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FOCUS ON HOME MISSIONS

"God gave us the Spirit of Power,
of Love, and of Self-Discipline.
Don't be ashamed publicly to de-
clare your Loyalty to our Lord" (2
Tim. 1: 7-8)



A Lick — and a Prayer!

Goodness gracious aren't stamps dear!
And near at hand there is the tiresome
Business of sorting out those to whom I must
Send a Christmas card! Oh spare me!
And prune I must! From sheer necessity!
What would he think — what would she think —
To know that here I sit with sharp pencil
Ready to erase there, there — his name — hers.
Not that I hold the Christmas card or
Friend, of small account. Oh no! It's
Just as Joe would say — 'of economic necessity.'
Nor can I feel that in the erasure of your
Name I am freed from all responsibility.

By

LLOYD COOKE

Rather, another necessity is still imperative
To place you on another list — this one here!
Let me explain: On Christmas morning
When no mailman comes, be assured of this, —
My certain prayer will word its way to God
For you, — that Christmas day will be what
You would wish that day to be in all sincerity.
That in the midst of tinsel, tape and talk,
You'll know the inner peace and quiet that
Faith in Bethlehem can bring to you, to you.
Now, need I spend my six cents on a stamp?

BEFORE WE TURN ASIDE . . .

IT is back to the desk, the kitchen, the office, the factory, the shop and the pen, for the thousands who made the pilgrimage to Adelaide; and, of course, for the thousands of our brothers and sisters in the churches for whom Adelaide is home. They spent years getting ready for our coming, and days cleaning up after we left, but we trust that they were also able to share with us the inspiration of the six days of great fellowship and great preaching.

Something of those days has been trapped in print and picture, although the most significant moments of the 8th Assembly of the World Convention were not to be measured

in remembering things seen and heard, in resolutions passed, or even in the endurance test of sitting long and listening hard.

The true values of Adelaide, 1970, will be seen in the rediscovery of the meaning of discipleship in our own place and the ways in which we love the Lord, serve the world, and unify the church at our desks, in our kitchens, offices, factories and shops, and with the pen.

But before we turn aside from those crowded and memorable days, let us share again with the congregation of 9,000 and photographer David Whyatt the high moments of the Convention climax, the Communion Service.



o WORLD CONVENTION PULPIT

AMONG the many mistakes which the majority of us make with painful regularity is that of falling prey to the error of the otherwise. Blind to the nature of the immediate moment, we constantly turn our thoughts and attention in other directions: "If only I had lived at some other time in some other place! If only I were more capable or in some other situation! If only I had a different job or were working under another supervisor! If only my limitations were not so numerous and my opportunities were not so few!" How attractive it appears — this elusive land of elsewhere!

If anyone would seem to qualify for citizenship in that popular place, it is the man whom we know as Moses. As we encounter him in the Book of Exodus, he is an exile in a foreign land, having fled there following an act of outright murder. For 40 years he has tended the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, rising before the sun and following the flocks as they scatter over the parched, rock-strewn grazing lands. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord speaks to him from within a flaming bush: "Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (3: 5).

Think of it. Not the place where you stood yesterday — or where your forebears were a century or more ago. Not the place where you hope to be tomorrow — or where your descendants will be several generations down the line. But the place where you are NOW. That is holy ground!

Like most of us, Moses undoubtedly cherished certain treasured events from the past and clung to a handful of dreams for the future. And like most of us, he seemed equally certain about the present. It was ordinary, lacking in lustre, practically hopeless. After all, it was not exactly elevating to spend one's energies in the dull routine of tending another man's sheep. "If only I had lived at some other time, in another place, and under different circumstances!" But God saw things from an entirely different point of view. On that common, unnoticed day — in a strange and distant land — He reached out, got hold of a man, and turned his eyes from the "otherwise" to the "here-and-now." And neither Moses, nor the people of Israel, nor the history of the world was ever the same again.

When God says that he is counting on us, we find it difficult to believe him. "Who? Me?" we ask. Rather overcome by the suggestion, we begin to make excuses, magnify our problems, and underscore our limitations — and quickly allow towering opportunities to slip by. It need not be thus, especially if we understand some of the ways in which we blindly glorify the "otherwise." Moses' ancient encounter with God beside that burning bush on the plains of Midian provides the framework on which we can conveniently arrange our thoughts.

I.

The error of the otherwise can be clearly observed in our tendency to deprecate the present and glorify the past. We do this despite the fact that God says, "The place on which you are standing (present tense) is holy ground." As a matter of fact there are not many of us who have even the remotest sense of standing on sacred soil. The present seems so impossible — so ordinary — so problem-filled. Only in distant days did men feel the surging constraints of God in their lives.

If only we could have been part of that valiant company which the Lord led out of Egypt! If only we could have been inspired by the prophets as they delivered their flaming messages! If only we could have been around when He sent His Son to live and die on our behalf! If only we could have experienced the outpouring of his Spirit on Pentecost!

It is nothing short of amazing to think how much of our religion is expressed in the past tense. It is almost as if God stopped working — and certainly stopped breaking through into men's lives — when the Bible went to press.

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THE ERROR OF THE OTHERWISE

By DR. JAMES K. HEMPSTEAD

I read somewhere that we ought to take a more realistic look at yesterday. If we did so, we would find that we have unwittingly draped an aura of whistfulness and respectability about people and events that are strangely contemporary.

Isaiah, for instance, peers through the obscuring haze of a thousand years, and says, concerning the exodus from Egypt, "There was not a straggler in their ranks." (14: 31). But thumb through the Book of Exodus, and you find a different story: "The whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron . . . and said to them, 'Would that we had died . . . in the land of Egypt.'" (16: 23). And then Isaiah has the gall to write, "There was not a straggler in their ranks." Only about 600,000 of them — the whole congregation of the people of Israel — that's all!

It is surprising, this practice of berating the present and glamorising the past — of allowing fantasy to supplant fact. If we study the matter carefully we will find that morals are no worse now than they ever were, that governments are no more corrupt than they have always been, that opportunities are no less than at other times across the years.

You see, the past was hardly ever a pageant of triumphs, especially for anyone who was honest enough to set down his experiences on paper. The exceptions are woefully few.

And the present is seldom the cheap and shabby thing that we usually think it is. There have never been greater opportunities for significant living and meaningful service than right here in 1970. There has never been a greater possibility for a shattered world to achieve its unity through the gospel of our Lord than right now.

Obviously there is more than meets the eye in this world from the burning bush: "The place where you are standing now is holy ground." How senseless to play down the present and glorify the past! The error of the otherwise!

II.

This erroneous thinking can also be discerned in the theory that denies meaning and purpose to the world and our involvement in it. Moses could not see how the future held promise either for him or for his countrymen. He wasn't even a small cog in the machine, and his fellow Israelites were in bondage to Pharaoh. Soon the curtain would fall on their little lives, and other unknowns would move haltingly across the world's stage. They would all go through the motion of playing their parts, but their dreams had neither significance nor meaning.

Moses could not have been farther from the facts. Our world is going somewhere. Life doesn't ride off in all directions at once. Neither does it stumble aimlessly into tomorrow. Admittedly, there are successes and failures, heights and depths. But there are also certain ideas and motives that keep recurring with sufficient regularity that the whole business seems to be headed somewhere.

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The verdicts of some pessimists notwithstanding, our existence is not a monotonous circle of nothingness. Life is not as described by the Venerable Bede back in the Middle Ages—"like a bird flying in from the darkness into a brilliantly lit banquet hall, circling for a while, and then retreating to the darkness once again."

Life is on the march, and there are many of us who think we are now catching glimpses of the first cautious banners of that new day when the spirit of man will stand tall and claim his heritage — when a shattered world shall truly experience its oneness in Christ.

There are glimpses of this in religion, in philosophy, and in science. Here and there a shaft of light appears in the vallant struggle for human rights—in the uneasy conscience we feel concerning the world's dispossessed—in the restlessness of youth who are dissatisfied with life as it is and are therefore committed to bringing in a brave new world of righteousness and peace.

Birth pangs are never easy. They are discomfoting, at times even frightening. But the new life that appears soon eclipses every pain that preceded it.

Some time ago, at the 300th anniversary of the founding of their university, a group of freshmen arrived, bearing this banner: This University has waited 300 years for us. It was a fantastic idea, and likely the students planned it thus. But there was truth in their proclamation. Those young people were heirs to a high tradition; they were stewards of mankind's hopes; they were keepers of dreams. The university was waiting for them.

So with ourselves. As someone has said, we are living at a point where the wealth of mankind's yesterdays moves in upon the promise of tomorrow—with God at work—waiting his thousands of years for us, if there is to be any future at all.

God called Moses because it was his world, and any future was his work to do. He also calls us intending that in our hands the gospel shall transform his world, which is not spinning aimlessly in space but going somewhere. "If only I were in some other situation!" The error of the otherwise!

III.

See this illustrated finally in the widespread temptation to minimise the unlimited potential in each and every one of us. Moses, for instance, did not appear to be a likely candidate for greatness. He had a full measure of limitations, with some to spare.

He had fled Egypt after killing an overseer who had mistreated two of his fellow Hebrews, but he was a murderer nonetheless. He had spent 40 years in a foreign land, tending sheep that were not even his own. Day after dreary day was clouded by the hopelessness of a situation from which there appeared to be no escape; and yet, God said, "The place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Moses' protest was understandable. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" "But I will be with you," God replied. (cf. 3: 10ff). Never underestimate the potential of a man whose life has become an instrument in the hands of God.

More than a century ago, an Irish evangelist sat on a park bench in Dublin and told a teenage boy that the world had yet to see what could happen if a person would dedicate his life fully to Christ. And Dwight L. Moody got up from that bench to become the instrument by which a world was brought to its knees. The potential was there; it simply awaited his willingness.

It is quite fashionable these days to take a rather dim view of human nature — to look at the mess we are in and to conclude that there is little hope for any of us. With typical cynicism, old George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "The longer I live, the more I am inclined to believe that this earth is used by other planets as a lunatic asylum." The mood is widespread: "Nothing makes much sense. The cards are stacked against me. Things are in a mess, and I'm not the man to set them straight."

On the other hand, you and I are all that God has. Despite our limitations and wilfulness, he "makes it" with us, or not at all. God continues to believe in us, even when we cease believing in ourselves, just as he never lost faith in Moses.

Fortunately, there are times when he breaks through into certain lives, and then we fairly marvel at the wonder of what takes place.

A fugitive from justice meets the power of Egypt head-on and leads God's people out of a crippling bondage. A ruthless Pharisee, committed to persecuting every Christian who crossed his path, becomes the incarnation of the greatest hymn of love ever written. An ordinary monk writes what, in our day, was a simple "letter to the editor," and the Protestant Reformation is launched. An unknown seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama, refuses to stand at the rear of a bus and suddenly sparks the modern civil rights movement.

Somehow God works best in corners—in ordinary situations and with run-of-the-mill people from whom not much is expected. He seldom concerns himself with what we think is important. He has other ideas. He uses common things and ordinary people in out-of-the-way places—often so unobtrusively that the world is hardly aware of it.

But the possibilities are there—in lives such as yours and mine—along streets that you know well—behind doors that have swung open many times, perhaps at your very touch. "The place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Never err at the point of selling yourself short—of saying, "If only my limitations weren't so great! If only the circumstances were different!" The error of the otherwise!

CONCLUSION

During a period of prolonged convalescence, the late President John F. Kennedy wrote a little volume titled Profiles in Courage. It is not a profound book, but it ably chronicles the lives of certain people like John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Sam Houston, and other figures in our nation's history who will not soon be forgotten. They were ordinary mortals like you and me, but they had the courage to believe in themselves and in the significance of one solitary life in an ordinary situation. The "otherwise" did not concern them. The "here and now" was of crucial consequence. Acting in the light of that conviction, they rose to the occasion, and what they did tipped the scales of eternity.

One gospel, making possible one world! Somehow God won't settle for less. In places we know well, amid situations we encounter again and again, he still singles out common people like you and me: "The place where you are standing is holy ground." We take it from there!

The addresses given at the World Convention are available in printed form. See page 24.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL SEEKS DINNER COST

A plea to Australian church members to give at least the cost of their Christmas dinner for overseas aid is made in this year's Christmas Bowl appeal.

The appeal, conducted by the Australian Council of Churches on behalf of its member churches, raises funds for overseas aid, refugee care and development projects in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Australians share in the appeal either by giving through their local church or direct to the Inter-Church Aid office in their State capital city.

The Christmas Bowl is a distinctive opportunity each year for Christians to extend the goodwill of Christmas to people in need.

The appeal asks people to consider how much they will spend on themselves during the Christmas season and to give at least the cost of their own Christmas dinner to the Christmas Bowl.

Christmas Bowl funds are used to back self-help projects undertaken by churches and church agencies in developing countries.

THE COMMUNITY IS THE PATIENT

A CHILD comes into a clinic with pneumonia, hookworm producing anemia and general malnutrition. It is clear that he needs penicillin and perhaps sulphalabets for the pneumonia, anthelmintics for the worm infection and vitamins, iron and powdered milk for malnutrition. In all likelihood this treatment will prove successful and the case can be marked "closed."

But when the same child comes back to the health centre some months later again suffering from hookworm and this time more severely malnourished, it is obvious that his personal disease is really a symptom of a wider social disease affecting his family and the community.

Bad hygienic conditions and hazardous customs lead to hookworm infection; eating habits and inadequate agricultural production form the background for malnutrition.

Any health care action limited to the individual pathology of this child, however necessary it may be, will not touch the roots of the problem.

This diagnosis of the underlying problem of health care in the developing world has led the Christian Medical Commission (C.M.C.) of the World Council of Churches to conclude: "The community is the patient." To treat this patient it prescribes a comprehensive programme based as much on promoting health and wholeness as on treating symptoms.

But who is qualified to administer this treatment? Christian medical workers manning church hospitals around the world, national churches which have inherited many of these hospitals from Western-based mission agencies, and finally those agencies remaining in the field plus the service arms of the denominations which are increasingly called on to support medical work.

Thus far C.M.C. has worked primarily with the first group. Not having the power of the purse, it has sought to provide a forum where these workers could get an overall picture of the community's health needs and see how they might co-operate with government and other voluntary agencies to treat the patient.

At the annual meeting of C.M.C. in early September, Dr. Sophia Kruyt, M.D., director of the Mardj Santosa Hospital for Mother and Child Care in Surabaya, Indonesia, gave an answer to the question who can treat the community. She said: "The only feasible way of producing dramatic improvements in health practices, including nutrition and family planning, is by persuading church members to act as missionaries for public health in their own societies." For this role they must be given the necessary information and be convinced of the importance of proper health practices. But most of all, they must be willing to spend time and effort on their neighbours, Dr. Kruyt said. "The battle can be won, but it will be long and hard."

The educational potential of the church was stressed also by Father Anthony A. D'Souza a Roman Catholic who directs the Indian Social Institute in New Delhi. He pleaded for raising the age of marriage.

"How can a girl of 13 have the emotional, psychological and physical matu-

ity to take such an important step?" he asked. If women were more mature when they married, the fertility pattern would be affected. Equally any improvement in the status of women, particularly their educational and economic status, would have an impact on family size, he maintained.

One commission member thought family size should not be the main criterion of population policy. Dr. David Morley, of London, put major emphasis on the interval between births. "In some cases the interval is as short as 16 months," he reported. "You can imagine what that means in terms of strain on the mother and the psychological shock to the children continually displaced by the arrival of another baby."

Dr. Charles Elliott, an economist with experience in Africa, condemned what he called "the stethoscope syndrome." He called on the churches to challenge governments on the ethics of spending the health budget on luxury facilities for the urban elite. "The churches should be primarily concerned with the underprivileged, the dispossessed, the powerless," he said. "It is they who are robbed of even minimal preventive medicine when the government insists on building totally inappropriate teaching hospitals and medical schools in the capital city."

—E.P.S.

CHURCH PROTESTS ANTI-STRIKE BILL

(Hong Kong). Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen in this British colony have defied the Governor and entered the political fray to protest against a draft Bill that would virtually outlaw strike action in industrial disputes.

The churches say the Bill is an affront to social justice and would cause deep resentment among the workers.

The attack on the Government's plans to curb strikers' rights followed a workers' seminar attended by both Catholic and Protestant clergymen.

This is the first occasion here on which the Church has taken such a strong public stand against the Government.

Already the colony's 300,000 Catholics have been told by their church leaders to defy the Bill if it becomes law.

The churches which organise almost all of Hong Kong's social welfare work were earlier this year warned by the Governor, Sir David Trench, not to get involved in politics.—E.P.S.

WORD TALK

No. 16—LUKE 12: 29 (Weymouth)

"Between Hope and Fear."

Driving to the World Convention I stopped at a country garage and noticed a sign proclaiming the owner's faith: "In God we trust: all others cash." It was the first part of this verse that Jesus sought to promote in men. Absolute trust in God underlay all His teaching. Our trouble is that we want to safeguard our trust in God by an equal trust in our material possessions. Yet Jesus stressed the providential care of the Father. In the most beautiful way He said: "Consider the ravens . . . consider the lilies . . . how much more will He clothe you, O men of little faith!" (verse 28).

"Why are you anxious?" (verse 26). This becomes the key question when we consider our lack of trust in God. His answer was that faithful seeking of God's Kingdom would overcome our anxiety.

FOR TODAY:

Even the football headlines after the V.F.L.'s grand final proclaimed the teaching of Jesus: "Carlton won because it played in hope; Collingwood lost because it feared it would." Many people live at worry level. They are losers because their life is dominated by their fear of losing. Many "rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil." (Psalm 127: 2).

Fear today robs, defeats and limits the lives of many. Hope inspires, endues and sustains for others. But the rest "waver between hope and fear." (Verse 26). It is this uncertainty that is anxiety. Like some uncertain car driver, we rev. our engines constantly with the clutch in — great noise and fuming, but it gets us nowhere! Wavering between fear and hope destroys us in anxiety. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life . . . instead seek His Kingdom." (verse 31).

When Paul wrote his great chapter on the indwelling peace of God, (Phil. 4.) he started it with this simple prescription for overcoming anxiety. "Stand firm in the Lord." (v. 1). Standing firm in the Lord overcomes anxiety, for it stops us "wavering between hope and fear." It sets us steadfastly seeking His Kingdom instead.

—GORDON MOVES.

STH. AFRICAN PRESBYTERIANS

(Cape Town). The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa voted 75 to 57 on Sept. 22 to remain in the World Council of Churches. The assembly also registered a protest against Prime Minister John Vorster's threat in Parliament to act against Christian churches in South Africa if they did not disassociate themselves from the Council.—E.P.S.

Friebels at Chungribu

John and Evelyn Friebel, after completing the six-month administration course in Teacher Training in Ft. Moresby, are settling into the work on our mission station at Chungribu. John is a graduate of Kenmore Christian College, and Evelyn is a nurse.

In a recent letter the Friebels give some of their first impressions: "We made it. Our trip was uneventful although the start was very hot as the Fokker had been waiting in the sun all morning with no air conditioning until the engines start. It was almost unbearable and we wondered how Helen, the baby, would take it. But things soon cooled down and Helen slept.

At Lac we went on across the rich Markham River valley to Madang. The airport was practically deserted, so we were pleased to see Geoff and Marie Harrison from our mission who were in Madang awaiting the arrival of their new baby. (Now safely here—a boy. They now have a girl and boy!)

We spent Wednesday in Madang shopping and opening accounts, under the

guidance of Geoff and Marie. On Thursday lunch-time Geoff took us out to the airport again where we boarded our M.A.F. Cessna 205. My size (6' 4 1/2") made things difficult, but I managed to twist around and sit down beside the pilot.

In about half an hour we surveyed the Ramu and Chungribu after a good flight which revealed even more of the ruggedness and jungle of New Guinea. This ruggedness has to be seen to be comprehended, as 60 to 80 degree slopes abound.

Back at Chungribu on the Ramu lowlands, our M.A.F. plane landed. Flies and heat abounded as we met our fellow workers, Noela Mobbs and Dianna Catts. After a cool drink we started unpacking our goods into our 'new' house which is so much bigger than we have been used to. Evelyn was pleased to see the gas stove, a replacement for the old wood stove.

As anticipated, mosquitoes were bad but will be worse in the wet season—this is still the dry. During the dry, it

rains about once a week as a rule. I spent the first week unpacking and getting organised, and commenced teaching on Sept. 7.

Dianna Catts has Standards 5 and 6 in the class room next door, so must have difficulty thinking at times with the noise 'filtering' through the bamboo walls. Communication is a problem as I do not know Pidgin yet, let alone the local language. We don't get too much out of the church services as they are in Pidgin. The bread and the wine have been translated into breadfruit and coconut juice at the Chungribu church, and at least here we can feel a part of the group as we share in this section of the worship service.

We have had quite a few visitors so far. My mother spent two weeks here and helped look after Helen while we unpacked. The field chairman, Aileen Draney, spent a week with us to discuss the work and problems we might encounter. Margaret Horne, a nurse from N.S.W. and new missionary, came with her. Bett, Graeme and John Sosnje, with Graeme's brother, Nell, and wife Judy from Broken Hill, have also paid a visit.

So far we have been very busy. There is so much to learn, so many new things to learn about, customs, culture, and language.

We thank you for your interest and value your prayers. May God truly bless you."

BY THEIR OWN HAND

(S.A.). There was an autograph hound busy at the World Convention. Mrs. Beth Williams of Unley church had over 300 signatures (and addresses) long before the Convention was over. The Williams economic position is likely to deteriorate as Mrs. Williams plans to write to many of her new overseas friends and also to start a world prayer circle for Mexico City Convention, 1974.

A.B.C. T.V. "CHALLENGE" SERIES

A wide range of subjects is promised in another series of outstanding T.V. programmes on "Challenge." Heather Rantzen takes a look at the Jehovah's Witnesses; Trevor Philippott examines the Salvation Army; Malcolm Muggelidge introduces viewers to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and George MacLeod presents a series of readings illustrating the changes of the last 50 years. A new play by an Australian author covers the attempt of de Quirós to discover "The Great South Land" and win it for Christianity.

The stimulating groups of singers and dancers featured in the Rolf Harris Show, "The Young Generation," presents the life of Jesus after a manner all their own in a programme to be shown on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

The list of 14 is completed with a documentary about the Jesuits, a presentation of Clive Sansom's poem-cycle "The Witnesses" and repeat showings of "The Ben David Crisis," "The Mormon Invasion" and "Padre Pio."

"Challenge" will be shown on Sunday evenings at 9.00 approximately commencing N.S.W., Vic., A.C.T., Nov. 8; Qld., S.A., W.A., Nov. 15; and Tasmania, Nov. 22.

33RD FEDERAL CONFERENCE

Shortened to give emphasis to the 8th World Convention the 33rd Federal Conference in Adelaide was well supported and significant. It opened with a relaxed President's Reception at the Regency Ballroom at Wayville. Items were given by a male trio, a duet, and the "Messengers." Greetings came from leaders of State delegations and overseas, civic and inter-church representatives. Dr. Theo. Fisher, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, climaxed the evening with a devotional segment. The programme ended with supper and the inevitable conversation when the Australian brotherhood gathered.

One hundred West Australians, stranded in Perth by a 24-hour lightning rail strike missed the evening and the first day of Conference, including Women's Conference.

BUSINESS

Business sessions were confined to Friday morning, afternoon, and evening. The representative basis for all States was broadened and the maximum number of representatives was raised from 30 to 50.

Conference endorsed the policy of the Overseas Mission Board in giving first priority in expansion to a response to invitations for missionaries to villages along the Keram River and in the Schrader Ranges of New Guinea. Proposals involving increased expenditure, such as possible involvement in Indonesia in various ways, were required to be referred to State Conference Executives and approved by a majority of them.

It was decided to take no action at this time to establish a Church of Christ in Darwin. The invitation by the United Church in North Australia and the Territories was accepted enabling us to have recognition of our members in fellowship with its congregations. Federal Conference was instructed to keep the situation under review in the light of changing circumstances.

Motions presented by the Social Questions and Services Board recognised the futility of war and urged the Federal Government to expedite the withdrawal of Australian troops from the Vietnam War and to actively seek a just peace. Expressing concern about the road toll Conference called for a uniform traffic code for Australia, special endorsement for drivers licensed to drive vehicles capable of high speeds, increased registration costs for such vehicles, compulsory fitting and use of safety belts for all seats, immediate automatic cancelling of licence for drivers exceeding the .05% blood alcohol content and an adequate bitumen width for two cars to pass on all sealed pavements. Support was given also to the "Pensioners' Little Budget Campaign" calling for a \$1 increase to all persons on pensions and

vices as broadcast by 5KA as its regular "Sunday Focus" programme.

The Federal President, S. R. Beck, shared the leadership of the service with the ministers of the Central Methodist Mission. The preacher was the Hon. R. S. Garfield Todd of Rhodesia. He spoke with strong convictions on "God and the Nation." In a following interview with the Rev. Kelth Seaman he answered with frankness and insight questions on racial and other public issues.

Following the broadcast period Conference concluded with recognitions to the President, S. R. Beck, by the new President, A. H. Walkington, of Perth, and to the Secretary, R. S. McLean, and members of the 33rd Federal Conference Committee. The trustees of the Maughan Memorial Church were thanked for the generous use of their buildings for our Conference.—E. W. Raffey, Fed. Sec.



S. R. BECK . . .
President, 1969-1970

OPEN FORUM

THE COVENANTERS

To the Editor,

The Covenanters were men and women who loved God and sought to live in accordance with his will.

They lived in the South West of Scotland and were persecuted, hunted, and killed for their adherence to God's Word, the Bible. Their native heather was often stained with their blood. There are books to be had which tell the truth about these people.—J. Benzie (N.S.W.).

COVENANTERS AND CATHOLICS

To the Editor,

Referring to J. J. Alderson's letter in "A.C.," Oct. 17, this writer has studied authentic history from primary school to university degree level without finding any reference to the atrocity charges preferred by Mr. Alderson against the Scottish Covenanters. We do know that there have been, at times, fanatical actions by crime enraged Protestants but these have not met general official approval.

On the other hand, through eleven centuries of the Dark Ages with their inquisition horrors, and again following the Reformation in the 16th Century, it was conservatively estimated that not less than 50,000,000 Christians were martyred by Papal Rome, with Papal approval, instigation, and full official sanction.

Mr. Alderson refers to some hundreds of victims who suffered at the hands of non-conformists. Does he not know of the 750,000 and more butchered in Croatia with the approval of Pope Pius XII in 1942-44?

If he got his facts straight he would know that Ian Paisley is not an Orangeman, and that Orangemen do not "belong" to that strange warped religion of blood." He would know that Paisley sternly forbids all violence in protest and personally strictly refrains from such, though he and Mrs. Paisley have suffered violent injury from their opponents.

—Wm. J. Salter, Pres.,
Vic. Protestant Federation.

OVERSEAS VISITORS AT C.O.B.

Three distinguished scholars from the United States brotherhood gave a series of lectures at the College of the Bible in September-October. Students were joined by city and country ministers in the sessions.

Dr. Dean Walker of Emmanuel College lectured on the Lordship of Christ and its significance to the Church and world of today. Affirming the "Restoration Principle," he saw it as restoring man to his true nature, in Christ, the church to its true nature under the Lordship of Christ,

the world to the reign of God, the universe to the knowledge of God, the kingdom to faith in the Lordship of Christ.

Dr. Stephen England, emeritus professor of Phillips University, carried his 75 years lightly enough to endear himself to students and the small children of students. Stephen England is a genius at gathering together New Testament passages throwing light on the great doctrines of the faith. He chose to lecture on the New Testament doctrine of the Church. He spoke of the Church as the Temple of God, as the People of God, as the Family of God.

Dr. Daniel Joyce, Dean of Phillips University (Enid, Oklahoma), gave two lectures, "Preaching and the Sacraments" and "Preaching and the Theology of Evangelism." Dr. Joyce emphasized the past, present and future implications of baptism and the Lord's Supper. They proclaim the historic events of the gospel.

They are a means of grace as they are observed by persons of faith. They reach into the future . . . the Lord's Supper being a means of grace "until he come" and baptism a continuing sign of the action of the risen Lord in the church. Speaking of evangelism Dr. Joyce recalled Christ's invitation to all who would follow him to "take up the cross." Christ took the cross because of his will to give himself in love to all men. The Christian's cross means no less. Evangelism involves no less.

TOURING PARTIES

The College was also pleased to entertain overseas touring parties of delegates on the way to and from World Convention. On Sunday, Oct. 18 just under 400 Americans were joined by 60 New Zealanders together with their Australian hosts and their families, for an afternoon at the College.

Student guides conducted parties through the buildings and grounds. The College choir and members of the student community provided a musical programme. Afternoon tea was served by the College staff and the wives and fiancées of students, with the help of ladies from Gardiner, Glen Waverley and Hartwell. Returning parties of 150 on Monday, Oct. 26, and 250 on Tuesday, Oct. 27 were similarly welcomed at the College. The tourists were specially interested in the old historical documents of the brotherhood, kept at the College, and in the new flats being erected to house the increasing number of married students.—G.R.S.

MRS. LARS LARSEN IS 90

(Qld.). Mrs. Larsen, the widow of Queensland's evangelist and churchman, celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 12. Her many friends who will wish to share this occasion with her should address cards and letters to Mrs. L. Larsen, 23 Quay St., Bullimba, Qld., 4171.

FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

(NORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). There were American visitors on Oct. 11. Guest speaker was H. Chase, a minister from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. At night guest artists were the Ratten sisters of Telopea. . . . On Oct. 14, H. Gallagher, a minister from Hawaii, was the preacher. He showed slides and spoke on Hawaii and our churches there. This meeting was combined with Asquith.

BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Several companies took part in the Girls' Brigade State Battalion March, led by B.B. Band on Sept. 27. . . . 100 boys of B.B. from five companies celebrated "Founder's Day" with a march to Ulverstone Baptist Church. At night the Devonport company attended a church parade at our church. Speaker was Peter Belchamber, missionary from Ivory Coast, Africa. He established the Boys' Brigade in Tasmania. 40 boys of B.B. put on a display at Dunally and attended a church parade at Copping. . . . Guest speaker at S.S. anniversary was also Peter Belchamber. . . . Ladies of the church met Mrs. Belchamber on Oct. 21 at the manse.

C.W.F. WORLD LEADER

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). On her way to the World Convention, Mrs. Magdalena de Parrilla, a World Vice-Pres. of C.W.F., spoke to the C.W.E.F. Mrs. Parrilla, whose husband is minister to a church in Buenos Aires, showed slides of work being done at her husband's church. She was a house-guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Wilson. Ira Paternoster, Jr., addressed the church on Oct. 18. . . . Our Living Link missionary, Miss Rosalie Rofe, on furlough from New Guinea, was welcomed by church members at a basket tea on Oct. 11. She shared in the service at night and brought greetings to C.W.E.F. on Oct. 12. . . . The afternoon C.W.F. heard Mrs. Butler of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. . . . Folk were visited and pamphlets distributed for the mission by E. Ray Jones, of Indianapolis, Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

INFORMAL FELLOWSHIP

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. Krause). John Webb, Dean of Lincoln College, U.S.A., conducted a mission here Oct. 27 to Nov. 1. . . . Another visitor here for the World Convention was Harold Gallagher, a minister from Honolulu who preached to the church, and at prayer meeting showed slides of work in Hawaii. . . . A church member entertained 34 visiting Americans at an informal dinner. . . . At the recent anniversary services three made decisions.

SUMMER HOLIDAY TOURS

Boys and girls from all parts of Victoria are invited to travel with the Y.A.L. (Young Australia League), the nation's "largest, oldest and most trusted youth organisation"—on either one of two tours lined up for the January summer holidays.

A girls' tour to W.A. leaves Melbourne, Jan. 7 and the boys' trip commences one day later on Jan. 8.

Both groups will be chaperoned and taken care of by experienced Y.A.L. personnel, who have been associated with the league for some years. The girls' party will be housed at Methodist Ladies'

College, Claremont, and the boys' contingent will be domiciled at Currie Hall, University of W.A. The two groups will fly by jet aircraft both ways, Melbourne to Perth and return.

The ages of children on tour will vary between 10 and 18 years of age, and arrangements are easily made for particular friends to be placed in the same company and travel together.

Details for all tours from Y.A.L. 8/180 Russell St., Melbourne, P.O. Box 2291U, or phone 663-3671, and there are still vacancies available on all tours.

A CHURCH ON THE MOVE

(HARLAXTON, Qld., Bruce Roberts). Three members, Mr. and Mrs. F. Winter and Mrs. I. Thorne, travelled to Japan for Expo '70. . . . H. Christensen and H. Scholl went to New Guinea in the Work Parties to build a home at Bunapas on the Ramu River. Six members journeyed to Adelaide for World Convention. . . . The Annual Missionary Convention had Harold and Mary Finger, Abel Bani and Lyle Morris representing Churches of Christ missionary work. Others were Don Singer, Regions Beyond Missionary Union; Harry Walmsley, Leprosy Mission, and Harry Abbott, B. & F.B.S. . . . Steve Rogers was guest speaker at the B.S. anniversary.

MISSIONARY BACK

(ARANA HILLS, Qld., Gary Stadden). Missionary Diane Feeny spoke and showed slides of the New Hebrides. . . . The older youth group is growing as outsiders are being brought in. . . . The ladies' work continues to grow as B.S. mothers are drawn into its orbit. . . . Parents shared in the B.S. picnic on Oct. 3. Young and old journeyed to Rosevale for the annual barbecue. . . . On Oct. 17 a car rally drew many members to Bunya Park.

DUX OF SCHOOL

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Rev. Ron Barker of the Lambton Baptist church was speaker at the S.S. anniversary. Afternoon was devoted to kindergarten items and prize-giving. Items were given by the senior school at night with a film and further prize distribution. Kristine Wold gained the special prize for dux of the school, and Phillip Litchfield was dux of the kinders.

GOSPEL SERVICE PROBED

(MURSTVILLE, N.S.W., G. Chapman). A debate between the Men's Society and young people on "The gospel service has lost its effectiveness" brought forth some important ideas and a committee will examine them further. . . . Maureen and Warren Bailey are to take up an appointment to a home caring for young children in Dalby, Qld. . . . Mrs. Hume-Molr spoke recently at our ladies' meeting.

LUNCH-HOUR MEETINGS

(HOBART, Tas., L. G. Cooke, R. E. Peller). Dr. Stephen J. England, from Oklahoma, U.S.A., was a special visitor en route to World Convention. He spoke at two lunch-hour meetings and at three Sunday services. . . . Boys' Brigade had open night for parents and film evening for men and boys. . . . Girls' Brigade Week was marked by an open night also. . . . The C.W.E.F. made their annual visit to Sunnyside Home for the aged, bringing entertainment and gifts for the residents. . . . November is a month for friendship visitation to members of the congregation.

COFFEE-NIGHT CRUSH

(NTH. SYDNEY, N.S.W., N. Flint). Our Coffee Night "LOFT" evangelistic outreach is being hard-pushed to accommodate 200. Plans are in hand to hire a larger hall. . . . The films "Sadhu Sundar Singh" and "Flipside" were screened at youth services. . . . The theme for the S.S. anniversary was "Jesus the Saviour of the Whole World." Mr. and Mrs. John Main from India, were speakers. Fran Woods (SIL) and Kay Williams (New Hebrides) were also guests. . . . Wendy Jones was dux of the school. Children and teachers were dressed in costumes to represent people from around the world.

NEWNESS: N.S.W.

Newness: N.S.W., a State-wide Mission to the people led by the Rev. Alan Walker, was launched in spectacular fashion at the 69th Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in N.S.W. The launching rally was designed as a religious celebration. It featured a 300-voice choir, the world of brass ensemble, a rock and roll music group and a spectacular cavalcade including a unique ballet as one of its main highlights. It was something quite new for the Methodist Conference and for Methodist people generally.

The Rev. Alan Walker said: "The supreme purpose of Newness: N.S.W. is to link men and women one by one to God. The Christian Church exists to mediate a knowledge of God to the world. In the Mission to N.S.W. we desire to share in the joy which the Bible says, comes to the heart of God when sinners repent and find forgiveness and peace with God."

SECRETARY MOVES

(NARACOORTE, S.A., D. G. Hammer, Jr.). The church has farewell Mr. and Mrs. D. Rackett and family. Mr. Rackett had been church secretary for a number of years. Nell Page has succeeded him in the office. . . . Ivan Simons and Nell Page were leaders at a Youth Camp for 35 at Kingston. . . . Ian Brown, former missionary to Ethiopia, spoke at Sunday evening camp service. . . . Mr. Hammer was speaker at B.S. anniversary. . . . Mrs. Farrow is in hospital with a fractured hip.

PETITION EFFECTIVE

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Petition to the Council assisted in defeating proposed extension of sporting grounds on a Sunday. . . . A large number attended combined Eastern District gospel services on Oct. 11. Dr. C. W. Nichols, of Kansas City, U.S.A., was speaker. . . . 28 visiting Americans en route to Adelaide were entertained by members, taken to C.O.B., Oakleigh Guest Homes and the Dandenongs. . . . Guest speakers were J. Schenault, from California, and P. Dubbs, from Nebraska. . . . Mrs. Ivy Dickson was guest speaker at C.W.F. . . . Group of young people gave children from "Allamble" day's outing on Show Day. . . . Mrs. Sandells, Mrs. Lil Muller and B. McFarlane welcomed back after illness; Mrs. Webster slowly improving, Mrs. Steele Sr. now in Emmaus. . . . Rev. Max Brewer, field officer for B. & F.B.S., was recent speaker.

CONVENTION VISITORS

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). The church was encouraged and impressed by the visit of K. J. Clinton, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conf., and a member of the faculty of the C.O.B., and also by Mr. Luff, a U.S. delegate to the Convention who spoke on Oct. 25 on the Convention theme. Interest is now centred on the combined church mission to be held in Victor Harbour town Hall led by Dr. Kenneth Munson, evangelist from the U.S.A. . . . The church is looking forward to the coming of Brian Beck to minister here from early 1971.

LAY WITNESS MISSION

(LA TROBE TCE, GEELONG, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). For Sept. 25-27 we joined with Manifold Heights in a special Lay Witness Mission. Nine Christian friends from Melbourne led by Len Harris conducted the mission. The witness of the visitors and the fellowship of the churches was uplifting.

AWARDS TO GIRLS

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). At Girls' Brigade service on Oct. 4 six girls received Pioneer Insignia from Reg. Brand, Chaplain of Girls' Brigade. All six girls are working for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. . . . Guest preachers during Federal Conference and World Convention were L. Barker, Ormond, Vic.; M. Maxey, U.S. missionary in Japan, and Letten Eilitt, of California.

The Ecumenical Service

The Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity during the Pope's visit to Australia, arranged by the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, will be held in the Sydney Town Hall at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2.

About 2,500 people from all churches in Australia will be invited to attend the service.

An anthem by a combined choir will be followed by addresses by the President of the Australian Council of Churches (the Rt. Rev. David Garnsey, Bishop of Gippsland) and by Pope Paul.

Others taking part will be Cardinal Sir Norman Gilroy, a R.C. student, Pastor Doug Nicholls of Churches of Christ, Rt. Rev. F. McKay, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, Archbishop Ezekiel of the Greek Orthodox Church, and the Primate of the Anglican Church, or his representative. The congregation will say the Lord's Prayer, led by Pope Paul.

In announcing details of the service, Bishop Garnsey said that the details as proposed to the Roman Catholic Church and the A.C.C. Executive had been approved unchanged by both bodies. The entire service will be in English.

[The Australian Council of Churches believes this ecumenical service will be significant, not only as a sign that the Churches have a will to pray to God for a renewed spirit of love and trust among

Christians, but also as a sign that the Church has a God-given ministry of reconciliation among all men (11 Cor. 5: 18-19).

It is for the sake of Jesus Christ and his gospel that Churches join together as members of the Council. Ecumenism does not mean that theological differences are unimportant or unreal. If they were, Christian unity would have been realised long ago. It means, on the contrary, that differences must be taken seriously. The Council bases its work on the assumption that constant prayer and study are necessary so that disunity may be overcome by the truth and love of God. Prayer is essential because unity is a gift of God and not the invention of man. The substance of such prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bring us closer together even as we are renewed according to the will and purpose of God (cf. Rom. 12: 2).

In the Australian Council of Churches, Christians from traditions as diverse as the Eastern Orthodox and the Salvation Army work together. No Church, when it joins the Council, undertakes either to accept the doctrinal formulations or assertions of any other member or to compromise its own beliefs or standards. Ecumenism is impossible without honesty and frankness. There are different views even on the crucial question of how Christian unity can be restored, but we do hold a common starting point: that true unity is found in Christ himself.]

PRESIDENT VISITS

(SUNSHINE, Vic., B. Goldsteen). Conf. Pres., K. J. Clinton, spoke at recent evening service. . . . A young lad was baptized and welcomed into fellowship. . . . Ladies' Guild raised \$70 from street stall for Temple Day offering. . . . At S.S. anniversary and fellowship tea on Sept. 27 Mr. Musgrove conducted the singing with Mrs. Norma Johnston at the piano. D. White and B. Goldsteen were speakers. . . . Ladies' groups attended the C.W.F. Missionary Rally. . . . Two colour films were screened recently, "My Favourite Phony" and "Wild Country."

YANKES AT DANDENONG

(Vic., A. A. Avery). Dr. J. Daniel Joyce was guest preacher on Oct. 11 and Dr. Howard E. Short and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gates shared in the church annual meeting on Oct. 18 which commenced with a basket tea at 5 p.m. . . . The film "Sadhu Sundar Singh" has been screened. . . . On Oct. 25 the C.E. took the whole evening service and on Nov. 1 three were baptized. . . . The annual C.W.F. fete at the Dandenong Town Hall raised \$264. . . . Mrs. Bailey of the Y.W.C.A. was speaker at the combined C.W.F. quarterly coffee morning. . . . Members, together with the minister, participated in the Sh. Suburban Crusade. One of our folk went forward. . . . The Under-Shepherd Plan is working well. Eleven under-shepherds have made 50 calls. . . . Miss Dianne Walker, a Dandenong member at M.B.I., spoke at both morning services on Oct. 25.

DISTINGUISHED PREACHERS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). There has been a galaxy of distinguished preachers recently. They included Dr. Michael Saenz of Indianapolis; G. K. Moya, Vic.; Roger Ryall, of India; and, on World Convention Sunday, Parker Resman of the U.S. The church received as her guests 44 visitors who were staying at Travel Lodge. Cars brought them to church and the women arranged a luncheon. . . . The post-convention climax was the mission at Glenelg when six churches combined in an evangelistic mission with Russell Blowers of Indianapolis as missionary.

MINI-MARKET

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Everyone worked toward a "Mini-Market" held on Oct. 9. \$740 was gained. . . . A fellowship tea and service with Ron Hillier (North Essendon) as guest speaker marked the end of the third three-year period of the planned sister programme. . . . Good Companions came third in outdoor sports. . . . Pre-convention Rally and Missionary Rally at Swanston St. church were attended by members. . . . C.W.E.F. held "open night" when Yvonne Round and Lillian Morgan showed slides and told of their New Zealand working holiday of seven months. . . . 15 members attended World Convention, Mrs. T. Bryant representing the State C.W.F. as a delegate.

OPEN FORUM

WORLD CONVENTION VISITORS

To the Editor,

Could we through your column please thank the 200 or so people who extended hospitality on Oct. 18 to 420 U.S.A. and N.Z. visitors in Melbourne en route to the World Convention.

We had very little definite information on how many to cater for until 12.10 a.m. on the 18th. This was further complicated when 48 visitors due to arrive at the Southern Cross Hotel at 9 a.m. were delayed at the air terminal. We would particularly like to thank the men who had the additional task of acting as liaison officers at the various motels and hotels where the visitors were staying. Many hosts and hostesses were inconvenienced when their schedules were adjusted at the last minute. These changes were accepted with a very gracious spirit and ready co-operation.

We are sure that those who helped are richer for their experience, and have made many rewarding friendships.

Pat & Graham Hilbig, Cheltenham, Vic.

PROTEST

To the Editor,

Although the fellowship and some of the meetings at the World Convention were most acceptable, there were two main areas of exception.

One was the "social" emphasis. While acknowledging the world's great social need, the spiritual need is far greater because men are being lost for eternity. The emphasis at Convention majored on the social need at the expense of the spiritual need. There are many

agencies that will attend to the world's social need if the Church fails at this point, but no other agency will attend to the world's spiritual need if we do not.

Secondly, I found difficulty in sharing in the worship of the Ecumenical Greek with Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox dignitaries in leading roles. Both of these are representative of false doctrine, superstition and idolatry. What fellowship has truth with error? The Ecumenical Service was a betrayal of the basic stand of the Churches of Christ — the restoration of New Testament Christianity.—Barry Cutchie (Vic.).

SCRIPTURE SPEAKS

To the Editor,

Dr. Killmister's letter (Oct. 17) gives away his whole position. In speaking of "Christianity resting upon the objective perceptual revelations of God (his emphasis) he reveals that he and those who share his view do claim to be infallible interpreters of scripture.

What he overlooks is that perception — and as he says we have to see God at our human perceptual level — is essentially and inevitably subjective. In other words we all interpret the Bible, and those who claim that others do, while they do not — that they themselves, and they alone, perceive the simple, direct, uninterpreted scriptural message — are deceiving themselves. And this misguided belief often gives rise, unwittingly and I hope uncharacteristically, to attitudes of intolerance and uncharitability.

We all interpret because we all select, and emphasise, and attach particular meanings to particular words when others are possible. (What would Dr. Killmister mean by "salvation," for instance; would

it be the same as my meaning? and which of us would be nearer Christ's meaning?). We fail to perceive particular aspects of the truth adequately because we fail to view them in the context of, or in relation to, other aspects which we ignore or under-emphasise. Luther pointed out that the Catholic Church of his day was ignoring or underemphasising the role of faith: it is possible that Dr. Killmister is neglecting or underemphasising some aspects of Christ which could modify his perception of other aspects — and the same could be true of any of us.

We are all interpreters.

To refer briefly to another letter in your same issue, I hope Dr. Lloyd Jones does not mean to imply that the A.C.C. is controlled by a group of people who hold the view of ecumenism he describes. This would of course be very far from the truth. —Desmond Crowley (N.S.W.).

POPE'S VISIT REPRESENTATION

To the Editor,

The Evangelical Fellowship states its strongest opposition to the presence of any representative of Churches of Christ, State or Federal, at any official function to be held in conjunction with the visit of the Pope to Australia.

We urge that a forthright public statement of dissociation from the official visit of the Pope be made by Churches of Christ in a similar vein to statements already made by the N.S.W. Baptist Union and the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney.

We respect the right of the Pope to visit Australia, but oppose the presence of Churches of Christ representatives at official functions because of the non-Scriptural claims made by the Papacy over all Christians outside the R.C. Church, and because any such official participation will be construed to imply recognition of Papal claims.

—R. S. Muller, Pres., D. G. N. Clark, Sec.

(Ed. A similar letter was received from G. Peers, Vic.).

UNSUITABLE TEXT BOOKS

To the Editor,

"Sexual Sin Through the Eyes of a Schoolboy"—This is not the real title of a book but it could well be the name of one novel studied by many older secondary school English students. Do parents know what their children study at school?

The book in question deals in a repulsive manner with various forms of the misuse of sex. One page chosen at random contains eight swear words including the names of God and of Christ. Some teachers have said that the book helps to prepare students for life as it is and that there are worse books which could be used.

In one school where parents recently objected to literature of this kind an improvement has been promised while in another no action resulted.

There have been letters in the secular press asking why the Church appears to do nothing about the mass of morally unhelpful literature available in our community. Well, we are the Church. What are we going to do?

—(Mrs.) A. M. Davie (S.A.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

A CROSS FOR A CROWN

To the Editor,

Last Sunday night the visiting baritone rendered a message in song. (Why don't they just sing?). Well the message in song that he rendered was "The Old Rugged Cross." He sat down, the minister preached, there was a hymn and benediction and vesper . . . but all of it was lost on me. I was still with the words of the song, "I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown." I began to wonder at this heavenly change-over. I'm not sure that I like it! All eternity on a throne with a crown! How boring! I'm sure I'd be joining those who "cast their golden crowns upon the glassy sea" for something interesting to do.

I reckon I'd settle for keeping the cross and letting those with religious blue blood in their veins have the crowns. If clinging to the cross means what Jesus said when he said, "Take up your cross and follow me," something like that would be preferable to this crown business. Not that I'm that good at taking up the cross. But if the cross means service and love and sacrifice for people, and if this is real living here, it will still be real living here-after. Mind you, as I said, I don't do it very well or very often, but when I do, those are the best times of my life. And when I don't take up the cross of service and sacrifice and love, which is a lot of the time, I sit up on my self-centred throne and make hell for everyone, including myself. So if the next life is somehow sharing with God in living and loving and sacrificing for people, I think I could cheerfully be in that for the rest of eternity.

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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The warm winds of ecumenical concern drifted through a cold and uninviting Motor Pavilion Saturday night to contest for several thousand participants' attention. Without ornate cathedral and processions, a sense of worshipful quietness was achieved and one felt a warmth of heart evident in spite of the adverse cold. Perhaps the ornament of human voice in worship and music will achieve what vestment, dogmatics and chancel cloistering cannot.

One had the feeling that there was a genuine and sin-

cere desire for unity-concern without a glossing over of interpretive differences. Fraternal delegates included representatives from Greek Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Diocese, Secretariat of the Vatican, World Baptist Alliance, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, East Asia Christian Conference, Presbyterian Churches of South Australia, Congregational Union of S.A. and the World Council of Churches.

The Choir and Brass Ensemble lifted the spirits of all present, the fraternal greetings were warm and sensitive,

By EARL E. GRICE,

Dean, Minnesota Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn. U.S.A.

and Dr. Potter's resolute analysis of church division and the need to demonstrate social, racial and evangelistic unity all combined to provide a stimulating experience. Indeed, the heirs of the Campbell tradition must have felt their hearts warmed since Dr. Potter said more about the contributions made by the Campbell-Stone movement than we heard throughout the Convention. He seemed to be optimistic about the contemporary church's chances for renewal and unity in spite of her failures in attacking social, racial and economic problems.

The spirit of unity is certainly in the ecclesiastical air, for Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox seek direction. The Churches of Christ would do well to take Dr. Potter's advice when he affirmed that dialogue must begin among ourselves and we dare not omit contributing valid principles of the Campbell movement to this modern church renewal.

(Dr. Grice is one of many visitors who accepted our invitation to report on various aspects of the Convention).

MISSIONARY LEADER DIES

(S.A.). The death is announced in Adelaide of Albert Anderson, a one-time missionary to China who became Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board. An obituary notice will appear in a later issue.

PRESTON JOINT MINISTRY

(Vic., G. J. Crossman). The congregation approved of plans for a joint ministry with East Preston during 1971. Joint Board meetings will be held during the year . . . The 68th church anniversary had Conf. Pres., K. J. Clinton, as guest preacher. A dedication service for officers took place . . . Owing to ill-health and advancing years our esteemed elder, J. T. Salsbury, did not seek reelection as treasurer, which office he held faithfully for 44 years . . . At P.S.A. the film "Heritage to Destiny" and audiovisual "Conference Concerns" were screened. Solists were Mrs. B. Qualfe and duets were sung by Mrs. B. Qualfe and Miss M. Qualfe.

IN THE CAPITAL

(CANBERRA, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright, C. G. Dredge). Dr. Stephen J. England preached at both Ainslie and Lyons on Oct. 4 . . . Recent speakers at Young Adult Fellowship have been Allan Fitzgerald, journalist and member of the A.O.T. Advisory Council, and Miss Margaret Lawrie, Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs. . . Interstate and overseas travellers to the World Convention have had fellowship with the church . . . 40 people from the Goodwin Homes were taken for an outing on Oct. 11 and were entertained at tea in the Ainslie Hall. . . The birthday meeting of Ainslie C.W.F. was held on Sept. 30.

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Deputation Mrs. H. Finger, Leith and Laura
17 Home Mission Feature, Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m. Christmas cheer will be received

NEWMARKET TO CLOSE

(Vic.). Due to lack of manpower and attendance at worship services, Newmarket have found it necessary to conclude services at the church and to combine with the Ascot Vale church. Final services will be held on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (see notice page 24). The building will be put to auction on Nov. 25 at 3 p.m. It is the desire of the members that the contents re furniture, organs, piano, etc., be used to help others in their witness of the gospel. If a church has a need for these items please contact Mrs. Mitchell at 242 Railway Place, Newmarket, or phone 33-3933 (Melb.) between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

GROUP BECOMES CHURCH

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., F. Rees). The former Hilton group became Hamilton Hill church on Nov. 1 when the B.S. and the church met for the first time in the new building. Special visitors at the B.S. were Mrs. Mary Finger, Mrs. Leith Wilson and Mrs. Laura Daniels from the New Hebrides. More than 100 members and friends were at morning service at which Mr. Rees spoke. The visitors from the New Hebrides were guest speakers at the a.m. service at Fremantle that same day which was the 79th church anniversary. Mr. Rees spoke at night and there was special music by the choir.

DON BUTLER: NEW SECRETARY FOR ABORIGINES' BOARD

The Federal Aborigines' Mission Board announces the appointment of Don P. Butler to the position of Organising Secretary in the place of D. G. Hammer. Mr. Butler is a missionary who has been working at Norseman Mission for the past six years, for the last three as Superintendent. His work at Norseman has been marked by careful attention to the many details of such a work, and the development of a splendid relationship between members of the Mission family, both missionaries and Aboriginal children and adults. He is also held in very high regard by Government officials and others with whom he has had to deal. Prior to missionary service, Mr. Butler was in membership with the church at Strathalbyn, S.A., and took a leading part in church business and community activities in the district. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Butler and their three children will come to Perth to take up this position at the end of the year. Their address will be 11 Conroy Street, Maylands, which is the present office address of the Aborigines' Board.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS Our colleges are attracting comparatively large numbers of students for the ministry and the Anglicans have a steady supply of men. Some churches are not so well off. The Congregationalists, Methodists, and Roman Catholic Churches are all short of recruits. The R.C. Church has been placing large advertisements in their journals without much result. The reasons for the shortage of candidates for the ministry are many and varied. These include: (a) our affluent society offers many financial rewards. Young people tend to marry earlier and couples are not so ready to surrender financial security. (b) the church has suffered from the revolutions in society and in the church, the relevance of God to daily life is challenged and in the general uncertainty many young men are deterred from offering themselves. (c) the traditional pastoral role of the minister is also being questioned.

MISSING EDITOR Francis James, former editor of "The Anglican," disappeared in China more than a year ago and his fate is a mystery. Despite the efforts by churchmen and the Governments of Australia and Britain, the Chinese will neither confirm nor deny that James is held by them. The absence of the worst news gives continued hope that he is alive. Mr. James was a radical type of journalist (whatever that may mean) who wrote provocatively about the church's role in the world. His journal ceased publication after his disappearance but was later revived by a more conservative editorial group. While the paper moved a little to the right, it plunged deeply into the red and after a few issues again ceased publication.

FOUR MEN AND A CAT When so many modern adventures are smothered with hullabaloo and financed daily progress reports, it was refreshing to have the South American raft La Balsa sneak up on us so modestly last week. With it's very existence being denied by senior maritime officials, the last days of the voyage of the little craft also brought new honour to amateur radio men who pinpointed its position and ensured its safe arrival in Queensland. In an age of frustration, bitterness, and despair, the four men of La Balsa wrote a new chapter of enthusiasm, courage, and endurance in the story of the human spirit. Sad about the rest of the crew, however, La Balsa began its voyage with three parrots and two cats. The parrots and one cat died. When the other cat completed the journey it was immediately sent to sea again under our no-foreign-cats-in-Australia policy. This is a shame, for the black and white cat that crossed the Pacific on the raft is the most famous feline sailor since the Owl's first mate.

GOOD GRIEF! FIVE-SIXTHS AUSTRALIAN They did it again! This time it was at the World Convention. The badges worn by the delegates were most attractively shaped like the map of Australia—with Tasmania left out! However this will be adjusted in 1984 when the 11th Assembly is held in Hobart. Everyone will wear a badge shaped like Australia with Western Aust., South Aust., Vic., N.S.W., and Qld. left off.

MINISTER FOR THE U.S.

(EAST KEW, Vic.). At the conclusion of his present ministry here, H. Kevin Christensen, with his wife and family, will move to the U.S.A. where he will be engaged in evangelistic programmes in several States. This move follows a visit to America earlier this year when a brief programme was undertaken.

"CHRISTIAN" GUESTS

(GLENELG, S.A., E. P. C. Holland). Members of the "Aust. Christian" Board of Management and associate editors were guests of the church when they met here for dinner and discussion. Mr. Holland is one of the editors. . . Guest speaker at the first service (broadest) on World Convention Sunday was Dr. Edwin Hayden, editor of the U.S. "Christian Standard." All visitors attending the second morning service were invited to lunch in members' homes . . . The Sthn. Dist. Churches Post Convention Crusade culminated in a great gathering in Glenelg Town Hall on Nov. 1. Crusade preacher, Russell Blowers of Indianapolis, also preached at our morn-

ing service . . . John and Margaret Beaumont, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, have completed their Jungle Camp training in New Guinea.

GOLDEN WEDDING PLUS . . .

(S.A.). To pack a Golden Wedding anniversary, an 80th birthday and 21 years of part-time ministry into one package is an accomplishment. But A. J. Ingham handles it during November.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingham were married in Swanston St. Church, Melb., by the late Dr. Blakemore. Ministers took them into several States until they settled in Adelaide. Mr. Ingham went into business life, but never lost his taste for preaching. A number of churches around Adelaide have come to appreciate his winsome manner and fine Biblical preaching.

He is a sprightly 80, and now Golden Bells ring for them. A host of friends around Australia will say, "God bless you both, and may the bells keep ringing and the sound of the gospel continue to be heard."

INTERIM CONCLUDES

(WOORINEN, Vic., R. A. Banks). After a part-time interim ministry for five months, Mr. and Mrs. R. Banks were farewelled . . . Lyn Mitchell was baptized on Oct. 25 . . . S.S. attendances are increasing. It meets with church until after communion service . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Mott attended the World Convention . . .

(SWAN HILL). In the closing weeks of Mr. Banks' ministry six young people made decisions. Four have been baptized and received into fellowship. A large gathering farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Banks following their short interim ministry. . . The C.W.F. held a successful fete on Oct. 30 . . . Local members are filling all preaching appointments until Mr. Pritchard commences his ministry in January.

84th BIRTHDAY

(GATTON, Qld., D. Usher). Mr. Wegner Snr. has celebrated his 84th birthday . . . The C.W.F. ladies led the service on Oct. 18 with Mrs. Usher giving the address . . . Prof. Wilson from the Qld. Univ. spoke at night and also to the young people after-church session. . . At the combined meeting on Oct. 25, 200 were present to hear Hayden Sargent. Solas were given by Mrs. Usher and Miss Burton, and a duet by Jenny Wegner and Paul Simon. Mr. Sargent also spoke at the youth tea.

OFFERING FOR "CHRISTIAN"

At World Convention Assemblies it is customary for an offering to be received and devoted to a brotherhood project within the host country. For the 8th Assembly in Adelaide "The Australian Christian" was chosen as the recipient of the offering received at the Communion Service. The amount was \$3,652.00 and the Board of Management expresses its gratitude to the World Convention Committee and those who shared in the offering.

OVERSEAS MISSION RALLY

(COLLINGWOOD, Vic., R. B. Curchie). Schrader Ranges, Banmatmat, Children's Homes, Keram River . . . these are but a few of the areas of work that is important on our Overseas Mission Field.

It has been said that "the greatest enemy of the missionary is ignorance (that breeds apathy) in the homeland." This statement is undeniable and demands some form of education in response. The Victorian Overseas Mission Committee and the Collingwood Church of Christ are therefore sponsoring a Brotherhood Rally at Collingwood on Sat., Nov. 23, at 7.45 p.m.

The aim of the rally is twofold—educational and inspirational. Several missionaries will present reports, recent slides will be screened and out-going missionary candidates presented. An inspirational address will climax the meeting.

If you are not sure of the work being carried out in the name of the Churches of Christ in India, New Hebrides and New Guinea, go to Collingwood on Saturday the 23th.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS

KING-ALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, 126 Barnard St., Bendigo, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to David, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Allen, 13 Frederick St., Ferntree Gully.

MITTING-BAXTER—The engagement is announced of Margot, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mitting, of Somerville, to Garry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Baxter, Swan Hill, Vic.

PEARL WEDDING

MARR—Mr. and Mrs. Vic. Marr have pleasure in announcing their 30th wedding anniversary which took place at the Church of Christ, Prospect, S.A., on Nov. 2, 1940, with Dr. R. W. L. Crosby officiating. — Present address: Irymple Ave., Nichols Point, Vic., 3501.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham, of 82 Queen St., Norwood, S.A., gratefully give thanks to God for the years of blessing as they announce the 50th anniversary of their marriage, by the late Bro. W. B. Blake-more, at Swanston Street Church of Christ on November 25, 1920.

WELCOME HOME

ALL friends are invited to join in a Welcome Home to Rhonda and Robert Whan (missionaries from New Guinea) at East Kew Church of Christ, on Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. Join East Kew and Bays-water churches in meeting and hearing their Living Link missionaries.

AT HOME

The family of **DAVID MONCUR** invite his friends to an Informal "At Home" in Ascot Vale Church of Christ Hall, St. Leonards Rd., Ascot Vale, Vic., on Sunday afternoon, November 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served. Please "no presents" by request.

GOODBYE TO RALEIGH STREET

As we shall be moving to our new Worship Centre, Gordon Street, early in 1971, this will be the last opportunity for a re-union at Raleigh Street.

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DEATHS

McCOLL, James Roy—On October 23, 1970, loved husband of Drena, loving father of May (Mrs. Barnett) and Max, fond father-in-law of Geoff and Betty; grandpa of Donald and Cella, Christine, Peter, Phillip and Paul Barnett; Robert, Gay and Judith.

JACKSON—On Nov. 4, 1970, at Ainslie Private Hospital, A.C.T., Annie Alice, loved wife of the late John Barclay, and loved mother of Joan. "In heavenly love abiding."

IN MEMORIAM

STURGES—In loving memory of our dear mother, Lylia, who passed away on Nov. 11, 1944, and dear father, William Henry, Jan. 1, 1961. —Inserted by their loving daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. J. Searle, dec.), Concie (Mrs. C. MacDonald), Alice (Mrs. N. White). "Deep in our hearts a memory is kept."

SUMMERTON, Jessie Florence—In loving memory of my wife who passed away November 5, 1969. "Deep in my heart your memory is kept. To love and cherish and never forget."—Fred.

SUMMERTON, Jessie Florence—In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, called home November 5, 1969. "Happy years we spent together. Hold memories that last forever."—Inserted by Jesa-mond, Dennis, Audrey and Alwyn. Mother-in-law of John, Joan, Ben, Grace, and grandchildren.

APPRECIATION

McCOLL—Drena McColl, May, Max and families wish to thank all for kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement, especially the Churches of Christ Dept. of Social Service, Matron Gall and staff and the Matron at Emmaus. James Roy McColl died October 23, 1970. "Forever with the Lord."

CLARKE—The family of the late Mrs. Grace Clarke wish to thank the officers, members, and especially Mr. Baxter of the Briar Hill Church of Christ for their kindness and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

PIANO WANTED

BORONIA Church Vic., requires another piano to help make its youth work more effective. Can anyone help us? We are quite prepared to pay a reasonable price. Please phone Mr. G. Williams, phone 762-2195 (Melb.).

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80th

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November 21-22, 1970

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NOVEMBER 24 to 29

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27—

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28—

"Uptight Night No. 2."
7.45 p.m.

Cabaret Style.

David Parkin, Capt. Hawthorn F.C. — Comedian — "The New Generation."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29—

"Grand Finale."
7 p.m.

Pakenham Church of England Choir Held in conjunction with the Planned Programme of Evangelism, Sunday, Nov. 15 to Sunday, Nov. 29. Programme Director: Ted Keating, Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism.

ALLAN AVERY, Minister.

CHURCH DELEGATIONS WELCOMED.

November 14

— PERSONAL —

DISCIPLESHIP

Mrs. Glassborrow and Lynette, Lesley and Ken Robinson, Robert Dunkerley, Frankston, Vic.

Phillip Baldock, Magill, S.A.

Lola Hall, Harlington, Qld.

Lisa Waterfall, Cheltenham, Vic.

Mrs. Judy Harward, Hurstville, N.S.W.

Lynette Graham, Judith Guzass, Julie Warren, Swan Hill, Vic.

Miss Lyn Mitchell, Woorinen, Vic.

Jeanne Blackford, Bentleigh, Vic.

Nell Davies, Port Pirie, S.A.

Cheryl Bonney, Kerry Walmsley, Judy Prestwood, Beth Waterman, Albion, Qld.

Mrs. John Sullivan, Leigh Pritchard, Joe Gawthorpe, Dandenong, Vic.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clarke, from Malvern, Vic. to Hobart, Tas.

Mrs. Reggan, from Maryborough to Harlington, Qld.

Miss Yvonne Gardiner, from Bentleigh to Cheltenham, Vic.

Ron Fèvre, from Gympie to Albion, Qld.

Jeanette Griffiths, from Dunolly to Essendon, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Elaine Beechey to Daniel Ward, Hobart, Tas.

Rhonda May Kenneally to Bradley David Lewis, Dandenong, Vic.

Miss S. McGrath to L. Brandsma; Miss J. Choate to G. Bracegirdle, Teatgarook, Vic.

Robyn Joy Cooper to Peter Geoffrey Pitt, Castlemaine, Vic.

Marilyn Elliott to Daryl Fibbison; Heather Summerton to Kevin Deer, Cheltenham, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Alma Mavis McKinlay, Goolwa, S.A.

Mrs. M. Richards, Mrs. L. M. Fishwick, Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.

Ray Scott, Albert Judd, Les. Monish, Will McDonald, Cheltenham, Vic.

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AN INVITATION TO A

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ATTENDANCE TREBLED

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). Attendance trebled for the evening service commencement of "Guest Programme" when contacts were invited as personal guests of selected members of the church. Fifteen visitors posted personal invitations, 70 more than usual attended the gospel service. Malcolm Humphries, C.O.B., was guest speaker, and a girls' guitar and singing group from St. Joseph's were guest artists. . . . 50 Explorers and Good Companions with leaders and parents, enjoyed D.C.E. Safari to You Yangs. . . . C.W.F. conducted jumble sale to help bridge the finance gap between offerings and needs.

HOSTS OF FELLOWSHIP

(BAYSWATER, Vic., M. D. Keatch). Sixteen of our U.S. friends shared lunch with more than 100 of our own people on Oct. 18. Roy D. Fields, of America, gave the morning address. . . . Miss Blake of U.N.I.C.E.F., spoke at C.W.F. birthday. The Ward sisters from Mitcham gave items. . . . G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at the 99th church anniversary, soloist was Daniel Hills. Fellowship tea followed the P.S.A. service. . . . S.S. anniversary addresses were given by Mr. Jules, of Scripture Union, and K. Fechner, of C.O.B. Singing was conducted by Daniel Hills. Pianist was Wayne Clinton. . . . "Yukana Singers" were featured at the combined gospel service at the Box Hill Town Hall. . . . Jim Keatch won the district finals competition for public speaking run by the Jaycees. His theme was "Youth Speaks For Australia." . . . Miss Yelland has settled in at the Salvation Army Home.

EVANGELISM CLIMAX

(FRANKSTON, Vic., R. H. Patterson). Weekend of evangelism was fitting climax to month of friendship and evangelism. Allan Avery was guest speaker on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Family tea had R. Hopkins, pilot, as speaker. Youth for Christ Team conducted Sunday evening service. . . . Five people made decisions and have been baptised. . . . Guest artists are contributing to evening services. . . . Nine members attended Convention-Conference in Adelaide.

CARRYING ON

(BALWYN, Vic., W. J. Thomson). Services recently have been taken by D. Killey, H. B. Turnham, and C.W.E.F. when four ladies gave devotions and talks on the seasons of the year. . . . 140 past and present members took communion at homecoming and later were entertained by the ladies at informal luncheon and chat. Dr. C. Warmbrunn was speaker, and Mrs. Dow, soloist. . . . B.S. picnic was held at Maroonah Reservoir and later at Healesville Sanctuary. . . . Shoppers' service had Mr. Grainger, Box Hill, as speaker.

TOOTGAROOK, Vic. (L. A. Treslze). Mrs. Machin is under observation in hospital. . . . Garth Nelson (C.O.B.) spoke at both services on Oct. 25. . . . Mance Fund has reached \$2,167.

WATTLE PARK'S 22nd

(Vic., A. R. Lloyd). The church commenced its 22nd anniversary on October 3 with a barbecue tea, followed by a concert in Ashley Hall. Items were given by departments and church auxiliaries. On Oct. 4 the guest preacher was Richard Lawton, St. Andrew's Glee Club and "Julie and Mary" gave musical items. . . . The S.S. teachers have done house to house visitation for scholars.

CENTENARY ANTICIPATED

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). The church is eagerly looking forward to the church centenary celebrations which will commence on Nov. 28 with a Reunion Dinner at the Town Hall. . . . Geo. Jacobs, who ministers at Honolulu, was a visitor here en route to the World Convention.

13 AT CONVENTION

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). 13 members attended World Convention in Adelaide. Many folk have called in on the way there. . . . The minister has fully recovered from recent illness. . . . Don R. Williams who had a coronary recently is now progressing slowly in Kaniva Hospital. 18 men attended a very successful working bee on his farm. . . . Recent speakers were Darrol McLeod, of Ballarat (B. & F.B.S. representative), John Main spoke of Indian Mission

work, and Ray McKenzie who spoke to officers and teachers on B.S. material. . . . 16 adults and 10 children attended a Family Camp at Halls Gap led by Ted Keating.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

(BENDIGO, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). On Oct. 11, Roger Ryall spoke on India. In the afternoon the B.S. anniversary singing was led by Keith Lacy supported by an orchestra. George Jacobs, of Honolulu, was the speaker. He also spoke at night and at special meetings on Oct. 12-14, supported by Harcourt, Maryborough, Echuca and Boort churches. . . . The Y.P.F. visited Blackburn church on Oct. 4. . . . Explorers and Good Companions and leaders attended Axedale camp, Oct. 17-18. . . . V. Gardiner, C.O.B., spoke at youth tea on 18th and to the church on 19th.

FROM IDAHO

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). Guest speaker on Oct. 18 was Newell E. Morgan, from Idaho, U.S.A. Other American visitors were in the congregation. . . . Attendances at the South Suburban Crusade were Saturday 150, Sunday morning breakfast 111, Sunday evening 1,050, Teen Coffee Hour 350, Monday night 340, Tuesday 400, Wednesday 400. There were eight decisions. . . . C.W.E.F. held a "Beetles" evening with proceeds for the College of the Bible.

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QUEENSLAND

"Warana"

(Qld.). Brisbane's 7th Annual Week of "Fun in the Sun" was held recently. "Warana" is original for "blue skies." The Seventh Women's Spring Singing Service entitled "Warana Spring Festival" was part of the church's contribution to the week of festivities. Mrs. Cora Connell (Kenmore) compiled the programme and in particular the final hymn, "Thanks for Warana." The second stanza reads: "Each rising sun with new day brings, Lustrous and life to sleeping things: Open our eyes that we may see, Fresh ways to serve You faithfully." The address, "For the Women of Yesterday—A Place in the Sun," was delivered by Dr. Elsie Harwood, the well-known sociologist at the Queensland University.

Youth in Action!

(Qld.). The 22nd Annual Sports Day was held at Yeronga High School oval. This youth activity is conducted by the Dept. of Christian Educ. and again coincided with the "Matched Youth Group Exchange," with provincial youth groups being billeted with metropolitan church groups.

Eight records were broken on the day. Junior section winner was Boondall church, and runners-up were Rosevale and a tie, Camp Hill and Harlaxton. Senior section winner was Chinchilla, runners-up, Harlaxton and Rosevale.

Junior Champions—W. Slattery (Leichhardt) and H. Clancy (Redcliffe). Senior Champions—K. Druce (Chinchilla) and A. Griffith (Marburg).

One week after our Sports Day, John Davis (Chinchilla) created a State record for broad-jumping and high-jumping in the State Secondary School Sports.

"Teen-Week"—Albion

(Qld.). The "Albion Anchors" sponsored "Teen-Week" this year in conjunction with the Dept. of Christian Educ. The aim was to have meetings of intellectual stimulus, entertaining and spiritually challenging.

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The winner of the In-Service Training Scholarship, Miss Jan Sauer, of Albion, was announced during Teen-Week. Jan was secretary of Teen-Week '70 and has been active in Department camping and leadership training. She was an original trainee-leader and serves as secretary of the Christian Educ. Committee.

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ROY CORDY

On August 21, 1970, Roy Cordy died suddenly at the age of 54 years. He was the beloved elder of the Sunshine (Vic.) church. He loved Christ and the church and served him faithfully there for 30 years. The overflowing congregation at the chapel for the funeral service conducted by ministers past and present, gave pointed testimony to a life of abundant Christian witness and grace. His earlier years with the Footscray church were ones of commitment and willing use of talent. Following his marriage to Verna Stewart at the Latrobe Terrace church, Geelong, they moved to Sunshine where Roy was a deacon, treasurer, K.S.P. chaplain and Sunday School teacher. Through the years he had introduced every member of his family into the church. His wide interests in art, music, sport, business and so many fields of Christian labour all echo the tribute paid to him that the "joy of his life was to be ever found in Christ." With his wife and family, we rejoice and give thanks for a life so fully lived in Christ.—B.F.G.

HOLLETT, Ellen J.

Early in July the church at Maylands, W.A., was saddened by the death of Miss Ellen Hollett whose membership extended over 45 years. Unless prevented by illness or absence from her home, she loyally supported Sunday services. The passing of Miss Hollett has broken another link in a long chain of activity and service which has bound the Hollett family to the Maylands church for more than a half century. The large number who attended the funeral service bore evidence of the love and esteem held for Miss Hollett and the Hollett family. We commend loved ones to God's tender care and comfort.—H.W.S.

Mrs. ADA LEWIS

In all the history of the South Yarra (Vic.) Church of Christ since its foundation in 1893 until five years ago, Fred and/or Ada Lewis were regular attenders. It was most appropriate that the funeral service for Mrs. Lewis at Cheltenham Cemetery should have been a part of the preceding service at Cliff Street, South Yarra.

In this church Mrs. Lewis was married in 1909. Born in Hawksburn 85 years

EDWARDS, Reginald Stephen

On June 2, after a heart attack while playing golf at Urunga, Reg. Edwards died in the ambulance en route to the Bellingen Hospital, Reg. was taking a well-earned holiday with his wife Ede, her sister Solvold and his father when the tragedy happened. The Hurstville, N.S.W. church was greatly shocked when the sad news became known, a shock that only the years will soften. He came into fellowship with the Bankstown church in 1940 and ten years later moved to Cars Park. His membership since then has been with the Hurstville church. Reg. was elected to the church board soon after his transfer and continued as a deacon till just prior to his death. He also served as church secretary, B.S. Supt., and was church treasury, B.S. Supt., and was church secretary for 10 years only relinquishing this office in March this year. For several years Reg. was chairman of the Men's Work Committee and was a member of the Inter-Church Men's Consultative Council, a capable representative of our brotherhood. In the business world Reg.

ago she had lived also at Parkville and Prahran. Early in life she gave herself to Christ and was a member of Swanston Street and Prahran until her marriage. James Pittman was the minister marrying Fred and Ada Lewis. Fred was only a boy when the South Yarra church was commenced with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lewis as foundation members. Fred and Ada Lewis had four children, Colin, Stuart, Enid and Marie. Their faith was strong and proved meaningful in 1936 with the death of their second son, Stuart. It was not long after that their elder daughter, Enid, left with her husband, Dr. Keith Bowden, for missionary service with the Presbyterian Church in India.

To Colin and his wife, Bonnie; to Enid and Keith and to Marie and her husband, Murray Daley, and their families we express sympathy and share our faith in Christ.

Fred Lewis retired from his office as Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game 23 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spent 10 happy and useful years of retirement before Mrs. Lewis was widowed 13 years ago. In 1960 she attended the Sixth World Convention in Edinburgh. After returning to Melbourne Mrs. Lewis moved into a flat and for the past five years had lived at the Emmaus Rest Home and more lately at the Will H. Clay Hospital. Today we give thanks to God for a full life lived in home, church and community.—E.W.R.

ELSIE MANN

Elsie Mann died on Aug. 17 at the age of 92. Born in 1878, she was baptized at Kaniva in 1894. The family came to Adelaide in 1897, and they were received into membership at Unley. Elsie trained in the Royal Adelaide Hospital as a nurse, and after completing her training went to Gawler, S.A., as the District Nurse. There are many in the district who still remember her ministry of nursing assistance. For 11 years she was Matron of the Strathalbyn Hospital, and again she is fondly remembered by many in that district. She took up private nursing in the city, living in Toorak Gardens with her membership at Maylands church. For the past 34 years she had continued in that fellowship. She helped a great company in many ways. Her consistent and loyal witness as a servant of the Lord will continue to be an inspiration to those who had years of fellowship with her. The Maylands church gives thanks for her presence, and extends sympathy to her sisters and brothers.—A.J.I.

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WELSFORD, Emma Jane

The church at Reservoir in Victoria paid loving tribute to the life and service of an aged foundation member at a service in the chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Mrs. Welsford was baptized in the old church at Bulmain St., Sth. Richmond in the year 1912. After her marriage to William Welsford in 1918 they both moved to Footscray where they worshipped until they finally settled at Pine St., Reservoir, which remained their home for a great number of years.

In the year 1934 they met with the little band of disciples and became foundation members of the new church, Mrs. Welsford was always known for her faithful church attendance at both services each Lord's Day, and for her influence and hospitality during the early days of the church. Unfortunately over the later years she was stricken with illness and recently, after a time in hospital and nursing homes, she passed away on September 13. Mr. F. B. Alcorn, a former minister of the church assisted the present minister at the service in the chapel and a large number attended in memory of a faithful Christian lady. Love was expressed to the next of kin. She is missed from her usual seat but we rejoice in her victory and keep her in fond memory.—A.W.C.

WELSH, Miss M.

Miss Mary Welsh, known to so many as Auntie May, was over 80 years of age when she died. She was rich in all the Christian graces and strong in the Christian faith. This sums up and explains the triumphant nature of her life. For many years she suffered from arthritis and pain was a constant companion. Even though crippled and unable to walk save with the aid of her two sticks, she never allowed her disabilities to keep her away from church services. Nor were her difficulties allowed to keep her from looking after herself, her home and her gardening. She had a very robust independent spirit, and her determination was one of her Christian graces.

Her association with the church was lifelong. She belonged to one of our church families who were farmers. She spent much of her life in the work of the farm and in bringing to and caring for the motherless family of her brother David. To the last she lived a very busy life, she had a very wide circle of friends and her deepest concern was for the poor, the weak, the sick and those who did not know her Saviour. In spite of many afflictions and disabilities she always maintained that "she was richly blessed" and that throughout her whole life she enjoyed good health and was always strong — save for this arthritis.

Within our fellowship at Serviceton, Vic., there remain a sister and a brother (Mrs. C. Wallis and David Welsh) together with other relations whom we commend to the God of all comfort and grace. Miss Welsh died in the Horsham Hospital and her remains were interred at Kaniva where the Salvation Army officer shared in the services.—R.C.B.

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S.A. CONFERENCE: Barmera—a new work initiated by C. H. Hunt carried on by A. Cameron who began his work with a tent as his dwelling place, but has now attained to the glory of a weatherboard room and two tents. Mounta. A motor cycle has been purchased for the preacher. H. L. Vavster Bible Schools reported a decrease of 166 scholars. Bookroom Conference resolved to establish a central book depot for the dissemination of our distinctive literature. Next to Heaven, Bordertown's minister, E. Edwards, said that Bordertown had "the finest soil this side of eternity."

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Parliament. In the new Victorian Parliament there are two Churches of Christ members: Thos. Ryan, of Essendon, and W. Brownbill of Geelong.

The first silence. For the second anniversary of the armistice, Nov. 11, His Majesty King George V has asked that at 11 a.m. there will be a cessation of work and a two minutes' silence as a tribute to those who fought the Empire's battles.

Tasmanian Women's Camp



A record number of women gathered at the Christian Youth Centre, Ulverstone, for the annual women's camp, led by Mrs. Dorothy Hartam, president of the Tasmanian Women's Conference. Mrs. Shirley Cooke introduced the studies on prayer entitled "Open Windows" on private prayer, family prayers, and church prayers.

A feature of the study period was the time given to practical preparation of a time of meditation, using pictures, verses of scripture, hymns, poems, etc. Several were used in the closing devotions of each session.

On Saturday afternoon we walked to Poynton's Nursery to see the glorious display of spring flowers and to have afternoon tea. At night we relaxed as each group presented an item or two for entertainment. We laughed till our sides ached as we watched the enactment of "Little Red Riding Hood" — dead-pan Ulverstone ladies' interpretation of "Swan Lake Ballet" reminded us rather of "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

We were led into the communion service by Mrs. Hartam. Some of the "Open Windows" in the Bible showed us that in every instance they were associated with disaster. But out of the disaster came the promise of God's unfailing love. Out of the apparent disaster of the Cross, came the promise of redemption and new life.

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—June Younger.

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I WONDER why psychology is spelled with a p? Certainly poems pail to me!

CAN YOU NAME IT? See PAC Oct. 17.

1. Galilee 2. Dead Sea 3. Jerusalem 4. Mediterranean

A MAN who fancied himself as a driver was taking a trip with his wife. After traveling a long way, she consulted a map and told him they were lost.

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The gleaming wings that cleave the sky,
The mighty planes that roar
On errands over seven seas
Shall carry fear no more,
But bring the bonds of brotherhood
From shore to shining shore.
—Lucille S. Hull.



The world is full of sad little mistakes
too pathetic to be comedies and too
commonplace to be tragedies.
—E. T. Fowler.



We act as though comfort and luxury
are the chief aims in life, when all we
need to be really happy is something to
be enthusiastic about.

"Charity is obsolete. Today the question is not one of giving the beggar half your cloak so he may no longer freeze; it is rather to end beggary altogether."
—KONRAD FARNER.

Dignity is one thing that cannot be
preserved with alcohol.



Not doing better than average is what
keeps the average down.



A PREACHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, fill my mind
with worthwhile stuff—
And nudge me hard
When I've said enough.



In one part of Africa the verse "Lead
us not into temptation" is translated,
"Help us to get away with it."

I like work. It fascinates me. I can
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