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WORLD CONVENTION



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(This is the 14th in a series dealing with World Brotherhood and World Convention personalities).

The Mission of Churches of Christ

What was at stake in the claim of the first Christians, that Jesus the crucified one was the Messiah of God? What was the import of this "good confession"? That Jesus had the power to save a person from sin and meaninglessness? That Jesus was God's special ambassador to earth? That Jesus was the fulfillment of true religious longings?

Whatever content this confession may have to any of us now, in the early days of the Church the "cutting edge" of this confession was that the "end of times had come" and that "in Christ" the new had truly begun.

Jesus' own ministry to the social and religious outcasts of his day, his own engagement in the fabric of his society, called for a concrete and provocative involvement by the early Christians in history, i.e., in their daily lives in this world.

Recent studies in the Disciples Institut for N.T. Studies in Tubingen have shown that one of Paul's principal points in 1 Corinthians is the urgency of living the Christian life precisely in the midst of those worldly circumstances where a person was, when the call of God came to him; and living this new life in such a way that the divisive barriers between men, which the world took for granted, would be overcome.

One implicit task of these new eschatological communities called "churches of Christ" was to inaugurate the unity among men which is set by God to undo the divisive forces of the world. The world of the first century was divided by the opposition between Romans and barbarians, Jews and Gentiles, slaves and freemen, men and women. But all these oppositions were to be overcome in the new communities of God.

Is it possible to read the N.T. without immediately becoming aware that it thrills with the sense of breaking through barriers of long and hallowed standing — of sin, of nationalism, of class, of color, or sex? Any understanding of N.T. Christianity, therefore, which does not include the radical "political" consequences of the Gospel would result in disobedience to God and betrayal of the world God loves. By "radical" and "political" I mean just this: that it is God's intention to bring into existence on earth a new kind of community which challenges every prejudice and pride of men — in which Christ will be Lord and in which his servants really serve.

The Church has no other mission than a world mission — a mission to the world — and a mission to all the world. I pray that the World Convention not only will demonstrate the power of Christ to overcome the barriers erected by men, in that men of different nations and races and colors will greet each other joyfully in Christ, but also will become an occasion for new insight and dedication to the great restoration in the universe which God seeks to accomplish through his Church.

CAMBODIA!

By way of the Parrot's Beak — we go!
And going — ask ourselves (too late) — 'where to?'
A thousand thousand — eager to answer this
Are Moratorium bound — to say —
'To hell — and worse — for us — and all mankind!'
While others equally intent on doing right—reply—
'We go as guardians of good and freedom for all
Humanity.'
So Parrot's Beak and the Fish Hook land become
The danger zone of military or moral push.

By
LLOYD COOKE

But both can be de-humanising — both
Have weapons which are so deadly — devillish!
Both can be bereft of true compassion, but
With a lolly coating of concern — harbour all
That smells of smug selfishness and greed or gain.
So are the ranks rallied — with cover of
Helicopter or rifles spitting death, or marching
Mobs of civilians armed with hot words
And hearts aflame; they sweat their way
Through Cambodian field or concrete city
Intent on propagating the 'good cause'.
Oh Christ! Where have we lost you — ? when?

WHEN THE CHURCH IS MUZZLED

A statement by Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Zambia, delivered over Zambian radio and T.V. on Easter Sunday.

"We, the Christians in some countries in Africa, are backing up regimes which carry on social injustice, oppression and degradation of the African people and all those who stand for righteousness and justice. The Governments of Rhodesia, South Africa and Portuguese East Africa are therefore encouraged to go on with their oppression of the people of Africa under the pretext of preserving Christian civilisation.

"I take the relationship of the Catholic Church and the Portuguese Government in Angola and Mozambique. This Government is said to be Catholic. Under the privileges which it got from the Catholic Church, which is known as 'Patronado', the Catholic Church is today unable to blame the Portuguese Government for its social injustices and oppression. The Catholic Church receives enormous amounts of money from the Government, puts up churches, schools, hospitals and anything which the church may need in the form of financial help. With these privileges the Catholic Church is muzzled. To the world the Catholic Church says, 'Minus malum (lesser evil)'. 'Let us receive these gifts, and keep quiet about the social evils, provided that we are not forbidden to preach the gospel.'

"From the agreement of 'Patronado,' derive several privileges to the Government. No priest will be allowed to work

in Portuguese East Africa unless he first promises not to say anything against the Government. His preaching therefore is from the outset the Gospel of the Government. There is no freedom of speech for a Catholic priest in Portuguese East Africa. Again the Government has kept and stuck to its other privileges of not allowing any Bishop to be appointed to Mozambique or Angola who is not accepted and approved by the Government. That is why the evils in these countries, called Catholic countries, are perpetuated by the Catholic Church. We Christians therefore, who know the message of Christ, which unites us in love, cannot tolerate nor suffer the existence of this special privilege 'Patronado' to continue. It must be abolished immediately so that the message of peace, and the realisation of human dignity among the people of Angola and Mozambique may be facts, not only desired goals."

o ABORIGINES' MISSIONS

Carnarvon's First Minister

(W.A.). Carnarvon, over 600 miles north of Perth, land of winter sunshine, did its best to discourage visitors at the welcome to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Anderson to the first full-time ministry of the Church which has grown out of 25 years of Aborigines' Mission work in Carnarvon. After 1 1/2 inches of rain there were several days of persistent drizzle. This was followed by an icy cold wind which dried the surface and caused dust storms. And then the rain came again.

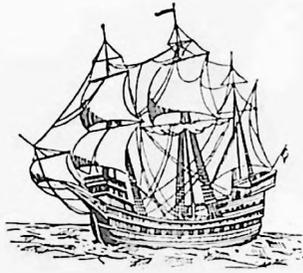
All roads north of Carnarvon were closed to traffic and also many airports. Members of the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board of W.A. State Committee, however, travelled by plane and road to be present at the welcome. A charter plane provided by Aerial Missions, piloted by R. Hawthorn (for some years superintendent of the U.A.M. Warburton Ranges Mission) helped to make this possible. Three-hundred people gathered on May 2 to extend a welcome to the new minister and his wife. Representatives of the district and the Brotherhood brought their welcomes. J. K. Robinson (with a long history of service for Aborigines' Missions) as Federal Conference Vice-President, Bob Williams, representing the Aboriginal folk, and D. G. Hammer, representing the Federal Board, were among those who spoke. The ladies of the church welcomed Mrs. Anderson and presented her with a sheaf of flowers. The flowers were not grown locally on this occasion as Carnarvon's recent history includes a drought, a cyclone and then this rain and wind. In her reply, Mrs. Anderson thanked the ladies for the flowers and for the food stocked in the cupboards of the new manse.

On May 3 the morning and evening services were marked by a note of thankfulness for the Lord's blessing over the past years. It was evident also that there was considerable optimism for the days to come. Opportunity was taken for Aborigines' Board members to meet with Missionaries and the local Church Officers and the new minister to discuss the business arrangements concerning this unique church, representing as it does, both the town people, the Mission, and the local Aborigines. This new ministry is particularly a church affair. The Aborigines' Board expects to maintain its interest in the church through the Missionaries who represent it on the church's official Board, and through the Mission Field Superintendent. Board members stressed their desire that in the expected growth of this church the best interests of the Aboriginal Christians would be safeguarded, so that this unique integrated church could continue to demonstrate the unifying power of the Gospel of Christ.

Work on the new manse was well up to schedule. The Aborigines Board provided finance through the sale of the Fitzroy Property and the Mission provided manpower, vehicles, etc. with Ian Foot once again in the role of builder. The building is beautifully finished with adequate built-in cupboards, etc. and is being fully furnished by the church.

In spite of the unusual weather for this district (which prevented many people from taking photographs to mark the event) the whole week-end was a wonderful experience of fellowship with all three elements which go to make up the church — the Mission, the Town, and the Aboriginal brethren. — D.G.H.

Cook's River



A Meditation on the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary
By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

The Cook Bi-Centenary means a great deal to Australia. Moreover, it can also mean much to those who are Christians and are prepared to take the time and trouble to do a little thinking. Although Captain James Cook was apparently not a religious man and made no particular profession of faith, yet in his sphere of navigation and of discovery he stands as a symbol of much that is worth while in our Christian "way of life" and his experiences may be aptly used to illustrate some of the salient features of our faith.

Cook was a pioneer. He sailed in waters previously unknown and uncharted. He moved in areas strangely unfamiliar to Europeans and the Western civilisation from which he sprang. Yet, with intrepid courage he faced dangers that would have daunted many a man. His "launching out into the deep" therefore bears in no small measure a certain resemblance to the kind of faith that braves any obstacle in the assurance of reaching the goal in the power of Christ.

LOOKING BACKWARD

If the Cook Bi-Centenary does nothing else, it helps us to take a searching, discerning backward look. It is always good to recall the past: for in this way we learn much which is vital for our well-being in the present—now—and also in the future.

As we look back into Biblical history, we not only see the Lamb of God, "slain from the foundation of the world" but we also hear the voices of the prophets, and note the oft-repeated and significant "Thus saith the Lord . . ." of these ancient Spirit-filled, Spirit-guided seers converging predictively upon the great event of Calvary. Here, too, as we look back, we see something of the wonder of the Cross. We also begin to appreciate more than ever the power of His shed blood, the glory of His conquest over death, and the Risen Life, revived by the enduring Spirit in every true follower of Christ in every generation since.

The past also reveals brief scenes in the history of the Church through the ages—as men moved further away from the directive influence of the Spirit in the scriptures and steered their own humanistic and wayward course on to treacherous shoals of partisan discension and division. The chart and compass—the scriptures—were largely forgotten. The huge vessel, originally designed to sail buoyantly on the ocean of life, be-

came a virtual wreck—on a false interpretation of scripture—"the rock Peter," and the reefs of the papacy.

It was out of this confusion that there emerged in the hearts of a few faithful, discerning stalwarts, through the undoubted prompting of the Spirit of God, the concept of the good ship "Restoration."

The early pioneers in Great Britain and U.S.A., with their earnest desire to restore the life and teaching of the First Century Christian Fellowship of the New Testament Church, had their counterpart in Australia also. The urge to return to the New Testament patterns of witness and worship, as an eloquent, viable basis for the unity of all believers in Christ, was an admirable objective. Yet, although Captain Cook discovered the Eastern coast of Australia in 1770, and Captain Phillip established the first settlement in 1788—it was not until 1846, in Adelaide, S.A., (that Thomas Magarey and a small group of like-minded brethren were able to meet for the first time on this continent as a "Church of Christ." Subsequently New Testament fellowships were established in N.S.W., Victoria, Tasmania, Qld. and W.A.

LOOKING FORWARD

A close examination of Captain James Cook's records reveals that during the brief anchorage of the "Endeavour" in Botany Bay—and while Sir Joseph Banks and Dr. Daniel Solander were gathering their botanical specimens—the Captain conducted several short exploratory excursions. Thus he penetrated the country to the north of Botany Bay to the reaches of the glorious harbour that later was known as Port Jackson. He also surveyed the area around Coogee and the present municipality of Randwick—and pushing further inland came upon the river that has come to be known as Cook's River. All this points not only backward in time but also forward—as we realise the potential and subsequent growth of the Commonwealth.

Furthermore, the recent visit of the Queen to our shores and the festivities relating to the Cook Bi-Centenary, which brought large and joyous crowds into the streets of our capital cities—and filled Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay with many sailing ships and other unusual craft—should also cause us to look forward.

Perhaps not the least significant item of historic interest that should concern those of us who profess to be "New Testa-

ment Christians" is the establishment of the first "Church of Christ" in Sydney.

In November, 1852, Albert Griffen, Henry Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell gathered to "break bread" in a small cottage on the corner of Pitt and Goulburn Streets. Not long after this, a young English Methodist, Dr. Joseph Kingsbury, met with Albert Griffen around the open Bible and was persuaded concerning the N.T. validity of "Believer's Baptism." Subsequently, as a result of the faithful witness of Griffen, three other young Methodist friends of Kingsbury, John Standen, Edward and David Lewis, came to the same conclusion—and all four were baptised on September 4, 1853, in Cook's River.

These young men were the first of many others to embrace the New Testament message in N.S.W., and out of this small beginning there arose eventually strong congregations at Enmore and Sydney which were the forerunners of Churches of Christ throughout the State.

In Acts 16 Luke describes a significant scene—of prayer, by a river—where Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe, heard the message presented by Paul and Silas, opened her heart to the Lord's prompting, and was baptised. And there is a connection between this event and the one that took place at Cook's River. The Lord whom Lydia obeyed in baptism is the same Lord whom those four young men obeyed in their immersion in Cook's River.

As we survey the present spiritual state of our New Testament faith and the present condition of our churches—What next? Where do we go from here? The spiritual potential is no less evident than the material. The growth towards true Christian maturity as individual followers of Christ, in discipleship and personal witness in the Gospel, must be matched by an equally Spirit-compelling thrust into the community about us. Only as we seize the opportunities of today—and tomorrow—as we realise and recognise the urgent challenge of a Risen, Living Lord—to go—to make disciples—to teach and to baptize—will we fulfil the promise of our early heritage.

The task, committed to his first followers, as recorded in Matthew 28: 18-20, has never been repealed! Those three who gathered in 1852 to break bread heard the call! The four who were baptised in Cook's River in 1853 heard the call! Today, we have heard the same call! It is the same Lord who calls: What is our response?

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



"Are the Ten Commandments outdated?"

When I was a lad it was a required S.S. activity to learn the Ten Commandments by heart, and the scripture examination was likely to have such a question as "What is the sixth commandment?"

It is doubtful whether many children could pass a test on the Commandments today. On checking with a group of teenagers the only two of the ten they could name were "Thou shalt not kill" and "Thou shalt not commit adultery." They said that the Commandments had not been the subject of special lessons, but were sometimes referred to.

Some folk may feel that this appar-

ent abandonment of the moral code as a formal lesson topic is due to the acceptance of an unwritten and lower code of ethics, and that they might as well give up the precept if they have given up the practice.

Another reason offered for the comparative lack of interest in the Commandments is that they are negative in form. All but two of them are negatives and, for the benefit of the above-mentioned teenagers, here are the Ten:

1. You shall have no other gods before me. (false gods);
2. You shall not make yourself a graven image. (idoltry);
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. (perjury);
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. (sabbath - breaking);
5. Honour your father and mother. (disrespect);
6. You shall not kill. (murder);
7. You shall not commit adultery;
8. You shall not steal;
9. You shall not bear false witness. (lying);
10. You shall not covet. (greed).

But even when expressed in a negative form, every negative implies its positive. The sixth could be "You shall reverence life," the ninth could be "You shall always witness truthfully," etc.

No, I don't think that it is because of some reactions against prohibitions that the Ten Commandments have lost their popularity. Nor is it because we want to divorce the Christian ethic from the

Christian faith. Rather, I think that Christians have felt that the gospels contain the full, strong, ethical demands of Christ, and that the inescapable emphasis upon the love motivation for our ethical response is more satisfying than the form in which the Commandments were given.

Elmer Rice, the playwright, thought he could update the Decalogue by suggesting choices rather than to pronounce absolutes. His list was:

- It is better to live than to die; . . . to love than to hate; . . . to create than to destroy; . . . to act than to do nothing; . . . to be truthful than to lie; . . . to question than to accept; . . . to be strong than to be weak; . . . to hope than to despair; . . . to venture than to fear; . . . to be free than to be bound.

A Christian comment on that list was that whereas, "the original code sprang out of a community dedicated to God and rooted in his covenant love; this new code hangs in the air without any invisible means of support."

The Ten Commandments are not sufficient in themselves. Nothing could be adequate as a guide for living without the addition of the only One who ever kept them. Bringing them up to date in words or form will not make the slightest difference if we do not see them as reminders of the relationships of love that bind us through Christ to man and God.

A modern treatment of the Ten Commandments is "Smoke on the Mountain" by Joy Davidman (Hodder & Stoughton, 1955). It is a stimulating analysis and near the end she says, "Perhaps Christianity . . . will not only enable us to obey the Ten Commandments but enable us to enjoy it."

This is a good thought to pursue. Instead of thinking of the prohibitions of God as spoiling our fun (of that is the right word), they actually increase our enjoyment and satisfaction in life.

CHURCHES TRAIN LEADERS FOR PAPUA, NEW GUINEA

(Port Moresby). — Young men and women of Papua and New Guinea who will be among the nation's leaders five years from now are being prepared for their roles in a month-long series of meetings sponsored by the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches. The meetings have been organised by the Melanesian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church in New Guinea. Assisting are the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and the Committee on Society, Development and Peace (SODEPAX).

Participating in the leadership meetings are a wide cross-section of the community, including local people as well as those from the national level. All ethnic groups found in New Guinea are represented. Among the participants are a country policeman and a magistrate, the speaker of the House of Assembly as well as rural workers. The Territory of Papua and New Guinea, with a population of some 2,200,000, comprises Papua, the eastern portion of New Guinea and numerous small islands and archipelagos. — (E.P.S.).

WORD TALK

No. 9 ACTS 26: 24

"Paul, you are mad!"

"Paul, you are mad!" This was the judgment of Festus, who was governor of Judea with his headquarters at Caesarea. He had succeeded Felix who, while not himself mad, was certainly stupid. Felix sat in the seat of justice, but he was not interested in justice, he was interested only in Felix. He was trying very hard to placate the Jews, and for this reason was willing to keep the apostle in prison. If Paul had possessed money and was prepared to pay for his freedom, Felix would have overcome his fear of the Jews and let Paul go free. But Paul had only words to give and he talked to Felix about righteousness, self-control, and judgment. These were items about which Felix had much to learn, but he learned too little too late. Time was running out for the ox-slave become governor. He was recalled to Rome and narrowly escaped execution.

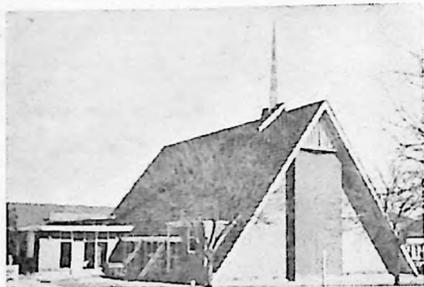
Festus, the new governor, inherited Paul as prisoner. Paul had already been held for more than two years without any real evidence presented to show that he had committed any crime. Naturally enough, Festus did not rush into trouble with the Jews by releasing Paul too soon, but it was clear that he was unhappy about the imprisonment. Paul, then, was still in gaol when Agrippa, the limited king of a shrunken kingdom, visited Caesarea. Festus invited the king to hear what Paul had to say for himself.

Paul welcomed the opportunity to give his testimony and quickly made

clear that the central fact of his whole message was the resurrection. He told how he had been at enmity with the Christians and had an open authority to punish them. However, the very Jesus he was persecuting through his followers had appeared to him, alive, and had given him a commission to declare his resurrection to others. It was then that Festus interrupted Paul and said, "Too much study is driving you mad."

FOR TODAY: Christians don't mind being regarded as being a little different, but usually they don't like being called irrational. But those who take the gospel seriously are very likely to be thought queer. They stand out as odd because in an age of selfishness they spend so much time and money on others rather than on themselves. And they are charged with being superstitious and unscientific because they allow themselves to be ruled in the 20th century by a man who twice entered this life in the 1st.

Maybe Christians will always look as though they are touched by this divine madness. Certainly, those Christians whom the church most admires have been regarded by the world as queer . . . for example, men like Kagawa. Kagawa said, "I could be wise . . . but rather I am glad to be a fool. Out of date—Christ's fool! Out of date, I say, for I am captured by this man of 1900 years ago . . . To this extent I am a fool!"



BRIGHTON GARDENS CHURCH

PLANNED GIVING IN STH. AUST.

Two Adelaide churches have just completed Planned Giving programmes and with exciting results. COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS (minister, Tom Mason) was led in a programme by Keith Horne of the S.A. Home Missions Committee, and BRIGHTON GARDENS (minister Kevin Harvey) has just concluded a programme led by Ted Keating of the Victorian Home Missions Committee. We believe that the experience of these churches will be a stimulus and an encouragement to other churches in this State to consider similar programmes.

At 45 years of age, Colonel Light Gardens is a typical "Middle-Aged" Suburban church. Previous average giving was between \$125 and \$129 per week. The number of widows, students and "one unit" members is significantly higher than most churches. More than 65 per cent of the Church pledged and received numbered envelopes and with an increase in giving of 72 per cent, the offerings average \$192.

At 14 years of age, Brighton Gardens is South Australia's "justy teenager" and biggest church in the State. The church has a significantly higher percentage of students and young marrieds than most

churches and it is in every sense of the word a "family church." It also has a high percentage of "one unit" members. Offerings have averaged approximately \$165 per week. The actual "pledged" amount is in excess of \$310, 76 per cent pledged, and it is expected that the final offering figure will be approximately \$370-\$400 per week. An increase of 100 per cent in giving.

The South Australian Home Missions Department will welcome the opportunity to discuss these programmes with any church's Board and with no obligation at all. Contact the Director at 104 Grote St., or 514036.

WHAT OTHERS SAID . . .

Les Chiswell was chairman of the Stewardship Committee at Colonel Light Gardens:

A stewardship programme involving time, abilities and money? The Board of our church was all for it until the comment was made by Charles Dow, " . . . as for the financial aspect, we will, of course, have signed pledges." I shall not forget the deathly silence that followed that remark. Signed pledges! We had all the excuses and none of them valid as it turned out — for the Holy Spirit led us into a new and wonderful freedom. *Freedom to talk about money.*

At Colonel Light Gardens we have had a wonderful experience and a tremendous blessing. . . .

Paul Criddle was Chairman of the Committee at Brighton Gardens:

Not only do Christians have a need to give — but it seems from past experiences we have a need to SAY what we are going to give. Without a doubt, the programme we have just concluded was a confrontation — in the final analysis not everybody can accept all the principles involved, but when the programme is conducted with Christian understanding everybody is blessed, the church is strengthened and we are better informed of the Cause we are seeking to advance.

Kevin Harvey is minister at Brighton Gardens:

Having directed programmes for four years, it was a delight to experience a programme within my own church. That over 100 per cent increase will be received in offering is only a small part of the total result in what happened to us as a church. We were challenged to be honest . . . and it hurt; it disturbed, but we groped our way forward to a new understanding of our faith in relation to giving. A new door was opened which meant freedom, joy and release to many. Imagine 25 Bible school families asking if they could pledge! Imagine people asking about membership and baptism. These and many other exciting things happened in one of the most significant experiences of church life in which I have been privileged to share.

J. B. Baker is an elder at Colonel Light Gardens:

"I accepted the idea of a Planned Giving Programme with some misgivings and reservations. I now believe that the experience of the past weeks has been the most significant event in the life of our church. As far as I am concerned, this is a 'must' for every church in South Australia."

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

(CHELTENHAM-BEVERLEY, S.A., R. W. Saunders). Cheltenham and Beverley have entered into a partnership in sharing the ministry of R. W. Saunders, with the pastor residing at Beverley manse. On May 3 inaugural services were held — at Cheltenham at 11 a.m. when S.A. Conf. Pres., Will Philp, charged the combined congregations, and 7 p.m. at Beverley when Federal Conference Pres., S. Beck, emphasised the need for united support for the pastor in his role. At both services, Mr. Saunders addressed capacity congregations. 70 young people from both churches had a basket tea and film at Beverley. Arrangements are in hand to appoint a field officer to extend the church's witness in our areas.

C.L.C. WORKING WELL

(BROOKLYN PK., S.A., W. J. Philp). The B.S. has adopted the new Christian Life Curriculum which is working well . . . 102 young people attended weekend camp which climaxed with three decisions. Studies were led by Reg. Brand. . . . A Sunday Family Picnic followed the 10.30 a.m. service . . . The church shared in the Western Districts Churches Crusade with nightly meetings in our hall led by John Robinson . . . The Ladies' Thrift Shop project raised over \$1,000 for chapel furnishings.

GOSPEL OF MUSIC

(NAILSWORTH, S.A., P. Whitmore). The Gospel according to Music was presented by the choir as a pre-Easter feature. Musical and vocal items were interspersed with scripture readings. A young man was baptized . . . On April 5, Nailsworth men shared in a special service at Yatala Gaol . . . J. Baker, Hospital Chaplain at Royal Adelaide Hospital, and Sid Beck, Pres., Federal Conference, were recent speakers . . . On April 26, four young people made their confession of faith . . . The play "Power, After That . . ." was presented in hall . . . A married man was baptized on May 3 . . . Church offers sympathy to Mr. Whitmore and his family in the death of his mother.

SEAT BELTS SAVE LIFE

Swedish doctors and engineers who investigated over 28,000 road accident cases in which 37,611 car occupants were involved, found that NONE of the occupants who wore seat belts were fatally injured at speeds below 60 m.p.h.

Unbelted occupants sustained fatal injuries throughout the whole speed scale.

Over 2,000 unbelted occupants received serious injuries, including permanent disability. By comparison, 59 people wearing seat belts received minor injuries only — 26 rib fractures, the rest minor bruises only.

The majority of the 59 minor injuries reported to be caused by seat belts occurred in high speed accidents where unbelted occupants received major disabling injuries or were killed.

Almost 60 per cent of investigated accidents occurred in built-up areas and fatalities were recorded to unbelted occupants at speeds as low as 12 m.p.h.

—Australian Road Safety Council.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE THEO. EDWARDS

A VETERAN GOES HOME

Around the turn of the century a small group of young men, adventure bound, left Australia and headed for the U.S.A. They were to become household words among Churches of Christ in the land they were leaving.

They had that glow in their hearts which has always been part of the young man answering the call to the Christian ministry. There were Ira Pennoster, Harry Manning, James E. Thomas, Theo. Edwards, and maybe others. They did their training and returned home to fulfil their ministry.

Now they are all gone, memories to some, names in a history to others, and completely unknown to a younger

generation. But each one, in his own way, has written his biography in the churches he served, and among many families he influenced.

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

The last to leave us was Theo. Edwards. He died just before Easter, and that somehow seemed significant. He'd talked so much about the Cross and the Resurrection that it almost seemed fitting that he should go around that time!

"Pop" Edwards, as a generation of young people knew him, left Victoria for Texas Christian University, returned home and married Elsie McAllister. Through the years they ministered in New Zealand, Victoria and South Australia. When Mrs. Edwards died a few years ago Pop never seemed to get over it. They'd been so close, shared everything, made their ministry a joint affair, that it just didn't seem natural for one to be seen without the other. And he felt this greatly.

One of the "old school" in so many ways, he always brought a breath of something good from the last page to the one being written. The S.A. brotherhood held him in high esteem, made him President of Conference, at the same time that Mrs. Edwards was President of the Women's Conference. He edited the old "Challenge" for years.

Then came the time to step aside, and watch the younger fellows have their opportunity. And he watched them carefully! He didn't always agree with what they said and did; but after all, what older man ever has? It is only older people who know what "good old days" really are!

Pop Edwards was a tireless writer. Those who ever received letters from him knew that script-like hand before ever opening an envelope! For as many years as any can remember he wrote up his diary daily. What a record it

must be! Over a half century of a man's mind on paper!

His family, Ruth and Naomi (the twins) and Theo, Jr., have never deviated from the paths of a wonderful two-some and are active in Brighton Gardens and Blackwood churches in Adelaide. And their children likewise. Theo. and Elsie Edwards live on!

The writer remembers him as a preacher and a pastor-friend of young people. Some of his expressions had to be gotten out of my system as the years of early ministry unfolded! He loved young people. During the years of the Depression he gathered up a group of young men from Glenelg church, and each morning they went to the manse, took Bible lessons and generally became his sons in the faith. One by one they disappeared into the recovering economy. They nearly all grew into the Kingdom, and many of them can be found serving Christ around Australia.

Churches in Onchunga and Gisborne in N.Z., Geelong in Victoria, Naracoorte, Forestville, Norwood, Glenelg, Port Lincoln and several others will recall him with much affection.

The writer pays personal tribute to a "father in the faith," for he was one of his Timothy's. He baptized and married Eric and Fern Hollard in the church where they are now ministering; "Pop" Edwards set them on the road of their ministry and now they have come full circle.

So closes a chapter in the life of our brotherhood as a good man moves on. But his memory will be green while a generation lives. His own abundant faith in Jesus Christ was a reward of the years, and who can but feel confident that in the "house of many mansions" two wonderful servants of God have taken up residence for the duration of eternity.

MIXED MARRIAGE RULING?

(Hanover, Germany). Word that the Vatican may soon issue a directive recognising the validity of a mixed marriage performed by a Protestant minister drew a warm reception from Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Evangelical Church of Hanover, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches. He said it would be a "turning point" in the mixed marriage controversy, one of the major obstacles to better Protestant-Catholic relations in Germany. Lorenz Cardinal Jaeger, Archbishop of Paderborn, Germany, had told a Protestant-Roman Catholic meeting in Loccum that Vatican discussions have now been completed and the new directive is expected shortly. It would replace the present church law requiring Catholics to be married in the presence of a Catholic priest.—E.P.S.

STUDENTS PACK CONFERENCE

One-hundred and forty student delegates from all over N.S.W. attended the recent I.S.C.P. Leadership Conferences. The fourth and fifth form students were at Yarramundi, Richmond, May 8-13.

The aim was to train students for leadership in their local school groups and to some extent in Church youth groups.

One emphasis was on Bible Research. Students were shown how to use commentaries and concordances.

Practical sessions emphasised personal witness, planning committees, basic beliefs, preparing talks and conducting group discussions.

At "The Grange," Mount Victoria, the sixth form Conference emphasised preparation for Christian leadership in Universities, Colleges and Churches. Practical sessions on Biblical interpretation, critical thinking and communication, helped students to know and express clearly their beliefs and to critically assess any new doctrine.

50 YEARS AGO

From "The Australian Christian," May, 1920

W.A. Conference. New president is the evangelist of the church at Fremantle, W. R. Hibbert. W. L. Ewers is Secretary and R. W. Ewers, Asst. Secretary.

Here and There . . . L. Johnston concluded his ministry at Stawell, Vic. He was succeeded by W. Wakefield. Mr. Johnston moved to Preston . . . Maryborough church, Vic., has purchased a fine home as a preacher's residence . . . R. Raymond preached farewell messages at Murray Bridge, S.A. . . . The B.S. anniversary at Mooma, S.A., was so crowded that hundreds were turned away from the evening service . . . Henry Lyall, of Swanston St., died at the age of 87 years . . . From Kadina comes news that "All eyes are on the new building, which is the talk of the town."

N.S.W. Conference. Considerable disquietness was occasioned when "Statistics" showed a net decrease of 277 for the year. The new President of Conf. is George Simmon and the Secretary is W. E. Hall . . . The N.S.W. Conf. pledged its support for the upkeep of one lady student during her term of study in preparation for Foreign Mission service.

THE FOURTH ARTICLE IN THE SERIES BY DR. R. GRAMHAM WILL APPEAR IN THE ISSUE FOR JUNE 12. A FIFTH ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON JUNE 27.

LIBERTY AND SUCH

To the Editor,
Having got behind with my "A.C." reading lately, I have only just read the article by Dr. Ronald Graham in the April 18 Issue—"Ends and Means and Self-Understanding." I was rather startled by the statement that "We have long said: In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, charity; In all things, liberty."

I must say that the last phrase fits rather neatly into our present day permissive society. Was it Dr. Graham or the printing dept. who scrambled the slogan? I much prefer the original version.—Mrs. E. M. Stevens (S.A.).

[Ed.: No new version, we stand by the old. The error has been traced to Dr. Graham's typewriter, and the editor and proofreader missed it. You are hereby elevated to the Order of the Keen-eyed Birds, Class 1.]

THE WHOLE GOSPEL

To the Editor,
Re the letter by Raymond Warry ("A.C." 16/5/70). I could not agree more. The awful state of multitudes around us, headed for a Christless eternity, should give us pause, making us realise that nothing else matters in comparison with the clear command of Christ to "preach the gospel."

By the "gospel" is meant the "whole counsel of God." This includes the need for repentance for sin, faith in Christ, and the fearful fact that for the rejecter there is judgment and hell.

Another subject rarely referred to today is the wonderful heart-warming (for the Christian) truth that Christ is coming back to this sad world to right the wrongs.

I believe that if these things were preached in their entirety we would not have to complain about our declining membership.

—Grace Magarey (S.A.).

PREACHING IN STRATEGY

To the Editor,
I have followed with interest the fine series by G. R. Stirling — "Blame the Pioneers." I notice, however that in "Strategy for Growth" there is little or no mention of the basis and content of preaching.

In a day when man is searching for authority, surely we of all Churches should be spearheading a return to the authority of God by vital Bible-based preaching.

If Paul could write, "... It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and if God has promised that "My word will not return unto me void," then surely this must be vital "strategy for growth."

Instead, it seems to be the "in" thing to de-emphasise the evening service, even to the point of abandonment in some cases; to entertain "peace and party politicking" of a Sunday morning and to replace the Prayer and Bible Study with a Discussion Group where the topic is

"THOU SHALT NOT SAY YOU!"

To the Editor,

In his prayers our minister has taken to saying "you" to God instead of "thee" and "thou." He says that he does it because no one uses "thee" and "thou" any more, and that we should pray in everyday language. Some of us think it sounds irreverent to address God as "you." I was complaining about it somewhat bitterly to my schoolmaster friend who is up in languages.

He said, "If addressing a person as 'thee' and 'thou' makes for reverence, what about when God addressed Satan as 'thou' in Job chapter one, and what about when God addressed the rich farmer as 'thou fool' Was he showing reverence for either one?"

He gave me time to meditate on that one. Then he said, "If you want to be absolutely correct about reverence and the use of language, you must always address God as 'you' and never as 'thou.' For in most languages the second person singular is used amongst intimates, and the second person plural for expressing reverence to great personages."

I was wishing I hadn't said anything when he went on, "You expresses the true nature of God's trinity better than 'thou,' because 'you' is plural, and is more apt for the three persons in the God-head!"

As a final thrust he said, "If you really want to be reverent you won't use either 'thee' or 'thou,' you will do what the ancient Jews did, and not use any name at all for God, because they believed that even to say his name was irreverent. But we aren't Jews, we are Christians, and we know that God is our father, and no father would want his son to call him 'thee' and 'thou' to show respect."

I had him then. I said, "But God is also our King as well as our father. There is the sovereignty of God you know!" I might have known he'd have an answer. "The king's sons address their father just like any other sons address their father. And we are his sons, you know, it says so in John 1: 12."

You live and learn.

Hoping you are the same,

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based on "What do you think about . . ."

If we were to examine the American trends we would see that the most rapidly growing churches are also the most conservative, retaining the Bible as their basis and authority, while the churches reporting little or no growth are quite openly leaving the Bible "a closed book."

It's about time we stopped explaining lack of growth on sociological factors or

on any other factor and considered that may be the lack of good Biblical preaching has a lot to do with our present disheartening decline.

Sir, I suggest that it's not so much "blame the pioneers" as it is "blame the preachers and those who fail to object to present-day trends away from Biblical preaching."

—Barrie Cutchie (Vic.).

D.C.E.

"NEW LOOK" FOR DEPARTMENT MEETING

(Vic.). A new format will be tried at the July meeting of the Department of Christian Education for Victoria and Tasmania.

★ The meeting will be conducted in three groups for most of the evening, viz., Children's Work, Youth Work, Young Adult/Adult Work.

Elected members and committee representatives will be in their area of choice of their committee's concern. In some cases an additional representative will be co-opted as some committees cover two of the three areas and they can therefore be represented at both.

★ After three years, L. F. Barker has resigned as chairman of the Department

because of local church commitments. He will, however, remain as a member of the Department. Thanks were expressed to him at our last meeting for his able chairmanship. Dr. K. R. Bowes was unanimously elected as chairman.

★ Camping continues to boom. So many Grade 6 girls applied to attend the four-day Camp in the May holidays that a second camp was arranged when maximum numbers for Camp Waterman, Monbulk, were reached.

★ The recent Engaged Couples' Camp was voted most helpful by all present, and applications are now coming in for the Young Marrieds' Camp in June.

—R. McKenzie (Director).

GIRLS ENTERTAIN MOTHERS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). At Good Companions Mothers' Social Evening each mother received a gift made by the children. . . . A drama, "Growing Up," was presented by mothers of State C.W.F. at Special Mothers' Day Gospel service. . . . Fifteen midget explorers attended camp at Launching Place. . . . Y.P. visited Oakleigh Guest Home. . . . H. Snedley spoke at Mothers' Day service. . . . Mrs. May Barnett, Conf. Pres., was speaker at combined C.W.F. Mothers' Day programme. . . . Three Box Hill men assisted in working bee at Monbulk. . . . Brian Reed obtained Pharmacy degree. . . . Mr. Grainger was re-elected chairman of Dept. of Social Services. . . . Sympathy expressed in the death of Ray Anderson. . . . R. Muller and K. Steele conducted a service at Hawthorn.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST VISIT

(STH. MELB.-MIDDLE PK., Vic.). Ninety-six attended when a Youth for Christ team visited here. This was preceded by a Youth Tea. . . . Good Companions held a social night to honour mothers. . . . The minister's wife, Mrs. Devitt, gave the sermon on Mothers' Day at a 10 a.m. family service. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johns, of Middle Park, celebrated their Golden Wedding on May 12. . . . One-hundred attended a reunion dinner held by the Second Degree Girls. . . . Two young people have confessed their faith in Christ.

PRESIDENT VISITS TASMANIA

(INVERMAY, Tas., C. J. Heler). On May 17, the church was visited by the Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres. K. J. Clinton and Mrs. Clinton. Mr. Clinton spoke at evening service. . . . After eight years as church secretary, H. G. Byard is unable to continue. C. R. Edmunds has been appointed as secretary. After more than 40 years as S.S. teacher, Mr. Edmunds has retired from teaching. He was S.S. Superintendent for many years. . . . The Men's Fellowship had a visiting speaker from the Inter-Church Trade and Industries Mission which is being formed in Launceston.

FAMILY WEEK OBSERVED

(EAST PRESTON, Vic., A. V. Page). Miss Williams, Hospital Social Worker, introduced National Marriage and Family Week with a resume of her work. Discussion followed at morning service. . . . Sunday worship and education has been revised to include a monthly service when youth and adults continue together, and after communion and address have fellowship over morning tea. Once a term this will extend to a church dinner. Ken Clinton, Conf. Pres., was speaker on May 24. . . . Mr. Page was involved in series of meetings during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A different denomination was host for each meeting. . . . Youth Club combine with West Preston, regularly pooling facilities and manpower for more effective programming and fellowship.

LECTERN HONOURS MEMBER

(WARRANBOOL, Vic., C. R. Perkins). A Lectern, donated by the family of Mrs. M. Conlan in her memory, was recently dedicated. This was supplemented by a copy of the R.S.V. Bible, given

by the Church in recognition of her lengthy, loyal and sacrificial service. . . . The C.W.F. conducted the Mothers' Day evening service, led by Mrs. N. Loader, with an address by Mrs. C. Perkins. . . . Recent speakers have been E. Houston, W. Pearce, R. Witham, L. Megg and R. Irvine. . . . A happy time of fellowship was held at Lake Yambux in a combined Sunday schools and churches picnic last month. . . . A new roof has been completed on the chapel.

MEN WORK FOR HOSPITAL

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). A concert will aid the men's fellowship in their aim to purchase surgical instruments for hospital at Bunapas. . . . Bibles were presented at our Communion service to all children in the primary department of our S.S. . . . C.M.P. invited Carnegie C. of C. and Carnegie Presbyterians to tea, with guest speaker Chaplain D. Holmes. . . . E.W.F. meeting at the home of Mrs. Rose had as guest speakers the blind Frazer twins. . . . A choir has been formed to sing at our morning service. Mrs. Ennor will be conducting.

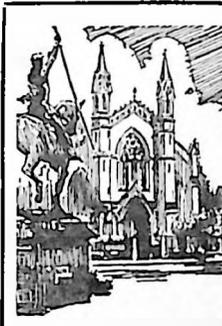
GOING HOME

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). Grant Stone and Hadyn Pickersgill wrote the music and words for a special Y.P. service with the theme, "Going Home." It was led with a guitar with congregational participation. Over 100 attended. 45 Y.P. had previously enjoyed a Smorgasbord. . . . At a B. & F.B.S. rally, their new film, "The Ingoing Vision" was screened. . . . The entire Boys' Brigade

company of 20 attended the enrolment service for Section 2. . . . On Sunday mornings an adult Bible Class is studying "Is God Cruel?" . . . Our church was host to the combined C.W.F. "at home" for Bunbury churches. G. Smith, of our Christian Welfare Centre, was speaker. . . . Over 50 meet weekly at combined Bible studies leading up to Pentecost. These four studies were drawn up by local ministers. . . . Mrs. B. Ryall spoke recently concerning our Indian Mission field.

CHRISTIANS IN FELLOWSHIP

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. Baxter). Officers' Board have had special meetings on "Christians in Fellowship" and "Rules of Guidance" prior to submission to congregation. . . . Prior to Moratorium Day a Sunday evening service was given over to speakers and discussion for and against the event. . . . Church school teachers are enjoying use of C.I.C. Kindergarten had consultation with D.C.E. experts on "activity" work. Primary Grade had outing to large city churches as part of teaching programme. Boys' and Girls' Clubs' programmes, including sports, hikes, competitions and devotional activities. . . . Young People's Barbecue and Evening Programme was held recently. . . . During winter months, special evening services will commence at 5.20 p.m. . . . D.C.E. Adult Committee conducted discussion programme on a Sunday evening. . . . Mrs. Margaret McGowan is now editor of Church "Messenger." An attractive leaflet has been distributed in the area, entitled "Who are We?"



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FRIENDSHIP CONTACTS

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). As a result of Church Life Conference a "Friendship Afternoon" was started on May 6. 33 district contacts were present for the first afternoon. Mrs. Brigatti (North Beach) and Mrs. Marshall (Sublaco) contributed to the programme. Recent speakers have been Mrs. R. Ryall, I. E. Alsop, J. Manalack, B. Stitt and K. J. Patterson, the latter two being members here. The C.W.F. co-opted men into arranging a Salmagundi Evening for their quarterly social. A programme of entertainment was held recently at Carinya Lodge by the C.W.F. Mrs. W. S. Bown welcomed back to North Perth. Mother's Day celebrated with a family tea followed by films and evening service. Mrs. B. King (Inglewood) spoke on "A Parent in the New Age". H. Edwards, J. Meldrum, S. Van Der Wal, and G. York elected to the Elders' Board. A. Edwards appointed church reporter.

MEN SERVE COFFEE

(ASCOT PK., S.A., S. R. Baker). There were special services on "Mother's Day". Two mothers read the scriptures in the morning. Following a night service, when a ladies' quartette gave an item and Miss Erica Hammond was speaker. The men presented a coffee hour. The church sympathises with R. C. W. Jones and family in the death of Mr. Jones' mother. Mrs. Wharton showed slides of her Japanese visit to the C.W.F. A Japanese rice dish was served for supper.

QLD. EASTER CAMP

The camp was held at Camp Irwin, Magnetic Island, and was led by A. Weedon. There were 12 campers catered for by Mrs. Tangye as cook. Although small in number the spiritual tone of the programme and camp was of a high standard.

Studies were taken from the booklet "Belonging" by David Shepherd. D. Willis arranged the approach to

the book. Nightly devotions taken by the campers were also based on the booklet.

Co-operation of the campers was excellent.

NEW MINISTRY

(TOWNSVILLE, Qld., A. Weedon). Doug. Willis, Northern Missioner, inducted Alan Weedon when he, his wife and baby Joel arrived from Dalby. Alan Lowe has been appointed church secretary, Frank Hammond treasurer, and D. Hutcheon and G. Hinspeter were appointed deacons. Bible Study meetings are being held "cottage style" in homes. 13 attended a senior camp at Magnetic Island conducted by the minister. One young lady was baptized and received into fellowship. The Roberts family have transferred from Gympie. The C.W.F. conducted a progressive tea to aid New Guinea Mission workers. Mr. Weedon has travelled to Cairns to speak to the church there. Visitors from the North Queensland Christian Convention attended a youth service on May 30. During the Missionary Rally of N.Q.C.C. at which Frank Beale was one of the missionary speakers, two young people offered themselves for full-time service.

TASMANIA'S CHOICE

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Max Gillam, of Boys' Brigade, was chosen as Tasmanian representative for the Cook Bi-Centenary. Sympathy of church is extended to the Burt family in the death of their mother; also to Mrs. Perry in the death of her brother and also to L. Walshe in the death of his mother. Recent speakers were Major Gerben Selstra, of the B. & P.B.S., and Dr. Andrew Gih, evangelist in S.E. Asia. Mother's Day guest speaker was Mrs. I. Batchelor. Posters made by S.S. scholars were presented to mothers. Items were given. Mrs. Batchelor has been elected to local municipal council.

JUNIORS GO CAMPING

(Vic.). One-hundred and thirty juniors from all over Victoria were in camp at Halls' Gap from combined Churches of Christ. John Timms, minister from Peel St., Ballarat, was leader, assisted by dedicated helpers and kitchen staff. Twenty-two made decisions for Christ.

ALLAN AVERY VISITS N.Z.

Allan Avery, Minister of the church at Dandenong, Vic., recently visited New Zealand to launch a Dominion-wide Programme of Evangelism.

He met and spoke with some 400 leaders, members, and ministers of the churches in Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill.

The main purpose was to get a programme under way that will culminate next year in a visit by Mr. Avery and Gordon Moyes. Other reasons for the visit at this stage were for Mr. Avery to familiarise himself with the New Zealand scene; provide inspiration and leadership for the programme as well as to meet with the church leaders.

He was accompanied on the tour by Wallace Harford, the General Secretary of the Dominion Council. Mr. Harford will conduct special training sessions later in the year.

In one area in New Zealand it is thought that there is a possibility of some of the other churches in the city sharing with our own church in the programme. Many of our churches have very close association with churches of other denominations and this could be a real possibility and an exciting challenge.

The churches are also planning for Mr. Moyes to speak to factory groups, in schools, Rotary Clubs, lunch hour meetings, on the radio and TV circuits.

Victoria . . .

YOUTH INVASION

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). On May 17, a special after-church C.Y.F. youth spectacular called "Invasion" was held with "The Jordanaires," "Girls' Trio," "Believers Incorporated" and "David and Trudy" from Frankston. Our tennis team won the summer competition grand final and have received the pennant. A former minister, F. A. Youens, was speaker on May 3. W. J. Thomson preached on April 26, while Mr. Avery was in New Zealand.

FOOTSCRAY'S 92nd

(Vic., F. B. Alcorn). At the 92nd church anniversary on May 3, Conf. Pres. K. J. Clinton, was speaker. "The Changing Moods" brought special singing at night. On May 5, the Mission Band birthday was well attended by representatives of district churches. Speakers were Mrs. Heard and Roger Ryall. Gordon Strling was speaker when the C.M.F. conducted an evening service. Combined district churches shared with evening fellowship to hear Mrs. Win Beale. David White (Maldstone) was recent speaker at morning service.

BENDIGO BAPTISMS

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Five candidates were baptized on May 3 and there was another decision that night. This makes seven decisions from the membership training classes. Seven were welcomed into fellowship on May 10 at a Mother's Day Parent-Child service. At night there was a Florence Nightingale service at which members of the nursing profession were present. Two nurses read the scripture lessons.

FIRST HARVEST

(THOMSON, Vic.). Church and B.S. combined for first Harvest Festival service. The speaker, Ralph Williams, was Uncle John of 3GL S.S. of the air. Men from the other Geelong churches, along with R. Banks, now retired, are conducting church services. A. Jones, Latrobe Terrace, assists Mr. Banks with visitation. A married woman and a young man have been received in after baptism. A young man is planning to enter Bible College. Miss Marj. Perry, Wychiffe Bible worker in New Guinea, has shown slides and spoken of her work to W.C.E.F. and youth groups.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN RETURNS

(Vic.). The minister of the East Kew church has returned after a ten weeks' visit overseas to the U.S.A. On his way home he visited Scotland, England, Israel, and Hong Kong.

In the U.S. Mr. Christensen conducted evangelistic meetings and delivered lectures in Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana. He lectured at the Bible College at Grand Junction, the Intermountain Bible College, the Ozark Bible College, and the St. Louis Bible College.

Mr. Christensen was impressed with the life and vigour of the churches he visited. Each of them was growing and involved in evangelistic and mission outreach.

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SECRETARY RETIRES

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic., J. T. Timms). At the annual meeting, tribute was paid to the dedicated service of the retiring church secretary, L. T. Murphy. I. Schrader is secretary and P. Graham is treasurer. W. L. Quick retired after 10 years as Scripture Union secretary, and Mrs. Pam Timms was elected to the position. The Church voted to use the R.S.V. instead of the King James Version of the Bible, when reading from the pulpit.

LOSSES FROM ARARAT

(Vic.). Three families associated with Ararat church, totalling 19 people, have left for Melbourne and Geelong during past eight weeks. A 17-year-old lad, Roger Wileman, was baptized on May 3. Sunday meetings are holding well with speakers frequently travelling 250 miles for the day. Church ladies continue to visit Aradale Hospital inmates fortnightly. This ministry has been regular for six years.

315 AT PENTECOST MEETING

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). Several members attended united meetings for Prayer for Christian Unity. Three-hundred and fifteen were at combined meeting of five churches in Shire Hall for Pentecost Sunday evening service. Our young people helped in special music and singing for the program. Prayer and Bible Study group has recommenced with C. & L. study books. The church mourns the loss of secretary's daughter, Mrs. Jean Dow. Miss May Welsh also passed away recently. The faithfulness and strong witness given by these are cherished memories. Mrs. Weatherhead spoke to a combined fellowship group of 80 women and also showed slides of Hospital Visitation work. A tape recorder is used to take recording of evening services to interested shut-in members and some non-members.

21st BIRTHDAY

(MALDSTONE, Vic., David White). The church celebrated its 21st birthday service at Maldstone on May 3. Henry Pletch, Dr. Lloyd Jones and K. A. Macnaughtan were guest speakers. Four of our ladies assisted in kitchen at Conference Day in St. Kilda Town Hall. Boys' Club is led by Vin. Waters. The Klumpers Club is led by David White.

SERVICE HONOURED

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). On May 10 a presentation was made to Chas. Dahl in recognition of 27 years' faithful service as church secretary. Mr. and Mrs. H. Barclay and family were farewelled at tea on May 3. A youth service followed.

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SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Departments of Christian Education and H.M. and Evangelism in Vic.-Tas. set up a Joint Working Committee to have a good look at the Sunday evening service. A resource booklet incorporating the report of the Working Committee has now been published for 30c a copy.

The booklet shows the place of the night meeting in our tradition and evaluates present possibilities. It analyses the decline being suffered by many churches and looks for the reasons. It has many practical suggestions for ministers and planning committees in local churches and has plenty of

practical resource material — including ideas about the sermon, advertising, and suggested programmes.

Some evening services have closed down, others are dead but are still on display, still others are effective and well-attended. Of course, it is not just a matter of programming. Some churches have neither the resources nor the initial manpower required to start them off or keep them going. But other churches may find this booklet just the spark they need to keep them firing. All churches would do well to consider it at church board levels.

TAPES FOR NEW GUINEA

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Tapes of services are sent to New Guinea missionaries. . . . Forty guests attended special Mothers' Day services because of visitation through "Evangelism '70." Explorers' club was present and mothers took part in service. . . . An after-church appreciation honoured Miss May Innes, who has prepared the Lord's Table for 30 years. Other service recognised is that of Eric Steel who served on the Deacons' board for 28 years before retiring, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen, who have retired from the Kindergarten after serving for 19 years. . . . Adult school, led by Tom Coad, is using studies prepared by Mr. Hunting, "Witnessing to Men."

FOR VIC. CIRCUIT

R. L. Baxter, of Berr, S.A., has accepted an invitation to minister to the Ararat, Stawell and St. Arnaud churches from 1971. These churches are currently in the process of formulating circuit arrangements. This appointment follows a re-appraisal of area strategy carried out in association with the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism.

A BOTTLING DAY

(DONCASTER, Vic., J. G. Shaw). C.W.F. bottled 310 jars of pears which were sent to the Social Service Dept. This follows recent Harvest Thanksgiving gifts to the Homes for the Aged and the College of the Bible. . . . Men of the church recently assisted their Chadstone brethren in the painting of their building. . . . A donation of \$150 for a duplicating machine was a gift from the church to the Doncaster Counselling Centre and Community Care. . . . The Ada Petty Memorial Library was recently restocked with new books. . . . The Explorers collected \$307 for the Children's Hospital. . . . Recent speakers have been Ron McLean (Federal Overseas Mission), Ray McKenzie (D.C.E.) and Geoff Wilcott, from the College.

R. A. BANKS IN INTERIM

(SWAN HILL, Vic.). Russell A. Banks will assist the church over the next few months with a part-time interim ministry. . . . A visiting team from Open Air Campaigners used our manse as their base during two weeks of meetings in the district. Team members were speakers at some services. . . . Twenty-eight juniors and eight adults spent four days in camp at Wood Wood during May holidays. M. D. Hamilton (Mildura) was study leader.

THEY MET THE DUKE

(COWANDILLA, S.A., S. Thomas). Rainer Jesson and Neil Fitzpatrick, members of the Boys' Brigade, travelled to Melbourne to receive from the Duke of Edinburgh the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal Award. Over 150 parents and friends attended a dinner provided by B.B. No. 1 Section S.A. on May 9. During school holidays, leaders of No. 2 Section took boys to the Flinders Ranges and Mr. Thomas conducted a camp for Junior Girls at Kersbrook. . . . Misses Pam Bowers (S.A.) and Robin Haskell (W.A.), students from the College of the Bible, addressed the church on May 17. . . . Trevor Peterson and Ann Taber were baptized on May 3.

MISSION VISITORS

(MORAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). Mrs. Betty Ryall from India was a recent visitor. . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, sen., shared fellowship on their way to their new ministry in Carnarvon. . . . Joe Kelly of Carnarvon is working in the district. . . . A S.S. scholar and a young man have been baptised. . . . The May Friendship meeting was interesting, with a featured display of shell work done in the town. . . . There was a special recognition of Mother's Day.

VISIT FROM VICE-PRINCIPAL

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., Reg. Combridge). On May 17, Gordon Stirling preached challenging sermons morning and night. The night meeting was representative of the circuit churches, presided over by Gordon Brown. Mr. Stirling paid a moving testimony to the life of the late Mrs. Jean Dow, who was well known and much loved in this circuit. To Chas. Dow, Robyn and Peter the churches of this circuit offer their sympathy and love. . . . Junior Camp was held in the May holidays, under the leadership of Reg Combridge and Graham Lawrie. . . . On Sunday last, Ken Jenkin (S.S.) and Chas. Barnett (church) presented gifts to Helen Buckley, who has gone to Adelaide to continue school studies.

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NO CRICKET After months of bitter wrangling and uncertainty, the tour of England by South Africa, the world's champion cricket team, has been called off. This decision was right and should have been taken earlier. Cricket has long been the British Commonwealth symbol of fair play and good sportsmanship, but it was ridiculous to anticipate the game being played behind barbed wire and with massive police protection.

The English Cricket Council acknowledged the moral issue when, in an attempt to save the tour, it announced that this would be the last time it would invite a team from South Africa unless that country changed its attitude to mixed racial sport. If it would be wrong next time, it is equally wrong this time.

The sporting isolation of South Africa is almost complete. It is out of the Davis Cup tennis and out of the Olympic Games. With the English rejection of its cricketers, it is most unlikely that Australia will be able to do what England could not. South Africa will have to rely on what teams can still be persuaded to go there, and even this will provoke strong opposition. New Zealand would not have agreed to go there to play rugby this year if it had not been able to choose a racially mixed team. Three Maoris and one Samoan have been chosen.

Dr. Bacher, South Africa's cricket captain, said that his country must broaden its outlook so far as white and non-white sport is concerned. He said, "It is not a question of making concessions to demonstrators, but what is good for South African sport in 1970." He and other top sportsmen have the opportunity and the responsibility for taking the initiative on this moral question inside South Africa, and this initiative could well have been taken by such men years ago.

The problem is much wider than sport. There would be no solution simply by allowing a few black Africans to tour with travelling South African sporting teams. Apartheid is a disease which has infected the whole of South African life and the success in Britain of the people's sanctions against the South African cricketers has already stimulated activity against other interests such as South African trade and investments. Already demonstrations are planned against British companies seeking to expand trade links with South Africa.

It is sad that a team of the world's best cricketers should be denied the right to play their game in England, but it is a far sadder thing that millions of black South Africans should be denied almost every right that the rest of us take for granted.

DISTANT SUBURB OF GALACTIC CITY When you leave the centre of the city's concrete jungle with its thirty and forty storied buildings, you move out through the inner suburbs and the 20-floor high rise flats, past suburbia's big and little many-coloured boxes, into the mixed farm and uncrowded residential havens, until you come at last to the bushland where only an occasional house-light gleams in the unpolluted air.

Strangely enough, this picture of man's journey from the heart of the city to the thinned-out areas of life is very like the picture the astronomers give us of the universe itself.

Our sun is a long way from its city. It is 30,000 light years from the centre of our galaxy! Within a radius of twenty light years from earth there are about fifty stars like our sun. (A light year is, of course, the distance travelled by light in a year at the speed of 186,000 miles per second).

From the centre of our galaxy, within a radius of twenty light years, there are approximately 100 million solar-type stars; put another way: from Earth we can see about 3,000 naked-eye stars. If we were at the centre of our galaxy, we would be able to see at least a billion!

"What is man that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man that thou visitest him in a small but insignificant system on a faint and unremarkable arm reaching out from just one galaxy."

GOOD GRIEF! Just before quitting time the other day, we observed a bevy of ugly black smoke clouds wafting our way from the direction of Lake Michigan. What, we asked ourselves, could be the source of this pollution, this vile assault on our eyes and lungs? A 747 with indigestion? A capricious gust of wind that has passed over some irresponsible factory or mill? Maybe even a fire somewhere? None of these, as it turned out. No, it was the residue from fireworks, shot off to welcome the President of the U.S.A., come to our town for a high-level consultation on . . . pollution.—"Christian Century" editorial.

1,100th ANNIVERSARY

A six-man delegation of the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches shared with Orthodox churchmen the 1,100th anniversary of Orthodoxy in Bulgaria. Also present were Bulgarian Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The delegation visited the historic

monastery at Rila, 150 km. south of Sofia where 12 monks live, and also saw the seminary at Tshetrepsh training 200 young men for the priesthood.

The Bulgarian Orthodox Church was established in 870 when a council meeting in Constantinople decided to organise Bulgarian Christians.—E.P.S.

Happenings

Mrs. Jean Dow, wife of Chas. Dow, former Director of Christian Education in S.A., died in Adelaide on May 16.

The oldest church in Australia has just been renovated. It is a Presbyterian church on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, N.S.W., and was completed in 1809.

The percentage of church members in the U.S. in relation to population dropped last year from 63.2% to 63.1%.

Church members standing as candidates for the Victorian State elections on May 30 are:

David Andrews, member at Hawthorn church, is A.L.P. candidate for Hawthorn.

Alan West, member at Knoxfield, is A.L.P. candidate for Scoresby.

John Williams, member at North Essendon, is the Liberal Party candidate for Moonee Ponds.

If the plans for the U.S. Church of Christ Uniting are approved by the nine denominations concerned, the church will have 25 million members.

Aubrey Jackel, M.B.E., J.P., member of the Wangaratta church, and three times Mayor of his city, died on May 18, at the age of 49.

A Young Marrieds' Camp will be held at Monbulk, Vic., June 12 to 15.

R. A. Kalinier has been named as Director of Christian Education in N.S.W. in succession to Bruce Armstrong in 1972.

Eighty-five years ago one-third of London's population was in church on a Sunday. Today, one-fiftieth is there.

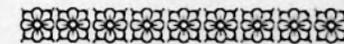
400 Roman Catholic priests, in Sydney from all over Australia, voted to form an association or "union" to improve communications between bishops and priests, priests and priests, and clergy and laity.

There are 14 boys in residence in the Bethany Children's Home in Hobart.

The new F.E.B.C. Christian Radio station on the Seychelles Islands has begun broadcasting to the Indian sub-continent in Indian languages.

Eight thousand are expected to attend the Baptist World Convention Congress in Tokyo, July 12-18, 1970.

Mrs. Alton Morris, treasurer of the Department of Christian Union and a member of the "Australian Christian" Advisory Committee, is ill in Camberwell Hospital, Vic.



THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

- JUNE
5 C.W.F. Meeting, City Temple, 11 a.m.
12-15 Combined Youth (Set-up) Camp, Katoomba.
27 "Walkabout" to Dobbin Head—directed by N.S.W. Aboriginals Committee.
29 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, Burwood, 11 a.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- JUNE
22 Overseas Missions Feature at Subiaco Fellowship Hall at 7.45 p.m.

VICTORIA

- MAY
30-31 C.E. Missionary Week-end

JUNE:

- CHAIN OF PRAYER—J.M. & EVANG.
4 D.C.E. Explorer Mid-Year Tea.
10 C.O.B. Winter School, each Wednesday, July 29 7.30-9.30 p.m.
12-15 D.C.E. Young Marrieds' Camp—Monbulk.
12-15 D.C.E. Eastern Dist. Youth Programme.
19-21 D.C.E. Good Companions' Leaders' Camp—Monbulk.
19-26 D.C.E. Junior & Senior Boys' Zone Indoor Sports.
26 D.C.E. Impact Programme for Youth.
27 D.C.E. Boys' Midget Regional Sports.

QUEENSLAND

- MAY
29-31 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country

JUBILEE SERVICES

(BAMBRA RD., CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Jubilee services were held on May 3 with guest speaker Gordon Stirling, 230 were present. At 5 p.m., 170 past and present members were at a smorgasbord tea prepared by ladies. After-church fellowship held at manse. On May 5 those married at Bambra Rd. during the past 50 years were invited to hear Dr. Oldmendorf, of Dept. of Health. . . On May 7, Mrs. Barnett, Women's Conf. Pres., spoke to women's groups. Men served supper. . . On youth night, Fact and Faith films were shown and Lowanna Singers entertained. Youth served supper. . . On May 10 Jubilee continued with E. J. Miles, past minister, preaching to 240. At a mothers' tea, Matron Davis of Women's Hospital, spoke. Men waited on ladies. Mr. Berston was speaker at night. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were duellists.

"FOR FIVE SENSES"

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., A. B. Titter). On May 3, the Young People's group presented a "Worship Programme for the Five Senses." . . On May 6, the C.W.F. visited the Kurrajong Guest Home. . . On May 10, a congregation participation evening was held. The topic was "The History and Commencement of Churches of Christ." . . The Girls' Choir has been assisting with the evening services. . . Work is progressing with new baptism.

INCREASE THROUGH MISSION

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. E. Stevens). While and Coleman Children's Mission brought several B.S. scholars to decision. Already five have been baptized. . . Six girls attended Junior Camp at Hall's Gap in school vacation. . . C.W.F. conducted gospel service on Mother's Day. . . Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Mitchell visited Mission Band to speak and show slides on H.M. work.

108th BIRTHDAY

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). Maryborough church celebrated their 108 years of service on May 10. Guest speaker was G. R. Stirling whose messages were an inspiration and challenge. Valentine Woff sang at both services and the Senior Choristers rendered items. At night the auxiliaries took part when the theme was "We Present This, Jesus." The C.Y.F. entertained the mothers of the church at a tea when Mr. Stirling showed films. . . On May 8, the Evening Fellowship street stall resulted in \$73.31 being raised.

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MISS FRANKLIN IS 90

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Miss Louisa Franklin celebrated her 90th birthday on April 26. Until recently she has been most regular in attendance at both Sunday and mid-week meetings, and she has always been faithful in service. She has been associated with Churches of Christ all of her life and for 75 years has been a member at Dawson St. This must be a record for membership in one church. Miss Franklin was a S.S. teacher for many years and a keen worker in the Dorcas Society.
Miss Franklin contracted a bone disease

SUPPORT FOR INDONESIANS

(SUNSHINE, Vic., B. Goldstein). The Prayer Fellowship group and church members are helping to support Indonesian Bible College students. . . The church sympathises with Mrs. Merle Illif who suffered the loss of her father in Castlemaine recently, and with Mrs. Sandra Hocking who returned from England following the death of her mother. . . The S.S. picnic was held at Bacchus Marsh. . . The C.W.E.F. birthday had Mrs. Cornish, a Security Officer, as speaker. . . A Ladies' Guild street stall raised \$70.

UNITY AT BELMONT

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). Members joined in special Ascension Day service with all other Belmont churches in St. Bernard's R.C. church. 300 were present and Presbyterian minister gave address. On May 5, 80 ladies from all churches met in Methodist church in discussion on Christian Unity. . . C.W.F. ladies raised \$70 for their special effort at recent casserole luncheon. . . Winter evening services will be held at 5 p.m. from June to August.

VISITORS TO HARTWELL

(Vic., M. J. Savage). Dr. G. Whiting was the speaker on April 26. . . Mrs. Weatherhead, representing Hospital Visitation Committee, spoke to C.W.A.F. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. Holden of Aborigines Committee. . . R. Layton has agreed to lead the Explorers' Club. . . A. Illingworth has returned home from hospital, and Eric Hancock has entered hospital for surgery. . . M. Morrison left last Sunday to visit his daughter in Canada.

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Because of her recent illness just before her birthday, the members of the church were not able to proceed with the evening they had planned in her honour. Instead, a group of ladies from the Mission Band visited her for afternoon tea at which function there was also a birthday cake from the Evening Women's Fellowship.

GIFT FOR HOSPITAL

(THE PATCH, Vic., W. Condrion). Mrs. Easton was hostess for C.W.E.F. meeting on April 29. Mrs. Morrison showed slides of work by the C.W.F. committees. As result a gift of hand-knitted baby wear has been forwarded to Children's Hospital. . . Afternoon Fellowship met in home of Mrs. Johnston on May 6. They were visited by Mrs. Turmann and group of ladies from Coburg, 21 being present. Church was well represented at Conference and several travelled to the combined evening service. . . Sunday afternoon gatherings are being held in various homes and to replace 7 p.m. service during winter months.

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WHEAT DONATIONS STOPPED

(MUKINBUDIN, W.A., J. F. A. Johnston). The annual business meeting brought changes including the division of sec-treas. into two positions. The new secretary is David Sprigg and treasurer is T. Seaby. Boyd Sprigg is S.S. secretary. The previous practice of donating wheat has ceased due to wheat quotas. Mr. Johnston has agreed to an extension of his ministry with us. . . The Young People's Group have been active in fund-raising. They have picked Mallee roots and sold them. . . Three representatives of Missionary Aviation Fellowship recently held a fellowship tea, film and witness evening.

ASSISTANT AT NOLLAMARA

(W.A., D. G. Nelson). Leo Cox, currently undertaking part-time third-year studies at Perth Bible Institute, has been appointed by the church as an Associate Minister to Mr. Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were in membership at the Geraldton church. . . During the month of April there were 12 commitments to Christ. . . The Teenage group is growing steadily under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Burton, with 30-40 attending. . . Doug Armstrong is progressing under therapeutic treatment, and continued prayer is sought for his total restoration. . . Miss Marj. Britza from the A.P.C.M. gave a stirring message at the conclusion of a recent Gospel service. . . M.A.F. Secretary, Stan Fairfull, spoke at morning service. Mr. Nelson spoke at the Mandurrah Mini-Crusade, May 1-3. Decisions were made, and it was felt that the Crusade should have extended over a longer period.

30th ANNIVERSARY

(GEORGETOWN, N.S.W., D. P. Holloway). Roy Greenhalgh was speaker for 30th anniversary services. . . A presentation of cut glassware was made to Mrs. H. Street in recognition of 25 years as pianist and also the gift of her piano.

. . . R. M. Fraser, the secretary's brother, who played a leading part in the erection of Hamilton, Mayfield, Georgetown and Wollongong, chapels died on May 7. . . Midweek meetings during the winter months are being held in the homes. . . Preparations are being made for the erection of a "Georgetown" hut on the Swansea camp site.

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WOMEN OF THE WEST

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There were 75 present, representing 22 C.W.F.'s, including Mrs. Bruce Clapp, of Albany. Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Jessie Bridge who celebrated her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Bob Carslake, Morowa, wrote the 65th Women's Auxiliary Conference impressions.

Mrs. L. W. Ladner, Fremantle, has been appointed President-Elect.

Mrs. Ewers presented the 1970 Conference year programme and projects:

The theme, "Partners in Prayer," challenges the ladies to take their personal and C.W.F. prayer-life more seriously. This is extended into stewardship of the "three T's"—Time, Talent and Treasure. The budget has been increased—aim

HORNSBY HARVEST

(N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of the B.S. on May 3 had the staff and boys from the Boys' Home, Pendle Hill, as guests for the day. The staff and boys shared in the Evening Service. H. Bishop presented to the manager of the Home, Mr. Dalton, all the goods brought for the day. . . At the annual meeting all those nominated were elected to serve. New faces on the Board are: M. Bartholomew, G. Naylor, Ed. Newton and D. Shoobert. Mrs. E. R. Bishop is treasurer and J. V. Ellerby is secretary. New auxiliary leaders are: H. R. Bishop, B.S. Supt. and G. Naylor and D. Shoobert for No. 1 Section Boys' Brigade.

NEW MINISTER PAYS VISIT

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Maxwell Hall). Russell Craig, who is to take up the ministry here in June, paid a visit. He spoke to the C.E. Group on the Saturday evening and to members at Sunday worship. . . The B.S. was featured in the family night gospel service. Scholars rendered items, group singing and Bible readings. . . Junior C.E. members visited the limestone caves and inspected the Ashford power house. . . Miss Jean Raddon was guest speaker at the Christian Women's Day Convention.

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June is bed-sox month for patients in hospitals and ladies are encouraged to make as many as possible, also to prepare hospital hampers and gifts suitable for missionaries to take to the Carnarvon and Norzeman Hospitals.

Mrs. K. Parry led in a closing meditation.

It is with deep sorrow in our hearts that we record our personal loss in the death of a past President and Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Reid. She died on May 12, 1970. We thank our God upon every remembrance of Paula.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

YOUTH BAPTISM

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. Krause). Bob Aldrid was speaker when the youth fellowship conducted the gospel service on April 26. Greg. Bertram was baptized by Mr. Krause. Greg. has since been welcomed into membership. . . The S.S. picnic was held at Lane Cove National Park. . . The ladies recently organised a street stall proceeds of which will go toward the purchasing of new floor coverings for the church hall. . . The mothers conducted the gospel service on Mother's Day. They presented several well rehearsed musical items.

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TO MINISTER IN 1971

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). Brian Beck has accepted a three-year engagement as minister to Goolwa and Mt. Compass churches from February, 1971. I. J. Chivell addressed both services on May 3 on planning for World Convention, Adelaide, 1970. At night he showed slides including some of the Convention in Puerto Rico. Practically every church family attended in family groups for communion on Mothers' Day. At night the Church of England and Methodists joined with us in our building for a B. & F.B.S. combined service which featured a film of Bible work in New Guinea. Mr. Greenwood was speaker. Frank Broadbent from city church was speaker on May 17.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). Graeme Atwell and David Burrows received their University degrees last week. Young people conducted a youth service on April 19. Susan Johnson and Meredith Turbill made decisions on May 10. The church anniversary picnic was attended by 110.

MOTHERS GIVE SERVICE

(FORESTVILLE, S.A., J. A. Luff). The Mother's Day evening service was conducted by mothers of C.W.F. Several ladies had speaking parts against a musical background. Ladies' choir sang and Mrs. Nobel gave items with guitar. Church saddened by the death of Mrs. J. Phillips, but rejoice that a dedicated family of young Christians continue to work and witness for their Lord.

BARRY RICHARDS FROM INDIA

(STRATHALBYN, S.A., R. L. Oke). Barry Richards of the B.M.M.P., on furlough from India, was a recent guest speaker. A Bible School tea was held for those 6 to 12 years of age followed by a special children's service. A group of junior children formed a choir. During the winter months the Prayer and Bible Study meetings are held as "cottage" meetings.

QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE

A.C. MALE, Director of Christian Education in Queensland, was inducted as President at the State Conference session on Sunday April 19.

Announcing his theme for the year as "Participate," Allan mentioned that we are not saved by good works, but when saved we do have a Christian obligation to do good works. "We are co-labourers together with him," and Jesus said we should let our lights shine before men, "that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Miss Vi Callanan, Southport church, was inducted as Women's Conference President. Miss Lyn Miller, Assistant to the Director of Christian Education, rendered a solo. Mrs. Jull, wife of a Methodist minister and mother of T.V. personality David, challenged the assembled women to be involved in Christ's work in the community.

THURSDAY NIGHT, the first brotherhood witness, was conducted at the Kedron church. The minister, Ron Sansome, welcomed all attending. The Conference President, Des. Collins, presided. R. V. Holt (Zillmere) read the scripture lesson. Mrs. Benz, of Albion, brought a message in song. C. A. E. Smith (Annerley) introduced a hymn and Keith Ludgater (New Hebrides) spoke on the 1969 Conference theme, "What shall it profit a man?"

FRIDAY: Conference gathering allowed some ministers and wives from provincial areas to gather for luncheon at the Canberra, Vic. Parker (Hawthorne) and Social Services Chaplain) shared his experience of the ministry.

At night, the second brotherhood witness was held at Ipswich. The local minister, Etn. Stevens, welcomed the audience that packed out the chapel and



he later sang a solo. Lyle Morris (Eidsvold) read the scripture and Peter Burnham (student Leichhardt) introduced a hymn. Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, General Secretary World Convention, was guest speaker.

SATURDAY: In a segment, "I Challenge the Brotherhood," Les Armstrong (Ann Street) presented the challenge for the brotherhood to be involved in today's technological, changing world. Len Stevens (Ipswich) challenged the brotherhood to stop looking at themselves and look out for others, in order to be true stewards.

Ken Wilshite (Youth Conference President and Executive of the Department of Industrial Development) presented statistics that showed great growth in community population and the church actually losing members over the previous 12 months. We must teach youth to grow to become full-orbed, fully-integrated personalities!

DR. LARRY KIRKPATRICK

The General Secretary of World Convention of Churches of Christ spoke at the combined worship service at Brisbane State High School auditorium.

He said, "Ours is not the rarified atmosphere removed from the needs of man. To be worthwhile we must have a faith relevant to today's world."

"In the fields of scientific achievements we have had remarkable success, but in the area of human relationships we have drastically been brought face to face with our limitations. Christ is a Living Person today. He is born anew in each person who acknowledges His Lordship. The wonder of it all is the Miracle still goes on!"

★ The Conference President, A. C. Male, spoke at Ann Street on the Sunday night on the theme "Participate."

★ Conference continued at "Camp Cal" on the Monday through to Wednesday as ministers shared together in a seminar.

★ An unusual facet at Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lowe (Harlaxton, Toowoomba) were present with their family of four boys for the first time for many years. John (Superintendent and Secretary at Annerley), Alan (Deacon at Townsville), Ian and David (Deacons at Harlaxton).

C.W.F. CONFERENCE

Mrs. R. Muller presided at the 84th Annual Conference in the St. Kilda Town Hall on April 29. The theme was "Prove Me Now."

Attendances were: 575 morning, 650 afternoon and 750 evening. The Executive and Committee reports and the Financial Statement were adopted. Delegates voted that the recipients of the Golden Bag Project 1970-71 would be "The College of the Bible" and the "Department of Christian Education."

The morning devotions led by the President-elect, Mrs. G. Barnett, included a solo by Mrs. B. Beazley. Mrs. Barnett introduced her theme for the next Conference Year as "Steadfastly Believe."

Superintendents of Committees were introduced by Mrs. E. Rankine. Mrs. V. Stafford led in prayer of dedication.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of World Convention, spoke on the Convention and the need of hospitality for Overseas visitors passing through Melbourne to and from Adelaide.

The Service of Commitment and Dedication in the afternoon was prepared by Mrs. R. McCredden, of Box Hill. Duetists were Mrs. M. Leopold and Mrs. D. Murton from the United Ladies' Choir. Mr. Ots received the 1969-70 Golden Bag Offering amounting to \$1,805.16 for the Millera Rd., East Kellor church and cheques for \$1,820.30 for the Dept. of Home Mission and Evangelism; \$1,456.25 Overseas Missions Board; \$364.06 College of the Bible were presented. Mrs. E. Reldy presented \$225.60, the result of Evening Fellowship March Effort, to the College of the Bible.

Greetings were brought to the meeting by Dr. Killmier, President of General Conference. Mrs. M. Jenkins led in prayer of Intercession.

Afternoon speaker was Mrs. Valerie Main, missionary on furlough from India. Duetists during the Evening session were Mrs. K. Crouch and Mrs. Bertram from the Doncaster Church.

Incoming officers were introduced and Mrs. Barnett responded and thanked Mrs. R. Muller for her leadership and presented her with a Bible and sheath of flowers. Prayer of dedication was given by President-elect of General Conference, K. J. Clinton.

Mrs. K. Lawton, World President of C.W.F., gave the evening address.

Office-bearers 1970/71: President, Mrs. G. Barnett; President-elect, Mrs. J. Preston; Junior President-elect, Mrs. F. T. Morgan; Secretary, Mrs. K. Morris; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. R. Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Allison; members, Mrs. A. Buckmaster and Mrs. V. Gordon. —M.N.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melbourne). Next Council meeting will be held June 5 at 11 a.m. in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre.

Speaker: Miss Esse Phillips, consultant with the Presbyterian Department of Social Service, formerly Social Worker in charge of the Foster and Adoption Section of the Family Welfare Division of the Victorian Department of Social Welfare.

Women's Annual Conference (STHN. DIST.)

The 13th Annual Women's Conference of the churches in the Southern District was held at Milang. 64 ladies represented Strathalbyn, Murray Bridge, Lenswood, Mt. Compass, Goolwa, Victor Harbour and Milang. Mrs. H. E. Greenwood, of Goolwa, was President.

Devotional messages were given by Mrs. Lawrie and Mrs. Pollard. Mrs. Russell Baker was soloist, and two recitations were given by Mrs. D. Schultz.

Mrs. Searle introduced a Bible study on Communicating the Faith from the Book of Philomen.

Mrs. R. Saunders, State President, spoke on the different levels of service of women's work.

The group reports covered many spheres of activities.

The project for the past year was for the Point Sturt Youth Camp, and realised \$219.95. This was handed to Mrs. Searle, who accepted it on behalf of the D.C.E.

Office-bearers for 1970 are: President, Mrs. T. Lawrie, Victor Harbour; Pres.-Elect., Mrs. R. Pollard, Lenswood; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Griffin, Milang and Pt. Sturt; Sec. Mrs. B. Tuckwell, Goolwa; Asst. Sec., Mrs. D. Jacobs, Mt. Compass; Treas., Miss R. Howard, Milang. —B. M. Tuckwell, Sec.

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QLD. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

On April 16, a day of typical Queensland sunshine, Mrs. M. Chapman presided at the Annual Women's Conference in the Ann St. chapel, which was filled to capacity. Delegates attended from as far north as Charters Towers.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports revealed increased efforts. Special mention was made of the value of our women's camps in which the main emphasis was on spiritual needs and the claims of evangelism. A seminar with lectures arranged by Dr. Jauncey and Mr. Evers was held at Kenmore Christian College last August, the theme being, "The Church in Thy House."

Fellowships were asked to increase their budget amounts and in almost every instance this aim was achieved, some Fellowships sending amounts in excess of their allocation.

Thrilling reports of work at Eidsvold, the Far North and New Hebrides were given by Mrs. Lyle Morris, Mrs. Doug.

Willis and Mrs. Keith Ludgater, respectively.

Three new Fellowships were welcomed to Conference, viz.—Arana Hills, Crown St., Toowoomba, and Eidsvold.

Our General Conf. Pres., Des. Collins, brought greetings and offered a prayer of dedication for the newly-elected officers.

Elected Executive officers were: President, Miss V. Callanan; Vice-President, Mrs. E. Jell; Secretary, Mrs. D. Armstrong, and Treasurer, Mrs. M. Cobine.

Mrs. A. S. Jull, Vice-President of the National Council of Women, was guest speaker.

The afternoon session closed with a play written by Mrs. C. Connel entitled "Everything Else as Well," a fitting pointer to our President's theme for the coming year, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

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(CHELTENHAM, Vic., G. K. Moyes). "The drug menace is the greatest social evil of our time," said Mr. Don Chipp, Federal Minister for Customs and Excise, when speaking to the Men's Tea on April 5. Many attitudes of indifference to this problem were changed after his talk, and all present felt great concern at the menace of drug-taking in the community. . . . Through the generosity of church members we have obtained a 16 mm. movie projector and a new duplicator. Building alterations have been completed in the Junior Dept. Hall to allow for increase in S.S. pupils. . . . Associate-minister, Graham Chapman, is conducting classes for those interested in joining the church. . . . Three study groups are being held each week for adults (Mon.), mothers (Wed.) and young adults (Fri.).

FOR W.R.A.A.C.

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). Young People's Club farewelled Joan Page who left for Sydney to commence recruit training in W.R.A.A.C. . . . The cricket club held a barbecue and presentation of trophies night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mill. . . . Youth group of church school led by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morgan conducted morning service on May 3. Parents and the whole school attended. . . . C.W.E.F. had lecture and demonstration on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation given by Red Cross. . . . A large group attended United Gospel Witness in Melb. Town Hall. . . . G. J. Crossman was elected to Social Service Dept. and Mrs. F. T. Morgan is Junior Vice-President of C.W.F.

P.S.A.

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). The C.M.F. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon on April 16 had as guest speaker Miss Jean Milne, from the Peter McCallum Clinic. She spoke on "Cancer Research" and careers for young people in this field. Maurice Rocha provided a musical programme. A donation of \$10 was given toward cancer research. . . . C.W.F. members attended Aust. Christian Women's Convention rally in Footscray. . . . Les Stewart (Thornbury) representing the D.C.E., was morning speaker on Christian Education Sunday, May 3. . . . Youth gospel service featured the film "Saigon Today" followed by a "Supp-Inn." Proceeds and retiring offering went toward work of World Vision. . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to the Dupuy and Coxhead families, in the death of loved ones.

(MALVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams & K. Verge). Dr. Killmer, President of Vic.-Tas. Conf., was speaker on April 6. At night there was an informal "Discussion-Sermon" in the Kindergarten Room after a communion service in the chapel. . . . Miss Robin Haskell has been welcomed into fellowship. . . . Recent speakers have been Ern. Smith representing Gideon's International and David Allison representing the D.C.E.

HOME FROM VIETNAM

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. McKay & Doug. Good). John Hunter returned home from Vietnam and his family joined in thanksgiving for his safe return. . . . G. R. Stirling addressed a morning service, and after a church family dinner he led a discussion about "The Function of the Church in Australia Today." . . . A Maundy Thursday "Upper Room Communion Service" was held. . . . The Young Adult Fellowship is conducted by Garth Nelson. . . . Four young people including nurses from Bethesda Hospital spoke of their commitment as Christians. After church, a large gathering saw Russell Trezise's slides on his trip to U.S.A.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

(COLLINGWOOD, Vic., Barry Cutchie). The missionary outreach of the church continues to grow—a new target of \$1,000 has been set for the remainder of the year. Each month members contribute \$62 over and above regular offerings to sponsor needy students in Indonesian Bible Colleges. . . . The two gospel concerts sponsored by the church and hosted by The Gospel Firebrands had a total combined attendance of 1,300 and a total of \$435 raised to be used for evangelistic outreach in Indonesia. . . . Over Anzac weekend 26 young people attended camp at the Evangelical Fel-

lowship site with studies on the "Demands of Discipleship." Two young men committed their lives to Christ. . . . Recent guest visitors have included J. E. Searle (Nth. Fitzroy), T. Hananlel (Indonesian student, M.B.I.), members of the Deaf Christian Fellowship and B. Jenkins (Chadstone). . . . An average of 25 attends prayer and Bible study. . . . Teen-teaching has added interest to the S.S.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). W. T. Aitken expressed personal gratitude to Mrs. Grainger and her supporters for assistance given through the Opportunity Shop. . . . Dr. Lloyd Jones was guest preacher for 59th church anniversary service. Mrs. Gore was soloist. Afternoon programme was supplied by the Oakover Choir. After buffet tea 80 members went to the Melb. Town Hall meeting. . . . C.Y.F. visited Hurstbridge for a film night. . . . Explorers joined in Inter-Club Athletic Sports at Bulleen. . . . C.E. held car trial and barbecue. . . . 40 attended C.W.F. meeting in St. Kilda Town Hall. . . . Richard Lawton, Director of Fed. Board of Christian Education, was guest speaker on Youth Sunday. . . . Frank Jones is a newly-elected Board member. . . . George and Marge Mullin congratulated on their 25th wedding anniversary.

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Another attractive feature is Dr. Loane's use of illustration, particularly from biography. An example: Robert Bruce, the disciple of John Knox, died at Kinnaird on July 27, 1631. At breakfast he asked that the Bible should be brought, but his sight failed him and he could not read. "Cast me up the eighth of Romans," cried he, and he repeated much of the latter portion of this scripture till he came to the last two verses, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

"Set my finger on these words," said the blind, dying man; "God be with you, my children. I have breakfasted with you, and shall sup with my Lord Jesus this night. I die believing in these words."—(J.E.B.)

"MARRIAGE IS FOR LIVING." A "Faith at Work" book. (Zondervan Publishing House). \$1.05 Aust.

In his prologue to this book, Sam Shoemaker says succinctly: "No one is fit for marriage who is not fully adult; and no one is not fully adult who is not spiritually aware."

Not that any marriage partner can be expected to be perfect at once, but this book shows how anyone may make steady, and sometimes, startling progress.

"Marriage is for Living" contains articles full of wisdom, and reinforced with as many personal stories, true stories, only with names necessarily altered.

It is wisely observed that "Sex in itself does not bridge the gap between two persons who are out of communication. Sex is not the means to union, but a way of expressing it."

Marriage suffers from selfish ambition and over-occupation with public duties, resulting in home neglect. Husband or wife drive themselves to the limit, without brakes.

Essential to true marriage is respect for the other's person-hood. "If we could love purely, with God's kind of love, we would both love as they are and set them free." As someone heard God say: "You love your husband; I'll change him."

The husband-wife relationship is vital to the emotional health of the children. A strong faith in God which parents and children all share prepares for such heart-aches as still-birth or a baby's being born a Mongoloid.—(J.E.B.)

"A BOOK OF PEACE."

By Elizabeth Goudge (Hodder & Stoughton). 90c.

I am a pushover for anthologies. Usually those who compile them have a sensitivity and an appreciation of the music of words, yes, and the fire of words, to warm, and to burn the mind, and to sear the soul. So many have said so much that the deathless words should not be lost simply because they are hard to find among the volumes of the great thinkers and writers.

This is an anthology to buy, not only because it is cheap but because it is good. The poems — there is some prose, but there are mainly poems — are arranged in various

classifications of peace. They cover many centuries and reflect many cultures. They include pieces from Bunyan, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Schweitzer, Kipling, Dostoevsky, Tagore, Milton, and on and on through 300 pages.

Here are two illustrations. If they do not say anything to you, then it would be idle for me to persuade you further.

"I am a man of peace. I believe in peace. But I do not want peace at any price. I do not want the peace that you find in stone; I do not want the peace that you find in the grave; but I do want the peace which you find embodied in the human breast, which is exposed to the arrows of the whole world, but which is protected from all harm by the power of Almighty God."—Mahatma Gandhi.

*"If one day you come too late
and you find my body cold,
if you find my comrades dead,
while as snow among their chains,
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and our anguish and our dreams
and the names upon the walls
which we carried with loving care. . . ."*

—Marces Ana, a political prisoner for 22 years.

"UNHOLY SMOKE."

By G. W. Target (Hodder & Stoughton). 90c.

The conflict in Northern Ireland has its roots deep in history, and while this little book does not set out to tell the historical origins, the author is well aware of them and makes us feel that the very soil and air of Ireland are poisoned with religious bitterness, and each new generation is infected from birth. But it is not so much a history as a journalist's daily notes and reflections on the things he saw and heard in Belfast. What he saw and heard will make you ill with shame — or should, no matter what side you are on, or if you are on neither side but want only justice and dignity for all.

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OBITUARY

Annle Frances ANDERSON (Burt)

Annle Frances Hunt was a daughter of the manse. Her brother, Charles Hunt, was also a minister in South Australia and Western Australia. Early in life Annle Hunt was baptized at York, S.A., by the late H. J. Horsell. She was married at Port Neill, S.A., by Roy Raymond to Fred Burt. Mr. and Mrs. Burt lived first in S.A., then 15 years in Boort, Vic., and then 30 years ago they went to Devonport, Tasmania. In all of these places they were active members in the churches and always kept an open home. Their four sons and their daughter have lived in the faith to which their parents gave witness. Bart ministers today at Greydon, S. A. Glen is the Immediate Past. President of the District Conference of Churches of Christ in Tasmania. Tom at Sheffield, Tasmania, worships at the Baptist church there. Colin is minister at the Willaura Presbyterian Church, Vic. Audrey, and her husband Stan Bruton, are members at Blackburn, Vic., and previously served in our Aborigines Mission stations of Carnarvon and Norseman. Some few years after Mrs. Burt had been widowed, in 1966 at 75 years of age, she married Harry Anderson. After caring for Mr. Anderson in ill-health, she was widowed again in October last year. In November, Mrs. Anderson came from Tasmania to Blackburn to make her home with Stan and Audrey Bruton, but she was not able to spend her time in good health. She died at the R.G.H. Heidelberg, on April 19 at 77 years. F. Langford and E. Roffey conducted the service at Blackburn on April 21. The presence of a family deeply committed in Christian service made inevitable a witness to the victory of faith in Christ.—E.W.H.

GORE, Eudora Elizabeth

Miss Gore, daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Gore, and esteemed member of the church at Unley, S.A., died on April 15 after a brief illness. She became a member of the church 75 years ago. Significantly she was named "Eudora," although generally known as "Dora." The composite name suggests a "good gift." The life of Miss Gore fully justified this attribute, for she, besides being a most devoted Christian and member of the church, gave herself unstintedly to the visitation of sick members, besides other services in the name of her Lord. She was, indeed, a "good gift" to her family and the church. In the absence of the minister of the church, interstate the funeral service was conducted by H. G. Norris on April 17 in the West Terrace cemetery in the presence of relatives and close friends.—H.R.T.

BENHAM, Isabella Ann

The members of our churches in Sunraysia (Vic.) wish to honour the memory of Mrs. Benham, a wonderful Christian woman whose death has brought a sense of loss to us all. A devoted member of the Mildura church for some 55 years, she testified to her deep devotion and love for her Lord in intensely practical ways. She endeared herself to the youth of this district as one of the pioneers of camping, and will be affectionately remembered by many who are now key members of our churches for this ministry. She was not only an excellent cook but also had a friendly interest, a cheerful outlook, and a down-right commonsense approach to life. For many years she loved this ministry of hospitality, and was responsible for

the organising of meals for our monthly men's dinner, "Benny," as we all knew her, preferred to work loyally in the background. Though not officially a deaconess, she did much of the work usually associated with this office. She was a most conscientious visitor at the hospital where she brought a real work of Christian comfort and hope to the sick. Until ill-health, during most of her last year, she always shared in worship, and throughout her long illness maintained a wonderfully rich faith, finding resources in her very real communion with her Lord. Though we need no tangible remembrance of her we are glad that each Lord's Day the scripture lessons are read to us from a pulpit Bible presented to the church by her late husband and herself. We offer our thanks to God for our sharing with her and express our sympathy to her daughters, Florrie (Mrs. T. Hawtlin) and Nellie (Mrs. E. Queensland) and to their families.—M.D.H.

Mrs. Amy HORN

The last remaining foundation member of the Bunbury (W.A.) Church of Christ died in Sydney on April 13. In the Thos. Hagger 1903 Mission she was baptized. She served as organist, B.S. teacher, deaconess and C.W.F. leader. She was always remembered for her prayer support for the minister and her gracious manners. Her love for the church and the work of Christ was pre-eminent. On the death of her husband she lived at Wembley with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Norton. At the time of her death she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. D'Evolvey in Sydney. She was 88. J. Sewell, past minister, conducted the funeral service here at Bunbury. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Rod of Bunbury and her two daughters.—G.B.C.

Harold H. McKEAN

Mr. McKean was baptized and joined the church at Middle Park (Vic.) in 1905, but transferred some years later to Lygon Street, with his parents and other members of the family. As a young man he served overseas during the First World War. His membership remained at Lygon Street until his sudden death on April 5. Except for holidays or sickness, he was rarely absent from the services. He had always been active in church work, serving as church officer and B.S. Superintendent for many years. He was a member of the choir, the church cricket team, and was an active member of the Y.P.S.C.E., as was also his wife, Essie, who predeceased him by some years—they were married at Lygon Street. When the membership at Gardenvale became very small, he regularly visited to conduct morning services

there. Perhaps the keenest memory in more recent years would be of his pre-communion remarks. So often in this connection he used No. 147 from our hymn book, using Sankey tune 135—"Ride on in majesty!" The closing line of this hymn, "Take O God, Thy power and reign," exemplified the truth of his own life—truly committed to the God he served. At the service from the church on April 8, P. T. Kavanagh paid tribute to the life and witness of an encourager and faithful member. To all family members and friends—especially his son Ian, wife and daughter in Queensland—we extend sincere sympathy.—F.H.

Mrs. Ina RATTEN

Mrs. Ina Ratten, wife of Stan Ratten, of 7 Eddy's Grove, Bentleigh, Vic., died on April 9 after a long period of illness, at the age of 64 years. She came to know the Saviour as a young girl and continued her walk of faith throughout her life. For approximately 35 years her membership was with the church at Bentleigh and then in more recent times at Lygon St., Carlton. In the early days of the church at Bentleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Ratten made a strong contribution in faith and the stewardship of their capacities and possessions. Ministers who were students then remember with gratitude the hospitality of their home, their wise counsel, practical help, and shared faith. Her husband and the children have found great comfort in the cards and thoughtful expressions of sympathy from so many loving friends. At the funeral service, P. Kavanagh paid tribute to her life.

Betty Elaine THORPE

After five years of pain and suffering, Mrs. Thorpe died on April 10 at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Her faith and courage were a witness to all she met and showed the quality of her Christian life. Never complaining, she always had a happy smile, being concerned about others, especially for her family to whom she showed unselfish devotion. Mrs. Thorpe (nee Wickes) was born in 1917. In 1937 she married Cliff Thorpe in the Tumbay Bay church, where also she was baptized and became a member. Mrs. Thorpe gave service in many ways. She had a special musical talent, and at times played for church services and S.S. anniversaries. She also sang in the Victor Harbour church choir as well as the local South Coast Choral Group. All of these interests were enriched by her service to Christ. A large number of people gathered for the funeral service at the Victor Harbour church when Mr. H. Norris paid tribute to her life and witness. She leaves her husband and four children, Pam, Don, Bob, Paul and their families.—T. Lawrie.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

August Ben Writes . . .

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus. I am glad to say we are all well and the people have recovered from a very bad cough.

This year has been a busier year than last year. Apart from patrolling, we started Sunday Schools in three different villages. Two are held every two weeks and one operates every Sunday by Maeline's help. The children are very interested in Bible stories, love to sing choruses. We started the first one at Mul. Early next morning we saw the children

A LETTER FROM AUGUST BEN, NEW HEBRIDEAN MISSIONARY IN NEW GUINEA

all having their wash in the creek. Next thing they were standing at our door. I went out and asked what they wanted. "We have come for Sunday School," they said. I told them it will only be held on Sunday. They were very disappointed.

The sewing class has increased a lot this year, and Maeline divided them into two groups. The girls have theirs in the morning and the married women in the afternoon. When we first arrived they still used flying foxes' bone and bark from tree for sewing, and they are pleased now to use proper needles and cotton for sewing.

We started a little class-room which

will be used for sewing class, Sunday school, and also I want to start a "pidgein" literature class shortly. I plan to have only eight and have the class three nights a week (for two hours each night). We are able to send three people down to Pidgein School at Asau. We have six boys at school at Tumba. In our whole area we have only three who are able to read and write a bit. The airstrip at Bunam is started and people go down every week to help. We are looking forward to when it will be finished.

Bill and Janet from the New Hebrides have been with us. They went to Bunam and spent a week with the Boltens. John Bolton took Bill up to Gokto to see the site of his house.

The first week they arrived at Mul I took Bill on patrol, and we were out for a whole week. We have had very good meetings all along. It was said in two villages, "Now we see more 'Black Skin' people like us coming to help us with the 'Tok' (talk from the Bible), we must believe the 'Tok', it is a true 'Tok.' Before we didn't know or hear about these black-skinned people from the New Hebrides, but now the 'Tok' of God has come and they come to see us."

We praise God for this if they believe that the message we preach is true.

We thank God for those in Australia and New Hebrides who support us mainly with prayers.

TRAINING to TEACH

The "E" Course in Teacher Training is very valuable and enlightening. Many of the problems in New Guinea are discussed and possible solutions given to some. There is a good deal of educa-

By J. FRIEBEL
(NEW GUINEA)

tional psychology with many helpful films. We all went out to a village last week and did a community study there for the day, working in groups—history, arts and crafts, education, government, music, etc. It was very interesting but showed us how long it would take to do

a proper study. This came under Social Studies.

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(J. Friebel is doing the six months "E" course in teacher training prior to serving with our mission in New Guinea. The Overseas Mission Board will welcome enquiries from those interested in teaching in mission schools and are prepared to train for this purpose).

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After a few hours the astronauts inside the doomed rocketship 19 were coughing and gasping, with nearly no air . . . at last something had to happen, it had to!

The people on earth hearing the news dropped what they were doing and ran to the T.V. Over the speaker came the frightened voices of the three Americans. Crossing to Houston more bad news was read out.

Suddenly from the capsule the three men burst out good news. They had seen a saucer with a green man in it.

The timid little man fixed the leak and sped off, "Beep! Beep!" A few days later the capsule was recovered from the Pacific. Everyone wanted to thank the little green man!

LINDA MALE (10)

—CAMP HILL, Qld.

It was a cold day and Charles shivered as he walked along, his music case in his hand. He loved music, but boys at school had other ideas. They planned to pounce on him one day while he was walking to music. Today they were going to try.

Now the six boys could hear footsteps. "That must be him," they cried in excitement. Then suddenly they jumped out and punched and kicked him. One boy wrenched his case from him and began to run away with it. As he ran he opened it and tore bits of music paper all over the footpath.

Charles sprang forward and just saved his best piece from being thrown into the quarry. A boy yelled to the others that someone was in the next street heading for the space they now occupied. Quickly they all disappeared except Charles who had sprained his ankle and was badly bruised and scratched.

So he lay there and hoped somebody would come near. At last someone came. It was his best friend, Billy. Alas, when Billy saw him he passed by him, for he did not want to get dirty on his way to the football match. Again he heard footsteps, and found his sister Debby (who he had fought with that morning) looking at him. She quickly ran to a tap nearby and dipped her handkerchief in the basin and bathed the scratches. Then she put him on her bike and took him home with her.

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A CHILD'S PRAYER

Make me, dear Lord, polite and kind
To everyone, I pray.
And may I ask you how you find
Yourself, dear Lord, today?
—John Banister Tabb.



Sin is a queer thing. It isn't the breaking of divine commandments. It is the breaking of one's own integrity.
—D. H. Lawrence.



In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of. Confucius.

"The striking thing about love and will in our day is that, whereas in the past they were held up as the answer to life's predicaments, today they have become the problem."—Dr. Rollo May.

You have reached middle age when all you exercise is caution.



You can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.



Life sentence: The penalty for a stolen kiss.



The eyes show intelligence;
The nose shows character;
The mouth shows emotion.

—Norman Lindsay.



If everyone attended to his own business, news would be very scarce.

It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.

—Mark Twain



Most folks itch for what they want instead of starting to scratch for it.



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