

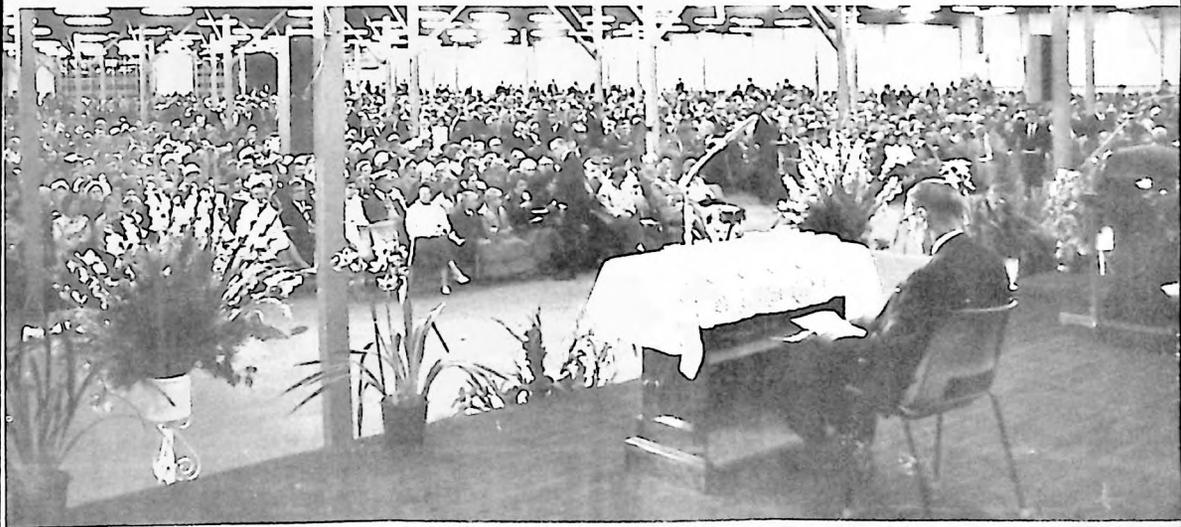
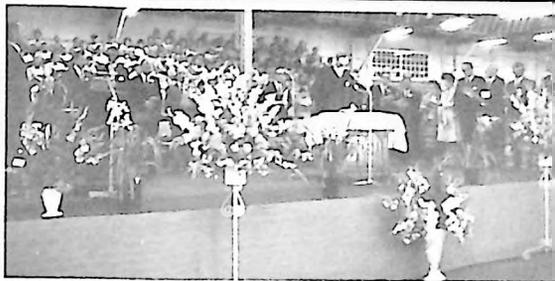
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**ADELAIDE, 1970.
WORLD CONVENTION
8th ASSEMBLY
COMMUNION SERVICE**





All Nations Luncheon — Mrs. Spencer Austin, presiding.



The Garden Party — Pinky Flat.



World Convention Officers were installed by Principal-Emeritus A. W. Stephenson — those shown are Mrs. Luiz Parrilla, Dr. K. R. Bowes, Douglas Strawbridge.



Some of the church representatives participating in Ecumenical Service.



Dr. Philip Pottor, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches, preaching at Ecumenical Service.



Dr. James K. Hempstead, Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan, delivering the sermon at Communion Service.



The Hon. Don Dunstan, Premier of South Australia speaking at Garden Party.



Late arrival, Mr. Alvarez, representative from Venezuela. Graham Bing, Convention pianist.

THE BIBLE IN EASTERN EUROPE

The old truth that the Bible still easily tops the best-seller list of all printed books often provokes a fatigued smile from the reader. How many Bibles which are sold are also read? As soon as Bibles are not easily available, however, the other side of the story appears. Bibles become cherished possessions for which people are willing to pay exorbitant prices.

The ecumenical movement has been an important agent in the increase of the use of the Bible. Not only have many ecumenical action groups begun as Bible study groups, but also in the R.C. and Orthodox Churches the popularity of the Bible has increased since these communities have entered into contact with Protestant churches.

These two elements, scarcity and ecumenical developments, have a direct bearing on the situation in Eastern European countries. Of all the socialist countries only Albania has no Bible work. In all other countries both translation and distribution are under way. The trend in most other countries is that the Bibles are either imported or printed in increasing numbers.

In the German Democratic Republic 13 Bible societies are active. In 1968 some 350,000 scriptures were produced. In accord with the ecumenical development a R.C. office for Bible work was recently organised.

In Poland the Bible Society has been at work for well over 60 years. Some 123,000 Bibles were imported in 1968 while a new translation is in progress. In 1966 the N.T. was completed while the O.T. is now going through its last revisions.

Yugoslavia is a multi-lingual country, and in the evangelical bookshop in Zagreb ample stocks of Bibles were available in 21 languages. In 1967, 15,000 scriptures were imported through a state agency to the bookshops in Belgrade. A new translation in the Slovenian language was made by the Roman Catholic scholars and seems to be acceptable also to the Protestant churches. The four Gospels translated into Serbian will soon be available. A state firm produced 100,000 copies of a new translation in Serbo-Croat and the United Bible Societies (U.B.S.) will try to help in the production of the N.T. for the Protestant communities. Production of the gospels in Albanian is also under way. A N.T. translated into the Macedonian language was produced in one edition but is now being revised.

Hungary has produced and distributed 153,000 Bibles and 67,000 New Testaments since 1949. In 1968 alone 19,000 Bibles and 20,000 New Testaments were produced. The U.B.S. has been donating paper for these editions and paper has also been made available by the Hun-

garian authorities. Production is in the hands of the Press Department of the Hungarian Reformed Church. Since there are Hungarian-speaking churches in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania, the export of Bibles from Hungary to two of these countries has been organised. A private translation of the N.T. by the Hungarian scholar, Professor Budai, sold 4,000 copies in Hungary while 3,200 were used for export.

In Czechoslovakia all churches belong to the Czechoslovak Bible work organisation in 1969, and a number of translation processes are under way. Two sections of the new translation of the Czech O.T. were produced before the end of 1969. Two more sections are now being produced. The N.T. in Slovak has been finished and 30,000 copies are now being produced. The whole translation will be ready in 1974. 20,000 copies of the Czech Bible were available in both 1968 and 1969 as well as a private production of 30,000 copies in 1969.

The Orthodox Church in Rumania distributed 100,000 Bibles printed at a state printing press. Regular printings are envisaged for the future.

In Bulgaria the N.T. has been revised by the Orthodox church. The R.C. and Protestant minorities have access to the translation commission so that the text will be acceptable for all. At the request of the Orthodox Church the U.B.S. has promised to make paper available for 50,000 copies.

In Russia 20,000 Bibles were printed in 1969. A re-edition of the N.T. is planned in Latvian. The Armenian Church in the U.S.S.R. will publish in the near future 25,000 copies of the gospels and the Acts of the Apostles in modern Armenian.

The figures given indicate that in most countries some activity with regard to Bible translation, production and distribution is going on. In some countries a considerable programme is carried out. In others, minimum needs are hardly met. U.B.S. efforts have considerably increased production possibilities, especially by making paper available. Everywhere in Eastern Europe active concern is shown for the need of new translations of the Bible. Translation work and even printing of Bibles has always been an international element of Christian life and a sign of the timeliness and efficacy of the ecumenical movement.—E.P.S.

WORD TALK

No. 15—1 TIMOTHY 6: 17
(WILLIAMS)

"Continue charging the rich."

Karl Marx would have leapt for joy if he could have discovered Williams' translation: "Continue charging the rich." At long last somewhere in scripture there was a good text for the Communist doctrine of economic progress! But Paul isn't indicating that we who are poor should get by in life by using the credit cards of the wealthy, attractive as that may seem. Paul is writing to Timothy and encouraging him to instruct people to be content with a moderate provision of food and clothes (verse 8). He mentions how the rich "expose themselves to temptation and lay themselves open to all sorts of silly and wicked desires" (verse 9, J.B.P.). Our aim should be goodness, in all that we do. He is to charge those who are rich to be humble and to use their riches in effective stewardship. Christians rich and poor alike should seek to "take hold of life that is Life indeed" (verse 19, R.S.V.).

FOR TODAY:

While driving with my friend in his new Bentley, I smugly remembered this verse: "Continue charging the rich to stop being haughty." But then I remembered two things: this letter was written to a minister and to one who wasn't wealthy! Paul's major concern is not for the proud rich, but for their envious friends. It is the desire for wealth that is the root of all evil. Godliness brings its own benefits mainly because the godly man is frequently honest, industrious and sober.

Yet when we look at wealthy Christians, frequently we are tempted to question whether they are good because it pays them. Paul does say: "Of course there is a big profit in religion if we are satisfied." (Verse 6, Beck). But the profit is in non-material possessions. Rich or poor, our material possessions become to each of us not only a privilege, but a peril, a responsibility and an opportunity. No wonder Jesus spoke more concerning our gaining and use of possessions than any single subject. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables deal with our stewardship. "Take care. You must be on your guard against every form of greed. For even in the height of his prosperity a man's true life doesn't depend on what he has." (Luko 12: 15, Goodspeed). His concern was primarily for people and their real needs. In an affluent society where advertising seduces us to "relax! eat, drink, and have a good time!" (Luko 12: 19, J.B.P.) each Christian, rich or poor, must be concerned first with the needs of others and with the way he gains and uses what he possesses. We are to "do good, be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous . . . taking hold of the life that is Life indeed."—GORDON MOYES.

BEHIND THE RACETRACK

David Kruecheberg is a young American with a most unconventional ministry. Fascinated with horses since his childhood, this 27-year-old Chicagoan came to realise that there is a human side to horse-racing—in the stables and related services there is approximately one man to every horse, which means, in the U.S.A., some 8,000,000 people. As a group in society they tend to be isolated and often forgotten.

David Kruecheberg's mission is to reach these men for Christ, and the basic tool of his work is the American Bible Society's Today's English Version New Testament. "I wouldn't place any other translation," he says, "this has meant so much to me. I never used to read the New Testament until I got 'Good News.' Since then I have read it all the time. It's the greatest. The guys think so, too, and really read it. I think it is especially beautiful when they come and ask me for a copy, which they do."

David has a dream of placing T.E.V. New Testaments in every track room in the country, where the men on the horse-racing circuit live. Cut off from ordinary society, they often escape from boredom in alcoholism, gambling and perversion. They feel rejected by the world and the church alike, and it is in this setting that David Kruecheberg proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ. He conducts services, leads Bible studies and talks personally, always on a highly informal basis and always with his "Good News for Modern Man" ready for reference.

His childhood ambition was to be a veterinary surgeon, but during his final year at High School he was led to Christ through the ministry of Dr. Billy Graham, watching his television programme, and decided right then and there that the ministry was his vocation. Trained in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, he graduated in 1969 and then committed himself to his race-track ministry.

THOUSAND COATHANGERS

(MORAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). G. A. Carslake exhibited his coathangers covered with plastic beads at local and Ferenjori shows. He has made nearly 1,000 coathangers in the four years he has been doing them . . . A husband, wife and son were baptized and received into fellowship and a couple received by transfer . . . The S.S. re-elected R. H. Carslake as Supt. and W. Carslake as sec.-treas. House to house visitation is planned for new scholars . . . The Northern Dist. Conf. was held in Dalwallinu on Sept. 12. The incoming Pres. is I. Johnson, of Geraldton . . . At Friendship meeting for Sept., ladies tried their hand at pottery . . . The mixed Intermediate youth group has an average attendance of 25.

J. MAIN AT GOOLWA

(S.A., H. E. Greenwood). John Main, missionary from India, addressed the church on Sept. 27, showing slides . . . B.S. anniversary on Oct. 4 had M. Arnot from Murray Bridge as speaker. A splendid play, "David and Goliath" was staged by primary scholars. Evening service was conducted by senior scholars led by Richard Owen, from A.B.I. The theme was "Christian Influence in the Home."

50 years ago

(From the "Australian Christian" October, 1920)

Missions. In brief volunteer missions in Vic. there were 56 decisions. Missions were held at Ballarat, Colac, Croydon, Dandenong, Red Hill, Rochester, St. Arnaud, Stawell, Swan Hill, Warragul and Wedderburn.

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Japan. The Empress of Japan granted an audience to delegates to the Sunday School Convention at Tokyo. The Empress specially expressed appreciation of the Convention's attitude towards world peace.

Died. Chas. M. Alexander, regarded as one of the finest song-leaders the world ever had.

Anglicans Decline. In Britain the official figures for the Anglican Church showed the following decreases from 1917 to 1918: Baptisms 22,698; S.S. scholars 108,529; confirmations 19,673. Easter Communicants were up by 32,439.

Temperance. There were Temperance campaigns being waged in every State and members of Churches of Christ were taking a prominent part. W. C. Brooker was President of the S.A. Alliance; Gifford Gordon was Financial Manager of the Anti-Liquor League (Vic.), C. M. Gordon was its Organising Director.

OPEN FORUM

NO PRAISE FOR CHURCH

To the Editor,

Does heaven bless the gods of conservatism, action without prayer, hierarchical doctrine, artificial precision. "It's worked like this before," and "She'll be right"? And does God have an opportunity to work effectively through those who worship them?

I sincerely thank my living God that I'm able to worship him amongst a church who actively believe in faith, Christian love and hospitality, prayer, healing by the Spirit, experimentation, tolerance, and that God can work through them.

My church is not perfect, for it's there because sinners need the saving power of Jesus. But whether old or young each is able to greet another: the long-haired, the shoeless, the long dressed, hatless and suttless, the evangelical, the pentecostal, the liberal, together.

So what? I'm concerned that so many people in the churches are blatantly criticised, not tolerated, un-nurtured, stubbornly resisted, and silenced legally and so feel deserted and are desperate.

And the Church is in fear and trembling . . . before men! The Church is in need of more love, tolerance, "give it a go," and an alive Holy Spirit.

I'm disappointed with many older folk, who often sit ungodly in filigotten, "fixed" seats and wield . . . God's love? Young people and the socially illiterate, especially, are crying out—in shame, in loneliness, in poverty, in desperation, in indecision . . . and in disbelief, for even the Church closes her doors and doesn't hear, see or say. They search and don't receive.

Oldies, especially, please read again about Jesus, who he is, where he met people, what he did for them (he even talked with them), and what he can do in us. Let's share together our Living God and what he's doing for us. This will bring us together.—I. C. Young (S.A.).

FUNDS FOR CHURCH

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., Walter Bartlett). The concert by "The Cavaliers" netted \$40 for church funds . . . At an Elderly Citizens' Social Mrs. John Stafford and Mr. Henzel rendered solos . . . John Main, from Indian Mission field, addressed the Eastern District Prayer Meeting and Missionary Rally in this church . . . Albert Jenkinson, from Temperance Alliance, used films and flip charts for talk on drugs and alcohol . . . 12 scholars took part in our family service on Oct. 4 . . . Recent speakers were Hospital Chaplain J. Baker and A. Gremlin. Soloists: Mrs. Molloy.

GROWTH AT BALLARAT

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic., Barry McMurtree). At church anniversary, K. J. Clinton, Pres. of Conf., brought challenging messages at two services. A choir sang several items . . . The best attended ever business meeting was held. Graeme Hewitt was elected to the Deacons' Board . . . Ladies' Guild entertained ladies from other churches at their annual meeting . . . An entrance porch

THE "LAST THINGS"

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to only one subject raised by Messrs. Turill, Geyer and Wright in their Open Forum letter of July 25, namely, the doctrine of the "Last Things."

First, historically the doctrine has included a number of related, though somewhat distinguishable, subjects. I have long thought it would help if those of us who speak about the Kingdom of God and the Second Advent were to define our terms. I understand the term Kingdom of God to refer to: (1) the everlasting sovereignty of God, (2) the manifestation of that sovereignty upon earth as it is accepted by men, and (3) the consummation of that sovereignty to be expected and hoped for in the future. Presumably the Second Advent has to do with the last mentioned and therefore cannot always be differentiated from the Kingdom of God.

Second, I am not aware that any passage cited in my June 13 article can be construed as referring to the persecution of the Jews in A.D. 70.

Third, for at least three reasons 1 Cor. 7: 26 is more likely to refer to the "End" than to impending Roman persecution: (1) the whole tenor of 1 Cor. 7: 17-35, perhaps especially vv. 29 and 31; (2) the fact that nowhere else in Paul's writings do we find an expectation of, much less Christian practice based upon the expectation of, Roman persecution; and (3) the Lukan account in Acts, which sets forth the early Church's expectation of Roman support against Jewish persecution.

Fourth, when Jesus is reported to have said to the Twelve, "You will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes" (Matt. 10: 23b), the more natural sense of the saying would seem to be that it has a future, rather than a present, reference. To label the natural sense liberal and then dismiss it on that account does not shed much light on the saying.

—Ronald Graham, U.S.A.

has been added to the chapel. School building is being altered to increase the usefulness of the new teaching methods in the B.S. . . . Two have been baptized recently . . . The church is preparing for a 10-day mission led by Mr. Lockhart of the U.S.A. commencing on Oct. 28.

SUCCESSFUL HOUSE PARTIES

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). When adults and children shared in progressive dinner proceeds were for C.W.F. funds . . . House parties were held one week with a different hostess and home each night, with social and devotional programme . . . Members were collectors for Freedom from Hunger campaign. Over \$300 was collected . . . Duetists on Sept. 27 were Mr. and Mrs. Mac. Wolf . . . Five tennis teams are entered in the summer competitions. The club paraded on Oct. 4 . . . C.W.F. have recommenced Tuesday devotional meetings. Prayer meetings continue in members' homes . . . C.W.E.F. October meeting took the form of a pattern demonstration by "Golden Rule."

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Russell Craig). Guest speakers at the Church Missionary Convention week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maxie, Church of Christ from Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Don. Jesse, workers for the New Tribes Mission among the primitive tribes in South America; Geoff Higgins of the Aborigines' Inland Mission; and a member of our congregation, Miss Nancy McPham who recently returned from voluntary service in New Guinea . . . 67 campers and leaders from Sydney, Newcastle, Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and Inverell, spent long week-end in camp at "Blue Nobby," 70 miles from Inverell . . . Mrs. Rhonda Hodges has been baptized . . . Mrs. McLean, Conf. Pres., visited here. Many women travelled to the country home of Mrs. Lyn Hamilton for fellowship.

Dr. MACKO IN TASMANIA

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., Lloyd G. Read). Dr. Peter Macko (U.S.A.) en route to World Convention was guest speaker at both services on Oct. 11. On the 12th, C.W.E.F. held an open meeting at which Dr. Macko told of church work in America and also showed slides. He also had discussions with a combined meeting of church officers of Invermay and Margaret St. . . . 14 members attended World Convention.

MINISTRY EXTENSION

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W.), J. H. Regouby has accepted an invitation to serve the church for an additional period of three to five years . . . There were three confessions recently, a High School teacher, an apprentice and a student . . . There was "Open Day" to inspect manse renovators and improvements . . . Seven former Superintendents sat down to the 40th S.S. anniversary Birthday Tea. Greetings came from former preachers . . . Harry Handley (Belmore) spoke on the Safety Council of N.S.W. and showed film at recommenced Men's Fellowship . . . Men made rock garden fronting chapel and also covered floor with Estapol . . . Women's bus outing to "Everglades" on Blue Mountains resulted in \$10 for manse fund.

CHURCH LIFE CONSULTATION

(ULVERSTONE, Tas., C. P. Claydon). A Church Life consultation with the Board was led by L. G. Cooke, from Hobart, and assisted by Roy Drayton, Melb. A highlight was looking at church building plans in relation to the various areas of the church programme . . . The church combined their Chain of Prayer week with a series of prayer workshops from 7 p.m. to 7.20 p.m. . . . A Vacation School was conducted during school holidays with an average attendance of 34 . . . Girls' Brigade commenced Sept. 24 with 16 girls . . . 15 ladies from our church attended the combined State C.W.F. Camp held at Ulverstone.

MANSE FUND GROWS

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., Laurie Tremel). Manse fund has reached over \$2,000 . . . G. Wilcott and D. Tubernae, of College of the Bible, were speakers on Oct. 11 and 18.

PRINCIPAL PREACHERS

(GARDINER, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). Principal Himbury, of Whitley College, and Principal Williams, of the College of the Bible, spoke on the two concluding nights of the "Principal Preachers" series . . . The church has extended its Christian sympathy to Mrs. Ethel Berryman in the sudden loss of her husband . . . Guest preachers for 50th anniversary on Sept. 13, were F. A. Youns and Dr. Lloyd E. Jones. There was a P.S.A. session and a church tea. The outstanding service over 40 years of H. N. Watkins was recognised by the unveiling of a plaque in the church hall, now known as the Harold N. Watkins Hall . . . At S.S. anniversary services Ron Muller and Mr. Dewberry were speakers. The S.S. Supt., Miss Enderby, presided, and Maurice Rocha conducted the scholars' singing . . . Roger Ryall, missionary on furlough from India, spoke to the C.W.F. afternoon group on Sept. 2.

BUSHWHACKER'S BARN

(MALVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams/K. Verge). The hall was converted to a "Bushwhacker's Barn" on Oct. 2. Decorations included hurricane lamps and bales of hay. Over 20, including parents of club children, saw a display of Good Companions' project work. Entertainment was provided by the girls, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Feclner and Mr. and Mrs. Don Richter, all of C.O.B., and some well-known local "hayseeds." Silver coin donations went towards Good Companions' Mini-bulk project for Camp Waterman . . . L. Robinson and E. Holland were added to the Board . . . The 10.30 a.m. starting time will be continued indefinitely . . . Junior Explorers visited Eastern Hill Fire Station . . . Viney Longthorp introduced the C.L.C. Adult Study material to Wednesday night meeting.

TO GET TURNED ON

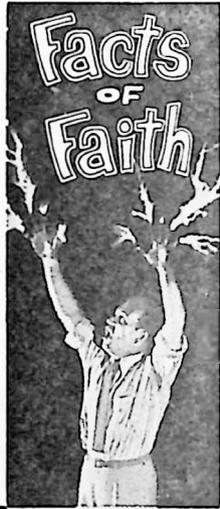
(HAMPSHIRE GARDENS, S.A., M. D. Williams). The Sept. 20 service featured the problem of drug dependency. Trevor Locket, a pharmacist, member of Glenelg church, summed up and answered questions. His address and audio-visual entitled "The Real Trip," stressed that only Christ can turn a person on . . . B.S. anniversary with the theme "What the World Needs Now," featured each grade presenting a segment, with no visiting speakers . . . A Fellowship Tea was followed by a drama presented by the Boundary Players: "A Morality Play for the Lethargic Class" . . . Church regrets the death of elder Walter Matthews on Oct. 7 . . . Recent speakers were State and Federal Conference Presidents, W. J. Philip and S. R. Beck respectively, O. L. Smith and F. Banks.

LAND TAKEN

(ENFIELD HEIGHTS, S.A., R. C. Sack). The local council has resumed a large portion of church frontage . . . Mrs. Sack, ill in hospital for some weeks, has been transferred to Royal Adelaide Hospital for more intensive treatment . . . G. Filmer, A. Harris and W. Spencer were preachers during minister's recent illness . . . Mrs. R. Allen, C.W.F. President, is recovering after long illness . . . At annual meeting, Mrs. T. Fraser was appointed deaconess and R. Bunyon and P. Jolley as deacons. The church is to be repainted.

MAIDSTONE MINISTRY

(Vic.). David White has accepted an invitation to remain at Maidstone for a further two years . . . Mrs. Vera Morrison of the C.W.F. executive spoke to the ladies and showed films on hospital visitation . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ryall spoke at two services on Sept. 20 on India. . . Graeme Bradley has accepted the position as pastor at Sunshine church.



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GUEST EDITORIAL



**HOWARD E.
SHORT**
Editor "The Christian"
U.S.A.

magnificent job. Even the efficient Americans, always eager to tell how we do it in Texas, or anywhere, are settled in comfortably and admiring what they see.

Between conventions one often hears questions as to the worth of such assemblies. All editors are accustomed to letters complaining that the occasions are used primarily for vacation trips to parts of the world unvisited heretofore. Our experience has been something different. At Buffalo, Toronto, Edinburgh and San Juan we received thrilling, long-lasting rewards of faith, not dependent upon the site of our meeting. And Adelaide has already made its lasting impression.

Others will write the details of our opening session but there were aspects of it which we feel compelled to comment upon, a fit closing for this opening editorial.

How can one watch the pageant of flags, to the accompaniment of organ, piano, choir and brass choir without a sense of brotherhood with one's fellow Christians around the world?

Perhaps we may be pardoned for a personal note of thanks to the first vice-president of the convention for the demanding message he gave an opening night. As a sophomore at Eureka College in 1926, we had the opportunity to welcome Raymond McCallister, as a freshman. In forty-four years of close friendship we have always profited from his great spirit but this address was the greatest of all.

PAGEANT OF FLAGS

By E. Richard Crabtree

A dramatic and colourful procession led by a girl carrying an open Bible and followed by the flags of 34 nations opened the Eighth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Apollo Stadium on Tuesday night. The spacious stadium, which seats 5,000, was jammed to capacity with more than 6,000 seated and standing. Others were unable to get into the crowded hall.

The 34 flags featured in the opening of this nationally televised session represented the countries in which Churches of Christ and Christian Churches have congregations or mission work.

Each flag was carried by an attractive girl dressed in white and wearing a gold scarf. Accompanying each girl was a citizen, a missionary, or a representative of that country. After the flags were massed in the front of the stadium, each was placed in its stand by the national representative as the roll was called of the countries involved in our world wide fellowship. The flags will remain in the front of the stadium during the remainder of the World Convention sessions.

These symbols of the nations in this globe circling brotherhood gave visual proof of the validity of the convention theme, "One Gospel —

One World." Mr. I. John Chivell, Australian World Convention Secretary and Secretary State Conference, South Australia,

commented, "These flags are really significant. They show that the gospel can go beyond our national boundaries. The gospel of Christ can cross the lines of nations, politics, and race in a way that nothing else can."

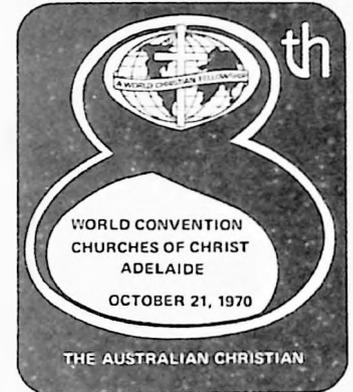
This pageant of flags was especially appropriate at this Eighth World Convention. From all indications it is one of the larger assemblies of the convention and has an unusually broad representation of different nations.

In these days of study, worship, and fellowship, this unity in a gospel which can make different people truly one will be experienced and demonstrated in the beautiful city of Adelaide.

(Dr. Crabtree is Minister at First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio.)



The flags of 34 countries moved together towards the Convention theme notice of "One Gospel — One World." It was easy for a moment to forget the hostilities of a divided world and dream that the brotherhood of man was achieved. It was also easy to forget (just for a moment) the weakness of the divided church — upon which the brotherhood of man depends.



**Civil Leaders Welcome
Convention**

By NANCY SAENZ

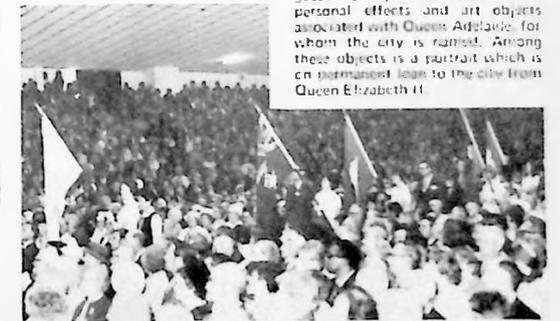
Costumes and accents from some 20 countries blended in Town Hall's Adelaide Room to set the tone for the next five days in the South Australian capital. The Lord Mayor (Mr. Porter) and the Lady Mayoress welcomed leaders of the Churches of Christ at a 4 pm reception on Tuesday preceding the opening session of the Eighth Assembly at Apollo Stadium.

The Lord Mayor commented that he and the Lady Mayoress have visited most of the countries represented by their guests, and expressed his hope that all delegates would enjoy the natural assets and hospitable spirit of Adelaide.

In responding to the Lord Mayor's welcome, Sir Philip Messent, president of the Eighth Assembly, expressed his confidence in Adelaide's attractiveness to delegates, both interstate and overseas, and his hope that the Assembly's effect on the city would be an uplifting and lasting one.

Guests entered Town Hall from King William Street, where flags of all their countries were displayed. Refreshments for the occasion featured such typical Australian fare as sausage rolls and orange cordial.

The Lord Mayor invited his guests to inspect the collection of personal effects and art objects associated with Queen Adelaide, for whom the city is named. Among these objects is a portrait which is on permanent loan to the city from Queen Elizabeth II.



Greeting from the Assembly President



Sir Phillip Messent

The Australian — and in particular the South Australian delegates have been eagerly anticipating this gathering, and we do hope all overseas delegates will be conscious of the warmth and sincerity of our welcome. We trust that they will rapidly regard us as 'old friends.'

It would be a truism to say we meet at a time when the Church all over the world is faced with tremendous dangers. May we learn afresh the truth of the statement 'man's extremity is God's opportunity' — and accept these threats as a challenge leading us to examine afresh our right to be called Christian.

The cynic says men will not listen to the Gospel: That we must adopt a new approach. I suggest rather that we return to the old approach — reconsecrate our lives to Christ — allow Him first place in our lives (in actions, not only in words) — renew our faith in the efficacy of prayer — and finally, as we move about the world remember that each of us is the Church going into action. Our contacts will judge Christ's claims by His effect on our actions — are we humble, loving, gracious, slow to anger, quick to forgive? Do we even faintly resemble Christ as we go about our daily tasks and recreations?

If we all go back to our countries and Churches with increased spiritual depth, the greater humility, with deeper love for Christ, and our Brethren, who can assess the effects among our friends and work mates? May we really aim at turning the 'World upside down'.

A Convention such as this is a 'mountain top' experience. May God grant that as we descend into the valley of normal life we may not lose any of the exhilaration, the enthusiasm, the joy of sharing Christ's Gospel with others.

PHILIP MESSENT

BY THEIR OWN HAND

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THIS IS THE EIGHTH ASSEMBLY —

WHERE WERE THE SEVEN?

1 The first World Convention of Churches of Christ was held in Washington D.C. in October 1930. Representatives from 35 countries were present. The U.S. President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover received the delegates on the White House lawn. There were 7,500 representatives. The Convention President was Dr. Jesse M. Bader. Speakers included Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Daniel Poling.

2 The second World Convention was held at Leicester in August 1935. The President was J. Wycliff Black. There were 1,968 representatives. Among the speakers were Dr. Robert M. Hopkins and Dr. Edgar De Witt Jones.

3 The third World Convention planned for Toronto in 1940 was postponed because of World War II. No. 3 instead was held at Buffalo U.S.A. in August 1947 with Canadian sponsorship and Canadian Geo. E. Stewart as President. E. Stanley Jones stood in for U.S. President Harry S. Truman. T. Z. Koo also spoke.

4 Australia was host to the World Brotherhood in Melbourne in August 1952. It was to have been held in 1950 but transport problems caused a postponement. Reg Ennis was President and Alan Walker and James Gray were speakers.

5 Toronto at last had its Convention in August 1955 with Edgar G. Burton as President. A feature was the "Children's Convention" for which 435 children under 14 years of age registered. Dr. Robt. J. McCracken, R. S. Garfield Todd and the Hon. Lester B. Pearson were featured speakers.

6 At Edinburgh in 1960 at the opening session 33 young people carried 33 flags from the 33 nations represented. Charles K. Green was President and those who gave addresses included Dr. Geo. MacLeod, R. S. Garfield Todd and Murdo McDonald.

7 For its seventh Assembly, the World Convention in August, 1965, moved to a "Mission land", Puerto Rico. This was the first assembly without Dr. Jesse M. Bader who had for so long been its inspiration and symbol of unity. The 7th Assembly unanimously appointed Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick as World Secretary. Dr. Florentino Santana was World President, Dr. Martin Niemöller and Dr. Martin Luther King gave addresses.

8 Here in Adelaide, with Sir Phillip Messent as President, we are now carrying Adelaide's name among the famous cities which have hosted the Convention.

(A forerunner of the World Conventions of Churches of Christ was the great 1909 Centennial Convention in Pittsburgh, USA, which celebrated the first 100 years of the Restoration Movement. The communion service associated with the Convention was attended by about 27,000. Fifteen Australian Australians were there as well as at least 40 American Australians — the latter being permanent US residents, or temporarily serving there).



Dr. Drowota presenting World Convention Citation to Principal E. L. Williams (left) and Dr. Blakemore, on Friday night at Apollo Stadium.



Challenge to meet world's needs

By James J. Christensen

The International outreach of the 8th Assembly of the World Convention was evidenced on Friday night when the platform group included Peter Solomon, M.P. of India, John S. Fullford, South Africa; Miss Shizu Kawai of Japan, Mrs. Rathie Salvaratnam, and R. S. Garfield Todd of Rhodesia.

Friday's convention thoughts focusing upon "The World in Need" were fittingly concluded by the Honorable R. S. Garfield Todd. Dr. Todd, a former Christian Missionary from New Zealand and former Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, was the featured speaker at Apollo Stadium.



Garfield Todd at the rostrum

Earlier in the day, the world's needs were graphically delineated in Latin America by Mrs. Luis Parrilla; in India by Peter Solomon, and in Africa by Paul Elonda. Dr. Spencer Austin, substituting for the Honorable Edith Green, U.S. Congresswoman, objectified these into a Christian perspective. Todd asserted that the world and its needs rest in essence in brutality, injustice and greed — in man's sin.

In the statesmanship manner which has characterized his Christian witness, Dr. Todd frequently pricked the conscience with such questions as "What does the church have to offer? ... What hope can the Christian Church give the world today? ... What is the programme of your church? ... What is our reaction to the needs of men? ..."

The easy optimism of the 19th century liberals who believed the world could gradually evolve to perfection was exposed by World War II.

Communism, Todd asserted, believes the real problems are in

production, distribution and communications and can be solved by man's scientific knowledge.

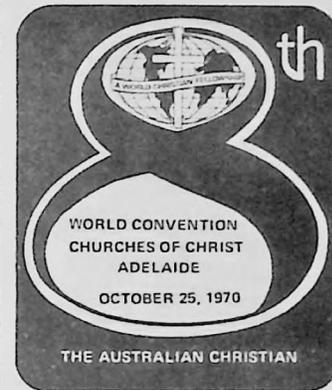
Two generations ago many church people held that enlightened political policies could establish the Kingdom of God in their generation.

"I fear that many people," continued Todd, "have little respect for the church ... too often our record has been uninspiring ... too little of the lump has been effected."

Christ calls his disciples to continue his work on earth, to do more than just keep the church alive, but to leaven the community and make our own nation a Christian force for worldwide brotherhood.

The world's ultimate need is for faith and hope in face of death. Only Christ has the message of ultimate victory which gives purpose to life. Man's ultimate need is met only by God.

(Dr. Christensen is Minister, Lindenwood Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn. U.S.A.)



A singer and his song

The great stadium at Bidmond exploded with applause following the solo by Donald Shanks of the Australian Opera Company, and the vast audience demanded an encore. Mr. Shanks at last went to the microphone and said that he had brought only one song, but that he would like to make his testimony, and in simple words that made him one with the highest purposes of our Convention, he declared his Christian faith and trust in God's daily guidance. It was a very moving moment.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

A big team of photographers has been on duty during the 8th Assembly. While engaged primarily in ensuring that a permanent record was made of the Convention on colour slides, and in photographs for the "Pictorial Souvenir", they readily made their services available for "The Australian Christian."

E. P. C. Holford, Ray Caudle and Lyle Whyatt were leaders of the team, and we are grateful to them all.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

EDWARD H. ROCKY

Chairman of the
Communications Division,
Pepperdine College.

"The medium is the message," says a prophet of the mass media. If that is true, what sort of message do we sense as each of us responds to that medium: the Eighth World Convention?

Warmth is felt keenly. People greet each other here with genuine joy and with enthusiasm and affection. Community comes through clearly. People are sharing — sharing home, ideas, taxis, backgrounds, meals, feelings, news and hopes (yes, and even seats at the Apollo). Concern also radiates. It is a beautiful experience to encounter people who really care. Don't underestimate the power of five thousand people who travel hundreds, even thousands of miles because they care deeply about unity and freedom, about faith and commitment, about human need and suffering, and about modern man's response to Jesus Christ. Dedicated action is obvious too. Able men and women are working to make good things happen.

Supposedly, the plagues of apathy and alienation have descended upon Western Man. If so, most of the five thousand people here have an antidote — they have been immunized with care, hope and love, three four-letter words we would like to see more of.

Oh, the typical weaknesses of conventions are evident. Take bureaucracy for example: the Mexico City travel exhibit popped up even before the Time and Place Committee met. Then, of course, the poverty of verbosity must always be with us. Despite editor White's pointed and poignant plea charging a wordy church to communicate in ways suitable for a visually oriented world, we talked on and on.

At a time when film art is being used with telling force and great sensitivity, we used no films (we could learn from the skilful use of films at such meetings as the Fourth General Assembly of the WCC and the World Congress on Evangelism). The opening service could have been prepared more distinctly as a visual medium for the telecast. Probably the Thursday night young people's service should get the World Convention Oscar as the visual winner of the week.

Thankfully, the weaknesses have been few. Those who planned and carried out the program created and shared a vital experience with us all, and they shared it competently and lovingly. We hope they feel the sincerity of our gratitude and the depth of our admiration.

But let's remember their hope for us, that we return to our homes and jobs and churches with a new sense of purpose, faithfulness, and service. The message of the medium can be put in one sentence: The One Gospel will reach the One World only if we care enough.



THE ROSTVIT TWINS

All of our young reporters wanted to interview the Rostvit Twins but it was too important for anyone less than the Editor to undertake, so we found them at the Assembly on Friday morning.

There are two of them, Janice, the pretty one who sings is right handed; and Faye, the pretty one who sings is left handed. These mirror twins are studying at Joplin College, Missouri, USA, from which they will graduate in 1971 provided they can catch up on all the time they have lost by coming to Australia.

They have been singing since 1960, when they were High School youngsters. They made a quartette with two older sisters who are now married.

The Rostvit twins are here working with the Reggie Thomas Evangelistic Team and when they complete their seminary training they will continue in Christian service with Mr. Thomas.

Their next engagement here will be at Mile End following the Sunday morning service, October 25, and they will be with the Thomas Team Evangelistic effort, also at Mile End, from November 8 — 20.

In the photo above Faye is on the left.

The Sprung Club

A group of young people in Adelaide are known as the Sprung Club. The origin of the name seems a bit of a mystery, but they're not young enough to be called the Spring Club, and they are not old enough to be called the Autumn Club. "Sprung" is somewhere in between. They are not a programmed organisation since they are all deeply committed in their own churches and service groups but they meet together for social fellowship and a few extras.

Strangely enough, all of the current members are exactly twenty four years and some months. Nobody will say just how many months!

As a willing extra, the Sprung Club accepted responsibility for bringing to Adelaide for World Convention, a young man from the Congo. This was quite a costly enterprise which the Sprung Club was happy to undertake on behalf of the World Fellowship of the Churches of Christ.

May they never see the autumn!



Members of the Sprung Club with Paul Elonda their guest from the Congo.

STRINE WISE

Some years ago it was discovered that in Australia a sub-culture had developed. Its chief characteristic was its distinctive language. (We are not able to use the common speech of all of our visitors from other lands, but we thought we might have a small section in Strine).

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(Non-strine visitors and underprivileged academics may turn to back page).

Friday morning at Wayville

By TOM GIBBS

Sitting in a session of the Convention you must feel, "this is where I came in," for no matter where or when there is a sameness about Conventions. And who is to say that is bad? Not this writer. And so it was that Friday morning's session echoed another theme not in the least new to Christians nor to Convention goers.

Three speakers, one from Argentina, one from India and another from the Congo said "Need is our neighbor." One did sense, however, an urgency, particularly as he heard the representative from the Congo, not to be taken lightly. Declared Mr. Paul Elonda, "In ten years if the economic needs of Africa are not met Communism will take over. Churches are filled, Africa loves God, but she must have help." Conditions of extreme poverty exist scant miles outside every city.

"There are 20 million people in Congo and but one doctor for each one half million. Communism thrives where there is death, where there is a vacuum. Let the church take note."

Peter Solomon from India called for a stable government, population control, more land and a primary need to be secure in one's own person and property. Kidnapping, robbery, housebreaking, drinking and gambling have become a way of life for many in India to the point one does not feel safe in going out at night.

Speaking of the need for education, Mr. Solomon called for education with the purpose of character building citing his own education in the U.S. particularly.

Speaking first, Mrs. Luis Parrilla of Argentina cited the periods of development in Latin America and especially referred to the period since 1945, as the new generation of economic, social and cultural revolution. She called upon the church to share the sufferings of the people, to give prophetic leadership and lead in supplying and developing universal human resources.

Perhaps there is nothing new in conventions — surely need is not new — but the urgency to meet it is. And Christians better hear and heed. That is what went on at Wayville Friday morning.

(Thomas J. Gibbs, Jr. Westchester Christian Church, Los Angeles, California).

"BLOKE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

"The Australian Christian" today announces the first recipient of its new award. He is John Chivell, secretary of the Arrangements Committee in Adelaide.

Those of us who came to the Convention are greatly in debt to the Crowwaters who have been living with the Convention for years in dedicated preparation. (A

Crowwater is a South Australian)

There are literally hundreds who have been engaged in as many tasks. The only reward they sought is the satisfaction of service, and this they attained with distinction.

We want them to know that we are aware of our unpayable debt. All that we can do in return is to do our own thing for Christ, whatever it is, and wherever it is.

"Chiv" was the man in front. He would be the first to insist that he was one of a team. We'll accept that, and in honouring him we honour them all. Standing: C. H. J. Wright (now A.C.T.), K. D. Horne, Lance Brune, E. P. C. Hollard. Sitting: S. R. Beck, Mrs. E. V. Lawton, Sir Philip Messent, Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, I. J. Chivell, D. K. Butler.



SOME OF THE ADELAIDE GANG

To The Editor,

Ever since Billy Graham it seems to be the fashion for ministers to have a Bible under their arm all the time they are preaching. Sometimes when they get excited they wave it about. They never seem to open it. I suppose they think that if they are carrying their Bible while they preach it they are just preaching a lot of their pet theories! Would people think, "He must be right because he's got his Bible under his arm?"

I can remember when it used to be the fashion to preach from an open Bible and the people in the pews opened their Bibles as well so make sure they weren't having anything put over them. It meant that the minister had to juggle his notes and the Bible at the same time. It must be even harder now with a Bible under one arm, thumping the pulpit with the other, with one eye on the congregation and the other squinting at the notes.

I don't mind a minister tucking a big black Bible under his arm while he preaches if he wants to, provided he's been doing a lot of homework from it before he starts preaching. A preacher carrying his Bible in the pulpit doesn't mean that he's preaching from it, any more than if I carried my Bible in the street it means that I am living by it!

I saw you with a copy of the "Christian" under your arm the other day. Now what was that supposed to mean?

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John Hall, Convention organist.



Jeanette Egemolesse, Nurse, Australian born New Hebrides. Training at Kenmore Bible College, Qld.



John Mathieson, Draftsman, Director South Aust. Youth Choir.



Mrs. Gail Campbell, 1st Church of Christ, Beatrice, Nebraska, USA.



Dr. K. K. Kolhatkar, medical doctor, Baramati Church of Christ, India, Part-time evangelist.



Dexter Beauchamp, Member Comerio St. Christian Church, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.



William Davis, Member 1st Christian Church, Rosewell, New Mexico. Retired F.B.I. Agent.



Miss Wandee Kuntawong, President, National Women's Work, Thailand.

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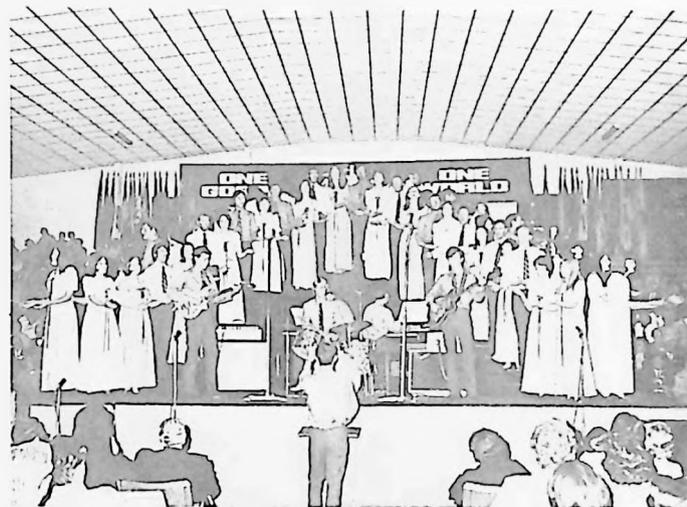
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STRINE AUSTRALIAN WAYS

As the World Convention was coming closer we wondered if we could be equal to the occasion (do the honors). But all is well. It gave us great pleasure to meet aeroplanes and railway trains from Melbourne and Sydney. Our guests of honor are staying at the glorious homes of their friends. Others are at motels with wall to wall carpets and modern amenities like air conditioners. At supermarkets they can satisfy their appetites with hot pies and ham and pickle sandwiches and in another couple of days they will be true Australians.

MORE FACES AT THE CONVENTION



The Youth Choir was led by John Mathieson who came up through its ranks to become its qualified conductor. The producer for last night's programme was Dean Bain who has for many years been the Choir's advisor in many productions.

EMPHASIS ON YOUTH

By Max Ward Randall

Thursday night offered a uniquely different evening for the crowd jamming Apollo Stadium, the focus was upon youth. Superlatives became inadequate to describe the program. The generation gap was narrowed as Christian young men and women lifted the audience to new commitment to the Lord.

The evening, begun with great hymns, was enhanced by

the aboriginal folk song, sung by Miss Maureen Rule which concluded with the words, "You can help us now; it is not too late."

Kathy Wymore, a young lady from Ohio, led the congregation in prayer participation that directed attention to the contemporary need of young people to know the Savior.

The Youth Choir from the Churches of Christ of Adelaide, singing "You Can Touch Him" and "I Looked for Love" was superb, and the Rostvi Twins from Missouri, singing "I Have Peace In My Heart" and "There Has Never been a friend like Jesus" left many an older brother thanking God for an international emphasis coming from Christian youth from many lands.

Romans 11:3 through 12:2 was impressively quoted by John Liu from the New Hebrides. The Genesis Christian rock group from Adelaide inspired with their rendition of the spiritual, "I woke up in the morning with Jesus on my mind" and with the vocal-instrumental "We are nothing if we have not love."

An appropriate part of the evening's emphasis was the focus on World Convention personality Mrs. Jesse M. Bader from New York City who asked, "How big is your

world?" and emphasized that it is not big enough if we fail to make it big enough for God.

"Love Is Surrender" and "There Is More to Life" were next winsomely sung by the Youth Choir.

"Youth and the world revolution" was the subject of C. H. J. Wright's thoughtful address. He emphasized that youth have several choices as they face the world, they can run away from life; they can run with the world; or they can accept the challenge of the world; and they can surrender to Jesus Christ.

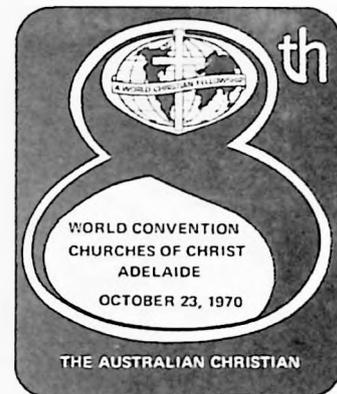
The climax of the evening came with the drama "Here I Am," presented by the Adelaide group, Chancel and Boundary Players. The message that narrow self-centredness must give way to selfless surrender to the will of Christ was inescapable.

Thus concluded a memorable evening. One member of the audience was heard to say, "the Church is in good hands with young people like these," to which many present on Thursday night would warmly concur.

(Max Ward Randall is professor of Church Growth and Mission at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Lincoln, Illinois, U.S.A.)



Jim Wright, A.T.C.



SHOCK FOR DELEGATES

During the World Convention business session today, Convention delegates were unprepared for the announcement of the resignation of the General Secretary.

Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick became associate General Secretary to Jesse Backer more than eight years ago and since that time he has travelled extensively and shared deeply with his brethren in every country where the Restoration movement is represented. He guided the World Convention to Puerto Rico and Adelaide.

He stated to the Convention this morning that he had a strong conviction that those who serve as leaders in the areas of the general work of the church should so serve for a limited period of time. After much soul searching and prayer he reached the decision that he should surrender this office as from July 1971.

In concluding his statement, Dr. Kirkpatrick said, "The World Convention's most fruitful days and the service which it has to offer the world brotherhood unquestionably are in the future — not in the past. We as a brotherhood have discovered here in Adelaide a sense of world community as a people. We have come to realize that despite our very real differences, and there are many of them, we are nevertheless one people within the great family of God. I must admit having almost a feeling of envy for that one whom you will call to be my successor. His life too will be blessed by the experience he will have in the years he will serve."

It will be hard to think of the World Convention without Larry. He is the best looking bachelor General Secretary we have had. We would need a much bigger journal than this to do justice to the appreciation our world brotherhood would like to express.

Here, all that we can say is "Thank you Larry and God bless!"

SOUVENIR PICTORIAL

A souvenir pictorial booklet picturing all the highlights of the great World Convention will be on sale as from Saturday afternoon at Pinky Flat for 20c per copy.

You won't want to miss this permanent record of Adelaide 1970. Anyone with a Boy's Brigade uniform at the Garden Party tomorrow will have copies.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SOUTH SEA MISSION

Here's a question for you! What did Abraham Lincoln have to do with starting a Church of Christ mission in the South Seas?

Answer. He helped to start a civil war in the United States of America.

Maybe that is stretching the connection a bit beyond breaking point, but the two events were not entirely unrelated.

While the North and South were fighting it out in the States, their cotton exports, on which the mills of England depended, were suspended. Down here in Australia, the Queenslanders quickly moved to fill the economic gap. They took to growing cotton.

For their cotton plantations they needed cheap labour, so they borrowed another U.S. idea. They brought in slaves from the islands.

They didn't call them slaves. They had fancy names like "indentured labour," but the islanders wouldn't know the difference. They were offered short term jobs and then kept away from their homes for years, or they were enticed,

cajoled, lied to, coerced by the killing of their fellows, and kidnapped. These men who slaved, first on cotton and later on sugar plantations were called Kanakas.

The white men who brought the Kanakas to Queensland were known as "Blackbirders," an appropriate name for the human vultures who swooped on to the defenceless men (and women) of the Solomon, the New Hebrides, the Sandwich and the Torres Strait islands.

In forty years the Blackbirders brought 60,000 of them to Australia, mostly by foul means. Fear drove the islanders into the bush when they saw a ship approaching their shores, but the Blackbirders were diabolically cunning and deceitful.

They disguised themselves as Missionaries on their vessel as a Mission ship, criticised islanders on board and took them prisoners. Bishop Patteson, a beloved missionary, was killed in mistaken revenge for such deeds.

Meanwhile, back in

Queensland, there were a few who were ashamed of what was being done and did their best to help the Kanakas. One of them was John Thompson. He became much concerned about the islanders working on the plantations in the Bundaberg district. He began holding Christian services for them. He visited the various plantations to preach and teach. There was a splendid response, and many were won for Christ. As our churches learned of the work, support came for Mr. Thompson from all over Australia and New Zealand. From 1886 to 1895, 925 were baptised.

One night on the Dooley plantation, Thompson had a much smaller meeting than usual in the old grass hut meeting place which was falling into ruin. He went looking for his congregation and found some of them working by moonlight on the frame of a building much larger than was customary for such people. He asked what they were doing, and a spokesman replied: "Oid fella grass house he small fella, too much when we go longa skull (school) longa old fella grass

house he full up, finish everytime altogether, we fella stop outside longa grass. More better, we make em big fella skull, then altogether man he come inside, he hear more better bine by when he say more longa Jesus, might he come Chishen, that very good." (The old grass hut is too small. If we built a larger place, all the men will be able to come inside to hear about Jesus and become Christians!)

These Kanakas worked from daylight to dark for their owners. Only at night, when there was a moon, could they express their love for Christ and their loyalty to his servant, John Thompson, in the building of a church.

The Government at last caught up with the Blackbirders, hanged some, imprisoned others, and stopped their trade. Political changes, such as the White Australia Policy were introduced, and the islanders were gradually sent home. That is, those who were left, for many thousands died in Queensland. Those who did return to their homes carried with them the gospel. One of

them was Tabymancon, a daring adventurer for Christ. The interest of the Australian churches went back with the islanders. They sent John Thompson across to the New Hebrides and he stayed there for six months in 1903. The pressure was now strong for the establishment of mission schools and churches and in 1908 Frank Filmer went out to Pentecost as our missionary.

When does a missionary church become of age? Answer: when it sends out missionaries as well as receives them. The New Hebridean church has grown up for it has now sent missionaries to work alongside Australians in New Guinea.

At this World Convention there is a New Hebridean. Elder Abel Barni. Abel's father was one of the Kanakas who was "blackbirded" by an unscrupulous sea captain and forcibly taken to work on the cane fields in Maryborough, Queensland. He was one of the islanders who took the Gospel back to their homeland and helped to build our mission in the New Hebrides.

'Man in the contemporary scene'

By J. Daniel Joyce



This was the theme of the men's session in the Regency Ballroom, and the symposium members, A. E. White, Kingsley Dube and John Speck took an analytical look at man in the presence of modern social pressures, mass media, and automation. Each one emphasised the de-personalisation of human life and the demand to do more things in less time. Man cannot live in satisfying relationships with his neighbour unless he takes seriously the Christian faith with regard to the infinite worth of the individual.

The evil present in technological advance is that it is not used primarily to improve the living conditions of human life. Our human

concerns have not kept pace with our technological advance.

Mr. White emphasised the world-wide concern and message of the church and the ability of mass media to deliver that message, but he raised the question, "Will the church use this media?" Frank See of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brought the morning sermon to the effect that man is in search of God-like achievement in science but he does not know who he is. He has an identity crisis, in which the Christian faith alone can speak to him as a whole and declare him to be the creation of God.

It is a much needed point, made by the preacher, that there was a time when dust was no longer dust and man became a living soul. He hit the same theme as the symposium members, saying that man is the master of things but a slave to himself. His wonderful conclusion needs to be repeated often, namely, God has disclosed man's identity in the person of Jesus Christ.

(Dr. Joyce is Dean of the Graduate Seminary, Phillips University, USA).

To The Editor,

My atheist neighbour over the back fence scorns faith. He reckons he only believes what can be proved. He makes me mad! But I've just been thinking: he lives by faith as much as I do.

I have faith that there's a God and that Jesus Christ shows us what he is like. He has faith that there isn't!

I believe that I am answerable to God. He believes and no doubt hopes that he isn't!

I have faith that this life isn't all there is. He has faith that it is!

I have faith that God in his own quiet way is helping me to handle life. He believes that it is just my imagination or a sort of auto-suggestion.

Neither of us can prove any of these things. We both have faith.

But I reckon I'm enjoying my faith a lot more than he is enjoying his. My faith gives meaning to my life. His faith says, "There ain't no meaning!"

The Bible says, "The just shall live by faith." Whether they like it or not the unjust have to, too.

TERTIUS

14 COUNTRIES IN GLOBAL C.W.F.

By Mary Louise Rowand

The "church pew" stretched clear around the globe Thursday morning, when the World Christian Women's Fellowship met for its Quinquennial meeting! From fourteen countries they came to report to their sisters their special contributions to the extension of the Kingdom of God.

In the lovely costumes of their native country, each representative took the microphone, and for the moment, even though they worship back home in thatched huts, under trees and in great cathedrals — and even though, the tiny woman from Thailand could stand under the arm of the tall one from the States, they found that "to develop all women in Christian living and in Christian service" is a common unifying bond, and that their mutual prayers had upheld their work in His name.

The World Organisation of C.W.F. began in Toronto, Canada, in 1957. Its "birthday party" goes on all over the world between August 20 and September 20 annually, as women in 20 countries observe the day with prayer and thanksgiving and the contributions to needy projects in the

past five-year period, their offering has supported the literacy work among the women of Haiti where 90% of its 3% women cannot read or write! The Fellowship issues a Newsletter twice each year, containing news of women's work in the Churches of these 20 countries.

Adelaide's Mrs. E. V. Lawten turned the gavel over to Mrs. Luis Parrilla from Argentina. Mrs. J. V. Salisbury, New Zealand, is the vice-president and Miss Helen Spaulding, USA, secretary, for the coming five years.

Hands reached out for hand during the closing hymn, in a human way, but heart was responding to heart, enabled by His spirit to go from that gathering to long for, listen to, lift up and love one another! So that all, in EACH place around this earth, might offer gifts which God Himself has given, integrity in relationships, joy and peace in faithfulness, and strength to do more than we can ask or imagine, through His Church!

(Mrs. E. C. Rowand, USA, is newly-elected President of the International C.W.F.).

GUEST EDITORIAL

"I got the Spirit"

CLIFFORD G. TAYLOR,

Former Editor, "The Australian Christian"



In my suburban church in Sydney, the World Convention really came alive on Sunday, October 11, when the first overseas visitors, en route to the Eighth Assembly in Adelaide, came to worship with us. After the service, that charming lady from Buenos Aires, Mrs. Luis Parrilla (newly-elected President, W.C.W.F.), explained that she couldn't understand all that was said, but added with a warm smile, "I got the spirit."

This is exactly how I feel about this Eighth Assembly, obvious from the start when Florentino Santana, immediate Past President prayed in Spanish for Sir Philip Messent. I did not understand one word, but I certainly "got the spirit."

Walking around the Convention Halls and lobbies is a fascinating though frustrating revelation of what the Tower of Babel did to Mankind. It reminds me of my experience in one American church during a pre-Convention preaching tour in 1955. I was sure the Minister had announced a "pigeon dinner" and approached the meal apprehensively.

Faced with delectable hot dishes, I discovered it was what he called a "pitch in" dinner! But that tour convinced me — and this Convention reinforces the impression — that even if we do not always understand one another, we share a wonderful sense of one-ness. Calvary has cancelled out Babel — in Christ we are most truly one.

That feeling has deepened as the Convention has continued with such highlights as Sonny Graham's simple, strong statement as an Australian Aboriginal minister, followed by Kosuke Koyama's Wednesday night sermon, rich in scripture, strong in theology spiced with humour. Then, during the Thursday morning symposium on "Being Christian in our Time," came a clear word from Kingsley Dube, Convention Vice-President. Listening to these and other speakers made me understand what Paul meant when he wrote to the Philippians, "If the spirit speaks really created a fellowship... be of the same mind." (2:1)

Here we are at an Assembly involving many people different in thought and action. But if we have the spirit, "if the spirit has really created a Fellowship" then this Assembly will have vital meaning for our World Brotherhood. As Wayne Greene well put it on Thursday morning, "If we would only open our hearts fully to God and go forward under conviction, there is no knowing what God could do through us."

Faces at the Convention



Leonard C. Callison, Storm Lake Church of Christ, Iowa, U.S.A. "Oil Jobber".



Gail France (15½ years) 1st. Christian Church, Pulaski, Virginia.



Mrs. Tattie W. Chapman, Los Angeles, Calif. Runs a convalescent home for mentally retarded.



Pastor Richmond Nelson, Kingston, Jamaica. Disciple of Christ.



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VENUE FOR 9th ASSEMBLY

A closely guarded secret we were keeping from each other was the venue of the 9th Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

At the business session today, Mexico City was voted to be our hosts for July 30 to August 4, 1974.

Such is the speed with which modern technology works, within minutes, not within seconds there were printed stickers saying "See you in Mexico City Soon."

Also following the announcement this morning, they erected two days ago a display by the Mexico City Convention Bureau. If they can work that in Adelaide,

they will have no trouble in Mexico.

The officers of the World Convention 1970 - 1974 are as follows:

PRESIDENT: J. Daniel Joyce, Enid, Oklahoma

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: (Not President Elect) Oscar des Champs, Mexico

VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs. Luis Parrilla, Argentina; Keith Bowes, Australia; Orval Wake, U.S.A.; Mrs. Agi Kamikawa, Japan; Douglas Strawbridge, New Zealand.

RECORDING SECRETARY: James Whitehead, U.S.A.

TREASURER: Verlin Petry, U.S.A.



J. Daniel Joyce,
New World President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Granville Walker, USA; Wayne Greene, USA; Douglas Dickey, USA; Richard Crabtree, USA; A. Victor Smith, Malawi, Africa & England; Richmond Nelson, Jamaica; Eufrazio Perez, Mexico; T. M. Maltby, Canada; Mrs. Edith Young, USA; Robert Fife, USA; Raymond McCallister, Jr., USA; Michael Saenz, USA.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lew Davis, India; John Fulford, South Africa; Douglas Strawbridge, New Zealand; E. Lyall Williams, Australia; W. L. Thompson, USA; Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby, Australia; Dr. Theo Fisher, USA; James Christensen, USA.

MEXICO CITY CONVENTION BUREAU



Corner of Wayville Hall Adelaide, where all the Mexico City action is. Alberto Philippe, Director General of Mexico City Convention Bureau, is on the left.

CONVENTION CITATIONS

By Frank F. Drowota

The World Convention of Churches of Christ meeting in Adelaide presented Citations to five outstanding Christians. All came within the Restoration Movement's stream.

Judges from many countries reviewed nominations submitted to them and voted for those they felt should be honoured. The Citations Committee of the World

Convention reviewed their report and selected the following:

CLEO W. BLACKBURN of the United States - for his contribution to the betterment of the disadvantaged; for his dedication to the Flanner House project in Indianapolis and for his ability to put religion into action.

WILLIAM BARNETT BLAKEMORE, Jr. of the United States - for the breadth of his leadership as educator, writer, lecturer, ecumenist and Christian statesman; for his creative leadership in training men for the ministry at the University of Chicago.

JEAN B. BOKELEALE of the Congo, for his Christian service in the Congo; for his contribution to ecumenical councils and for his service to the World Convention.

EDITH GREEN of the United States for her dedication to humanitarian causes; as a member of the Congress of the United States,

and for her Christian witness in high places and her devotion to her local church.

E. LYALL WILLIAMS of Australia, for his leadership to the educational life in Australia and for the service given to the Federal College of the Bible, in Melbourne.

(Dr. Drowota of Nashville, Tennessee is Chairman of the Citations Committee).



W. B. Blakemore



E. L. Williams

GOOSE STIRS POSSUMS

(In Defence of Tertius)

Tertius writes regularly for the Australian Christian. His provocative, open-ended letters stimulate us to thought and action. Since it is his (or her) ideas that matter, his anonymity helps us to concentrate on what is written and not on the penman (or penwoman).

We asked him to write for the special World Convention issues of the A.C. (We communicate with him by means of smoke signals from the top of Ayers Rock. He communicates with us in Strine).

The Goose letter on Wednesday night was not wholly appreciated by some which suggests that they missed the point.

Tertius is not anti-missions and his letter was not spoken against our Missionary Programme. He was underscoring the need for a strong home base from which our missionaries are sent and by which our missions are supported.

The goose letter was written several months ago and was not chosen by him (or her) for this series of newsletters. Your Editor chose it because what Tertius said needs to be said again and again, that everything the church does is built upon ordinary men and women in the local church. If our local churches are closed or weakened our missionary programme is in for trouble, together with the rest of us.

Tertius seems to have stirred up a few possums to pretty strong reaction. We are sorry about that. What we were trying to do was stir up the local churches to their sense of mission. We hoped that they would get so mad that they would realise the inter-dependence of home and overseas work.

Somehow we think that there is no need to defend the Australian Christian's interest in overseas missions and Tertius is just as keen.

(Incidentally, we are informed that Western Australia has opened at least three new churches in the last five years. This information will be conveyed to the anonymous letter writer as a P.S. (post-smoke) when the next signals go out from Ayers Rock).

-The Editor.

HEADS ROLL

at "The Christian"

There was fur flying at the Aust. Christian office when the Editor was embarrassed by a few errors in the second Convention issue of the A.C. Several proof readers have had their good conduct badges confiscated and have forfeited their Convention bonuses.

We apologise to Dr. Koyama and special reporter John Webb for the errors, and wish to thank the 784 observant readers who took time off to tell us - we get the message.

DON'T STOP SINGING GO HOME WITH MUSIC!

Copies of the music are now available from the Convention book stall at Wayville - 10c each.

Hymns have been chosen from various sources, mainly Australian. For those who would like to have some information a leaflet has been prepared and is available, also from our Convention book stall.

Also a reminder that the record of the World Convention Choir is still on sale and sells for \$5 at Wayville.



GUEST EDITORIAL

EDWIN V. HAYDEN,
Editor, Christian Standard, U.S.A.

Approaching The Impossible—

"The impossible requires a little more time!" The first full day of the Eighth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ reminded us of this admission attributed to some enterprising businessman.

If Christianity requires that our reach exceed our grasp, this Convention qualifies. And if the old slogan, "Nothing attempted, nothing attained," is valid, this convention affords a demonstration. I think that something very important is attained through this approach to the impossible.

Consider logistics and facilities. Adelaide simply can't feed, house and accommodate a gathering of this size on the schedule attempted. That was demonstrated Tuesday night when shuttle buses arrived late at the Apollo Stadium and some of us didn't get inside. But 5,200 brethren report a thrillingly helpful occasion.

You can't get 2,400 weary conventioners out at 8:00 a.m. to study sessions; but on Wednesday morning an excellent proportion of that number were present for enthusiastic serious conversation. In fifty minutes a dozen or twenty people can't begin to express their thoughts on the kind of topics assigned; but a great proportion of them made stimulating and helpful comments. With the wide diversity of viewpoints present on such basic elements as the place of Scripture in Christian thought and life, you can't arrive at any substantial consensus or conclusion; but we can, and did, gain an approach to understandings that could not be achieved in a less courageous attack on the impossible.

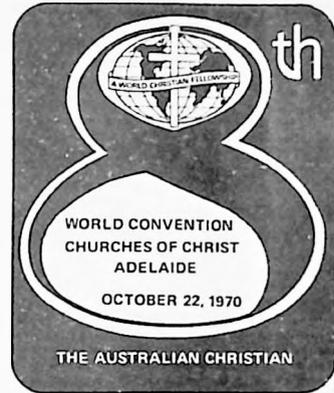
Consider the morning session at Wayville. Meaningful worship and hymn singing are impossible in a vast echoing arena, when words, accents, and tunes are unfamiliar to a large proportion of those present. Or are they? We found ourselves interested and inspired, especially by a husky Oklahoman's interpretation of Australia's plain and thoughtful hymns of praise. And preaching? How can four speakers serve in one session, especially when the final, featured sermon begins uncomfortably close to the announced time of conclusion? A good many folk had departed, physically and perhaps mentally, before Indiana's Douglas A. Dickey brought his sermon to its climax, but we have a notion that he still did more for his audience than most of us preachers do in our solo sermonizing on Sunday morning.

The evening session at Apollo Stadium with its bright and excellent choir, and with Kosuke Koyama's serious Scriptural and sprightly sermon so carefully presented that none need miss a word of it (the simultaneous turning of manuscript pages in four thousand hands was a great tribute to the speaker) faced fewer obstacles. Judiciously spaced uprisings to sing relieved even cramped seating.

No occasional convention can really bridge the strangeness and the estrangements we suffer as brothers in Christ and perhaps cousins in common Campbell-stone heritage, but who can say that we are not greatly helped by the World Convention's approach to even this impossibility?



Mrs. Rathie Salvaratnam



C.W.F. Luncheon Hears Asian Speaker

by Miss Mary Ellen La Rue

Close to two thousand women gathered at flower-bedecked tables for the World Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday in the Motor Pavilion at the Wayville Showgrounds. "This building ordinarily is a storage place for old cars," explained Mrs. E. V. Lawton, World C.W.F. president, in apology for the rather austere surroundings, "but it is the only building in Adelaide large enough for this affair". Women attending the meeting seemed quite comfortable and content.

Orchids from New South Wales were arranged on the speakers' platform, and many other flowers and fruits from all of the Australian states were abundantly displayed. Each guest received a favor made by Mrs. Claude Cunningham: a plastic boomerang brooch containing blossoms of the native wattle.

Mrs. Rathie Salvaratnam of Ceylon, immediate past president of the Asian Church Women's Conference, was the featured speaker. She stated that probably the most profound change which had occurred in the world in recent years was that of the role of women. "We must keep our minds open to the winds of change," she said. "Don't slam the door, but open the gates of your heart to let the King of Glory in." She cited the Fellowship of the Most Holy Coin as an example of the many ways women can help to change the world. This is a project of the ACWC which has now encircled the world, channelling the small contributions of many thousands of women into areas of human need. "Women have special gifts of healing and reconciliation which we must use as instruments of God's love," she emphasized.

Mrs. Luis Parrilla of Argentina, vice-president, presided. Three music numbers were presented by the Rostvit Twins, Faye and Janice, of Colorado Springs, U.S.A. Special greetings were brought by Mrs. Thelma Jones, president of the Australian Federal C.W.F., Mrs. Gray of the South Australian Women's Interchurch Council, and Miss Helen Spaulding, World C.W.F. secretary.

Opening and closing prayers were led by Mrs. M. E. Gobay of South Africa and Mrs. Victor Beachin of Canada.

Miss La Rue

(Miss La Rue is Head of Women's work, Iowa, U.S.A.)

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORTS

The General Secretary and his office in New York are our continuing link with each other between Conventions.

In his report to the 8th Assembly yesterday, Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick said, that while there was a lack of uniformity in the way churches of the brotherhood are related to the World Convention and to each other, the Assemblies are a means "by which brethren who are divided by organisational or theological differences can nevertheless find acceptance and can experience fellowship, and thus be able to witness to the oneness which we have in the Lord Jesus Christ."

A printed copy of the full report by Dr. Kirkpatrick is available at the Convention. We would especially draw attention to the final sections which refer



Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick

to the guiding principles of the World Convention since it's inception. These are:

1. to bear witness before the world to the gospel of Jesus Christ as the power of God for salvation;

2. to cultivate unity among the churches of the world brotherhood;

3. to promote fellowship and cooperation in study within the brotherhood;

4. to encourage and foster participation of the brotherhood in the ecumenical movements;

5. to foster within the brotherhood Christian goodwill and the increase of more intimate fellowship in the things of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dr. Kirkpatrick concluded:

"The World Convention across the years has sought to remain faithful to these great goals. It has never been content merely to direct its efforts inwardly as a kind of glorification of the brotherhood. Rather, the World Convention has seen its responsibility to be that of directing these efforts outwardly as an ecumenical fellowship serving not only the world brotherhood but the world as well."

ADELAIDE IS A CAMPBELL TOWN

The Remarkable Re-Discovery of the Campbell Documents

The story of the finding of the Campbell documents in Adelaide is a dramatic chapter of The Restoration Movement and is a mine of treasure that will enrich the work of all future historians.

Some of the material was with Alexander Campbell when he sailed from Ireland to America in 1808, and was salvaged from the wreck which nearly took his life. As new materials were added to the Campbell collection, new hazards came. All of it was nearly lost in an Australian bushfire and, near the end, it was almost sent to a garbage dump by those who did not know its value.

Valuable, indeed priceless, the documents proved to be. Some of them were from the pen of the young Alexander Campbell. There was a diary, there were study and reading notes, essays and poems. There is a list (with dates and places) of the 106 sermons Alexander delivered in his first year as a preacher.

Churches of Christ came to Australia, not from America, but first from England, via New Zealand, when Thomas Magarey came to Adelaide in 1845. He married Elizabeth Verco and two of their sons were Sylvanus and Alexander. Alexander Magarey followed his interest in the Restoration Movement as far as the Campbell country in the United States and there he met and married Virginia, Alexander Campbell's grand-daughter. He brought his bride back to Australia but the Campbell documents did not come with them.

It was Decima Campbell, Alexander Campbell's daughter, who had taken possession of many of her father's books and papers. She married Judson Barclay, a son of Dr. James Barclay, the first overseas missionary of the Movement. Decima's son, Julian, came to Australia and married Mary (or Mamie), the daughter of Alexander and Virginia Magarey and Julian brought with him the old Campbell records.

They were left in old sheds, lost sight of, and forgotten and after many moves they were in an old soap box about to be thrown out as junk, when their latest owner Audine (daughter of Julian and Mamie), decided to refer them first to Kathleen Magarey, a grand-daughter of Sylvanus Magarey. Kathleen is known to us as Mrs. E. V. Lawton, President of the World Christian Women's Fellowship at Adelaide's 8th Assembly.

The Lawtons were immediately aware of the value of the treasure so unexpectedly put into their hands and at once brought into the story a group of Adelaide churchmen, I. J. Chivel, E. P. C. Hollard, H. R. Taylor and David Whyatt. With the help and encouragement of the families, concerned, steps were taken to share the discovery with the brotherhood.

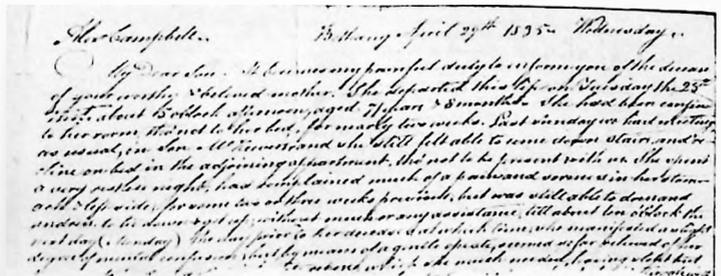
The documents were first microfilmed and then presented to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society by Mrs. Lawton at the 7th Assembly at Puerto Rico in 1965.

There are still some original documents here in Adelaide. One that is of great interest is a long, closely written four page letter from Thomas Campbell to Alexander. It is reproduced in part here. It begins:

My Dear Son, It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the decease of your worthy and beloved mother. She departed this life on Tuesday, the 25th inst. about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, aged 71 years and 8 months . . . I remain, my dear Son, your affectionate father.

Bethany, April 29th, 1835

Thomas Campbell



WORLD CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By Mrs. Kathleen E. Lawton.



My election as President of our World Christian Women's Fellowship at the 1965 World Convention in Puerto Rico began for me five years of enrichment and experience in Christian encounter.

In 1967 I travelled extensively through the U.S.A. and Canada, experiencing everywhere there welcome and hospitality, having my mind opened to the tremendous work and witness, and also the problems of churches in that great Continent, and forging links of love and life-long friendship wherever I went.

I was privileged to share in the meeting of C.W.F. leaders at Spring Mill State Park, and then in St. Louis at the meeting of the Interfaith Relations Committee, followed by that of the World Executive Committee.

Throughout this wonderful journey, I endeavoured to promote Australia and arouse interest in our country, our churches and particularly in the Eight Assembly to be held in Adelaide in 1970.

On returning home I became continually involved in sharing my experiences in America and Canada with our own church fellowships, endeavouring to bring to them an increased awareness of our aims and involvements in W.C.W.F. particularly stressing our literacy project in Haiti.

I travelled through New Zealand and every State of our Commonwealth, and have spoken at each annual State and biennial Federal Conferences.

As interest in the Eighth Assembly has mounted, it has been rewarding to speak to a number of other communions and share with them the aims and implications of our World Convention and in particular, our W.C.W.F.

Speaking each year at one of our World Day of Prayer meetings, sharing in World Fellowship Day, World Community Day, and the work of our Australian Church Women's organisation - with particular emphasis on the Fellowship of the Least Coin - I have sensed continually this desire of Christian Women to come closer in understanding to each other and to women throughout the world.

One of our 'mutual joys' was experienced when Doreen Strack, our dedicated W.C.W.F. representative, was among those chosen to represent Australia at the Asian Christian Women's Conference in Djakarta.

I express my sincere thanks to all women everywhere who have extended to me their love and friendship in so many ways.

I can never adequately express my thanks to all who have worked so tirelessly to make this Convention a success, giving of their time, talents and energies in so many ways.

It has been said of another great gathering such as this that "our responsibility does not end with the programme - it only commences." How true this is! For each one of us must leave this "hill top" experience and go back to our appointed place, to face again our own particular difficulties and challenges, knowing that "it is God that worketh in us to will and to do His good pleasure," and that "Christ asks only one thing of us - our faithfulness."

Kathleen E. Lawton.

Adelaide, October 1970

'TAKE FIRE' TIME AND MOTION ANALYSIS OF STUDY GROUPS

By A. C. Male

Two thousand four hundred people spending 50 minutes a day for three days adds up to 3,600 man hours! That's one and a half years full time employment at a normal 8-hour working day. Is it justified?

An impartial "efficiency expert" would severely criticise us in a time and motion study. Confidential Report to Churches of Christ 8th World Assembly, by I. M. A. Knocker of the firm "Askers, Seekers and Knockers, Unlimited."

Time: The time of a year and a half cannot be justified when set against the expressed purpose of the Client. The Client: Churches of Christ, otherwise known as Disciples of Christ, places hereafter referred to as the "Client", church great stress on Mission: "Go into all the world," appears to be the Client's obsession.

If they were serious in applying this principle they would surely be "going out" (vide

McCallister), rather than gathering together. The time element is further emphasised when you consider the millions of man hours (12000 man-hours last night!) spent at worship service and in travelling to and from their various States - not to speak of countries!

Action: The Client should seriously consider the more positive application of these man-hours to pursuing their stated purpose. For followers of One who went about doing good, the Client appears to do a lot of going about.

Comment by Client: We thank you for your interesting report. We think you talk a lot of sense but you have obviously had no training in Christian discipline. You seem to think that when we are sitting we are just sitting. The founder of our family business said, "Come, apart and rest awhile."

"Be Our Guest"

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Morning Assembly at Wayville, Wed. Oct. 21.

Mrs. V. Beachin

Mrs. V. Beachin. Volunteer Regional Sec. of the Ontario C.W.F., Canada.

Mrs. M. E. Gobey

Mrs. M. E. Gobey. Rep. South African Churches of Christ.

Mrs. Jesse M. Bader

Mrs. Jesse M. Bader. Wife of the late Dr. Bader, first Pres. of World Conv.

Lady Messent

Lady Messent. Wife of Pres. of World Conv.

Magdalena de Parrilla

Magdalena de Parrilla. Vice-President W.C.W.F. Buenos Aires - Argentina.

Helen Spaulding

Helen Spaulding. Exec. Sec. World C.W.F.

Rathie Selvaratnam

Rathie Selvaratnam. Consultant Asian Church Women's Conference.

Adelaide, October 1970

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

MANY - CORNERED VINEYARD

To The Editor, Since I was a boy I've been hearing people praying for the work in "this corner of the Master's vineyard." Lately I've been wondering if it is an apt description of the areas where the church has to work today.

For me a vineyard seems to stand for quietness, productive work, healthy sweat, the smell of good earth and luscious fruit. "The corner of a vineyard" doesn't describe our "parish."

I've been trying to think of a suitable simile for the modern church's sphere of work. What do you think of some of these? "Last lap of the rat race," "polluted pond", "ghetto of loneliness," "suburban wasteland," "white-collar wilderness," "canasta corner," "ticky-tacky box factory," would all be more apt figures of speech to describe where our church tries to do its job.

Do you think it would be irreverent to ask for the help of God in this corner of the Master's "garbage dump"? If Christ is Lord of all he must be the Lord of metaphorical vineyards and rubbish dumps, and of our "parish!"

Prayers for the work in your corner of the Master's printshop!

TERTIUS

The Australian Christian



Mr. Sonny Graham

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT WAYVILLE

By John Webb, Illinois, U.S.A.
(Dean of Lincoln College)

The highlight of the Wednesday evening session of the church Convention was the address (better yet, the sermon) by Dr. Koyama. This observation is not intended to minimize several other brilliant features, but rather is intended to focus on the single purpose of this Convention, "preaching the word". All other features are designed to undergird the proclamation of the One Gospel for One World.

Dr. Koyama intentionally and deliberately presented to a near capacity audience the Christ who "Though He was sick, Yet for our sakes, He became poor, That we through His poverty might become sick". The very able speaker referred to this Christ event as a "blessed exchange". At this point in the address the question was asked "But is This Amazing Exchange Confirmed? Is it a sure story? Are we sure that it is not a wild speculation?" A firm "yes" was given in response to these questions. "It is validated by the resurrection of Christ."

Dr. Koyama made reference to the fact that God has moved with "oxcart speed" to effect the "exchange". "In His divine slowness" God

reveals the mystery of His efficient salvation."

A generous applause gave approval to the proclamation of the Christ by the personable spokesman.

The spotlight was focused on Mr. Sonny Graham, a young Aboriginal preacher, who applauded the work of the Churches of Christ among his people. Other voices are calling for the attention of the Aboriginals, including Communism and Black Power. He emphasized the fact that there is only one voice to which his beloved people must listen, and that is the voice of Christ who calls "Come unto Me all of you who labor and are heaven laden and I will give you rest." His brief testimony of the power of Christ sent a thrill through the vast audience.

And what can be said of Mr. Shaw and his ability to provoke the congregation to singing, that has not already been said. The Multivoice Choir adds color and support to the congregation in addition to its own contribution to the worship through the Anthems.

It was a glorious evening - Christ was exalted, God was praised, the people were blessed!



Dr. Kosuka Koyama

In The Pulpit

OCTOBER 25, A.M.

Baptist Churches.

Flinders St. Jesse W. Johnson, Tenn., USA.
North Adelaide. Benny G. Boling, Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
Knightsbridge. Paul M. Bolman, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
Magill. Carlton E. Buck, Eugene, Oregon, USA.
Prospect. Geo. A. Jacobs, Honolulu, USA.
Hampstead. E. Richard Crabtree, Canton, Ohio, USA.
Grange. John C. Faust, Paris, Ill., USA.

Methodist Churches

Maughan. Truce Llewellyn, Caspar, Wyoming, USA.
Enfield. Ting R. Champie, Wichita, Kansas, USA.
Glenelg. Philip Potter, Geneva, Switzerland.
Kurraila Park. Wayne Bell, Nashville, Tenn., USA.
Plympton. Kenneth E. Munson, Maywood, Ill., USA.
Rose Park. Geo. W. Campbell, Beatrice, Nebraska, USA.

Presbyterian Churches:

Scots Church. Daniel T. Joyce, Oklahoma, USA.
Tusmore. John Greenlee, Wichita, Kansas, USA.
Woodville. Howard E. Dentler, Indianapolis, Ind., USA.
Salvation Army.

Congress Hall. Russell F. Blowers, Indianapolis, Ind., USA.

CONVENTION CHOIR MAKES MUSIC

By J. A. Luff

A good choir doesn't just happen. It has to be built - and Albert Glastonbury is just the man to build it.

He is not a professional musician. His daily job is that of Senior Social Officer in the Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs in S.A. But he is professional in the quality of his own musical direction and he is professional in what he expects of others. He is organist and choir leader at his local church at Hawthorn, and has served with many youth and general choirs.

To build a choir you also need good material. Adelaide is noted for its music making and there are many fine church choirs and individual choirs from which to draw. This World Convention Choir of almost 200 voices is well

equipped to express through song the high moments of the faith of this Convention.

Trevor J. Meade is Deputy Conductor. He is also the composer of the Convention hymn in which he led the choir last night.

The organist, John Hall, the pianist Graham Bing, and the ready co-operation of the Salvation Army Brass Band make for a strong and able group of musicians. They will bring us much joy and inspiration.

A special record of the World Convention Choir has captured the musical highlights of this great Assembly. The record may be purchased from the Convention centre, Wayville. (Jim Luff is minister at Forestville, S.A.).



ALL HIS OWN WORK

It seems hard to believe, but it is true. All of the gemstones which are being purchased so enthusiastically were the work of one man, Cec Patrick.

For two years before the Convention the souvenirs Committee leader Cecil Patrick had laboured to bring his team of workers together. They worked with him in preparing the large array of souvenirs. Then, just a few weeks before the Convention, Cec died suddenly. This

cast a real shadow upon those who worked with him in making the Convention possible.

He was a most unassuming man, but nevertheless, served the Lord in many capacities. He was an Elder of the Church and also worked on the Social Service Department of the brotherhood for some years.

His passing is a real blow and all from around Australia will miss him, and wish for his wife Doreen, and family, the comfort of their own faith.



Mr. Cecil Patrick

In The Pulpit Next Sunday

Overseas and interstate ministers will be taking over many of South Australia's pulpits on October 25 for the morning service.

Here is a list of preachers and where they can be heard

Churches of Christ:

Adelaide. John Pearce, U.S.A.
Aldgate Valley. John M. Webb, Lincoln Illinois, USA.
Albert Park. Raymond McCallister, Missouri, USA.
Ascot Park. Parker Rossman, New Haven, Conn., USA.
Beverly. Hindmarsh. Keith R. Bowes, Vic., Aust.

Blackwood. Earl E. Grice, Minneapolis, Minn., USA.
Brighton. Howard C. Cole, Washington, USA.
Brooklyn Park. Geo. E. Wascovitich, Atlanta, Ga., USA.
Cheltenham. Wm. L. Thompson, Pittsburgh, Penn., USA.

Christies Beach. John Raymond Mills, Rosemead, Calif., USA.
Clovell Park. Donald M. Salmon, Phoenix, Ariz., USA.
Colonel Light Gardens. Steve Fenn, Tigard, Oregon, USA.

Cowandilla. Jack Martin, USA.
Croydon. Thos. A. Bennett, Hutchinson, Kansas, USA.
Dulwich. Daniel Katchel, Portland, Oregon, USA.
Edwardstown. E. Ray Jones, Indianapolis, Ind., USA.

Elizabeth. Harold W. Deitch, Salem, Ohio, USA.
Enfield Heights. John D. Trefzger, Bloomington, Ill., USA.
Flinders Park. Farris Clifton, Louisville, USA.
Forestville. Henry L. Scarle, Beaverton, Oregon, USA.

Gawler-Kersbrook. J. Clyde Wheeler, Oklahoma City, Okl., USA.
Glenelg. Edwin V. Hayden, Editor, "Christian Standard", USA, 9 a.m.
Goolwa. Howard F. Huff, Dallas, Texas, USA.
Hampstead Gardens. David Ewbanks, Knoxville, Tenn., USA.

Hawthorn. R. A. Blampied, New Zealand.
Henley Beach. Newell Morgan, Boise, Idaho, USA.
Kensington Park. James R. Wright, Port Arthur, Texas, USA.

Kilburn. Frank S. Smith, Aurora, Ill., USA.
Lenswood. Shawnee Mission, Kansas, USA.
Owen-Long Plains. Leonard G. Wymore, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA.
Magill. L. R. Ellett, Lawndale, Calif., USA.
Maylands. W. B. Blakemore, Chicago, Ill., USA.
Mile End. Reggie Thomas Team, USA.

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Torrensfield. Halsey E. Wakelin, Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
Unley. Hartzell Cobbs, San Diego, Calif., USA.
Windsor Gardens. Ted Hurst, Omaha, Nebraska, USA.
Williamstown. G. W. Barnett, Vic., Aust.

(Ministers speaking in other communions will be listed tomorrow.)

VOICES FOR

EVANGELISM

When Dr. Daniel T. Niles died suddenly on July 17 this year in India, the church lost a significant voice for evangelism.

He was to have been a featured speaker at this Convention and to have inaugurated the Jesse M. Bader Lectureship on Contemporary Evangelism. These lectures are now being given by Dr. Philip Potter.

The World Convention has always been noted for the high quality of its guest speakers

and more often than not the emphasis has been upon evangelism.

Dr. Niles was chosen to preach at the opening session of the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam and in 1968 at the Fourth Assembly at Uppsala he was selected to preach in place of Martin Luther King who had just been assassinated. At Uppsala he was elected a President of the World Council.

We were fortunate in that Dr. Philip Potter was a readily available to fill the breach caused by the untimely death of Dr. Niles. Dr. Potter was born in the West Indies, is Associate Secretary of the World Council and is the Director of that Council's Division of World Mission and Evangelism.

He commenced the Jesse Bader Memorial Lectures on Contemporary Evangelism at

the Adelaide Town Hall today and he will speak again tomorrow and Friday, at 1 p.m. He has a message to all Christians and all churches and Convention delegates will agree that he ranks as one of the finest leaders and preachers of our day.

The Bader Lectures delivered by Dr. Potter will be available in printed form.



Dr. D. T. Niles



Dr. Philip Potter

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

The Goose and the Egg

To The Editor,

My favourite fairy story was about a goose that laid a golden egg every day. My eyes used to pop at the very thought of such a possibility! But the "nut" who owned the goose became so greedy that he forgot to feed it and it died. No more golden eggs! (The teacher spared our tender minds from the version where the goose was axed with much blood flowing.)

I read an article in a recent magazine about the unbelievable Moravians. They were the greatest foreign missionary church of all times. One in ten of their number was sent as a foreign missionary, and one tenth of every member's income went to foreign missions. They had missionaries on every world frontier.

Today there are no Moravian missionaries and hardly any Moravian church. The article says that the home church was bled white of money and leadership. It quietly weakened and left the missionaries stranded. The goose that laid the golden egg died of malnutrition.

I began to wonder if we are letting that happen in Australia. We hear a lot about going into new areas overseas. I haven't heard much about us starting a new church in Australia for a long time.

In fact they've just closed one down a couple of suburbs away from here. It was a church in a foreign missionary situation too. Over half the population in the district are foreigners. And a few other churches not far from here that used to be big churches don't have ministers any more.

A few Sundays ago our Minister was on to us to give generously to overseas missions, and rightly so. He told us that church giving to foreign missions has been going down.

I wonder if we need to check the goose that lays the golden eggs, to see if maybe its ribs are sticking through under its fine feathers. It may need some urgent force-feeding to get it back into laying condition!

TERTIUS

McCALLISTER SETS THE THEME

"ONE GOSPEL—ONE WORLD"

By Granville Walker.

Speaking on the subject, "The Gospel and World Unrest" Dr. Raymond McCallister of St. Louis, Mo., set for the audience overflowing Apollo Stadium on opening night the theme of the 8th World Convention of Churches of Christ - "The Gospel, One World."

Dr. McCallister declared that the world is under divine judgement - a fact reflected in the unrest, the belligerence, the mistrust and suspicion rampant everywhere. The stock explanations of this condition, he averred, do not go far enough for they leave out the moral factor - the fact that man is suffering not merely from a population explosion - and its attendant miseries - or from technological advances which have

caught him unprepared, or from the rise of the Third World - but from his sins. Accordingly the real state of affairs is not viewed "within the framework of command and disobedience, judgement and grace."

Dr. McCallister suggested two things which, beginning with ourselves, we might do in response to the world's unrest.

Said he, "We must shift from noisy confusion to the composure of the contemplative life." We must shift from talking to listening; we must discover the "Margin of tranquility".

The world needs men of deep understanding who can penetrate sham and distinguish between truth and half truth. Such men, declared Dr. McCallister, are not born in

confusion but emerge from the soul's quietness.

Dr. McCallister's second appeal was that we must shift from membership to discipleship, contending that we have come to equate membership in the church with discipleship to Jesus Christ - but the one does not necessarily follow from the other. "Membership nails us down; discipleship pulls us loose, membership draws us in; discipleship sends us out." The Church is to go wherever there is human need - for the Church means people with a mission. Jesus frequently sent his disciples out to do something - and the word "go" was often used by him to send his followers on meaningful missions: "Go preach, go sell, go work, go into the highways, go into the next

town, go into the streets, go to my brethren, go to the lost sheep, go make it right with your brother, arise and go!"

That is good counsel for the Church as well as for individuals, said Dr. McCallister. "Here, there are two aims of a revolution that is going on in the Church today: To explore the silence beyond the noisy confusion, and to develop discipleship beyond mere membership."

This he declared, is the call of faith, a call to the unknown - "Let us arise and go!"

(Dr. Walker is Senior Minister, Victorian Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and a former president of the International Convention.)

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We asked him how the Convention congregation was singing. He replied, "Finest finest!" but he added, "of course, they'll get better every day." And he will see that we do.

Young people, says Mr. Shaw, will also sing if we give them the right songs. But we'll never win them with traditional hymns only. We shall have to add contemporary songs.

Mercer Shaw is married and has six children. He is a cheerful bloke and wants everyone to share his happiness. If any service this week is dull, it won't be any fault of his.

Kiss of Africa

Garfield Todd is a New Zealander as well as a Rhodesian, but he hasn't been to New Zealand lately, and people change.

At the Apollo Stadium he was told where his sister-in-law Ivy Todd, was sitting and he went over and gave her a big brotherly kiss.

Unfortunately, it wasn't Ivy Todd at all, but Ivy Haigh, another New Zealander. The second Ivy didn't mind a bit.

(This sort of thing does happen — one of our reporters made the same mistake seven times with the pretty flag-bearers).

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

BIRTHS

BUTLER (Roffey)—Lloyd, Margaret and Rowena welcome with love the arrival of Maree Gweneth, born 5/10/70 at Ivanhoe, Vic.

KRONE (Notman)—To Jan and Phil, a daughter—Heather Suzanne, on Oct. 13 at Dandenong Hospital. Both well.

LANDOS (Fraser)—To Dell and John, a son—Peter Darren John. Born October 8 at Canberra. Both well.

SILVER WEDDING

PAYNE—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Payne, 5 Llewellyn St., Beaumaris, Vic., announce with joy the 25th anniversary of their wedding which took place at Cheltenham Church of Christ on October 27, 1945, with Mr. H. Hargreaves officiating. We thank God for His love in giving us each other.

RUBY WEDDINGS

JOWETT - BRADEN — Congratulations, Mum and Dad, for your 40th wedding anniversary, married at St. Kilda Church of Christ on November 15, 1930 by the late A. W. Connor. Love Marjorie and Desmond.

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KNIGHT-GREEN—The family of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Knight have much pleasure in announcing the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, solemnised on October 30, 1920, at Emmore Tabernacle by H. G. Harward. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. N. Menson, Kedron church; Mr. and Mrs. C. Maxwell, Murrumbidgee church; Mr. and Mrs. N. Moore, Murrumbidgee church and their families.

DEATHS

CLARKE—On Sept. 28 at Judge Book Hospital, Eltham, Vic., Grace, beloved wife of the late Albert; daughter of the late Samuel and Florence Boyd; sister of Thomas (dec.), Harold (dec.) and Florrie. "Rest after weariness."

DRUMMOND, Leslie—Of Flat 13, Surf St., Sth. Brighton, on October 11 at hospital, beloved husband of Elsie, and loving father of Allison, Leslie and Eddy. Aged 72. "At peace with God."

FRIE (Chippierfield)—At Emmaus, treasured memories of our beloved Aunt Florence. "In heavenly love abiding."—From Ivy, Val., and Thel.

HILLBRICK—On October 20 at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Mary Adeline, of 19 William St., Essendon, beloved wife of the late Harold, loving mother of Neil and Joy (Mrs. Fiedler), mother-in-law of Joyce and Merv., devoted Nanna of Bruce, Elizabeth, Lynette, Gregory and Andrew. "In heavenly love abiding."

HILLBRICK—On October 20 at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Mary Adeline (Addie), of 19 William St., Essendon, one of the foundation members of the Nth. Essendon church, life-long friend of Glad and Wal Mason, 69 Market St., Essendon. Our tribute of wonderful years of friendship spent together. "God holds the key."

THOMAS, Darryl William—Passed away October 4 at Broken Hill (accident). Loving and loved husband of Kaye, loved second son of Holley and Rowland Thomas, Burke St., Wangaratta; brother and pal of Malcolm and Neville; son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bolitho; brother-in-law of Beverley and Gwen Thomas, June and John Bolitho; adored uncle of Bronwyn and Paul Thomas. Aged 24 years. "Treasured memories of one who loved his Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

COMBRIDGE, Bert—Treasured memories of my dearest and ever loving husband, Bert, loved father of Winifred and Ian, dearly loved pa to Leanne and Russell. Called home October 31, 1969.

JONES—In loving memory of my wife Freda, our mother and grandmother, called home on October 27, 1961. "Forever in our thoughts."—Inserted by her loving family, George, Ron., Pat., Christopher, Robert and Kathryn.

JONES—Fondest memories of our dearly loved sister, Freda, called to higher service on October 27, 1961. Also our dear brother Roy, passed away May 20, 1970. "Blest be the tie that binds."—Clare and Vic.

JONES—In loving memory of Freda, passed away October 27, 1961.—Loved and remembered by sister-in-law Elsie.

RICHARDS—Treasured memories of my dear husband and our father, John Loftus, called home October 30, 1958. Also grand-daughter, Glenda (Williams) Oct. 10, 1959. "Ever remembered till we meet again beyond the sunset."—E. M. Richards and family, Seaford, Vic.

SHERRIFF—Cherished memories of Frederick James, called home at Ballarat, Vic., Oct. 29, 1966, beloved husband of Ruby, loved father of Cliff, Maurice, June and Gwendolyn. "Happy years we spent together, hold memories that last forever."

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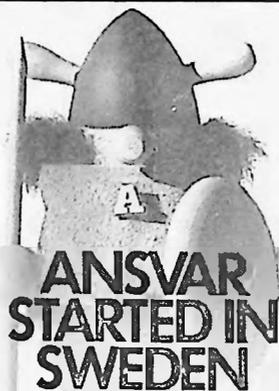
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