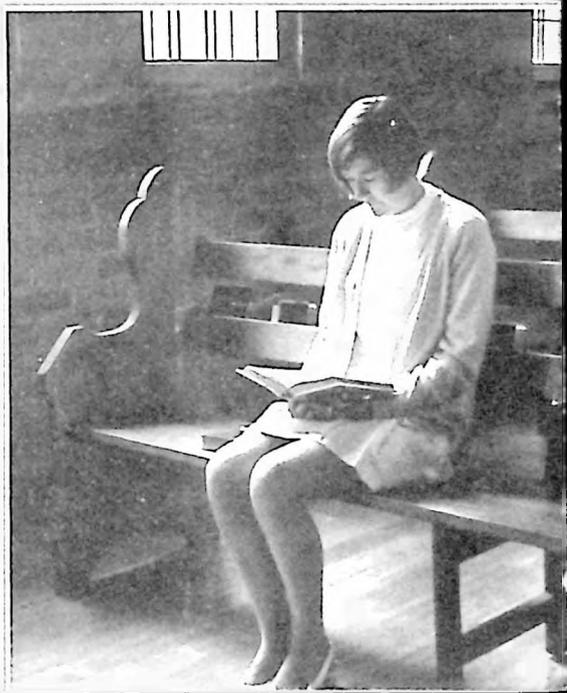


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A SORT OF REVOLUTIONARY

By VINEY LONGTHORP

BEETHOVEN shares with Tschalkovsky the dubious honour of being perhaps the most "popular" of all the great composers. No concert is considered complete unless a symphony or a concerto of Beethoven's is performed. Whilst popularity is not a true measure of greatness, we should not ignore it. The wide appeal which his music enjoys is a tribute to his greatness, for he deliberately set out to write for people at large, but without yielding his own artistic integrity. Someone said of Beethoven that he democratised great music.

The reasons for his popularity are not far to seek and they tell us a great deal about the man and his music. His music has that depth and seriousness which appeal to the best in so many people. Listening to Beethoven at his best is an escape from the trivial. It is not that studied seriousness which is so akin to boorishness, but the seriousness of one who is transparently sincere about what he is saying. There is plenty in his music to get your teeth into, so to speak, and you never seem to come to the end of him. His themes have an heroic ring about them—the main subject, for instance, in the opening movement of the E Flat piano concerto.

Beethoven's music has wide emotional appeal also. Like Shakespeare, he has a sure touch in both the tragic and the ribald. Contrast, say, the slow movement of the "Eroica Symphony" with the third movement of the "Pastoral," where he mimics an orchestra of rustic amateurs, the bassoon suggesting that the player is only half awake, whilst the oboe misses his count.

All through, the body of his music shows continuous development: the works composed in his maturity are of a different order from earlier works. The Hammerclavier Sonata, written when he was 48, presents a very different world from that of his early sonatas. In this respect it is instructive to compare him with other composers. For instance, much of Tschalkovsky's greatest compositions were written early in his career and are as great as some of his later works. But Beethoven was always on the move; through his music you get unmistakable evidence that here is a man who was capable of learning from life, who was always hard at work rethinking both himself and the world.

He is popular, too, because he is so easy to "get into." It is noticeable that young people who are finding their way into serious music, take readily to Beethoven and tend to use him as an introduction to the music of other composers. His music abounds in sharp dramatic contrasts; he handles the orchestra with tremendous authority; his works have an organic unity which makes them so complete as works of art. Indeed, he brought the art of writing symphonies to such perfection, that the composer Johannes Brahms, himself

self no slouch as a symphonist, once said, "His shadow is there all the time. To write a symphony after Beethoven is no laughing matter."

In assessing the greatness of Beethoven, we should not overlook his reaction to his growing deafness—a terrible affliction for a musician. His resolution to "grasp fate by the throat" (to "carry on regardless," if you like), is a personal attribute which commends him to many. He never heard performances of some of his greatest works. Beethoven also suffered a great deal. It was the price which many artists have had to pay for the gift of that heightened sensitivity which makes their art possible. In writing about Beethoven's last quartettes, J. N. W. Sullivan commented, "To be willing to suffer in order to create is one thing; to realise that one's creation necessitates one's suffering, that suffering is one of the greatest of God's gifts (is something that) very few people will entertain." But it was Beethoven's credo.

The greatness of Beethoven is due, in large measure, to his being a revolutionary composer. For once a popular image happens to be accurate. Does the revolutionary quality of his music have anything to say to us who live in a supposedly revolutionary age? Well, for one thing, Beethoven was certainly no stick-in-the-mud. He was always testing existing modes of musical forms and expression and finding new and meaningful combinations. But he felt no compulsion to tear down the past. He had the deepest respect and admiration for his musical predecessors, especially Haydn and Handel, and he was proud to relate his work to theirs. He took the musical forms which he had inherited, and made them his own by filling them with the marvellous quality of his own vision of life. He accepted the discipline of those forms and did not try to break them, as did later composers, in order to gain more freedom. Goethe says that, "It is within his limitations that the master finds himself." And not only within his own limitations either, but an artist shows his mettle by working within the very limitations of his art. Most people who write about Beethoven consider this to be his greatest achievement — that working within the confines of set formulae he could offer so much wealth of musical power, scope and expression. Does this suggest that true revolution is inward and spiritual?

One of the characteristics of his revolutionary spirit which so endears him to many is his sheer exuberance. Like many revolutionaries, Beethoven was also a romantic; he believed passionately in life, in destiny, in people. In the onward sweep of the finale of the Fifth Symphony—to take one well-known example—you catch a mighty affirmation about life, that life is good, that it is important, that our best endeavours are never in vain.

We can do worse than to listen to Beethoven just now. So many revolutionaries wear such long faces. In a day when there is so much organised pessimism in the land, where despair has acquired once more the status of a way of life, it is important that we be exposed to such gaiety and joy. G. K. Chesterton once said, "Many great men make others feel inferior, but the truly great man makes other men feel great." The Apostle Paul knew of the same wonderful process: "Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious . . . think about these things." (Philippians 4: 8). In this sense also, Beethoven must be reckoned as part of God's light to his world.

CAPITAL NEWSLETTER

From C. H. J. WRIGHT

Growing Pains in Canberra

THE rate and nature of Canberra's growth presents a real challenge to the churches. The population has increased by 11,000 in the last 12 months, and now stands at 130,250. It is estimated that in the next seven years this figure will have almost doubled and the population will number 235,000. This kind of situation has probably never been faced by the churches anywhere else in Australia.

In other cities the growth has been on the edges of already established communities, and older churches have been able to take a major responsibility until the new areas become financially independent. But the new areas in Canberra outnumber the old, and the rate of growth makes constant fresh demands even while they are still developing.

Belconnen, which a few years ago was grazing land, now has a population of 15,000. In seven years time it will have 65,000, and ultimately almost as big a population as the whole of Canberra has now. The Roman Catholics have two priests resident in the area, and the five co-operating churches (Anglican, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian) have two Anglican priests, one Presbyterian and one Methodist ministers. We want to place a minister here as soon as we can. At present we have a monthly fellowship meeting, and most of our Belconnen people attend the Sunday services at Aluslie. There are no church buildings yet in the area. Sunday services and Bible school are held in government school buildings.

Another new area, Weston Creek, situated two or three miles from our Lyons church, now has a population of 2,000. There will be 28,000 there by 1977.

A Sunday Code

An inquiry by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the A.C.T. has begun public hearings on Sunday observance. The Department of the Interior has been gathering evidence for some months, and "hopes to develop a code in the light of ascertainable community attitudes, not extreme arguments." It believes there is a need to ascertain the mood of the community on Sunday observance, particularly on whether it regards Sunday primarily as a religious day or primarily as a day for secular activities.

It would appear that the Department is anticipating situations rather than responding to real needs, because there is little, if any, evidence that the people of Canberra are suffering from the absence of a precise code outlining what their behaviour on Sunday should be.

The composition of the community in Canberra is shown to be significantly different from that in other parts of Australia. The Canberra population is younger, better edu-

cated, and higher paid than elsewhere in Australia, while inhabitants of hostels and other non-private single accommodation comprises 10% of Canberra residents, compared with the Australian average of 5%. This gives rise to different social patterns and pressures from other cities.

Most of the churches, while not wishing to place unreasonable restrictions upon the freedom and rights of the wider community, do uphold the right of all persons to worship without hindrance, and believe the community should uphold this right. They have also expressed concern that Sunday morning sport would make difficulties for the church's programme of Christian education and worship.

Burgmann opens 1971

Burgmann College, the third affiliated college on the University campus, will open in 1971. It is jointly sponsored by six Australian churches (including Churches of Christ) and, while designed to provide residence for 500, initially will accommodate 250 men and women.

The College, in providing a residential college for undergraduates and post-graduate students, hopes, amongst other things, to provide a vital community life, a sound tutorial system and supervision of a kind that involves maximum co-operation and flexibility in meeting modern needs.

The first stage of the college will be a complete entity. Each of the first two buildings consists of three residential floors above a ground floor which is open in character. The one ground floor provides junior-common room and recreation facilities; the other ground floor is occupied by a library, conference room, shop, the entrance and the secretariat.

Dr. David M. Griffin, M.A., Sc.D., Ph.D. (Cambridge) has been appointed Master of the College. He is a distinguished scientist in the Department of Agriculture at the University of Sydney and a keen churchman. He is secretary of the Killara Congregational Church.

Two-thirds of the students enrolled at the Australian National University come from outside the A.C.T. Already 120 enquiries for Burgmann have been received.

One in Death

Canberra's second cemetery which will be opened adjacent to the Crematorium will have no denominational sections. All churches in Canberra have officially declared that their people shall lie side by side in death. One recalls the story of the Roman Catholic padre in the First World War who moved the fence of a Roman Catholic cemetery to include the grave of a Protestant soldier buried outside. In death we shall not be divided, but in life we are.

JEWES IN RUSSIA

Marcus R. Einfield, Chairman of the Australian Campaign for the Rescue of Soviet Jewry, announced that Australian Jewry is currently undertaking a vigorous campaign in an attempt to rescue Jews in the Soviet Union. This is being done in the light of the fact that the Soviet Union is and has been for some years past, denying the elementary human rights to its Jewish citizens.

Although Jews are apparently not wanted in the Soviet Union, they are denied the right to leave to settle in Israel or to join relatives in other parts of the Western World.

ETHIOPIAN FAMINE

(Geneva). The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (DICARWS) of the W.C.C., has volunteered \$3,000 for the relief of famine victims in Gambella, Ethiopia. 40,000 persons are reported to be starving there.

The funds will be supplied to the Inter-Church Aid Committee in Addis Ababa to purchase grain, which will be transported free of charge to the famine area by the Ethiopian Air Force. There it will be distributed to all those in need, including both refugees and the indigenous population.—E.P.S.

SOVIETS RAID CHURCH

(Moscow). Soviet authorities are cracking down on a Baptist underground group seeking to promote freedom of religion.

Police raids on unauthorised churches in the southern republics were reported for the first time by the Communist party newspaper Pravda Vostočka, published in Tashkent.

It printed virulent attacks on the "Baptist initiatives" and hinted at a systematic roundup of their leaders.

The paper said the raids were being carried out as an "investigation into illegal use of State buildings." — Melb. "Herald."

THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO



ALBANY

As every one knows, Albany Church of Christ in Western Australia is a joint project between Federal Home Evangelism and the W.A. Home Missions Department.

At Perth Airport the call came for your reporter to board the aircraft for Albany through Gateway Number Two at precisely 8 a.m. Cheerfully he walked the long corridor towards the gateway and the tarmac. But where was the plane? All that could be seen was one of those flimsy things of wire and wheels and fabric that amateur pilots use to risk their otherwise dull lives at week-ends. It turned out that this was the plane dignified by the name "Air Queen," it seated seven passengers in mini-comfort. In the air it felt like any other plane until it challenged a rain squall just out of Albany.

Your reporter quickly met up with Bruce and Ruth Clapp who are giving tireless leadership to this growing and encouraging work. They would no doubt feel isolated a hundred miles from the nearest Church of Christ, but for the warm fellowship they have with the brethren and with other Christians in the town.

One of the secrets of the success of the Albany Church must be Bruce Clapp's planning ability, especially if he plans his people as he planned your reporter for the twenty-two hour visit. We saw the breathtaking coastline scenery through whipped spray. We enjoyed historic buildings and hoped that at least some of them would be preserved. In high wind and rain we climbed the hill topped by the famous "Light-Horse"

memorial. No wonder the horses are depicted on their haunches. The wind nearly had us likewise! We were interviewed on radio and by the press. We were taken to the Ministers' Fraternal and heard a Police Sergeant sharing thoughts with the ministers on law and order in the modern community. He started his talk by saying, "I want to quote from Psalms, Section 127, Sub-section 1." The Church sat down to dinner specifically to hear some of the pioneering of the first Federal Home Evangelism work at Canberra, seventeen years ago. This was followed by slides and questions about the College of the Bible. The day closed with every one packed into the meeting place with Bibles open for an audience-participation Bible study. They are keen, alive, and dedicated Christians, our Albany folk!

Bruce Clapp is obviously well accepted in the community. The ministers trust and respect him. He is on first name terms with such citizens as the manager of the radio station.

There are 15,000 people in Albany and the town is growing rapidly out north where our building is located in one of those strategic positions that we often dream about but seldom realize. Guided by architect Brian Kidd, a worthy building plant has been erected that could easily be a pattern for all future buildings by our churches in pioneer areas. It is as easily adapted for worship as it is for Christian Education and social activities. It has a fine minister's office easily accessible for counselling. Although small and utilitarian, it looks good architecturally and helps the image of the church in the community. The grounds are in excellent condition, making use of some natural shrub growth in interesting ways.

Albany seems to underline again the ideal way for us to go into new areas: 1. An experienced minister. 2. A utilitarian plant of attractive architectural design. 3. The mobilisation of the whole brotherhood behind the establishing of the cause. 4. The deliberate creation of a good community image by the minister and members playing their part in the life of the community and earning its respect.

The Albany people are proud to be in pioneering partnership with the whole Australian Brotherhood. They won't let us down. Why not visit them sometimes. Albany is a holiday-maker's dream . . . if you can keep clear of Bruce Clapp! — G.R.S.

WORD TALK

No. 12 — 1 THESS. 5: 1-11.

"Awake with our wits."

Sleep is described in different ways throughout the Bible. It is a blessing of God to give us rest (Psalm 127: 2). It is a means for God to us to communicate with men through dreams and visions. Abraham, Jacob, Samuel and Daniel in the O.T., and Joseph in the first chapter of the N.T. received a communication from God during sleep. Sleep is also a synonym of death. The Christian who dies is "asleep in the Lord," emphasising the temporary nature of death, which ends at the resurrection. But sleep is also used to describe the attitude of the rest of the world.

In 1 Thess. 5, Paul describes those who are unprepared for the coming of Christ, who place their trust in their possessions and who spend their time crying "peace and security" as sleep walkers. Although they are physically awake, spiritually they are asleep. "Let us then never fall into the sleep that stupefies the rest of the world; let us keep awake with our wits about us." (J. B. Phillips).

FOR TODAY:

Certainly my neighbours are not asleep at 2 a.m. Sunday morning during one of their drunken parties, and certainly we

are not asleep either! Paul's point that our neighbours are asleep even when they are awake is well taken. There is a sleep that comes about because of sloth, unpreparedness, self-centredness—"the sleep that stupefies."

We certainly need to live as children of the light, awake with our wits about us. Especially in church, lest like Euthychus (Acts 20) we fall from our place of grace. And also we need to be awake with our wits about us in hours of decision and sacrifice, lest the sleep that overcomes the rest of the world overcomes us as it did Peter (Luke 22). And further, we need to be awake with our wits about us lest like Rip Van Winkle we sleep through a revolution—who went to sleep one day while America was a colony of Britain and woke to find it an independent country. He had slept through the War of Independence. God is at work in the world. His people need to be awake with their wits about them, as one of the primitive church's first baptismal hymns put it: "Awake oh sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." (Ephes. 5: 14).

—GORDON MOYES.

ARMS DEAL PROTEST

(London). The British Council of Churches has protested to the British Government about the proposed sale of arms to South Africa.

A five-man delegation led by Rev. Ernest Payne met Lord Lothian, a Minister of State responsible for African Affairs at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The interview had been sought by Bishop Sansbury, General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, shortly after the Conservatives were returned to power in the general election last month.

The delegation pressed the "far reaching implications of a change of policy" and asked that the U.N. Security Council resolution banning arms sales to South Africa be approved by the Government.

The delegation also told Lord Lothian that it feared the impression in Commonwealth countries that Britain would be helping to promote apartheid and asked that fuller consultation take place between the Government and Commonwealth countries.—E.P.S.

PAKISTAN FLOOD VICTIMS

(Geneva). In response to appeals from the Christian Councils in both West and East Pakistan, the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (DICARWS) of the World Council of Churches has sent an appeal to its related church agencies on behalf of those suffering as a result of the heavy rains and floods in the north of the Indian sub-continent.

Even before receiving the agencies' response, the Division cabled \$5,000 to each Council for emergency relief work.

The floods have killed many, rendered at least one million people homeless and caused heavy damage in North India and West and East Pakistan. In a telex to the Division the West Pakistan Christian Council had asked for 50,000 Rupees (\$10,500) for immediate needs. The money sent by the World Council will be used initially to purchase food, clothing and medical supplies.—E.P.S.

QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



man is not one who has never faced temptation, but one who overcomes it. If he has never faced it, how can we say he has goodness. Innocence may be his, but never goodness, unless he has been tested.

At the beginning of the story of Isaac, Genesis 22 tells us that Abraham was tested. "The time came when God put Abraham to the test." I don't profess to understand all that this story means, but it is very difficult to believe that God would deliberately provoke Abraham to the possibility of failure. I knew a farmer's wife who doubted the honesty of the farm-hand. To test him she left money lying around to see if he would steal it. This is not testing goodness so much as provoking wrong doing. We can hardly imagine God doing this.

The Book of Job, significant and splendid as it is in dealing with the question of evil, is also difficult to interpret. Even when we admit the probability that God does test us by permitting evil to threaten us, it is beyond belief that God would appear to encourage Satan to test Job by harming or destroying others. There is no doubt that we are tested by what happens to others, especially to our own loved ones, but we are being more than a little arrogant if we think that God will put our strength to the test by hurting or destroying others.

God does permit us to be tempted or tested. It is part of the cost of being human. Jesus had to accept it and in

doing so he added to the evidence that the more we have, the higher we stand, or the greater our responsibility, so much the more severe will be our testing and so much the greater will be our defeat if we fail. "Jesus . . . has been tested in every way," said the writer to the Hebrews (4: 15). We are also tempted, if not in every way then at least in many ways. How then can we pray "Lead us not into temptation?"

The New English Bible in both renderings of the Lord's Prayer says, "do not bring us to the test." Today's English Version says, "Do not bring us to hard testing." This is more of an interpretation than a translation and I dare to say that it is a prayer that has never been answered! We all face hard testing.

Nevertheless, we are conscious of our aptitude for failure and we do not face the tests of life lightheartedly. We would want to avoid those tests that reveal our weakness. As we pray the Lord's Prayer we remind ourselves of our weakness and of our need to rely more upon the help of our Lord than upon our own strength. So we pray, "Lead us (not into hard testing but) deliver us from evil."

The emphasis is upon the first two words, "Lead us." If God is leading us then we can prevail.

We cannot logically pray "Lead us away from temptation." If we are going to change the wording of the verse in order to interpret the meaning, we could well say, "Lead us, through every test, and guard us from evil."

ISSUES FOR CHRISTIANS, 1970

Pollution, Race, The Shrinking Church, War, The Road Toll, Dissent . . .

Hot, controversial issues! But why, particularly, issues for Christians? Is pollution an interesting and thorny (and perhaps scaring) issue for Governments and cranks to worry about? Or, when we read of people collapsing in the streets (as they did recently in New York) does it become an issue of what we are doing with God's world?

Race! Not horses, but people! A dead issue apart from South Africa and the United States of America? Or should we be taking seriously the fact that Australian Aborigines are going to the United Nations to complain about the treatment they are getting from the Government which we elected?

The shrinking Church! That is what the statistics say. Does it mean that we are losing out? Or does it represent the inevitable opposition to truth and to God?

War! We get sick of hearing about it and reading about it? Is it inevitable? Is there a Christian perspective on it?

Car accidents! Unfortunate. But relevant to Christian faith?

Dissent! Unseemly, and a waste of time? Again, relevant to the Christian faith?

These are the subjects of the Adult Education Kit, 1970, an adult study pro-

duced as part of the Christian Life Curriculum. The kit (cost \$1.50) contains two posters, a record of an interview with three Aboriginal leaders, and a leader's guide. Each group needs one kit, and each member needs a copy of the news sheet, "Issues for Christians 1970" (5c. each). And, be warned, there are conscience-pricking pointers for action, too.

BURLESQUE TO BIBLES

For the second time in less than three months, a San Antonio, Texas, burlesque house has closed its doors following the religious conversion of the owners. First to close was the Green Gate Lounge, whose owners Guy and Evelyn Linton were converted during a spring revival meeting. Now Tommy and Mitzi Thomas, owners of the Intimate Lounge on San Antonio's north side and close friends of the Lintons, have closed their establishment following a late-night conversion with a Southern Baptist pastor. Mitzi had been a featured dancer at the club. Thomas said he planned to return to the business he had before becoming a night club operator four years ago—selling Bibles. Meanwhile, persons seeking admission to the Intimate Lounge will find the entrance blocked by a sign that reads "Intimate Lounge Closed: Condemned by God." — "Christian Century."

7 WARD

PARTY TIME

As we were leaving the ward today Sister asked for party hats—just the ordinary kind from crane paper for the birthday celebrations which happened at least once a fortnight, when someone was in hospital for their actual birthday.

It was reported at council to be taken back to the local C.W.F. groups. After council, the committee had to transfer goods from one room to another, and there all ready, we found two dozen very fancy party hats which were given to the Sister the next Monday.

God does supply our every need; and even in such a busy establishment as this, everyone's birthday is remembered with a party, a cake, and a gift.

WORLD PRESIDENT'S GOLDEN WEDDING

(UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). At an Open House afternoon on Sept. 5, members and friends congratulated Sir Phillip and Lady Messent on their golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Boyce and two children have flown to U.S.A. where Mr. Boyce will study for three years in Oregon for a Ph.D. in Agricultural Science . . . A recent "Happy Hours" week brought 155 children, 60 of whom were not attached to any S.S. Visitation to these families is being conducted . . . Plans are proceeding for Evangelistic Crusade after World Convention. Following instruction classes on "Communicating Christ" visitation of contacts has commenced.

S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

(ADELAIDE). Next Fraternal meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 28. Speaker, Mr. Mike Saenz, from U.S.A. Fraternal will be at 10 a.m. for final check-up on matters relating to World Convention, and speaker will be introduced at 10.30 a.m.

MINISTER ILL

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). Mr. Robinson is recuperating at home after being in hospital with influenza. Many speakers helped at short notice . . . J. K. Bond was guest speaker at our convention . . . Youth Fellowship successfully contacted with Post Office for telephone directory delivery in North Perth area. Proceeds are for Youth project.

L.I.F.E.

(GAWLER, WILLIAMSTOWN, KERSBROOK, S.A., R. Chamberlain). Lay Institute for Evangelism was held in conjunction with other Gawler churches with Director Geoff. Fletcher leading the Institute . . . Special services and personal invitations as part of plans for Post-World Convention Evangelistic meetings being carried out . . . K. D. Horne spoke at the most recent combined service at Williamstown circuit . . . C.W.F. groups have sent parcels of clothing to Norseman and Carnarvon . . . A young man at Kersbrook was baptised . . . Young people took part in Youth Service at Gawler. Guest artists, the "Islington Singers" also shared in Coffee Hour . . . Gawler Teen Meet attended Religious Film Festival in Adelaide . . . J.C.E. (Gawler) project is for the Crippled Children's Association . . . Combined services have been held with Baptists in Gawler and Methodists in Williamstown and Kersbrook . . . The Ladies' Guild birthday meeting was addressed concerning church work in Hong Kong.

SEMINAR ON EVANGELISM

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). Auxiliary leaders and official board held a seminar on "Evangelism in This Local Church," with Ted. Keating in attendance as Field Officer . . . A happy afternoon tea function was arranged by Good Companions and basketball teams . . . The last 5 p.m. service on Aug. 30 consisted of a programme of music, testimony and a message by Clive Stebbins from "Youth For Christ." . . . Evening services now commence at 7 p.m.

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

At the September Council meeting the W.C.W.F. Birthday Service was presented by members of the Blackburn C.W.F. Soloists was Mrs. Johnstone, from Balwyn. Mrs. Joyce led in prayer of intercession.

122 delegates represented 51 churches. The guest speaker was Mrs. Tudor who spoke on the problems of living in high-rise flats. A group of church women visit these flats regularly and have formed friendship groups which meet monthly.

A.B.C. ENCOUNTER

The Director of Christian Education for Churches of Christ in Qld. will take part in the A.B.C. radio programme "Encounter" broadcast throughout Australia on Sunday, Sept. 20.

GAINS AND LOSSES

(KEITH, S.A., G. T. Lawrie). Mrs. F. Little was baptised and received into the church. Mr. and Mrs. Norm Carter have also been received into fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Howe are sharing here after having moved from Naracoorte. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Sires have moved to Texas, in northern N.S.W., but we have welcomed back home Don Randell who has been working in W.A. and Nth. Territory . . . The J.C.E. has increased its roll membership to nearly 30 . . . On Aug. 2, the young people led the entire worship service based on the theme, "The Christian Way of Life."

DECISION AT HORSHAM

(Vic., D. J. Marr). A young lady made her decision on Aug. 30. Guest speaker was W. W. Saunders, Conf. Sec. . . . "Corroboree '70," a vacation B.S. held during first week of school holidays, attracted 60 young people who enjoyed stories, games, studies, boomerang throwing, singing and handicraft. It culminated in an Open Night, with parents and friends . . . Mrs. C. Friebe is in New Guinea visiting John and Evelyn who have left Port Moresby for the mission at Chungribu.

VIC. O/SEAS MISSIONS

(Melb.). The Overseas Missions Dept. in Victoria has received with deep regret the resignation of Mrs. E. L. Williams. Mrs. Williams has served the committee with distinction for many years and was for some time its secretary.

NEW MINISTRY

(Vic.). Graham Bradley, from the Melbourne Bible Institute, will commence a part-time ministry with the Sunshine church in February, 1971.

WITNESS TO BAPTISM

(SOUTH YARRA, Vic., R. L. Arnold, N. L. E. Carter). On Aug. 9 a combined service of the South Yarra churches was held in the Church of Christ at 5 p.m. and was followed by a tea. The tea was provided by the Church of Christ ladies. The speaker was Roy Arnold. During the service two girls were baptised, and Mr. Arnold explained to the congregation the Church of Christ belief regarding baptism. The chapel was packed out on the occasion . . . At a "Question Service"

A presentation was made to Mrs. Doreen Strack on leaving for Djarkata as one of the Australian Church Women's delegates for the 4th Asian Church Women's Conference.

The Missionary Rally will be held in the Swanston St. church on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 10.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. A cup of tea will be available at 10 a.m. and also at meal times.

Next council meeting Friday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. Speaker: The Rev. G. T. Glascock, M. Ed., Ph.L., Director of International Student Centre.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

Mr. Arnold answered questions which had been placed in a box by the congregation . . . Paul Burnham, of Prahran church, was a recent speaker . . . The weekly prayer and B.S. meeting has ceased to function . . . An Explorers' Club has begun led by Mrs. H. Barbour, A. Hughes and B. Miller, with 10 boys. . . . Good Companions held a walkathon from the church to the Burwood Boys Home to raise money for the Minibulk Camp . . . Recent speakers at C.E. were Mrs. Betty Ryall and Barry Jenkins.

MEMBERS FOR NEW CHURCH

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). On Aug. 30, the members farewell Mr. and Mrs. John Markwick and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markwick who are transferring to new Tea Tree Gully church . . . On Sept. 6 our new Conn electric organ was dedicated. This is a gift from Mrs. David Pritchard, of Dulwich church . . . The C.W.F. celebrated its birthday with over 70 members and visitors. S. Walker, head teacher at Hillcrest Hospital School for Intellectually Retarded Children, and Dr. Burness, pediatrician in the Diagnostic Clinic for Intellectually Retarded Children, were speakers. Examples of self-expression work done by the pupils were on display and articles made by the children were on sale.

WOMEN MEET

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic.). 100 ladies from Williamstown and Newport shared a coffee morning organised by the Aust. Christian Women's Convention. Miss Jean Raddon was guest speaker . . . Mr. Hawthorn spoke to the C.M.F. on "Pollution." . . . Mrs. R. Muller, past Pres., C.W.F., told the C.W.A.F. of her experiences on a trip down the Grand Canyon. The Prayer and Evang. Committee, led by Mrs. Joyce, provided the programme for C.W.E.F. . . . Recent speakers have been R. Haden and L. Flith . . . A folder featuring a dialogue between "Joe and Bill" has been given to each member to promote "The Australian Christian."

BACK TO 7

(FRANKSTON, Vic., R. H. Patterson). 4 p.m. winter services closed two months of warm fellowship, inspiration and challenge. C.Y.F. was assisted by P. Andrews at 11 a.m. and N. Carter at 7 p.m. led the services. They have also been engaged in "doing someone else's thing," making 30 dozen cakes, and paper flowers to aid fund toward Mini-Lab. project . . . September has been planned as "Friendship and Evangelism" month . . . Church sharing in October in special pre-Conference Crusade meetings in Moorabbin Town Hall.

ABOUT FEEDING BEARS

I want to tell you a true story about the bears in Yellowstone Park.

Every year, after the tourist season is over and cold winds and snow comes, bears die by the dozens by the side of the roads, and the rangers have to come and carry them off and bury them.

Do you know why they die?

They are still waiting for handouts from the tourists—the cookies, the candy, the bread—but the tourists have gone, and no more handouts. And they sit and wait by the road for the food that is not to come, and they die there.

For they have forgotten something, through the generations of bears that have been doing this. They have forgotten how to prepare for winter, and how to dig for themselves and how to go into the woods and eat what they have to eat and do what they must do to survive the winter. They have become so used to being fed from the road—with all the free handouts.

BROTHERHOOD VISITORS

(ULVERSTONE, Tas., C. P. Clayden). Ray McKenzie from the Dept. of Christian Educ., and Roger Ryall, missionary from India, were mid-week speakers recently . . . 107 attended a combined Brigade Parade . . . The "Quinells" were guest singers on Aug. 2 and the "F.K. Union" sang on 16th . . . 35 persons and nine cars were at the barbecue on Aug. 22.

VISITOR FROM INDIA

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., L. G. Read). Roger Ryall was guest at Youth Service and Ray McKenzie conducted Seminar for B.S. teachers and youth workers . . . C. J. Robinson has been elected an elder . . . There has been a great deal of sickness . . . Basketball teams have had successes in roster matches . . . Young people recently held a Drug Symposium for teenagers with officers of Police Vice Squad as lecturers . . . Ladies have despatched Aborigines parcel and Overseas Missions parcels now being prepared. C.W.E.F. members have made souvenirs for World Convention. Ladies participated in A.C.W. "Fellowship Day."

THE ARAB VIEWPOINT

(CANBERRA, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright, C. G. Dredge). Mr. Youssef of United Arab Republic, addressed Dinner Club on "The Middle East Crisis." . . . Family Night at Ainslie on Aug. 16 used gospel folk hymns to a band accompaniment with Rev. Neville Chynoweth as guest speaker . . . Lyons C.W.F. held birthday dinner on Aug. 13 with donations going to Peruvian earthquake victims . . . Mr. Wright is conducting discipleship class at Ainslie . . . Rod. Bateman gave travel talk to Ainslie C.Y.F. on Switzerland . . . John Main visited both churches on Aug. 23 . . . There have been four baptisms at Ainslie in recent weeks.

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MISSION PLANNED

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. Krause). Plans are well advanced for our mission in October . . . Mr. Norling and Mr. Henderson were guest speakers on Aug. 16 . . . Mrs. Reid snr. and her son, John, were recently welcomed into membership . . . The Fellowship Tea on Aug. 30 was followed by the monthly youth service. A film, "Flipside," was presented.

COLLEGE VISITORS

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Recent speakers were Messrs. Bowser, Fennell and F. Stephenson. The officers conducted the gospel service on Aug. 23. Ron Bartholomew led and A. E. Bell and Ed. Newton gave short messages . . . A young man was baptised by Mr. Oldfield on Aug. 30. Two young lads made decisions. Guest soloist was G. Glazier of Bega . . . On Sept. 6 there was a deputation from Woolwich Bible College. Two students shared in the service and the Principal, Dr. A. G. Elliott, brought the message. A young lad was baptised by Mr. Oldfield. Soloist was A. Currie. At an after church fellowship, Dr. Elliott showed slides on the College.

FIVE CONFESSIONS

(COWANDILLA, S.A., S. Thomas). Five girls made the Good Confession at a recent gospel service . . . Mrs. E. Mason has provided finance to build a study for the minister, to be built on to the existing church building. The church is most grateful for this kind gift. The study will be erected in memory of Mrs. Mason's husband who was in active membership at Cowandilla for many years . . . Two junior girls' basketball teams, and a men's basketball team, won premierships in United Church and Churches of Christ Associations.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

This can happen to people.

There are some things in life that can't be borrowed, that can't be given to us. No one can prepare your mind for you, or study for you. No one else can develop your talents for you, whatever your talents are. No one can do your praying for you, or develop your relationship with God for you.

The most important things in life you must do for yourself.

And to sit idly by the side of the road and wait and wait for your parents to give things to you, or your government, or your church—for someone to give to you things that can't be given—is to die, even as the Yellowstone bears.

(From a sermon delivered by the Rev. William L. Edelen in Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita, Kansas).

SECOND PIANO

(REDCLIFFS, Vic., H. Cave). Another piano has been purchased for use in the church to save shifting the hall piano. C.Y.F. have been holding meetings in the homes, with various young people being responsible for the programme . . . K. J. Clinton, Conf. Pres., was speaker on Aug. 16. Mr. Cave and Mr. Drake, of Doreton, exchanged pulpits on Aug. 30.

GUEST SERVICE

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). The third of our guest services had Richard Trevasks as guest singer. He sang two solos. The guest speaker was Graham Edgar, assistant at Brooklyn Park, formerly of Ascot Park. A Coffee Hour followed the service with a sing-a-long conducted by Roger Duffy and Robin Frost. Richard Trevasks again sang . . . The church extends sympathy to Mrs. McIntyre in the loss of her husband.

SHOPPERS' SERVICE

(BALWYN, Vic., W. J. Thomson). Shoppers' Service had Mrs. Beckland (who is soon to return to England) as speaker and soloist . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, on overseas tour, were thrilled with Passion Play at Oberammergau . . . Church addressed at passing of Mrs. Jean Hogg, and crowded funeral service, officiated by minister, gave testimony to her life and works.

WIN FOR TEAM

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., A. B. Titter). The tennis team won the premiership of "CI" competition . . . The new baptistry is completed . . . Maryanne Titter was baptised on Aug. 23. K. J. Clinton, Conf. Pres., addressed the church on Sept. 6.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

SCIENTIFIC LAWS

To the Editor,

I never know what the wife will come out with next. She swallowed the last of her toast and marmalade on a recent sunny Saturday and asked, "Why do they call them the laws of science?" I don't often get the opportunity to show my superior male knowledge, so I slowly and impressively put down the paper, and took off my glasses (I look a little more intelligent without them than with them), and said, "Because scientists discovered them, of course."

I could see immediately that the woolly female mind was not satisfied. She said, "If the scientists discovered them they must have been in existence before. So if they were in existence before there were any scientists, why call them the laws of science?"

That exasperated me because it was the stupid sort of remark you'd expect of a woman, and because I didn't know how to answer her any way. I tried for an intelligent looking silence.

My wife, seeing that my fountain of scientific wisdom had dried up, went on to make her own observations. She said, "I reckon that God has been running the universe in a certain way all the time, and some men have discovered his ways of working and taken all the credit to themselves, calling them laws of science."

"Just like men!" she said.

I quickly slipped out into the garden. When she says, "Just like men!" she usually begins to think of some other nasty things about men . . . especially me.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

OPEN FORUM

WHERE THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK

To the Editor,

My copy of the "A.C." 13/4/70, has just arrived (Aug. 26). I should like to respond to some points raised by E. R. Killmiller's Open Forum letter about my May 16 article, "Where the Scriptures Speak."

First, no doubt many of my "dogmatic statements" are open to question, else I would be claiming for myself a certainty that I do not readily concede to others. I can appreciate our brother's feelings, however, and regret that the pressure of space precluded the support to arguments that may be provided in footnote references. In order to be "a labourer who need not be ashamed," I documented my own copies of all five articles.

Second, I am not at all sure that the difference between Rom. 13:2 and Acts 5:28, 29 can be accounted for by saying that in the former the authorities in mind were "the government" and in the latter, "rebellious leaders whom Christ had indicated as suspect." Presumably Paul was writing of the Roman "governing authorities," but their domain included many aspects of "religion." Conversely, the Jewish authorities referred to in Acts had many "secular" functions. Our "secular" (or "civil") and "religious" distinctions were largely foreign to the worlds of Romans and Acts 5. I cannot therefore speak for Paul and Peter and John and say as confidently as Dr. Killmiller does that they "would agree in both instances." Furthermore, the difference between Romans and Revelation is simply ignored.

Moreover, no where did I say that the scriptures "are not reliable." Dr. Killmiller confuses differences among witnesses with the reliability of the witness and speaks for me where I was silent.

Third, the problem with Paul's statement on slavery lies not in what he did not say but in what he did say. Historically the Church has felt it necessary to bring some "extrinsic interpretation" to bear on his statement and I simply set forth three of these interpretations and suggested a problem that each poses for any Restoration movement. There are other interpretations, one of which is that Paul "sanctioned" slavery. It is salutary to recall that at the time of the Civil War it is likely that the members of the "Church of the New Testament" were the largest per capita Christian slaveholders in the United States.

Finally, Dr. Killmiller says that "the Scripture is reliable when . . . read with its intrinsic presuppositions and the Infallible Interpreter, the Holy Spirit." That may be, but does Dr. Killmiller mean to suggest that he is an infallible interpreter, or is the Holy Spirit, or is on a percentual level with the Spirit? If this is not what he means, how do we move from the Holy Spirit to any person's interpretation?

—Ronald Graham (U.S.A.).

THE MINISTRY

To the Editor,

Dr. Gerald Judd's comments regarding the ministry in a recent issue of the "A.C." 8/8/70, would be of interest to all those concerned with the ministry of the Church. Recognising that it was only a comment it still failed to give any real clues to a situation that is receiving a great deal of study and attention. In one breath he spoke of the need to "put pressure on the system" and so change it, but then in the next breath revealed that one of the difficulties was that ministers felt that they had an inadequate knowledge of "how people change and how institutions change."

Probably in our own colleges there is a greater understanding of individual

personality and psychology than there is of society, its functions and systems.

Few will doubt that the Church, and the ministry, in every age must respond to the ebb and flow of the total environment in which it finds itself. The task, of course, is to develop that prophetic insight which permits positive and creative responses both within and without the "institutional" church. Change is always a problem. There will be those who will be fearful and suspicious of all innovation and change, just as there will be those who want change for change's sake. Both groups gather on either side of the ecclesiastical fence wondering who, like Humpty Dumpty, will fall first.

The answers to the Church's dilemma are not easy to come by. One would've hoped that Judd would have expanded a little on the concept of pressure and change: what is pressure? Who best exerts pressure? Where do you put pressure? Who yields to pressure? etc.

In the context of the ministry it might be helpful to look at one attempt to exert pressure "to change the system." Last week in England the Church of England gathered in its Church Assembly and delivered its verdict on the results of ten years' investigation, study and research on the ministry. Ten years ago a committee was set up to look at the question of the ministry and in 1964 it produced what is called the Paul Report. Following this report another committee was set up, this time it was called a commission and it also was to look at the problem of the ministry. In 1967 it produced a document called the Morley Commission. Last week the Assembly was persuaded to set aside the recommendations of previous reports and set up another committee to look at the problem of the ministry.

It would appear that setting up committees is not the most effective way of bringing pressure to bear to change the system!

—Alan Matheson (Italy).

"W.R.H."

To the Editor,

Allow me to express my appreciation of the "Australian Christian", with its many and varied contributors, and the ministry it brings to our brotherhood.

Could I be permitted to express my particular appreciation for one of your regular contributors — Will Hibbert.

His obituary on Will Clay, in a recent copy, is typical of his gracious spirit, dedicated mind and hand, and the great quality of love he has for the brotherhood and its members.

May the Lord spare him to us, that through the continued ministry of his mind and pen, we may continue to get a real glimpse of the transforming Christ and the real structure of the brotherhood to which we belong.

—L. Wylie (N.S.W.).

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7 p.m.: Mr. K. J. Clinton.

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7 p.m.: EVANGELISTIC WORSHIP.

THE MINISTRY

AT a time when some churches report fewer candidates for the ministry, there are more students in training in our Australian colleges than at any other time in our history.

We have the men and we have the masters! For a small brotherhood we have college faculties with fine scholarship, with deep devotion to Christ and the church, and with a firm loyalty to the Restoration Movement.

One more thing is needed. That is, the strong support of the churches for their college. That support is available

if we are good stewards of our opportunities. The churches and their members have many calls upon their resources. They are urged to support this and that good cause within and beyond their local churches, in the brotherhood, and on the mission fields. Whatever the cause it will be made stronger by an effective ministry.

If the gospel is to be communicated we need strong churches. The way to strengthen our churches is to equip the members. The way to equip the members for a more effective church life is to strengthen the ministry. The way to strengthen the ministry is to support the colleges.

KEY TO COLLEGE PHOTOS

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

(Photos on pages 12 and 13)

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N.Z. V. Gardner.

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EXIT STUDENTS: Front L. to R., R. Holland, H. Clark, Principal E. L. Williams, B. Beck, W. Tabbernee, Rear L. to R., A. Baker, G. Wilcott, M. Humphries, Miss E. Huntington, D. Good, D. R. Smith, K. Duffy.

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WOOLWICH COLLEGE

(Photos on pages 14 and 15)

THE FACULTY: Front Row L. to R.: K. E. Crawford, C. G. Taylor, A. G. Elliott (Principal), C. E. Bowser, D. J. Schofield, Back Row L. to R.: G. R. Elliott, D. C. Nutt, R. C. Dixon, K. W. Farmer, F. A. Elliott, G. J. Warne. Absent: R. B. Ewers.

SECOND YEAR: Standing, L. to R., R. Ritchie, K. Bond, J. Liu, Sitting: R. Aitken, T. Kallmiller, R. Drown. Inset: I. Borham.

FIRST YEAR: L. to R., Back Row: C. Burtenshaw, B. Drown, P. Wardle, H.

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THIRD YEAR: L. to R., Back Row: D. Hovey, Middle Row: D. Mills, R. Smith, D. Gurney, Front Row: M. Conry, B. Aldred, P. Letheby, G. Small.

EXIT STUDENTS with Principal: L. to R., D. Forrest, B. Yates, J. Liu, I. Titterton, Dr. Elliott, G. Harris, R. Clark.

KENMORE COLLEGE

(Photos on pages 16 and 17)

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munion service with talks, visual aids and musical items . . . Slides on the work of Far East Broadcasting Company were screened at mid-week meeting . . . A monthly visitation programme has been commenced . . . Brotherhood literature has been promoted in recent weeks.

DISCUSSION FOR FATHERS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Fathers' Day gospel service took form of an armchair discussion by Mr. Grainger, Ron. Muller and Trevor Giles. G. H. Foster of Commonwealth Aircraft Corp. was speaker at C.M.F. and Mrs. Gillespie spoke on C.W.F. history at ladies' meeting . . . Many are ill: Mrs. Webster in B.H. Hospital; Bruce McFarlane and Mr. Waddingham in Repatriation Hosp.; Mr. Peters, and Mrs. Sandells, who has had to postpone a trip to W.A.

OCTOBER:

- 1 CHAIN OF PRAYER—Dept. of I.M. & Evang.
- 2 D.C.E. Impact Programme.
- 3 D.C.E. Outdoor Sports—Girls.
- 4 ANNUAL OFFERING — COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.
- 7 D.C.E. Engaged Couples' Course (1), Brotherhood Centre.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 2 C.W.F. Bus Trip to Bowral (Tulip Festival).
- 15-18 FEDERAL CONFERENCE—ADELAIDE.
- 20-25 WORLD CONVENTION—ADELAIDE.

VISIT FROM COLLEGE

(ORANGE, N.S.W., R. N. Hawkins). The Evangelical Union from the College for Advanced Education at Bathurst took a service in Education Week . . . The Young People recently led the Com-

THINGS TO COME

WEST AUSTRALIA

- OCTOBER: 5 Ministers' and families' Basket Tea, Subiaco Church Hall.
- 9 Youth "IMPACT", Christian Centre, 8 p.m., Speaker: Mr. Jean Bokelca, of the Congo.

QUEENSLAND

- SEPTEMBER: 15-20 Youth Group Exchange.
- 21-22 Teen-Week Training Nights.
- 23-27 Teen-Week, Albion.

VICTORIA

- SEPTEMBER: 23 D.C.E. Engaged Couples' Course (1), Brotherhood Centre.
- 24 D.C.E. Slnn. Dist. Youth Snow Trip.
- 25 D.C.E. Eastern Dist. Youth Programme.
- 25-27 C.W.F. Camp — Monbulk.
- 24 College of the Bible Sports Day.
- 26 I.C.E. and Y.P. Outing—D.C.E.
- 27 D.C.E. BOYS' SUNDAY.
- 30 D.C.E. Engaged Couples' Course (2), Brotherhood Centre.

COLLEGE SUPPLEMENT

THE MINISTRY IN 1970

By G. STADDAN, Minister-Elect, Arana Hills, Qld.



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THE ministry is a rather enigmatic vocation. Spiritually, biblically and ideally the minister communicates messages from God to his congregation. He does this through preaching as well as visitation and counselling. In actual practice the above occupies some of the minister's time while a lot of it is spent in being the hub of the church wheel through which all of the spokes of organisation are channelled. In other words the minister makes certain that the general schedule and special activities of the church flow along with a minimum of difficulties.

In order to best fulfill this role of being at the helm of a congregation, the minister needs good academic and spiritual training. The academic side is the easy part. It consists of long, tedious hours spent in the study of biblical languages, church history, theology, the Scriptures and various general subjects. We can be glad that our colleges provide such opportunities.

Unfortunately I can speak experientially only of Kenmore because this is where I have studied. The good thing about Kenmore is that students can go at their own pace. Academically gifted students

can do Kenmore studies, church work and university work. Others can be satisfied to study internally. Still others can matriculate if they have not done so already.

The other side of the coin is the spiritual training for the ministry. This is a matter between each individual and God. It is not primarily based upon academics. Each student should have such a spiritual certainty of God that he will be on fire for God when he is catapulted from the college into the ministry. Spirituality is more important than being academic. This can not be taught but comes only as a person himself draws closer to Christ. The level to which this occurs will be a large determinant as to his impact upon the world for God.

Our calling must be very sure. If we doubt God, then we had better look for a secular vocation. However, with Christ in our lives there is no obstacle too great to overcome. The future is very bright because God wants to use us in one of the greatest ages in history. We look to the days ahead with excitement as we enter the ministry in 1970.



THE MINISTRY — A Call and a Challenge

By ROGER CLARK, Exit Student, Woolwich

JERUSALEM in Jeremiah's day was in a bad state. Outwardly it was prosperous and progressive but inwardly the core of the society was being gnawed away by sin and apostasy. The people had turned away from God, their chief aim was no longer to love and serve God but to satisfy their own desires. Jeremiah speaking of their situation pinpoints the problem "Jerusalem hath grievously sinned" (Lam. 1: 8). They had achieved so much and developed so greatly, but had forgotten God.

Look at any affluent country today, look at Australia. Development, wealth and increasing power, a picture of success, but delve more deeply and wealth turns to poverty and success to failure. Drunkenness, drugs, immorality and dishonesty are the more major signs of a sinful society and an accepted part of Australian life. It is a society that has thrown out God and struggles to satisfy its own desires.

A more liberal budget will not solve the problem, economic or political reforms can do nothing to change the situation—the heart of man needs

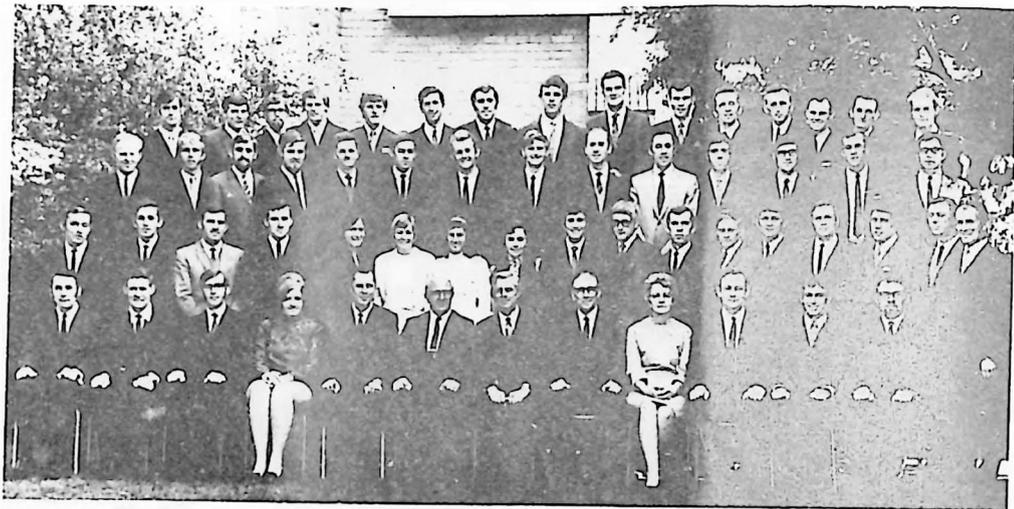
to be revived and returned to God. Jeremiah, in despair over the task, sobbed, Jesus, as he saw the sin of the people, wept, and Paul cried out, "The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17: 30). Society cannot change, man must — and You can help!

THE CHALLENGE

Jeremiah stood alone. He preached against false prophets, false optimism and sin as he proclaimed the message of God. He stood alone only because no one would join him. Our society needs God's message and God wants men to preach that message. He wants men who will stand and preach his truth and his standards to a sinful society.

There appeared in a vision to Paul a man from Macedonia appealing for his help in preaching the gospel (Acts 16: 9) and Paul responded to that call and great things followed as God worked through his man.

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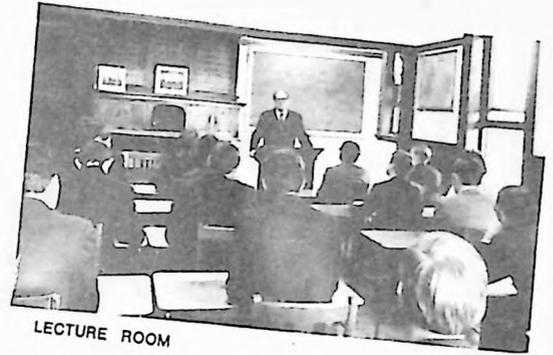
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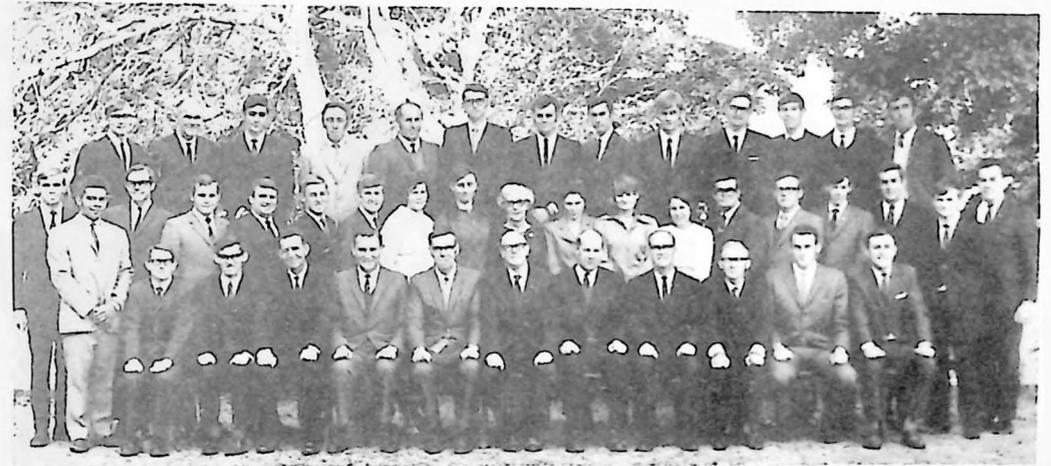
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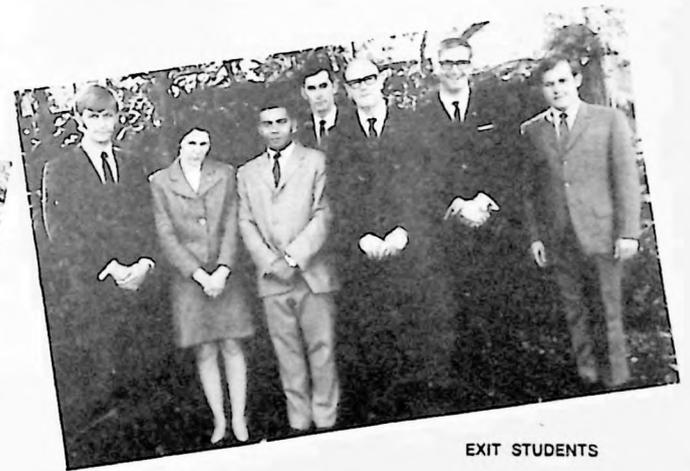
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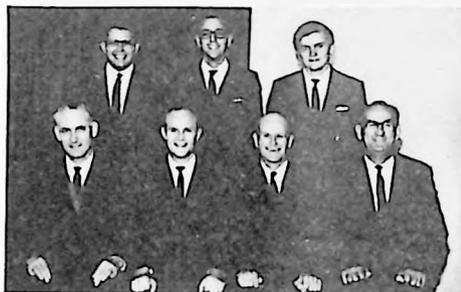
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FERMENT IN THE MINISTRY



By W. TABBERNEE, L.Th., Dip. R.E.

THE last decade has seen a searching criticism of the ministry as we know it. More priests and ministers are leaving the ministry than ever before, some to return to secular employment. Some theological colleges in Australia are having difficulties in finding enough suitable candidates. Some students feel that the local church is "dead," that there is not much value in "drinking cups of tea with old ladies" and that if only they could get "out into the world" they would be able to do great things for God. In the words of Seward Hiltner, today there is "ferment in the ministry."

Perhaps ferment is what we need to shake us up; to move us from our complacency. There is no doubt that many of the criticisms have a measure of truth in them. Could it be that we have become so steeped in tradition that we have forgotten what ministry really is?

To Jesus, a minister wasn't a person who ruled or governed a church. Nor was he a man of pre-eminence or power. In striking words of paradox Jesus exclaimed "Whosoever will be great among

you, shall be your minister . . . For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Most modern versions translate the word minister here as servant. Ministry, therefore, is serving others, living for others as Jesus did, whether they belong to "the flock" or not. Nor is ministry confined to the few. If we are Christians we are ministers.

But while we are all ministers in this general sense, some of us are not able to spend all of our time in this capacity. It is obvious that we need, from a practical point of view, if from no other, men who because of their special abilities and devotion to Christ are willing to make ministry their calling in life.

We are all serving Christ as Christian ministers. Some are involved full-time in the special ministries of leading local congregations or in brotherhood and other Christian leadership. Effective ministry is when we all work together, each achieving his full potential as a minister of Christ.



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CHILDREN OF THE THIRD WORLD Although we have learned to live with bad news and world-wide violence, many of us have been comforted by reckoning that the lot of the individual is getting better. If so, we were not prepared for last week's headlines, "The World's Children are worse off." The Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, said that the world has more sick, underfed, and uneducated children than it had ten years ago, and unless there is some strong concerted action the number of neglected children will increase by millions before the end of the 1970's.

U Thant was presenting a report by the Commission for Social Development prepared in co-operation with the U.N.'s Children Fund (UNICEF), the International Labour Office, and UNESCO. It was stated that in the developing countries 200 children are born every minute, but 40 of them will die within a year. Of the 160 who survive, 120 will have no access to modern medical care, many will suffer from malnutrition in early childhood when they are vulnerable to irreversible physical and mental damage. Of those who live to school age, only half will ever attend school, and of those who go to school less than four out of ten will complete elementary education.

All governments were urged by the Secretary-General to care more, do more, and give more to improve the lot of children in developing countries. Churches can do something to give encouragement to our own Government by co-operating in the One Day's Pay project where members donate one day's wage or salary every year for this cause. Many of our people are doing this and the number is increasing.

MORATORIUM II Whatever the outcome of the September Moratorium (and it will be over before this journal reaches all of its readers) it needs to be stressed that our involvement in Vietnam was a political decision by an elected Government, and our withdrawal will also be a political decision by an elected Government. The Government will not be frightened or blackmailed into action. A change of attitude will depend on the people of Australia being persuaded that such a change is necessary and there are far better ways of persuasion than sitting down in capital city streets and arranging addresses to the already committed.

Many of us oppose our continued involvement in an undeclared war and would like us to get out of Vietnam. Many of us believe that the National Service Act is an unnecessary and shameful adult exploitation of the young and should be repealed. But many of us are most unhappy about the moratorium method of making a protest.

Some are deterred by the leadership being so obviously associated with the left-wing of the Australian Labor Party. Liberal and D.L.P. supporters react politically rather than intellectually to the issues involved—and the use of pictures of Lenin, Mao, and Ho Chi Min at the last moratorium was not likely to bridge the political gap between the marchers and the watchers. Schoolchildren are being used. The Vietnam Moratorium Committee is mounting a strong campaign to involve elder students, but they may not be able to keep out the younger students. This kind of thing could lead to very unhappy school situations—especially if teachers and organisations opposed to the VMC feel provoked to carry into their schools material to offset that being distributed by other teachers and VMC organisers.

The moratorium is a potential danger to the protesters, the police, and the public. The first moratorium was peaceful and the VMC hope for a similarly peaceful September demonstration. However, there have been recent violent and hazardous take-overs of public and university offices, a cabinet minister's home has been invaded, and a South Vietnamese diplomat was endangered. This invites the comment that many who will support the moratorium have demonstrated a disposition to provocative actions which could easily result in violence and there is no guarantee that the VMC can continue to control them.

The dangers of the march may have been increased by the withdrawal of support by the A.L.P. In at least two States and because some organisers have shown a strange attitude towards freedom of speech. Gordon Bryant, a Labor M.H.R., is a strong supporter of the moratorium as it affects Vietnam. He is a pacifist. He visited South-East Asia and came back to denounce North Vietnam for its invasion of Cambodia. Whereupon, the VMC banned Mr. Bryant from its platforms. Dr. J. F. Cairns, chairman of the VMC, also a Labor M.H.R., said, "I would not myself have supported or initiated any action against Gordon Bryant, but I think the VMC has the right to do so." This example of the old Australian custom of "having a bob each way" did nothing to establish the VMC as an objective responsible organisation.

Finally, and as a bonus suggestion to the VMC—if what is sought is mass media publicity, large audiences, and the reactions of a cross section of the Australian public, then the way to obtain these things is to forget Bourke St. and Martin Place and take over the arenas of the Melbourne and Sydney Cricket Grounds on Football Grand Finals day. That would really get some action!!

GOOD GRIEF!! Salvation Army Captain George Twitchen, 43, claims a world record for reading all 27 books of the New Testament in 19 hours 22 minutes!

Happenings

Pastor Doug Nicholls has been appointed Bapumamus of the new National Tribal Council for Aborigines and Islanders. "Bapumamus" means Warrior Chief or Great Leader.

T. R. Mason, minister of the church at Col. Light Gardens, S.A., has successfully completed examinations with the University of London for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

The Stock Exchange of Melbourne has announced the appointment of Ralph B. Lee as general manager. He has been with the Stock Exchange for 20 years, was appointed secretary in 1960 and chief executive in 1963. Mr. Lee is treasurer of the Churches of Christ Properties' Corporation and treasurer of the church at Doncaster.

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CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

(MOROWA, W.A., A. Anderson). The theme at the S.S. anniversary was "Christians in Action," showing Christians at work from N.T. times to present day. The speaker was former scholar, D. Croot, of Cottesloe, W.A. . . . Bible study for Y.P. has been commenced at their own request . . . Mr. and Mrs. Street and family are meeting with us . . . The August Friendship meeting had a "Grandmas' Day." . . . Combined meeting held in Anglican church for visit of Aust. Sec. of B. & F.B.S., Rev. Payne. . . . The annual church meeting elected R. Carslake, G. D. Carslake, G. Barr and K. Wornes as elders. The secretary is G. Carslake and the treasurer is G. Barr.

BETTY RYALL AT HARCOURT

(Vic., John Byrnes). At the August meeting the C.W.F. held a missionary afternoon with Mrs. Betty Ryall, a missionary home on furlough from India, as guest speaker . . . One of our "Creatives" class members, Mrs. Margaret Broad, won first prize in the State C.E. competition for a letterhead motif . . . Karyn Broad has been baptized.

ADVENTURE TIME

(NORTH FITZROY, Vic. J. E. Searle). An after school "Adventure Time" was conducted by C. Turfmann, of Coburg. One hundred children were contacted . . . A chain of prayer week with H.M. Evans, coincided with a visitation programme. This culminated in a friendship gospel service with Ted. Keating. A number of folk contacted through visitation were present . . . Women's Fellowship held an afternoon for Aboriginal Missions, when offerings received amounted to \$82 . . . Church has been engaged in a programme of Outreach during August.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. G. A. Ewers presided at the September auxiliary meeting. Mrs. R. Richards led in prayer of intercession. "Obedience" was the theme of the morning meditation, led by Mrs. D. Croot. Mrs. Calladine and Mrs. Congrave sang a duet. The roll call was answered by 77, representing 22 C.W.F.'s. Special welcome was extended to Miss Dora Bray, Merredin. Our loved life member, Mrs. Digwood, is in hospital. The guest speaker, K. J. Patterson, State Home Missions Organizer, spoke on "Venturing in Faith in 1970," a new decade of progress for Christ and the church.

REPORTS

Prayer, Mrs. D. G. Hammer: Tuesday, Sept. 22 is to be a day of prayer. Half-hourly watches will be held throughout the metropolitan area and country districts.

The President: Mrs. Ewers visited eight C.W.F.s, including a 400-mile journey with the prayer committee to Narembeen and Merredin C.W.F.s and the Eastern Wheat-belt Conference.

Aborigine Missions: Mrs. J. L. Pallot reminded all C.W.F.s to forward clothing parcels to the Missions during October.

KEY NAMES FOR COLLEGE PHOTOS TRANSFERRED TO PAGE 10.

NEW FLOOR

(BENDIGO, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). To assist in the renewal of the hall floor an evening was held in the home of A. and R. Graham when \$57 was received. For the same project the lady bowlers donated \$100 and individual ladies donated \$18. The girls' club gave \$10 . . . The church at Kangaroo Flat received approx. \$150 in their recent Fair.

GAIN FROM CONVENTION

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). The church shared in the Half-Yearly Convention at Swan Hill. The next day Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smith, of Home Missions, attended our service. Mr. Smith preached . . . Church involved in Chain of Prayer organised by Dept. of H.M. & Evang. Auxiliaries and individuals shared in prayer lists . . . C.W.F. held a craft morning prior to regular afternoon meeting and shared in Chain of Prayer at lunch time.

DINNER DOWN UNDER

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. Carslake). Two carloads of young people travelled to Perth for the inaugural youth dinner attended by 150 . . . The State Conf. Pres., H. Heyhoe, visited us. While here he shared in a social afternoon tea with folk from the aged persons' flats . . . Mr. Carslake, S.W. Conf. Pres., went to Bridgetown-Manjimup for their Sunday services . . . Rev. James Payne, Commonwealth Sec., B. & F.B.S., spoke at a combined public meeting featuring "The Bible in Today's World" . . . Red Cross members attended our church for their annual church service . . . Girls' Brigade held its enrolment and presentation night and combined with other companies for a display night . . . Four were welcomed by transfer in membership.

Hospital Visitation: Mrs. A. H. Walkington reported that the Carnarvon Hospital hamper has been sent.

Overseas Missions: Mrs. P. Shannon asked that Christmas cheer parcels for Mrs. K. Ludgater, W.A.'s Living Link, be forwarded immediately. During the afternoon past office-bearers were remembered at a social hour.

Prayer and Praise Points

- For missionaries who are shouldering added responsibilities through the shortage of staff.

- For Mr. and Mrs. Fatchen, missionaries-elect to Carnarvon.

- That God will direct those of his choice who are able and willing to meet the challenge of staff needs at Carnarvon.

- For the incoming parents to Karimgal, also Geo. Smith in his added responsibilities, exams and preparation for Overseas studies.

- For Mrs. H. Flinger, Laura and Leith, as they prepare for Federal Conference, World Convention and deputation itineraries.

- For all who have responsibilities for Federal Conference and World Convention. — Dora Gordon, sec.

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SERMONS BY PRINCIPALS

(GARDINER, Vic., L. E. Dewberry). A series of Sunday evening addresses by "Principal Preachers" was inaugurated by Principal E. L. Williams, of the College of the Bible. Other speakers have been Brigadier McPherson, principal of the Salvation Army Training College, who came with a large choir of cadets; Graeme Gregory, principal officer for adoptions with the Methodist Dept. of Child Care; and Lindsay Smith, Principal of Monash High School . . . On Aug. 16, Alan Rowe conducted and preached at a youth service. He also gave a challenging message to the children per Kimbo, the famous koala . . . Our church treasurer, Jim Mackay, who has been associated with the church for 50 years, has resigned on account of ill-health and has made his home in Seaford . . . At a church dinner on August 19 details of a plan for an active church membership through committees were given.

DAY'S PAY FOR ORPHANS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Overseas Mission Board has advised that our "day's pay" contribution of \$510 was used for caring for orphan boys from poor area of Dhorja . . . 54 attended Dunolly-Bet Bet Y.P.S.O.E. Camp . . . Seven were at Half-Yearly State Convention at Swan Hill . . . Endeavourers conducted gospel service with music, message and film . . . Explorers were at Monbulk and Halls Gap camps. . . C.W.E.F. is making Christmas gifts for children in Box Hill Hospital . . . Frank Jones fractured his elbow in a fall . . . Alec Boyne spoke of the work of Citizens' Advisory Centre at C.W.F. and paid tribute to willing assistance of Frank Jones in distribution of wood to needy families.

TAPE FOR NEW HEBRIDES

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). Missionaries in the New Hebrides have requested tapes of special meetings so a recent Tuesday night's prayer meeting was taped and sent to them . . . The Junior and Intermediate sections of our S.S. joined in the church worship and presented songs and various items against backdrops of pictures and designs created by the young people . . . Our church centenary, 1870-1970, is drawing closer and preparations are well under way. The reunion dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28.

OFF TO INDONESIA

(ESSENDON, Vic., C. S. Badcock). Mrs. Doreen Strack was farewelled on leaving for Jakarta on Sept. 6 as Aust. representative for Aust. Church Women at the Asian Church Women's Conference. She has recovered from her illness . . . Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartney, Diane and Maureen, in the loss of their foster son and brother . . . Mrs. D. Vine and Mrs. J. Hainsworth were welcomed back after recent illnesses. Mrs. G. Harrison is home from hospital . . . After three months of commencement at 5 p.m., the evening service is back to 7 p.m. . . . On Aug. 30, Mr. Badcock conducted baptismal service of his son Graham.

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DREDGE (Chapman)—To Marjory-Ann and Collin, a son—Andrew Ross, at Canberra Hospital, on August 27. Brother for Kent and Craig.

HARRISON (Brookes)—On Sept. 7, at Yagaum Lutheran Mission Hospital, Mandang, N.G., to Marie and Geoff., of Churches of Christ Mission, Tung, via Wewak, a son—Perry Kingsley. Brother for Narelle.

HEYWORTH—To Heather and Bruce, on September 2, at Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, a son—Timothy Bruce. Both well. Present address: 15 Gilbert Grove, Bentleigh, Vic., 3204.

MILNE—On Sept. 2, to Laurel and Keith, a daughter—Susan Joy. Sister for Peter and Robert.

ENGAGEMENTS

BEADLE-RENOUF—The engagement is announced in Nelson, N.Z., of Jennifer Gladys, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. A. Renouf, Auckland, to Ross William, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. R. Beadle, Dunedin.

BRODIE - WHITTAKER — Mrs. R. Brodie, 5 North-st., Richmond, announces with pleasure the engagement of her twin daughter, Lorraine, to Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittaker, 32 Furlnuan-st., Reservoir.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

GRAHAM-CLEGG — The marriage of Lyn and Warren will be solemnized at the Church of Christ, Ivanhoe, Vic., on Monday, October 12, at 4 p.m. The officiating ministers will be E. W. Roffey and J. H. McCormick. Organist: Walter Brown.

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80th BIRTHDAY

RAYMOND, Roy—Mrs. R. Raymond and the family of Mr. Roy Raymond, 80 Swandale, Attadale, West Australia, 6156, have much pleasure in announcing the 80th anniversary of his birth on 1st October, and the 58th anniversary of his entry into the pastoral ministry, on 15th September. They thank God for his life and for his faithful ministry which began at Ungarra, S.A., and continued in many churches in South Australia and West Australia.

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DEATHS

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CORDY—On August 21 (suddenly), Roy, beloved husband of Verna, loving father of Judith (Mrs. Polasek, of South Africa), Virginia Rae (Mrs. Haddon, of U.S.A.), Lois and David; father-in-law of Fred and Robert; grandfather of Richard and Margit. "With his Lord, yet ever beside us."

HUTCHENS, Constance Winifred—On Aug. 23, 1970, at hospital, late of 77 Melbourne-st., East Gosford, N.S.W., formerly of Rockdale (N.S.W.) and Parkdale (Vic.), loving daughter of the late Elizabeth Clark, dearly loved wife of Harold and loved mother of Richard (Dick), Audrey (Mrs. McCaffrey) and Ronald, dear mother-in-law of Dora, Victor and Blrthe, and loved grandmother of their children.

PASSMORE (nee Chislett)—On Aug. 22, Margaret Bertha, 22 Sencombe-rd., Darlington, S.A., dearly loved wife of Harry. "Treasured memories."

SCOTT, Charles James Raymond (Ray)—On September 2 (suddenly), of 106 Chandler-rd., Noble Park, formerly of Newbridge, Vic., dearly loved husband of Bessie, loved father of Jennifer (Mrs. Black), Geoffrey and Rosalie; father-in-law of Bruce and Glenys; grand-pop of Natalie, Tim and Nicholas. Aged 56. "In God's care."

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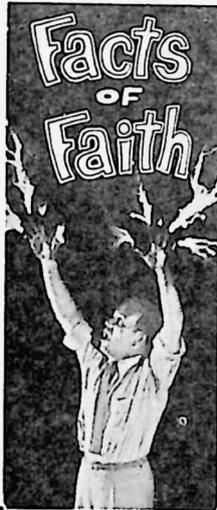
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By James C. Hefly. (Zondervan Publishing House). Paperback. \$1.05 (Postage 13c).

Most of us have our heroes, and high on the walls of the hall of fame are the heroes of the athletic world.

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a mission at Red Hill and H.
J. Patterson was preaching at Ascot
Vale. W. B. Blakemore preached at
Swanston St., J. Shipway was co-
operating with the Lionel Fletcher
Mission at Port Pirie, and F. Collins,
after serving four years at Maylands,
had just accepted a further term. The
Chandler Mission was in full swing
at Lismore and Thos. Hagger was
writing letters to the editor from
Adelaide.

On Eyre Peninsula. The annual com-
bined services of the Eyre Peninsula
churches were held at Lipson, about
seven miles from Tumbly Bay.

College Students. Among the students
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place staff as is considered best for the general welfare of the work. To meet
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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
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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

TWO LETTERS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Balu Bhonsle, of Bombay, writes:

Both April and May were months of
much activity. In April I discovered that
several Christian policemen are newly
shifted to their new colony not very far
from here. Several new three-storied
buildings are built on the highway about
three-quarters of a mile from the plot
of land we have purchased. I visited
them and held Bible studies, and prayer
meetings in three different homes. In
one home the host invited his Hindu
and Muslim neighbours.

Previously I have mentioned the chil-
dren's V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School).
We had five teachers and fine classes.
We had the co-operation of a nearby
school, where V. A. Shinde, the head-
master, gave us permission to use the
school buildings. Normally schools charge
exorbitantly during school vacation for
such usage. Because of this Christian
gentleman we did not have to pay any-
thing. The effort was very encouraging.
On the first day we had 35 children but
on the last day we had 80 plus their
parents. In the two-and-a-half hour
daily period we gave a gospel lesson each
day with the aid of flash picture books,
had a recess during which we distributed
sweets, and then handcraft where they
had to cut five verses on five days and a
dial was made to take them home to
help them to tell the stories and verses
to their friends.

At the end of the school period a
Christian film was shown. More than 100
boys and girls participated, some coming
long distances from Mankhurd, Gov-
andi, Ghatkopar, etc. (up to five miles).
All of them walked, except one who
came in an invalid's chair. Several gave
their hearts to the Lord.

We have not had enough time in the
Committee of Management to discuss
the building programme. However, Mr.
Veal and I have discussed it on several
occasions. Building material is becoming
very expensive. It would seem from the
way prices are rising that in the next
five years they will be double what they
are today, so we must hasten to build
the centre soon.

Over 70 families were at a family
camp in May at Nasrapur. We had five
families from our Bombay church (18,
including children). Others came from
Sangli, Dhond, Wanelesswad, Poona,
Wadala, besides others from Bombay
and other churches. I was preaching and
teaching from May 7 to May 25 in differ-
ent camps and retreats. This was my
"good break" (Mark 6: 30-34), a bus-
man's holiday!

POSTAGE STAMPS HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Mrs. Eileen Lewis writes:

Recently we received a letter from a
young man, Atmaram Tannoo, who be-
longs to a Mauritian Marathi family. He
said he worked in the Central Pharmacy
in the city of Vacoas, and his hobbies
were football, volley ball, swimming,
visiting historical places and especially
stamp collecting.

Suspecting that he had received our
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studies in the Christian Life, and as a
result I received a diploma. Now I am
taking courses on the Epistles to the
Romans. I am very interested in Bible
courses. We must pray and obey God's
Word to have eternal life. We must be
with God and God will be with us.

"The best news I learn from you is
that you are selling stamps to help the
cost of the Bible Correspondence Course
which costs a lot of money. You know
I was looking for a way to help the
'Way of Truth' and now I've got a way
from you. I am going to send you a lot
of Mauritian stamps by sea mail. I will
ask my friends to get as many as they
can, so I will be able to send you a lot
of Mauritian stamps. Please send me
a lot of your stamps, then I can ex-
change them and send them to you. May
God bless you and your family forever
and keep you and them in good health.
Amen.—Atmaram Tannoo."

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1. Moses. 2. Abraham. 3. Joseph. 4.
Luke. 5. Paul. 6. Zacchaeus. 7. David.
8. Nicodemus.

WHEN success turns a person's
head, he is facing failure.

THE OPTIMIST

The optimist fell ten storeys,
At each window bar
He shouted to his friend —
"All right, so far!"

PLACE ten coins in a single row
on the table. Take up any one and
place it on another, first passing over
two coins. Repeat this until not a
single coin is left. How is it done?
Ans.: Place 4 on 1, 7 on 3, 5 on 9, 2 on
6, 8 on 10.

THE inexperienced big-game hunter
in darkest Africa said to his Brit-
ish guide, "What was the name of
that animal I just shot?"

"I was rather curious about it my-
self, sir," the guide said. "He says
his name is Perkins."

(Contributions for this column should
be sent to Jay's Column, 119-125
Hawke St., West Melb., Vic., 3603.)

THE LAST WORD . . .

THE WORLD OUTSIDE

When I stroke my cat,
does she know that
outside her sisters
are cold and wet?

When I ask this, dried,
comforted, fed,
do I think of my brothers,
the world outside?

—Francis Maguire,
"The Christian."



He who wishes to secure the good of
others has already secured his own.



Whatever you are, be a good one.
—Abraham Lincoln.

"While we may hesitate to say that Christ is mankind's teacher, we may confidently affirm that he is mankind's 'preacher,' for a preacher does more than inform, he speaks in such a way as to bring about an encounter with God."
—SCHUBERT OGDEN.

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Hot Dog: The only animal that feeds the
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The teacher didn't like the way her
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of success with his hands in his pockets.

One night a little boy heard the clock
strike fourteen consecutive times. He
jumped out of bed, with great excite-
ment, and ran up and down the hall
calling out: "Everyone get up! It's later
than it's ever been!"



Scientists are debating whether split-
ting the atom was a wise crack.



"So you want another day off?" snorted
the boss. "I'm anxious to hear what ex-
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