and injuring seriously many more, smoking ruins being all that is left of the treasures of history and art which it enshrined. Alternatively, the rocket could easily carry deadly germs of disease or a poisonous chemical which would kill as indiscriminately and more painfully, but would leave the buildings standing . . . the major nations of the world are armed to the teeth with weapons of mass destruction poised ready for use."

Sir Mark Oliphant believes it is possible to devise an organisation for the world which would do away with war as the instrument for settlement of international disputes, but it requires the determination of the peoples of the world to bring it about.

Should not the voice of the Church, as well as the voice of the scientist, be raised in the on-going struggle against the acceptance of nuclear warfare? If ever the conscience and compassion of Christ should find expression through the Church, it is in the face of the threat of nuclear destruction. What is the image which the Church gives to the man in the street on the issue of nuclear and biological warfare? Will modern man listen to what the Church says on redemption and eternal life, if it has nothing to say on the vital issue of peace and war?

SOUTH VIETNAM — A Strange War

By Principal Air Chaplain G. J. CROSSMAN

Having been informed of the possibility of a Viet Cong welcoming committee of rockets and mortars meeting aircraft into Tan San Huit airport, I was somewhat apprehensive, but grateful that they had had their say early in the morning.

From time to time spasmodic gunfire could be heard in the distance. Flares are continually going up just a few miles away from the centre of Saigon.

It is a strange war! There is a street curfew in the capital at 10.30 p.m. But street lights are still on; neon lights and lights in buildings are still on.

Traffic in the city is quite heavy. There seems to be an abundance of motor scooters, motor bikes and push bikes. Some motor bikes have been known to have up to 6 or 7 on them at one time. The French influence is still seen in the cars, but Japanese cars are everywhere; and the Honda motor bike and scooter are popular.

Traffic police are called "White Mice." They blow a whistle and if it is not obeyed, they then shoot and ask questions after. Thank goodness for good hearing! I did not want to test their accuracy.

In Australia, we are concerned over loss of life from car accidents. Saigon averages at least 60 per week. Life is cheap; or else many of their motor bike "cowboys" are fatalists. They play "chicken" with the cars and flirt with death. My personal aide during my visit to S. Vietnam was our R.A.A.F. R.C. Chaplain. It seemed to me he hardly drove anywhere, without having one hand on the door handle, ready to hop out and administer the last rites, if needed.

Numerous conferences were held with Australian Army and Air Force Chaplains and American Chaplains. These proved most helpful. I appreciated the splendid work being done by Chaplains of all faiths. The Americans have 500 Chaplains in S. Vietnam to minister to the spiritual needs of their servicemen. Their facilities on the bases leave very little to be desired.

Other briefing conferences were held in various parts of S.V.N. with senior Australian officers.

On my only Sunday in Vietnam I shared in a worship service with Chaplain Clarrie Badcock, one of our own Church of Christ chaplains. He is settling in well to his work at Vung Tau.

Civil activities being carried out by our Army and Air Force personnel attracted my interest and concern. We are not receiving enough publicity in our press on these activities.

The mission of Civil Affairs is to win the support of the local population for the government of Sth. Vietnam. With a subsidiary aim of obtaining goodwill towards our forces and Australia generally.

Interestingly, this is the only war in history in which this sort of activity is running alongside the actual fighting.

Every proposed project is thoroughly vetted and checked by our team in liaison with Vietnamese Province officials. There is no favour to any one section of the community.

The R.A.A.F. are sponsoring the erection of a building with four classrooms for the Protestant School in Vung Tau. The school is open to all children, like our State School system. The Vietnamese Education Dept. provides the teachers and equipment. The Protestant Church (Evangelical) supplied the land. Whenever possible Vietnamese tradesmen are employed.

Another school construction we are supervising is a six-room building for the Vung Tau High School. It involved first making a hard standing area in the sand dunes; and allows

for a second floor to be added later if the equivalent of our Parent-Teachers' Assn. want to do it and can afford it. They are responsible for equipping this building.

A medical detachment operates a "Medcap" scheme. An average of 6,500-7,000 patients are treated monthly. Regular trips are made over the Phuoc Tuy province—the Australian area of responsibility.

The aim is for the people to be self-sufficient. They are encouraged to support their own hospital facilities, which continue any necessary treatment.

Other projects seen during my brief stay were children's playground equipment sets; volley ball-badminton courts; school toilet blocks; village markets; hamlet water supply systems; rural health—maternity and dispensary provisions.

One afternoon we drove 20 miles from base (with a heavily armed escort of ten men. They had no intention of having a Principal Air Chaplain taken prisoner on them and thus spoil their good record).

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Before setting out I was briefed on the situation. On both sides of the highway were mountain ranges. These were regarded as Charlie's territory, i.e., under Viet Cong control. If the children or the adults in the villages did not seem friendly, not to worry. It only meant the V.C. had been around, or maybe were still around. A comforting thought, but no need to panic, just to be ready to hit the deck if anything started.

We visited a hamlet, which proudly displayed a sign for the V.C. to surrender under the Cholol programme. Then I saw a sewing class in operation for the women and girls. Six treadle machines had been provided.

At one point the highway divides two distinct peoples—the Montagnards (primitive hill peoples), and the Chams (pronounced "Charms"). These were the early settlers in the region. There are big differences and very little association between these peoples.

The Civil Aid school endeavours to work through the boys and girls. A large amount of time and effort is spent on W.H.A.M. (Winning the Hearts and Minds of the people). Water tanks have been supplied as well as playground equipment.

A visit was paid to the Catholic Orphanage in Phan Rang. Here we had a problem of introduction. Our interpreter had gone off to talk to some girls she knew. The tiny Vietnamese sister did not understand what a "Principal Air Chaplain" was. "Air Commodore" and "General" were tried, and equally unsuccessful. Finally the C. of E. Chaplain pointed to the photo of a bishop on the wall; then pointed to me and said "He's a Bishop, too!" I had made it! I enjoyed our half-hour stay with the children. A new stove and washing machine were being installed. Food and clothing are also supplied. Some of our airmen spend some of their off-duty hours assisting in maintenance, etc.

We saw where the V.C. had hit one place, destroying a row of ten buildings. The owners had refused to contribute

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the tax to them. They returned later with satchel charges. This is a typical V.C. action of terror and assassination that has been linked with many of their actions.

Sth. Vietnam is a country of contrasts. There are evidences of war on the one hand but on the other life goes on normally. I am sure that our presence is not only needed but wanted and appreciated by people with whom I talked. "Ocdoloi (Australians) are number one," they said. There are only two degrees—number one and number ten!

Many refugees live in houses, shanties or humples would be more appropriate terms. They are made of cardboard car-

o PAPER ON ABORTION

MURDER OR MERCY

By ALAN MATHESON

Preamble

"England," alliterated the well-known Australian liberal, Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, "has become lost in a Sargasso sea of sex, sadism and psychedelics."

Sex has always been a favourite target of the self-righteous, the puritan, the reformer, the guilty and the protector of the nation's morals. One can sympathise with Sir Wilfred and those of his generation, in their reactions when they see prostitution advocated, homosexuality discussed as a part of normal growth, and contraception headlined. For them, the actions, the discussions, dialogue, proffered solutions, that are emerging, represent little more than a Gadarene stampede into a completely permissive society.

One such aspect of life for which the community is struggling to find answers, is abortion. When Sir Wilfred was in England the new abortion reform legislation was being proclaimed. It is significant that in our own country, almost every organisation feeling some kind of community responsibility is at present engaged in a study of what has been called the "abortion dilemma." Abortion reform leagues are active in most States, political parties have been studying proposed changes in the legislation, mainline denominations have their commissions, mass media has regularly sought to highlight the issues until the point has come when we in Churches of Christ can no longer ignore the discussion.

In Victoria the debate, the search for acceptable alternatives has been marked, except for emotional outbursts from sections of the Catholic hierarchy, by a rationality and depth of research that one finds refreshing and encouraging. It is because of the level of the debate that a bibliography has been included within the body of this article. The express intention of this article is to do little more than open up the field of the discussion by highlighting some of the myths that need to be abolished before we move further in our understanding.

Myth 1 — It is an insignificant problem:

Dr. Lorna Lloyd Green (The Family Today: Ed. Alan Stoller) notes that while abortion is not legal in Australia it is, "widespread in incidence and many pregnancies are terminated by either the patient herself, unscrupulous midwives or doctors . . . at least 100 women die annually in Australia from such interference and contrary to many beliefs they are usually married women with families."

While there is some difficulty in obtaining a scientific estimate of the number of illegal abortions in Australia, there is sufficient evidence to allow reasonably accurate estimates to be made.

Research studies being carried out at university level show

ton sides, packing cases or galvanised iron. The housing standards vary from city to town, to village or hamlet.

It was interesting to note the medical evacuation procedures from the action situation to the Field Hospital at Vung Tau. Our helicopter boys have got the "dust off" procedure streamlined. It is possible to have a casualty at the hospital in 10 minutes, and if necessary, he can be in the operating theatre within 20 minutes from the original pickup. This is splendid work. It means that many lives are being saved by speedy access to surgery and medical facilities, which in previous wars was not so readily available.

I was able and interested to follow through on the "Med-Evac." procedures when the casualties reached Butterworth and from there, the onward movement to Australia.

that there are probably 30 doctors engaged, full-time, in termination of pregnancy in Melbourne and Sydney. It is suggested that each doctor performs from 25-50 terminations each week of the year. This provides a figure of between 37,000 and 75,000 terminations a year. Added to this will be the number of pregnancies terminated by normal general practitioners and gynaecologists. Hence an estimated total for Australia is a figure of between 56,000 and 98,000 abortions per year.

In a report from only one of Melbourne's major public hospitals it was stated that the annual admissions for abortion were nearly one-fifth of the total admissions of pregnant women—many of these abortions having been artificially induced.

At a recent United Nations conference on world population it was estimated that approximately 30,000,000 pregnancies are terminated annually by legal or illegal abortion. The annual estimate for Australia was 100,000.

Myth 2 — Any liberalisation of the legislation will encourage promiscuity.

Dr. Alan Guttmacher speaking at the National Council of Churches' Conference on the Church and Family stated, "that most studies have shown that about 85% of the women going to illegal abortionists are married women impregnated by their husbands. About 12% are single and about 3% are divorced or widowed. This is the usual breakdown."

Dr. Lorna Lloyd Green found that those who sought abortion were, "contrary to many beliefs usually married women with families."

In the study carried out at a Melbourne hospital it was found that 88% of the abortions were carried out on married women. Interviews with women in abortionists' clinics indicate that at least half of those seeking abortions were married, living with their husbands and pregnant by them.

Any examination of the evidence would then seem to indicate that it is a false assumption to correlate liberalisation of abortion legislation with sexual promiscuity.

Myth 3 — It is a matter for the Law anyway.

While it is true that abortion is a crime in Australia, it is also a legal maxim that criminal punishment is reserved for behaviour that falls below the standards generally agreed to by substantially the whole community. If, we see abortion in this light we must seek to discover what is "generally agreed to by the community." Chappell and Wilson in one of the most comprehensive surveys done on public attitudes to abortion, homosexuality and prostitution (reprinted in both

the Australian Law Journal Vol. 42, 1968 and the Australian Quarterly Vol. 40, June, 1968) found that "less than one-third of the Australian public (27%) are prepared to adopt the extreme view that abortion should not be legal or allowed under any circumstances—almost two out of three Australians (64%) appear to accept that abortion is justified under certain circumstances." Of these who felt that abortion should sometimes be legalised; 92% would allow it to preserve a woman's life,

85% if pregnancy from rape,
75% if danger of mental or physical deformity of child,
27% for purely economic reasons.

This survey together with other public opinion surveys, polls of doctors and psychiatrists, would suggest that the community is far from satisfied with the present legislation.

In any case one is still faced with the question of how far should the law go in determining the morals of individuals?

However, informed opinion now sees abortion not merely in terms of legislation but in the larger social context of the general problem of an unwanted pregnancy. And within this larger context there are theological understandings of life and death, socio-economic factors, psycho-social aspects and medical opinions and concepts.

If we are then truly concerned with finding solutions to the many problems surrounding abortion we must seek to create an atmosphere where such issues can be rationally discussed and explored. It is difficult to seek such solutions when the issue is so overshadowed by a legal system concerned to enforce laws that were formulated in a day and age when understanding of personality and community were extremely limited.

Myth 4 — There is a simple answer.

Sir Malcolm Muggeridge in a self interview once said, "about money and sex it's impossible to be truthful ever; one's ego is too involved." It is because abortion is related to sex and personality ego that so often we are tempted to regard the whole matter of induced abortions as a simple black and white moral issue. To do this greatly over simplifies the issues that are involved. "Every illegal abortion," asserted Dr. Guttmacher, "is evidence of severe social pathology, of pregnancy so completely rejected that some woman is willing to endanger her life to terminate it."

Faced with the whole social question of abortion there is the danger of either seeking simple answers or ignoring the situation. The Methodist Department of Christian Citizenship in a prepared statement suggested that the "status quo in Victoria has meant and will continue to mean hypocrisy, discrimination against the poor, unscrupulous medical practitioners who exploit the human situation for personal gain and "backyard" abortions (performed by nonmedical people and

AUSTCARE'S MILLION

Austcare stands for Australians Care for Refugees and this year its committees, national and State, will launch a national appeal for \$1 million.

The target for Victoria is \$350,000 and a doorknock type programme has been designed to culminate on May 25 with a house-to-house collection on "May Day Refugee Relief" Sunday.

Last year a similar project was undertaken and over \$500,000 was raised. Of this \$400,000 has already been distributed by on-the-spot representatives of Austcare member bodies in the following war-torn and impoverished countries. Special Biafra Emergency (\$16,000), Biafra and Vietnam (\$172,000), India (\$20,000), Europe, Middle East (\$20,000), Hong Kong, Middle East (\$20,000), Africa (\$28,000), Middle East (\$100,000), Vietnam (\$24,000).

What is Austcare?

Fourteen agencies, the majority of them church related, form Austcare which is supported by the United Nations

with attendant squalor, shame, infection, morbidity, sterility and the occasional death of a mother).

Conclusion:

In participating in the search for acceptable alternatives to the present legislation, as it relates to abortion, we must be warned that because it is such an emotionally loaded issue it tends to give rise to highly irrational perceptions and reactions in many who consider the subject.

What we need now are the doctors in our churches to comment on the medical issues, ministers to clarify the theological concepts, social workers to highlight the social dilemmas of unwanted pregnancies, solicitors to help us understand the legal issues and members of congregations to examine their own views on the subject.

If we fail to participate in the dialogue, if we fail to act, if because of our apathy we refuse to be concerned, then abortion will remain a dilemma, a scandal, a racket and a tragedy.

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in East Pakistan. Assam will get help with its resettlement programme. Aid in educational agriculture and resettlement of Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal will continue and Pakistan's adult literacy classes and primary schools' recreational facilities will be assisted. Money and aid will be given to Hong Kong's medical treatment centre at Kowloon and in Macao a revolving loan fund will finance crafts and trades.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies will pay particular attention to refugees in France and Italy and the Middle East, which will include Israeli refugees from the "Six Day War."

The first half million dollars raised will be disbursed in the following manner: Biafra (\$192,500), South Vietnam and Laos (\$117,000), Middle East (\$100,000), India, Nepal and Pakistan (\$35,000), Africa (\$20,000), Europe \$7,500). There is also an emergency fund of \$40,000.

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NEW LESSONS FOR 1970

In 1970 a new series of lesson materials will be available for use in our Churches of Christ schools in Australia and New Zealand.

The new "Christian Life Curriculum" is being prepared and published by the Joint Board of Christian Education in which our own Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education is an active partner.

Our Church Schools will want to know as much as possible about the new materials and the Federal Board is anxious to share this information with them.

A series of nine articles has been prepared by members of the Federal Board of Christian Education and others within the brotherhood, to tell about the new curriculum. The first of these articles appears below.

NEW FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

WHAT IS THE PLACE OF THE BIBLE IN THE "CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICULUM"?

One of the basic principles on which the "Christian Life Curriculum" is based is that it should reflect the co-operating Churches' understanding of the faith. The curriculum is a means whereby these Churches teach their faith. They recognise the Bible as the primary and unique witness to God's revelation in Jesus Christ, and this understanding of the Bible governs the place of the Bible in the curriculum. The Bible, then, is indispensable for the working of the new curriculum as these comments indicate:

- The contents of the curriculum are arranged in seven themes which are common to every grade. These are: "Gospel," "Living in the Christian Community," "Living in God's World," "Exploring the Bible," "Exploring Christian Beliefs," "Living With Others" and "Living as a Person." The "Gospel" is central. Each theme offers a way to understand the Gospel and also a way of seeing the implication of the Gospel in everyday life.
- The Bible is used so that the pupils respond to the Biblical message—not just remember historical or chronological sequences of the books of the Bible. For this reason, the Gospel, which seeks to call forth the response of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, is central. The Gospel is taught before a systematic study is made of the rest of the New Testament and the New Testa-

ment is taught before a systematic study is made of the Old Testament. Also, as one of the seven themes covered in the two years of each grade, the "Gospel" is taught each year. The other themes are taught but once in the two-year period.

This emphasis on the Gospel as being central to the understanding of the entire Bible should be good news to a people such as ourselves who have always endeavoured to be clear about the priority and primacy of the New Testament.

- The curriculum encourages skills in the use of the Bible as a book for individual reading and group study. The pupils will be encouraged to memorise carefully selected passages appropriate for their stage of development.
- The Bible is regarded as a book to be mastered (recognising that in a sense it is also our master). The curriculum will require our Schools to use the Bible as extensively as does our present Churches of Christ lesson materials.
- In keeping with reputable Christian educational practice, the curriculum recognises that there are stages in the pupils' development when it is appropriate to teach the biblical awareness of God and His way of life by using, on occasions, non-biblical stories and words. Jesus, we remember taught about God using stories drawn from everyday life. However, where such stories and words are used, they will be controlled by biblical truths and ideas.

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From 1929 to 1948, Rev. Haralan Popov served a growing group of 150 small and large churches across Bulgaria. He worked side by side with pastors of many denominations. He is a born leader, an author, broadcaster, educationalist and orator. A linguist, he speaks English and Russian fluently. His books are read on several continents. His courageous Christian work in these years caused him to be ear-marked by the communists for special treatment.

It seemed the authorities feared Christianity as an obstacle to the total communist state.

He was arrested in Sofia, Bulgaria at 4 a.m. on July 24, 1948, for his preaching activities. Because he refused to deny God and refute his message he was subjected to a continual series of tortures. The "show" trial that followed was reported in the world's press (February, 1950) and was in turn followed by 13 years of indescribable suffering, repeated tortures and brutal beatings for his irrefutable Christian teachings.

Suddenly he was released and banned from ever preaching again. In the early 1960's the underground church in Bulgaria came alive. Popov began to conduct secret meetings amongst the Christian people in homes, barns, forests and such places, working feverishly day and night to keep the faith of the people alive. Years later, facing certain re-arrest for his underground Christian activities he was spared by the intervention of the Swedish Government. Pastor Popov rejoined his family in Sweden whom he had not seen for 13 years. His teenage children then, were now married adults with their own families. But in freedom he never forgot the people left behind. Now from his base in the free world, Pastor Haralan Popov, as Overseas Director of an organisation called "Underground Evangelism," is vastly increasing his ministry. Underground Evangelism is a literature, gospel broadcasting and missionary outreach into 12 communist lands.

Today, from outside, his organisation is in contact with the underground Church in 12 communist countries and is reaching an estimated one-million persons a day with the gospel in these countries.

For years Soviet newspapers in Russia and Bulgaria have denounced Popov. Recently, "Koms. Pravda," the big Soviet youth newspaper had a major article attacking Rev. Popov for what he is doing.

FOR THE V.C. AREA

The American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers) has sent its first consignment of a \$25,000 shipment of procaine penicillin to civilian war sufferers in areas of Sth. Vietnam controlled by the Viet Cong. This is the first time in the committee's 50-year history that it has made such a shipment without U.S. Government approval.

• PENTECOST, 1969

GOD RENEWS!

The Holy Spirit, active and surprising as ever, has led us into new understandings of his gifts to the Church; we have discovered anew Christ's purpose to bring people of all times, of all races, of all places, of all conditions into an organic and living unity in him, by the Holy Spirit under the universal fatherhood of God.

This means that we must continue to seek the unity of all Christians and at the same time a new openness to the world in its aspirations, its achievements, its restlessness and its despair. It also means that we have to repudiate all sin and human wickedness which distort humanity in the life of mankind, starting with those still found in the Christian community.

We have discovered anew our responsibility to participate in the struggle of millions of people for greater social justice and for world development. For the first time in history we see the oneness of mankind as an inescapable mandate. Our common task is to ensure that all men share in the proper use of the world's resources.

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LONG ARM OF COMPASSION

Human suffering brings a response which crosses all of the national, racial and religious lines that divide the human family.

When church people work to provide some relief for those who are caught up in the world's crisis areas, they do so in the knowledge that the need is real and the response is practical, but they do not always know what is done with what they send.

Occasionally the word comes back as in the letter printed below.

Cpl. T. G. Shinnick is one of our South Australian church members serving in Vietnam. He wrote home to tell of the desperate plight of the civilians. The ladies of the Glenelg church did something about it and sent a parcel of clothes. A letter came from the Senior R.C. Chaplain to express appreciation. (Cpl. Shinnick has returned to Australia).

1 Aust. Logistic Support Group,
A.F.P.O. 3, Jan. 1, 1969

Mrs. E. H. Wilson,
Glenelg Nth., S.A.

My dear Mrs. Wilson,

The parcel of clothes addressed to Cpl. T. G. Shinnick was passed on to us as per your instruction. On behalf of the other chaplains and myself I wish to thank you and the ladies for them. They came at a most opportune time just before the Feast of Christmas. We had a large group of children airlifted into here a couple of weeks ago by the U.S. Air Force. They were in an orphanage which was under V.C. attack and the Yanks went in and rescued them. There are four nuns, several women and about 80 children ranging in ages from tiny babies to children of 10 and 11. They had only what they stood up in and now we have been able to outfit many of them, arrange for the Americans to take food, the R.A.A.F., water; and we medical help and busy bees to get their place cleaned up and in a livable state.

Our civil labour officer here also gave us the names of several widows whose husbands had been killed by the V.C.

and who were in need. These also got a small parcel of clothes as a Christmas present. Would you please pass on our most grateful thanks to the pastors and the ladies' groups concerned.

We had a lovely Christmas. Not as good as it would have been at home but we did our best to make it as close to an Aussie Christmas as possible. We had everything from poultry to Christmas carols and Christmas trees. It was a sad time for some of the people near here. The V.C. waited till the church was full of people for midnight Mass (which was at 8 p.m. on account of the curfew) and they sneaked up and tossed a couple of phosphorous grenades among the children. They were brought into the big American hospital here . . . truly pitiful cases and indicative of the ruthless terrorist tactics of these people.

Remember us in your prayers. We all need them up here. If your group continue this good work it might be an idea to address the parcels to the Senior Chaplain, 1 ALSG, AFPO 3, c/o G.P.O., Sydney and he can arrange distribution. God bless you all during this coming year and many many thanks from us all.

—Father Brennan, Snr. Chap., R.C.

Message from the Presidents of the W.C.C.

joyfully this responsibility as a test of their obedience to God. We must contribute to the search for proper structure on the international and national level; we must find ways to contribute sacrificially to funds for development, both as churches and as individuals; not least we have to generate among our fellow men the awareness of the reality of human suffering as well as the real chances to break the vicious circle of misery.

We believe that the Spirit is at work in the world as well as in the Church; he corrects and directs the energies of people towards a continuous renewal of all our thinking and all our communities; he takes the suffering of men and welds it into pressure for change; he gives voice to the voiceless and teaches silence to the noisy; he instills in men the longing for God and for the revelation of his sons.

Let us rejoice in the gifts of the Spirit which have been given "for the common good" (1 Cor. 12: 7) and let us be hopeful because he who called us will also give us the imagination, the courage and the perseverance to testify to his work, both in what we say and what we do.

500 spent Easter this way

By K. R. BOWES (Consultant)

Some of the young people who applied to attend the Easter Camp at Eppalock, near Bendigo (Vic.), were not able to go—there were too many. As it was, 90 crowded into the newly-erected dining hall. Fine weather made sleeping in tents quite comfortable. The mornings were spent in Bible study, discussion and workshops, while much of the afternoons were spent on the lake. The leadership of M. Keatch and team was first rate.

At Banksia, Gippsland, the leadership team had an interstate flavour—three recently from W.A. and one, Don Stewart, Bible study leader, from Queensland. Nearly 50 camped in tents and enjoyed the amenities of the almost completed circular building. Again, a high standard camp was experienced.

The missionary camp, conducted by the C.E. at Cheshunt, near Wangaratta, attracted nearly 70. The programme, as always, was challenging, instructive and varied. Visiting missionaries brought first-hand experience.

The Young Adult Fellowship had 60 at Monbulk for their creative conference. Campers spent the weekend seeking to communicate the gospel through music, assisted by drama and discussion. One feature was the 5 a.m. service on Easter Day.

Bicheno, Tasmania, saw 50 young people in camp under the leadership of W. Taylor, of Devonport. The studies were challenging and the tone of the camp was excellent.

The D.C.E. Consultant was Bible Study leader for the seniors at the Hall's Gap camp conducted for the brotherhood by the Ballarat churches. Over 150 attended and shared in a very challenging experience.

Altogether nearly 500 young people in Victoria and Tasmania spent Easter being challenged by the living Christ in an environment of shared Christian living.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

I HAVE A MATTER AT HEART!

To the Editor,

I have a matter at heart which has come to my mind again and again over the past few years. It is about the dividedness of the whole body of our Churches of Christ in Australia. If I say dividedness I mean that the churches, one by one, are little communities by themselves that live, work, exist unto themselves, many in a most miserable position, short of funds, lacking in many ways. I feel that Churches of Christ have to revise their present course of administration. Already it is insufficient for quite some time.

Churches of Christ have most definitely outgrown the administration to the extent that our present way of life is setting us back and harmful to every single church. Churches of Christ are in financial difficulties and that difficulty will increase if there is no joint-course of action with one authoritative body to administer the budget. I have seen a lot of work and money go to waste. Interest fees on buildings have over many years of re-payment exceeded the original cost. Departments have spent money and effort on projects only to find that when it comes to the final application the individual church-body does not, or cannot co-operate.

Why is it that almost everybody struggles along under his own (stubborn) steam? Are we not one body unto Christ? If we realise that a unified working basis is needed are we not stifling the progress of Christian faith and work by continuing as we do? Our "organisation" reminds me of a clock with every wheel

turning alone by itself (or already ground to a stand-still), when normally the wheels should work together in harmony showing the time, pointing to the need of our present sick world.

Why don't we do something about it? Our present system produces a lot of ill-feeling because of continuous frustration. We must settle the question of administration once and for all, the question of how we may all work together under similar basic conditions. What about a unified budget? Does that kill incentive? Would our Christian spirit survive such a move? Or is it un-Christian to mention a concern in that direction? What happens to the churches that cannot maintain their work?

What happens to that minister and his family, who working in a corner of God's vineyard where the grapes are not so plentiful, was obliged over four years (and that was only recently) to accept an average weekly wage of \$38.63 plus car allowance and rent-free manse? What happens to the man who has a dollar increase in the basic wage debated over a number of board meetings? This is not a cry against church people and church boards, we are all in this, but it is a cry against our dividedness which led to a mismanagement on a large scale.

I have written about what I feel is destroying our witness, worship and work. I am caught in this chain-reaction of a disunited people trying and endlessly fighting to do their best to keep the wheels turning only to find that the clock does not show the time.

(Name and address supplied).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"CLING TO THE BIBLE"

To the Editor,

We had a visiting preacher on Sunday. Right through his sermon he held his Bible, although in our church we have one on the pulpit for the convenience of the preacher. This preacher didn't open his Bible once, and he didn't quote from it once. He just tucked it under his arm, except when he said something very impressive. Then he waved it up high, as though what he was saying had all the authority of the Bible. I wondered what he held on to it for, because he never seemed to use it. Perhaps it was to give the impression that what he was saying was Biblical. I hope that it was, but not being an expert I wouldn't know!

Then I wondered if this preacher was a ministerial symbol of many of us Christians. We own a Bible, we honour it, we believe it, and we'd never dream of going away anywhere without putting it in our case, even if it comes home as unused as it went away. Like the preacher, we do everything with it, except what it is meant for, serious study, or to see what God might be wanting us to do in this very complex world.

I have a Bible with a zip on the cover. Perhaps if I used the zip a bit more God would use the Bible to put a bit more zip into me! I need it!

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

HAPPY CHRISTIANS

To the Editor,

I was delighted to read the expose of the Happy Family Image ("A.C." 19-4-69) as depicted by illustrators of Christian literature.

It seems our Sunday Schools have a Happy Christian Image, too. Happy Christian teachers and scholars are always loving, helpful, brave, considerate and cheerful because that is what happy Bible lessons always teach. No one is ever angry, frustrated, resentful, fearful, jealous, tense or depressed. In a happy Christian S.S. only the positive side of human nature is recognised. Any negative emotion is suppressed or ignored.

At the adult level, many sermons and discussions are aimed at convincing the happy Christian parents that God accepts them exactly as they are, but happy Christian children must develop guilt and self-hatred which happy Christian evangelists can manipulate to produce conversions.

As did your feature writer, I am pleading for a sense of honesty and originality. Honesty with ourselves, that we bring with us at 9.30 on Sunday mornings our anger, resentments, hatreds, so that we can admit them to the children. Originality, that we find a way to encourage and accept the expression of the children's emotions, and teach each child to handle himself and his emotions creatively. Perhaps our mantle of "goodness" would slip, but so would their anxiety about unexpressed "badness." In meeting the need of this good-bad person like myself, and making plain our mutual acceptance in the sight of God, a primary purpose of Christian education is attained. If we cannot do this within the present framework, maybe the framework needs renovation or re-building.

But perhaps this demands more maturity, training, and awareness than the happy Christian teacher can command.

—Mrs Helen M. Davey (Vic.).

HOW IT STARTED . . .

Black Maria

This is a common name for a prison van to carry arrested men or convey convicted men to prison. The story goes that a huge and powerful negro named Maria Lee owned a sailors' lodging house at Boston. Once when a policeman was being overpowered she went to his aid and rescued him. She also apprehended the attacker. Afterwards she assisted the police on a number of occasions. She was so helpful that the police, when having trouble with an offender, sent out the message, "Send for Black Maria." They still do!

S.A. EAST. DIST. CONFERENCE

The 9th Annual Conference of the S.A. Eastern District Women was held at Bordertown on April 20. Mrs. E. D. Buckley was president, and Mrs. R. Combridge led in devotions.

A Project Offering of \$489 was received in support of Home Missions and the H.M. Organiser announced that it would be used to support Windsor Gardens, a young church with tremendous potential. Group reports detailed a year of varied activities with emphasis on assistance to State departments. The State Women's Pres., Mrs. Simpson, had visited the S.E. churches, her itinerary concluding with a conference picnic at Naracoorte Lake. The new project for 1969-70 will be for Overseas Missions, with preference for the Mission House, Keram River area, New Guinea.

Afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. B. Duff, of Mt. Gambier, and the Bordertown Singing Group. There were 230 women present to hear Miss J. Richardson.

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son, Principal of Women Police, S.A., as she related facts and incidents from her experiences during her many years of service. "Christianity in the home centred around mother will rarely produce delinquents," said Miss Richardson.

New officers are: Pres., Mrs. A. Leane; Sec., Mrs. L. Davies; Treas., Mrs. H. Gerliche, all of Naracoorte.

—Mrs. C. I. Taylor.

BETTER THAN A PICNIC

(Dulwich, S.A.). Instead of B.S. picnic the scholars were invited to a weekend camp at Longwood; 34 children and 12 adults camped under leadership of Ruth Crosby. Project work and other activities were featured. On May 4 an afternoon service was held in the beautiful camp chapel in lieu of the evening service at Dulwich; every seat was occupied and audience included many parents seldom, if ever, seen at church—they had come

to drive their children home! The minister, S. Neighbour, was leader . . . A special offering taken for Dept. of Christian Educ. amounted to \$37.50. Before the meeting, all had a cup of tea and cake in camp recreation hall. D. Radbone (B.S. Supt.) thanked all helpers.

COMBINED FOR MISSIONARY

(Devonport, Tas.). A combined meeting for Devonport and Ulverstone was held here on April 16 when Miss Jan Hunting of New Guinea, was guest speaker . . . Boys gave items at Boys' Brigade Sect. 1 church parade . . . Three men from the Aborigines' Mission Stations, Don. Butler, Allan Bonney and Sonny Graham spoke to the ladies on April 22 and also led the week-night meeting . . . The Y.P. led evening service on April 27 . . . D. Searle, archaeologist, was guest speaker on May 4 . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Warmbrunn in the death of her brother.

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104th CONFERENCE



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ELECTED AT CONFERENCE

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The 104th Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania was a fairly sedate affair. Most of the business sessions received the support usually given each year. The Conference Sermon Session at the Melb. Town Hall was affected by the unexpected long weekend because Anzac Day fell on a Friday. The sermon by N. S. Moore will be printed in a subsequent issue of "The Christian." The final night of Conference—a good night with the Aborigines' Dept. report, with the President's message, and the induction of the new President—was the most sparsely supported. Most country ministers and delegates had left the city and, after six successive days, many of the Conference regulars were either resting up for Sunday, or preparing for it.

There was no really big night of Conference. But there has not been great enthusiasm for some years, except when there has been a highly controversial social issue or theological position on which the churches are divided. In the absence of such "attractions" the delegates were able to give their attention to the departments who were giving an account of their stewardship. There was general appreciation of the efforts of those who do the work, but no real contentment. Satisfaction is the emotion of achievement, but we heard more about the struggles than about victories. This comment does not depreciate the efforts being made, nor take away from the applause given to the review of the past two years or their plans for the future.

The "extras" had their moments. Senator Ivor Greenwood (a member of our Hartwell church) was speaker at the Ministers' and Secretaries' Tea. At this session we usually think about church administration and ideas for evangelism, worship, stewardship, and building of churches. Senator Greenwood announced that he was being deliberately political. He then proceeded to give as clear a statement as we have heard

on the Government's attitude to the Vietnam War and to those who object in conscience to it.

At the College of the Bible tea, someone remarked that there were only six present who were under the age of 35 years. This leads to the irrelevant (or is it irrelevant?) consideration of the composition of departments and committees. In an age when young people are getting to the top faster than ever, young people under the magic age of 35 don't get to responsible positions on Conference committees. Either they don't want to be there or they are not wanted there. In any case it is worth while thinking of aiming at having at least a third of departmental members from the age classification "A." For the first time the information supplied by the Nominations Committee indicated the qualifications of the nominees and their ages in groups: "A"—under 35; "B"—36 to 49; "C"—50-65; "D"—over 65. Out of 54 members elected at this Conference only five were under 35. The only "A" nominee for the Dept. of Christian Education (formerly Young People's Department) did not get elected.

The Men's Tea had another Parliamentarian as speaker. This time, Mervyn Lee, M.H.R., told us of the Federal Parliamentary Christian Fellowship and its growing significance in Canberra. The Right Hon. C. F. Adermann, a member of our Kingaroy church, Qld., is its president and was guest speaker at the recent prayer breakfast in our national capital.

THE BUSINESS

The business sessions were well conducted, ran well to time, and were generally placid. There were remarkably few who spoke to the reports. There would have been fewer if it were not for some who spoke often. Many of our leading ministers and prominent churchmen had nothing at all to say or, if they had, they didn't say it.

A timing mechanism was introduced, cunningly coloured like traffic lights so that men automatically applied the brake when the red light flashed. The time machine was severe on men but was too gallant to operate against a lady speaker.

Concern was expressed about our membership which again showed a decline for both churches and Sunday Schools. (See page 25 of this issue for a reference to similar anxiety 50 years ago). The schools lost 673 scholars and 121 teachers which is enough to frighten the most complacent. It was good to learn that the D.C.E. plans to appoint a second director to work with R. C. McKenzie in Christian Education.

There are plenty of aspects of Conference and the churches to depress us, but those who read the reports as well as the statistics realise that a great deal is being done and that the departments have a right to our continued and increased support.

Some of the brighter things are:

Men's Society: A New Guinea Work Team, paying its own way and working for nothing to erect buildings, extend runways, service boats, etc.

College of the Bible: A Winter School at the College to give a short but effective course in the Old and New Testaments and on public speaking.

D.C.E.: Two full-time directors and an exciting new curriculum for 1970.

H.M. & Evang.: The support of 14 full-time and nine part-time ministries together with planned evangelism and stewardship programmes.

Social Service Dept.: Continued development of homes for the sick and aged (now accommodating 192) and the possibility of setting up a Young People's Hostel.

Properties Corporation: In past two years the Corporation loaned \$175,000 to 22 churches and departments. At present there are 800 depositors with \$800,000 to their credit.

Overseas Missions Dept.: While seeking to keep existing opportunities developing the Board is ready to encourage our missionaries to work through their agencies in new areas.

Aborigines' Mission Dept.: The care of 250 children at three centres.

RESOLUTIONS

Consultation on Theological Education. It was recommended to Federal Conference Executive, each State Conf. Exec., and each College Board that (a) Each college promote its work only in the area of its controlling constituency, except that the Federal college will not promote its work in N.S.W. and Qld. (b) A Consultative Board of Theological Studies be set up as a means of co-operation between colleges, this Board to report to Federal Conference. (c) The Board will deal with matters of educational standards, transfers, etc. (d) The Board will be composed of the principals of the colleges, a representative from each college Board, and a representative from each of the Federal and State Executives.

Fees for Conference Executive Expenses. The method of assessing fees was changed and the new sliding scale for fees was approved. Churches will now pay 45c per member for the first 50 members, 50c for the second 50 members, 55c for the third 50, and so on.

INDIAN VISITOR

(Croydon, Vic.) At the second of monthly youth services, testimonies were given by Berwyn and Vivienne Rutherford from Mitcham Baptist Church. Julie Fulton sang. Maurice Rocha, an Anglo-Indian Christian, gave his witness and sang in his own language. Warwick Galletly played his electronic organ at the service and the after-church fellowship at his home . . . Don Stewart, minister at Traralgon, was speaker on April 27. At night four people were baptized. Three have since been received into membership . . . The Young Marrieds' group had a Sunday afternoon drive to Edithvale Beach . . . The B.S. publishes a monthly news sheet.

INSIGHTS IN EVANGELISM

(Kaniva, Vic.) A. A. Avery and E. C. Keating of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., were welcomed at a church tea on April 12 where they outlined plans for the week of activity to stimulate the church in its evangelistic task.

At the conclusion of his address on Sunday morning, Mr. Avery asked all present to indicate on an individual attendance slip the number of meetings they would be able to attend during the following week.

Mr. Avery led a very informal type service on the Sunday evening during which he interviewed R. C. Bolduan, the minister of the church, on some of his experiences and impressions of our missionary work in India. Mr. Keating played some new and ancient hymns to modern tune settings and then preached the sermon. An evaluation of the service was later made that evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Willis.

Thirty people attended the Morning Prayer Workshops, and over forty attended the final session which took the form of a barbecue prayer breakfast at Yearninga on April 19.

Five morning coffee sessions and five house parties were held in the district from Monday to Friday. 70 attended the morning coffee session and 107 the house parties. These were held in an informal atmosphere but some very serious discussion was undertaken and as the

Youth Hostel. That the Social Service Dept. continue to investigate the need for and the feasibility of, establishing a hostel for young people coming to the city from the country.

Relieving Poverty. Conference requested the Commonwealth Government to lift its aid and development programmes beyond Australia and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea to at least 1% of our Gross National Product. As a token of our sincerity in this request Conference requested our churches in Victoria and Tasmania to consider the following: (1) The acceptance for a period of five years of a voluntary tax of 1% upon weekly offerings to be devoted to aid and relief programmes beyond Australia. (2) That every church member be challenged to work for one day a year for five years for the under-privileged. (3) That the "Force Ten" programme sponsored by the Aust. Council of Churches be promoted and recommended to church members.

Selective Conscientious Objection. Conference urges the Government to take action so that all young men who are called up for National Service with the Armed Forces be given the alternative of rendering service in a community project in Australia or overseas in a form approved by the Minister for Labour and National Service; and further that Conference expresses its feelings of shame at, and dissociates itself from, violent demonstrations and intemperate expressions, as employed by some opponents to National Service.

Poverty and Pensions. Because of the poverty which recent research had uncovered, Conference urges the Commonwealth Government (a) to take definite action to remove the sociological causes of poverty; (b) to increase pensions to a single pension for \$20, and a married pension for \$41, also to retain at least the present permissible income; (c) to set up a select committee to review constantly all social services in relation to poverty.



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members of the church shared their faith with each other so the fellowship of the church was strengthened, a witness was made, and the spiritual life of the church deepened.

At the final Sunday morning service eight people indicated that they would consider making their commitment to Christ and membership with the church. The minister is following up all those who so indicated their desire to discuss these matters.

INTO NATIONAL SERVICE

(Parkdale, Vic.) A presentation was made to R. Kilpatrick prior to his going into National Service training . . . R. V. Amos, Conf. Pres., visited the church . . . C.Y.F. combined with Young People from Harcourt for a camp at Eppalock on Anzac weekend. Following the Study of the Book prepared by G. R. Stirling the camp was climaxed by a question time in the Sunday evening service at Parkdale when Mr. Stirling was guest speaker . . . A children's fancy dress social brought scholars and parents together in the Imes St. Hall, E. Parkdale. On Christian Education Sunday, Dean Olafson, of Hampton, was guest speaker . . . Church members and C.Y.F. combined in a bowls night.

CALLED TO YORK ST.

(Ballarat, Vic.) Barry McMurtrie, exit student from Woolwich College, will commence a ministry here in February, 1970 . . . Our old manse has been sold, a block of ground has been purchased and plans are being prepared for a new manse. Chapel and B.S. buildings have been painted externally. Sound-proofing is being carried out in B.S. . . . Young People and some staff members shared in Easter Camp at Hall's Gap . . . Wilkie Thomson is assisting the church on alternate weekends. Two married ladies have been welcomed into fellowship following baptism . . . J.C.E. had a birthday afternoon at the home of their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Feary . . . Four badminton teams are competing in local competition . . . Ladies' Guild have provided a cleaner for Bethany Boys' Home and a food parcel has been sent to India.

FURTHER TERM ACCEPTED

(Cheltenham, S.A.). Ron Saunders has been invited to continue his ministry with this church for a further term of three years and we are pleased to record his acceptance . . . Girls' Brigade is particularly active under Capt. Ronda Smith and Lieut. Pat Upham. Karen Stone was commissioned as Lieut. on April 20. Ronda Smith was recently appointed Deputy Commissioner, First Adelaide Division and is currently acting as Commissioner . . . Cheltenham (particularly our young people) is participating in the forthcoming Port Adelaide Crusade with John Robinson from Melbourne . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Banks have recently transferred to Croydon, S.A., where they shared a ministry . . . The S.S. is supporting the B. & F.B.S. project for this year which is to supply Pidgin English New Testaments for New Guinea.

MOVE TO BEVERLEY

(S.A.). After assisting at Cowandilla, S. Matthews is now here in part-time capacity. Beverley is now an industrial area, and young people move out to newer districts. 12 active members were lost last year, reducing active membership to 50 . . . At the first basketball team parade the Junior team helped as a choir. Sporting groups are basketball (four teams), table tennis and tennis . . . Mr. Matthews represents Churches of Christ as Chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. . . . Ladies' Fellowship also provides a choir once a month.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

MAY:
18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
25 Pentecost Sunday.
30-31 Training Conference—Associates in Christian Educ.

JUNE:
4 Explorer Mid-Year Tea.
6 Impact.
7 Impact (Country Programme).
11 C.O.B. Winter School, 7.30 p.m.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MAY:
19-23 Junior High Camp, Longwood, Pt. Sturt, Balaklava.
19 Kinder and Primary Teachers' Workshop.
25 After-Church Youth Fellowship at Union Hall, Univ. of Adelaide. "Choices" is theme.
29 Teens' and Youth Teachers' Workshop.
30-31 Superintendents' Workshop Camp at Balaklava.

JUNE:
1 Superintendents' Camp, Balaklava.
22 Brotherhood Sunday, all S.A. churches.

QUEENSLAND

MAY:
10-18 Dept./Church Relationship — Camp Hill, A. C. Male.

JUNE:
13-16 Rockhampton Motorcade, Emu Park.
21 Drama Festival, D.C.E.

NEW SOUTH WALES

MAY:
26 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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:
24-25 Tasmanian State Conf. of Churches of Christ at Margaret St., Launceston.

EDITORIAL (from page 2)

maybe just play football. So the right of choice was taken away—for just one section of one age group, which is about as unfair as life can get.

Some of us are not satisfied that other means of recruitment were exhausted. There is a way by which young men can be voluntarily recruited, and that is to increase the rewards of military service until they are attractive enough to weigh against other options. If necessary, the remuneration could be double its present level. This is not a silly suggestion. In industry, money incentives are given where there are physical hazards, and if dirty jobs have to be done, then they will cost more. If we are prepared to send young men to kill and be killed, a far greater reward is justified. Of course, this would mean higher taxes, and a very good thing, too! For this would mean a greater equality of sacrifice. At present, the average citizen in Australia is almost completely uninvolved in the forces remuneratively attractive would change all this.

It is simply not true to say that all means of voluntary recruitment have failed if the one most likely to succeed has not been tried.

It is conscription which produces another social problem—conscientious objection. It is acknowledged that a pacifist is almost certain to gain exemption from war. Once his moral objections to bearing arms have been established the courts will excuse him. There is hardly any criticism of decisions in such cases.

But it is very different with those who object to participation in a particular war. Some men are at present in gaol because of this protest in conscience. The Government's view is that those who oppose a particular war are making a political rather than a moral objection and they should be treated accordingly.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to draw so clear a line between political and moral objections. We have examples in our country, but it is interesting to consider the recent court-martial of Capt. Dale E. Noyd in the U.S.A.

Capt. Noyd had been in the air force since 1955. From 1957 to 1960 he was assigned to service with NATO in England. In 1959 he was given a commendation and a medal by his squadron commander for landing and saving his damaged aircraft after his flight leader had ordered him to abandon it. His record and character were excellent. But when he was ordered to give advanced proficiency and bombing training to a Vietnam-bound pilot he "respectfully refused" on the ground that it was against the dictates of his religious conscience. Noyd made it clear that he was not a general pacifist opposed to all war. He was ready to serve in other theatres. He was a selective pacifist objecting to taking part in a direct way in the Vietnam struggle. Several Vietnam veterans with combat command experience testified that so far as character and integrity were concerned, Noyd ranks in "the upper one per cent of all men" they know.

The captain was sentenced to one year in prison at hard labour, loss of all rank and privileges, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Yet Noyd continues to believe that the best hope for the future of his nation is a combination of the courageous witness of individuals and the plodding effort to gain reform within the law.

In Australia, the A.C.C. is making that witness on behalf of the churches. While Conference was still in session in Melbourne it released the following reply to the Government's view that objection to a particular war is a political rather than a moral issue: "In most situations, when there are moral disagreements with a law, such disagreements cannot justify disobedience. The moral issues here, involving as they do compulsion to take human life, are so grave that the right of moral dissent must be recognised. Indeed, it is widely held that, in this area, individuals have not only a right to make a moral judgment which may differ from that of the government, but also have a responsibility to do so. Men cannot turn their consciences over to the State."

UNCENSORED IN NEXT ISSUE:

"What is the point of praying? You don't get most things you ask for."

275 AT COVENANT SERVICE

(Vic.). Some 275 members and visitors from Brunswick, Moreland, Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner congregations attended a special covenant service at Moreland on April 27. The service marked the inauguration of the recently-formed Brunswick and Coburg Regional Board. Dr. K. R. Bowes was the preacher and the service was presided over by D. H. Smith. The Dept. of H.M. and Evang. had shared with the planning of the proposal.

Each participating congregation has

SEVEN FOR BAPTISM

(Ringwood, Vic.). Almost all available seating was occupied on April 20 when seven young people were baptized . . . Mr. Barnett has accepted a further three years' ministry with the church . . . At church family tea Dr. G. A. Whiting spoke on "The Things That Make For Life." . . . A most impressive communion service was held on the evening before Good Friday . . . Allan Bonney (Carnarvon) spoke at the church school and church on May 4. His leaf playing, assisting the organist with the accompanying hymn singing, was most effective . . . Miss Barbara Findley will take up work with the Bethany Boys' Home, Tasmania, this month.

SERIES OF CAMPS

(Hobart, Tas.). A series of week-end camps has been conducted at Bicheno for the upper B.S. grades. The associate-minister, R. Pfeifer, and the B.S. Supt., J. Heard, have been leading them . . . Visiting speakers of special interest have been Miss Jan Hunting from New Guinea mission field; Don. Butler showing slides of Carnarvon and Norseman, accompanied by Allan Bonney and Sonny Graham; and A. W. Gilbertson speaking for the B. & F.B.S. during the celebrations marking the triple jubilee of the Tasmanian branch . . . Other features have included Harvest Thanksgiving, Questions Answered, and a Mother's Day service conducted by the women.

FEDERAL POST FOR S.A. MAN

The Secretary for Labour and Industry in S.A., L. B. Bowes, has been elected Federal President of the Industrial Relations Society of Australia.

The society, which has about 1,100 members in Australia, was formed in 1963 to promote discussion on research, education and publicity in the field of industrial relations.—"The Advertiser."

Mr. Bowes has for a long time been secretary of the Unley church. He served on the General Executive for several years. A brother is Dr. K. R. Bowes of Glen Iris.



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elect two representatives to the Regional Board. The board will be responsible for all matters of area strategy, policy, finance and administration. A local management committee in each church will initiate action at the local level. The churches are currently served by one full-time minister, part-time and student ministries. The board is working towards further full-time appointments to a team ministry. Through the proposal the churches hope to be in a position to better share resources among them and to be more effective in their missionary responsibility in the area.

BRIAR HILL APPOINTMENT

(Vic.). The Briar Hill church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. have announced that R. T. Baxter will commence a full-time ministry with the church early in 1970. This appointment marks a further major developmental project by the Dept. The project was initially sponsored by the Ivanhoe church and area churches have assisted in land repayment. Plans are currently in hand for the erection of a new manse.

MINISTRY AT ASHBURTON

(Vic.). Dr. G. Whiting concluded a two-year part-time ministry and appreciation was expressed and a presentation made at a church dinner. Malcolm Gray has commenced a full-time ministry . . . Two basketball teams are in local competition.

C. R. BURDEU BACK

(Albion, Qld.). C. R. Burdeu made a welcome re-appearance at the morning service on May 4. Although still walking with difficulty, his condition has improved considerably . . . The annual talent quest attracted many entries in singing, Bible reading, and expression work . . . "Albion Day-out" on April 28 involved a trip to Caloundra for the opening of the new dormitories at Camp Cal. . . . 6.30 a.m. prayer meetings on alternate Saturdays are well supported, mainly by young people.

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DOUBLE LOSS AT DALBY

(Qld.). The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Green, followed by that of Dr. R. L. Green on the morning of his wife's funeral. They will both be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family . . . Five young people were baptized and welcomed into the fellowship of the church . . . Three table tennis teams are entered in the local church competitions.

BOX HILL'S 58th

(Vic.). G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at 58th anniversary services on May 4. . . . High tributes have been paid to the sterling service of our deaconesses . . . C.W.F. afternoon and evening groups combined for Mothers' Day service when 45 mothers enjoyed fellowship . . . Junior B.S. Dept. is conducting an experiment in team teaching . . . Explorer boys participated in Inter-Club Swim Night . . . Mr. Thomas was welcomed back after illness; Mrs. Thomas is improving after recent fall; and Noel Spencer after accident; Mrs. Holloway is confined to bed.

SETTLING IN

(Bordertown, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Combridge minister to circuit which includes Mundulla and Wamboony . . . State C.E. choir led by Peter Popp sang here. Ladies recommenced fortnightly morning prayer meetings led by Mrs. E. P. Verco . . . Mr. Combridge and other ministers conduct short devotional meetings at the hospital on Sundays . . . John Tilley and Robin Maddern were speakers when morning service was led by young men . . . Alf. and Jean Tilley have left on a caravan trip around Australia . . . Chas. Barnett, church secretary, and other church members are in hospital. Sympathy is extended to Marj. Jenkin in the loss of her mother.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The next Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room at the Churches of Christ Centre on Friday, June 6, 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Rev. G. M. Fletcher of the Lay Institute of Evangelism.

PROMOTING "CHRISTIAN"

(Bunbury, W.A.). The local church is encouraging the reading of "The Christian." Several copies will be forwarded to all families and then a subscription drive will be made. At the moment only four receive the "A.C." . . . The men's and women's basketball teams were narrowly defeated in their first full season. Coaches were D. Pyne and G. Carslake. . . . Mr. Carslake was leader of youth camp at Morawa. T. A. Morrison helped church during minister's absence . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cline from the Vietnam branch of the B. & F.B.S., spoke in our church. All churches, including the Roman Catholics, were well represented. . . . E. (Tinto) Wittacker, a member of long standing, died in April.

VIC.-TAS.

C.W.F. CONFERENCE

Theme of Conference: "Prove ME Now."

The 83rd C.W.F. (Vic.-Tas.) Conference was held in the St. Kilda Town Hall on April 30 with Mrs. E. Rankine as president.

Mrs. R. S. Wardle, from Brim, conducted morning devotions. Mrs. L. M. Wardle, also from Brim, was the soloist.

There were approximately 500, 600 and 700 members present at the three sessions. There were visitors from all States and 72 country members representing 22 churches. Members of Inter-Church Committees were welcomed at a luncheon prior to attending the afternoon session. 25 Past Presidents were also welcomed. Mrs. Hartam, the incoming president of Tasmanian C.W.F., was the Tasmanian representative.

The financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mrs. Allison, who thanked members for their ready and consistent giving to the Golden Bag Appeal.

Mrs. Cromarty led in prayer of intercession remembering those who had been bereaved during the past year.

Superintendents of Committees were introduced by Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Hartam led in prayer of dedication.

The afternoon service of Commitment and Dedication was prepared and presented by Mrs. Turner. Mr. Morffew, of Tasmania, received the Golden Bag offering for "Bethany" during this service. The amount was \$1,905.65. Cheques were also presented to the following: Home Mission Dept., \$1,757.17; Overseas Mission Board, \$1,405.74; College of the Bible, \$351.43; and the Evening Fellowship Special Effort for the Brotherhood Centre, \$166.

Greetings were brought to the meeting by R. V. Amos, Pres. of General Conf., Mr. Morffew, Mrs. Barbara Edwards and Miss Merle Peacock.

Reports were received from the following: Australian Church Women, Mrs. Strack; Inter-Church Council, Mrs. Gillespie; and Ludbrook House, Mrs. Morrison.

Miss Jan Hunting spoke on the New Guinea Mission Field. She said that when the missionaries first entered New Guinea they planned to establish a church that would be self-supporting, self-propagating, and a New Testament Church, now at last they are beginning to see a fulfilment of these plans.

The President announced that the Golden Bag Offering 1969-70 would be to help maintain a full-time preacher in the church at Milleara Rd., East Keilor.

Duets were given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hancock during the afternoon session.

The Hartwell Choir contributed items to the evening programme.

The incoming President presented Mrs. Rankine with a Bible and flowers and thanked her for her leadership during the past year. Prayer of dedication was given by Dr. Killmier.

The Rev. D. M. Himbury, Principal Whitley College, was evening speaker, and gave a stimulating address on the Renewal of Youth. The answer to keeping young is finding your satisfaction in God.

The President thanked all who had helped in any way to make the Conference a success.

Office-bearers, 1969-70: President, Mrs. R. Muller; President-elect, Mrs. G. Barnett; Junior President-elect, Mrs. J. Preston; Secretary, Mrs. K. Morris; Asst.-Sec., Mrs. R. Nelson; Treas., Mrs. D. Allison; Member, Mrs. V. Gordon; co-opted Member, Mrs. A. Buckmaster; Tasmanian Representatives, Miss D. Allen, Mrs. L. Moore.—M.N.

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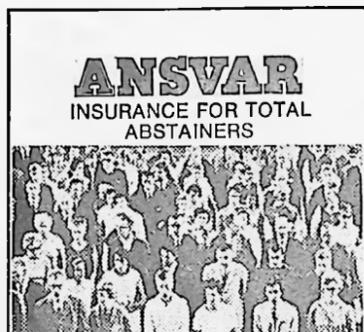
(Pawling, N.Y.). Norman Vincent Peale's Foundation for Christian Living is distributing 600,000 free copies of "Quotations from Jesus Christ," a collection of the sayings of Jesus. The famed New York preacher hopes they will squelch "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung."—"The Christian."

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More than 1,050 Swiss have pledged three percent of their income for the next three years to support development aid in the "Third World." In their statement announcing their resolve they explained, "The peoples who are rich today are those of the Judaeo-Christian culture. They owe their development and social evolution partly to this spiritual liberation, as well as to the fact that other peoples have worked for them, often under miserable conditions. Christians today cannot keep all their wealth for themselves without betraying the gospel."

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VISITOR FROM CARNARVON

(Epping, N.S.W.). Bob Williams, of Carnarvon, was special guest speaker for combined Sunday afternoon service . . . The combined Good Friday service arranged by Epping Ministers' Fraternal, was broadcast. H. M. Long was speaker. Mr. Long has requested to terminate his ministry at Epping at the end of this year which will make over nine years. He will serve at Grote St., Adelaide . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Balmoral Beach.

All States

AMERICANS AT TOOWOOMBA

(Qld.). There was a good response to the American Teen Team effort sponsored by the Youth for Christ . . . The church is preparing for an eight day and night campaign with the Prof. Don De Welt team from the Ozark Bible College, Missouri, U.S.A. Don De Welt is a noted lecturer and author of many books on N.T. Christianity . . . Mrs. Lawton, World Convention Ladies' President, visited and spoke at a tea and rally in the chapel . . . Eleven have been added to the church in recent weeks through faith and baptism, and transfers . . . Rugby League and soccer teams are new acquisitions and are busy with competitive matches . . . Mylo Home for the Aged committee, staff and guests were saddened by the death of their president and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Ross Green, of Dalby . . . Bev. Grenfell is a patient at the Chermiside Chest Hospital. Others on the sick list are Mesdames Berlin, Morton, Cole, Henderson, Grenfell Snr., and Messrs. Bade, Bernoth and Hill.

NEW SCHOLARS

(Kensington Park, S.A.). Happy Hour sessions conducted by C. H. Dow resulted in eight new scholars for the B.S. . . . Ten C.W.F. ladies visited Hillcrest Mental Hospital to assist with mending. A craft evening was held with Mrs. Dolling as demonstrator . . . On April 20 at the basketball tea and church parade, the guest speaker was footballer Keith Chessell. Brian Thompson presided at the evening service. Guest artists were E. Skewes and R. Newling and Misses H. Burford and E. Lees . . . The Promotion Committee arranged a church family picnic at Balhannah . . . A paper drive resulted in \$26 for church funds . . . Mrs. Hollier, who was involved in the Aurora train smash, has now recovered sufficiently to return to her home in W.A.

BAPTISM AT MORAWA

(W.A.). A S.S. scholar was baptised on April 20 and received into fellowship. At night the film "Man of Steel" was screened. One young lady accepted Christ as Saviour . . . On April 23 the film "Mr. Brown, Come Down The Hill" presented a challenge. Another film, "Swinging Sydney" was shown on 27th when many young people from the town attended. . . . First Young Adults' meeting of year made encouraging contacts . . . A. Aplin gave his first address at morning service on 27th . . . Miss P. Pyne has been appointed Matron at Morawa Hospital. . . . April Friendship meeting featured a talk and demonstration on "The Art of Speech." Inters. group are increasing with 30 attending each week . . . Mrs. R. Carslake and Mrs. R. Butler have been ill but are back again in fellowship.

SIGNING THE REGISTER

Kevin Arthur Rankin watches as his bride, formerly Cheryl Lynette McDonald, signs the register after their wedding at the Church of Christ, Peel St., Ballarat (Vic.).

The marriage was celebrated by J. T. Timms (minister) and T. R. South (Kenmore) was the soloist. (Photo by courtesy of "The Courier," Ballarat).

Cheryl, a hairdresser by trade, has been active in leading the Senior Good Companions Girls' Club, teaching Sunday School, and assisting with the C.Y.F. Kevin, formerly of Manifold Heights church, Geelong, is a president at the Lord's Table and a lay preacher during the minister's absence.

They will be missed by the church and C.Y.F. as they make their home in Sydney.



QLD. C.W.F. ANNUAL CONF.

Conference sessions were held morning and afternoon on April 17, 1969. 170 women attended. The President, Mrs. M. Chapman, presided over both sessions and welcomed all present, including inter-church delegates, interstate and country visitors.

General Conference President, Lloyd Martin, brought greetings and offered a prayer of dedication for the elected officers. Items were rendered by Mrs. Thurrowgood (Toowoomba) and the Ann Street Ladies' Choir.

The morning session guest speaker was Mrs. Lawton, World C.W.F. President, who challenged all present with her testimony, emphasising that God can use "us," despite "us," and assuring all present that with God all things are possible.

The offering for the day was \$144.67, to be shared between our Northern Missioner and the Milk and Orphan Fund.

The afternoon session included business and reports and again Mrs. Lawton addressed Conference with special focus on the forthcoming World Convention.

Another highlight of the day was the singing of a hymn written for Qld. C.W.F. by Mrs. Connell (Kenmore). In her closing remarks the Pres., Mrs. Chapman, requested that throughout this Conference year each C.W.F. member pray for at least one other woman.

Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Chapman were wished well as they tour the Northern and Western Qld. churches.

—Dorothy Armstrong.

Dr. JAUNCEY IN S.A. & N.S.W.

Over the Easter season Dr. Jauncey spent 10 days in S.A., first as speaker at the S.E. Conference at Naracoorte and then at the Victor Harbour Keswick. While in Adelaide he was honoured at a luncheon by brotherhood leaders, was interviewed on T.V., and gave messages at Mile End and Girton College. Since then he has been feature speaker at the N.S.W. C.E. Convention and a lecturer at the Parramatta Youth Crusade Seminar.

BUILDING FUND RESPONSE

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). There was an encouraging response to the "booster" appeal for the Hamilton Hill (Hilton) church building fund, which now stands at \$11,000 . . . The minister, F. Rees, has accepted an invitation to serve until the end of 1973 . . . A young lady made her decision on April 20, where the guest preacher was Ray Roberts . . . A testimony was given by Les. McDonald of Roelands Native Mission . . . There were three baptisms on April 13 . . . Gordon Moyes, Crusade '69 evangelist, spoke at Fremantle on April 13 and S. R. Beck, Fed. Conf. Pres., brought a greeting recently.

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BUTLER (Roffey).—To Lloyd and Margaret, a daughter—Rowena Leigh—born May 5, at "Airlie" Maternity Hospital, Ivanhoe, Vic.
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 KETTNER (Turner).—Rosalie and Paul, on May 7, 1969, God's gift of a son—Steven Paul, at Blackhouse Maternity Hospital, Albury, N.S.W. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Kettner.
 MARTIN (Perl).—To Merelyn and Brian, a son—Terence George (Terry)—on April 22, at Stanistreet House, Bendigo, Vic. Both well.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

BYARD-CASIMATY.—The marriage of Janet, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Byard, 14 Broadview Crescent, Launceston, to George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Casimaty, 8 Lord-st., Hobart, will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on May 16, 1969, at Margaret-st. Church of Christ, Launceston, F. T. Morgan officiating.
 HOUNSLOW-HILL.—The marriage of Kaye Janice, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hounslow, 18 Cygnet Tce., Kingston Park, S.A., to Malcolm Anthony, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Hill, "Four Winds," Heather-rd., Mt. Lofty, S.A., will be celebrated on May 24, 1969, at Church of Christ, Brighton, S.A., Mr. K. Harvey officiating.

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IN MEMORIAM

BUTLER, Charles.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, also "Pop," who passed away April 24, 1968. "In God's care he rests above, In our hearts he dwells with love."—Inserted by his loving wife Ollie, daughter Marj., son-in-law Ian, and grandchildren Stephen and Heather.
 HILL, Robert H.—In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away May 10, 1968. "Many a silent heartache, Often a silent tear, But always a beautiful memory, Of one I loved so dear."—Inserted by his loving wife Effie, 5 Harry-st., Thornbury, Vic., and family.
 KEATS.—Loving memories of our dear ones, Pearl, May 20, 1962, and Albert, March 8, 1966. "Beyond the sunset."—Daughter Myra, son-in-law Laurie, Barry and Lyn, Rodney, and Lorena, and Jeffrey (Ladgrove).
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(Ascot Park, S.A.). The Officers' Board met at 6.30 for a Wednesday pre-breakfast prayer session. There was a good response . . . Les. Chiswell was guest speaker on April 27 in the interests of the Temperance Alliance . . . The church was saddened at the sudden death of E. J. Minter on April 30. The funeral service was conducted in the church by C. G. Dredge before proceeding to Centennial Park Cemetery. On May 4, morning worship began with the church standing in silent respect and a prayer of thanksgiving and faith.

BOYS FROM DUNMORE

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of the B.S. on May 4, had the staff and boys of Dunmore House as the guests for the day. At night, the Supt. of the B.S., Tal. Smith, presented all the goods brought for the occasion to the manager of the home, Mr. Dalton. The soloist was G. Cantlay and the service was conducted by the minister, D. A. Oldfield . . . Monthly gospel service with a difference on April 20 was conducted by the C.W.F. and featured the screening of the film, "Dark Valley." . . . On Anzac Day the young people held an outing to Kurnell and in the evening a progressive dinner was conducted by the C.W.F. The proceeds of \$35 was set aside for the Mission Hospital Kitchen in the New Hebrides . . . Special guests at the youth service on April 27 were the "Christian Folk" with P. Bonser the speaker.

TWENTY NEW MEMBERS

(Fullarton, S.A.). Twenty new members have been added to the church in the past four months by baptism and by transfer . . . Visiting speakers recently have been Miss V. Crowte, missionary from the New Hebrides; W. Spiers, missionary from India, and Rev. D. Harris, new secretary of the B. & F.B.S. . . . The film "Unto the Hills" has been screened . . . A well-attended guest service concluded a month of special meetings . . . A crowded Good Friday service was combined with the Baptist church. Rev. L. Gomm was speaker and Miss G. Lunnay was guest soloiste . . . Four B.S. young people made decisions on Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. Coggins are leading newly-formed younger set, and A. Creeper is leading the I.C.E.

MANNING RIVER CONVENTION

(Taree, N.S.W.). The Manning River C.E. Convention was held at Taree, April 19-20. The church supported the three special meetings. The guest speaker was the President of the N.S.W. C.E. Union, C. E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed. . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wylie have accepted a further invitation of three years at the conclusion of their present engagement ending 1969.

NEW SCHOLARS

(Christies Beach, S.A.). Bible School has recorded several new scholars . . . The men helped to plant a lawn at the manse . . . Good attendance at Good Friday service when the Baptists joined with us.

CONFERENCE GIVES IMPETUS

(Col. Light Gdns., S.A.). The Church Life Conference recently conducted by C. H. Dow has given impetus to the ongoing of the church . . . A. Rosewarne and E. Brand have been appointed elders. The secretary is L. Chiswell. There was no appointment of a treasurer. Mr. Lewis's resignation has left a serious gap at this point . . . The Kinder and Primary Depts. are doing research in "Team Teaching." . . . Mr. and Mrs. N. Phillips (nee Ruth Chiswell) have set up home in Bendigo, Vic.

CRICKET SUCCESS

(Fairfield, N.S.W.). The cricket club won the Protestant Churches "B" Grade competition in Sydney, the first time a Church of Christ team has won in this grade for 10 years . . . On April 13, two young people were baptized. Two others were baptized on April 27 . . . At C.W.F. anniversary Mrs. D. Main told 98 ladies of Indian life and the great impact of the Christian gospel through our mission work.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). State Conf. Pres., J. R. Morris, was guest speaker on March 30 . . . On Easter Sunday, Errol Bannister was baptised and received into membership . . . George Galieh, Music Director for the Gene Jeffries' crusades, was speaker on April 13. Mrs. Galieh was guest soloiste . . . G. McKelvie and Rev. E. Potter have assisted with preaching during W. D. Howard's absence . . . V. Cockerill and L. Graham are still in hospital.

TWO SERVE DISTRICT

(Balaklava, S.A.). Two of our officers are serving the Northern Dist. Conf. Rodger Baker is secretary and Stan. Shepherd is vice-president . . . Two B.S. scholars have been baptized . . . Prayer and fellowship meetings in homes are well attended . . . The C.W.F. visited Everard Park Rest Home . . . C.M.S. invited the church to their session when the minister, S. Russell Baker, showed slides "Inside Latin America." . . . The youth group led the evening service on April 13 with Lyndon Shepherd presiding . . . J. Baker represented the Social Service Dept. on April 20.

CHURCH LIFE FOLLOW-UP

(Flinders Pk., S.A.). A Church Life Conference was conducted by Chas. Dow. Committees are being formed to implement some of the findings . . . B.S. conducted special services on May 4. The Supt., H. Lukehurst, preached and young people took part. Teachers entertained scholars at tea in their homes. At night there was a panel discussion, speakers representing teachers, scholars and parents . . . Mrs. Bent was baptized on April 27 . . . The choir is being reformed under the leadership of Mrs. Morva Green . . . Morning service was broadcast by 5DN on April 27 . . . A memorial service was conducted on May 7 for John Brown who was missing, "presumed drowned," on April 27 . . . Boys' Brigade held successful church parade when Captain L. Lukehurst preached. Brian Smith was presented with the Queen's Badge.

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MISSIONARY VISITOR

(Doncaster, Vic.). On April 27 Miss Jan Hunting, on furlough from our New Guinea Mission, was speaker at the communion service and at night four young people were baptized. Another lad made the Good Confession. During the day, the church conducted a very successful fellowship picnic at Wattle Park . . . The Officers' Board recently conducted a week-end retreat at the "Bikini" Motel, Healesville. The seminar was very successful and from this gathering of the Board it could be said there is no retreat about the forward look for future plans for Doncaster . . . The House Church Fellowship meets once a month in homes, studying and discussing the booklet, "Education for Christian Living."

FOUR ADDITIONS

(Thomson, Vic.). Four young people have been received into fellowship following baptism . . . Keith McGregor, who has been acting-secretary under direction from the Latrobe Tce. church, was elected secretary at recent elections and Will Readhead is treasurer. From the beginning of May, these men, together with three deacons and the minister, R. A. Banks, assumed responsibility for the work here . . . Recent speakers have included a representative of Gideons International, also Mr. Commer who is over 90 years of age, and Graham Littleton, who is in his teens . . . The B.S. successfully held its first concert. Sweets were made and sold by Good Companions . . . Teacher training classes have been held for the young teachers who commenced this year . . . Y.P.C.E. visited Ancient Times House, College of the Bible, and church homes in Melb.

EARLY TO MEDITATE

(Boronia, Vic.). Most of those attending morning service are seated at 10.55, spending five minutes in meditation and prayer . . . P. Salisbury from the College is assistant minister . . . Three enquirers from the Crusade were baptized unto salvation on recent Sunday. Three more confessed Christ as Saviour. . . . May Collyer relinquished the office of S.S. Supt. after many years of faithful and active service bringing the school to record attendances. G. Williams is the new Supt. . . . The blessing of young children and dedication of their parents were featured on Mothers' Day . . . Ross Lloyd is minister.

LADIES SERVE

(Fawkner, Vic.). Owing to the shortage of men, our ladies are taking an active part at the Lord's Table each Sunday . . . Under the leadership of Ian Mullen morning services have been reasonably well attended . . . Boys' and Girls' clubs are doing well under the leadership of Peter Richter (assistant minister C.O.B.) and Miss M. Cooper. . . . At church annual meeting Tom Kelly was elected secretary and Paul Kettner is treasurer . . . Proceeds of the Harvest Thanksgiving were donated to the College of the Bible.

SPECIALS AT STH. YARRA

(Vic.). Gordon Stirling of the College of the Bible spoke at the home-coming service. Over 100 stayed for lunch. Family services were held on March 30. At night, a filmstrip on teenage problems was shown and Barry Miller preached. . . . A car rally was held on Anzac Day concluding with a barbecue lunch at Romsey . . . Christian Education Sunday was celebrated with John Henley from Box Hill, speaking on Christian Educ. A Youth Tea was held at which a group

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from Melbourne Bible Institute sang and Paul Burnham spoke. At night, a group of young people sang and Ron. McLean (Overseas Missions Secretary) spoke. The service was conducted by John Smith. Mr. Smith is Supt. of the S.S., and his wife is looking after the Kindergarten Dept. . . . Miss Rosemary McRae is playing her accordion for the senior school, but there is still no pianist for the Kindergarten, and no secretary . . . The increase in attendance at worship services in recent weeks has been encouraging.

BOX HILL PROVIDES PRESIDENT

(Vic.). Box Hill was honoured, for the first time, in providing the C.W.F. State President. The new C.W.F. leader, Mrs. Ron. Muller, was presented with a small token and an assurance of prayer by Mrs. Clare (Pres., Box Hill C.W.F.) on behalf of the members . . . At baptismal service, Explorer-Good Companions took part when Mrs. J. Broussard was soloiste . . . Three young girls have made their commitment to Christ . . . At church business meeting, the following were elected: J. Winkler (sec.), A. Tivendale (asst.), K. Mitchell (treas.), H. Smedley (asst.) . . . C.E. held a "Back to School" night . . . Young people collected in the 10th year of their assistance, \$100 for Box Hill Hospital . . . J.C.E. entertained the Ormond J.C.E. . . . A. Boyne from B.H. Advisory Centre, was recent guest speaker . . . High tribute was paid to the work of a pioneer member, Ralph Ward, who died on April 19.

CONTINUING HARVEST

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). Seed sown in the Real Life Crusade last December with J. K. Bond (South Perth), has continued to bear fruit. Young people introduced to the church through the Big Tent meetings, have recently made the Good Confession, and Crusade converts have brought members of their family to know Christ as Saviour . . . In the first twelve months of C.Y.F., 17 members have been baptized. The mid-week Prayer and Bible Study meetings average 30 present, with 60% under the age of 25. C.W.F., C.Y.F., B.S., Good Companions, Boys' Explorers, badminton and basketball clubs have increased attendances. . . . The annual meeting elected A. Graham and R. McLeod as elders.

LOSS OF LEADER

(Preston, Vic.). The church regrets that because of ill health Ken Searle has resigned from Board of Deacons and Explorer leadership . . . The church school's social activities recently have been fancy dress social and a picnic at Parkdale.

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Our trip over to Maewo in May for last year's Inter-island Conference, and

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later a stay on Pentecost, did much to clarify for me the work of the different stations. Each plays a vital part in evangelistic work and in assisting the indigenous church to take over. The immediate need is to lift the general standard of living of the people, and in a place where education has lagged, our schools are trying to bridge the gap between old and new ways, and to show how Christianity meets every need.

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boys go to Bible College at Banmatmat, others to Nasawa Technical School at Maewo where they get further technical training in engineering and building. The majority of the boys go back to their villages, many to take a very active and useful part in their communities as untrained teachers, youth leaders, S.S. teachers and C.E. leaders. All are much better equipped to help themselves and others.

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S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. G. Simpson presided over the experimental evening meeting of S.A. Women's Conference at Grote St., on April 15. From Erica Hammond's pertinent questions about "Optional Extras" in our Christian life to Mrs. Fooks' inspiring closing "What is Challenge?" there was inspiration and interest for the 231 women present. A concise presentation of work of the Conference Committees, a 10-minute talk by Jack Keeni (holder of this year's Winifred Kiek scholarship) and brief comments on organisations with which we are affiliated were topical items in the programme.

At the regular monthly meeting Mrs. Simpson expressed appreciation for the work done by Mrs. Paddick, who has resigned from the Social Service Dept. Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby spoke on the recent International Girls' Brigade Conference held in London. This was our half-yearly conference and lively discussions on local matters took place. Morning tea at St. George's Rest Home, an Everard Park Christian Rest Home "At Home," and a garden party at Glenelg to aid Hospital Chaplaincy work have been held.

—C. E. Bright, Asst.-Sec.

LOSS OF MEMBER

(Goolwa, S.A.). The church was saddened by the death of Ron. Tuckwell, a member for 30 years . . . Miss Dorrie and Jack Reed, Mrs. May Fox and Les. Hopgood have recovered after hospitalisation. Also Miss Janet Skews and Mrs. Eric McKinlay . . . Temple Day offering was \$310 . . . W. N. Heath, S.A. Conf. Pres., spoke at a recent morning service . . . The combined circuit Officers' Board for Mt. Compass-Goolwa, held its half-yearly meeting in the home of W. Burgar . . . Goolwa B.S. is grateful to Miss Ethel McKay from A.B.I., Victor Harbour, for assistance as B.S. teacher.

GLENELG SIGNS CONTRACT

(S.A.). Tenders have closed for the new set of buildings at the Glenelg church, and the programme begins at once. The two halls at the rear will be demolished and in their place a double storey building erected. The ground floor will house kinder and primary departments, class rooms, kitchen and foyer. Upstairs will be a large hall for school, sporting activities and general use, plus kitchen, foyer and projection room. The present chapel will be enlarged to seat extra people, and include a new baptistry and platform. The Building Committee under W. I. McGlasson has worked tirelessly. A Stewardship Committee under R. A. Beaumont will now operate. The C.W.F. Day Group held a garden party and raised \$113 for Hospital Chaplaincy. . . 150 shared in church picnic on Anzac Day. 190 were present at the Remembrance Service prior to Anzac Day, with local R.S.L. and church member ex-servicemen attending. The Mayor read the Scriptures . . . New elders appointed are S. R. Beck and R. A. Beaumont, E. C. Mauger is Elder-emeritus . . . E. P. C. Hollard, in 3rd year of ministry, has been invited to a further three years at completion of present term . . . Eight members of the church are serving on World Convention Committees.

OBITUARY

Miss Florence May Cameron

In 1911, Miss Cameron was baptized at Maylands, S.A., during the ministry of H. R. Taylor. She early felt the urge to undertake missionary work, and in preparation for such a possibility spent 12 months in the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital, and then a year in a Missionary College conducted by Lockhart Morton. She was then accepted by our Foreign Mission Board, and on Jan. 2, 1915, sailed for India to serve with our Western India Mission. She rendered a quiet, but outstandingly influential service, chiefly with the Shrigonda Girls' Home, until her retirement at the end of 1954. During her service in India she was the Maylands Living Link with the Indian field, and was greatly loved and honoured by her home church. Following her retirement she resided with her sister, Mrs. Heath, and helped her church in a number of ways. Lately, failing health led to her going into our Christian Rest Home at St. George's, where again her quiet life of faith gave encouragement to many of those in the home. Gradual failing of physical strength and health eventually necessitated her entry into the Royal Adelaide Hospital where she died on Feb. 5. Her funeral on Feb. 7 was, at her wish, privately conducted. A. J. Ingham led services at the funeral parlour, and the Centennial Park Crematorium. H. R. Taylor shared in the former service, and B. V. Coventry spoke in tribute to her work and worth on the Mission field, at the crematorium. The loving sympathy of Maylands church is extended to her sisters and relatives. Our common sorrow is brightly illuminated by rich memories of a lovely life, and a sure hope of a glorious re-union in Christ the Lord. —A. J. Ingham.

(We regret the delay in printing this notice giving information additional to the tribute published in "A.C.," March 8, 1969.—Ed.)

William Bush

William Bush, of Northcote, Vic., died suddenly on March 24. Ill-health had troubled him for a number of years, and he had recently retired from work with the Tramways Board. Mr. Bush had been a member of the church at Northcote from the time of the ministry of W. W. Saunders who baptized him. He was one of those church members who go quietly along, taking no particular part in the public meetings of the church, giving faithful and essential service. Attendance at services was affected by illness, especially in the later years. He was a good employee, and a man who cared well for his house and home, and for his wife and two sons. He had been especially careful for Mrs. Bush in her own disability of later days. The people of the church remember Bill, as they called him, as a man talking with the men after the services, and as the year by year boiler attendant at the picnics. We rejoice in his sons, Alan and John, the former taking a lead in the church at Briar Hill, and the latter following his father's pattern of good citizenship in the home he has established. To Mrs. Bush and all members of her family we offer God's comfort.—A.B.W.

Mrs. Muriel Louise Garland

One of the choice isolated members of the church at Epping, N.S.W., past her "three-score-and-ten," died on April 1. Her associations with our churches goes back to her girlhood days at Paddington where she is still remembered by her contemporaries, the Larcombe's and the Way's. For nearly 30 years Lidcombe

church was the scene of their family witness. Her husband who predeceased her by 12 years, served there as Secretary. On removal to West Ryde, Epping became the closest church but distance and advancing years with deteriorating health combined to restrict active participation. During the last few years she became pitifully hampered by chronic arthritis; yet with it all she maintained a cheerful spirit and an ever-deepening faith. She always enjoyed the minister's call and the reading of the Word and prayer. He had visited her but a few days prior to her home-call. A service was conducted by M. Long at West Ryde Baptist, and later at Rookwood Crematorium. We offer sincere Christian condolence to her son Gordon, and daughter Alice and their respective families.

Ralph Ernest Ward

When the Box Hill Church of Christ, Vic., took over a little wooden chapel from the Presbyterians in Jan., 1911, an interested person in the move was young Ralph Ward. He was a pioneer member when the building was re-opened in May that year, and his long association continued until his death in Donvale Private Hospital on April 19. His was the first wedding in the chapel in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were indeed married in the chapel, and in another sense, to the chapel, for they found their life's interest in and around its activities. She was organiste for many years; he was church secretary for 39 years. A friend says of them, "They showed tremendous loyalty, and it would be impossible to calculate the hours of service given on maintaining the property, furniture, and school equipment." Ralph Ward was well known, well liked, liberal and uncomplaining. He enriched the lives of those who enjoyed his friendship. He had a keen sense of humour, and brought joy to the social evenings held by the church people. Mr. Ward was a builder by trade, and the brick frontage on the present chapel was his work. Box Hill Church of Christ certainly owes a debt of gratitude for such a faithful servant, who lives on in the life of the church to which he gave so generously of his time, talents and friendliness.—G.A.G.

Robert George Griffiths

Robert George Griffiths, loving husband of Jeannette, and eldest son of Mrs. E. F. Griffiths, of Flat 2, 29 Mary Street, Kew, and formerly of Broken Hill, N.S.W., died on March 16, 1969. He was born in Broken Hill in 1943, and linked with the church there at the age of 10. In 1959 he

came to Melbourne to live with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thurgood, then of the Ivanhoe Church of Christ. Later, with his mother and brother he moved into fellowship with the South Yarra Church of Christ. Short periods also followed at Chadstone and Richmond before he entered Melbourne Bible Institute for training for missionary work as he had indicated his desire for full-time service at Belgrave Heights Convention, Christmas 1960. Since that time he had also been actively engaged in Youth for Christ work. After graduating from M.B.I. he came to Lygon St. Church of Christ while awaiting his visa for India. The latter was not granted, but he did anticipate at a later date to go to the Pakistan field. Although both aware of Robert's serious illness, Robert was married to Jeannette Robertson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Robertson, of Dunolly, on Feb. 15 just 29 days before he died.

Mrs. Euphemia Marley

On April 8, 1969, only a few hours after being admitted to the Community Hospital, Chatswood, N.S.W., Mrs. Robert M. Marley died suddenly at the age of 83 years. Born Euphemia Holmes, in Choppington, Northumberland, England, on Aug. 6, 1885, she married Robert Marley in the Primitive Methodist Church at Morpeth on Aug. 18, 1908, and soon joined her husband in membership in Churches of Christ. Three years later, on medical advice concerning Mr. Marley's health, the young couple migrated to Australia. With an initial bank balance of £7, they faced difficult days, but worked hard to establish themselves through the years. They always sought out a church home and gave devoted service at Kurri Kurri, Petersham, Enmore, Chatswood, Murwillumbah (all N.S.W.), Toowoomba (Qld.), and finally at Chatswood again for the past 15 years. The Chatswood church honoured the couple with a special afternoon and presentation to mark their Diamond Wedding on Aug. 18, 1968 — an occasion Mrs. Marley loved to recall. Though often in ill-health in recent years, she was at church whenever possible—for the last time only nine days before her death. Her last Sunday morning was made happy by the fact that she could share the Chatswood Easter service on television. At services conducted by the writer at Chatswood and Northern Suburbs Crematorium, many friends joined with her loved husband and family in paying tribute to a loyal and devoted Christian woman. — C. G. Taylor.

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GIFTS FOR BETHANY

(Ormond, Vic.). Afternoon C.W.F. made handkerchiefs for Bethany Children's Home, Tasmania. C.E.W.F. birthday was held in East Bentleigh church hall. The Cheltenham church ladies' choir entertained . . . An anonymous donor has given \$100-\$60 for weekly news and \$40 for new hall fund . . . A C.M.F. team led our worship service with Frank Richards guest speaker.

NEW MEMBERS

(Morwell, Vic.). Seven new members were received by transfer, and one by decision . . . Explorers participated in swim sports at Richmond . . . A combined Easter service was held at the Methodist church . . . C.E.W.F. visited "Cooinda Hill," a day school for retarded children and will seek to help this school in some way . . . "Teens Time" have a "think in" every two weeks.

58 YEARS AT ORGAN

(Northcote, Vic.). Miss M. Amery has commenced her 58th year as church organist . . . Four ladies organised a successful Family Night . . . Miss Jan Hunting spoke recently to Good Companions . . . R. Roulston has entered National Service . . . Members supported the Crusade at Hurstbridge, the pre-Easter service at Northcote Methodist, and the Good Friday service at Northcote Presbyterian Church.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Bentleigh, Vic.). Missionary Convention speakers, April 13-20, included Frank Richards, leader of the Work Team for New Guinea 1969; Noel Wiley, Federal Secretary, United Aborigines' Mission Board; David Cumming, Aust. Home Director Wycliffe Bible Translators; Mr. and Mrs. L. Warren, who reviewed the work of the "Christian National Evang. Commission" and the "Christian Witness Press" of Hong Kong; R. S. A. McLean, Fed. Sec. Churches of Christ Overseas Missions; and Geo. Napper, Aust. Home Director of International Christian Fellowship.

BOYS WIN SWIMMING

(Noble Park, Vic.). On April 19 the Boys' Explorer Club won the Explorers' Swimming Championships . . . On April 20 Mr. Camm of the Mission to Lepers, gave an illustrated talk on their work. At this service Mrs. Stancliffe was baptized . . . A Family Night was held on March 30.

COMPLETION IN JUNE

(Chelsea, Vic.). The spire is up and the tiles are on the roof of the new chapel which is expected to be completed in June . . . C.Y.F. has membership of 25 and recently camped under canvas at Inverloch . . . Explorers attended Adventure Camp at Banksia . . . The church board officers are L. L. Smith, chairman; H. Taylor, sec.; H. Barnden, treas. . . The minister, D. Oakes, is chairman of local Inter-Church Council and will conduct combined service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity . . . Explorers came sixth in inter-club swim night.

EXHIBITION PLANNED

(Robinvale, Vic.). A combined committee finalised arrangements for exhibition on Archaeology and the Bible by the Australian Institute of Archaeology in July . . . The first of a series of house parties was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boram . . . A series of Teachers' Training using Moody Bible Institute "Successful Teaching" audio visual will continue over the next few months . . . A carload of local Endeavourers shared in Northern Districts' rally at Lake Meran. Miss E. Johnson of C.E.F. and E. K. Morrison were guest speakers . . . L. Mogg and J. A. Dodd were recent speakers . . . At Easter, there was an exodus of Y.P. to Hall's Gap camp and an influx of Christians from Hamilton-Geelong areas . . . Two teen-age girls were baptized on April 13. A panel discussion on the impact of the Graham Crusade was held same night.

VISITING YOUTH SPEAKER

(Reservoir, Vic.). Alan Baker was speaker at youth service on May 4 with many young people taking part . . . The church picnic was held Anzac Day at Kinglake . . . An Indoor Sports Club has been formed . . . Mrs. Eygelaar has been in hospital, church remembering her in prayer . . . Teachers met to elect new Supt. occasioned by Bruce Grayden's resignation due to commitments at M.B.I. . . . C.W.F. visited Como House recently . . . Evening services have consisted of echoes from Billy Graham Crusade with recorded choir items being presented.

WINTER AT 5 P.M.

(Hartwell, Vic.). Sunday evening services for winter period commenced at 5 p.m. on May 4 with programmes of interest to all . . . As a result of the Mini-Market an extra \$17 has been donated, making the total takings \$1,000 . . . Ray Morfiew, Supt., Bethany Children's Home, Hobart, was a visitor on April 27.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

(Strathmore, Vic.). After 19 years of faithful service, Jack Weatherhead has resigned as church secretary. Ron Bucknell has been appointed to this position. . . Mrs. Benson has resigned as Kindergarten leader on transfer to Briar Hill. Mrs. Weatherhead has returned as interim leader . . . Several Y.P. attended youth camp at Banksia, and Explorers went to Lake Eppalock . . . The B.S. conducted Family Worship on April 13 when prizes were awarded to scholars. . . Mrs. Gray and her daughter, Leanne, and Stella Cornish were baptized recently. . . A loan has been arranged from the Properties Corporation for building improvements and extensions. Tenders are now being called for this work.

FORMER MINISTER RETURNS

(Bayswater, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Prime, from Flinders Park, S.A., were visitors. Mr. Prime, a former minister here, occupied the pulpit . . . The Church of Christ Yukana Singers entertained at Knoxfield C.W.F. Birthday. A recent speaker at C.W.F. was from Heart and Diet Foundation . . . Two young people who made decisions at Graham Crusade were baptized.

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NEW GUINEA THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS FORM ASSOCIATION

(Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea). Twelve theological schools in the Solomon Islands and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea formed an inter-denominational organisation known as the Melanesian Association of Theological Schools (M.A.T.S.).

The inaugural meeting was held at the Roman Catholic Holy Spirit Regional Seminary at Bomana, a suburb of Port Moresby, with Rev. Dr. Patrick Murphy, S.V.D. as host.

Funds provided by the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches made possible attendance by

church leaders from throughout this widespread island territory.

The decision to form the association followed the Theological Consultation at Lae, New Guinea, in April, 1968 attended by representatives of Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and United Church theological schools. Observers came from the Evangelical Alliance and the Salvation Army.

The new association aims to improve the standards in member institutions, facilitate the exchange of ideas and theological information, foster research and act as liaison with other groups. —E.P.S.

CONGO UNITY MOVES

(Nganda, Congo-Kinshasa). A first step towards an organic united church for the Congo was taken recently at the 48th General Assembly of the Protestant Council in the Congo.

A section of a resolution on evangelism passed by the assembly said: "In order to put an end to the shameful conflicts and divisions between churches and missions, the General Assembly determines that these churches and missions shall unite and constitute one legal entity—that of the church. In cases where the church is not a legal entity, the mission shall cede its legal rights to the church."

The resolution held that the organic unity of the Church of Christ in the Congo must be assured as a consequence of the existing spiritual unity.

To make this possible, the Executive

Committee was asked to draw up a draft constitution to be submitted to the next assembly.

When the country became independent in 1960 there were more than 50 missionary societies at work. Today the number stands at 47 societies and 41 Protestant churches belonging to the Protestant Council.—E.P.S.

STUDY TOUR FOR AID DIRECTOR

The national Director of Inter-Church Aid, the Rev. E. H. Arblaster, will leave on May 22 to spend more than two months overseas on a study tour of new aid projects being undertaken by churches.

During his tour he will visit a number of East African countries, the Middle East, India, Laos, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines and Papua-New Guinea.—A.C.C.

CONSULTATION ON RACISM

Three Australians will take part in the World Council of Churches' Consultation on Racism, London, May 19-24. They are:

Don Dunstan, Opposition Leader in the S.A. Parliament.

Mrs. Kath. Walker, Aboriginal poet and Aboriginal Rights worker, Qld.

John Howes, Philosophy Dept., University of Melbourne and former editor of "Crux," the Australian Student Christian Movement magazine.

Mr. Dunstan will present a paper on land rights to the consultation, which will be chaired by U.S. Senator George McGovern.

All six continents will be represented at the consultation which was planned following last year's Fourth Assembly of the W.C.C. at which racism emerged as one of the principal issues requiring Christian action.—A.C.C.

BURMESE MORALE HIGH

(Geneva). Members of the Christian churches in Burma are doing "tremendously creative work" among the mountain tribes in the remote parts of that South-East Asian country, said the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, staff member of W.C.C., following a recent visit.

Results of their work are seen in increased church membership and in efforts towards self-support.

Morale among Burmese Christians is "astonishingly high," he reported. Although contacts with the outside world have been virtually cut off, Christians feel this may be a blessing in disguise, forcing them to discover many hitherto untapped resources within themselves. —E.P.S.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

Victorian Conference. Some uncertainty was felt as to Conference this year, owing to the influenza epidemic. The large gatherings were therefore pleasing to all concerned. Delightful weather prevailed, and much enthusiasm showed that the wonted interest in Conference had by no means diminished.

Membership Losses. In an animated Conference discussion on membership losses, J. W. Baker of Nth. Fitzroy, Vic., pleaded that officers and members of older years attend the prayer meeting.

Miss Precocious. At the Vic. Conf. B.S. demonstration the building was crowded and many failed to gain admission. Miss Peggy Moss, aged 5, gave very effectively a series of studies on the emotions.

Queensland Conference. Notwithstanding the severe drought the attendance of country delegates and visitors was even better than usual. With a membership ranging from 1,223 to 1,652, £1,705 was contributed to funds controlled by Conference. No other State has such a good proportionate record. The new president is W. A. C. Wendorf.

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No. 4 DR. HELEN KIM

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. (This is the final article).

Dr. Helen Kim served for many years as the Korean delegate to the United Nations and since 1965 has been the roving ambassador of the Republic of Korea. Dr. Kim is also president emerita of the women's university in Seoul.

Dr. Kim spoke on the theme "The Asian Churches and Their Mission." She saw this task under four different headings. First of all there is the evangelical mission of the church, the encounter with those of other faiths and the encounter with those of no faith. She sees the way forward not just by preaching what she calls one sided sermons but through dialogue and discussion on such common concerns as human dignity, religious liberty and social justice. Let us frankly explain what we believe, the content of our faith and our practice and let the Holy Spirit speak to their hearts and open their ears to the message. We must also meet the man of no faith in the same way.

Dr. Kim sees the mission of the church as not just a

matter of saving the soul but of saving the whole man. There is also a humanitarian task. As she pointed out 20% of the world's population live on 80% of the world's wealth, while 80% of the world's population live on only 20% of the world's wealth. Such conditions have existed for a long time but the poor did not always know about it but because of mass media they do know about it and want to see something done about it.

She believes that the Asians, because they are neither black nor white, could also play the role of reconciler between the black and white races of the world. Within the humanitarian task Dr. Kim sees the need for the churches' involvement in the following areas: nation building, rapid urbanisation, university and other educational tasks, suburban and rural problems, mass media, and relations between rich and poor.

Dr. Kim advocated the need for research and study institutes within the church to understand the rapid changes going on within the community so that we may be better able to communicate the gospel to our generation.

With the rise of nationalism, Dr. Kim sees a need for the Asian churches to become more independent than they have been in the past and for the churches to co-operate in programmes of joint action.

Dr. Kim states that this is the first century that the Asian churches have had the opportunity and freedom to build their own church and determine their own mission in their own way. Our timetable has been set by changes that in some countries have seen whole cultures swept away and the Asian church of today is not the Asian church of yesterday and will not be the Asian church of tomorrow.

As Asian Christians we have in Jesus Christ and his catalyst ethic the cure to Asia's age-old problems of over population, poverty, corruption and social unrest, as well as the key to the modern challenges of nation building, inter-racial understanding and a reasonably healthy existence for every man.

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There was serious tension in our church. It seems to have worked itself out now, but our minister did nothing at all about it. Isn't it his job to help sort out the troubles of the church?

Yes, that is one of his jobs. But maybe he did more than you think. It is possible that he thought long and hard about it and decided that the best action he could take was to take no action at all. If this is the case, then he may have made the right decision, for you say that the trouble is now over.

It is fairly certain that our churches, whatever their size and wherever they are, will have problems of personal relationships. The story is told of a fellow who decided to have some fun at a State Conference. After greeting friends he had not seen for sometime he would say, "I was sorry to hear of your trouble." Almost every time the response came, "How did you find out?" or "Who told you?" What started out as a bit of humour finished up as a demonstration that nearly all of God's children have troubles.

When trouble comes, the minister is the man in the middle. Trouble is his business, no matter where it is in the church. The church school cannot teach effectively if there is hostility between the teachers. The officers' board cannot properly administer the affairs of the church if the officers are not working in harmony. The women's fellowship cannot be a good influence in and for the church if its members quarrel.

Church members are human and this means that there will be occasions when they are not perfect. They may do or say things that will wound others and hinder the witness of the church. (Let us remember that the minister is also a church member and human. We cannot overlook the possibility that the minister may be the trouble).

Sometimes the difficulty in a church will right itself, and the wise minister is the one who is able to diagnose the nature of the trouble and apply the right treatment. A calculated decision to do nothing may be the best and quickest way to fix things. Like a doctor, the minister must know the difference between a surface rash and a deep-seated smouldering fever. If the minister rushes in with the big treatment for some small ailment, he may persuade the patients that they are sicker than they are, and make the trouble last longer and go deeper. A wise minister knows the right time to say nothing, hear nothing, and do nothing.

But there are other troubles which don't fix easily. Some churches have carried for years the blight of bad personal relationships. It cannot be stressed too much that in the church our problems may be given the names of things, but they are really persons.

The minister is central when the peace and harmony of the church are disturbed by persons. More than anyone else he has the power to keep the church peaceful and harmonious. The right kind of minister can, with the aid of spiritual resources, heal the wounds of a church, even if the conflict has a long history. There have been times when a church has a legacy that has made it hostile, disillusioned, and divided—and a minister has come with deep convictions, allied with tact, integrity and compassion. With these gifts he can bring a new sense of goodwill and reconciliation to estranged groups.

CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

(N.S.W.) The N.S.W. Congress on Evangelism will be held at Chapter House, May 30-31, 1969.

The Seminar leader-speakers are widely experienced in their various fields and include Rev. Bruce Smith, Lecturer, Moore Theological College; Rev. Geoffrey Fletcher, Director of Evangelism, Sydney Diocese, Director of L.I.F.E.; Dr. J. Kleinig, Lecturer in Philosophy, Macquarie University; Rev. Neville Anderson, Principal, N.S.W. Baptist Theological College; Rev. Dudley Foord, Chaplain, University of Sydney; Det. Sgt. Fred Kitto, Drug Squad, N.S.W. Police Dept.; E. Spencer, Colliver, Lecturer, University of N.S.W.

The Congress is open to interested ministers and laymen from all denominations in N.S.W. For details contact Hon. Congress Secretary, c/o Diocesan Church House, George St., Sydney.

N.Z. "DISCRIMINATION IN SPORT"

(Christchurch). Churches in New Zealand have been challenged to think more clearly about problems connected with sports tours to South Africa.

The National Council of Churches published a study by sociologist Richard Thompson called *Race Discrimination in Sport*. It recounts the controversy engendered by a N.Z. rugby team's visiting South Africa.

Mr. Thompson said, "If apartheid is a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit—as the working party for the British Council of Churches unanimously concluded—how far is it possible to go along with the demands of such a policy?"

In 1960, the N.Z. team known as the "All Blacks" (because of the colour of their jerseys) toured South Africa despite strong opposition from N.Z. trade unions, universities and churches. A 1967 tour was cancelled. The next tour is planned for 1970, and the N.Z. Rugby Union shows every sign of assuming it can once again ignore all protests and proceed with its plan.

On a recent visit to New Zealand, Mr. Dennis Brutus, a coloured South African working for the London-based Defence and Aid Fund which helps families of African political prisoners, convinced many waverers that churchmen should work to prevent the rugby team from participating in a tour organised on a racist basis.—E.P.S.

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We are not here to debate, we are here to make a declaration. We are here to announce two great facts.

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Our Father, we listen to the Bread declare that Jesus is the Life of God shared with every man, and give thee thanks. Amen.

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O Christ, in the hour of unusual weakness be our unusual strength. Forgive us the multitude of our transgressions, but help us that we may not presume upon your mercy. You have promised that when the enemy sweeps in like a flood you will lift the barrier of your Spirit against him. Save us from lying defeated among our failures, and from shifting from our shoulders the crosses we should bear. Amen.



Our days are like identical suitcases—
all the same size—but some people can
pack more in than others.



Giving till it hurts is the real test of
charity. Some people are more easily
hurt than others.



One butcher to another: "I like to
wait on brides. They don't remember
what prices used to be."



It is dangerous to attach too much
importance to figures, hence the sad
story of the man who drowned while
fording a river with an average depth
of only 16 inches.



A gossip is one who burns the scandal
at both ends.



A speaker was encouraging contribu-
tions to a worthy fund. "All who will
give \$5 stand up," he said. But aside, to
the orchestra leader he whispered, "Play
the national anthem."