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GOD'S TRANSPLANT OPERATION

By RICHARD E. WILBURN

PAUL, when trying to convince some people of his apostleship, used the Corinthians themselves as his "letter of recommendation" (2 Corinthians 3: 1-6). Most of these persons had been converted by his preaching. There were enough Christians at Corinth for Paul to point to them to show that he was no faker. Yet Paul realised that if a Christian is a true "letter," the handwriting is not that of any man but is God's penned on "tablets of human hearts."

God is the one who changes the person. The person is referred to as having new life, a transformed mind, a new purpose, a different destiny. He often is said to have had a "change of heart."

Heart transplant operations provide an illustration to help us understand what God does for man. In a transplant, the surgeon conceives the operation, the donor provides the heart and the recipient receives it — with the problem of rejection.

We can think of God as the surgeon. Always concerned about his patient's welfare, the good physician often goes without sleep, keeps long vigils, puts his very life into the well-being of the patient. God is the concerned physician. The writer of Ezekiel expresses it this way (36: 26-28):

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances."

God sent his Son. Man's need was great. He needed a new heart. A donor was required. This was

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the role that Jesus—young, good, understanding, without sin—was to play in God's great drama.

The operation took place in a strange place—on a hill outside the city, in the scorching sun with the wind and dust blowing and flies all around. The operating table was a couple of timbers, and on this they stretched his body. So the best of men gave his life for the unworthy. John testified that "he laid down his life for us" (1 John 3: 16).

History notes that the operation was successful in many cases. Peter and John soon were standing before a court with new hearts of boldness. Stephen shortly found strength to preach of God's love and to die courageously in a stoning with heaven in his view. A man from Tarsus, Saul, who watched as Stephen was killed, had a change of heart. Down through the years there have been men and women whose only explanation of their courage, strength, love, compassion and hope has been the presence of Jesus' heart within them.

A recipient body can reject even that gift. Paul's advice to young Timothy speaks to each of us: "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you" (2 Timothy 1: 6). The voice of God is in men and in the world around us. Sometimes we want to get our wills ahead of his; sometimes we think our ways better than his. But his forgiving spirit deals with our rejection.

When we offend God, in mercy he restores us. The Holy Spirit brings us back—casts off the world's infection—and we believe.

Blessed be our God who puts a new heart in us.

— "The Christian."

AGE OF MOBILITY

Exploded into the midst of the moving mass
Mr. Car Driver becomes a mobile menace.
Armed with a four-wheeled weapon of flying
Steel, he sets the pattern for our pace race
And our big power kill.
From high chair to hearse only takes two steps!
Through the sand pit of infancy and hard school
Desk, then into the comfortably cushioned car—
All registered, reliable, with roaring engine
Itchy to assert its compressed energy.
Then the crash! How did it happen? Why?
A thousand excuses forthcoming, each legitimate.
Night after night, day following day the
Tow trucks hover our highways to rush to the
Latest scene of accident before the dust settles.
Shattered glass, oil slick, rusty water, blood—
Become the "shandy" news we drink like nasty
Medicine each half hour; holding our breath
In case we hear the name of one too close.
But let us not waste too much time on the
Problem of mess! Clear up tow trucks!
And coffins come in various sizes, fashioned
Daintily, cosily! On with the cartoon!
Mickey Man is mobile!

By
LLOYD COOKE

CHRISTIAN WOMEN SERVING

NORMAL — BUSY — HAPPY!!

By M. PEARCE

If I asked you home for dinner one day, I wonder what your reaction would be. You see I have no sight; but I assure you, I am quite a normal person, and am interested in the things you read about, see and discuss. Only once has my invitation been refused for a friend to come to dinner and on this occasion I was informed that our physical handicap would so upset our friend that he would not be able to enjoy his meal.

Learning to accept situations as they are, is a lesson we all have to learn. We cannot run away from them and I find that the more I mix with people in every situation, an acceptance of the things I am not able to do, because of my physical handicap, enables me in God's strength to reach out and conquer those things that seem difficult or even impossible. Many and varied have been my experiences since my marriage in 1940.

I am a deaconess for the Nallsworth (S.A.) Church of Christ where my husband, Harold, who is also blind, and I attend. In this work I visit the sick and elderly "shut-in" folk. Looking up parents of the S.S. children has been an avenue of service which has enabled me to get alongside people with seemingly insurmountable problems. For over 20 years I taught in S.S. and found the work, though frustrating at times, very rewarding. We have no children of our own; but have a good many years of experience in bringing up our nephew, and during school holidays we have two or three children staying with us. I love having young people around me and occasionally have girls from our Churches of Christ Girls' Hostel to my home.

On the other hand I enjoy working among the not so young, and when I find it difficult to visit their homes, I arrange transport so that I can have two or three of them with me for the day. I cannot understand when folk tell me they are bored and do not know what to do. There is so much one can do. We do not all have the same talents; but we can do something. Writing letters to missionaries and lonely shut-in folk brings joy even if one finds letter writing hard work. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Women's Conference Overseas Missions Committee and to visit many fellowships with the leader or with missionaries at home on furlough. Sometimes I am able to speak at meetings on my own. When I do this I take one or two volumes of the Braille Bible with me to show. The whole Bible in Braille consists of 39 thick volumes, so I cannot carry all of it at once. I also have a Braille Concordance and a topical textbook on the Bible; but as these are also in many volumes I use them mainly at home.

For entertainment after our work is done we have radio-gram, T.V., pianola, organ, violin, tape recorder and a Talking Book machine from which we are able to hear many stories read out to us from a tape in a cassette, these being supplied from the Blind Institute's library as often as we wish. Braille books and magazines overload our cupboards, even the Readers' Digest!

If you care to pop into our home, I will show you some gadgets we use to help us live normal, happy independent lives. In the kitchen we have a braille alarm clock which looks exactly like yours except that it has no glass in it and each five minute mark has a raised dot on it, the quarter hours two dots and the half hour three dots. The hands are especially made strong to take the touching. My husband's pocket watch is the same except that it has a lid over the

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face as has my wrist watch. The iron, frypan, Mixmaster and washing machine are no problem, because I have been told the different positions for the dials and I can remember; though it is possible to have the dials brailled. The gas oven regulator I have brailled so I have no excuse to get out of the weekly cake baking or roast. I have two tape measures, one machined across all the way for the inches and half way for the half inches and the other with eyelet holes. We also have folding marked rules and a steel marked foot ruler, handy for measuring lines, knitting, etc., or for carpentering as when Harold builds fernhouse, cupboards and the like.

When sewing, I use self-threading needles or a special sewing machine threader. When I am knitting in different colours as in a Fair Isle pattern I put a safety pin in one colour, a bobby pin in another, etc. Do not think I am clever to be able to do these things. With these gadgets and a little patience, we can accomplish things we may feel at first are impossible. But we do need encouragement and confidence from others. Well meaning folk have said to us at times: "You can't do that, you'll only mess it up" and away goes our confidence! We both love gardening. My husband attends to the lawns, pruning, etc., and I weed the flower beds and plant the flowers. Our only worry is that we haven't time to do all that we want to do. The weeds often come up; but we usually recognise them as they feel different and certainly smell different.

I used to be very sensitive about asking for help especially when in my teens I could see only a little and hated to admit I couldn't see who I was talking to or whether a seat in the bus was really empty. Then at 18 I had an operation which resulted in my losing all my sight and I became aware of people talking in whispers about me when I was in public. I learnt that this attitude was just pride and so was my reluctance to use a white stick. I am able to get to church and some other places on my own; but even now make mistakes, like when I asked a "man" whether the lights were right for me to cross the road and after three tries I realised that "he" was just a post. I have learnt to laugh when things like this happen.

There are a lot of things I do not understand about life; but this I do know—it will all be explained one day. In 1 Corinthians 13: 12 we read, "Then shall I know even as I am known," if we think of our lives as a tapestry being woven, we can only see meaningless blobs and bits of colour which are ugly to us; but God, the weaver, works and sees the right side and it all is a wonderful pattern.

Sometimes people ask, "Why do good people suffer?"; but we know that because this is an orderly world all people are subject to the laws of cause and effect and good people have to live under the same conditions as bad ones, except that Christians have a faith to help them over adversity. Besides, even those with sight don't always see much. Out on the Sydney Harbour with a friend I asked her to tell me what she could see and she said, "Water!" Blindness is a handicap; but far, far worse is spiritual blindness when people refuse to acknowledge God or to accept His will for their lives. I have found, as Paul did, that nothing comes upon me that is not common to all mankind; but whatever it is, our Lord is able to give that added strength to cope with it—

"He knows the way I take, my all-wise God,
And in the form of man each step has trod,
He knows the way of trial and tears,
He knows the way beset with fears,
There's not a way He does not know,
And that is why I trust Him so."

SPELLING OUT OUR PRAYERS

By J. E. BROOKE

A LITTLE GIRL received as a Christmas present some beautiful alphabet blocks. She liked them so much that she took them to bed with her on Christmas night, and played with them until she was very sleepy. Then she remembered that she hadn't said her evening prayers. So she knelt by the side of her bed and prayed: "O Lord, I'm too sleepy to pray, but here are the letters. Spell it out for yourself."

That simple and characteristic little story has some suggestions to make to each of us concerning our prayers, in which we are all but children, just learning to speak.

There are two contrasting lessons which we may draw from it, one of warning, and the other of encouragement. On the one hand, prayer is so urgent and essential that we are wrong to come to it in a drowsy and distracted manner.

On the other hand, even when we have put our utmost concentration into prayer, it often seems so poor and unworthy. Then, however, it is a consolation that we can turn over our disappointed desire to pray, to God, and that he will accept it, and make of it what we cannot.

Here, then, is a double message for our prayer life—the need for attention in our prayers, and the assurance of assistance in our prayers.

The same two-fold thought may be emphasised by placing side by side passages in the Epistles of Paul. He calls for attention in our prayers.

ATTENTION IN OUR PRAYERS

Think of those companion passages in the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians. In Ephesians 6: 18, he urges, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance." Every word in that stirring sentence is a clarion note, calling us to put our utmost and our best into the great engagement of prayer. Likewise, in Colossians 4: 2, he says, "Continue in prayer and watch in the same." Moffatt makes him say, "Attend to your prayers," and the New English translation, "Persevere in prayer, with mind awake."

When we pray we are required to give ourselves wholly to it. The law of attention is really the law of interest. We attend to what interests us, and such interested attention leads to consecration. Communion with God through prayer is so vitally important to our Christian life that we should give it even more concentrated attention than a scientist gives to watching an experiment, or looking through a telescope or a microscope.

But must we not all confess that we fall very far short of this? How true to our experience are the words of John Donne: "When we consider with a religious seriousness the manifold weaknesses of the strongest devotions in time of prayer, it is a sad consideration. I throw myself down in my chamber and I call in and invite God and his angels, but lose attention for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a door. I talk on, in the same posture of praying, eyes lifted up, knees bowed down, as though I prayed to God, and if God or his angels should ask me when I thought of God in that prayer, I cannot tell. Sometimes I find that I had forgot what I was about, but when I began to forget I cannot tell. A memory of yesterday's pleasures, a fear of tomorrow's dangers, a straw under my knee, a noise in my ear, a light in my eye, an anything, a nothing, a fancy, a chimeria in my brain, troubles me in my prayer. So certainly is there nothing, nothing in spiritual things, perfect in this world."

And if he had to make such a confession of failure, how

much more need we? This is a condition which we cannot accept with complacency.

Therefore we should seek to pray when we are freshest, and not leave our devotions to the frayed fragments of our weariest moments. In our times of prayer we should fight constantly against apathy and distraction. We must be vigilant to break up any dullness of routine, realising that if we pass any prayer-time in dull routine, it will become more and more a deadening habit. Especially must we concentrate on thought in prayer, as ever more essential than words.

Most important of all, we must always seek to realise God's presence in our prayer. As William Temple wisely advised: "If you have five minutes in which to say your prayers, and it takes you four minutes and fifty-nine seconds to realise the presence of God, that is the best way in which to spend it."

As two little girls were going to bed one night, one was heard to say to the other, "Hurry up! Don't kneel there all night!" "I'm thinking," replied the other. To which came the impatient retort, "Don't be so silly. Don't think! Just say your prayers." Too often, in our prayers, we fall into that attitude. But it is unworthy just to leave God to spell out the prayers to which we lack the dedication and discipline to really attend ourselves.

ASSISTANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

When, with our utmost sincerity and earnestness, we have sought to make our prayers real and worthy of the God to whom we address them, we are brought to recognise our very great need for assistance in our prayers.

It will console us to know that far greater Christians than ourselves have felt this most acutely. Paul, the very Apostle who has urged us to pray "always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance," to "attend to our prayers," to "persevere in prayer, with mind awake," himself confesses in Romans 8: 26, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought," or alternatively, we do not know how we ought to pray—both are true.

There is a real sense in which, when we have done our very best in prayer, we are still like children, having to turn over to God our letters, to spell out for us the prayers we want to pray, but cannot.

What supreme comfort it is, then, to hear Paul go on, "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities. . . . The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

This is the New Testament idea of prayer, that it does not originate in man, but in God. It is through his promptings that we are moved to pray. Our aspirations are first his inspirations.

As the poet says, "Prayer is the breath of God in man, returning whence it came."

"Too often, when we speak of prayer," says Olive Wyon, "we feel as though we are describing our own efforts to get into touch with a God who is very far away. Our whole view of prayer is changed when we see it as part of the deep silent work of God within us, to which we need to open up as generously and receptively and humbly as possible, content to be led and trained in it by God himself."

There is all the difference in the world between a prayer which is all and only our own, and one which is inspired by the Spirit of God.

Lines attributed to Michelangelo well express the contrast:

"My unassisted heart is barren clay,
That of its native self can nothing feed,"

he confesses, but, he declares,

"The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed,
If Thou the Spirit give by which I pray."

God teaches us to pray, just as a human parent teaches a child to speak. The parent first thinks the thought and cherishes the desire for the child, then utters the words, repeats them, corrects misunderstanding and mispronunciation of them; and gradually, through the parent's mind and spirit and tireless help, the child learns to speak.

So, with infinite patience and understanding, God our Eternal Father, guides our little minds, confused spirits, and stammering utterance, so that we may really talk and commune with him. And, as human parents understand before anyone else what their child is trying to say, so our Father in Heaven understands before anyone else what we are trying to pray.

This precious thought of God assisting his weakness in prayer led Charles Wesley to sing:

"Ah, Lord, if Thou art in that sigh,
Then hear Thyself within me pray,

Hear in my heart Thy Spirit's cry,
Mark what my labouring soul would say,
Answer the deep, unuttered groan,
And show that Thou and I are one."

Prayer demands our attention, but in it we also need Divine assistance. The remembrance of these twin truths will keep us from being dilatory in our prayers, and also from being downcast, when, having done our best, we are dissatisfied with them, as we always must be. Not as an easy excuse for drowsiness of spirit, but as a great comfort when disappointed despite our most diligent devotion, we can turn over our letters to God and ask him to spell out our prayers.

Thus we may pray, with George Matheson: "O my Father, I have moments of deep unrest—moments when I know not what to ask by reason of the very excess of my wants. I have in these hours no words for thee, no conscious prayers for thee. Yet all the time thou hast accepted my unrest as a prayer. Thou hast received the nameless longings of my heart as the intercessions of thy Spirit. They are not yet the intercessions of my spirit; I know not what I ask. But thou knowest what I ask. O my God, Thou knowest the name of that need which lies beneath my speechless groan. Therefore thou hast counted my unrest unto me as righteousness, and hast counted my groaning thy Spirit's prayer."

Church News-sheet Competition

Following an appraisal of the news-sheets submitted for the competition conducted by the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. and the "Australian Christian" the judges made a number of general comments. The number and standard of entries reflected a concern for an effective communication with church members.

READERS

The content of the sheets revealed that most readers were church members. News centred around the local church programme. If the sheet is to be distributed among associate families care needs to be taken to ensure that it includes items of wider interest. At intervals some brief statement concerning Churches of Christ could be valuable. Some examples of this have been noted. Seasonal and special issues were thought to have value. Some churches mail their news-sheets and if the paper is registered as a newspaper bulk postage rates make the proposal more acceptable. A printed wrapper carrying the paper's title was helpful. Mailing the paper assures a wider and more effective distribution.

CONTENT

Copy was generally of an average quality. Most material was of a general news nature. Where articles by ministers were used it was judged important not to sermonise. Brief topical comments on daily life seemed most appropriate. Several attempts by ministers on topical, general and brotherhood news comment were well done.

Personal interest news items are valuable. Original contributions also have a place. The use of space for children in a small paper was in some doubt. There was a general need for "movement" in the material with a greater emphasis on journalistic style.

FORMAT

Readability is of prime importance and some sheets were spoiled by being overcrowded with copy. Attention getting headings are even more significant in a paper that is likely to be scanned quickly. Some papers made excellent use of illustrations, motifs and interesting headings. Ample white space is essential.

COVERS, TITLES AND SIZE

There was a wide variety in covers. Some made an excellent visual impression. The reproduction of good clear photographs was helpful. The introduction of some copy to the cover page was thought to be a valuable use of space in small sheets. Titles tended to be old fashioned or seemingly irrelevant. Most sheets were produced on folded quarto and foolscap paper. Size is of course governed by availability of equipment and costs. The larger the size the more likelihood of a better layout. A change of colour in paper might help to add interest. Insufficient use of ink was a recurring problem.

RESOURCES

If at all possible churches ought to try to use people who have talents applicable to the production of a paper. Some resource material is available, e.g., "The Christian" and other regular Christian publications. Abingdon Press have a book "Sayings and Sentences for Church Bulletins" by P. Holdcroft at \$1.20. Cheltenham church through its minister, G. K. Moyes, supplies some other churches with Bible studies and daily notes, devotional material, minister's articles and news items on a weekly basis. This sort of service could be helpful to a church looking for resources.

(The results of the News-sheet Competition were announced in the "A.C." Dec. 13, 1969).

LESLIE GREEN FOR ADELAIDE

Leslie Green, minister of the Chatswood Church of Christ: from 1957 until 1962, commenced a ministry with the Boulevard Christian Church, 2008 Jacksboro Hwy., Ft. Worth, Texas, U.S.A., in Jan., 1970. During the past six and a half years he has served as minister of the First Christian Church, Stephenville, Texas and Director of the Christian Church Bible Chair, Tarleton State College.

During his five-year pastorate in Australia Mr. Green also lectured at Woolwich College of the Bible and served on many brotherhood and ecumenical committees. During a six-month leave of absence from his pulpit in 1959 he served as the National Director of Visitation Evangelism for the Billy Graham Crusades in Australia and travelled widely throughout this country. He is currently planning to visit Australia next October for the World Convention.

Since returning to his homeland Mr. Green has received the Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Counselling from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth.

The Green's youngest son, David, was born in Australia, just before their return to the United States. A daughter, Kathy Lynn, was born in Stephenville in Sept., 1969. Mrs. Green does not plan to accompany her husband on his trip to Australia next October.

OVERSEAS VISITOR FOR BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL

The annual Demonstration of the B. & F.B.S. at Kew City Hall on Feb. 24 at 7.45 p.m., will be chaired by His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Frank Woods, the principal speaker will be Rev. J. R. Payne, Commonwealth General Secretary of the Society, and as special guest the Bible Society Secretary for Ghana, Rev. A. L. Kwansa.

The musical programme will be provided by staff members, and an interesting and enjoyable evening is assured.

Vic and WA

K. D. HORNE FOR VIC.

(DONCASTER, Vic.). J. G. Shaw will conclude his ministry at Doncaster at the end of 1970 after a very successful and fruitful service of seven years. He will be succeeded by **Keith Horne**, the current Director of Home Missions and Evangelism in South Australia. Mr. Horne will commence his ministry here in January, 1972 . . . On Dec. 21, the Doncaster Choir under Mrs. G. Crouch presented the Christmas Cantata "Love Transcending" with C. L. Ward at the organ and Mrs. Laurie Tully narrating. . . The Christmas Bowl Appeal has reached a total of \$968.

EXAM. SUCCESSSES

(PERTH CITY, W.A., D. G. Hammer). University examinations were met with success by Doug, Bridge (medicine, with prizes being gained), Robert Hammer (engineering), and Donald Cook (education). Lynette New graduated from Teachers' College and is appointed to Kambalda West Primary. Doug, Bridge is working at Ethel Lucas Memorial Hospital in the Transvaal, South Africa, during his vacation before final year medicine studies . . . On Christmas Day a service in our building combined with the Central Baptist Church. Their minister, Rev. Rowan Gill, was preacher. Mrs. G. Marshall was soloist . . . At a fellowship hour Marian Ewers showed slides of her recent visit to the Holy Land and the Indian Mission Field . . . Six miniature organ recitals were given by the church organist, Donald Cook, during the three Sundays leading up to Christmas of organ music composed especially for Christmas over the past 500 years.

LOSS OF OLD MEMBER

(NORTH FITZROY, Vic., J. Searle and W. Jennings). One of our oldest members, Mrs. Hamilton, died in her 90th year. Though not in active fellowship for some years we remember the many years of fellowship and service she was able to render . . . Richie Gunston sang and spoke when Good Companions and Senior B.S. combined . . . The church had family Christmas Tea followed by a Christmas Family Service. . . Youth Group visited elderly people in their homes with gifts and sang carols.

WELCOME TO ASSOCIATE

(SOUTH PERTH-KELMSCOTT, W.A., J. K. Bond, H. Jones). Associate minister, Harold Jones, Mrs. Jones and children, were welcomed by the congregations of South Perth and Kelmscott. Mr. Jones commenced his ministry on Dec. 7. J. K. Bond is now concentrating at South Perth. Both churches continue to be administered by the Board of Officers of South Perth, although Kelmscott has a local Board of Management which brings recommendations to the officers. Recent visiting speakers have included George Jones, Vincent Tan, Roy Ray-

SIX IN TRAINING

(DARETON, Vic. Conf., M. J. Drake). The minister is conducting a training class in discipleship for a group of six young people . . . A visit by three men from the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., culminated in a gospel service with Ted Keating at which a young lady made a commitment of faith . . . The B.S. conducted a social and a parents' display. At a barbecue tea 75 heard an outline of the proposed programme for 1970. . . Two local Aboriginal folk with their baby were featured in a locally produced television programme, written by a local minister and which featured the Christmas story in modern form . . . The Christmas Communion service was combined with Methodists and Presbyterians and led by Keith Fechner, a local member studying at C.O.B. Our minister was the speaker. Over \$50 was received for the Christmas Bowl.

CASTLEMAINE'S 99th

(Vic., J. Byrnes). Dr. E. R. Killmer was guest speaker at the 99th church anniversary. Harcourt shared in both services . . . The Young People's Fellowship is supporting Sam Bee, a native pastor in the New Hebrides . . . Mrs. Ball is home from hospital after major surgery . . . At a B.S. concert children brought gifts to a Christmas Tree. They will be used by "Uncle Charlie" in hospital visitation . . . R. Kuhle has been elected treasurer in place of Mr. Mark Mr. Johnston gave valuable assistance as acting treasurer.

MINISTRY EXPECTANCY

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic.). The new manse is almost completed. The church is prayerfully looking forward to the commencement of Mr. and Mrs. McMurtrie's and Miss Pitt's ministry . . . Endeavourers, Good Companions and Explorers combined to entertain Grades

mond and Ken Bond . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale Agnew, Graham, Mark and Lynne left for Brisbane where Mr. Agnew has taken up a new appointment. They will be greatly missed in fellowship and leadership. Mrs. Stan Dean and Mrs. Rupert Chessell are recovering from illnesses. George Wilson died recently . . . Slides and tapes from the George Wood family in U.S.A. were featured recently. . . Fed. Conf. Pres. S. R. Beck and Mrs. Beck visited church in Dec. Dr. and Mrs. Horner, from Kelmscott, are spending a month in India.

5 and 6 from the Children's Home on two Sunday afternoons. The children stayed on to share our evening programme and contributed musical items. . . A. E. White was speaker at S.S. anniversary. An intermediate scholar made her decision. The B.S. is preparing to change over to new teaching material . . . J. Timms of Peel St., was speaker at a combined Christmas service. \$94.50 was given to the Bowl of Remembrance Appeal.

BLACK & WHITE SUCCESS

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). A "Black and White Minstrel Show" sponsored by C.M.F., had a packed audience. Financial response of \$120 was worthy of the amount of effort put into the show by A. Haskell and L. Firth. Men also gave an afternoon Christmas treat for all "over 70's" when gifts of Christmas cake was made to those present and those on sick list . . . C.Y.F. presented a Christmas Pageant, "The Littlest Martyr" . . . Favourite Carols and history of Christmas traditions were featured on Dec. 21. On Christmas Day there was a combined service at Williamstown Baptist Church . . . G. Aldersley, L. Firth and R. Haden have been recent speakers.

INTERIM CONCLUDED

(BORONIA, Vic.). A. R. Lloyd concluded a 12-month interim ministry on Dec. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd's stay was greatly appreciated, 18 new members were gained in the period . . . The church is now looking forward to coming of D. R. Otafsen . . . The film "The Hungry Ones" was screened and emphasis placed on Christmas Bowl offering which reached over \$200 on Dec. 28 with more to come . . . Explorer Club concluded the year with a parents' and boys' outing. They were Zone champions for all-round activities.

NSW & Qld.

AUXILIARY AT "FAIRHAVEN"

(MARYBOROUGH, Qld., T. H. Ede). A Women's Auxiliary has been formed at our "Fairhaven" Aged People's Home. It will commence to function in 1970 with visitation of the ladies once a week to see the older folk, also to counsel them . . . Louis Van Larr, of Hervey Bay, was married in Mackay to Miss M. Grace . . . 17 Young Adults accompanied by R. Sansome from the Rockhampton church, spent an exchange week-end with our young people.

STUDENTS AT CHURCH

(Kingsford, N.S.W., R. B. Ewers). An average of 25 students from the Univ. of N.S.W. share in fellowship morning and evening. Students have participated in several services . . . There have been eight baptisms in the past two months. . . At Missionary Convention, Paul Chang of C.N.E.C., was one of the speakers. A missionary project is the purchase of a 50 h.p. diesel engine for the sawmill in New Guinea . . . Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Hinds and Mr. Murray are all ill. Mrs. C. Weedon and daughter are leaving the district, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Love are going to Canada.

LOSS OF MINISTER

(REDCLIFFE, Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Meares were farewelled on leaving to commence a ministry at Broken Hill. The C.W.F. presented Mrs. Meares with a coffee table . . . The C.W.F. also held an evening to support the organ fund. Mrs. Jessie Rankin and Mr. Pilt showed slides and movies of Tasmania and Japan, respectively. There was a surprise installing of a Yamaha electronic organ. Mr. Pilt called on Mrs. Machin, who has been organist for 13 years, to unvell it. Mrs. Ford, from Brisbane, gave a recital with proceeds amounting to \$47 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Powell, of India, paid a visit recently with Rex Ellis to feature the Indian mission field . . . Mr. and Mrs. Collin Ifee, from Austral., have come to reside here . . . Seven took part in a testimony evening with supporting Christian music. Mrs. Pilt gave a stirring message. She has had months of illness but can again speak effectively . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Sara will commence a ministry here in January. Mr. Sara is a student at Kenmore College.

WEEK FOR YOUTH

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). A special week's programme for Youth was held Nov. 30 to Dec. 7. Features included the young people conducting a gospel service, and the Peacemakers conducted a Youth Crusade from the 2nd to the 6th. Nine responded to the invitation. On the 7th, a young lady was baptized by Mr. Oldfield. Guest speaker was J. Hirt of the Youth Crusaders and items were presented by Peacemakers Songsters . . . The C.W.F. entertained the folk of "Bingley Hall" on Dec. 3.

HOTELS STAY SHUT SUNDAYS

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Church members, directed by Aid. J. Dickson, shared in the referendum campaign against the opening of hotels on Sunday, in a referendum on Nov. 29. This municipality voted 2 to 1 against the proposal . . . Recent torrential rain flooded the education centre to a depth of 8". Water also entered the church, and the organ was damaged. 30 volunteers worked hard to get ready for services . . . H. Cairns has donated a lovely hymn board in memory of his wife . . . Garry Towle, student minister for 1969, was farewelled as he takes up his first full-time ministry. David Forrest has been welcomed in his place . . . TC9N videotaped part of musical programme for "Crusade for a Christian Christmas" for later telecast.

CHANGE OF TIME

(Qld.). The Sunday morning worship service of the Hervey Bay church, Qld., now commences at 9.30 a.m. The evening service remains unchanged at 7 p.m.

TOOWOOMBA'S LOSS

(Qld., Dr. A. C. Caldwell). At the Christian Men's Society combined Christmas social evening Mr. and Mrs. Keith Paton were farewelled on moving to Rockhampton. Keith has been a youth leader, Deputy B.S. Supt. at Harlaxton, B.S. Supt. at Crown St., youth leader and church secretary at Margaret St. Ruth has also served in many ways especially in the women's work and as Auditor and C.E. leader . . . At the Myio Ladies' Committee annual Christmas party for the guests, children of the members gave the programme. Lois Finger, just returned from the New Hebrides, brought a greeting from her parents Ial and Mary Finger . . . Recent speakers have been Rex Ellis, Howard Earle, Dick Powell and Alex Surtees . . . Arthur Thorrowgood is acting secretary.

MANSE IN TWO YEARS

(Roma, Qld., D. H. Paddon). The annual meeting decided to commence a project to build a new manse within two years. A church constitution recommended by the Board of Elders and Deacons, was considered but final consideration of it was postponed to a special meeting on the following week when the constitution was accepted by the church with some modifications. The following were elected: Secretary, W. McDougall; Treas., A. Waldron; Elders, A. Cooke, E. R. Butler, A. Waldron; B.S. Supt., Peter Clow . . . The church Talent Fund returned over \$570 which has been allocated to the new project to build a manse . . . The B.S. teachers have been meeting at a special B.S. teachers' prayer meeting at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning . . . During holidays Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m.

FATAL ACCIDENT

(WAGGA WAGGA, N.S.W., P. French). Deep sorrow has been experienced at the sudden death of Barry Pratt in a shooting accident. C.Y.F. members acted as pall-bearers and students from Mt. Austin High School formed a guard of honour outside church building . . . Visitors have included Chaplain and Mrs. Denby Holmes—home from Malaya—and Chaplain and Mrs. Tippett and family now stationed at Kapooka Army Camp. . . A recent guest speaker for C.Y.F. was Jay Baek (minister at Dapto church). A programme was presented by the young people on two nights.



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TAX DEDUCTIBLE DEDUCTIONS

To the Editor,

I recommend that all receipt forms for charitable donations that are allowable tax deductions should have it clearly stated on the form that the donations are properly deductible for income tax purposes.

In my opinion this knowledge would have a twofold effect, namely:

1. The donor would know that he could claim a tax deduction.

2. The intimidation would probably be an inducement to would be donors to make a contribution to some worthy but probably struggling cause.

I hope that this suggestion will have a beneficial effect on some very worthy brotherhood funds.

—Y. M. Middleton (N.S.W.)

NO TRUTH MONOPOLY

To the Editor,

In a recent "A.C." there is an advertisement headed "Truth or Error." It lists a number of books against what are called "Cults." I have read none of them but anyone who learns all they know about these movements from such books will be wrong in facts. This for two reasons. Firstly, none of us can write about a movement we oppose and be impartial. Secondly, and more important, they themselves change.

I guess with God, in things of the

spirit, it does not matter so much what you were as what you are and even more where you are going.

I recently attended a funeral service taken by one of these "wayout" groups. I felt the whole service was Christian, scriptural, and vibrant with Christian hope.

An ex-Methodist minister was amazed when I told him afterwards that the service was taken by a leader of this so-called "cult."

Because of family connections my wife and I went to the home afterwards. We both found their attitude to death and to each other completely Christian. I came away with two convictions:

Many of these good people had found an experience of God through Jesus Christ. Then because of this experience they were changed people.

This led me to pen what I feel is a much needed warning. If you learn all you know about any movement from its enemies you will be wrong in your facts. This no Christian can afford to be.

—Frank Griffiths (W.A.)

ABORTION

To the Editor,

I would like to commend heartily and comment on the article of Dr. G. J. Hall ("A.C." 1/11/69). To the three ways of controlling population increase mentioned by Dr. Hall, I would suggest a fourth—namely infanticide. This method was practised by various pagan cultures contemporary with the early Christian Church, and it is to the lasting credit of the early Christians that they de-

nounced this practice because they perceived of the new-born infant as a human being.

This observation is not altogether irrelevant to the present Abortion debate, for at least two reasons. Firstly, many Abortion Law "reformers" see nothing morally wrong in induced abortion for social or economic reasons because they "do not perceive of the human foetus as a personality." Secondly, at a recent seminar at Adelaide University, a senior lecturer in Sociology stated that he personally would have no moral qualms in supporting infanticide if other methods failed to control the present population explosion—although he admitted that he would not want to be involved personally, as he had four children, and he loved all little children.

Our perception is largely, but not entirely, a matter of conditioning. The late Archbishop William Temple was asked at a University mission, "Is it not true that you believe what you believe because of the way you were brought up?" To which the Archbishop unerringly replied, "And is it not also true that you do not believe that I believe what I believe because of the way you were brought up?" However, that perception is not wholly a matter of conditioning is supported by the fact that the Chairman of the Human Life Research Foundation (S.A. branch), a senior lecturer at Flinders University, is an agnostic. This Foundation "regards the safeguarding of the right to life as crucial" in the Abortion Debate.

It would appear that there are non-Christians who have a clearer insight into moral values than some Protestant Christians whose vocal expressions reflect woolly and ill-informed thought on this important matter.

—(Dr.) Keith Crowley (S.A.)

VIETNAM

To the Editor,

About four years ago, I, with other ministers, sold a magazine called "American atrocities in Vietnam." I remember the experience vividly, the reaction of respectable citizens frightened and deterred me. I was sick when I got home, I never wanted to be in a protest again.

The most disappointing reaction came from the church. Many there were horrified at the undignified spectacle of a minister selling "Communist propaganda." Others tried to show us the error of our ways, how we were just Communist dupes. Some of the group found that their church's attitude changed towards them and they could no longer minister to their people.

Others, the more "liberal minded," laughed at these "angry young men," and while "agreeing in principle" would tell us "you go too far, you're too extreme."

The brotherhood did make an effort, it passed a few motions at Conference and even put an ad. in the paper. We knew that these motions cost us nothing, they were a job to the noisily minority; an insurance policy to come good in 50 years' time when we can point back to the records and say proudly, "There! see how the Church stood out against the Vietnam war."

I write because My Lal was mas-

sacred so brutally. I write to say I told you so, but not out of any sense of self-righteousness, "I was right all along" attitude, but out of a deep sense of guilt, of despair, and wish I had been wrong. My Lal stands as a judgment on our timidity, our cowardice; it judged me because I gave up trying and allowed myself to be intimidated because I was not prepared to pay the price of being a fool for Christ's sake. It judges those silent people who disapproved of the war but were not prepared to break any laws. My Lal says to them, "What price lawfulness?" To those offended by the indignity of protesting parsons My Lal says, "Do my corpses look dignified enough for you?" To those liberal-minded people who urged "caution," My Lal asks, "How far can you let caution and tolerance go before you explode into anger?" To the whole impotent, irrelevant lot of us, My Lal is the millstone around our necks with which we will now stand before God.

It is now late and perhaps too late to do anything. I believe that shortly the whole tide of public opinion will swing against our involvement in Vietnam, soon it will not involve any risk to stand against this war. Would it be asking the brotherhood too much at this stage to get on the bandwagon and take a cautious risk or two? I would like to see the Executive send a letter to every one of our ministers and church schools and youth leaders urging them to use whatever influence they have to persuade our church youth to defy the National Service Act and refuse to register.

I would like to see our church take the lead in organising a combined service of mourning and repentance in one of the city churches to be held as soon as possible. I would like to see our leaders organise a full-scale demonstration with all our members joining in.

—Phillip Andrews (Vic.)

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LITTLE SONGS ABOUT GOD

To the Editor,

I can never think of what to say until it is too late when some smart Alec criticises my Christianity. On the way to church on Sunday I leaned on the fence of my neighbour to admire his bulbs. He said, "Do you really think God wants people to go to that odd looking building with slits for windows to sing little songs about him?" He made going to church seem so ridiculous that I was dumb-founded for something to say, and nearly went home again convinced!

Then I thought to myself, "Anything can be made to look ridiculous by defining it." A kiss is wiping faces with someone. Your wife is a glutinous mass. A violin master is "scraping a horse's tail across the guts of a dead cat."

Then I knew what I should have said to him. I should have said, "That building for all of its architectural oddity is where people go to stand up and be counted for God and love and truth and decency and responsibility. And even if they are not doing very well at it, at least they are witnessing to its importance rather than sinking with the rest into the larger indifference. In that building people get and give help to each other. They start to have a God's-eye view of things, and to see what is important. They get a vision of what God and they can do together in the world. And the 'little songs they sing to God' often demand that they give their lives to God and man in service in a dirty world. Some of them invite God to take over their lives *holus bolus*. Some of them say such big things about God and Christ and the Church, that the singers go into the world with assurance and confidence that what they stand for will be round a long time after what the world thinks important is dust and ashes."

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WELCOME TO NEW MINISTER

(ADELAIDE, S.A.). Strongly supported and enthusiastic welcome meetings greeted Harold M. Long and family as they commenced with Grote St. church. Following a public welcome on Dec. 6 when W. Philip and Mrs. I. Saunders represented the State Conference, an impressive induction service was led by Sir Philip Messent on the Sunday morning. H. M. Long's addresses morning and evening built up an eager anticipation of rich blessing to come.

FOR JOINT WORKING GROUP

The Executive Committee of the A.C.C. has nominated 13 churchmen to represent it on the Joint Working Group of the A.C.C. and the Roman Catholic Church to deal with questions of ecumenical relations and theological understanding.

Members nominated for the next meeting, in May, 1970, by the A.C.C. Executive are:

Dr. Frank Woods (Anglican) co-chairman; the Rev. Principal G. L. Barnes (Congregational), the Rev. Father M. J. Chryssavlis (Greek Orthodox); the Rev. F. C. Cuttriss (Anglican); the Rev. F. G. Engel (Presbyterian); the Rev. Dr. A. W. Loy (Methodist); the Rev. Professor Crawford Miller (Presbyterian); the Rev. Dr. Leon Morris (Anglican); the Rev. Dr. E. F. Osborn (Methodist); the Rev. James Peter (Presbyterian); Principal A. W. Stephenson (Churches of Christ); the Rev. Dr. M. M. Thomas (Anglican); and the Rev. Dr. D'Arcy Wood (Methodist), secretary.

"LET'S FACE IT" (A.B.C.)

The minister of the church at Hobart, Tas., Lloyd Cooke, will speak on the "Let's Face It" session at 8 a.m. on A.B.C. Radio, Sunday, Jan. 25. Mr. Cooke is also to be heard in "Facing the Week" on A.B.C. Radio on Monday, Jan. 26, at 6.25 a.m., all States.

ALBANY CRUSADE

(W.A.). There was an inspiring start to the Gaunson Crusade with overflow meetings on Jan. 18. There were four decisions. E. B. Clapp is minister.

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
FEB. 15-MARCH 3:
Deputation in W.A. by Mrs. Keith Lindgater, W.A. Women's Auxiliary Overseas Mission Living Link.

Mid-FEB.:
Morning Tea for Mr. and Mrs. John Main and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ryall en route from India, in the Christian Centre.

QUEENSLAND
JANUARY:
30 Expo '70—Youth Conference, "Camp Cal."

VICTORIA
JANUARY:
31 Teens' Camp Re-union.

FEBRUARY
2 Group Companions' Dinner—Brotherhood Centre.
7 Bankia Camp Re-union.

NORTH SOUTH WALLS
FEBRUARY:
6 State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, City Temple, 11 a.m.
24 1970 Session begins, Woolwich College.

Christian Gives First Aid . . .

Richard J. Davies, of the Church of Christ, Peel Street, Ballarat, and a training officer with the Ballarat Regional Civil Defence Organisation, was recently nominated by the City Council for a special ambulance and first aid service course.

The one-week training course was conducted at the Civil Defence School at Mt. Macedon.

Ballarat Radio 3BA gave him the "Man of the Day" award in recognition of his work to first aid.

A Victorian Railways employee, Mr. Davies has been actively involved with a railways first aid team and with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He volunteers one night each week to travel in a Ballarat ambulance assisting the driver. His railways first aid team represented Victoria in a Commonwealth Railway First Aid Championship.

Mr. Davies is the Prayer Convener of our church meeting at Peel Street, and a regular President at the Lord's Table.

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FACT & FAITH CHANGE

Fact and Faith Films and Challenge Films in Victoria will be available from a new location from January 20, 1970.

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BEXLEY NORTH FAREWELL

(N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammer were farewelled on Jan. 4 on leaving for South Australia. Our new interim minister is J. Regouby from the U.S.A. Former ministers E. Hart (Qld.), and R. Saunders (S.A.) were recent visitors . . . Kevin King, son of Mr. and Mrs. King of Carnarvon, is in hospital in Sydney suffering from concussion.

FIRST IN TASMANIA

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Mark Cleaver is the first Tasmanian boy to win the Queen's Badge, the highest award in the Boys' Brigade. At a full parade of B.B. Sections 1, 2 and 3, 14 boys received certificates to pass into Section 2 . . . Young people sang carols at "Meercoff's" Home for the Aged . . . A family service was held on Christmas Day. Items were given by young people and family groups.

ASHWOOD HOUSE STUDY

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The Christmas Day service at 8.30 a.m. was conducted by the minister, D. Oldfield, and the soloist was G. Cantlay. Extra seating was required. The usual "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering was received which is being set aside to assist the Ashwood House Ladies' Committee to provide floor covering in one of the rooms. Total to hand is \$157.32 . . . Recent speakers have been Ron Bartholomew, J. V. Ellerby, R. Stocks and P. Griffiths . . . A young lady was baptised on Dec. 21.

ENGADINE'S FULL MINISTRY

(N.S.W., G. Warne). As we enter the first full year of Mr. Warne's ministry, we look forward to the programme he has planned—the "Sound of 70" services. These aim to contact all those associated with the church and to cultivate them through attractive monthly "guest style" services. We appreciate prayer support for this outreach . . . The church had a special film, "Christians in Hong Kong," and a special carol service with our own choir and guest artist, Jan McKurdy. On Christmas Eve, B.S. scholars and teachers went carol singing through the streets of Engadine from the back of a truck.

DAVID VERCO ILL

(NORTH TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., R. Smith). The prayers of the brotherhood are sought for our loved elder and chairman, David J. A. Verco, in Hornsby Hospital under intensive care, following a recent heart attack . . . The B.S. Supt. presided at a morning worship service when scholars from each department were invited, during the service, to place a gift at the base of a large Christmas Tree in the chapel. Items were rendered by the scholars. The gifts will be given to children less fortunate than our own . . . The "Gospel Helms" led the gospel service on Dec. 14, with emphasis on singing and a gospel address. One lad indicated his desire to follow his Lord and Saviour . . . The church negotiated the purchase of a house on a double block immediately adjoining the chapel . . . A. W. Stephenson, in conjunction with a student minister, will conduct an interim ministry in 1970.

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WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. A. H. Walkington presided at the December meeting. Mrs. F. Newcombe led in prayer of intercession.

77 ladies represented 22 C.W.F.'s. A special welcome was extended to Mrs. Mills, N.S.W.; Mrs. Streeton, Lake Grace; and Mrs. A. D. Pyne, recently returned from overseas.

The Village Fair recently held at Carnyna resulted in \$851.49 being raised for Joondanna Guest Home.

The Pres.-elect, Mrs. G. A. Ewers, presented the dates for special functions to be held in the 1970 Conference Year.

After 50 years of continuous ministry to the patients in Woolooloo Hospital, the

door will definitely be closed in Jan., 1970. One door closes and two open. Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Annex will now be visited by our women.

Aborigines' Missions: The Supt., Mrs. J. L. Fallot, reminded ladies that hospitality for the Aboriginal children on vacation in the city during January would be appreciated. Also visits to the churches arranged.

The meditation: "This is Christmas," from the Aust. C.W.F. handbook, was presented by Mrs. Walkington and members of the Executive.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

15 ADDED IN MONTH

(Launceston, Tas., L. G. Read). There were 13 baptisms at morning service on Nov. 30, bringing total for month to 15. . . . Recent speakers have included Jim Ward (Devonport) who also showed slides of work party to New Guinea Mission field, and Dr. Neil Burn (U.S.A.).

. . . The Girls' Brigade has increased membership and attendances. The brigade paraded on Nov. 30, when efficiency awards were presented . . . The church deeply regrets removal of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Orr and family to Ulverstone early in New Year . . . C.W.F. Afternoon Group have paid \$215 off new manse frig. and have increased allocations to all causes supported by them. At C.W.F. Evening Group Christmas break-up, members brought toothpaste for Bethany boys.

OFF TO NEW HEBRIDES

(MANDURAH, W.A., Ron Cook). The church farewelled Alex McKay en route to the New Hebrides as marine mechanic. Our loss, as helper to our young people, will be their gain . . . We report the death of Arthur Whisson. Sympathy is offered to his loved ones. Mrs. Whisson still meets with the church . . . Mr. Pearce and Mr. McEwen have passed the 91 year mark. A morning tea to celebrate these and other milestones was held at the Livingstone Home . . . Mr. Cook visits Karnet Prison Farm regularly. He is holding regular meetings with a promising young group.

INDUCTED AT KILBURN

(S.A., Barry Heath). On Jan. 4, Barry Heath, ordained last year at C.O.B. Ordination Service, was inducted into the ministry at Kilburn by his father, W. N. Heath, Immediate Past President of S.A. Conf.

THESE FEATURES
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NEXT ISSUE:

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EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS

(MORAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). The Applin family gained several prizes at Eisteddfod in Perth with band instrumental items, then took part in programme of Aborigine Christmas Tree. . . . John Brighton, of J.E.W., showed slides and film . . . Former Morowa school teacher Kevin Davis and family visited us recently and told of their work in Alco Island. His brother, Brian, is meeting with us now . . . Mrs. Hefer is C.W.F. Pres., Mrs. R. Carslake is Sec. . . . Final Friendship meeting in Dec. was a garden party at home of G. Barr. . . . A. D. Pyne addressed the church on his recent overseas tour as Fraternal delegate . . . A married woman was baptized after making her decision for Christ.

FOR THE BOWL

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., Walter Bartlett). Communion service was held at 9 a.m. Christmas morning. Offering for Bowl of Remembrance was \$122.80. . . . Mr. Pearce, from Croynon, has been assisting the gospel service with tape recorded music . . . Members of the Hospital Committee distributed gifts and floral arrangements to patients in the Adelaide Hospital prior to Christmas . . . Mr. and Mrs. Graham White and family are on a cruise to Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Raymond have arrived in New York where they have attended Park Ave. Christian Church.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS

(MAIDSTONE, Vic., David White). We have welcomed four new members into the church . . . Christmas programmes included a family Christmas Party, S.S. Christmas Party and B.S. Party . . . 24 klumpers led by David White completed Walkathon to Werribee—16 miles!

G.R.S. AT ANNIVERSARY

(Belmont, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). The 29th church anniversary services were held Nov. 9. G. R. Stirling was guest speaker . . . At the annual meeting, J. Foster and D. Hoading were elected as new deacons. G. R. Fleet replaces A. Tinker as Secretary. The church rejected a proposal to hold communion service at 10 a.m. to be followed by B.S. Membership static at 127 despite 10 additions by faith and baptism . . . Officers heard has decided to give 12-month trial to the committee system . . . Junior cricket team won its first game after one-and-a-half seasons in competition.

SUCCESSFUL FETES

(FREMANTLE - HILTON, W.A., F. Ross). Very successful "fetes" were held by both C.W.F. groups, \$240 being taken at Fremantle and \$191 at Hilton . . . Don Sonsee is on vacation from C.O.B. after his first year there . . . Wayne Burns has graduated from Perth Bible Institute. He gave the address at a gospel service . . . The Boys' Brigade held its Display Night on Dec. 6 . . . Michael Jackson (formerly Fremantle B.S. Sec) has left for Canberra to work in the Patents Office. His grandfather, Mr. Cheney (Blackwood, S.A.) is meeting with us while on a holiday.

PARENT DEDICATION

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., C. G. Dredge). A parent dedication service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Dredge, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark. Mr. Simpson gave the charge to the parents and church . . . At last mid-week meeting for 1969 opportunity was taken to make a small presentation to Mr. Dredge to mark his work with the group during his four years of ministry . . . Young people presented a Christmas service with Margaret Chinnick as soloist and with messages from Dianne Wilkinson and Lindsay Mase.

J. DOW INDUCTED

(BALAKLAVA, S.A.). On Dec. 7, James Dow was inducted as minister by Will J. Philp, President of State Conf. An official welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Dow at an after-church fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Dow invited members to an afternoon at the manse . . . At the conclusion of a one-year ministry, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker were farewelled. A gift of travelling rug and case was made in appreciation. Just prior to leaving, Mrs. Baker gave an organ recital. Offering received from this effort was given to the fund to support Hariba Waghamode, Indla. . . . C.W.F. entertained Senior Citizens to a Christmas break-up.

FIVE BAPTIZED

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., C. G. Dredge). A baptismal service was held for four teenagers and a young married woman. They were David Munro, Peter Rodda, Susan and Vield Wright, and Mrs. Pat Clark. Mr. Dredge was assisted by Lloyd Simpson. Robin Frost was soloist.

FAITH FOR SHARING

(WHYALLA, S.A., A. D. Sander). An engaged couple came to their decision for Christ six days before their marriage. . . . Four young people were baptised and received into membership . . . At their "Christmas Bonanza" the ladies' evening fellowship donated \$70 to go toward our State representative in Malaysia for the Girls' Brigade, Lt. Joan Stewart . . . Young people visited Pt. Pirie church for a camp reunion . . . A. R. Jones paid us a Social Service visit and showed slides.

NEW NAME

(WINDSOR GARDENS, S.A., K. D. Home). The church has completed a stewardship campaign led by the minister. Our active membership is 100, and the offerings average \$90 per week. The Temple Day offering was \$253. The manse is nearly completed and R. Y. Brand will move in to the new ministry in Feb., 1970. The Director of H.M. will be working with Mr. Brand at some points of pastoral concern. The one Board of Officers will control the programme and the church will be known as "Windsor Gardens-Tea Tree Gully" and will be conducted as an area ministry. We are thankful to the H.M. Dept. for their support in this venture.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

In December, 164 ladies, including 130 delegates, shared our Christmas meeting. Mrs. Saunders welcomed visitors, with a special welcome to Mrs. H. Long. Mr. and Mrs. Long are commencing a ministry at Grote St. church. Hospital Committee was delighted with the many gifts given by the ladies to be distributed in hospitals. Special thanks to all concerned, and to those who made Christmas cakes for our isolated members.

Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby was elected to the position of 1st. Vice-President. Mrs.

MINISTRY CONCLUDED

(NARACOORTE, S.A., A. G. Leane). A. G. Leane concluded his ministry on Jan. 11 after serving for four years, and has moved to Carlingbah, N.S.W. . . . Two young men, Haydn Francis and Steven Kitto have been accepted into Kenmore and Woolwich Bible Colleges for training in 1970. . . . A youth rally was conducted with Keith Chessel as guest speaker, and items by John Tabl, a New Hebridean serving his mechanic apprenticeship in Naracoorte. . . . A local Church Mutual Fund has been inaugurated.

30th ANNIVERSARY

(WEMBLEY, W.A.). An anniversary buffet style tea was well attended, followed by a concert presented by the auxiliaries. W. S. Gausson from the Northam church and T. Morrison preached at Sunday anniversary services. Pro. D. B. Allbrook from the Medical School, spoke on "Anatomy and Evolution" at a men's tea attended by men from other churches. . . . One of our living links, Miss M. Britza, home on furlough, brought greetings from the Bornean Christians. Hugh and Roberta Varnes (nee Park) are home from Peru on furlough. . . . S.S. organised a successful Walkathon at Perry Lakes in support of the youth project. . . . Miss Britza and Mrs. Varnes told the ladies' fellowship of their experiences. . . . D. Mills, a Woolwich student, has been conducting a short interim ministry.

YOUNG PEOPLE JOIN

(VICTOR HARBOR, S.A., T. Lawrie). Two more young people were baptised recently. At this service Mr. Lawrie was assisted by some of the young people. . . . The ladies also had a very enjoyable social evening as they celebrated the closing of the Women's Fellowship meetings for the year. . . . The church is grateful to members who addressed meetings during Mr. Lawrie's absence.

DUPLICATOR PRESENTED

(FULLARTON, S.A., N. Gavros). In December, the C.W.F. arranged a musical Christmas Family Night when they presented a new duplicator, valued at \$240, to the church. This was received by church secretary, D. Chigwidden. . . . B.S. recently gave \$100 to Overseas Missions Board for support of a child in India. B.S. had ten and church parade when they received gifts as a result of "Space Race" competition. . . . H. Gaggins was guest soloist at final guest service. . . . Sympathy of the church is expressed to Mr. Gavros in the death of his mother.

Sutton delighted with a beautiful solo.

The devotional session commenced with an unusual pageant presented by members of the Executive, entitled "Christmas Encounters," in which the age-old story of the coming of the Wise Men brought again to our minds "that in the fulness of time—Christ came." The closing words of the pageant are: "In encounter we meet those who loved him, hated him, heard him, sought him, found him." A cross section of men and women found anywhere in any age.

Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Simpson led the closing devotional. —L. Watson, Asst. Sec.

SOUTH AFRICAN BAPTISTS WITHDRAW FROM COUNCIL

(Durban). The Baptist Union of South Africa decided to withdraw from the South African Council of Churches.

"Over the past decade, differences with the Council's liberal stance have increased to the point of incompatibility," the union's press representative said. "Full identification with this body had become so embarrassing that the Assembly decided by a large majority to disassociate itself from the Council."

In his president's address, Donald Macpherson referred to Christians' responsibilities in a multiracial society, saying, "The church's primary task is to seek the conversion of men to the will of God so that in their spheres of influence in national life they will exercise a moral force that exposes injustice and social evil and creates an atmosphere in which these can and must be challenged."

"It is through the redeemed community, not the high-sounding resolutions passed by church courts, that the conditions of a renewed and reformed society will be met," the president added. —E.P.S.

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OBITUARY

Violet Ann MAIN

On Oct. 29 a long life of almost 93 years came to a peaceful close when Violet Ann Main died. Her early life was spent in the Malmesbury-Kyneton districts of Victoria, and in her late teens came into the Christian life under the itinerant preaching of Stephen Cheek. At the age of 23 she went to W.A., living at Boulder City in the Eastern Goldfields. Here she met and married at the age of 25, Andrew Main (brother of Principal A. R. Main) in the private home of Mr. Somerville. The ceremony was conducted by Harry J. Banks in 1903. For a number of years, she and her husband served the church and B.S. in a struggling cause, and at the closing down of the services, went to join the nearby work at Kalgoorlie, remaining there till 1921. Most of her later life was spent in the Basensden church, except for a short time when she and her husband lived at Wembley, and became foundation members of that church in 1939. It was Mrs. Main who was given the honour of turning the key to the new building. Then came the return to Basensden where Andrew Main died at the age of 83. In the last few years of her life, Mrs. Main was confined to nursing homes, but for over 70 years she was a faithful witness at church meetings, and served her Lord humbly and lovingly. She was of a retiring disposition, preferring to take the lesser place, but nevertheless, firm and unswerving in her Christian faith. To her loved ones is offered the sure and certain hope of her eternal security in the Lord.—S.J.H.

Frederick Charles BROWN

We remember him for his perseverance, especially in regard to God's work. Born in Murwillumbah, N.S.W., in 1893, he spent practically all his life in the district. He received schooling at Murwillumbah and at 18 gave his life to Christ. Most of his working life was spent at Tyalgum in the sawmill business. In 1940 he worked in a local joinery. The last 10 years of his life were spent in active retirement. His aim was always to make Christianity practical. He is honoured for his persistent faith and deep loyalty. He was the "backbone" of the Tyalgum church during its many years without a full-time minister. For 50 years he was secretary of the church. Mr. Brown could see the special value of young lives. He was both teacher and Supt. of the S.S. In 1927 he was married and together with his wife the seed of God's Word was planted in many hearts. After moving to Murwillumbah he served for many years, some as elder. We thank God for every remembrance of him.—E.S.H.

Edith Annie TAYLOR

On Oct. 16, 1969, at hospital, after a long period of indifferent health, this faithful disciple of Christ died at the age of 77. She was the widow of William J. Taylor and served with her husband in his ministries at Semaphore, S.A., Lismore, N.S.W., Launceston, Tas., and Kudina, Long Plains, and Mallaia, S.A. Her early years were spent in the Hindmarsh church where her beautiful soprano voice strengthened the choir and provided solo messages for the social services. For the past six years she occupied a unit in the Christian Rest Home, Everard Park, S.A., and was in membership with the Forestville church. The minister of the church, J. A. Luff, conducted the funeral services in the chapel and at the graveside, Centennial Park. Much sympathy is felt for the sons, Max, of Melbourne, and Ray, of Adelaide. —H.R.T.

Bertie James COMBRIDGE

Born at Meredith (Vic.) in 1898, of Christian parents, Bert Combridge was early introduced to Christ and things Christian, and committed himself to Christ at the age of 12 years.

B. J. Combridge early felt the call to preach and for nine months prior to entering the College of the Bible in 1917 to train for the ministry. He served in the Swan Hill district under the H.M. Committee. After graduating from college in 1920 he ministered to the churches at Ararat, Warracknabeal, Surrey Hills, Colac, Bendigo, Preston and Kaniva. In 1950, he was called to the D.pt. of Home Missions & Evangelism as secretary. He served in this position until his retirement in 1962. His vital and valued contribution in this office and his impassioned appeals at Conference in the interests of the work which he believed was basic to all brotherhood development and advancement bore, and will continue to bear, rich fruit.

Bert Combridge's ministry was characterised by strong personal leadership, strength of character, insight to perceive the implications of actions and positions, wisdom, tolerance and grace. His wife quietly graced his ministry to the churches. All who knew and worked with them could not but hold them in the highest regard for their Christian qualities and personal helpfulness.

Mr. Combridge was a devoted servant of the brotherhood. He was ready to spend and be spent for its advancement. No task was too small and none too great. In all he was content to give nothing but his best. He served on the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. as member and chairman, the Advisory Department and the Conference Executive. His interests extended beyond his own State to the Federal sphere. He was one of the architects and bridge builders in the formation of the Vic.-Tas. Conference. He was in large measure responsible for the formation of the annual consultation of Interstate Home Mission secretaries. He was always positive, scrupulously fair, objective and big in mind and outlook. His programme training booklet, "Deeds for Development," and his history of Home Missions, "They Carried a Torch," will be memorials to his statesmanship, vision, service and his concern for and love of the brotherhood. The esteem, confidence and appreciation of the brotherhood, which he served so well, were revealed in that two of its highest privileges were conferred on him. In 1943 he was invited to preach the Conference sermon and in 1947 he was elected President of Conference.

A love for and a knowledge of the written word of God were characteristic of "B.J.," as he was affectionately referred to by many. He knew the scriptures thoroughly and held and proclaimed

George Henry Thomas MILLS

Mr. Mills maintained a faith in God throughout his life. He was born at Diamond Creek, Vic., in 1881 and died on Dec. 3, 1969. The most important time of his life was when he became a Christian and linked up with the Churches of Christ. Over 30 years of his life was spent at Surrey Hills, Vic. In 1951 he moved to Cudgen, N.S.W., where for a few years he worked as banana farmer. After the passing of his wife he moved to Kingscliff. Here Mr. Mills found a group of Christians and it was a joy for him to renew fellowship with those who also loved Jesus Christ. At those meetings he was always willing to help. He was a determined man and always finished the task he had begun. In his final days he left money to further the work of the Church. He had faith to see that the only worthwhile treasure was "treasure in heaven."—E.S.H.



the great truths and doctrines of the faith with firmness and conviction.

He suffered a good deal of illness and pain during the years of his retirement, necessitating frequent hospitalization. During his final visit to the hospital he was informed by the hospital doctor that recovery was impossible. A visitor, knowing that the end was nigh and that Bert was fully aware of this, said to him, "Bert, it's grand to rest in the sure and certain hope of the gospel of Christ." Outlet, and with a conviction born of absolute trust, reliance and confidence, he replied, "It is more than a hope. It's a glorious certainty."

To experience Bert Combridge's friendship was an enrichment of heart and life. He was ever gracious, patient, helpful and ready to give and take.

Many lives and indeed the whole brotherhood are the poorer for the passing of Bert Combridge but, equally truly, those lives, the brotherhood and the world are the better for his having had a place therein. To Mrs. Combridge, their daughter and son-in-law, and all other members of the family, the brotherhood expresses sympathy in their loss.

At the funeral service in the Chelsea church, widely representative of all brotherhood interests, it was fittingly affirmed, "Bert has gone on beyond us, intent upon the great adventure, charting new territory, discovering new truths. He has struck his tent and has marched onward into the glorious presence of our Eternal Father." For which cause we cease not to give thanks. —W. W. Saunders.

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Laurie at Box Hill Hospital on December
17, 1969, a daughter (Jeanine Payne).

MOYES (Vernon).—To Beverley and Gor-
don, of 2 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham,
Vic., a son—Andrew Gordon, on 4/1/70.
A brother for Jenny, Peter and David.

REABY (Fordham).—To Glenys and
Bob, God's gift—Julie Joy, January 17,
1970, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic. Both
well.

WEEDON.—To Alan and Gwen (nee
Lambert), a son—Joel Bruce, born Dec.
8, 1969, at Dalby Maternity Hospital,
6 lbs. 6 ozs. Mother and baby both well.

ENGAGEMENTS

BUTLER - BLENKIRON.—Mr. and Mrs.
Ray Butler, Payneham South, have much
pleasure in announcing the engagement
of their only daughter, Joan Lenore, to
Peter Douglas, only son of Mr. and Mrs.
Ivan Blenkiron, 42 Browning Ave., Plym-
pton Park, S.A.

HAFFENDEN - HOVEY.—Mr. and Mrs.
A. Conlin, of C.L.T.C. Banz, New
Guinea, have much pleasure in announc-
ing the engagement of their daughter,
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sham, Vic., and the late Mr. Ralph
Hovey.

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L. Pietzsch, 17 Flintoff St., Greens-
borough, Vic., announce with pleasure
the engagement of their second daugh-
ter, Glynnie, to David, second son of
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Hall, 1272 Nep-
can Highway, Cheltenham.

MARRIAGE

YOUNG - GASKIN.—The marriage of
Dorothy Young, formerly Tumbay Bay
and C.O.B., to Malcolm Gaskin, 10 New-
ton St., Nallsworth, took place at the
Blackwood Church, S.A., on Jan. 17, 1970.

APPRECIATION

LEE (Teresa).—The sons, Ray, Rod and
family, also her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Mort-
lock, would like to thank relatives and
friends for their kind expressions of
sympathy and floral tributes in their
recent sad bereavement.

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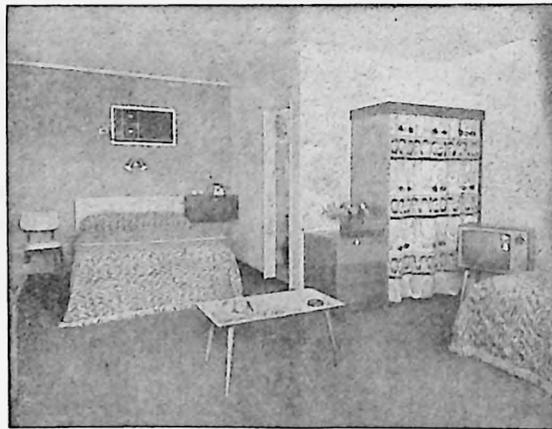
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Adult Christian Education

(Vic.). The widespread interest shown by churches in the adult studies of the Christian Life Curriculum should encourage us all. The Adult Committee of the Dept. of Christian Educ. in Vic-Tas., which has the responsibility of promoting adult work, reports that many churches have formed groups to study "Education for Christian Living." Many of them plan to use the next study, "The Gospel Today."

To give our churches the maximum leadership in using the adult studies, the Adult Committee is working with seven churches, using the first study. The actual study programme of six weeks is preceded by a one-day "Local Training Conference" which is a preparation for the studies. The Conference covers such topics as Group Leadership, Administration of the Programme, How Groups Work, The Scope of the Adult Curriculum, etc. When the study period has concluded, the experience is evaluated. The results of all evaluations should give clear guidance for the shaping of adult work in 1970-71 and beyond. The results from this "dry run" will be made available to all who want to use them.

It would not be premature to report that already certain priorities and patterns relating to adult work are becoming evident; nor should any of these surprise us.

o There is no one pattern of adult work which commends itself to all churches.

o There is need for strong leadership at the administrative level, together with trained, sensitive leadership in the discussion groups.

o The discussions should occasionally result in action. Fortunately, the studies have action built into them. Discussion groups should not be allowed to become merely "intellectual ping-pong."

o Churches value the opportunity of sharing their experiences with others. There is a real need for occasional inter-church conferences on adult work.

o Study programmes should be of definite duration (say six to eight weeks) with clearly stated aims and goals beforehand.

It is good to be able to report some significant progress at the level of Christian education. It has come about because, for the first time, we have readily available, curriculum materials specifically designed for adult use. But what is even more significant, there appears to be a growing concern and conviction about the importance of adult "learning for living."

—R. V. Longthorp, for the Adult Committee.

JOINT A.C.C.-R.C.C. PROJECT

For the first time ever an overseas aid project is being jointly funded by Australian Catholic Relief and the Australian Council of Churches Division of Inter-Church Aid.

Liam O'Dea, an agriculturist from Warwick, Qld., has gone to India as a field officer of "For Those Who Have Less." This organisation, based in Victoria, has a programme of assisting under-developed countries by up-grading livestock through sending high grade Australian cattle and sheep to be bred with the local animals.

Australian Catholic Relief and Inter-Church Aid are jointly meeting the Australian share of the cost of Mr. O'Dea's work in India for a two-year period.

—A.C.C.

AUSTRALIANS IN LAOS

Extension of fighting in southern Laos has led to transfer of an Asian Christian Service refugee service team to the heart of a new battle area.

Two Australians—senior nurse Miss Lois Bartram, from Melbourne, and social worker Miss Arlene Triva, from Brisbane—are in the eight-member team assigned to Seno, about 200 miles south of Vientiane.

The team is one of several A.C.S. teams in Vietnam and adjoining Laos being supported by Australian Inter-Church Aid.

The Seno camp houses 3,000 refugees rendered homeless by Laotian Government troops' capture of the jungle centre of Muong Phine from Pathet Lao guerrilla forces.—A.C.C.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

(From "The Australian Christian," January, 1920)

Einstein Era Begins. Out of the recent eclipse of the sun, described last week at a joint meeting of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society, there has emerged a discovery which requires a new philosophy of the universe. Behind it are the theories of Dr. Albert Einstein, a Swiss Jew, who for some years has been accorded a leading place in the world of science. The "Times" said, "Enough has been done to overthrow the certainty of ages and to require a new philosophy of the universe, a philosophy that will sweep away nearly all that has hitherto been accepted as the axiomatic basis of physical thought."

From the Field (Moreland-Coburg, Vic.). We have started the cause in our new field at Coburg. 50 attended the morning meeting with Bro. Lennex as president and Reg. Ennis as speaker. (Invercargill). We have decided to sell the Bowmont St., chapel, and in spite of the high cost of building materials go on with the erection of a new building in Canon St.

East-West Parcels. The South Australian Sisters' Conf. is collecting magazines, periodicals, and books. These are sorted and packed into parcels and sent to the lonely folk living in the camps along the East-West railway line. The first consignment was sent in Oct. 1919, and this was followed by three more.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"It's no use, we can't get to church! Anyone think to bring our swimming suits?"

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CHANGE AT HORSHAM

(Vic.). R. T. Baxter concluded his ministry on Dec. 21. David Hovey (Woolwich student) is conducting an interim ministry until D. Marr commences in February . . . Peter Hovey is home from mission work in W.A. to enter Tabhee Missionary College (N.S.W.) this year. . . . Jim Spiker will commence at C.O.B., Glen Iris, and will be the eighth young man who has entered a Bible College in the last 12 years from Horsham . . . Recent activities have included S.S. Conference when teachers from district churches met with D.C.E. to learn the new curriculum . . . The youth club held a weekend camp at Rocklands Dam.

PEEL ST. IS 100

(BALLARAT, Vic., J. T. Timms). The church celebrated its centenary in November last. There were capacity congregations morning and evening. Guest speaker at both services was W. W. Saunders, a former minister of the church, and current Sec. of the Vic.-Tas. Conference. Reunions, reminiscences and greetings were shared by approximately 160 at an afternoon gathering and buffet tea in the Ballarat Youth Centre. A report in the Ballarat Courier concluded: "A new sign on the front of the chapel reads: 'This is a Friendly Church. 100 years have proved it!'"

GOODBYE DEBT

(GARDINER, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). As a result of Temple Day on Dec. 7, it is expected that the outstanding debt of \$900 on our buildings will be liquidated . . . A combined service under the auspices of the Gardiner and East Malvern Inter-Church Council was held here on Dec. 7. The speaker was Brian Walsh, Vic. Secretary for Inter-Church Aid, who showed the film, "Running in the Sun." . . . 80 members of our Elderly Citizens' Club enjoyed an excellent repast and programme on Mon., Dec. 8 . . . About 25 C.Y.F. members took part in the "Walk Against Want" on Dec. 12 . . . The S.S. anniversary singing was led by M. Roche. The speakers were B. McFarlane and Mr. Dewberry. Miss Enderby is Supt. . . . Two S.S. scholars have been baptised, and received into membership.

FOR "UNCLE CHARLIE"

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). Good Companions combined with Northern Zone groups for annual presentation of gifts to assist "Uncle Charlie." They also entertained 15 girls from Janefield Training Centre at a social afternoon . . . Congratulations to Margaret Crossman who has been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship.

MOST POPULAR

(GARNEGIE, Vic., M. Glazendanner). Lynn Sutcliff won the "most popular person" competition when \$250 was raised . . . Glenn Jory won the cup at girls' gymnasium display . . . A man and a lady made decisions . . . Mrs. Brock and R. Farrell have been baptised . . . Mrs. Glazendanner and Mrs. Ferguson sang a duet at the Auxiliary church parade.

BENTLEIGH MINISTRY

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). On Dec. 7, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pigdon as they concluded their ministry with Bentleigh . . . E. C. Keating, field officer, Dept. of H.M. & Evang., conducted an induction service for B. M. Heyworth as he commenced his ministry on Dec. 14. The congregation met Mr. and Mrs. Heyworth at an informal evening fellowship led by N. Walters . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown have commenced a linguistic course in Qld. . . . K. Turttmann spoke on Nov. 30.

ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

(ASHBURTON, Vic., M. Gray). The B.S. celebrated its anniversary with a Sunday morning breakfast . . . Julie Rains and Ken Smith were guest artists at P.S.A. and Hon. Ian McLaren, O.B.E., was speaker . . . Two successful Mini Camps for young people held at Tootgarook . . . C.W.F. completed year as hosts for local inter-church women's meetings . . . Mrs. Joan Hanks was received on transfer from Horsham church. . . . Six young people and one woman have been baptised.

FAREWELL TO N. S. MOORE

(NORTH ESSENDON-EAST KEILOR, Vic.). At an after-church fellowship hour on Dec. 14, the church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family, about to conclude their ministry. Many members and friends crowded the hall to hear representatives from the brotherhood, Essendon Ministers' Fraternal, Essendon Inter-Church Council and church group representatives pay tribute to the qualities of the Moore family. A wall clock was presented by the Chairman of the Board . . . Senior Youth combined with Methodist, Y.P. in beach barbecue and

hosted North-Western Churches of Christ Youth combined social . . . Under 16 Cricket Team is undefeated so far this season.

FOUR AT DANDENONG

(Vic., A. A. Avery). A baptismal service was held on Dec. 14 for four young people . . . Our Cubs and Scouts held a Church Parade . . . At a coffee hour Mr. Smith, teacher at Doveton High School, showed slides of his visit to Communist China . . . Mrs. Paule is Pres. of C.W.F.F., Mrs. Schonville, Sec., and Mrs. Thompson, Treas. Mrs. Avery is Pres. of the Combined C.W.F. . . . A total of \$569 was allocated for 1969 to the various organisations supported by our women's work . . . Miss Dianne Walker has passed all exams in first year at M.B.I. . . . Stephen Jones obtained four 1st class honours in his first year at Monash . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Manley and their son Gregory shared in a parent dedication service . . . There were 11 decisions recently.

CRICKETERS' CHURCH PARADE

(BALWYN, Vic., L. F. Barker). 45 visiting members and friends of the Eastern District Cricket Assn. attended its first church parade at Balwyn. Readings were taken by members. Supper was served by the ladies in the hall . . . C.W.F. presented Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Cuthbert with gifts as tokens of esteem for valued services . . . Carol service by candlelight with Mrs. Frank Evans leading choir thrilled packed congregation. An after-church fellowship was the official farewell to the Barker family and presentations were made from the church in appreciation of their seven-year ministry . . . Summer timetable is now operating and evening service commences at 7.30.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

OVERSEAS TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Federal Overseas Mission Board has had two meetings to consider reports submitted by Messrs. McLean and Coventry concerning their recent visit to India, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, and New Guinea. Several recommendations were made and forwarded to State Overseas Mission Committees for consideration, and preparation for discussion at the Annual Policy Making Meeting of the Board, which will be held in March, 1970.

EAGLINGS RETURN FROM NEW HEBRIDES

We regret to advise that Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling have resigned from the work in the New Hebrides. Mrs. Eagling and the children return to N.S.W. in mid-January, 1970 and Mr. Eagling returns several weeks later. We are deeply indebted to David and Marcella Eagling for the years of valuable service rendered in the New Hebrides. They arrived at Nduli Nduli in 1960 where they were responsible for educational and evangelistic work.

In 1963 they were given the responsibility of commencing the Banmatmat Bible College. During 1964, Mr. Eagling made frequent visits to the College site at Banmatmat to clear the property and erect buildings in preparation for the commencement of lectures in 1965. They have seen the fruit of their work as graduating students have gone not only to villages where the church is established, but to remote areas in the New Hebrides, to Noumea and New Guinea. Family responsibilities necessitate their return to Australia, and we pray for God's continued blessing upon them as they serve him in the homeland.

APPOINTED TO NEW HEBRIDES

Alex McKay from Western Australia arrived in the New Hebrides early Dec. to serve as a technical worker. Mr. McKay is an aircraft engineer with 15 years' experience. He has also worked as a marine mechanic for 18 months. With his extensive engineering experience and sincere desire to serve Christ overseas, Mr. McKay is well qualified for missionary service.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCosker, from N.S.W., have been appointed to the New Hebrides and will replace the Eaglings at Banmatmat Bible College. Mr. McCosker is a qualified accountant, and he expects to complete his Bachelor of Commerce degree this year. He graduated from Kenmore Christian College in Nov.

and during his four years at Kenmore was student minister at Arana Hills.

The McCoskers come from Mayfield, N.S.W., and will leave for the New Hebrides at the end of January, 1970.

APPOINTED TO NEW GUINEA

Mr. and Mrs. J. Friebel (Mr. Friebel, from Horsham, Vic.; Mrs. Friebel, from Mayfield, N.S.W.) have been appointed to New Guinea.

They have applied to study at the six months 'E' course in teacher training, conducted by the Education Department in Papua and New Guinea, in Port Moresby. Mr. Friebel graduated from Kenmore Christian College in Nov. Mrs. Friebel is a double-certificated nurse, and also studied at Kenmore. They leave for New Guinea early February.

Miss R. McAllister, from W.A., has been appointed as a short term worker in New Guinea. She will serve as a general mission worker assisting wherever she is required for an initial period of 12 months. Miss McAllister leaves for New Guinea with Miss J. Hunting who returns to the field after extended furlough on Jan. 21.

Sister V. Beckett, from Victoria, left for New Guinea on December 17 to serve for several months as a voluntary worker.

It is expected that another New Hebridean pastor and his wife will become available for the work in New Guinea early 1970.

We give thanks to God for the availability of these new workers. Please pray for them as they go forward. Pray, too, that others will be prepared to go for the need is urgent both in New Guinea and the New Hebrides.

RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL IN NEW GUINEA

Frank Beale reports that 19 people were recently baptised at Tumba. Miss A. Draney advises that eight people were baptised at Tung in November, and the following encouraging report comes from Robert Whan at Pir: "Twenty-two folk have made primary commitments to Christ this year. It is only a matter of two weeks and these will be baptised. This has marked the first real breakthrough in 10 years of mission endeavour in this immediate area. The facts show that the group comprises mainly those who have been through the mission school and received the day-to-day devotions and Christian example set by those who have taught them. It is a time of rejoicing for us, and we trust you can rejoice with us, too."

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