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HONOUR FOR ROY CLYDESDALE

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WORLD CONVENTION,
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(IN 60 DAYS)

COMMUNITY HONOURS ROY CLYDESDALE

Roy first came to Mooroopna in 1915, as assistant to the late Peter Harrington, in running Mooroopna Power House, for the Shire of Rodney, which later became Mooroopna Water Trust and Sewerage Authority. Roy was very active in the early history of the Water Trust, and was secretary for years, and only retired in about 1965, after 50 years' service to the community in his vocation.

During this period he has been joint secretary with Robert Curley for the 1930 Back to Mooroopna; secretary to the committee which laid out the plantation in the main street; secretary to the State School Committee; secretary

of the Mechanics' Institute; trustee of the Public Hall; secretary of the Progress Association for many years, and performed honorary service to the Shire of Rodney during the depression, looking after 50 men.

He was a member of Mooroopna Hospital Board for 20 years, and lost his seat in one of the very few elections contested for this position, supporting what he considered was right for the hospital. The hospital has been for years one of Roy's many interests. His visits to the hospital for years will be remembered by the many patients whom he visited every week.

He has been a Justice of the Peace for about 20 years. He has been a member of Shepparton Cemetery Trust for 15 years. He has been a member of the Save the Children Fund since its inception and is at present vice-president of Shepparton branch.

Roy has worked amongst Aboriginal people for well over 30 years; he has acted as counsellor and helper during these years, has helped many families, and since his retirement has become Honorary Minister of the Church of

The cover picture shows the presentation of a Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Mooroopna, Vic. to Roy A. Clydesdale (left). With him is Doug. Parsons (Vocational Service Director).

Christ in Mooroopna where half the congregation is Aboriginal.

He still continues to work in this way amongst the children and teen-agers; has two classes a week at his home, and tutors the children to a higher standard in secular and religious studies.

The amount of work that Roy has done amongst the Aboriginal people in Mooroopna, nobody knows about because he goes about it in his own quiet way.

He has also been an elder and local preacher at Shepparton Church of Christ for many years, and is still actively interested in this work. He was responsible for laying out the surroundings of the new Save the Children Fund Centre, and still maintains the garden all in an honorary capacity.

—“Shepparton News.”

NO END TO TEARS

(Michael Charlton concluded his documentary on Vietnam by saying, “There is no end to tears in Vietnam.”)

No end to tears! Not all the soft tissues of our Overstocked supermarkets are enough to wipe them all away.

The Mekong crawls its muddy way to sea Bearing within its knowing—secrets too dreadful to Tell — yet!

The land lies drugged as though with an Overdose of hurt.

The monsoon pours its continuous rain over this Devastation, with the seeming hope of washing Away the agonies.

BY LLOYD COOKE

A busyness — a hurrying to and fro disguises
An inner futility; while passers-by wear, like a
Mask, the expression of nothingness, as though
Pasted on by the adhesive of indifference.
But they care! The tears still flow, even though
There is no strength left to cry.
They care! For they are humans, and tears ooze
Out of eyes that have seen too much inhumanity.
When will the tears stop! When can we know peace!
When can we laugh again and look on lovely things
Instead of gaping wounds—and tears! tears!
Is there to be no end to tears!

SICILY

... the earthquake ... the suburb ... the church

La Noce (the suburb)

Palermo is a city of over 600,000 inhabitants. It supplies large numbers of migrants to the industrial areas in the north and overseas; its people have an average income of \$600 a year; while compulsory education is the law, some 10,000 children under 12 years are either working or dodging school (we asked one small lad of 14 who had struggled up four flights of stairs with our gas cylinder how long he had been working; he said, ‘eight years!’).

It's a city with one of the most diverse histories of all Italian cities. Founded by the Phoenicians, conquered by the Romans, under the sway of the Saracens, then the Normans and later the Spaniards, Palermo almost defies understanding and comprehension. It is a city of much beauty, a city whose rhythm of life is typically Mediterranean. During the early summer it becomes a haven for northern European tourists, but even the hardy tourist deserts the city in the high humidity of the Sicilian summer.

However, no tourist guide outlines an itinerary of the squalid sections of misery, hunger, unemployment, illiteracy, delinquency and desperation. To follow this itinerary through one such suburb, La Noce, is to be confronted with poverty that has no equal in any Australian city. Here one will see the family of 16 living in one room, the only toilet facilities a hole in the ground; here the daily exodus of school-age children going off to find work. Despite laws forbidding child labour they are selling newspapers and blackmarket cigarettes, pulling overloaded carts, loaded like donkeys with heavy baskets on their arms or on their shoulders, sweating in the summer and shivering in the winter.

In the open air markets you see a sheep being slaughtered on the footpath, fish being cleaned, and a few feet above the fruit stalls two or three hens sit contentedly watching the world go by. A few streets further on three small children sit with oversized clothes hanging from their pitiful bodies. They chew from a crust of bread as their sad brown eyes watch a small Australian two-year-old wander past licking her ice-cream.

Of course there are plans for demolishing and rehousing the people from such areas. But the maze of bureaucracy, the power, control and fear of the mafia, the incredible dependence on ‘clientelism’, and the bewildering state of politics almost makes it impossible to move with any certainty from plans to action. Places like La Noce will be a part of Sicilian life for many years to come.

La Chiesa (the church)

Sicily, with a population of nearly three million, has only three thousand members linked with the Protestant churches. Known as ‘evangelical communities’, they consist of the Waldesian (related to the Presbyterians), Methodists, Baptists, and Adventist churches, as well as the Church of the Nazarene and Mennonites. Despite their size, the churches of Sicily have performed and are performing a meaningful and exciting ministry in what first appears to be a discouraging and depressing situation.

In Vita, for example, with the assistance of the European churches, the Federation of Evangelical Churches in Italy moved to supply relief immediately after the earthquake struck the area in 1963. And outside the shattered gates of a town called Life (for that is the literal meaning of Vita) has risen ‘Villaggio Speranza’ (literally Hope Village). It is a small village, with only twenty houses. However, it lies within a stone's throw of the ugly, sad and monotonous constructions

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MENTION Italy or Sicily to most Australians and they conjure up images ranging from coffee and Catholics to the mafia and migrants. To be sure, for those who have travelled there is the Italy of Rome and Venice. For those with an interest in art there is the Italy of Michelangelo and mosaics, and, for those whose interest includes films or cars, there is the Italy of Fellini and Fiat. But, for most Australians the image of Italy and Sicily is built on half-formed, prejudicial ideas picked up from sensational newspaper headlines and the local greengrocer. The very fact that 13,000 Italians come to Australia every year — an average of some 250 each week — demands that there be some realistic attempt to understand their history, traditions and culture.

Italy is both a fascination and a paradox.

How do you describe a country that drinks 42 million cups of coffee a day, that has an army with over 500 generals,

By ALAN MATHESON

that has an average income of just over \$1,000, that supplies tens of thousands of emigrants to the world's labour markets, but is also a country of atomic power plants, phenomenal industrial growth, is a leading member of the European Economic Community, and a country where the third underground railway has run into difficulties because it has struck the ruins of Emperor Diocletian's baths of the third century? Of course description is impossible. It is possible, however, to provide glimpses at some aspects of Italy rarely seen by the average tourist.

Il Terramoto (the earthquake)

The night of Jan. 15, 1968, was a sad and devastating date in the history of Sicily. On that night, in the so-called ‘death-triangle’ towns with such mysterious names as Poggioreale and Montevago were totally destroyed or completely paralysed. Fear and panic brought a total stop to all activity. And the great tragedy in 1970 is that the effect of the calamity has continued to paralyse much of the life in the area. A local pastor writing a few days after the event could say, “The Sicilian, always betrayed by the authorities, the church and the society, had placed all his faith in his land, but now, even his land has betrayed him.”

Immediately after the situation became known the European and Italian churches responded with aid and assistance. There was little official help. As one man bluntly put it, “The Italian government promised to plan, to build temporary barracks within 40 days and to carry out the beginning of the work of reconstruction within six months . . . but now months have passed and promises are far from being kept and a veil of oblivion has fallen on the tragedy.”

Recently having visited some of these ‘barrack villages’ erected as ‘temporary measures’ nearly two years ago, and seen the poverty and the destruction, one is overwhelmed by the plight of so many who exist unknown and forgotten by the rest of the world. As I write, the news of the calamitous earthquakes in Peru are being featured in every newspaper and the world is shocked by the extent of the tragedy. But in a month, a year, I wonder who will remember or who will care.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Matheson are in Italy for 12 months where Mr. Matheson is working with an ecumenical team in Southern Italy.

called barracks which were erected by the government as temporary shelters. In May 1970 it is estimated that there were tens of thousands living in these squalid humpy-like towns.

Confronted by bureaucratic difficulties with local and provincial governments, inflated land prices, everything — sewerage, water, lighting — carried out by the churches, Hope Village is a miracle in itself. It stands between the earthquake city and the barrack slum as a reminder to an apathetic public administration that new hope and new life are possible.

In Palermo, the provincial capital city of Sicily are two further ministries of the churches that perhaps could be mentioned. The Waldesian Church has under its sponsorship the Servizio Cristiano (literally the Christian Service Centre) which as well as carrying out a number of social service functions operates a children's home and a school for some two hundred children. Support for these services comes not only from the rest of the churches in Italy but also from churches in Germany, England and Switzerland. The other project is a joint project of the Italian churches and the World Council of Churches being carried out within the Methodist Church of Palermo. This project is a centre to serve Sicilians who, because of the economic and labour situation, are being forced to emigrate either to the northern industrial cities of Italy or abroad to such countries as America or Australia.



"As a man thinks, so is he." Our lives and activities are so often a reflection of our minds. But how often do we remember that our lives can also reflect the mind of Christ? We must surely be challenged by the words of Paul when he says to the Philippians, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." This is a staggering thought. The same apostle tells the Corinthians that we, who profess to be the Lord's followers, "have the mind of Christ."

The man from Tarsus really meant that to have the "mind" of Christ in us — is to be prepared to go all the way, as Christ did. To be of the same mind as our Lord we must be ready to sacrifice all, and to face death itself, in complete obedience, if necessary, because of our allegiance to him. But are we, as 20th Century disciples, willing to accept this challenge? Have we arrived, in our Christian maturity, at a confrontation point with Jesus of Nazareth where we realise that he is calling us all, in this generation, to greater sacrifices than ever before? If his Word, his message of life, is to reach the masses and the millions?

COMPROMISE?

Most of us are very smug in our glib-tongued mouthing of our faith—but on the almost terrifying background of the rapid expansion of Communism and Mohammedanism — and blatant Secularism — in our world today — our puerile efforts at witnessing to the power

This centre, known as the 'Centro Emigrazione Siciliana in Europa', is in the course of establishing its social work assistance, its preparation and information courses, as well as its study programme of the whole phenomenon of migration as it relates to Sicily. The Centre hopes to be able to meet some of the needs arising from the alarming numbers of the work force migrating — the dramatic implications for family relationships.

The churches of Sicily are small and financially impoverished; nevertheless, their spirit is perhaps reflected in the words that are inscribed on a plaque in the dining room of the children's home. The words are those of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"The starving man needs bread, the homeless a refuge, the poor justice, and the lonesome community. To permit the starving to be left without bread, is to slander God and man. If the starving do not come to faith, it is our guilt finally, we, who have refused to give bread. To care for bread is to direct the way of grace."

THE MIND OF CHRIST

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

(ion gap — but which perhaps more correctly should be dubbed the re-generation gap.

CONFORMITY?

Paul certainly urges us to be "all things to all men"; but he also says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind!" Doubtless the best and most realistic way to renew our minds is to follow the apostle's very practical advice to the Philippians — "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus . . ." pointing the way to sacrificial service — at whatever the cost. The sheer raw toughness of the Communist and the Moslem, prepared to face up to any demand should surely be sufficient to shame us into the realisation that nothing matters so much as our devotion to our Lord.

Have 20th Century Christians lost the sense of sacrifice? If so, then our great need is undoubtedly to have the mind of Christ. All our problems in the field of communication, the so-called gap between the generations, the apparently irreconcilable lack of unity among Christ's followers, the failure to reproduce, practically, the life and witness of the New Testament fellowship — all of these would find a solution if only we really reflected "the mind of Christ."

To what extent in these days do we allow the world to impose its "mind" upon us? To what degree do we com-

placently allow "this present age" to plant its false, Satanically-inspired values into our thinking—and squeeze us into its mould? Radio, television, and in fact, all kinds of mass media in the hands of irresponsible, unregenerate operators, combine to brainwash us. Modern advertising, with every form of demonic device, literally dragged up from the slime and gutter of existence, is foisted upon us even within the supposed sanctity of our own home, in an effort to way-lay us with every new fad and notion!

COMMITMENT!

Having the mind of Christ means, if it means anything at all to us, complete and utter commitment to Christ, in the Pauline sense of being "in

Christ." In the Johannine sense of "abiding in Him." Moreover this also involves being sent by Christ—going everywhere "gossipping the gospel," living in the power of the Name that is above every Name.

Pastor Wurmbbrand and Watchman Nee, with their sense of complete devotion to Christ as LORD, virtually shame us, in our "Australian way of life," with our cushioned, comfortable, conformable Christianity.

We don't begin to know the meaning of sacrificial service or absolute allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ until he is invited to leave the outer periphery of our lives—and come right into the very centre of our experience, 24 hours of every day, seven days of every week.

Jesus said a strange but infinitely compelling thing concerning Satan, the arch tempter—"He has nothing in me." But, as we ponder over the incredible activity and subtlety of this one who is so significantly named in scripture as "The Prince of this world"—or of "this age"—we must all recognise to our shame that he has a great deal in us.

There is only one answer to our problem. The strong man must be bound and overcome. Your commitment and mine, with all we have and are, to the Risen, Living Conqueror, brings the only victory we can ever know. The mind of the Evil One is so subtle. The mind of man is so fickle. But, thanks be to God, if only we will be faithful and courageous enough to realize it—"we have the MIND OF CHRIST."

IS THIS WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT?

I am alive

I enjoy living:

walking on a balmy autumn morning
driving through the coolness of a forest
stopping to look at people hurrying through a city
taking someone's hand as we walk along a bush track
studying to find out a fact . . . just for its own sake
being able to listen and talk with another, relaxed:

. . . searching for what life is all about.

I am glad I am alive.

And yet . . .

Last year I became 20.

Now I am wanted . . . to kill:

to destroy someone else's walking, driving, looking,
loving, searching, talking, listening life;
someone whom I love because he is my brother,
my sister,
my parent,
my child,
me.

All men are my brothers.

I would like to know you all.

I want to give myself to each of you; to receive you.

And yet, I am wanted . . . to kill

to destroy someone whom I don't
know and yet whom I must hate
because
he is my enemy.

Who says he is my enemy?

my "government"

my "country"!

To my government, to my country, I say:

"I WILL NOT KILL!"

You are wrong, you do not know my enemy.

I am here to love the persons of mankind.

To my government, to my country, I say:

"I WILL NOT KILL!"

You are wrong, you cannot alienate me from my humanity.

You cannot force me to count megadeaths.

I will not tolerate your mass-media desensitizing,
your "non-participation" democracy,
your stupid,
senseless,
soul destroying,
Man's-Army

I am a man,
I am humanity."

I give my life
because
I love you
mankind

In prejudice, I see wrong
in hatred, I see wrong
in compliance, I see wrong
in condoning, I see wrong
in apathy, I see wrong

In awareness, I see right
in knowledge, I see right
in concern, I see right
in action, I see right
in defiance, I see right
in love, I see right

I love,
I see,
I weep.

I weep for you, mankind.

Is this what life is all about?

By PETER R. CLARK

(Part of a "poetic statement" read at a worship service organised by the State C.Y.F. and Central M.Y.F. Councils. The author is a student in Social Studies at Melbourne Univ. He is on the State C.Y.F. Committee, and F.O.Y.A. Executive, is editor of "Secrets" youth paper. He refused to register for National Service and was fined \$40 plus costs. He expects to be imprisoned for eight days because of his refusal to pay the fines. It is probable that he will be gaoled for two years for failure to obey a call-up notice. He is a member of Glen Waverley church where he teaches in Sunday School.)

POTTER TO GIVE BADER LECTURES

Philip Potter, of Geneva, Switzerland, has been selected by the Programme Committee of the 8th Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ to replace the late Dr. D. T. Niles, of Ceylon, to deliver the Jesse M. Bader Lectureship on Contemporary Evangelism in Adelaide, S.A., Oct. 20-25. Dr. Niles who was to have delivered the lecture-ship, died recently after a short illness. The Jesse M. Bader Lectureship will be inaugurated at the Adelaide Assembly and is to be a lectureship which will be given in various Seminars and Bible Colleges in different parts of the world each year. An endowment has been given to the World Convention for this purpose.

Dr. Potter, who is Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and the Director of its Division of World Mission and Evangelism, will deliver a major address at the World Convention. He will speak at the Saturday night session on Christian Unity. This service will be the major ecumenical observance during the time of the Assembly.

From 1961 to 1966, Dr. Potter was field secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, London, with responsibility for West Africa and the West Indies. Formerly he was a member, then chairman (1948-54), and for six years (1954-60) secretary of the Youth Dept. of the World Council of Churches. He also served for a number of years as chairman of the World Student Christian Federation.

Born in 1921 on the island Dominica in the West Indies, Mr. Potter studied

at Caenwood Theological College, Kingston, Jamaica, where he was active in the Jamaica Student Christian Movement, and at the University of London. From 1948-50 he was overseas secretary of the British Student Christian Movement. Prior to 1954 he served for four years as a pastor in the Methodist Church in Haiti. He has travelled widely to establish contacts with youth and church leaders around the world.

He is the co-author with Professor Hendrikus Berkhof, of the Netherlands, of the book "Key Words of the Gospel."

• INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Northern Ireland and Other Places

By Dr. DESMOND CROWLEY

DELFAST, or parts of it at least, is a dangerous place in which to live. It is even a perilous place to talk about. Recently the "Aust. Christian" published a White Paper on events in Northern Ireland and a correspondent later took the author to task for having "an anti-Protestant slant."

It is trite to point out the paradox that, in the name of Christianity—the religion of love—people in Northern Ireland have been committing bitter acts of violence against each other. To their shame Christians have spent a large proportion of the time since Jesus was on earth, killing and burning each other in the name of Christ.

All of us, I imagine, have had the experience of hearing bitter and hateful thoughts expressed by Christians against groups professing another form of Christianity. In Ireland such feelings are fostered by memories of injustices and fears by minorities of majorities. And bitter memories are slow to die: the present writer and, I imagine, many readers have seen blows exchanged here on the other side of the world over what happened at Giencoe 200 years ago.

Even when there are no such memories, Christian bitterness can arise out of a feeling of need to defend and preserve a belief that seems sacred. Psychologists would say that often hostility can arise from insecurity: that the man who is aggressive against beliefs that conflict with his own may be acting this way because, deep down, he is unsure about his own beliefs.

But does the modern tendency towards complete toleration—to argue that every man can believe what he pleases—go too far the other way? Can we approve a man's beliefs if they are demonstrably wrong? And many common beliefs are demonstrably wrong.

Of course, it is much more to the point, and occurs much more often, that we encounter beliefs held by other people which we believe to be wrong, but which we cannot prove to be mistaken. We cannot accept them, but we cannot insist that they are wrong either. We are right to be critical of them, though only if we are equally prepared to listen honestly to other people's criticisms of our beliefs, and to examine our own beliefs, and to re-examine and analyse theirs. The main purpose of toleration is to foster penetrating discussion.

I believe it is the duty of Christians to pressure God's truth to the limit of their ability. In a community of Christian love, such as the Campbells' of loving toleration would foster honest, open-minded dialogue and sensitivity to others' insights; men would be helped in sifting out the true from the false in their thinking. A utopia? Well, is the Kingdom of God, of which we claim to be citizens, a utopia, too, and to be dismissed for that reason?

The intolerance and accompanying violence in Ireland is wrong because violence and hatred are always wrong. They do not help, but hinder, the pursuit of God's truth and understanding; of his will for us.

S.U. TRAINING DAY

(Vic). "EQUIP" is the theme for the Scripture Union's annual Training Day to be held at the Pharmacy College, Royal Parade, on Sat., Sept. 19.

Approximately 600 people will be needed to carry out the summer evangelistic programme of the Scripture Union through Inter-School Christian Fellowship camps, C.S.S.M. Beach Missions and Youth Missions which operate coffee shops at beach resorts.

Young people in Church of Christ churches who would like to know more about participating in this exciting programme of evangelism are invited to attend the Training Day. An application form will be sent on request. Write to: Training Officer, Scripture Union House, 59 Rathdowne St., Carlton, Vic., 3053. Youth workers in local churches are also invited to enrol. Attendance at the Conference, does not in any way commit a person to join a Scripture Union camp or mission team. 34 different topics are available and workshop leaders are experts in their fields.

A REFUGEE VILLAGE

World Vision of Australia will provide 50 emergency housing units in Cambodia. Each unit will house a refugee family at a cost of \$200.

The Director of World Vision of Australia, Graeme Irvine, said in Melbourne that the Australian contribution is part of a World Vision International project to build a refugee village near Phnom Penh.

This action followed a first hand assessment by the organisation's World President, Dr. W. S. Mooneyham. Following visits to many devastated areas, Dr. Mooneyham met with Cambodian leader, General Lon Nol, and other cabinet ministers.

In a cable to World Vision's Australian office, Dr. Mooneyham reported that 9,000 refugees were jammed into 15 schools in Phnom Penh. These people would have to be re-located by September when schools re-open. Thousands more were crowded into private quarters.

The World Vision team found that the refugee problems had little relation to the recent offensive by American and Vietnamese troops to seize North Vietnamese sanctuaries in south-eastern Cambodia.

The Vietcong and the North Vietnamese had been engaged in military

activity against Cambodia months before this campaign.

World Vision is one of the few agencies through which Australians and New Zealanders can assist the distressed in Cambodia. The organisation began assisting early this year by distributing anti-malaria medicines during an epidemic in northern Cambodia.

Two shipments of relief supplies were later sent in; one by air valued at \$25,000; another by truck from Saigon valued at \$40,000. Dr. Mooneyham personally accompanied the second shipment and assisted in its distribution.

In conference with the Cambodian leaders, Dr. Mooneyham established careful procedures to ensure that the refugee housing project was not subject to graft or corruption. He will make further personal visits as the work proceeds.

World Vision of Australia has sent an urgent appeal to its own supporters to help provide these housing units. Others may send donations to Graeme Irvine, World Vision of Australia, 343 Little Collins St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000 (in New Zealand—2 Severn St., Wellington, S2). Receipts will be issued for all donations.

World Vision is a non-denominational Christian service agency, working especially among needy children overseas. Australians and New Zealanders are now sponsoring 2384 children on an individual basis through World Vision.

DEATH OF AUSTRAL CHAIRMAN

As this edition was going to press news was received of the passing away on August 15 of Dr. W. A. Kemp, chairman of directors of The Austral Printing and Publishing Co. and a well-known member of Churches of Christ in Australia. An obituary will appear later.

50 YEARS AGO

August, 1920

(From the "A.C." August, 1920)

War aids archaeology. Sir Frederick Kenyon said that the Great War in opening up Macedonia, Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia, said that opportunities for archaeological investigation had been greatly improved and an approach was being made to the British Government to seek help in organising the searches on sound lines.

Ministers. Will H. Clay arrived in W.A. to commence a ministry at Subiaco . . . Thos. Hagger celebrated 25 years as an evangelist . . . W. C. Brooker began his 16th year at Queensland, S.A.

Prohibition. The alcoholic ward of the Philadelphia Hospital during 1918 cared for 2,326 inebriates. Prohibition has made its existence unnecessary and it is now abolished. The £20,000 extension to the Birmingham Penitentiary, Alabama, is now being used as a public school. Prohibition has reduced the number of prisoners that the addition is not required.

Postponed. Owing to the involvement of most Qld. ministers in the special effort in the interests of prohibition the Preachers' Conference has been postponed indefinitely.

Strike. The continuing strike in Broken Hill is almost driving folk to distraction. At the Church of Christ members placed on record their thanks for relief given by churches and members throughout Australia. The amount given was £6610.0. This fund is now exhausted.

COMMISSION FOR CHAPLAIN

G. J. Crossman, the Principal Air-Chaplain, advises the confirmation of the appointment of Chaplain Glenn Brown to a permanent commission with the R.A.A.F. to take effect from September 13.

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To the Editor,
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I still need the following: 1948, Nos. 41 & 43; 1949, No. 5; 1950, No. 21; 1951, No. 4; and 1952, No. 17. Also any before 1950.

I will pay rail freight to Albion, Qld.
—C. R. BURDEU, 32 Salt St., Windsor, Qld., 4030.

RESTORATION

To the Editor,
I have at various times undertaken the restoration of the homes of some early settlers of Tasmania.

In their heyday each home had its complement of servants and tradesmen engaged in the various duties connected with the homestead. Even though we may have made good the damage to the building with materials and design similar to the original, the people who envied it, and their manner of life are missing, and cannot be restored.

This I consider is analogous with any attempt to restore the Church of the N.T., in-as-much that it may be possible to restore the doctrines and form of the early church, but can we people it with the divinely appointed personnel of Eph. 4: 11, speaking and acting with authority?

When we consider the diverse teachings abroad today, of which body could it be said was "the pillar and ground of the truth"? It was no doubt possible that the standard for the church outlined in Eph. 5: 20-27 was reached in N.T. times but could this be so today?

I suggest that the church occupied a unique place in history and can never be entirely duplicated.

It consisted of the called out from both Jews and Gentiles who were to be the first to "possess the Kingdom." It was the ark, if you will, that bore the faithful of a closing age of impending doom into "the ages of the ages."

—T. ORR (Tas.).

NORTHERN IRELAND

To the Editor,

During the last year or so some prominence has been given to the disturbances in Northern Ireland, in which bitter feeling between Protestant and Roman Catholic groups has found expression in verbal accusation and physical violence.

It should be kept in mind that there are economic, political, and cultural factors contributing to this situation as well as religious factors, though often the impression is conveyed in reports that the causes are primarily, or even entirely, religious. Neither is there sufficient recognition of the fact that there is, within each of these two groups, a body of opinion which is at work for the reconciliation of the divisions, and the correction of the injustices which exist.

The members of the Southern District Ministers' Fraternal in Adelaide wish to testify to the community at large that these reports are not typical of Church relationships in Australia. They decided unanimously to give witness to the growing understanding and co-operation between them.

The 43 members of the fraternal represent Baptist, Churches of Christ, Church of England, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and Salvation Army congregations of this southern area of Adelaide.

—The Rev. P. W. PATTERSON, President;
The Rev. D. W. BAILEY, Hon. Sec.

IN DANIEL'S DEN

(WATTLE PK., Vic., A. R. Lloyd), with the guidance and physical help of the Brough family, with support from young and older members, "Daniel's Den" opened on July 12 with over 300 crammed in, drinking coffee and Daniel's Juice and eating "Mame Lion Specials." The Den opened again on Aug. 2 and will be a feature on the first Sunday night of the month after service. A programme of modern music, groups, and guitars was loudly presented. . . . A family picnic tea and social were held in Ashley Hall on Temple Day, and thanksgiving prayers acknowledged the offering of \$1,200.

TWO DECISIONS

(KALAMUNDA, W.A., D. M. Hughes). Two young ladies have made decisions to the encouragement of the church. . . . A. L. Walkington was a recent speaker here. . . . The ladies have been busy making the church grounds more presentable. . . . A. D. Pyne was speaker at men's tea and following service. His slides dealing with the work of Christ in men were impressive. . . . Lesmurdie S.S. held a successful anniversary. . . . Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Tapson are recovering from surgery. . . . A committee has been formed to implement the Church Life Conference. Mr. Stitt's work is highly appreciated.

MEMBER FAREWELLED

(BAYSWATER, Vic., M. D. Keatch). After many years of faithful service, Miss Yelland was farewelled from the church. At C.W.F. foundation members attended. Mrs. Alec Handasyde presented Miss Yelland with a cardigan and a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Keatch presented a knee rug and wished her well in her new surroundings. Miss Yelland responded.

MANSE MINI-CAMP

(WARRAGUL, Vic., Ian R. Miller). A mini-camp held at the manse has resulted in a C.Y.F. being formed. There are 15 members. . . . Good numbers have been attending the mid-week Bible study. . . . The inter-church council is planning a mission to Warragul in Oct.

YOUTH CRUSADE PLANNED

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Y.P. went to Lane Cove Town Hall for an introductory programme concerning the Youth Crusade planned for next year. . . . Ian Titterton, on college deputation work, took morning service on Aug. 9, and evening service was taken by our student minister, David Forrest. . . . The traditional presentation of a White Bible prior to marriage was made to Miss Janis Colyer and to Miss Helen McGuire. . . . Education Week was marked by having the entire morning service conducted by members and staff of the B.S. . . . The C.W.E.F. participated in a stimulating discussion of censorship, led by Alan Horton, librarian of the Univ. of N.S.W.

CORRECTION

(Vic.), Miss Joan Turnham, a Supervisory Sister at Box Hill Hospital, was incorrectly shown as "Matron" in a news item last issue concerning a Girls' Sunday service.

MANIFOLD HEIGHTS (Vic.)

Church Anniversary

1970

Sunday, September 20

Present and past members of "Drumcondra" (Manifold Heights) Church of Christ congregation, are invited to the 45th Anniversary of the church.

Guest speaker for the morning and evening services will be G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY:

- 11 a.m.: Communion Service.
- 4 p.m.: Fellowship.
- 5 p.m.: Tea.
- 6 p.m.: Gospel Service.
- 7 p.m.: Tea for Travellers.

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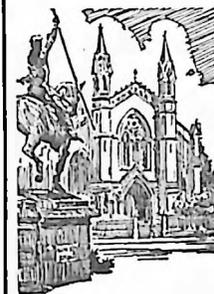
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Aborigines Missionaries Wanted

In order to meet the challenging opportunities opening up in our Aborigines Missions, the

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is planning ahead. We require —

1. A SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE MISSION HOMES at Carnarvon Mission. He should be a spiritual leader, able to guide and encourage a staff of more than 20 missionaries, and a "family" of over 100 children. Knowledge of Mission routine less important than qualities of leadership and Christian experience. Theological training valuable, but not essential. The wife should be able to share in this ministry and be a gracious hostess in her home.
2. A HOUSEMOTHER FOR THE HOSTEL at Carnarvon Christian Centre. The Hostel caters for up to 10 young people employed in Carnarvon. She should be mature in general and spiritual experience, and willing to accept the oversight of the Christian Centre Manager.
3. A MATURE COUPLE to act as house parents to a group of children at one of our Mission Homes. To share together in the work, but generally for the wife to take the oversight of the children, and the husband to share in general Mission activity (including some manual labour—building, gardening, etc.).

While the Board makes every effort to make conditions for the staff as good as possible, it is recognised that these positions demand a degree of self-sacrifice. Only those considering it as a service to the Lord Jesus Christ should apply.

With a staff of many well-qualified workers the Board reserves the right to place staff as is considered best for the general welfare of the work. To meet all requirements persons not fully qualified as above could also be considered for replacement of others, should moves be necessary.

It is thought to plan for these appointments at or before the end of 1970. Confidential enquiries can be made to State Secretaries or direct to the Secretary of the Federal Board.

Mr. D. G. HAMMER,

11 CONROY STREET,

MAYLANDS, W.A., 6051

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LET'S DEMONSTRATE AGAINST POLLUTION

To the Editor,

We can't agree on Vietnam, censorship, or the legalising of abortion and "pot"; so we have demonstrations and counter-demonstrations. But at last something has come to unify the nation. It is pollution. All political parties are against pollution. Pollution has bridged the generation gap, and young and old are opposed to it. The long-hairs and the short-back-and-sides can march together against pollution. Provided of course no one says what he means by pollution.

So the motorist can oppose pollution of air and streams by factories. Factory owners can complain of pollution of the air by super-jets. Air travellers can complain of pollution of water and soil by insecticides and nitrates. The farmer can rave against polluting the cities by internal combustion engines.

It's a bit like being in the church. The minister can be dead against sin and have us all on his side, provided he doesn't mention which sin he has in mind. And of course there are always enough sins in other people to keep us in constant protest without the need to worry about our own.

Isn't it interesting that we are divided on so many other things, yet sin unites us! We are all against sin.

Down with pollution!

Down with sin!

Down with man-eating sharks!

Let our ministers preach on these non-controversial subjects on which we all agree, and keep the church together!

TERTIUS.

EDITORIALS

WILL H. CLAY

BILL CLAY was a special kind of person and when he died at the age of 95 a lot of memories were stirred to reflect upon his long life and his many achievements. If you missed the tribute by Will Hibburt in the last issue, you should read it.

If you are too young to have known Mr. Clay, and you could well be too young for he was born in 1875, rejoice in your youth, but allow us to inform you that you missed someone and something worthwhile. Life was never dull with Bill around and even State Conferences were likely to take a boisterous if slightly unconstitutional turn when he was running strong on behalf of the underprivileged.

He had a strong sense of right and justice which showed up in the most unlikely places. At one time, the police in Melbourne were ordered to act severely against "jay-walkers" — pedestrians who crossed the city's busy streets at an angle and at other than prescribed crossings. The police gave up eventually but when the crusade was at its height a Superintendent of Police, resplendent in the uniform of his high office, stepped off the curb in Russell St. and walked diagonally across to Police Headquarters. Mr. Clay walked just behind him, also diagonally, and on the other side he tapped the Superintendent on the shoulder and asked, "Do you know what you have just done? You jay-walked!" The Superintendent, red-faced and flustered, searched for his dignity and spluttered, "Er . . . oh . . . well, you know how it is, I was thinking about a serious problem and . . ." Bill Clay said sharply, "You don't admit that excuse for the ones your men catch!"

On another occasion Mr. Clay was travelling on a suburban train when a man entered the train, sat down and lit a cigarette. Clay said, "This happens to be a non-smoking compartment." "Oh, is it?" said the man, "I didn't notice. Oh, well, I'll finish it now I've started." He smoked on. A little later, he started on a second cigarette. Bill Clay reached over, took it out of his mouth and threw it out of the window. "You can't say you didn't notice this time," he said. Most of us might wish to do something like that, but would be scared of getting a punch on the nose. But Clay didn't scare easily, and it might not have been an easy thing to throw a punch at him and get away with it!

Mr. Clay was as indifferent to courtroom etiquette as he was to conference constitutional niceties. He was concerned only with seeing that right was done and if the law had to be pushed around a bit, he was just the man to do it. So he phoned a magistrate the night before a young lad was to come before him on a police charge. As Bill told the magistrate what he ought to know and what he ought to do, the man of law said it was an outrageous thing to approach a magistrate before a case! "I know," said Bill, "but how will you know how to do the right thing unless I tell you?" Face to face, or ear to ear, Clay had a charm that usually saw him through. For others it might have been contempt of the court, for Clay it was a favour to the magistrate.

Husband, father, friend, evangelist, song leader, pastor, servant of society, supporter of the weak and stirrer of the privileged — Will H. Clay was a man of many parts. Not one of them was dull.

BRIDGING THE GAPS (Report No. 1)

A NEWS item in the last issue told of a visit by members of the North Balwyn church, Vic., to share a Sunday with the church at Wangaratta, 146 miles north-east of Melbourne on the Hume Highway.

The bridge-building was encouraged by the Vic-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, and proved a stimulating experience for both congregations. When the 10 adults and 12 children from the city arrived at Wangaratta they were greeted by new friends and morning tea. The visitors led the morning service, were entertained to a hot meal afterwards and the new friendships developed very quickly into what could well prove to be an enduring partnership of faith and fellowship. Already there are plans for a combined youth camp, and for the congregations to meet for a "half-way" summer picnic.

The idea seemed so good to us that we checked to see if others are doing this sort of thing. They are. Ormond and Echuca, Hartwell and Dareton, Bentleigh and Traralgon — are six more churches which have paired off and have found the investment of time and concern mutually profitable.

We guess that other States may also be overcoming the congregation gap, so we have called this "Report No. 1," anticipating that we shall have some further information and inspiration about the way churches are sharing together in "operation mate-ship."

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUGUST:
23 Eastern Wheatbelt Conference at Merredin.

SEPTEMBER:

1-14 Boys' Adventure Camp, Stirling Ranges.
.. Girls' Adventure Camp, Kalamunda.
.. Junior Girls' Camp, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman.
.. Junior Boys' Camp, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman.

VICTORIA

AUGUST:
24-Sept. 5 Four Camps for Boys (Grade 5 to Form 4).
31-Sept. 5 Adventure Camp for Girls (Forms 2 to 4), Hall's Gap.

QUEENSLAND

SEPTEMBER:
12-13 Launching Out Camp, Teen Ranch.
19 22nd Annual Sports Day.
19-20 Youth Group Exchange.
21-22 Teen-Week Training Nights.
23-27 Teen-Week, Albion.

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TO MOVE FROM KINGSFORD

(N.S.W., R. B. Ewers). The church has accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Ewers as from Nov. 29, 1970. He will be ministering full-time at the University of N.S.W. Christian students from the Univ. took part in special service on Aug. 2 when two students were baptised . . . Special Missionary Week speakers were Bob Starkey, from F.E.B.C., John Liu, from New Hebrides, Dr. A. G. Elliott, of Woolwich College, and John Malin, India. A Faith Offering with an aim of \$1,000, is being received for a Landrover for Aborigines Mission in W.A. outreach ministry.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(EAST KEILOR, Vic.). The church and the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., announce that E. C. L. Ols has accepted a unanimous invitation to extend his ministry for a further three years from the beginning of 1971. The East Keilor church is in partnership with North Essendon.

VIC. MINISTERS' WIVES

(MELB.). Victorian Ministers' Wives will meet at the Brotherhood Centre on Monday, August 17, at 11.30 a.m. Mrs. Betty Ryall will be our speaker. All welcome.

EAST PRESTON MINISTRY

(Vic., A. V. Page). The advice that Mr. Page will complete his ministry with this church at the end of this year and will not be available for further engagement was received by the Board with regret . . . The elders have recommended that it would be in the best interests of the church if closer ties were developed with the High St., Preston congregation and joint meetings are planned with a view to arranging a shared ministry . . . Don. Crisp was farewelled as he goes to Brisbane to take up a business appointment . . . \$200 has been forwarded to "Uncle Harold" (Mr. H. Olney) to replace tools lost in Norseman fire.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE PROTECTED BANDITS Following our comment last issue under the heading of the "One-Armed Bandit" (dealing with Australia's facilities for gambling), we came across this statement by R. G. Kitchenn, President of the Victorian Council of School Organisations: "There is, of course, a shortage of money in this impoverished community. Yet it puzzles me why it is that the community's agencies for intellectual and physical health—our schools and hospitals—should be so dependent on the clanking charity tin and the selling of home-made cakes and jam in the streets, while the community's agency for gambling—the T.A.B. network—and the community's agency for killing foreigners—the armed services—have no such handicaps."

GOOD GRIEF!! The "Christian Century" tells how some U.S. churches are getting with it in the business of attracting people to church. Salisbury Hill Baptist Church included the following in their notices for "Fill the Building Day": "Feed the Multitude—Free Hamburger and Fries for All! All those attending Sunday School will receive a ticket for a free hamburger and fries at McDonald's, 11700 Highway." And the Elyria Bible Baptist Church advertised in their local paper: "Free Bubble Gum. All you can get in your hand for each child."

OFF TO THE CITY

(WANGARATTA, Vic., A. B. Withers). Losses in membership of some of our young people transferring to Melbourne in their employment, is a continuing problem . . . Several members will attend the Half-Yearly Convention at Swan Hill and several others propose attending the Federal and World Conferences in Adelaide . . . The Conf. Pres., K. J. Clinton, and his wife and family visited here on Aug. 9 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Price, Jennifer, John and Malcolm have been transferred here from Euroa.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

(BURWOOD, Vic., G. Lord). Education Sunday was observed by Kindergarten, Primary and Junior S.S. pupils with a special demonstration of their work, followed by a service in which senior students took part . . . Dr. Whiting addressed the C.W.F. on family psychology. Some ladies also attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Ladies are now taking part in the morning service, presenting the Bible readings . . . Discussions in discipleship for adults are under way following the Evangelism Campaign held by E. C. Keating.

MINISTER ILL

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W., J. H. Regouby). The minister collapsed and spent a week at St. George Hospital with pneumonia. Mr. Regouby was unable to preach for three week-ends. Colin Bow-

ser, Belmore; Ron. Coleman, Greenacre; and Jack Cooke, Carlingbah, were replacement speakers . . . The B.S. raised \$29.25 for B. & F.B.S. Indonesian Bible Appeal and arranged special Education Sunday services when pupils from local schools attended. Strip heaters have been supplied as a B.S. project, with an extra \$40 towards installation cost . . . The serious illness of Mrs. J. Saville and an operation for Mrs. J. Aldred are causing concern . . . 20 young people joined 31 from Beverly Hills in week-end camp at Wentworth Falls. Dr. J. Mackenzie and J. Regouby were leaders. Teen-agers from Bexley North made decisions.

TWO BAPTISMS

(ENFIELD HEIGHTS, S.A., R. C. Sack). Two young women were baptised on July 19 . . . Junior C.E. commenced with attendance of 16 and an increase the following week. Leaders are Miss G. Watson and R. Hacker . . . After three months in Dampler, W.A., Peter Jolley has returned . . . "Dizzy" Raymond, prominent Sturt footballer, recently spoke to Y.P.S.C.E.

PET PARADE

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). Youth auxiliaries combined to run a Pet Parade on August 1 . . . Church bus ran to Ararat on Aug. 4 when C.W.F. members met in conference with churches of N.W. District . . . Good Companions' clubs provided a bright programme for Girls' Sunday.

Resignation of Lance and Enid Fisher

At the end of 10 years of sacrificial leadership in the Carnarvon Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher feel the need to be relieved of this work. Their years of leadership have seen tremendous changes in the Aboriginal situation. These changes have been reflected in Mission activity. The development and spread of the Carnarvon work has been truly remarkable. The work of tribal leader Bob Williams over a wide area, the commencement of Christian Centre activity, and the growth of the Carnarvon church to the stage of calling the first full-time minister—all this and more has taken place during these years.

Because of the circumstances of health, etc., involved, the Federal Board has felt it must accept the resignation with very great regret, and calls on the brotherhood to pray for the provision of suitable replacements. (See advertisement page 9). Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are not planning to leave until early next year. This will allow for the necessary changes to be made. — D.G.H.

Happenings

Pakistani music producer Sajjad Taqi says that popular music is "the real religion of the young" and that popular records are often propaganda vehicles for drugs.

Contrary to belief that Africa will become a Mohammedan continent! The International Review of Mission states that there are already 97 million African Christians and by the end of the century Africa, south of the Sahara, will be Christian with 350 million Christians.

Bishop Hans Lilje, a president of the W.C.C., plans to retire from leadership of the Evangelical Church of Hanover, Germany.

The largest R.C. regional association of priests in the U.S. has voted to ask Pope Paul to abolish the law preventing priests from marrying.

Algeria has departed all but one of its Methodist missionaries.

Membership in the U.S. Presbyterian church suffered its first loss since its origin in 1861. It declined by 4,256 members.

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125 YEARS OF B. & F.B.S.

(PORT PIREE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). The B. & F.B.S. commemorated 125 years in S.A. with a special service and audio-visual . . . The 95th church anniversary on Aug. 2 had E. P. C. Hollard as guest speaker and at fellowship hour he showed slides of last World Convention and Palestine. Musical items were provided by A. Farmer, of Horsham, a ladies' trio and male quartette. The thank-offering, including auxiliary amounts, was \$236 for Building Fund . . . 110 attended variety concert arranged by S.S. . . K. D. Horne was speaker on Aug. 9. Helen Bignell will visit United Kingdom for two years . . . The Les Arnel family conducted a service.

MET THE GOVERNOR'S LADY

(ASCOT PK., S.A., S. R. Baker). The Girls' Brigade took part in the annual march through the city. As part of the celebrations four of our girls were invited to meet Lady Harrison, the wife of the Governor. They were Janet McDonald, Anne Munro, Sue Chennell and Margaret Fenn . . . At the annual meeting, P. Magary was re-elected as elder and four deacons were re-elected . . . On Girls' Sunday, the evening service was led by Mrs. Chennell, leader of the girls' basketball teams, Miss D. Edwards and Miss Alison Crowley. There are four girls' and two boys' basketball teams playing.

SOCIAL NIGHT

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. Krause). A social evening featuring slides, cartoons, and fellowship attracted 140 on July 25 . . . John Squires was guest speaker and Ross Reid presented musical items at the monthly youth service . . . Roy Greenhalgh spoke on "The Second Coming" on August 2. Mrs. Pickering was evening soloist.

ON BEHALF OF BLIND & DEAF

(DULWICH, S.A., Brian Ricketts). A family tea preceded an early Sunday evening gathering at which artists led by Harold Raymond brought a message and music on behalf of Townsend House for Blind and Deaf Children . . . C.W.F. saw a collection of gem stones brought by Mrs. Jenny Pollard, of Elizabeth. 10% of sale money went to C.W.F. funds . . . Mr. Federick, of B. & F.B.S., was a recent speaker . . . A representative from the Freedom from Hunger Campaign spoke to C.M.S. . . . Church expressed sympathy to Mrs. Donald in the death of her husband after long illness.

STAND-INS FOR MINISTER

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). The anniversary services were held on Aug. 2, and the Overseas Missions offering was made on that day. Col. Smith and Ron. Brown substituted for Mr. Clymer at short notice at the two services, because of sudden illness . . . The church at Koongarra Park was formally constituted on August 29, 1952. The annual meeting of the church, now known as Magill, was held on July 31, preceded by a family tea.

N.S.W. C.W.F.

N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship has commenced its programme for 1970-71 under the leadership of the President, Mrs. M. McLean, who has chosen "The Bible for Our Times" as her theme.

A second house party for women was held at Gillbulla. Owing to winter weather and winter flus the numbers were down to approx. 60. Studies were from Galatians, conducted by Mrs. Chambers. An occasional evening meeting has been arranged for the benefit of those women who cannot attend in the day time. The first was held at the Epping church. Mrs. Chambers was special speaker, Mrs. N. Morris, from North Turramurra, was soloist, accompanied by her son on the guitar.

COLLEGE VISITOR

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., Walter Bartlett). Eighty members from the Eastern District met Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling here to hear Mr. Stirling speak and show slides of Glen Iris College. Prayer and Bible Study followed a social cup of tea . . . Elderly citizens were entertained at a social afternoon on July 29. Vocal items were given by "The Coronets." Mr. Bartlett gave a devotional talk and also presented Mr. and Mrs. Simpson with letters to be read daily on the "Fairsky" on their voyage to England.

SPECIAL SERIES

(HAMPTSTEAD GDNS., S.A., M. D. Williams). Speakers for the July series, "A Faith for These Times" included C. H. Dow and Rev. Keith Smith, with congregational discussion . . . 2nd term Combined B.S. Church Worship service created interest, parents "sitting in" on shortened school session prior to service when 160 attended. Children took part . . . Special gospel service conducted by the C.W.F. on Aug. 2 was addressed by Miss Erlca Hammond, and women's choir sang . . . The church will participate in the Post-World Convention Crusade, personal invitations being made to extensive contact list . . . Aug. 16 was President's Day—morning service addressed by W. Philp, State Conf. Pres., and evening service by S. R. Beck, Fed. Conf. Pres.

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Convention Day on July 2 was held in the Auburn church. A feature was the display of handicraft work done by Junior Girls' Clubs and Vacation Bible Schools. This was helpful to others desirous of making similar attempts in their own locale.

Other fellowships told of varied programmes. The Hurstville Fellowship repeated their own anniversary programme, portraying the lives of four Christian women from different spheres of life, and the mark their witness had left on mankind. The Austral sisters' vocal items were greatly appreciated.

Fellowship Day, sponsored by Women's Inter-Church Council, was observed on July 24. Meetings were held in central areas in all districts.

—Mrs. Ruth Wakely.

DONATION FOR BUILDING

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A., A. M. Arnot). At the church annual meeting, a donation of \$180 was made by the Ladies' Project Group towards the building fund. D. Watts was appointed Asst. Sec. It was decided that the evening communion service be discontinued.

At the C.W.A.F. birthday on July 8, the Elderly Citizens' Group provided the entertainment. The trading table realised \$135 . . . Clothing and toys have been sent to the Aborigines Mission from the C.W.F. groups. The C.W.E.F. recently held a musical evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Roberts. Newly-elected President is Mrs. J. Arnot and secretary, Mrs. K. Deed.



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VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Barnett, welcomed 100 delegates and visitors to the Council meeting on August 7.

K. J. Clinton, President of Conference, led in devotions. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. E. Redly.

Mrs. Norman Lowe, wife of the minister of the All Nations Church, Carlton, gave an informative talk on the work they are doing among migrants of all nationalities.

Next Council — Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. Mrs. Tudor will speak on visiting in high rise flats. The W.C.W.F. birthday service will be presented. The Dorcas Committee will also hold on this day their annual "Bring and Buy" day.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Ivan Bowen Acrobatic Musical team from New Zealand will be in Australia, August 7-31, and will be featured at the Youth for Christ Rally in the Melbourne Town Hall on Aug. 29 at 7.45 p.m.

The team will be led by Ivan Bowen, six times N.Z. Sheep Shearing Champion and International Golden Shearing Champion, which he held for eight years. Mr. Bowen has shorn before the Queen and in 1953 he sheared 457 sheep in one day. He is well known in N.Z. as a gospel preacher.

Also participating is his son, Grant, who rides and acts on a 14ft. one wheeler bike, claimed to be the highest this side of the equator. Grant also plays the harmonica and ukulele.

Kathy Bowen, soloist and Stephen Booth pianist and organist, will also be participating as part of the team.

The Rally in the Melbourne Town Hall will be compered by Clive Stebbins with Brian Tizzard leading the singing, Len Wallace at the electronic organ and Lyn McDonald at the piano. Duettists Marie Leigh and Julie Bosman, of Melbourne Y.F.C., will also be participating.

Admission is free. For group seat reservations contact Melbourne Y.F.C., 747 Burke Rd., Camberwell, Vic., 3124.

OBITUARY

Alison MORRIS

The Gardiner (Vic.) church and the brotherhood suffered a great loss when Mrs. Alison Morris died on June 19.

Having moved into this district from Northcote, where they had attended the Church of Christ S.S., the Thompson children joined the Gardiner S.S. when our church met at the College. Alison was a member of Mrs. A. H. Main's Bible Class and was baptised by A. R. Main at the age of 13. Those who might have expected much from the grand-daughter of H. G. Harwood and the niece of Marv Thompson would not have been disappointed, for her church membership, which spread over half a century, yielded a rich fruitage for the Kingdom of God. This life was a storehouse for many and varied gifts which were channelled into the church and community in love and consecration.

She became a Sunday School teacher very early. She maintained this ministry right up to the Sunday prior to her illness. As Girls' Club chaplain and C.Y.F. leader she bridged the generation gap.

Alison married Harry Morris in the late 1940's, and enjoyed with him a marriage partnership and a fellowship in the church which endeared them to their Christian friends. At Harry's death in 1958, Mrs. Morris showed courage and fortitude in adjusting to widowhood. Having shown remarkable business acumen as secretary to two companies prior to marriage, Mrs. Morris joined the Trust Dept. of "The Age", where she served with distinction. Her frequent lectures on churches, gardens and places of interest visited on overseas trips, brought happiness to many, as did her conducted tours of the Botanic Gardens. She was a prolific reader and her book reviews, work as church librarian and "Vanessa" column in the "Australian Christian" stemmed from this interest.

Her Christian compassion and concern caused her to give her time and substance to help those with problems and hardship.

Hers was an artistic nature and her arrangement of decor and creation of atmosphere for an event was something rare and lovely. Opportunity for expression of this gift came through her term as President of our C.W.F. Combined Committee. We have seen this well-informed, strong faith in action and have beheld her deep and abiding love for Christ and his Church. This church has lost a faithful and able member. The

brotherhood has lost a tireless worker and this member feels he lost a true friend, helper and encourager. Principal E. L. Williams, who assisted the minister in the funeral service, expressed appreciation for the loyalty and efficiency of Mrs. Morris in her work as Asst. Secretary and Treasurer of the Christian Union Department and her work on the Advisory Committee of the "Australian Christian." Our sympathies are expressed to Mr. and Mrs. K. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Morris and family, Mrs. Mary Morris and boys who have looked upon Alison as sister and aunt.—L.S.D.

DENHAM, Ronald Carlyle

A good man with a great capacity to give himself in love for people and especially able to win the confidence of young people died suddenly on July 22. Mr. and Mrs. Denham, from Greenwich, N.S.W., were visiting their son, Geoff., in Melbourne. In the home of friends at Frankston in what had been a happy family setting Mr. Denham suffered a coronary occlusion causing immediate death. He was 50 years of age. A quiet service at the Springvale Crematorium was attended by a few Melbourne friends and several who had flown from Sydney. A further service of thanksgiving for Ron. Denham and of testimony was held at Lane Cove on Aug. 16. Ministers, social workers and police officers have known the keen, generous and persistent concern of Mr. Denham for people. He was an outgoing friendship motivated by the Spirit of God. Only those who ever stayed in the home knew that his life given so freely in service for others was lived with some ease to himself. When he could not sleep, he read. All his books were marked — and especially his J. B. Phillips' New Testament. A heavy mark stood beside a quotation in a collection of Dag Hammarskjöld's. It would be Ron's sentiments: "The fuss you make is far too much; I really have no need of such. If even dying is to be made a social function, then, please, grant me the favour of snuggling out on tiptoe without disturbing the party."

There were some tragic circumstances in their journey from Sydney. Both Mr. and Mrs. Denham were in a country hospital for a while following a car accident. During the sadness of these few weeks Ron and Geoff. were given — it would appear by coincidence — an hour or so during the day time as a family. While Mrs. Denham and Geoff. are grateful for that now sacred hour, they are so much more grateful for the years of happy and useful family life and for their confident faith in the unbroken family of God. To them we express our love and with them we give thanks for a good man whose goodness lives.—E.W.R.

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE

SMITH-MASAN—The marriage of Elaine Mary Smith and Alexander Hugh Masan will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Horsham, Vic., on August 22 at 11.30 a.m. Reception at "Russlyn," Doon Rd., Horsham.

SILVER WEDDING

COOK-SAINTY—Margaret and John are pleased to announce the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, Jim and Hilda, who were married on August 25, 1945, at Rockdale Church of Christ, N.S.W., by the late Pastor G. E. Burns. Address: 3 Royal Place, Bardwell Park, N.S.W., 2207.

RUBY WEDDING

STOKIE-ROBBINS—Keth and Dorothy (Greatbatch), Don and Julie (Stokie), Bill and Jeanne (Vander Sluys) and families rejoice with their parents and grandparents, George and Muriel, as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of their marriage which took place at Preston Church of Christ on Sept. 6, 1930. Address: 101 Seagull Ave., Mermala Beach, Qld., 4218.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MESSENT—The family of Sir Philip and Lady Messent, of 26 Westall St., Hyde Park, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the Golden Wedding of their parents, solemnised by the late Robert Harkness, B.A., at Park Street Church of Christ, Unley, on September 4, 1920. We give thanks to God for His goodness over these years.

DEATHS

BIRD, Cyril Leslie—Late of 27 Canget St., Wingham, N.S.W., on July 4, loved husband of Hazel, father of Alan, Ross and Diane.

SCHOFIELD, Esther Elizabeth—June 18, 1970 (suddenly) at hospital, dearly loved little daughter of Elaine and David Schofield, of Beacon Hill, 4 years. "Our little princess, waiting for us, happy with Jesus forever."

SHERWIN, Olive Hilda Ruth—On August 3 at Churches of Christ Rest Home, Everard Park, loved mother of Pauline (Mrs. Guess), mother-in-law of Jim, fond Grandma of Jeffrey and Trevor. Aged 78. "Resting where no shadows fall."

WHEATON (nee Tilbee)—On August 3, Alma Doris, of 138 Chapel Rd., Bankstown, N.S.W., dearly loved by her mother Lucy, husband Phillip, and children Gilbert, Dawn, Raymond and Catherine. "In God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

ALLAN—In loving memory of James Ernest, passed away on August 22, 1957. "Treasured memories."—Inserted by Doreen and Freda.

BARTLETT—In loving memory of our dear mother and father, Martha and Thomas, who passed away at Croydon, S.A., on August 22, 1964, and September 27, 1934. "And with the morn those angel faces smile, Which we have loved long since, and lost awhile."—Inserted by their sons and daughters.

COLLINGS, A. S.—Treasured memories of Albert, dearly loved and devoted husband of Marjorie; loving father of David and Margery; passed away August 19, 1961.—Always remembered by his family, daughter-in-law Joan, son-in-law Len, and grandchildren.

FERGEUS, Alon Humphrey—With loving memories of our dear husband and father, who passed away so suddenly, August 15, 1969. "God holds the key of all unknown."—Freda and Phyl.

PETRIE—Treasured memories of my dear husband, Frank Ernest, called home Aug. 27, 1962; loving father of Donald and Kevin. "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day."—Loving wife, Nell.

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(MALVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams and K. Verge). Ross Smith, St. Kilda Football Club captain and 1967 Brownlow Medallist, was interviewed by Mr. Adams on Girls' Sunday, July 26. Many Good Companions, Explorers and their parents attended to hear this Christian champion and the singing group "Believers Incorporated" who were paying a return visit. . . . G. R. Stirling led the Men's Society in a consideration of the Sunday morning service and R. Geyer of the Overseas Mission committee addressed the church on July 5. Offering was \$79.58 . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clark have transferred their membership to Hobart. Mr. Clark served on the official board for 40 years before moving his residence last year. Another long standing association was recognised when Elder James Holloway made a presentation to Mrs. Lottie Pippard on August 2. After 54 years at Malvern, Mrs. Pippard has moved to Oak Park.

GUEST HOME GUESTS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). C.W.F. members entertained 70 guests at Oakleigh Christian Guest Home . . . Sixteen attended Inter-Church Men's Breakfast at Coles . . . Explorers are engaged in inter-club basis worship activity. . . . In farewelling Lyn Buchanan prior to her 12 months' studentship trip to America, appreciation was expressed for her services in church and young people's work . . . Mr. Hattersley is home after hospitalisation.

"YOUR CHILD AND YOU"

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. J. Baxter). Registrations are coming in from church and community parents for the special series of lectures on "Your Child and You." . . . During winter months, evening services at 5.30 have discussed the C.L.C. studies, "What Christians Believe." . . . The Officers' Board is preparing a draft constitution for the church . . . The Good Companions participated in morning worship on Aug. 2 and went barbecue picnicking at Mason's Falls, Kingslake, in the afternoon . . . David Engling was a recent guest speaker on mission work in the New Hebrides . . . L.E.C. recently conducted a literature display and have established a church lending library.

4 P.M. SERVICE SUCCESSFUL

(FRANKSTON, Vic., R. Patterson). Winter services at 4 p.m. have been a time of effective fellowship. Speakers have included David Engling, G. R. Stirling, R. McKenzie and P. Burnham. Guest artists were Mrs. Dow, the Jordanaires, and Followers Four. Services catered for all ages with the emphasis on participation . . . The C.Y.F. meets for weekly basket tea and discussion in members' homes . . . Girls' Sunday guest speaker was M. Abernethy. Good Companions led the service . . . In September, the Friendship and Evangelism programme will reach out to fringe members and friends, culminating in a weekend of evangelism led by A. A. Avery and Y.F.C. . . . Ten members will attend World Convention.

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One of the criticisms of modern versions is that the poetic majesty of the K.J.V. is lost. While reading the N.E.B. for review purposes, however, I heard a series of readings from the Book of Job in this version on the A.B.C. radio, "Readings from the Bible," and I was deeply impressed. Some of this was possibly due to the capacity of the reader to communicate effectively; but one felt that the prophets and psalms; etc., in the N.E.B. can stand comparison with any version.

The N.E.B. New Testament has been around since 1961 and its place in the churches and community is already firmly established. This is demonstrated by the widespread use of the N.E.B. in church services. Even where the pulpit Bible is the K.J.V. or the R.S.V., ministers often use the N.E.B. for the text of their sermons.

We need a Bible for the people; the ordinary people, and not only for a specially educated or conditioned elite. The K.J.V., while appreciating its tremendous value and the place it won for itself in the hearts of worshippers the world over, is not in the language of today. Because of its long and strong hold there was tendency to think of it as a first rather than a 17th century translation and that any departure from it was a kind of betrayal of the Word of God itself. Happily that day is past and we no longer think that the Holy Spirit spoke finally through the translators of the K.J.V. Dedicated scholarship is still able to communicate the word and the will of God, and the equipment and facilities for translation are better than ever before. For their present work the translators were able to use the oldest and most reliable texts and documents. Some of them, like the Dead Sea Scrolls, were unknown to King James' men.

The Apocrypha (these books which did not merit selection in the Old Testament) has been included as optional in the N.E.B. Most of us will not require them, and the edition without them is cheaper. It is interesting to reflect, however, that the first edition of the K.J.V. also included the Apocrypha.

We have known the N.T. in the N.E.B. for years and we have found it to be a fresh, up-to-date, and down to earth version of the scriptures. The O.T. is equally reliable and the whole book has justifiably been a best-seller and at the top of the book lists.

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"GUIDING TEEN-AGERS TO MATURITY"

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The first half of the book deals with parents, and this is right, for parents themselves produce the teen-agers. Instead of joining in the chorus of condemnation when teen-agers go wrong, parents should be ready to take their full share of responsibility.

Parents should present to their children a united spirit and attitude. Indeed, even before children are born, parents

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Both father and mother, insists the author, must understand the necessity of talking much together. To read such a book as this will provide plenty of conversation-starters. Such talks should never fall to the level of captious criticism; should be carried on when they feel most warmly towards each other.

In dealing specifically with teen-agers, Dr. Waterink emphasises the deadly seriousness of parents making mistakes with teens. If they er with younger children, these are still young enough for the process to be reversed. But by the time children are fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen it may be quite a different matter. Life is hardening into its more permanent form.

Pain comes to parents when their teen-agers break the tenuous contact and leave home to live by themselves, but parents must do their best to understand. There is also a tendency for the young to make themselves out to be older than their years. There is an inner loneliness in teen-agers; which causes them to draw away from their parents and give their heart to the first young person to show them any attention.—J.E.B.

"WHY PRAY?"

By Mark Gibbard (S.C.M., 1970).

How many of us hear the regular encouragement from the pulpit for more prayer and Bible study? How many of us nod our heads in silent assent (if not for some other reason), but never get around to doing anything about it? The principle of the thing is all right, but the practice is quite a different matter. Perhaps we can go along with prayers of thanksgiving, adoration and confession. But intercession? Can our prayers really affect what happens? What about all the instances we know where what has been prayed for has not happened? Which, of course, brings up the question of the very nature of God. Not only are all these questions considered in Mark Gibbard's "Why Pray?" but some decent and self-respecting answers are given.

This is a most stimulating, inspiring, and mind-stretching book. It sends the mind off on a new voyage of discovery as far as basic theology is concerned. It makes faith more exciting, and prayer an adventure. It puts fascination into meeting with other people. More than this, it is written in the simple, straight-forward language which rarely accompanies such worth-while and thought-provoking material. In other words, you can understand it. Very highly recommended, indeed.—R.V.L.

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SEVENTY'S AND OVERS

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic.). The Christian Endeavourers arranged an afternoon treat for 26 of our members in the "golden years." Eleven were over 80, and some helped to provide the entertainment. Jim Twatts, nearly 90, played the concertina and mouth organ; Mrs. Robertson gave a recitation; and Mrs. Jolly sang two songs. C.E. leader, Tom Coad, led the community singing of favourite hymns. "Magic lantern" slides of old-time pictures were shown, and old songs were played on a phonograph—memories were re-lived. Young people gave items, John Bird, zylophone; Frank Clark, guitar; Jeanette Gillespie, solo; Cheryl Burnham, piano; Russell Mitchell, magician. Mrs. Burnham presented a musical comedy.

The girls prepared soup, casseroles and cakes and the Endeavourers bridged the generation gap with loving concern. Car drivers picked up the guests and returned them to their homes.

CHANGE AT MORWELL

(Vic.). Following the resignation of W. C. (Bill) Compston, A. Bruce Gaunson, an exit student at Kenmore Christian College, will commence a ministry in 1971. Mr. Gaunson, formerly of Chelsea, Vic., is married with young daughters, and is completing his B.D. degree at the Qld. University.

GIRLS IN SERVICE

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). 30 girls and young women took part in Girls' Sunday morning service on July 26. They acted as helpers, readers and rendered items in a special choir . . . At the 5 p.m. service a lady from the Congregational church was baptized, their minister assisting in the service. . . . Peter Dewitt, from South Melb., was speaker on Aug. 2. He and his wife also rendered musical items . . . Church sympathy is expressed to Miss Wendy Sowler who recently received serious injuries in a car accident, necessitating admittance to hospital . . . C.W.A.F. held a special birthday celebration on 4th and Camberwell Singers entertained.

BIBLE EMPHASIS

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Preacher's Bible addresses for July tied in with Scripture Union Week and National Bible Week. A variety of scriptures was on display . . . The church has farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Farmer on removal to Dromana. A book was presented to them . . . C.W.A.F. held social afternoon, and \$23 donated for new stove at manse. A. Verity donated balance of \$46.50 . . . Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Isley and family in death of George Isley. He served on Officers' Board for many years, and attended regularly until too ill . . . R. Story is acting-secretary . . . The film, "His Land" was screened on July 12 . . . Three new books have been added to the church library in memory of Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Isley . . . Mission Outreach offering for July was \$98 . . . David Tidd is overseas for extended tour.

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"We would like to tell you something about New Guinea. We are still staying at Mul which is 10 hours' walk from Gokto. The work we are doing is going on patrols, helping the sick people, teaching the Sunday Schools, going to different villages for Sunday morning services, and doing some extra jobs. On patrols I often go up to Gokto area which takes me a whole week to cover. Soon we will be going from Mul to Gokto even though our house is not yet finished.

"We have spent about five months here and were doing some preparatory work in the first few weeks. We enjoy ourselves very much and are learning quite a lot about the people, the Mission work and its means of contact with people. Talking was not easy as the pligin of the New Hebrides is quite different from the pligin of New Guinea. For sermons to be fully effective August helped me a lot in the way of interpret-

By BILL BULI,

Missionary to New Guinea from New Hebrides.

ing. However, all this by now is over as we can understand the New Guinea pligin and can speak it.

"There are many other things I came to realise, one being that it is very important to try to take time to just talk to people and share one's life, faith and experiences with them and listen to their problems, difficulties and joys which is something that is not easy to do when one is very busy.

"We will be living in Gokto village, one of the villages along the Schrader Ranges, which appealed to us directly as Churches of Christ to send missionaries to them. In our area we are working among nine villages including Gokto. Many more villages are crying out to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ but we will only be spreading our ministry so thinly that we will be of little help to anyone so there is still a Macedonian call today in this new area that is opening up along the Keram and Schrader Ranges. Acts 18: 9 says this, 'And a vision appeared to Paul in the night, there stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia and help us.'" We do not have visions today such as Paul had, but we do have the Macedonian call ringing continually in our ears saying, 'Come over to New Guinea and help us.' We can't look people straight in the eye and refuse point blank to help them so let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into his harvest.

"Let us pray that God will raise up more missionaries like Paul who when he heard the call he went. Men and women, who will say with Isaiah, 'Here am I, send me.' What thrills us most of all about these lost souls is their deep desire to follow Jesus and to hear

his words. Why do we hear the gospel twice when there are others who have not heard it once?

"These people really want to hear the gospel and can run themselves into the ground, tramping through mud, swamps and rivers which for some it is four days' walk, all to hear the gospel message.

"After the visits from Frank Beale and others of our missionaries to Gokto area four churches were built in faith, in four different villages. Now that they can hear the gospel, villagers are gradually coming to the Churches of Christ Mission because they want to hear the Bible, the Inspired Word of God. Some villages are being divided but let us pray that they will all come to know the Lord and accept him into their hearts."

SOCKS FOR LEPERS: There has been a good response to the appeal for socks for leprosy patients in New Guinea, and Mr. Bolton advises that the supply is now more than adequate. We wish to thank all who forwarded socks to New Guinea.

If people wish to assist the leprosy patients, Mr. Bolton advises that bandages would be appreciated. These could be made from old linen and would need to be about 3 inches in width. Please forward these by parcel post to

Mr. J. Bolton, Churches of Christ Mission, TUNG, Free Mail Bag, via WEVAK, T.N.G.

BOTTLES FOR NEW HEBRIDES: On behalf of our medical missionaries in the New Hebrides, we express sincere appreciation to all who have collected medicine bottles and forwarded them to State Overseas Mission committees to be forwarded to the New Hebrides. As there has been a good response to this appeal, no more bottles are being forwarded to the islands for the present.

MISSION BOXES: During the last financial year, it cost the mission over \$16,000 for freight, customs, and all charges related to landing goods in the New Hebrides. Due to limited finances, the mission is only able to meet the expenses involved in sending out essential goods. We must therefore request that people wishing to send mission box goods to either New Guinea or the New Hebrides, do so by sending them by parcel post, surface mail. Parcel post is the most economical way of sending small quantities of goods and if mission box goods are forwarded in this way instead of by sending to State committees to be freighted out, there will be a considerable reduction in our shipping expenditure.

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Prize-winners for the poetry competition were Stephen Bruce White, of Box Hill, Vic., and Philip Davey, Phillip, who wrote "The Crocodile Poem", did not send his address. When we receive it, his prize will be forwarded.

WHO SAID IT?

- "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."
- "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."
- "My punishment is greater than I can bear."
- "Quit yourselves like men."
- "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

(Answers next Issue.)

MUM: "I don't think the neighbours like that new drum we bought for Johnny."

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MUM: "They gave him a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum."

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THE EATERS

The rivers eat away their banks, The flies devour the sand, The morning sun dries up the mist, The ocean eats the land.

Taxes eat up property, And pride eats out the soul, But moths the diet record hold Because they eat a hole!

(Contributions for this column should be sent to Jay's Column, 118-125 Hawke St., West Melb., Vic., 3003.)

THE LAST WORD . . .

BROTHER

Brother is a dangerous word
When planted in your heart,
'Twill flame and burn with terror
Until you dare your part.

Brother is a dangerous word,
Where hate and envy rule,
'Twill make a peaceful Christian
Become God's fighting fool.
—Chauncey R. Plety.



Preachers should be careful what they say when they are preaching, they should be more careful what they say when they are not preaching.



The love that overcomes the wrong in any situation is not the love that says—"I'm sorry," but the love that shows "I'm sorry."

"To become free and responsible. For this alone was man created, and he who fails to take the Way which could have been his shall be lost eternally. Do not look back. And do not dream about the future either. Your duty, your reward—your destiny—are here and now."—DAG HAMMARSKJOLD.

I ran against a prejudice,
That quite cut off the view.
—Charlotte Gilman.



A cheerful temper joined with innocence will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful, and wit good natured.



An idle man's head is a factory for the devil.
Arab proverb.



To stop a tooth or stomach ache,
To help the sick and well to live,
The doctors give what people take,
The preachers take what people give.
—Roud Shaw.

I think it would be very nice
If no one gave me good advice,
And if someone would tell me where I
Could turn in my unused supply.
—Paul Armstrong.



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