

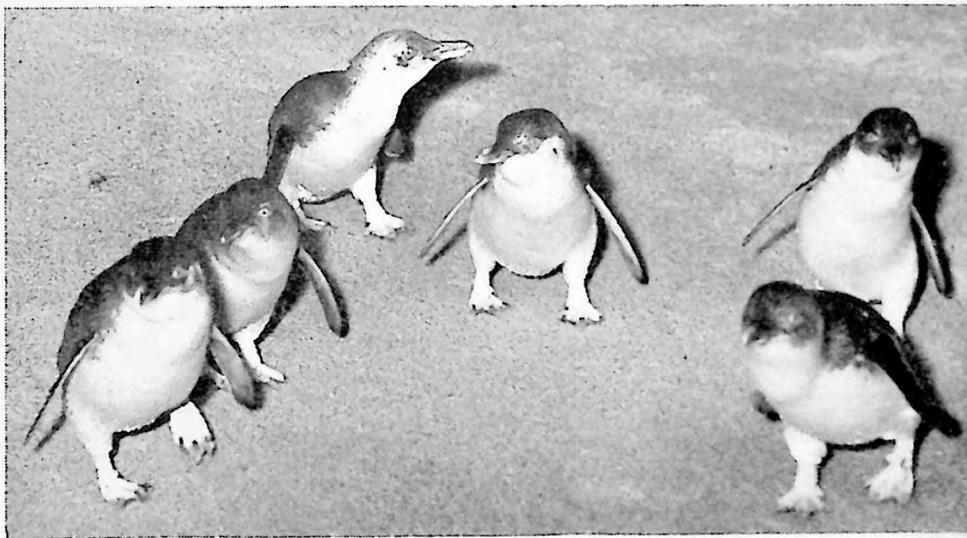
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**PENGUIN PARADE**

## WORLD CONVENTION

# The Fellowship of Christ

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The forthcoming Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ provides a unique opportunity for brethren to enjoy new dimensions of the fellowship of Christ. We are heirs of a movement which seeks to recover for the church in our time the depth and glory of his brotherhood. It is *this* brotherhood which we are exhorted to cherish amidst a diversity of tongues, nations, institutions and traditions.

### THE FELLOWSHIP CREATED

The fellowship of Christ was created through *Revelation*. He came to us in the Incarnation, identifying with us that we might become identified with him. "The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth." (John 1: 14).

His fellowship was also created through *Redemption*. He not only came to us, but for us. "For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings." (Heb. 2: 10).

But Revelation and Redemption do not of themselves create the Brotherhood of Christ. Faithful Response is the one condition required of men to enter the divine fellowship. Our humanity was created apart from our choosing, at birth. Our Brotherhood began through our free response in the new birth.

### THE FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCED

The fellowship of Christ is experienced through *mutual recognition*. Being sons of God, we become brethren to one another. We recognise the marks of Jesus in others—the fruits of his Spirit which are visible to men.

His fellowship is also experienced in *mutual commitment*. The "kiss of Christ shed abroad" binds brethren together in a relationship of common self-giving. Our participation in the "one bread," and the one "cup of blessing," are focal experiences of a total sharing of life.

### THE FELLOWSHIP CONFESSED

A thrilling aspect of our fellowship is the Brotherhood we *confess*. This is the fellowship which reaches beyond those we know in our own immediate circles. So Paul addressed the brethren he knew in Corinth, together "with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours." (1 Cor. 1: 2).

One of the great joys of earth—and of heaven, too—is the transformation of the fellowship we confess into the fellowship we recognize. While this process is constantly taking place, it is the *happy role of the World Convention* to encourage and fulfill it in a special way.

Through the World Assembly brethren who have only been able to *confess* one another as known unto God find opportunity to *recognise* and become known to one another, face to face.

### THE FELLOWSHIP EXTENDED

But the fellowship of Christ is not content or satisfied to exist in and of itself. It is too rich and full to be contained. Therefore, it always seeks to extend itself to those outside. So John says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1: 3).

So may the Assembly in Adelaide enable us to recognise the brotherhood we confess. But, yet more, may it be a great demonstration to the world of the richness of Christ's fellowship, and an instrument of evangelical power.

We who come from beyond Australia look with keen anticipation to the warm welcome, the hospitality, and the many kindnesses which await us in Adelaide.

After all, they will be effective symbols of the fellowship of Christ.

(This is the eighth in a series dealing with World Brotherhood and World Convention personalities. Next issue: Myron C. Colo).

## DISCOUNT STORE

By  
**LLOYD COOKE**

*Listen to the sound of the hammer fall!  
Hear in that noise the price of flesh and blood.  
Ask not the price! — The comment of —  
'Too high' — 'too low' — ill-belits — yet fits!  
For in the world's arena, on the  
Cluttered highways and battlefield,  
The carcasses of men are held at discount  
Price, and we — we have placed the tags of  
'Bargain' — 'cheap' upon ourselves.  
Think not to chide the auctioneer!  
He only underscores the price!  
Fools! Fools are we to sell ourselves so  
Cheaply. A mess of pottage—a scrap of  
Paper—pretty doll—are the products of  
Our bartering.  
And in their getting, we give ourselves away.  
Poor bargaining this! That we who have  
Potential of the 'soul that soars' should  
Sell ourselves and sign the deal  
With contented laughter!*

• PART I OF A SERIES



# Blame the Pioneers!!

By **G. R. STIRLING**

## SOME SIGNS OF RIGOR MORTIS IN THE BROTHERHOOD

1. Not many churches are being formed in new areas. Indeed some among us are most anxious that we should never go into a new area again in "competition" with other denominations. It is too confusing for the "natives" to have too many churches springing up amongst the real estate. Other denominations will go in, but let us stay out if we can't go in with them in some sort of identity-losing scheme.

2. We are sinking a lot of money into building larger sanctuaries for the comfort of members in thriving churches, instead of doubling church services and building new churches on the frontiers and sending surplus members in missionary service to help the locals in the new areas to man them. We seem blissfully unaware that in 10 or 20 years' time the need for such sanctuaries will have passed as our young people move further out. It seems part of the pattern that a church struggles for years as it grows rapidly in inadequate buildings, until at last it can afford a sumptuous sanctuary and an expansive education block—both of which, along with the debt, will be too large for the remnant to handle in the next generation. And so far we have not learned a strategy for efficient use of resources and manpower and leadership and buildings for growth. We have paid a high price in money and effectiveness for our fierce congregational independence, which has all too easily become congregational irresponsibility.

3. When our people moved to other towns and suburbs, they used to set up the Lord's Table. Now they are advised against this. They ought to throw in their lot with other denominations in the spirit of unity. They ought to realize that we cannot be setting up tin-pot little churches everywhere, all wanting their own minister.

4. Country churches suffer from the removal to the city of their ablest young people, and the removal to the cemetery of their older people. The populations of these towns remain constant or slowly increasing, but membership of our churches drops because we do not seem to have found a way to prevent it.

5. In the inner suburbs many of the younger and more adventurous people have moved into newer suburbs, leaving behind older, and often tired people.

A church of a hundred members on the way up in an outer suburb, is exciting. A church of a hundred members on the way down in an inner suburb is often a discouraged and dispirited church. Then of course in some areas there is a majority of Greeks and Italians, and somehow we think that the message of the Restoration Movement is only relevant to W.A.S.P.'s (White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant).

6. The bigger churches in the outer suburbs are of course doing well, waiting for the inner-suburban families to move out to them. They are working desperately to carry their own weight, especially of debt, and often do not have the resources of time, manpower or money either to pioneer further out, or to give help further in.

IF some amongst us are so keen on Christian unity that the future of the Restoration Movement as a separate entity seems threatened, then blame the pioneers!

### BORN TO DIE

Amongst the pioneers of Churches of Christ were the Churches of the Springfield Presbytery in the U.S.A. When they dissolved the Presbytery to become Christians only, they drew up in semi-humorous vein a "Last Will and Testament," which stated in effect that the Presbytery was dying to find its new life in the larger fellowship of Christians. Ever since then our pioneer preachers round the world have preached that the Movement of Churches of Christ was born to die. They meant, of course, that temporarily we were standing alone for New Testament teachings and practices, but that as other Christians came to accept these, we would cheerfully die as a separate body, to lose ourselves in the larger unity.

I well remember the great preachers of my boyhood days emphasising that we are not a Church but a Movement to unite the churches by restoring New Testament Christianity, and that when this happened we would cheerfully die, that Christ's prayer for unity should be answered. One of the chief criticisms of the denominations made by our pioneers was their desire to perpetuate themselves. By contrast we were set to prepare for our death as a separate body by encouraging Christians to unite on the New Testament.

So if some amongst us seem impatient for our demise into the larger unity, and are already looking in the eccumenical "pink pages" for the name of a suitable undertaker, blame the pioneers. They gave us the obsession for death.

### IS RIGOR MORTIS SETTING IN?

On looking over the Australian brotherhood I have seen some signs of rigor mortis setting in. And I have seriously wondered if our death is drawing near. Have we served our purpose? Have the things we stood for either been accepted by the Church at large, or have they proved to be much less important than we all thought? Or have we discovered that, unlike the passage into heaven, there are some things that we can take with us into union with other churches? Is the unity we have preached and prayed for so near that there is no longer any point in maintaining a separate existence in order to go on pleading for it? Has the eccumenical movement in its various forms (C.E., Keswick Movement, Inter-church Councils, Missionary Societies, W.C.C.) taken over from us the work of uniting and renewing the Church by rediscovering the Christianity of the New Testament?

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7. Up till about five or ten years ago we were able to keep growing as a brotherhood because of our first class youth work. For a quarter of a century 95% of our increase was from youth groups. But modern young Australians are becoming too sophisticated for our amateur churchly entertainments. The commercial world has discovered them as a gold mine and taken over their exploitation and made it impossible for us to compete for their time and attention. During this quarter of a century of highly successful youth evangelism we forgot how to talk to adults about the faith and about the Movement. It was easier "to catch them when they were kids."

8. The gospel service and the special mission, once such fruitful sources of recruits, no longer bring many new people to Christ . . . or to the Movement. The ones who do come in this way could just as easily be won by ministers and people presenting the challenge to them in the pastoral situation. The gospel service and the special mission were once new strategies amongst us. A new strategy of evangelism for our day seems slow to emerge. Some Sunday night stunt-substitutes are not being conspicuously successful.

9. The knowledge of and the proclaiming of our "distinctive witness" as we used to call it, is declining. Some of a more "liberal" frame of mind often feel that we are not being quite fair to ecumenicity and to our friends in other denominations if we shout our beliefs too loudly or if we win allegiance to our beliefs from among those who have been "branded" from infancy by other denominations. Many of those of a more "conservative" frame of mind would also dull the cutting edge of our "distinctive witness" by their active participation in the C.E. Movement, evangelical conventions, undenominational missions, interarsity fellowships, and other such ecumenical activities. A small number of "conservative" people among us would still think of us as being the one true New Testament church, and would understand the Restoration Movement as a literal restoration of New Testament forms and practices in detail. In all sincerity they cannot call "Christian" those who have not been immersed. The comparative failure of the American colonist namesakes among us who have taken this literalism to

its logical conclusion would indicate that whether right or wrong, there is not a ready Australian market for this product that seems to sell so well in parts of the U.S.A.

10. Conference statistics are either indicating a decline in numbers or a very slight increase, often depending on which churches have cleaned up their rolls lately. There are so many diversified calls on church budgets that some brotherhood departments are having financial difficulty. Affluent churches often do not share their affluence with struggling churches. Churches rejoicing in extra income because of planned giving are more inclined to put it into local building projects, rather than into adventures in newer areas, or into adding more full-time staff to tap even more the potential of their own areas.

#### IS OUR DEATH UPON US?

If all of these things are signs of our impending slow death, surely we can be spared the agonies of a long drawn out demise, by recognising the facts and administering a quick well-organised coup-de-grace. The question is, are these the signs of death to be followed by resurrection to renewed life and witness within the whole body of the Church? Or are they signs of death from the natural cause of sickness of the spirit? For the plain fact is that we are either growing or dying. It is impossible to stand still. We cannot say let us remain exactly as we are, maintaining our witness, but not growing in competition with other churches, and not contributing to the scandal of division by starting yet more churches in other areas.

Whether we grow or die, of course, will not be determined so much by ministers or brotherhood "top brass," but by the people. But the fact is that if we do not grow, we are going to die.

Next issue we will look at the suggestion that if in the will of God it is time for us to die, then let us make it a quick, clean and painless death, making sure that as did the pioneers at Springfield, we make a last will and testament. The discussion will be under the heading, "Dying to Plan." Later we will look at other alternatives.

## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS-LETTER

By STANTON H. WILSON

By my own deliberate act, I have forfeited my familiar caption of "Lines from Leicester" by leaving the "sceptered Isle" for this vast American Continent. Farewells to a land so lovely as England and a people so brave did not come easy.

The pain of parting was lessened by the knowledge that we were actually beginning the long journey home which would take us to six more countries.

#### DEAR OLD DUBLIN

The first of these countries was Ireland and our point of arrival was "dear old Dublin," its capital steeped in history, tragic and glorious, with haunting memories of great patriots, statesmen, scientists and scholars. The earlier accounts of Dublin go back as far as A.D. 140 when Ptolemy (who called it Eblana) mentioned it as a place of note. The present name is derived from the Irish "Dubhlinn" meaning "dark pool"—by no means appropriate for this lovely city on the Liffey which is one of Europe's most beautiful capitals.

Mr. Wilson, Overseas Correspondent for "The Australian Christian," after a ministry in England, is currently in America. He will return to his homeland later this year to serve as Executive Secretary for the Conference of Churches in Victoria-Tasmania.

#### THE BOOK OF KELLS

This stay in Dublin enabled me to fulfill a long cherished desire to see what is commonly reputed to be "the most beautiful book in the world." This book, "The Book of Kells" is a manuscript of the four Gospels of the New Testament, written in Latin, about the beginning of the 9th century at Kells in County Meath, Ireland. For the last 300 years it has been kept in the Library of Trinity College.

There is colour illumination on all but two of the surviving pages. 31 of these are fully illustrated. Over 2,000 enlarged capitals decorate the pages of the text which are written in a bold, well-rounded Irish majuscule script. The 340 leaves are of vellum measuring 11 by 15 inches. Possibly the skins of 90 animals were needed to make them. The colouring pigment is entirely of mineral composition.

The book is one of exquisite and even breath-taking beauty—a worthy vehicle of those "wonderful words of Life" by which we really live.

#### MONTREAL

From the very modern and world-famous airport of Shannon we left to fly across the Atlantic. Our introduction to the Dominion of Canada was at Montreal.

The first man to discover Montreal was Jacques Cartier—the discoverer of Canada—who arrived there in 1535 and found the Indian village of Hochelaga near today's McGill

University, and termed the adjacent mountain a Royal Mount, thus Montreal. There are more French-speaking people today in Montreal than in any other city in the world, with the exception of Paris. Two-thirds of the city's 1½ million population are of French ancestry. This modern and progressive city, with its towering sky-scrapers is a veritable hive of activity, making the most of its strategic location on the North American Continent.

#### SOUTH OF THE BORDER

One perfect October morning we flew from Montreal to Kennedy Airport, New York. The wooded hills below were a riot of colours—crimson, green and gold. October is Autumn or "the Fall" as they say in this land. We spent a week in Dr. Kirkpatrick's apartment on Manhattan and a second week in Dr. Parry's apartment at The Bronx. New York never fails to fascinate us. We are always interested, sometimes shocked and appalled, sometimes depressed and at other times delighted. New York is one of "our" cities.

#### MY UNCLE SAM

Troy is where we will be living until August next. This place is the original home of a world-famous brand of shirts and boasts the largest shirt-factory in the world. This part on the historic Hudson River is "no mean city." Troy gave America its oldest (and still one of its largest) engineering colleges as well as its oldest private school for girls. Troy is one of the great centres of learning in the United States. It was Troy which gave America "Uncle Sam" as its representative figure. The history is that one named Samuel Wilson (possibly a relative) a successful owner of cattle (probably a relative), a wealthy exporter of beef (undoubtedly a relative) contracted to supply canned beef to the troops. The soldiers familiarly referred to their ration of "bully-beef" as "Uncle Sam," thus America became identified with the tall and lean figure of "Uncle Sam." I wonder could he be my Uncle Sam?

I will write of my two parishes, Troy and Poestenkill, in a later despatch; but I can't wait to tell you of the generous hospitality and unbounded liberality of these American people. We were invited to five Thanksgiving Dinners and seven Christmas dinners. We only accepted one of each (!) but it was a nice feeling to have been invited to all the others.

#### A WHITE CHRISTMAS

That would be the understatement of the 70's because on Christmas morning we awakened to a world of white with the temperature in Troy 19 degrees below zero! The snow had been deep on the ground for a week or more. It transpired as that great American poet, J. R. Lowell, once expressed it:

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

(Vic.). An exciting new development in the field of Religious Education in Schools, is teaching by Seminars as an alternative to class method.

During 1968 and 1969 pilot projects were carried out at Maryborough, Devon and Williamstown, and a detailed guide has been prepared and is available from the C.C.E.S.

As it is imperative that courses be well planned and presented, the C.C.E.S. is arranging Orientation Courses to provide crash training for instructors' teams wishing to run their own seminars. These will be held as follows:

#### YUGOSLAV APPEAL

(Geneva). A total of \$32,630 has been promised by churches in Scandinavia, Holland, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand, to help in the reconstruction programme in Banja Luka in Bosnia. This is in response to an appeal from the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service for \$200,000 to rebuild a school or health centre.

Meanwhile, reports from East Berlin indicate that the sum of DM100,000 has reached the stricken area, sent by the Protestant relief organisation, "Bro: fur die Welt." The Protestant association in Austria, "Dienst fur die Welt," has appealed to the public for funds to aid victims of the earthquake in Yugoslavia.—E.P.S.

"The snow had begun in the gloaming  
And busily all the night  
Had been heaping field and highway  
With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock  
Were ermine too dear for an earl,  
And the poorest twig on the elm-tree  
Was ridged inch-deep with pearl."

. . . but it didn't stop there. Troy experienced the deepest accumulation of snow for any December since "The Great Blizzard" of 1888 when that month 64 inches of snow fell only surpassing our total for December by four inches! We were snow-bound and for four days we had no mail or newspapers. All public transport was brought to a halt. We had to dig out our front path to the roadway which was eventually cleared by means of snow-ploughs. People dressed like Eskimos dragged sledges to the Supermarkets to replenish their diminishing household supplies. In common with all other churches we cancelled all Sunday services. We had to because the Church grounds were covered with three feet of snow and the doors could not be opened because of drifts of snow four feet high. While we were confined to our igloo (known in better weather as "The Manse") I thought it timely to read the works of that other great American poet—John Greenleaf Whittier. Imagine how I appreciated his poem "Snow-bound" and the lines:

"No cloud above, no earth below,  
A universe of sky and snow . . .  
A fenceless drift that once was road . . .  
We cut the solid whiteness through . . .  
The sun, a snow-blown traveller sank  
From sight beneath the smothering bank."

and especially:

"No Church-bell lent its Christmas tone to the  
savage air."

If anyone asks me, I summon all my self-control and reply, inconceivably: "Yes, thank you, we did have a 'White Christmas.'"

This is being written on New Year's Day and the forecast is: "More snow, probably four inches." We hope to be back in Australia by October, if and when we get dug out.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Australian brotherhood and "The Australian Christian" a happy New Year. We pray that this World Convention Year will be one of rich fellowship, great encouragement and above all the guidance and blessing of Our Heavenly Father.

#### AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINS MEET

(Sydney, N.S.W.). Industrial chaplains in Australia have agreed on the need for more comprehensive training if they are to work for the "humanising" of urban industrial society and not simply provide personal counselling.

This conclusion was reached by 21 chaplains from the six Australian States who attended the annual national staff consultation of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission. This 10-year-old agency links the work of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, Baptist and Congregational churches, the Salvation Army and the Churches of Christ.

The consultation set up machinery to investigate the possibility of having a National Urban Industrial Mission Committee with a full-time staff member appointed by the end of 1971. Chaplains agreed on the need for evaluation, consolidation and expansion of their work and asked programmes of training, study and research.—E.P.S.

# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



We are planning a youth mission in our local church—with a visiting youth evangelist for two weeks, special music, trained counsellors for those who respond to the invitation, and a follow-up course of scripture instruction. Is this the best way for youth evangelism?

## • ENTERTAINING

# DO YOUR OWN THING! BUT DO IT RIGHT!

Entertaining is an art, an art and a responsibility on the part of the host and hostess. Let us look at their responsibilities which, if carried out with grace and charm, become the art.

Having decided on dinner, luncheon or evening party, the guest list is next. If for dinner or luncheon, try to have guests who will be interested in each other. For an evening party with more guests a little diversity is possible, but it is still necessary to keep apart people with known opposing prejudices which, while you may understand them, may not be tolerated by all your guests.

The menu comes next, and here let it be said that no amount of exotic and exciting food is going to make up for an obviously hurried and tired hostess who has to be absent in the kitchen for long periods. I remember a former neighbour who, when asked what she was serving for dinner that night (she was a wonderful cook) said: "Just a casserole" (albeit a special one) "because I always feel that my guests would rather have my company than wait for me while I do last minute sauces, etc."

The guest list and menu are both part of taking thought beforehand without which no entertainment can be successful. This does not mean that everything must be elaborate—just well planned whatever it is—for it is the spirit in which the entertainment is done and the heart and imagination put into it which count.

Each guest should be cordially received. Show the gentleman where to hang coats and take the ladies to the bedroom to remove coats and tiltvate a little. Indicate to non-regular guests where the bathroom and lavatory are situated. Provide sufficient guest towels.

We have dealt with hostess table manners earlier in this series, so will move on to evening entertainment. Something should be planned unless you are quite confident of the conversational powers of yourselves and your guests. In any case, if something is planned you have a backstop if necessary. Do not think that games are childish. Many adults really enjoy "thinking" games and puzzles. A film or slide evening can be enjoyable if you have taken care to select what will interest your guests and definitely limit the showing time. Whatever the choice of entertainment, you should strive to entertain your guests satisfactorily, for it is very wrong to invite people to take the trouble to come to your house unless you hope to make them enjoy themselves. Every effort should also be made for comfort, be it cool or warm environment for the guests.

It is good hostessing to move the guests around at a large party so that one group is not glued together all evening. However, this must be done with discretion as disappointment can result if two people have only just started to talk. Host and hostess must constantly be on the watch to see that no one feels left out. They must also try to acquire that special art which is an ability to draw people out, to know or sense their interests and at the same time not be too obvious about it. Another most important "don't" is to avoid talking directly to one of your guests. It is extremely rude to conduct a conversation across others present. They can easily be included with the eyes and a turn of the head to right and left as you make a little explanation of the subject matter.

(NEXT TIME: VANESSA writes an "BEING ENTERTAINED.")

The best way is the way that works best for the young people who are your responsibility.

It will depend on whom you ask as to which method is praised or condemned. Some have had lots of success with the kind of short youth mission you are planning. Others feel that such programmes are too shallow and emotional. Some will be scathing about all mass meeting evangelism with its danger of decision without depth of commitment and because many churches are unable to cope with effective follow-up.

Mass meetings can be over-emotional, but they need not be. There is no reason why they cannot be properly emotional. The music, the crowd, the personal testimonies, and the competent speaker can add up to a strong emotional impact—and why not? The psychology courses for Christian education used to tell us that knowledge leads to feeling and that feeling leads to action.

But feeling can be the spur to seek the knowledge that provokes action. Our emotions may be the first part of us to react to a picture of a starving Biafran child, or by the face and figure of a pretty girl!

There is no law that says emotionalism at youth programmes is wrong, and there is no sense at all in trying to be unemotional about the biggest demand that life can make. The important thing is that emotions be given their proper, not an improper, place.

Your youth mission will doubtless include an attempt to win the non-church young people in your community, but as you say that it will be in your local church, it is fair to assume that your own youth are the main targets. If the mission is the climax of a programme of effective Christian education and a planned change from indirect to direct evangelism, it should succeed.

If, on the other hand, it is a desperate attempt to get an outside specialist to remedy real defects in the church's life and leadership, you are in for a disappointment. If there are such defects, you will be less likely to get many results and you will be unlikely to do much with those who do make "decisions." As one youth leader has said, "Teenage youth work is not so much a Ten Day Mission as a Five Year Plan."

"When" and "How" the response is made are not nearly so important as the kind of response that is made. The main objective is not so much a verbal response to an invitation in a special environment, but the commitment of a life to Christ and to the church in the service of man in the world. It is a resolve to be a partner with Christ in development of youth's potential resources and to commit those resources to Christ's mission of redeeming and renewing the world.

## ECUMENICAL STREAM WIDER

(Missouri). The ecumenical movement is like a great river flowing ever wider and ever deeper as new streams join it, each making a specific contribution ultimately becoming part of the new identity of the larger stream. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the W.C.C. told students and faculty at Saint Paul School of Theology.

Both conservative evangelicals and Roman Catholics are contributing to a broadening of the stream when they make ecumenical interpretations of the Scriptures in terms that are "precisely the same as those used constantly by spokesmen of the World Council of Churches," he said.

Similarly African theologians who have taken part in ecumenical discussions sound much like theologians at W.C.C. headquarters in Geneva when they preach to their fellow Africans.

Three new broadening influences, according to Dr. Blake, are the churches that applied for Council membership at Canterbury: the fastest growing church in the world—the Karo Batak Protestant Church of North Sumatra; the Church of Christ on Earth by the Prophet Simon Kimbangu, Congo-Kinshasa; and the Evangelical Pentecostal Church "Brazil for Christ."—EPS.

## • COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

# Melbourne College of Divinity Examinations

The following students were successful in the various M.C.D. examinations:

### DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY—

Old Testament Introduction: R. Arnold, P. Salsbury.

Old Testament Exegesis: W. Jenkins, P. Salsbury.

New Testament Introduction: R. Arnold, W. Jenkins, P. Salsbury.

### DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY (L.Th.)—

Old Testament Introduction: G. Benson, G. Chapman, P. Dewildt, M. Gibson, S. Hince, W. Little, D. McKay, R. Morris, D. Sonsee, K. Verge.

Old Testament Exegesis: I. Adams, G. Benson, G. Chapman, R. Collins, P. Dewildt, K. Fechner, B. Heath, S. Hince, D. McKay, G. Nelson, D. Sonsee, P. Williams, G. Wilcott.

New Testament Introduction: G. Chapman, K. Duffy, K. Fechner, D. Good, B. Heath, S. Hince, M. Humphries, I. Tippett, P. Williams, G. Wilcott.

New Testament Exegesis: I. Adams, G. Benson, W. Condron, P. Dewildt, K. Fechner, G. Nelson.

New Testament Exegesis (Greek): B. Beck, H. Clark, K. Duffy, G. Marsh, N.T. Greek: D. Good, G. Nelson.

Church History: I. Adams, G. Benson, G. Chapman, R. Collins, P. Dewildt, K. Fechner, D. Good, S. Hince, M. Humphries, G. Nelson (1 & 2), I. Tippett, G. Wilcott.

Introduction to Theology: I. Adams,

G. Benson, P. Dewildt, D. McKay, G. Marsh, G. Nelson.

Systematic Theology I: B. Beck, H. Clark, B. Heath, R. Hollard, M. Humphries, I. Mullen.

Systematic Theology II: A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, B. Heath, R. Hollard, M. Humphries, G. Marsh, C. Marsh, I. Mullen, D. Nancarrow, D. Smith, G. Wilcott.

Christian Ethics: B. Beck, G. Benson, H. Clark, K. Duffy, K. Fechner, R. Hollard, D. McKay, C. Marsh, I. Mullen, D. Smith.

History & Principles of Christian Missions: K. Duffy, M. Humphries.

### DIPLOMA OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—

Human Development & Learning: B. Beck, H. Clark, B. Heath, R. Hollard, G. Marsh, D. Smith.

Methods in Teaching Religion: A. Baker, B. Beck, H. Clark, B. Heath, R. Hollard, G. Marsh, D. Smith.

Principles of Education: D. Nancarrow, K. Turtmann.

The L.Th. was completed by B. Beck, H. Clark, G. Marsh and D. Nancarrow. The Diploma of Religious Education was completed by D. Nancarrow and K. Turtmann, L.Th.

W. Tabbernee was successful in three subjects in a B.A. Honours course at the Melbourne University, being equal top in Roman History and obtaining second class honours in Modern British History. —E. L. Williams, Principal.

# WORD TALK

## No. 5 JOHN 1 & 2

### THE MISSING DAY

The ministry of Jesus occupied about 1,000 days. It began at the Jordan River with the confrontation of the Messenger and the Messiah.

John had been telling the people about the Messiah, "The next day" (John 1: 29) John saw Jesus coming to him and declared him to be the Lamb of God. The baptism of Jesus had already taken place and Jesus was probably returning from his testing time in the wilderness. Already about 50 of the 1,000 days were gone. "The next day" (John 1: 35) John was with some of his close followers and again pointed to Jesus. "Here is the Lamb of God," he said, "The next day" (John 1: 43) Jesus had the famous interviews with Philip and Nathaniel, and he invited Philip to go with him to Galilee. "Two days later" (John 2: 1) Jesus and his disciples were at a wedding feast at Cana.

The time quotations are from "Today's English Version." John 2: 1 is usually translated as "on the third day." It would take at least two full days' travelling time to walk from John's preaching point to Cana, but there is no possibility of working out an exact chronology of events.

The first two chapters on John read as though some such attempt was made by the writer, "The next day," "the next day," "the next day," "two days later," "Did the author write 'two days later' because he had to allow for travel time, or because he knew what happened on the missing day and decided that it was not important enough to record?"

Even in the 1,000 days of Jesus there would be days like that—days of hard travel, days of rest, or days for simply sharing with friends. Not every day would be marked by a miracle, or a parable, or a crisis. There would have been ordinary days.

FOR TODAY. Our journey through life takes many thousands of days. Many of them will be quite ordinary. Not every day is a day of high drama and memorable events. But every day is counted and every day is accountable. What happens may not be recorded but it is still lived. Every day is a link between what happened yesterday and what will happen tomorrow. For most of us there are more ordinary days than exciting ones but we are still disciples on a pilgrimage with our Lord.

# 50 YEARS AGO

(February, 1920)

## FROM the "Christian":

The L.L. Moore church, N.S.W. suffered an estimated £1,000 loss in the destruction by fire of the Tabernacle and its contents.

Churches of Christ Almanac for 1920. 3d. post free.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parker, of Dallas, Texas, gave \$60,000 to erect a church at Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

Keep Feb. 28 clear for the building of a Bible School and chapel at Glenhuntingly, Vic.

Miss Jones and Miss Redman, our new missionaries, will leave for India early in March.

Names: Wilkie Thomson was favelled on leaving Fremantle for Glen Iris. Lars Larsen of Maryborough circuit visited Elliott, Qld. W. H. Hinrichsen gave a Temperance address at Zillmere, Qld. Miss Daisy Wright, a Red Cross nurse, visited Fort Pirle, S.A. P. E. Thomas preached at Three, N.S.W. E. Rugendyke returned to Lismore after three years' active service.

## FROM the Melb. "Herald":

The "Times" correspondent in Washington pronounced the hopes of America's immediate effective participation in the League of Nations to be definitely dead.

Victoria had a High School teacher shortage, but it was confidently predicted that from next year the growing demands for secondary education would be met.

Strong Bolshevik uprisings were reported on the Siberian seaboard.

A severe cyclone at Cairns, Qld., injured residents and demolished buildings.

Country railway lines in N.S.W. were threatened with destruction by rabbits which were perforating the permanent way with burrows.

Unemployed returned soldiers were holding protest meetings in Australia and demanding to see the Prime Minister, W. M. Hughes.

## FROM the Advertisements:

Aeolian Vocallon announced its "Graduola" model. "It achieves the seemingly impossible. It perfectly controls phonograph tone like a singer's throat. Similar to vocal chords, the Graduola is elastic in nature and of great flexibility. Like the throat it expands and contracts, and can diminish or increase a tone. Table models from £9."

New Fiat Cars from Italy. Four cylinder touring: £650.

At the Melb. Town Hall, the film "Ginger Mick" by C. J. Dennis. The sequel to "The Sentimental Blake."

Humanised milk, prepared for the young baby from the formula of Dr. Truby King.

# THE SUMMIT OF FIRST CORINTHIANS

From the 12th chapter of his first Corinthian letter, Paul deals with the spiritual structure and conduct of the Church. He turns from the problems peculiar to the local congregation, and sheds light upon the real purpose to which the Church is called.

## THE PROBLEM

The problem of the Corinthian church revolved about the significance and priority of the gifts God had given to the church for its proper function. This tension had caused division, disunity, and a breakdown of real fellowship. Like some groups today, many of the Corinthians assumed that the criterion of spiritual endowment was the gift of tongues. But in this matter Paul not only shows them that the analogy of a body points to differing functions, and therefore the bestowed gifts, including tongues, are not shared in general, but he also places tongues at the end of the

By W. J. PHILP

scale, and it is obvious that his list is in order of significance.

The same present-day emphasis placed by certain groups upon tongues has divided some of our congregations and confused many of our people. For Paul, the real issue at stake must be declared. Whether it be tongues or any other factor, the one basic problem to be faced for the restoring of true fellowship was the deliberate, conscious quest after the love he so graphically describes in the 13th chapter. This, Paul declares, is the therapy so desperately needed for troubled congregations and individuals. With aptness, Henry Drummond calls this love the summum bonum—the supreme good.

## THE HIGHEST VIRTUE

Paul gives love top priority. Because the gifts of God are distributed by the Spirit of God according to a person's ability, individuals may miss out on some particular talent for the work and service of the Church. But in this highest virtue of love, no one is exempt from its responsibility and practice. It must be the spring of all motives and actions. It must become the very air we breathe. We must allow its message to so capture our minds that its language becomes our mother-tongue. Gifts may be great and greatly to be prized, but Paul makes it abundantly clear that without love, the exercise of these gifts is futile. We may be clever, but we remain a big noise.

(Mr. Philp is minister of Brooklyn Park church, S.A., and is currently President of the S.A. Conference).

There is no effective ministry without love.

The fellowship of the early church was rich in the atmosphere of Divine Love. It was this love which thrust itself into a callous and fermenting society, and won through, transforming lives, and bringing a new dimension and purpose. Yet Paul had to write to the Corinthians because of their divisions; people were gathering around the personalities of Paul, or Apollos, or Peter, or Christ, and vying with each other in their petty loyalties. Paul writes, "I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. For some have told me of your arguments and quarrels. In effect, you have broken Christ into many pieces." His word is timely for us today. So often church group competes against church group, personality against personality, State against State, each asserting its own rights and superiorities. Let us also remember that there is no partisanship in love.

One of the great enemies of love is pride. The Corinthians were guilty of believing that they could glory in their gifts and even feel superior to each other. Paul quickly shows them that a body is dependent upon each member for its welfare, and there must be a mutual sympathy if the body is to remain healthy. The real danger is not for the foot to say deferentially, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," or an ear to say, "I am not part of the body because I am only an ear, and not an eye," but for the eye to say to the hand in spiritual pride, "I don't need you," or the head to the foot, "I don't need you." One day the disciples of Jesus said to him, "Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons. And we told him not to. After all, he isn't in our group." But Jesus said, "You shouldn't have done that! For anyone who is not against you is for you." Both Paul and Jesus reveal clearly that there is no spirit of rivalry in love.

So love goes on when all else fails. As the ground of our witness it expresses the superlative quality of God's Kingdom. It proves us his children. This love will not spontaneously be our possession when face to face with the unlovely. Paul urges us to "Follow after"—pursue—make it our objective. Where natural tendencies to love break down, this product of the will brings a new relationship in our dealings with others. There was once a song entitled, "Love makes the world go round." It is this supreme love which is most certainly needed today to set this world in proper perspective, and the responsibility is laid at the feet of those who have been begotten through the love of the Father, and equipped for this ministry. We face our littleness in the magnitude of that love for his sake, and for the sake of a needy society.

## F. A. YOUENS ENDS MINISTRY

(CAULFIELD, Vic.). Fred A. Youens graduated from the College of the Bible, Vic. Prior to his full-time ministries, he served as student-minister to the churches at St. Arnaud, Rochester and Dandenong. The first full-time ministry was a call to Victoria Park, W.A. From there he was called to East Kew where he met Alice Watt and married. Their first full-time ministry together was at Bamba Road, Caulfield. Other ministries were Dominion Rd., Auckland, N.Z., Chatswood, N.S.W., Dandenong, Vic. (second ministry), Gardiner, Vic., where they served together for 12 years, and Caulfield for a second ministry.

During the years of ministry, missions were held in Vic., N.S.W., S.A., W.A., Tasmania and the North and South Islands of New Zealand. For three years he served as lecturer at Woolwich College of the Bible, N.S.W. in pastoral science, and homiletics.

Mr. Youens concludes his ministry at Caulfield on March 8. He will be available for interim and part-time ministries.

## FOUR FREE NIGHTS

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris & A. G. Matheson). 1970 weeknight activities are being planned for two nights a week to allow members more time to be with their families. . . . B.S. teachers have been participating in a series of lectures on the Christian Life Curriculum. . . . More than 100 parents and friends attended a combined Girls' Brigade and Cadet display. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerton recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. . . . The fund for Mrs. Coulter, our living link, has passed the half-way mark. . . . The World Vision film "So Little Time" was screened on Dec. 14. The offering at B.S. church and family worship service was set aside for World Vision work.

## YOUTH HALL EXTENSIONS

(ALDGATE VALLEY, S.A., B. V. Coventry). The church has endorsed the plans for additions to youth hall and work will commence early February. . . . Mr. Coventry has been re-engaged for a further 12 months. . . . J. Olin was welcomed back after three months' absence but is still unable to work. Mrs. J. Olin, Mrs. R. Caudle, and Mrs. O. Roberts have been hospitalised. Mrs. Roberts broke her hip in a fall. . . . Recent speakers have been D. Kilpatrick, J. Wylie, W. Bowden, J. Hoyle and E. Dover. . . . C. Stock of J.E.W. showed slides of his recent visit to Palestine. Vincent Tan and Geo. Matheson, Jr., have also addressed the church and youth groups.

## ALBION IN MARCH

(Qld.). Harry Benz will commence his ministry on March 1. Preparations are being made for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Benz. Arthur Davis of Kenmore College is carrying on a most acceptable full-time interim ministry. Arthur will continue as student minister during 1970. . . . Albion members again combined with Redcliffe members for a family picnic at Redcliffe on Australia Day. Arrangements made by Redcliffe church were much appreciated.

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## DEATH OF ELDER

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., E. Holt). The church suffered another great loss in the death of F. C. Brown, church elder and past secretary for 42 years. . . . The Home Mission Director, K. Crawford, visited the church with Don Grant who addressed the church on lay evangelism. . . . Sister Marlon Lawrie, on furlough from Somalia, accompanied by Joy Newcombe who is awaiting a visa to Nigeria, spoke to the church for S.I.M. . . . Plans are progressing for the erection of a chapel at Tweed Heads. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Holt assisted with Teenagers' Camp at Caloundra, Qld., accompanied by a number of B.S. scholars.

## OUTREACH PLANS

(DAPTO, N.S.W., J. Baciki). Plans for the outreach of the work include a stepping up of visitation work in the new Koonawarra housing development, a School of Evangelism to be conducted by K. Crawford in March, and a proposed mission in several months' time. . . . B. Rose was elected as church treasurer and G. Fairley as church secretary. Mr. Fairley stepped down as S.S. Supt., and this position will now be filled by Mrs. D. Main, from Warrarong church. . . . Recent visiting speakers were A. McRoberts from Warrarong, and B. McMurtrie. . . . Contributions by the church to the Christmas Bowl Appeal totalled \$46, plus \$20 from the sale of the special Christmas cards. . . . Church attendances over the Christmas-New Year period were swelled by visitors from other parts of the State.

## CHEER FOR PATIENTS

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). The C.W.F. visited Montrase Private Hospital providing Christmas cheer for the patients. . . . The prayer meeting group held a family evening and screened the film "Christmas in Hong Kong". . . . Recent speakers have been Messrs. Olsen, F. Archer, G. Bullock and F. Sterling. . . . Young people took part in the service on Jan. 11. There were visitors from Montrase church. . . . Mrs. V. Brown has moved to Mentone. . . . Reg. Bullen is attending meetings after being in Austin Hospital.

## AT THE LORD'S TABLE



# Love's Status Symbols

In the course of history many symbols have been exalted to the status of sacraments, as for example the marriage ring and the national flag. But for Christians, it would be true to say that the Lord's Supper is so central to our worship that when we hear the word "sacrament" we instinctively think of the Table of the Lord.

Jesus knew what was in man; knew that man is not a coldblooded person who lives alone by logic and reason, but one with emotions, too. It was for this reason he told his immortal stories of the waiting Father and the Good Samaritan. It was for this, too, that on his last night on earth he dramatised the love of God for mankind by taking bread and a cup. The bread of his suffering became to us the Bread of Life. The cup of bitterness became the cup of blessing.

So we look again at these symbols, and, somehow they become more than symbols. They become the means of grace and blessing as we by faith partake of his divine nature, and are thankful. How thankful?

### THANKS FOR THE BREAD

Heavenly Father, we receive this bread with gratitude for the Christ on whom we feed by faith. Amen.

### THANKS FOR THE CUP

Eternal Lord, this cup reminds us that the Christ we remember today is present with us at the feast. . . . a living Lord. Amen.

## RESIGNATIONS AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). The resignation of our minister, Maxwell Hall, was received with regret after six years of faithful service. Mr. Hall has accepted an invitation from the Mayfield church to commence ministry there in August, 1970. Alan Mackle has resigned from the position of B.S. Supt. after serving for 11 years. As an expression of appreciation Mr. Mackle was presented with a book by the minister. Teachers of the B.S. spoke highly of Mr. Mackle's services.

## \$100 FOR BOWL

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). More than 400 were at combined Christmas Day service in Presbyterian church, with Christmas Bowl offering of \$360. Our own Bowl offering has reached \$100.

. . . Combined services with Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican churches on Christmas Eve commenced with carol service in the Methodist church, then fellowship and supper in Methodist hall, followed at 11.20 p.m. by combined Communion service in St. Stephen's Anglican, when almost 200 of all churches shared in rich fellowship. . . . Cheryl Bramble and Allan Barnes gained high honours in Matriculation exams, both being awarded full University scholarships.

## ADDITIONS AT BURWOOD

(N.S.W., M. H. A. Ploper). In recent weeks we have received into fellowship four young people, including three nurses from Western Suburbs Hospital. . . . Plans are progressing for the celebration of our jubilee year.

# COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE INAUGURAL AND GARDEN PARTY

AT THE COLLEGE, ELM ROAD, GLEN IRIS  
SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.  
(Inaugural from 6.30 p.m.)

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Tea and Coffee provided and Cool Drinks for Children.

IF WET — COME JUST THE SAME!

## OPEN FORUM

### N.Z. UNITY

To the Editor,

The pitiful situation described in a recent article "New Zealand's Plan for Union" reminds me of the approach criticised in Principal E. L. Williams' book, "A Biblical Approach to Unity," p. 40, where he says, "There is also the temptation to resolve the tension by advocating—union without restoration. The plea for restoration is regarded as an impediment to union, so let it be set aside . . . This way we are open to union at any price . . . The real contradiction may be between truth and tradition, so our choice may become a choice between unity in truth and unity in tradition . . . A valid and abiding unity can be achieved only by building upon the truth to which the New Testament bears witness."

It seems evident that the choice in N.Z. is to be that of "unity in tradition"—a reversion to the monarchical bishop, which may ensure "continuity with the historic church" but certainly not with the apostolic church, is but to step back into the chains of ecclesiastical bondage. It seems that the spirit of the N.T. church is conspicuously absent when a special dispensation will be needed for a congregation to select "laymen" to be "celebrants" at the table. In other words our congregations will need to seek the imprimatur of a bishop to observe the Lord's Supper. In the matter of baptism it seems that both forms are recognised as equal and a minister who holds the scriptural position of believers' baptism to call in another minister for the infants! This seems to

be an essay into the depths of the ethics of hypocrisy.

It is a very great fallacy to assume that Church Union and Christian Unity are the same thing—the first follows from the second naturally enough, but not vice versa. It is only to be hoped that our churches in N.Z. will examine this proposal in the light of the N.T. and solidly vote against involvement in a union that is such a denial of the kind of unity that Christ sought for his church.—R. A. Craig (N.S.W.).

### NORTH AMERICAN SCENE

To the Editor,

We were pleased to have Dr. A. G. Elliott visit Lexington Theological Seminary and to have him as a house guest last April. I have just received, and have read with interest, the report on his tour which appeared in the "A.C." Nov. 15 and 29, 1969.

I should like to point out one error in the report and make two comments on it: Dr. Elliott said (p. 557, col. 3): "The Disciple-sponsored International Convention is generally attended by some 2,500 people. The North American Convention, the main preaching convention of the Christian Churches, has had recorded attendances of delegates in excess of 10,000 for the last five years."

The first comment is this: Many in the Christian Churches (i.e., the so-called "independents") have criticised the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for moving from mass conventions to delegate assemblies. I was surprised, therefore, to learn from Dr. Elliott that the Christian Churches have had "delegates" at their conventions for at least five years.

The correction is this: Official registrations for the International Convention for the years 1964-68 were as follows: Detroit 6,314; Dallas 11,447; St. Louis 9,575; Kansas City 10,492. The International Convention has been superseded by the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For the Seattle Assembly last August, 8,062 brethren registered. It ought to be noted that the centre of gravity for the Christian Church is Kansas City. Seattle is 1,872 miles from the centre.

The second comment is this: I am sure that there are many who would feel justified in raising the question as to whether the imbalance in Dr. Elliott's evaluations of North America is not all of a piece with the inaccurate comparative Convention/Assembly figures that he uses.—Ronald Graham, Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A.

### U.S.A. CHURCHES

To the Editor,

The two articles, "North American Scene," by Dr. A. G. Elliott, made interesting reading. What intrigued me was Dr. Elliott's division of our American brotherhood into three groups: Disciples, Christian Churches and Non-Instrumental. I had understood that as from September, 1968, the Disciples became officially known as "The Christian Churches," thus the divisions would be "The Christian Churches," "Churches of Christ," and the "Non-Instrumentals." I know that it is hard to draw clear lines between the first two groups simply by nomenclature. Perhaps your readers could be enlightened on this matter.

—Reg. C. Sack (S.A.).

### MORALITY AND RELIGION

To the Editor,

The N.S.W. churches are to be congratulated on the unity of purpose and the mobilisation of force needed to combat and defeat the threat of Sunday drinking.

There must have been some in the church who would have said that a referendum is a political matter and hence we should keep religion out of politics. But I am pleased to see that in this issue the N.S.W. Christians decided that the degradation of human dignity by alcohol is a moral issue and cannot be separated from religion.

There would also have been some who would argue that we should stick to the "Gospel" and not worry about political and social issues. But it seems again in this case that the Church saw that the Gospel is concerned with the whole of man.

Of course, there are some extremists who use precisely the same arguments about the Vietnam war, and would like to see the Church united and mobilised with as much enthusiasm and efficiency to apply the morality of the Gospel to halting the politics of massacre and rape of children in Vietnam.

However, it would seem that Vietnam is not seen by most church people to be an affront to the dignity of man and in this issue the voices of "keep religion out of politics" and "stick to the Gospel" have managed to so intimidate us that the Church has made virtually no protest and given no courageous lead.

Because of our appalling double think standards and priorities I am inclined to believe that it would be ultimately better for the dignity of man if the hotels remained open 24 hours every day of the year thus allowing the human race to drink itself too silly to fight.

—Phillip Andrews (Vic.).

### MINISTERS

To the Editor,

As the son of a preacher I refer to an article by W. A. Thompson in the "A.C." concerning "fairness between a minister and his church."

The writer stated that each Monday should be kept free for the minister as his one day of rest. Try telling this to a person bereaved by a sudden death or to a potential suicide case, and so on. Can these problems wait until Tuesday?

The writer also stated that ministers were being unfair in having four weeks' annual leave instead of the set three. But let us look at the real facts of the matter instead of hedging around it.

In the business world we find penalty rates, bonuses, extended leave periods, and so on, allowed for such things as overtime worked, work on public holidays—especially Christmas Day and Good Friday, split shifts, on call work and many others.

On the question of annual leave, it appears that if we take into account work done on public holidays and only the Monday taken as weekly leave then the minister is entitled to at least 13 weeks' annual leave. And yet W. A. Thompson quibbles over an extra six days!—W. A. Manalack (W.A.).

### FULL-TIME

To the Editor,

It is abhorrent to me that some ministers, missionaries, C.E. and I.S.C.F. office girls, etc., should apply to themselves phrases like "full-time service" and "full-time Christian worker" with the idea in mind that the "title" refers specifically to those in similar positions.

Am I not right in believing that the object of these people should be a Christian example so encouraging others to a more realistic dedication to Christ?

Then can we not have drauldiggers, ministers, garbage-collectors and missionaries ALL in full-time Christian service? That's what Jesus wants—Isn't it?

—Martin Suter (Vic.).

### VIETNAM AND NATIONAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

I was distressed to read the letter of Phillip Andrews (24/1/1970), not because it expressed views which I do not share, but because of its sweeping and wholly uncharitable condemnation. It is no surprise to me that those who act intolerantly tend to find themselves isolated. If Mr. Andrews laments the fact that some ministers have found that they could no longer "minister to their people" surely it is occasioned, not by the views they told, but by their intolerance, which is repugnant to sincere people who see both points of view and respect the honesty of the people who profess them.

The two issues of Vietnam and National Service are quite separate.

Australia has supported the American

assistance to the South Vietnamese Government to protect the people of South Vietnam from the murder, terror and invasion of those who would seek to impose their rule upon the South Vietnamese people.

All warfare is degrading and tragic evidence of man's inhumanity. Whatever happened at My Lai reflects this; but it does not destroy the whole justification of the U.S. engagement. At least there is a determined effort to identify the wrong and the wrongdoers—which is in striking contrast to the systematic atrocities committed by the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese. All Christians are repelled by modern warfare and would wish to see it totally ended. But are Christians to remain complacent and unconcerned when murder and barbaric cruelty are the evidence of aggression?

I think Australia is right in acting as it has. If the world is ever to have ultimate peace then aggression, wherever it occurs, must be resisted.

Mr. Andrews' letter also indicated that he would like ministers, Church Schools and youth leaders to use whatever influence they have to persuade church youth to defy the National Service Act and to refuse to register. Why? It cannot be justified on any ground of conscience.

It has been clearly indicated that no young man who objects to Australia's involvement in Vietnam is obliged to run the risk of being sent to Vietnam. When he is called up to register he may choose to join the C.M.F.—and this choice is made clear to him in his registration form. If he joins the C.M.F. he has no present or likely prospect of ever being sent out of Australia.

Accordingly, a young man objecting to Australia's role in Vietnam has no problem of "conscience," and if he objects to all forms of military service there is a conscientious provision in the Act of which he may avail himself.

It does not aid democracy and it does not promote sensible discussion for Mr. Andrews to urge lawlessness and to reflect intolerance. There are great questions involved in the issues of Vietnam and of the extent to which a country is entitled to develop its defence preparedness. They are issues in which rational and tolerant discussion, in which Christians should take a leading role, should be encouraged.

—Ivor J. Greenwood, Senator for Victoria.

## An Invitation

FROM

BAMBRA RD., CAULFIELD (Vic.)

is extended to all past and present members and friends to the farewell meetings of

MR. AND MRS. YOUENS,  
John and Rodney

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, Social Night, 8 p.m.

Final Sunday Services, MARCH 8,  
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

COL. LIGHT GARDENS (S.A.)

## New Sunday Programme FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

9.30 a.m.: Communion Service.  
10.30 a.m.: Coffee Break.  
11 a.m.: Church School (all ages).  
12 noon: School concludes.  
7 p.m.: Evening Worship.

COMMENCING

Sunday, February 8, 1970

## Visitors

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Illawarra District  
MORNING WORSHIP at Church of Christ,

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DAPTO

Minister: Jay Bacik.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### DEFENCE

To the Editor,

*It's a shame! We went to Britain's help in three big wars, and now she is quitting our part of the world, leaving us defenceless. We started to learn to dance to Uncle Sam's tune, hoping that he would look after us. But now the U.S. is getting cold feet about this part of the world, what with all her troubles at home. It's a shame!*

*Now the straws are in the wind to see if perhaps our defence might be in godless Russia, or in Japan who so fondly we used to call the "Yellow Peril." Adversity sure makes strange bedfellows. But we can't have much confidence in these two, if our best friends won't help us. After all you can't expect much from people to whom you have been steadily thumbing your nose for a couple of generations.*

*So it looks as though we will have to depend on the idealistic, impractical, head-in-the-clouds defence method of making friends with our Asian neighbours. Everyone knows it won't work. But it looks as though our only defence is to*

*preach good news to their poor (that food is coming!),  
heal their broken-hearted,  
deliver their exploited,  
give sight to their blind,  
set free their oppressed.*

*It would have been so much easier for us if Britain had gone on ruling the waves instead of waiving the rules and leaving us all on our own.*

TERTIUS.



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(Right in heart of Melbourne; opp. Public Library)

Ministers: **Dr. LLOYD JONES**,  
B.A., B.D., M.TH., PH.D.

**Mr. JOHN TUDOR**,  
B.COMM., L.TH.

11 a.m.: Worship—Communion—Preaching.  
7 p.m.: Evangelistic — Worship.

# Watch these Words!

**Methodology** is a dreadful word which must never be used. It serves no purpose not better served by method, technique or approach. The form methodological makes cultivated people feel ill.

**Alienated.** An alien is a foreigner. To alienate is to make foreign, to estrange or to separate. One may be alienated from many things. To be alienated period is to be either (a) foreign or (b) insane. It is not to be defiant, critical or rebellious; nor is the word a suitable euphemism for irritable.

**Establishment**, with a capital E, is forbidden in any meaning other than the literally correct one of the Church of England. Its use as a rough metaphor for "ruling classes" was a jocular invention. Being charged and at the same time vague, it was never useful, and it is now notably wilted.

**Hopefully** is an adverb, and must modify a verb or an adjective. The phrase "hopefully the sun will shine tomorrow" means that "tomorrow the sun will

shine in a hopeful manner." It does not mean anything else, and the use of the adverb as the equivalent of "I hope that" or "if we're lucky" is a barbaric solecism.

**Format** belongs to the printing trades, where it has a definite meaning. Its use to mean "plan of organisation" demonstrates verbal tone-deafness and an imprecise mind.

**Communicate** must be followed by a preposition, usually **with** or **to**, and an object. To say "they do not communicate" is not more sensible than to say "they do not." . . . Relate is subject to the same rules of usage as communicate.

**Escalate** is corrupted from a trade name, escalator, invented by a manufacturer of moving staircases and derived from the French word for ladder. It is not a synonym for expand or intensify or extend, or for all of these together, and it is not a word in good standing. Its use is forbidden.—Laurence Lafore.

## NEW YEAR CELEBRATED

(LATROBE TCE., GEELONG, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). A New Year's Eve social and prayer meeting in the Centenary Hall was attended by 70 members and friends . . . Morning service on Jan. 18 was broadcast over Station 3GL . . . Special cards conveying the Christmas message and listing services were circulated to homes in the area.

## FROM AND TO IVANHOE

(Vic., J. H. McCormick). 200 gathered in the church hall for a buffet tea to honour Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roffey and later a presentation was made during a short meeting in the church. Mr. Roffey commenced a new ministry at Blackburn in January. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCormick and family have moved into the manse. Mr. McCormick commenced his new ministry at Ivanhoe on Feb. 1. . . . W. Tabernce, associate minister, has been officiating over the past few weeks.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# WITH INDONESIAN STUDENTS

By L. TANKERSLEY

(During their visit to Indonesia, R. McLean and B. Coventry spent several days in Medan in North Sumatra with Mr. and Mrs. L. Tankersley, Disciples of Christ Missionaries who are working amongst students. The following is an extract from an article prepared by Mr. Tankersley for "World (Call).")

When my son was four years old, we moved from Kansas to Texas. His mind was filled with images of cowboys, Indians, horses and bandits in Texas. For weeks he had talked about "going to Texas."

When the border of Texas was finally crossed, he was asleep. We awakened him and said, "Steve, this is Texas." He blinked his eyes and replied, "Where? I don't see it."

My first trip to a university campus in Indonesia brought something of that same reaction. I saw a rice field stretching off to the mountains. I saw a few shacks and a dilapidated building on one side and some water buffalo grazing on the other.

An unfinished structure of some kind and a few scattered white-washed buildings appeared in the distance. Children played in the puddles of a muddy road. This was an Indonesian university? My reaction was "Where? I don't see it."

I brought with me from America built-in expectations about what a university is supposed to look like. But this one, and the others in this North Sumatran capital, did not match my expectations.

Yet, in Medan, there are 38 faculties (colleges) and perhaps as many as 20,000 university students. I soon discovered that it was not only the appearance of the campus that made me wonder about higher education in Indonesia.

One institution has 4,500 students and only 2,000 books in its library. Most of these books are in English. Even though the students have studied English at least for six years, many of them cannot speak one complete sentence and certainly cannot understand books written in English.

Very few scientific books are available in the Indonesian language. Students go to lectures, listen, take notes, try to memorise them, and pray that they can pass their examinations. The myth that a university is a centre of exciting intellectual endeavour remains a myth in this section of contemporary Indonesia.

Furthermore, to complete one's study does not mean that one gets on an automatic escalator to prosperity. Many graduates find no jobs at all. The majority work in jobs that are far beneath their level of training. Even

good jobs, prestigious jobs, pay a wage that is far less than is needed to maintain even the simplest family life.

In the midst of this situation of frustration and disillusionment more than 7,000 Christian university students live and study as best they can. The largest single student organisation in Medan is the Gerakan Mahasiswa di Indonesia (Student Christian Movement).

Students meet regularly in each faculty for study, prayer, worship and recreation. They organise special classes for incoming students, hold joint worship services once a week, take part in weekly Bible study, theological discussion and English conversation groups.

During vacation periods many of them go to the villages to assist the local churches in evangelistic efforts and other activities.

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES SUPPORT INDONESIAN STUDENTS

As reported in the December-January issue of "Missionary News," two teams of students in North Sumatra are spending the whole of their vacation doing evangelistic work. One team is witnessing to the farmers and the other to the poverty-stricken people in the city of Medan. They will reach people with the message of Christ who would normally not be reached by a foreign missionary.

If the Church today is to "go quickly and tell," we must widen our concept of missionary work by not only sending out missionaries from our country, but by supporting Christians in other lands to reach their own people with the gospel.

The Indonesian students needed only \$250 to conduct this intensive evangelistic work this vacation, and this amount was readily contributed by interested brethren in Aust. Churches of Christ and forwarded by the Overseas Board to Mr. Tankersley.

## NIGERIAN BIBLES

Ross Manning, General Secretary of the Bible Society of Nigeria, reports: "Our sales continue to mount, and we have difficulty in maintaining sufficient stocks to meet the demand. We are at present putting up an extension to our building and we hope that this will enable us to carry greater stocks. Roman Catholics are buying and distributing the scriptures. An order just received this morning was for 63,300 Scriptures! This is made up of 200 R.S.V. Bibles, 1,100 English Testaments, 30,000 Yoruba Gospels, 31,500 English Gospels (TEV) and 500 Sermon on the Mount."

—D. & F.B.S.

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There are 473 Australian registrations in hand for the World Convention, and 331 have registered for the Federal Conference which precedes the World Convention in Adelaide in October, 1970. \$464 has been contributed towards the Travel Fund.

In the U.S.A., 1,357 have paid deposits on their travel fares to Australia. A Housing Brochure is being prepared and should be forwarded within the next month to each person who has registered.

**Study Book** The Study Book for the morning studies has been printed and a copy will be sent to each registered individual or family. To meet the cost of printing the book, it is asked that 75 cents be added to the next money forwarded for tours, special functions, etc. The material has been prepared by groups working in the various nations on the theme of "The Good News." It will represent the thinking of our brotherhood around the world and will be the basis of three sessions of study (from 8 to 9 a.m.) during the Convention. Those who will attend the Convention are urged to read carefully the whole of the book and, where possible, churches are asked to use it in study groups at the local level.

### R. T. BAXTER LEAVES HORSHAM

(Vic.) R. T. Baxter concluded his ministry on Dec. 21. A special Christmas service was held, with augmented choir rendering special music, after which opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and family. D. Hovey is performing an interim ministry. . . . Guest speaker on Jan. 4 was J. Frychel (ext. Kenmore). John and his wife, Evelyn, are home for a few weeks before proceeding to the New Guinea Mission station. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mr. Gentles on the sudden death of his wife on Jan. 11.

### C. H. DOW TO TEACH

(S.A.) The Director of Christian Education for Churches of Christ in South Australia, Charles H. Dow, has been forced to resign for family health reasons.

Mr. Dow has accepted a position at the Wattle Park Teachers' College in S.A. and will teach in the department of history.

The new address for Mr. and Mrs. Dow and family is: 4 Primrose St., Underdale, S.A., 5032.

## THINGS TO COME

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
- FEB. 15-MARCH 31**  
Deputation in W.A. by Mrs. Keith Ludgater, W.A. Women's Auxiliary Overseas Missions Living Link.
- MID-FEB.**  
Morning Tea for Mr. and Mrs. John Main and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ryall en route from India, in the Christian Centre.
- VICTORIA**
- FEBRUARY**
- 7 Bankia Camp Re-union.
  - 14 F.O.Y.A.: D.C.E. Young Adult Programme.
  - 15 ANNUAL OFFERING — PROPERTIES CORPORATION.
  - 16 C.E. Annual Meeting.
  - 18 C.O.B. Informal Public Opening, 9.30 a.m.
  - 21 C.O.B. Inaugural Garden Party, 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. (at College).
  - 22 Eastern District Youth Kirk and Coffee.
  - 25 Federal Board of Christian Education — Induction Service for R. W. Lawton (Director-Editor) in the College of the Bible Chapel.
  - 28 C.M.S. Photography Competition closes.
  - 28-March 1 Exodus Programme for Young People.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- FEBRUARY:**  
24 1970 Session begins, Woolwich College.
- 14 (34)

## QLD. CHANGES OF MINISTRY

Barry Benz, Gilgandra, N.S.W. to Albion; Kevin Berston, Marburg (student) to Gympie Interim, thence to Bamba Rd., Caulfield, Vic.; George Chambers, Kenmore Christian College to Stafford; Arthur Clarke, Gympie to Kingaroy; Arthur Griffiths, ENH K.C.C. to Marburg; Des Kuhl, (student) to Rosevale; Noel Newton, Sunnybank Acacia Ridge circuit to Acacia Ridge; Paul Nathan, (student) to Rosewood; Barry Nowitzke, Temperance League to Rockhampton; Vic Parker, Sunnybank to Hawthorne and Social Service Chaplaincy part-time; Barry Reid, Townsville to Seven Hills, N.S.W.; Steve Rogers, Rosewood, Rosevale, Mt. Walker to Boonah; Ron Sansome, Rockhampton to Kedron; Garry Staddon, Kenmore Christian College to Arana Hills; Steven Wainwright, (student) to Mt. Walker; Allan Webb, Camp Hill to Asst., Swanston St., Melbourne, Vic.; Allan Weedon, Dalby to Townsville.

### A. L. WEBB TO SWANSTON ST.

(MELB., Vic., Dr. Lloyd Jones). The church announces that Allan Webb, B.A., from Camp Hill, Qld., has accepted an invitation to become associate minister to Dr. Jones and will begin his ministry within the next two months. Mr. Webb is an honours graduate of Woolwich Bible College and the University of Sydney. He has served with marked success in several pastorates as well as conducting a number of evangelistic missions and is an honorary lecturer at the Kenmore Christian College. It is expected that his coming to the city church will mark a yet further advance in the ministry toward the Asian and Australian student community. . . . Dr. Jones recently celebrated his 25th anniversary in the full-time ministry and he and Mrs. Jones their silver wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion the church made a presentation. They have now returned from a brief holiday in New Zealand where they once ministered.

### RON ELBOURNE FOR VIC.

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). R. B. Elbourne, at present with the Lane Cove church in N.S.W., has accepted a call to the ministry at Glen Waverley from early 1971. R. H. Hillier has now concluded his ministry and Dr. K. R. Bowes, a member of the Faculty of the College of the Bible, will conduct an Interim ministry during 1970.

### BACK FROM VIETNAM

(FREMANTLE — HILTON, W.A., F. Rees). Clive Robertson has returned from National Service in Vietnam and resumed his place in the panel of presidents. Bruce Cornish, home on vacation from his Halls' Creek preaching appointment also presided at the Lord's Table. On Jan. 25, a male member of the church choir and two Fremantle B.S. girls were baptised by Mr. Rees. . . . John Ismail preached recently. He and Mrs. Ismail (nee Rosalie Weeks of Mandurah church) were farwelled on their departure for Kenmore Christian College with their three weeks' old daughter, Amanda Joy. John and Rosalie previously studied at the Perth Bible Institute.

### MINISTERS' MOVES, VICTORIA-TASMANIA

The Vic.-Tas. Advisory Department reports new ministries during 1970 as follows:

C. S. Badcock, Army chaplaincy to Essendon; \*S. K. Bannon, Briar Hill to Strathmore; L. F. Barker, Balwyn to Ormond; R. T. Baxter, Horsham to Briar Hill; K. Berston, Queensland to Caulfield; \*K. R. Bowes, Interim Glen Waverley; B. W. Brown, N.S.W. to Echuca; C. Clayden, C.O.B. to Ulverstone, Tas.; \*B. F. Goldstein, Berwick to Sunshine; B. M. Heyworth, Queensland to Bentleigh; R. H. Hillier, Glen Waverley to Essendon North; B. Jenkins, Mission field to Chadstone; A. Ross Lloyd, Boronia to Wattle Park; D. J. Marr, Echuca to Horsham; G. Marsh, C.O.B. to Northcote; J. H. McCormick, Wattle Park to Ivanhoe; B. E. McMurtrie, N.S.W. to York St., Ballarat; I. R. Mullen, C.O.B. to Warragul; \*D. W. Nancarrow, C.O.B. to Knoxfield; D. R. Olafsen, Hampton to Boronia; J. E. Paver, Morwell to Hampton; A. R. Pigdon, Bentleigh to Balwyn North; E. W. Roffey, Ivanhoe to Blackburn; W. W. Saunders,

Conference Secretary to Balwyn; \*H. W. Street, Wangaratta to Yarrawonga; K. H. Turfmann, C.O.B. to Coburg; A. Webb, Queensland to Swanston St., Melbourne; S. H. Wilson, Troy, U.S.A., to Vic.-Tas. Conference Secretary; A. B. Withers, Northcote to Wangaratta.

P. E. Perry concluded his ministry at Chadstone at the end of 1969 and is continuing with the State Education Dept. full-time. He graduated from Woolwich in 1953 and had ministries at Mukinbudin and Corrigin in Western Australia and Parkdale and Chadstone in Victoria.

A. F. Cant concluded his ministry with the Blackburn church at the end of 1969 and transferred to W.A. to take up a teaching appointment with the Education Dept. Both men are thanked for their service to the churches.

\*Interim or part-time ministry.

—B. P. Huntsman, Secretary, Advisory Department.

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## WHITE PAPERS ON LIFE AND FAITH

**TRIAL BY NEWSPAPER** How free should a free press be? Has the public a right to learn the names of persons charged with bribery and corruption before those charges are proved? These are questions that trouble us as the Melbourne abortion enquiry continues to make newspaper circulation managers' dreams come true. It is doubtful if justice can be well served. Those who are guilty of corruption, and especially those in special positions of trust and responsibility such as the police, deserve to be exposed to public shame and to receive appropriate punishment. But the kind of enquiry being conducted in Melbourne is likely to result in people being judged guilty by the public no matter what findings are made by the Queen's Counsel conducting the enquiry. Private enquiries produce their own kind of suspicion, but trial by newspaper makes a mockery of the principle that a person is innocent until proved guilty.

**A MESSIAH PASSES** When David O. McKay became president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) at the age of 77, many thought that he was beyond giving any sustained active leadership. How wrong such thinking was! When he died recently at the age of 96 a survey of his presidency showed remarkable achievements. In those 19 years Mormon membership has increased by nearly 200% from 1,000,000 to 2,815,000. From 5,000 members in the United Kingdom in 1950, the church now numbers 78,000. In New Zealand, where most churches have made little headway with the Maori peoples, the Mormons claim 8% of the Maoris. Under McKay's leadership, the missionary activity of his church has doubled. In an age when many churches are showing serious losses in membership, how does this church prosper so much? One answer is in the active involvement of the general membership in the mission of the church. Most of us find the origin of the Mormons and many of their doctrines to be incredible. We claim to have more truth than they but they are doing much more with what they have. We have no right to condemn their activity with the false if we are inactive with the true.

**ONE IN 24** The 29th International Congress on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence highlights both the extent of the problems and of Australia's dubious promotion to a place in the world alcohol and drug scene. Scientific papers have been or will be presented by world authorities and Australians are now counted as authoritative. Dr. J. G. Rankin, of Melbourne, stated that there are nearly half a million Australians, one person in every 24, is either an alcoholic or addicted to some form of drug. One man in 13 engages in constant excessive drinking. The cost to the country is enormous in the deaths caused by these evils, and the economic wastage is astronomical. The cost in human misery is beyond measurement. Dr. Rankin said, "The magnitude and seriousness of alcoholism and drug dependence in Australia is such that words and ideas of the past and present must be succeeded by appropriate and adequate action in the future." The Sydney and Melbourne seminars on the medical and psychiatric aspects of alcoholism and drug addiction are a recognition of a menacing social problem and all thinking Australians will wish to see positive results in recommended improved treatment and rehabilitation programmes. However, it is odd to contrast the acknowledged dangers with the apparent social approval given to alcohol, and the attempts by some to remove restrictions from some drugs such as marijuana. Law enforcement agencies are inadequate to deal with the problems, and there will be renewed attempts to reach the young and the adults through educational programmes. But because there is practically no restriction on alcohol advertising, the efforts of any concerned group in the field of education will be ineffective. There is little chance of persuading people that alcohol is dangerous if the advertising people are also able to run their own education programme demonstrating that alcohol is socially acceptable and desirable.

**GOOD GRIEF!** While so many are concerned about the ravages of alcohol, the dairy authorities in Great Britain have been considering ways of making milk more popular. Their latest suggestion is to flavour the milk with gin and rum!!

### INDUCTION AT HAMPTON

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. E. Paver). When farewelling Mr. and Mrs. Olafsen, after a ministry of three years, to take up the work at Boronia, presentations were made to both. On Jan. 18, the church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paver as they commenced a ministry with the church. K. J. Clinton conducted an induction service, and at the conclusion of the morning service lunch was served in the school hall so that members could meet Mr. and Mrs. Paver.

### LAND FOR NEW CAUSE

(SPRINGVALE, Vic., K. Turner). The church is negotiating for the purchase of four blocks of land in a new housing estate as a site for a new cause . . .

Trevor Giles enters the College of the Bible this year to train for the ministry. . . . Yvonne Randall and Bruce Runnals had success in their study courses and Heather Halket gained a Commonwealth Scholarship. . . . Recent speakers have been M. Munyard, R. Goudie, T. Giles, G. Peers, N. Thomas and I. Carter. . . . M. Munyard is associate minister.

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## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

### OPENS FEBRUARY 18

(Vic.). The official year of the College of the Bible commences on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 9.30 a.m. Visitors and friends are cordially welcome to join the opening session, and to have morning tea with the faculty and students.

Sixteen new students have been enrolled with the prospect of two more. The student body is expected to number about 50, with a majority of married students.

There is an open invitation to all to attend the Garden Party and Inaugural on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Visitors are asked to bring a picnic tea. Tea, coffee, and cool drinks will be supplied. The proceedings will go on even if the weather is wet. The Inaugural will be from 6.30 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to look over the College.

### E. W. ROFFEY INDUCTED

(BLACKBURN, Vic.). E. W. Roffey commenced a ministry at Blackburn on Jan. 18. The induction service was conducted by Principal E. L. Williams. 250 were present. Church looks forward to continuing growth following three years with A. Cant who concluded successful ministry on Dec. 21 to return to W.A. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawton have been welcomed into fellowship. . . . Membership stands at 355.

### C.W.F. FAREWELL

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., A. B. Withers). C.W.F. arranged a farewell dinner and meeting on Jan. 28 for Mrs. Withers. 63 women attended. The dinner was followed by a meeting when suitable items and a presentation were made to Mrs. Withers who responded. . . . A family from Stawell has come to live in the district.

### THE TOP OF TASMANIA

Early in January, a group of young people and leaders from Tasmanian churches enjoyed a bushwalking expedition through the Cradle Mountains Reserve. Exceptionally good weather enabled the 11 walkers to enjoy the natural beauty of the reserve. Most of the group were able to climb some of the highest mountains, including Mt. Ossa (5,395 ft.) the very top of Tasmania. Hikers shared in campfire sing-songs, and on Sunday joined with some Anglicans for a communion service on the banks of Lake St. Clair. The group read with interest entries made in log books by members of the Victorian "Tasle Trek" one year ago. The trip was arranged by the Tasmanian D.C.E.

### HOBART DECISIONS

(HOBART, Tas., L. G. Cooke & R. E. Pfeiffer). The church was further encouraged by three decisions following baptismal service. . . . The S.S. anniversary senior theme was "Outward Bound." . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper after a short time in hospital. She was for many years a faithful member of West Hobart and then Collins St. church.

# QUEENSLAND CAMPING SEASON

## THE MIGHTY MIDGETS

Seventy "Midgets," 7-9 years, met at "Camp Cal," Caloundra, on the Sunshine Coast north of Brisbane, for their camp held just before Christmas.

This was the third annual camp for this age group. Introduction to camping activities at such an early age ensures the Department of continuing campers for at least 10 years. The famous Midgets T-shirt, supplied to each camper, was in bright gold colouring with black symbol and lettering.

Mr. and Mrs. Merv Gibson (Glen Iris) provided leadership this year along with a willing band of young people from the State.

A worthwhile innovation this year was the "Achievement Day" on the final afternoon of camp when parents came to pick up their little ones. Concert items, skits and a jazz ballet demonstration by an 8-year-old followed by afternoon tea for the parents provided a fitting climax to another Midgets' Camp.

## SENIOR CAMP

Seniors, 15 years plus, were at "Camp Cal" from Christmas to New Year's Day. Studies on the theme, "Let's Take a Look at—the Church, Home, Community, etc.," were compiled by Les Armstrong of Ann St. church.

The emphasis in the Senior Camp is upon a relaxing inspirational vacation and afternoons were free for worthwhile pursuits. With a mobile Senior Camp, the activities along the Sunshine Coast are many and varied and greatly enjoyed by the campers. A car drive to the hills of Maleny and district provided a relaxing outing. Phil Jauncey (Boondall minister) preached on Sunday night.

## TWEENAGERS

Tweenagers, 13-15 years, proved to be a popular camp again. Action is the keynote and the total programme is geared to the emerging young adults in today's expanding world.

Studies were on "Towards a Better Discipleship" and at the conclusion two young people made decisions to follow Christ.

Activities included all the usual camp pastimes plus trampolining and volleyball contests. The fine weather added to the gaiety of the occasion and safe surfing conditions meant an active use of the afternoon free time.

During the four-course dinner, with leaders acting as waiters and waitresses, opportunity was taken to give some in-service training to the Tweenagers on table manners—breaking a bread roll, cutting soup, etc.—to general courtesy—excusing a date to dinner, etc.

The fourth annual selection of Miss and Master Tweenager was announced and awards presented to Denise Wlssman of Gympie and Nell Donaldson, of Annerley. These awards are based upon general attitudes, deportment, ability to get on with campers and staff, etc. Ed Holt, minister at Murwillumbah, N.S.W., gave marvellous assistance at this camp.

## JUNIOR CAMP

Notorious for being the camp when it rains, this year's Junior Camp lived down to its reputation. Violent storms were a feature, with inches of rain being recorded during camp.

However, the enthusiasm of the 10-12 year olders was not dampened as they entered into the total camp experience, and for creative sessions made bark paintings under the leadership of Mrs. Enid Tinney and Mrs. Kath Male (Camp Hill). R. V. Holt, minister of Zillmere, ran the Dormitory Competition which generated much activity each day.

Eunice Cane (Kedron) and Bev Grenfell (Toowoomba) both nursing sisters at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, were kept busy with the numerous medical worries that seem to beset this particular age group.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Expo '70 is planned for the final weekend in January when Youth and Officers' Board reps. and a key youth worker will be present to share in a Leadership Seminar. A travel pool enables the Department to encourage reps. from the far distant churches, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton, to share with metropolitan leaders.

Leaders' Kits which contain five sections—Administration, Spiritual, Social-World, Physical and Intellectual programmes—will be launched at this camp.

Methodist/Church of Christ Co-operation in the field of leadership training will get under way in February when the two D.C.E.'s mentioned will combine to present a 12 weeks' Leadership Course that will be offered at three alternate sessions to cater for busy youth leaders.

It is hoped that churches will consider refunding the \$3.00 enrolment fee if the leader is successful in completing the 12 lectures and 11 assignments. A presentation of certificates will be made to graduates of the Youth Leadership Diploma course.

## THE PASSAGE OF THE YEARS

This Christmas/New Year season of camps completes the fifth annual set of camps under the leadership of the Director, A. C. Male, who gratefully acknowledges the loyal support of the voluntary leaders, the Department members and the brotherhood of Queensland.

During this time, camps have doubled in attendance and due to the break-up of ages there are twice as many camps being conducted.

"Camp Cal" already has bookings for every weekend, except one, till June, 1970. It is recognised as an excellent campsite due to the proximity of the rolling surf, the new accommodation blocks and the landscaping of the area that provides adequate parking, playing and park-land facilities set in a bushland atmosphere.

Interstate visitors are reminded of the self-contained cabin "Brooklyn," and the camp facilities which are available for tourists on their way farther north.

## TWO JOIN CHURCH

(BUNDABERG, Qld., Robt. H. Holt). Two young men from Tasmania and Victoria who have been fellowshipping with us during the sugar crushing, have been baptised. . . An Hawaiian Evening was a thrill for our 30 Junior Christian Endeavourers who also entertained their parents with items. The young people enjoyed a car trial and barbecue at the beach. The Kindergarten and B.S. enjoyed an afternoon Christmas tea party and games. One difference was the "Inverted" Christmas Tree for the older children; the gifts being sent to Eldsvold. . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ede from Maryborough were guests for our church anniversary weekend. A special Saturday evangelistic rally followed a fellowship tea.

## MACKAY COOLS OFF

(Qld., J. Risson). The members have appreciated a cooling period. The old fan has been installed in the vestry and two new fans in the chapel. The work of Mr. Schneider is much appreciated. . . Recent speakers have included T. Meares, D. Usher, B. Nowitzke, and D. Collins, Qld. Conf. Pres. . . K. McMurray of N.Z., sustained a compound fracture of the forearm but is leaving hospital this week.

## BAPTISMS BEGIN MINISTRY

(ROCKHAMPTON, Qld., B. M. Nowitzke). At the farewell service with Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Sansome, four young people made decisions. These four were baptised by Mr. Nowitzke at the commencement of his ministry. . . Gordon Watson, who has been church secretary for a number of years, has been succeeded by Harold Clow. . . The Craft St. church and the manse have had a facelift. They were painted recently and similar plans are made for the William St. church. . . Mrs. I. Johnson is now leader of the Girls' Club with Miss Ruth Nelson as assistant leader. Mrs. Hughes has done valuable work in this field for some years. . . The Conf. Pres., D. Collins, visited the church.

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## THORNY DOCTRINAL ISSUES

(Bangalore). Protestant, Roman Catholic and Syrian Orthodox theologians in India plan to study together such divisive questions as Mariology, ministerial orders, the authority of scripture and tradition, and the visible unity of the Church in preparation for the convening of a Study Conference in May, 1971.

—E.P.S.

## BUSINESS LEADERS REPROVED

(Vevey, Switzerland). "This colloquy has been unrealistic and un-Christian in failing to take seriously the gap between the rich and the poor nations," said Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, honorary president of the World Council of Churches, at the conclusion of a two-day meeting of industrial and commercial leaders from several countries.

The gathering, co-sponsored by the International Christian Union of Business Executives (UNIAPAC) and the World Council of Churches, had focused on the question, "In What Ways May Modern Industrial Society Harm the Human Person?"

Participants heard Auguste Cool of the World Confederation of Labour, speak of the promises and threats of the future industrial society. "The worker of tomorrow wants to be more," he said. "The struggle to have will give way more and more to the struggle to be." Other speakers included Father Philippe Laurient of Paris, Ivor Roberts, from the University of Manchester, and Dr. Otto Friedrich, of Dusseldorf.

While urging participants to pay greater attention to the challenge of world economic development, Dr. Visser 't Hooft commended their readiness to enter the struggle for a more humane society. "Future meetings," he said, "should include scholars working in the field of futurology and representatives of the younger generation — we must not just talk to ourselves."—E.P.S.

## N.Z. OPPOSES RUGBY TOUR

(Wellington). A resolution seeking cancellation of the proposed tour of South Africa by the New Zealand rugby team known as the All Blacks was passed by the Methodist Conference by a vote of 194 to 158.

The resolution said the racial policies of South Africa and Rhodesia were contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Olympic Games' principles.

It pressed for cancellation of the tour as a protest against sporting contests "which have become part of the political system of countries denying basic human rights to most of their citizens."

If Maoris were to be shepherded and treated as "honorary whites" the affront to New Zealand dignity would be widely felt, the committee report said. Maori members of an All Blacks team, together with their Maori supporters, ought to be accepted as Maoris while in South Africa, the report said, but it was feared this would not be the case.—E.P.S.

## CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

(Agra, India). The 600,000-member Methodist Church in Southern Asia has voted to join the proposed Church of North India. The decision culminated 40 years of union negotiations.

The union was approved when the Agra Conference endorsed the measure, the last of 11 annual Methodist conferences to vote.

Approval required two-thirds of the total vote cast by the 11 regional units. The ballot was 662 to 293, or 69% approving.

The Methodist Church in Southern Asia is related to the United Methodist Church (U.S.A.). Its actual name is the "Southeast Asia Central Conference," located in North India.

Six of seven denominations in the union talks have approved the formal

of the Church of North India, which is to come into being officially at a uniting conference in December, 1970.

The Disciples of Christ have not yet taken action. Nevertheless, the union will move ahead since British Methodist, United Church and Anglican groups had earlier announced they would unite even if others failed to endorse the plan.

The U.S.-related Methodist Church will make up almost half of the membership of the new union body. Other denominations involved are: Baptist Churches with 110,000 members; Church of the Brethren, 13,000; the Methodist Church (British and Australasian), 10,000; Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican), 340,000; United Church of Northern India (Congregational and Presbyterian), 183,000, and Disciples of Christ, 7,500.—E.P.S.

## SOUTH AFRICA'S CREDIT TO LAPSE

(New York). A 20-year-old credit arrangement between the Republic of South Africa and a consortium of U.S. banks is being cancelled by the Vorster government in Pretoria.

The arrangement has been a key target of American church groups opposing the South African policy of apartheid.

South Africa's consulate here confirmed reports that Finance Minister Gerald W. Browne had said that "because of the republic's strong gold and foreign exchange position, credit has not been used for some three years, and it was not deemed necessary to incur the expenses of extending it."

Four U.S. banks first entered into the credit arrangement in 1949. The figure

was \$10 million. Subsequently six other financial institutions joined. The current agreement, which expires in January, is for \$40 million.

The National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions in 1963 withdrew a \$10 million investment portfolio from the First National City Bank, one of several banks in the consortium.

In Dec., 1963, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church served notice that it would boycott consortium banks if they renewed the credit arrangement. When South Africa announced it no longer needed the credit, the Episcopal Church was in the preliminary stages of implementing its resolution. Presiding Bishop John E. Hines indicated that the withdrawals would not now be necessary.—E.P.S.

## HROMADKA EULOGISED

(Prague/Geneva). Josef L. Hromadka was above all "a man under the Word of God," said Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, in a tribute delivered at the funeral of the famed Czech theologian held in Prague on Jan. 4.

Professor Hromadka died December 26 at the age of 60. Founder and only president of the Christian Peace Conference, he had long been active in the ecumenical movement.

In his tribute Dr. Blake said: "The reason non-Christians can never quite understand a Josef Hromadka is that they cannot believe that he really was committed to the just rule of God which makes any completely political commitment to any earthly kingdom an idolatry to be rejected. So many Americans during the Cold War supposed he must be a Communist and therefore an enemy, while many Communists distrusted his loyalty even while for 21 years he was the strongest force in Eastern Europe in persuading his fellow churchmen to support in faith and hope their new revolutionary socialist governments and

societies. During those same 21 years he was the outstanding moral interpreter to the West of the vision of justice and peace that has inspired the best in all the socialist nations."—E.P.S.

## NEW SAMOAN BIBLE

The first portion of the Samoan Bible was the Gospel of John printed on the island in 1811 on paper supplied by the B. & F.S. The complete N.T. in one volume, was available in 1830. Then work was begun on the O.T.

Although eight revisions were undertaken from time to time it was not until 1932 that a major revision was undertaken. It took seven years, but is now being distributed after being printed on the Society's London presses. 3,600 copies were sold on the first day in West Samoa, and supplies were completely sold out in a few hours in American Samoa.

The new Bible sells in Samoa for \$125 (Aust) which represents about half the cost of translation, printing, dispatching and marketing the book.

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**SOUTH YARRA (Vic.)**  
(CLIFF STREET)

**Sunday, February 22, 1970**

Speakers: 11 a.m., Mr. A. E. White.  
3 p.m., Mr. Cyril Minns.  
7 p.m., Mr. Viney Longthorp.

Musical Items: Mrs. W. Crouch,  
South Yarra C.E.

Lunch and tea will be provided for all.

**NEWMARKET CHURCH (Vic.)**

**86th**

**Church Anniversary**

**Sunday, February 15, 1970**

11 a.m.: G. R. Stirling, B.A., Vice-Principal,  
College of the Bible.  
7 p.m.: K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.,  
Dip. R.E.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**BULWELL**—Precious memories of our dearly loved son, brother and brother-in-law, Winston James, taken suddenly February 9, 1969. "We'll catch the broken threads again, And finish what we here began, Heaven will the mysteries explain, And then, yes then we'll understand."—Jim and Lorna, Campbell and Gillian, Graeme and Faye.

**JENKIN, Linley**—Called home on Feb. 10, 1950. Loved husband of Florence and Dad of John and Pam. "In heavenly love abiding."

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**BIRTHS**

**CLARK (Marchant)**—To Jill and Francis on December 9 at Ballarat, a son—Simon (premature). Lived 2 days.

**DOLMAN (Notman)**—To Marie and John, on January 31, at Lilydale Hospital, a daughter—Lisa Joy. Sister for Paul. Both well.

**HOCKING (Coghlan)**—To Ian and Sandra, a daughter—Kirsten Ingrid, born January 14 (in London). Both well.

**SCAIFE (Ayton)**—Pam and Alan announce with pleasure the arrival of their third son—Matthew Blair, at D.V.C.H. on Jan. 6, 1970. Brother for Murray and Craig—three beautiful gifts.

**WAY (Morris)**—To Wendy and John on December 31, at Canberra, a daughter—Belinda Jane. Sister for Jennifer, Fiona and Robyn.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**CLARK-WILLIAMS**—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Clark, 19 Normdale Rd., East Bentleigh, Vic. have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Janice Elva, to Arthur John Williams, elder son of Mrs. B. M. Williams, 45 Darlington Rd., Stawell, Vic., and the late Mr. A. C. Williams.

**COCKROFT-CLARK**—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cockroft, Woorinen South, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark, 11 Jackson St., Croydon, Vic., announce the engagement of Elizabeth and Harvey.

**McFARLANE-WATKINS**—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McFarlane with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Watkins, both of Box Hill, are happy to announce the engagement of Merrilyn and Neville.

**APPROACHING MARRIAGES**

**JONES-LONGMUIR** — The marriage of Meredith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Jones, Glen Iris, Vic., and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Longmuir, Reservoir, Vic., will be celebrated at the College of the Bible Chapel, Glen Iris, on February 14 at 9.30 a.m.

**VERCO-PAYNE** — Mr. and Mrs. Don Verco, Bordertown, S.A., are happy to announce the coming marriage of their daughter Carolyn Ruth, to Rev. Len Payne of Mannum Baptist Church, at Bordertown Church of Christ on February 14, at 4.30 p.m.

**DEATHS**

**DUNGEY, Amy Gladys**—Loving wife of Victor S. Dungey, Bordertown, S.A., passed from this life Thursday, Jan. 8, after a long illness, at the age of 59 years. Mother of Merve, mother-in-law of Beverly, nanna of Chris., and Julie Ann. "With the Lord."

**McDOWELL, George** (late of Carnegie and Mildura)—On January 22, 1970, at Bentleigh, Vic., devoted husband of Harriet (dec.), loved father of George, Victor, Emma (dec.), Walter, Vera (Mrs. Costain); father-in-law of Beryl (dec.), Viva, May, Nell; grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of five. Aged 90. Gladly remembered. "A workman who needed not to be ashamed."

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## BOTTLES FOR THE DOCTOR

(CROYDON, S.A., F. B. Burt). A large number of medicine bottles has been collected for Dr. Coulter in the New Hebrides and many gifts were received for the Social Service Dept. Christmas appeal . . . Croydon is a centre for the special World Convention Evangelistic meetings . . . S.S. anniversary speakers were R. Holmes, D. Skewes, John Matheson, and Rev. Cullen of the Congregational church . . . On a recent Sunday evening seven young people took part and the Baptist Youth Orchestra assisted at the Coffee Hour.

## MANSE CLEAN-UP

(MAYLANDS, S.A., C. L. Smith and A. J. Ingham). A band of men turned up to work in the manse grounds in preparation for the new ministry . . . The Christmas Bowl received many gifts from the young people . . . Many young people have been congratulated on success in gaining Commonwealth Univ. Scholarships and in passing public school examinations . . . On Christmas morning there was a combined service with the Maylands Methodist Church.

## TEMPORARY RETURN

(STRATHALBYN, S.A., R. Oke). Graham Bee, home on leave from W.E.C., Tasmania, and Glen Adams from W.E.C., Sydney, were speakers during our holiday services . . . Don and Val Butler and family are home on furlough from the Norseman Mission . . . Mr. Oke has returned after holidays.

## FOUR BAPTISMS

(APPLECROSS, W.A., L. Austin). Four young people were baptised prior to Christmas. The S.S. presented a Christmas play and pageant at "Carinya" and this was repeated at the church. Much time and effort by leaders and scholars ensured a high quality presentation . . . Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield and Noelene were farewelled before their departure for S.A., as were Jan and Phillip Eaton on leaving for Manning . . . Congratulations to Julie Saat, Mandy Leary and Anthea Griffin who were successful in the recent Leaving examinations.

## DULWICH TRIBUTE

(DULWICH, S.A., S. Neighbour). Big attendances on Jan. 18 and 25 marked members' appreciation of eight years' ministry of Stan Neighbour and gracious support by Mrs. Neighbour. They are going to Prospect church. At a social gathering, L. Bruce, church board chairman, made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour, B.S. Supt. D. Radbone, and Mrs. McIntosh, on behalf of ladies, joined in expressions of appreciation and good wishes. G. L. H. Pittman (Methodist) spoke for district Ministers' Fraternal. At final night meeting, members of Rose Park Congregational Church attended the Church of Christ for the whole of the service; this was in recognition for recent similar action by Church of Christ when the Congregational minister was leaving . . . Keith Crosby, church secretary, is recovering from heart trouble.

## PRIZE FOR FLOAT

(PORT PIRIE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). Some of our B.S. scholars took part in the B. & F.B.S. float in the Christmas pageant. The float won first prize. Girls Brigade also entered a float . . . C.W.F. held a garden party and both day and night groups visited elderly members and others to present Christmas gifts . . . Mrs. J. Mummary has succeeded Mrs. E. McNicol as Kindergarten Supt. Following the resignation of D. Drilling from the office of General Supt., Mr. Lawrie has accepted the position . . . Recent speakers were J. McNicol and L. Arnel. . . Christmas Bowl donations have so far reached \$29.

## FAREWELLS FROM MORAWA

(W.A., A. Anderson). Farewells said to several families moving from district—the Applin family to Tuart Hill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rutley to Boyup Brook and Nena Barr to Perth for school . . . Mr. Anderson gained a W.A. Youth Council scholarship and will take a course conducted by National Fitness Council on youth leadership at Narrabeen . . . Fellowship enjoyed with former members Mr. and Mrs. Lamont and daughters now of Canberra . . . Kevin Warnes is recovering from accident when a piece of steel penetrated his eye.

## AMATEURS MAKE MONEY

(KADINA, S.A., O. Clark). An amateur hour organised by the Men's Fellowship raised \$80 . . . The Methodist minister came from Bute, with his young people and led a Sunday night service. . . At a combined Christmas Day service at the Methodist church, our minister, Mr. Clark, was speaker.

## SUNDAY BUSINESS

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. Carslake). The holding of the church annual meeting on Sunday afternoon following a church luncheon was most successful. Reports revealed some progress and new areas of challenge. Concern was revealed about Y.F. work, and mid-week attendance. We have met all financial commitments and are ahead on our hall repayments. 1969 average for communion was 78 and gospel attendance averaged 66. The church invited Mr. Carslake to extend his ministry for a further two years. . . The church is to use the new C.L.C. material . . . Five weddings have taken place in our chapel in the last seven weeks . . . The Kuhl family were farewelled as they move to the Queensland College, Ken and Sue Verge from Glen Iris, were recent visitors . . . Our minister was director of a very successful Tweenagers' Camp at Blinningsup.

UNLEY, S.A. The B.S. arranged a picnic tea in Heywood Park prior to Christmas with a family service at 7 p.m. The film "Christmas in Hong Kong" was screened and a tableau was presented by scholars . . . C.Y.F. carol singers visited Christian Rest Home residents and other shut-in people.

AIM FOR ADELAIDE  
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## MORE W.C.C. APPLICATIONS

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches' Executive Committee has received applications for membership from five churches in Europe, Africa, the West Indies and Australasia.

Admittance of the five churches would bring the Council's membership to 246 churches of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic confession in some 90 nations and territories in all six continents.

The five applicants for membership are: Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, Moravian Church, Eastern Caribbean Province, United Church of Papua, New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Nigerian Baptist Convention, Methodist Church in Malaysia and Singapore.

The committee will also receive a report on the merger of two member churches in Belgium—the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Church in Belgium. The name of the new church is the Protestant Church of Belgium—E.P.S.



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# Victoria . . .

## APPEALS SUPPORTED

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). 15 young people completed the full 18 miles of the Walk Against Want and raised \$198.20. The Christmas Bowl appeal has reached \$185.64 . . . David Condy was farewelled on leaving for Qld. He has been active in all phases of church life. Janice Jenkins has graduated as a Nursing Sister at R.G.H. Heidelberg . . . P. T. Morgan, R. Mill, M. Batterham and members of Christian Men's Fellowship have been recent speakers . . . J. T. Salisbury and Margaret Crossman are ill.

## WHOLE CHURCH IN C.L.C.

(EAST PRESTON, Vic., A. V. Page). On Feb. 8 the Christian Life Curriculum series will be used on a trial basis for one quarter. The time slot, 10 a.m.-11.30 a.m., will embrace the whole church with worship and communion followed by group work in class, age and interest divisions. A dividing wall will be erected in the main building to provide facility for group experiences in a more compact and comfortable environment. This work will be done by voluntary labour . . . During the holiday period C. Lang spoke at all morning services.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

(BURWOOD, Vic., Graham Lord). At a social evening organised by the C.W.E.F., Neta Galbraith, Caroline Baker, S. Sheehan and J. Youens contributed items. Val and Keith Smith and their five children led in a devotional session. . . Eric Patterson and Dr. G. Whiting have been recent speakers . . . H. J. Patterson is well on the way to recovery after an operation . . . Church was very saddened by the passing of George Coates, our esteemed and reliable door-keeper, who formerly had been associated with Oakleigh and Chadstone.

## LAKE BOGA OUTING

(SWAN HILL, Vic., G. A. Harrison). On Australia Day, 60 attended church family outing at Lake Boga . . . E. C. Keating (Dept. of H.M. & Evang. field officer) met with board to discuss Planned Giving Review Programme . . . Church's 60th anniversary will be celebrated in June, 1970.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

(The Patch, Vic.). Following the conclusion of Mr. Turmann's ministry, R. Condon will shortly commence his ministry . . . A number of underprivileged families were remembered at Christmas and given food parcels and toys for the children . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lyng and family in their recent bereavement.

## EXTENSION AT ROBINVALE

(Vic.). The Robinvale church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. and Evang., announce that E. K. Morrison has accepted a further two-year term. 1971-72. Mr. Morrison commenced his ministry during 1965 and at the end of this term will have completed almost eight years with the Robinvale church.

## GIFT OF P.A. SYSTEM

(CARNEGIE, Vic., M. Glezendanner). A public address system has been presented to the church by the ladies . . . On Dec. 14, the ladies presented carols and a nativity scene and entertained elderly citizens at supper . . . Recent speakers have been A. Mudge and Mr. Burress and Sunday evening services are being conducted at Emmaus Rest Home. . . Combined Christmas Day service was held at Carnegie Methodist Church. . . Mrs. Goodall has completed 66 years of membership with Churches of Christ. . . Miss Sue Peck came second in the "Miss Career" Quest . . . Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Suttan in the loss of her father, Mr. Fullerton.

## 500 GIFTS

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). Over 500 toys and gifts were forwarded to the Churches of Christ Hospital "Aunty" Dorcas Society, C.W.E.F. and P. Porter were main contributors. Children trained by Miss Joan Maydom presented a Christmas drama, and a choir trained by Graham Woodroffe presented a selection of Christmas music . . . Miss Jan Chiswell has returned from Carnarvon for four weeks . . . 60 young people (60 from Oakleigh) combined for a hay-ride, barbecue at Mill Valley Ranch . . . Explorer Club held a barbecue tea-presentation night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Langham . . . An anonymous friend donated "Good News for Modern Man" (the New Testament in today's English) to each scholar in the senior S.S. . . National Secretary of C.E., Peter Pitts, as well as Isaac Abilio (from Ghana, now a student at M.B.I.), were recent speakers.

## INVOLVED WITH C.E.

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). C.E. leaders, Merle and Brian Marchant, Murray Farmer and Graeme Wigney were involved in organisation of the National C.E. Convention . . . Recent speakers were Mr. and Mrs. L. Samuels and Mr. and Mrs. C. McCosker, missionaries to New Hebrides. C.E. visitors from all States attended and a young girl made the Good Confession. 30 young people registered delegates to National C.E. Convention . . . The Christmas cantata, "Wonderful" rendered by choir led by Eric Hammond . . . Combined Christmas Day service at Baptist church when Mr. Grainger was speaker . . . Mrs. G. Mullen served 21 years on church

weekly news . . . C.W.F. had record missionary contribution of \$101.10 and Thanksgiving final of \$27.50.

## \$1,812 AT THANKSGIVING

(FOOTSCRAY, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). At a Family Service on Thanksgiving Day the thank offering amounted to \$1,812. . . Evening Fellowship visited and supplied tea and gifts for 48 patients at Mt. Royal . . . District churches' Christmas Day service was held in Footscray church. Offering for Bowl appeal with extra added \$100 . . . Three young people were baptised and received in.

## GRANT TO VIETNAM

The first instalment of an anticipated \$2 million grant for rehabilitation work in South Vietnam was voted by the United Methodist Church (U.S.A.). About 7% of the total has been designated for permanent housing and development loans to small businessmen.—E.P.S.

## MONROYIAN BISHOP SLAIN

(New York). Mystery still surrounds the slaying of an American-born Episcopal missionary bishop shot to death in his Monrovia, Liberia, offices as he reportedly went to aid his secretary.

Episcopal Bishop Dillard H. Brown, Jr., 57, of Monrovia, was killed along with the diocesan business manager, Claude Nadar, a Lebanese. The bishop's secretary, British-born Patricia Newles, was critically wounded. A chauffeur and a cleaning man were also wounded. No motive for the shootings is known but the investigation is still incomplete. Liberian officials said.

A 63-year-old Nigerian chemistry professor, Dr. Justin M. Obi, who formerly taught at the Episcopal College of Cuttington in Gbarnga, Liberia, was being held for questioning.—E.P.S.

## ORTHODOX TENSION

While on a visit to Brazil, Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, confessed: "The church that I represent is facing the same problems as the Roman Catholic Church. Orthodox priests, like those in the Catholic Church, show a strong tendency to engage more actively in questions of social justice and world peace."—E.P.S.

ANSWER. The answer to the question in Jay's Column on page 27 is 1159.

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**Unit Four:** "The World: Place of Proclamation." This unit asks the question "what does it mean to go into all the world, to proclaim . . . ?" There is but one gospel for all people, in all places, at all times. Yet implications of the gospel may be understood differently in each new situation. For example, at one point God's work may be deliverance, in another judgment. Preparing to go into all the world, means study of what the world means, not merely as geography, but as culture and human history within which God works out his purposes. What is secularization, and the search for a "worldly gospel"? This unit raises questions about politics, economics, and other aspects of "the world" where the gospel is to be heard and obeyed. For many the challenge of ideas from study groups in other countries will give new insights, as an international study book should.

**Unit Five.** "The Gospel: Good News For the Church"; Study groups which prepared material for this unit where in frank disagreement over whether the gospel was just for the "world" or whether it was also addressed to the church itself. In these days when many pastors are discouraged, when attendance and giving are declining, and pressures of an entertainment culture compete with church events, some hear God speaking good news to a discouraged church. There are a number of suggestions of what good news for the "institutional church" may be, and about the role of the Church in transmitting the good news.

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Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, General Secretary, World Convention.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Hilda CEMM

The church at Parkdale, Vic., honours the memory of a very wonderful Christian lady, Mrs. Cemm was not old, in spite of her 83 years; her mind was young and vital, always eager to try something new, and actively interested in all the church's activities. Before her marriage she was Hilda Montgomery and spent her early days in Birmingham, England. At the age of 14 she was baptised in the Charles Henry St. Church of Christ. She was married to Daniel Cemm at Sparkhill Church, Birmingham. In 1912 they came to Melbourne with their little family, and became members of the church at Brighton. They moved to various suburbs, and in 1923 settled at Parkdale, to which church their membership was transferred. The children, Rita, Arthur, and Joy, all came into the membership of the church. Mr. Cemm, who had been a true partner in the spiritual life of his wife, died in 1935. Mrs. Cemm relinquished the secretaryship of C.W.F. (Afternoon Group) earlier last year because she found it difficult to hear. Her interest remained strong and constructive. Her regret, often expressed, was that her health limited her church activities. Yet, until the end came suddenly on Oct. 10, 1969 she was in comparatively good health, and at the point of leaving for an eagerly anticipated holiday. We give thanks for the reality of her faith, and her vital Christian witness and practical helpfulness. In her we have seen mature and gracious Christian love, that has kept on growing, being receptive and involved. Services were conducted at the Parkdale chapel and Springvale Crematorium by the writer. To Rita (Mrs. Colin Lowe), Arthur, and Joy (Mrs. John Flavin), and all the family we offer our Christian love.—Ben Crowden.

### Cliff CORDY

Cliff Cordy died suddenly on Dec. 5, 1969. He was born in Footscray, and the members of the church in that district will long remember his devotion and service. As a youth he was greatly helped by his Christian life, that was kept in growing, being receptive and involved. Services were conducted at the Parkdale chapel and Springvale Crematorium by the writer. To Rita (Mrs. Colin Lowe), Arthur, and Joy (Mrs. John Flavin), and all the family we offer our Christian love.—Ben Crowden.

### Mrs. Mary Amelia FORSTER

The Boort (Vic.) church lost one of its very loyal members in Mrs. Forster. She joined the church in 1914 and at

that time began to build up a relationship within the community, her family and the church, that made her one of the highest respected persons in the district. Within the community Mrs. Forster served faithfully in many worthwhile works including the Red Cross and the day before her death she was to have been presented with the Laurel Wreath signifying 50 years of service. Even at the age of 85 years she was still very active in church and community but was suddenly taken ill and after two days' illness died on Dec. 3, 1969, a little more than a year after her husband. Within the local church Mrs. Forster had proved her stability of faith and sincerity of service. For very many years she had been secretary of C.W.F., collector for the B. & F.B.S., keen supporter for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and was in many other activities within the church. The very large attendance at the service revealed something of the respect with which Mrs. Forster was held. Our church at Boort will greatly miss the loyal attendance and service of Mrs. Forster. To her large family we express our Christian sympathy.—C. G. Henderson.

### Frank Lindsay Verden PILLAR

The late Mr. Pillar was born in Port Pirie, S.A., where he lived for 62 years. Following his premature retirement due to ill-health he moved with his wife, Belle, and daughter, Meryl, to Adelaide in 1963. He spent a lifetime in the church, and it was among the people of God that he found opportunities to serve both his Lord and his fellowmen. It was in the church that he met his wife with whom he shared 43 years of happy marriage and family life. He served for many years as a deacon and elder of the Port Pirie congregation. Even in retirement, despite the onset of ill-health, he gladly accepted and faithfully carried out certain responsibilities within the life of the congregation at Colonel Light Gardens, S.A., including service as an Elder. Many will remember Frank Pillar as a quiet unassuming man, yet one who was always cheerful and open to friendship. He was a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ, a man who was always prepared to share that faith, and above all a man with an open mind ever ready to discover and welcome new truths. We thank God for every good memory we have of this man. We thank him too that he has called his servant into his nearer presence.—T.R.M.

### Bob RICHARDSON

Bob Richardson gave a faithful witness for Christ at the Flinders Park church, S.A., through many years of disability and suffering as a paraplegic. In 1942 the Intermediate C.E. Society visited a home in our district having been informed that an invalid man might appreciate a visit of cheer. Our invalid brother for many years was welcomed to church and Society meetings when he took an active part in committee leadership. He made his confession of Christ and owing to the condition of his health, was received into membership without immersion, rather than that a substitute for the ordinance be adopted. In 1962 his parents made their confession of faith. In the meantime Bob had undergone several operations, including the amputation of both legs, below the knees, which now enabled him to comply with his longing wish, and hope by faith, to be buried. Lovingly fastened to a chair, and lowered into the baptistery he was immersed at the same time as his parents. A service was held on the first Sunday of each month for 18 years at the Northfield Hospital where Bob was a patient. Other patients shared in the service. His death occurred at the R.A.H. on Oct. 31 last. H. Prime, Chaplain John Baker, and George Houston shared in the funeral service.

### Mrs. A. A. WILLIAMS

Adaline Ann Williams passed away on Oct. 26, 1969 at the Kaniva (Vic.) District Hospital after being hospitalized for a period of 18 months with a broken hip. Born in 1884 at Oladale in the Ororoo district, S.A., she was the eldest child of Richard and Martha Rowe. The family moved to Kaniva in 1898 and purchased land from W. G. Rich, and they built their home on the site where the Kaniva High School now stands. As well as their normal farming they milked cows and delivered milk to the residents of Kaniva. In 1911 she was married to Albert Edgar Pomery Williams of Sandhurst, where they lived and farmed the land which had been selected by Charles Williams in 1834. In 1920 they purchased land at Lillimur where Mrs. Williams resided for most of the remainder of her life. She was very active in Churches of Christ for 70 years, and church organist for almost 50 years. She was also a teacher in the Lillimur Union S.S. Mrs. Williams attended many of the Federal and State Conferences in Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart. A highlight of her busy Christian life was in attending the World Convention in Edinburgh, 1963. She was 76 years of age at the time, yet made a tour of many European countries. Although confined to a wheel chair for the last 10 months, Mrs. Williams attended many services at the church which she loved and so faithfully served during her lifetime. A wonderful kind, gracious Christian lady, she endeared herself to all who knew her. There were six children: Edwin (Lillimur), Olive (dece.), Grace (Mrs. H. Tilley, Berderron), Charles (dece.), Evelyn (dece.) and Albert (Lillimur). Her husband predeceased her in 1933. After a service at the Church of Christ, she was buried in the Kaniva-Lillimur Cemetery. The minister, R. C. Bolduan, conducted the service.

### Florence BEASON

After three months' illness Mrs. Beason died on Jan. 15. Aged 77 years, Mrs. Beason had led a rich, full life, sharing 54 years of it with her devoted husband, Tasman. She was born at Daylesford, she spent her early years in Tamarama and then moved to Victoria. She had always served her Lord, cheerfully sacrificing her time to ensure that the home was in order so that her husband might actively serve in church work. This she did as a team, first in the Salvation Army, then with the Methodists. Finally, in 1900, Mrs. Beason, with her husband, followed her Lord in baptism after transferring to the Church of Christ at Malvern-Caulfield. To those who knew her, Flo Beason was a gracious Christian woman who spread the fragrance of her life with a smile and a cheerful, infectious laugh. Even under difficulties, cross or complaining words were unknown in Flo Beason, a devoted mother of two delightful daughters. Grandma adored her seven grandchildren, knowing that they, too, brought the joy of belonging to God. Mr. Beason, who was minister when the Beasons joined Malvern-Caulfield, returned to lead the funeral service, assisted by the student-minister, I. R. Adams.—I.R.A.

### DEATH OF HAPPY INN-KEEPER

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As daughter, woman, wife, mother and friend, Eileen Guder has come by this understanding the hard way, through the valley of the shadow. She speaks out of the triumph given through the agonising, lingering illnesses and deaths of a lovely daughter, and very recently, a beloved husband.

As an example of the beauty of simplicity and sincerity, one cannot forbear quoting this gem of spiritual autobiography.

"A great break-through in my life came when I had been hurt and humiliated by a friend. The experience was so shattering that I was upset over it for weeks. Finally I came to the place of desperation, because I knew I had to be able to forgive freely in order to have any peace in my own life. I prayed. Prayed every day—and the minute I got up from my knees, the same old resentment rushed back. I kept on praying.

"It was not easy—but then, not many people are so difficult and stubborn as I am—and months went by. Since my friend was not in the same city I could go a long time without the old resentment and hurt, but of course that was because I hardly ever thought of her. I must admit that when she came to mind, my first emotion was one of remembered anger. I had to pray some more.

"Finally one day she came to visit, and suddenly—the moment I opened my door—the anger, the hurt, the resentment had gone. I felt light and free. What had happened? God had been busy."—J.E.B.

### "WILLOW PATTERNS"

By Richie Benaud. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$4 Aust.

Although the disciples were warned to have nothing to do with the "leaven" of the Pharisees, cricket has always been popular with ministers. Some have suggested that because ministers are free in the daytime, they can develop an interest in the sport! Others have said that the slow-moving game encourages meditation and even facilitates sermon preparation. Still others think that its emphasis upon good sportsmanship places cricket next to Christianity in the way that cleanliness is next to godliness. In any case, almost every other church in Australia has its cricket team, some churches have as many as three XI's.

"Willow Patterns" is a book for cricket lovers. Being a game to watch as well as play, the endless stream of books coming off the presses allows the watchers to move right on to the field with the men in white. Richie Benaud is the latest guide. Benaud was a specialist spin bowler, a reliable batsman, an alert fieldman, and an astute captain.

He is also a professional journalist. With all this going for him it is not surprising that he has produced a deservedly popular book on cricket. On the debit side, however, he does not include any score sheets and the book does not have an index. On the credit side it is an invaluable survey of post-war Australian cricket—the years of Lindwall, Miller, Davidson, O'Neill and Harvey. It also looks at cricket in the West Indies, England, South Africa, New Zealand and India. The book gives many helpful hints to young bowlers, batsmen and captains.

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Two hundred Christmas cards, and one pledge payment!"

# Revolutionary Theme

(Melb). "Christ and the Youth Revolution" was the arresting theme of the 33rd National Christian Convention in Melbourne, Jan. 9 to 16. The main meetings held in the Melbourne Town Hall and the Myer Music Bowl were attended by 750 delegates plus many day visitors.

Bishop Clyde Meadows, of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., World President of the C.E. Union, reminded delegates that Christian Endeavour is active in 75 countries, including five where no foreign missionary activity is permitted. Its 3,000,000 members are found in 85 denominations. He told of 500 active societies in East Germany and of the suffering of the Christian Endeavour leaders in other areas. He stressed the fact that C.E. was predominantly a leader-training organisation and that C.E. had a vital part to play in the programme of the Church today.

At the final Convention meeting, Bishop Meadows described a C.E. Convention in Germany at the beginning of World War II. The 15,000 delegates present realised all that was implied in Hitler's rising to power and unanimously declared, "We choose Christ." Most of these young people lost their lives for Christ in the years of war that followed. The challenge was presented for a similar quality of commitment.

Bishop Solomon Doratswamy, President of the Indian C.E. Union and Bishop of the Church of South India, had an outstanding ministry at the Convention. Comparing the progress of Communism with Christianity in this century, he stated, "In 1903 Lenin had 17 followers; in 1917, 40,000 followers; and in 1970 one-third of the world is under Communist control." He said that

Communists were gaining ground at the rate of 7,000 people and 44 square miles of territory every hour. He believed that the C.E. principles of leadership and learning by doing were the key to reaching India's 430 million people. He explained that due to the population explosion the number of the people of India had recently surpassed the number of gods and goddesses!

As a result of the ministry of these two outstanding leaders, many young people trusted Christ as Saviour and Lord. The scene in the counselling rooms each night was most impressive as earnest young people enquired concerning knowing God's plan for their lives. Some of these will shortly commence training for the ministry and missionary service.

### CONVENTION FEATURES

Delegates moved into the streets of Melbourne for a mid-day evangelistic survey. Of the 3,000 people interviewed, it was found that 68% belonged to a church or religious group; that 41% attended church frequently. The most commonly held opinion regarding the way to become a Christian was to do good works; 47% felt the need for a more personal religious faith.

Groups of delegates formed action squads and visited hospitals, reformatories, mental hospitals, alcoholics rehabilitation, migrants' churches, police headquarters, etc., to study areas of community need and to find ways in which young Christians could help.

A protest march involving 500 delegates was conducted through the city. Posters called for the control of drugs, pornography, etc., and for the retention of censorship.

A "missions laboratory" was conducted in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall. This included 28 missionary displays by denominational and non-denominational missionary organisations.

Convention delegates also shared in a wide range of Bible studies, conferences and leadership seminars addressed by a qualified team of speakers including the Revs. George Lazenby, A. Neville Horn, T. T. Scarlett, S. Manzoney, Arthur Preston and Mr. R. Cleaver.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Rev. R. T. Edwards was appointed National President for the next two years replacing Mr. R. Cleaver. Mr. Edwards is minister of the Congregational Church at Raceview, Qld.

P. A. R. Chesterton was appointed National Vice-President. The Rev. F. Nile and P. Pitts continue as National Director and National Secretary respectively, and R. J. Perry as National Treasurer.

### 31st NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 31st National Convention will be held in Perth, W.A., in January, 1972.

### \$15,000 FOR REFUGEES

Australian Inter-Church Aid has sent a further \$15,000 to assist church relief efforts among refugees in Biafra and Nigeria. The grant was announced following the collapse of Biafran armed forces. It brings to \$86,000 the amount given to Inter-Church Aid for Biafran relief during the last year.

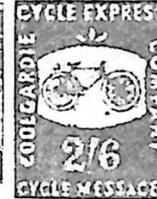
A spokesman for Inter-Church Aid said in Sydney that though the cessation of the relief flights into Biafra was causing grave concern, church relief workers who had been operating in Nigeria were endeavouring to extend operations into Biafra as quickly as possible.—A.C.C.

### NEW ROLE FOR MISSION

(Hamburg). Missions have no future in the Third World if their aim is merely to take European Christianity and the ideas of "Christian Europe" to the "pagan" world, said the Rev. Philip A. Potter, director of the W.C.C.'s Division of World Mission and Evangelism, when reporting on a three-day private conversation with two German mission agencies.

In future, Mr. Potter said, missions will consist mainly in discovering the gospel together with the "younger churches" and using it as a criterion for examining not only the indigenous cultures but also the validity of the Western cultures.

—E.P.S.



## MONEY FROM STAMPS

By A. L. FINGER

Christmas Eve, straight off the "Overland," the writer was whisked to the office of the Federal Overseas Missions Board at Mile End, S.A. There he handed in money received from Victoria from the sale of stamps. Added to that already in hand there was great rejoicing to learn the 1969 figure had passed \$500!

The originators of the scheme now operating were sure in faith of its success. I'm not so sure it was expected that in only three years the amount raised annually would rise from a little over \$100 to \$285 in the second year and then reach \$500.

How did it all begin? How does it operate? Who helps? And who is helped?—four questions to be answered.

### 1. The Beginning.

D. Lewis, B. Se., and his wife, members at Nailsworth, S.A., are keen workers for Overseas Missions, both serving their State on committees. Their home is ever open to missionaries on furlough spending time in S.A.

Mr. Lewis is an ardent stamp collector ("philatelist") is the official term. Like all keen ones he began "swapping" with overseas correspondents. Mrs. Lewis seeing overseas stamps coming in exchange for our Australian stamps made the suggestion that surely here was a field whereby on a larger scale stamps could be obtained and sold for missionary funds.

Action is ever the keynote of these two people, and so it got under way. Church friends, youth groups, Sunday schools, women's groups, people in business houses were urged to procure all the stamps they could. The writer, also a stamp collector, holidaying with them was brought into the partnership and got busy in Victoria.

### 2. The Operation.

All stamps received are cleaned off

paper by special yet simple process, torn, dirty stamps are rejected. Others are sorted into varieties and bundled into hundreds. These are sent to correspondents overseas, who accepting them, are obligated to return stamps of equivalent value of their country as assessed by "Gibbons Catalogue," the philatelists' bible.

The exchange of stamps has greatly expanded in recent months and several countries are now in the scheme. The selling of the stamps is done in various ways. A team of ladies gathers in the Lewis home periodically making up packets of stamps of various countries which sell for a few cents each. Higher value stamps both local and overseas find buyers through Stamp Society approval sheets. Books of one country approvals are in circulation. The demand is almost continuous.

### 3. The Helpers.

Thousands of stamps are required to keep the scheme going. We, the operators, thank all who have contributed stamps in small, large and sometimes huge quantities, for without this help the scheme must fail. Just keep them flowing in.

Stamp collectors, young or old, let us hear from you. We will be glad to help you build your collection. Send stamps to, or make enquiries from, Mr. D. Lewis, 9 Cilsby St., Vale Park, S.A., 5081, or Mr. A. L. Finger, 12 Evelyn St., Balacava, Vic., 3183.

### 4. The Helped.

Miss Hazel Skuce on our Indian field at Baramati, has charge of the Bible Correspondence Course, conducted in English, Marathi and Hindi languages known as "Way of Truth." All funds raised are contributed towards the cost of this work. The efforts of us all are helping spread the gospel. We give our God praise for his blessing of our efforts.

## JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

### ONE MINUTE, PLEASE

CAN you do things quickly? Read aloud the following paragraph backwards, starting from the bottom right-hand corner. Have someone time you — detail:argnoe eb of evresed uoy etunim eno ni hparagarap elohw slht dtaer ehv uoy ti 4 neves sl rewsna teerroc eht dtaer eht tuo llaC lowt yb rewsna eht edivid dna rehtegot enim dna evif dda neht 3 .dneirf taeb ruoy fo eman eht duola yas slht enod evah uoy nehW 2 .loof thgir ruoy hitw semit cerht roof eht no pat 1 .dlof era uoy smiht eht od ti dnatsrednu uoy taht wohs od hslw uoy. teet slht emkat era ouy nehW, ti

### WATCH IT!

THE number of eggs in a basket is doubled every minute. The basket is full of eggs by 12 o'clock. When was the basket half full?

(Answer on page 21)

### HOW A MOUSE RAN 28 MILES

A TRUE story of a mouse in Victoria:

In a shed a boy had hung his bicycle from the ceiling. Not far away was a shelf on which some onions and other vegetables had been stored.

One night a mouse thought an easy way of getting to the shelf seemed to be to jump on the bicycle wheel, and from there to make another hop to the shelf. When the mouse alighted on the wheel it started to turn, and to save himself from falling off, the mouse naturally had to run towards the highest part.

Try as he would, the mouse could not get sufficient foothold to take a jump from the wheel to the shelf, and as the wheel continued to turn the little creature had to keep on running to save itself from falling.

In the morning a very tired mouse was still running on the wheel. The cycle was fitted with a cyclometer, which measures the distance travelled by the number of times that the wheel turns. This showed that the mouse had made a journey of more than 28 miles!

It was put into a box and given some bread and milk. After a long rest it was set free.

### BILLY'S BEAUTIFOODS

BLESSUD is the man with small feet, for not very much dust can get in um.

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# THE LAST WORD...

## A CHALLENGE

*Your rice bowl is empty, little brother,  
Your hands are blue from the cold,  
Your face is a map of terror and pain,  
Old, as mankind is old.*

*Men launch their miracles, little brother:  
They send their rockets up,  
But should it not be their first concern  
To fill your empty cup?*

*Man has reached the moon, little brother,  
He has lassoed outer space,  
But I think he would come closer to God  
If he wiped the pain from your face!*



Changing one thing for the better is worth more than proving that a thousand things are wrong.

**"To preach the gospel to a hungry man without giving him food is both futile and cruel."**

—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

There's not a heart, however cast  
By grief or sorrow down,  
But has some memory of the past  
To love and call its own.



To err is human, to forgive takes restraint;  
To forget you forgave is the mark of a saint.

(Suzanne Douglass.)



A local newspaper declares the following collection letter produces first-class results:

"Dear Sir: A glance at the date of our original invoice will soon prove that we have done more for you than even your own mother—we have carried you for twelve months."

A man who can see both sides of a question doesn't have a chance in a good argument.



One thing about telling the truth—you never have to remember what you said.



The only thing more disturbing than a neighbour with a noisy old car is one with a quiet new one.



Boss: "You are 10 minutes late again. Don't you know what time we start to work in this factory?"

New Employee: "No, Sir. They're always at work when I get here."

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