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WORLD CONVENTION



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(This is the ninth in a series dealing with
World Brotherhood and World Convention
personalities).

COMMUNICATIONS

The telephone rings in my study —
Only an arm's length away. I reach out —
Pick it up! Ah! Painful process this!
Enough to call forth all the mixture of emotion —
Wrong number annoyance, hoax, or —
Stammering announcement of a death.
Functional phone! Functional indeed —
But fifty phone calls precipitate tuff
Fifty traumatic experiences. For in the few
Moments from startling ring to litteed receiver —
Who? What? Why? Good news? Bad news?
Tumble through the mind—to receive quick answer!

TODAY'S CHURCH

Mission needs identity! In other words we must find a way to articulate clearly the message of the Church "In these days of our yearning" it is well enough to challenge the churches to accept their mission, but how do we spell this out in 1970 and the years beyond?

It is well and good to quote "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"; it is meaningful to many churchmen to say "Make disciples of all men, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"; and particularly it is well for our ministers to remember the injunction, "Baptize and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." But, how do we make this meaningful and relevant for the present generation? If the Church is to meet and serve human need, if it is to provide hope in "an almost hopeless world," if it is to encircle all mankind with the love of Christ, if it is really to carry out the great commission, if it is to provide a sanctuary for the troubled and distraught and if it is to provide a faith that will stand strain and stress and war, there are four challenges it must meet.

First, the Church must proclaim its message *positively*. It must strongly affirm the fact that God is alive and in control of his world, that Jesus is our hope, that the Christian ethic is just as right and true as it ever was and that the Church is the vital indispensable agent of God's will.

Second, our local churches must be servant congregations. So often our witness is pathetic. Too frequently the church is a closed circuit fellowship, almost as exclusive as our clubs, often insulated successfully from contemporary life and is as dead as the cemeteries that often surround them. And then there is the overly busy type of congregation that is a beehive of activity full of sound and fury, where people serve on committees, raise money, hold bazaars and promote programmes that get around to everything but a meaningful faith and the manifesting of the concern of Jesus for "the least of needs, my brethren."

Third, we need a church that will grapple with the issues of our day. It is very pathetic that so many of our church members find themselves, week after week, "treading water," "majoring in minors," "dealing with trivia" and "spinning wheels." There is a desperate need to learn how to deal with the disillusioned of earth; second class citizenship; alcohol and drug addiction; and the amoral ways of so many in our society.

Fourth, the Church must recapture its enthusiasm for the redemptive process. One could call it the concept of "old fashioned conversion" with a plus quality. That is—bringing the people to an understanding of the Christ of history and then walking with them down the path that Jesus would tread in this day.

In Adelaide the Church of Christ will deal with *mission*. The programme committee will involve us in the things that count in our world. They will clearly the purpose of the Church in this day. They will sound the note that Jesus is the Hope of the World. They will enthrono Jesus, the Son of the Living God. We will hear the echoes of the founder of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ, the late Jesse M. Bader, for practical evangelism.

How important it is for the brethren of Australia and New Zealand to be present to welcome fellow Christians from around the world. How important it is that we join together in a prayer that this be the most meaningful assembly of our people that we have ever held. How imperative it is that we accept our mission and do the work of Christ in this modern day!

By
LLOYD COOKE

The call answered—down with the receiver.
Communications! Communications!
I sometimes wonder — had the man of TARSUS
Been equipped with phone and geared with our
Inventions, he would have run when told
"You're wanted on the phone"—to hear
"It's hard for you to kick the good—Jesus here!"
For when with annoyance I am tempted to pull
The whole contraption from its sockets, strong
Reminders come to me of how—the right
Word spoken by a friend—to me—
Has been the voice of God, by phone!

• BLAME THE PIONEERS (2)

DYING TO PLAN

By G. R. STIRLING, B.A.

PREVIOUSLY we had said that the pioneers of the Restoration Movement envisaged a time when, our work done and witness made, we would die, to find our life in the united body of Christ. We raised the question of whether the time of our death had come. We noted some signs of "rigor mortis" in Australian Churches of Christ. We indicated that there may be sound reasons for a continuing life and witness at this stage, for the sake of the whole Church. Or our continued existence as a separate body may no longer be defensible. If the latter is the true position we suggested that a drawn out death is to no one's advantage and that we ought to arrange a quick demise according to plan.

DYING TO PLAN

To die to plan is to save the frustration and discouragement of decreasing vision, numbers and finance. It is to set free from responsibility those who are fighting against great odds to "keep the doors open" of historic churches that have had their day and almost ceased to be. To die to plan is to cut our losses and concentrate our strength in strategic areas until we are assimilated into a larger unity. It is dying with our boots on. It is giving up our life while we can still choose either to keep it or to give it up.

TO DIE TO PLAN IS PHASED DYING

We can literally phase ourselves out of existence fairly painlessly. First of all we would encourage our people living in areas where there is no Church of Christ to join one of the denominations rather than to travel long distances to bolster up causes whose doors would be better shut. We could then arrange for weaker inner city and inner suburban churches to group together into single congregations, using the sale of the redundant real estate to make themselves comfortable in one good sized plant. If we are to die, let us do it as comfortably as possible. If there were a little money over from these real estate deals, it could be used to make less painful the phasing out process of brotherhood departments.

Weaker country churches could be encouraged to merge with other denominations. The proceeds from the sale of their real estate could be used for the strategically placed suburban churches that we would decide to keep alive temporarily as guardians of the remnant of our witness. They get some of the best members from the country now, so they may as well get their money too!

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AND MINISTRY

Theological training could easily be phased out by discouraging young people from entering the ministry. We have heard of some disillusioned ministers who have already commenced doing this! A regrouping of present ministries to staff the greatly reduced number of combined congregations would drastically reduce the number of ministerial recruits required. As resources dwindled with phased dying we could give greater encouragement to the present practice of money-saving part-time ministries. We should keep the ministry going as long as possible because some churches seem to have the potential to die as rapidly with a minister as without one. As one by one the theological colleges lapsed into disuse we could have an arrangement with some denominational

colleges to train those young men who would not be put off by the stench of our death, believing that God has called them. This would be sufficient to replace those ministers who would be thoughtless enough to die before the brotherhood's death.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENTS

The phasing of ourselves out of existence as a separate people would of course have a drastic effect on brotherhood departments. After all, any decrease in local church numbers and finances is first reflected in brotherhood giving.

The Building Extension and Home Mission Departments would be first to go. They would simply preside over the regrouping of some congregations and the disbanding of others, and the sale of redundant real estate. Their funds and the funds from some of the real estate could be given to the Social Service Department to keep it going until its institutions could be merged with those of other denominations.

Departments of Christian Education of course would quickly disappear. Young people are allergic to the smell of death and they would be gone, even from our regrouped congregations, whose life and destiny would be largely in the hands of older and more tired people, who nostalgically would want to keep everything as nearly like that which they had always been used to.

Missions Departments would spend this phasing out period handing over everything to the nationals. (The Belgian Government has a good pamphlet on this.) The nationals could be given the assurance of the prayers of the temporarily continuing congregations, but no guarantees of financial support.

THE FINAL PHASING OUT STAGE

Finally the remaining strong congregations would enter into union negotiations with the highest bidder. The highest bidder would be that denomination or those denominations that would give these congregations the most liberty within the union to witness to what is left of "the message that made us a people." This would be enshrined in a "last will and testament" comprising as much of the "plea" as the legatees would be willing to accept.

TO DIE OR NOT TO DIE

To phase out of existence or not to, is the question. It won't be answered by ministers and departments, but by the rank and file of the churches. Some of these have already cast their vote for a phase-out, and by their attitudes and actions are supporting it. Every door closed, every defeat accepted, every opportunity to enter a new area passed up, every failure by larger congregations to look for possibilities of breaking new ground or helping the weaker ones, every discouragement given to the setting up of "house-church" communions, every blunting of the cutting edge of our message by a "spurious ecumenicity" of either right or left or centre, are all the death rattles in the throat of Australian Churches of Christ.

The decision we all must make is . . . is our death at this time the will of God? If it is his will, let us get it over

quickly and cleanly, without regrets. If we are convinced that it is not God's will for us to die at this stage; if the thought of death horrifies us, the only alternative is to JUSTIFY OUR EXISTENCE. This leaves two questions to answer:

1. DO WE STILL HAVE A UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE MESSAGE AND WITNESS THAT MUST BE PRESERVED FOR THE SAKE OF THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND IN THE INTERESTS OF TRUTH? AND IS THIS DISTINCTIVE WITNESS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT JUSTIFIES CONTINUING OUR SEPARATE EXISTENCE?

2. IF WE DO HAVE SUCH A MESSAGE THAT JUSTIFIES OUR CONTINUING EXISTENCE, WHAT STRATEGY DO WE HAVE FOR BRINGING THAT MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH? AND CAN THERE BE STRENGTH APART FROM VIRILE GROWING CONGREGATIONS OF PEOPLE COMMITTED TO THAT MESSAGE, AND ESTABLISHING WHEREVER THEY CAN, NEW WITNESSING CONGREGATIONS LIKE THEMSELVES?

In subsequent issues we will look at these questions.

BEACH MISSION

By TED KEATING



The scene: Rosebud Beach. Children of all ages are playing organised games near a large red banner carrying the letters "C.S.S.M." The leader of the C.S.S.M. team is talking to a well-built man, whose huge arms bear some gay tattoos.

Leader: Are your children in the group?

Tattooed Man: Yes—and they love it, too. They haven't missed a session. They have even dragged me down to a few.

Leader: It is good to see they are keen.

Man: They are not the only ones who are keen. Your team is pretty keen. When I stand here and watch them and the way they handle the children it gets me right there. (Large man taps his stomach).

Leader: How do you mean it gets you there?

Man: Well, when I see their dedication and think of myself, it sort of makes me feel uneasy. It gets me.

This man was one of the thousands of parents on Australian beaches who were challenged by the dedication of teams of the Children's Special Service Mission.

I was again privileged to be the leader of the Rosebud Mission which operated for 10 days immediately after Christmas. There were 70 keen young Christians on the team from all churches (five from Churches of Christ) and occupations who were excited, as I was, about the prospect of sharing the Christian faith with hundreds of children and parents, many of whom would rarely darken the doorstep of the church.

There are few evangelistic attempts made by the church that have such

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warm acceptance and support from those who are not Christians as a Beach Mission. People were not simply being polite. They welcome the teams and are glad that they have a C.S.S.M. team to share their holiday.

Share with me a day in the life of a C.S.S.M. team member.

6 a.m.: Rise and shine.

6.30 a.m.: Team meditation.

7.15 a.m.: Keenite Preparation. Keenites? An old C.S.S.M. term for children who are keen to spend some time learning about the Christian faith.

8 a.m.: Breakfast.

9.15 a.m.: Keenites. This year (inspired by the Christian Life Curriculum) we used the team teaching method at Rosebud. It was most effective. An average of 140 children attended this session.

10.15 a.m.: Games, competitions, swimming.

12 noon: Lunch. (Many teams stay in church halls but we were completely under canvas in the camping ground).

2 p.m.: Bible Study for the team. (Sounds dull, but the hour went very quickly).

3 p.m.: "Relax" on the beach. (How can you, with scores of children demanding a game of cricket?)

6 p.m.: Tea.

7 p.m.: Sing-a-long (fun songs).

7.15 p.m.: Think-a-long. We would use many attractive methods to present a simple message. Puppets, dramatised Bible stories, illustrations, interviews with Bible characters, quizzes. A C.S.S.M. meeting is full of surprises, laughs, singing and a relevant message. We had an average of 240 children and 70 adults to share this time with us. (The beach is cool, quiet and unbelievably beautiful at this time of night).

7.45 p.m.: Treasure hunts, films, games, parents' discussion, hot dog nights, would fill up the remainder of the evening.

10 p.m.: An exhausted team climbs into sleeping bags.

Some frequent questions a team leader is asked:

What is the Children's Special Service Mission? C.S.S.M. is a branch of the Scripture Union, the organisation which seeks to promote Bible reading among the churches.

What do you achieve? A lot. There are many boys and girls who have grown into fine Christians, initially because of an encounter with C.S.S.M. and the response they made to Christ at a C.S.S.M. (There is no open appeal for a child to make a response, nor is there pressure applied by subtle manipulations). C.S.S.M. is also aware of the danger of playing the "Pied Piper," and seeks to minister to families as much as possible. C.S.S.M. makes a valuable contribution to the development of Christian lives, and in many instances has been the instrument of leading families to a church where the development could be more complete.

How do you join a team? You apply to your local Scripture Union headquarters. There are costs involved—\$20 and 10 days of your holidays, but these are negligible compared to the satisfaction of serving Christ in this way. Team members spend many hours prior to a mission in preparation and many hours afterwards maintaining a contact with interested families.

Does C.S.S.M. only work with children and parents? No. For many years many specialist teenage teams have operated at beach resorts. This year four coffee shops were operated by C.S.S.M. teams. This work is in its pioneering stage and has much potential.

I have never regretted my involvement with the C.S.S.M. I have given a fair amount of time to this work, but it has taught and given me much more. It could do the same for many other young people in the brotherhood.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Although it is obviously a good thing for ministries to terminate and to commence at commonly agreed times, are December and February the most suitable months for changes of ministry?

o BEING ENTERTAINED

DO YOUR OWN THING! BUT DO IT RIGHT!

If entertaining is an art, as already suggested, then Being Entertained is no less so. Do not let us for a moment imagine that as an invited guest we can settle back thinking that it's all over to the host and hostess. As guests we have responsibilities also.

First, answer the invitation promptly saying either yes or no. Especially for a formal or semi-formal party, it is not permissible to say, "I'll try to make it" or "I'll pop in if I possibly can." Your hostess wishes to know how many she is to cater for and that, after all, is why you have been asked to reply.

Second, honour the hostess, who has honoured you by the invitation, in taking trouble with your appearance. Women and girls in something pretty and men and boys shaved and spruce in collar and tie. Men and boys wear dark suits unless it is a very formal talls or dinner jacket affair. Admittedly, we are living in an era of reduced formality but, far from being informal, it is just an insult to a hostess for a guest to arrive dressed in a don't care manner. In dressing with care, we are subtly indicating that we think the occasion worth the trouble.

On arrival, no matter how large or spread out the party may be, we must greet our host and hostess immediately. Then, smiling and ready to enjoy ourselves and help others to do the same, we should willingly join in whatever is suggested. Circulate a little and should you find yourself alone do something such as finding someone else in the same position.

While a guest is expected to join in the conversation, be witty and entertaining if this is his forte, he is not expected to monopolise the talk and use the occasion to air *all* his views. He may feel good at having such an outlet, but this is not the way to win friends any more than is sitting in a corner gossiping with the same person all evening. While on the subject of conversation, let us remember that it is a game of give and take. This precludes contradicting flatly or interrupting. Allow people to finish what they are saying and, if you must disagree, do it pleasantly, never dogmatically. And do not answer a question unless it is put directly to you. This is most irritating to the person to whom it was addressed.

Perhaps table conversation is the most difficult for a guest, but if we can remember the basic rule of talking for a few moments to our partner on the right, then turn to the partner on the left, we will have a good start. If possible, draw others around into the conversation and, above all, don't be cliquy.

Many people fall in the guest courtesy test when given a choice of say tea or coffee. "Whichever is easier" or "whichever you have" is no answer at all. The hostess would not give a choice if she were not prepared to see it through, and it is annoying to have this kind of response. We may think it polite and considerate but it really is not.

Do leave the bathroom as tidy as you found it, and use the guest towel—that is what it is for.

On departing, the guests once again seek out host and hostess who will accompany them to the door whilst thank-yous are said. Do not engage in prolonged good-byes at the door and further conversation while going down the path. Your host and hostess will want to get back to the remaining guests.

NEXT TIME: VANESSA writes on "DATING AND DINING OUT."

I couldn't think of a worse time than the summer holiday season for changes of ministry. Since receiving your question I have tried but have been unable to come up with one good reason in favour of the present arrangement. It is realised that the summer holiday change is more convenient for the children of the manse who then change schools at the beginning rather than in the middle of the school year, but the educational difficulties are not strong enough to be the factor to determine the time at which ministries should change.

1. The summer change produces a lame-duck session which can embarrass both the termination of the old and the commencement of the new ministry. Many of our churches go into virtual recess and more and more church members head for the beach or bush to get away from it all for long summer holidays.

2. Because a change of ministry is regarded as the appropriate time to renovate, repair, or update the manse or church, the present change period is bad. Tradesmen also go on holidays and the church has to compete for the services of over-busy plumbers, carpenters, and painters—who are already flat out with end of and beginning of the year jobs. It is also the most difficult time of the year to obtain voluntary assistance from the men of the church. Incidentally, secretaries tell me that it is harder to fill the pulpit during the holiday season; every year it is more difficult to find speakers to fill the gaps left by departing ministers.

3. The main reason for objecting to the present arrangement is not directly related to the comfort of the minister, or the convenience of church officers responsible for making the changes effective. The main reason concerns the ongoing business of the church which, I strongly believe, suffers more from a summer holiday change than it would if the change-over took place in mid-year. A church programme tends to follow the calendar year for its evangelistic, worship, educational and service activities. The most fruitful period of the church runs from about mid-February to early November. The minister is the key person in planning and in working out the programmes to involve as many as possible of the members of the church.

Unfortunately, when a ministry changes at the end of the year, there is a tendency to wait until the new minister arrives before making the year's plans. When he does arrive he finds almost everything at a standstill. Instead of adjusting to a going concern he has to start trying to get the machinery of the church working again. It is not too much to say that up to half a year could be spent in getting to know the persons and assessing the resources of the church. With a mid-year change however, the new minister will fit into a going concern.

4. It is important for a uniformly accepted change-over time to be adopted by churches throughout Australia, but the best time is not the summer holiday season. My own suggestion would be to end ministries at the end of June and to start again in July, or to terminate at the end of July and to begin again in August. But it is recommended that churches and ministers seek to cooperate with others rather than to make independent changes.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE PATCH (Vic.)

9.30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 a.m.—7 p.m.

A Friendly Welcome Assured.

World Convention Registrations

Registrations from Australia are coming in very slowly. Please do not leave it too long in sending in your registration. It will make administration easier if we hear from you before the Convention rush is on.

Some Australians think it is unnecessary for them to register, but the following reasons will surely indicate that it is essential.

1. Only those who register will be regarded as having a part in the Convention. Each registration will be fed into a computer and these names will be the basis for our planning. From these names we will

- (a) Allot accommodation.
- (b) Make catering arrangements.

- (c) Hire chairs.
- (d) Print the programme book and provide Convention material.

- (e) Arrange study groups.
- (f) Provide transport to and from the meetings.

- (g) Negotiate parking facilities.
- 2. Only those who register will be able to nominate the tours they wish to take, attend special functions, register for ministers' seminar, etc. It is essential that we have numbers so that we can arrange for all these appointments.

- 3. We need the finance to meet the expenses. Our first account for rent is \$6,000 and there will be further charges.

It is easy to add other big costs such as chair hire, printing, postage, advertising, etc., for we are hosting the largest international Convention to come to Australia. There will be 23 international Conventions held in our country this year, and this is the largest.

We are sure no one would think of enjoying what the Convention has to offer in fellowship, inspiration and witness without wanting to share in every part of it, including the cost. If you think the registration of \$6 is high remember it is \$12 for the rest of the world. The reduction is a concession to the host country.

Waiting to greet you in Adelaide, October, 1970.

Sir Phillip Messent (President).
I. J. Chivell (Secretary)

P.S.: There are approximately 500 registrations to hand. We should be able to increase this number five-fold.

GILGANDRA SEEKS MINISTER

(N.S.W.). The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Barry Benz who ministered here for four years. Many townfolk and members attended the farewell on Feb. 3, at which a presentation was made. . . . The church is seeking another minister . . . Mrs. Hilford is not well, nor is D. J. Butler who, on Feb. 19, celebrated his 85th birthday. . . . The church has lost several members recently because of occupation transfer. One young lady was recently baptized . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris have been visitors from Eldsvoid, Qld.

EXODUS FROM ANN ST.

(Qld., L. Armstrong). Paul Holmes has entered the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and was presented with a Bible on Feb. 8. Pamela Armstrong has gone to Port Moresby for 12 months; Lyn Pfeiffer to Toowoomba; Pam. Joyner to Canberra; Rowena and Lorraine Stocks on an overseas working holiday. . . . Recent services were conducted by Chaplain Glen. Brown of R.A.A.F. Base, Amberley, Ron Holt, A. C. Male, J. H. Payne and R. H. Proud. Attendances over holiday period were particularly good. . . . Harold Carothers was guest soloist at evening service on Feb. 8. Church organist, W. McKelvie, has just returned from an overseas business trip.

FAREWELL AND GREETING

(ULVERSTONE, Tas.). 44 years of full-time ministry were completed by C. J. Robinson when he was farewelled from Ulverstone on Jan. 25. Among those present were the Warden of Ulverstone, local Fraternal members, District Conference representatives, and Tasmanian ministers. Local members paid tribute to the outstanding ministry given to the church over the three-year term. Mrs. Robinson, due to illness, was unfortunately unable to attend. Her daughter, Mrs. Green, received a bouquet on her behalf. In their retirement Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will live in Launceston. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Clayden were publicly welcomed to the ministry at Ulverstone on Feb. 6. There was a wide representation of community and brotherhood leaders present. D. H. Smith, Director of Vic-Tas. Home Missions, inducted Mr. Clayden on Feb. 8.

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SECOND TERM

(GLENELG, S.A., E. P. C. Holland). Mr. and Mrs. Holland have commenced their second three-year term with the church. During the past three years over 90 have been added to the church by baptism, transfer, or restoration. Attendances at morning service are usually over 200 and 100 at evening worship. Offerings keep up around \$300 weekly.

The New Education Centre which took six months to erect, was opened on Feb. 1 by Sir Phillip Messent, the World President. The new unit is two stores and caters for every exercise of the church's ministry. . . . C.Y.F. Committee recently spent weekend at camp planning the 1970 programme. . . . New C.M.S. president is Art Bowden with Rex Baker as secretary. . . . The church choir has lost Mrs. Pederson (transfer to Pt. Pirie) as leader. She will be replaced by Kevin Killo. . . . Morning worship is being taped by 5DN this year, and broadcast at 9 p.m. on Sunday nights. . . . Mr. Holland is a regular feature writer in "The Times," a newspaper which covers Glenelg area. . . . 14 members of the church are serving on State and World Committees of the brotherhood.

HELP FOR OTHERS

(CHILTENHAM, S.A., R. Saunders). The Treasurer reported excellent gifts: for Christmas Bowl \$33, Biafra-Nigeria appeal \$48, College of the Bible \$19. . . . A talent scheme was launched in Oct., 1969 when \$25 was issued to members. Several enterprising schemes were employed and a return of \$270 has been made. . . . Holiday period mid-week meetings were well attended. . . . Mr. Saunders has commenced his second three-year term. . . . Those who are ill include Elder H. Watkins and H. Boss, recovering from knee surgery. The church mourns the loss of elderly Mrs. Griffiths who died suddenly on Feb. 9.

FROM NEW HEBRIDES

(FREMANTLE - HILTON, W.A., F. Rees). John Lui, from the New Hebrides, and R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Missions Secretary, were evening speakers on Feb. 8. Afterwards, Mr. McLean gave a resume of the tour he made recently with B. V. Coventry. . . . There was a baptismal service on Feb. 1 for J. McRobert and the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pallot of Port Moresby. Don Sonsee has returned to the College of the Bible. Michael Jackson is back in W.A. to study for the degree of B.Sc. (Hons.).

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ALBANY MISSION CONCLUDES

(W.A., E. B. Clapp). The past two weeks have been a time of blessing and revival. 1,300 people attended over the Crusade period, with an average attendance of 76. There were 14 confessions of faith. Some of these came from other areas and will go back to country or metropolitan centres. Some will remain with the churches from which they came. It is expected that at least seven will be built into the fellowship at Albany, six of whom come from one family. W. Gaunson's preaching was clear, direct and searching and attracted sustained interest and support. God used it to touch many lives beside those who made commitments, and the church at Albany feels its indebtedness to the church at Northam for making Mr. Gaunson available for this ministry.

S. RUSSELL BAKER BEGINS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A.). Colin Curtis, of Edwardstown, inducted S. Russell Baker into the ministry here on Feb. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were received into fellowship by G. J. Outlaw, elder. After the night service, members of the church had an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Wilkinson gave a welcome from the C.W.F., D. Penn and L. Simpson for B.S. and church.

SECOND PROSPECT MINISTRY

(S.A., S. Neighbour). K. Edwards concluded a short ministry with the church in January. Appreciation was expressed for his work and a presentation made. S. Neighbour commenced a second ministry with the church on Feb. 1. . . . Mrs. L. M. Roberts died in Jan. at the age of 86. She was a faithful life-long member and in earlier years an active worker. . . . Robin Macgill and his wife Berenice leave us to go to the College of the Bible. Prospect will now have two representatives in the College. . . . Mrs. J. Bell was accorded a farewell tea by the ladies of the church prior to her leaving to reside in Victoria. She has been an honoured member for many years. . . . C. P. Hughes attended the World Congress on Alcoholism and Drugs held in Sydney. He was a representative of Ansvr Insurance Co., and other world temperance organisations. He delivered an address and was a member of one of the Congress panels.

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

(Bordertown, S.A., Reg. Cambridge). Mr. Cambridge conducted an early Sunday morning communion service when the young people's discussion group recently met on the lawns at the home of Reg. and Mary Hudd. Communion was followed by discussion. Opportunity was taken to farewell Sue Maddern and Janet Macdonald, prior to their leaving to nurse at Darwin Hospital. Gifts were presented to the girls by the group, church and S.S. . . . Carolyn Verco, Supt. of Kindergarten for two years, was farewelled by the S.S. and church prior to her marriage. . . . Trevor Sharpe of the Y.P. discussion group, recently made his decision. . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Amy Dungey at the early age of 59. Sympathy of all is extended to husband Vic., and son Mervyn and her family.

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B. J. COMBRIDGE

To the Editor,

In 1917 I roomed with Bert (R. K.) Whately, and for the rest of my college life I roomed with Bert (B. J.) Combridge at Glen Iris.

Probably two finer men never lived, although they were of very dissimilar natures.

I enjoyed a life-long friendship with Bert Combridge. It has been an almost life-long joy and a most rewarding and thrilling experience. He, with his devoted wife, ever gave me a hearty and friendly welcome.

Their hospitality was unbounding and cheerful. I cannot remember Bert ever saying a harsh or contentious thing about anyone, which is quite a just tribute.

Being the type of man he was, Bert Combridge had to succeed in his calling and it is good the whole brotherhood knew and acknowledged his industry, his vitality, his faith and his unbounding optimism. He was a MAN. Even when I visited his home in Aspendale towards the end of his life, and received letters from him, almost to the end, he never once complained or groaned, although he must often have been in great physical

pain, and he would persist in showing me his pictures of the Victorian Home Mission church buildings and people and work and would talk of that work as though he still could guide and lead in it as of old.

Whatever great and noble realm lies ahead beyond this life, Bertie J. Combridge will be in it, a credit to it, inspiring in it, and happy in it as he ever was here. He was one of God's gentlemen.—Elliott A. Arnold (S.A.).

VIETNAM AND NATIONAL SERVITUDE

To the Editor,

Senator Greenwood obviously believes that war, although it "is degrading and tragic evidence of man's inhumanity," can at times be justified, and believes this is the case in Vietnam. My Christian beliefs make me believe that war itself is inhuman, immoral and un-Christian. Can Christ be imagined involved in the Vietnam war, or in fact, any war at all? The killing of any human is immoral: it is as simple as that.

Not only My Lai, but the whole Vietnam war destroys the justification of the U.S., its allies, South Vietnam and North Vietnam to be involved in this bloody mess. In the 16 years since the Geneva Conference, what has been achieved by war? How can warfare bring peace?

I do not agree that Vietnam and National Service are two separate issues. They are both very much related in a society which sees warfare as glorious, and killing as manly. There are better ways of serving our country and Christ.

My opposition to war, especially the Vietnam war, and my Christian beliefs made it imperative for me to refuse to register for National Service last year. National Service is immoral for two main reasons: it is a violation of basic human rights as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (we signed it, remember?) and it is part of the machinery used for war, by the Australian Government.

If I in any way obey the Act, even by registering as a Conscientious Objector, I am in fact condoning the National Servitude Act, Conscription, and War. This, in conscience, I am unable to do.

By openly refusing to register I am following my Christian conscience, showing my abhorrence of war, attempting to awaken public awareness to these issues, and showing my conscientious objection to the National Servitude Act.

I, too, urge anyone who must register for National Service to think very deeply about it, read all you can (for a start: The Pacifist Conscience (Pellican); The Quiet Battle, by Sibley; The Draft? by the American Friends Service Committee), discuss it with anyone you can, and make your own decision. If this is to refuse to register, then do so.

I also urge our church to participate in demonstrations against the war, to join in the Vietnam Moratorium Campaign (April 17-19) and show that a Christian decision can be made.

—Peter Clark (Vic.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

THE GOSPEL FOR SUMMERTIME

To the Editor,

At our church we were all ready to enjoy the summer slump . . . Sunday nights round the telly or at the beach, and all that. Most people are away anyhow, so what's the use of trying. But we weren't reckoning on our minister. He had figures. Less than half of us were going to be away. And there were thousands of others in town who would be keeping the wheels of industry moving. He also had a plan, and it involved us poor characters who have their holidays some other time. But what a series of Sunday nights we've had this summer.

Mostly it wasn't a bit like church on Sunday nights. Sometimes we weren't even at church, but at a dozen homes, with neighbours and all. I met people I didn't even know. A couple of times we had tea in a park the minister discovered, and service round the barbecue fire. Whole families were there; the children and grandchildren of folk who used to be in the church years ago. One night we had a family tea at the church; a sort of help yourself off the table and sit down again affair. While the wreckage of the meal was still there we had community hymn singing and a message. Even when we had Sunday night church in the chapel it was more like what you'd expect on a Christian TV show!

I wondered how all those "strangers" got there. I found that the minister and four couples visited three nights a week through the holidays to let people know what was on. Most of them had some connection with the church . . . third cousins or neighbours or something. Apparently the leisurely holiday atmosphere made the visitors more welcome, and the visited more interested in turning up for church things that didn't feel like church.

Most times the invitation wasn't given on the holiday Sunday nights. But something must have been happening in some of those homes between the minister and the other visitors and the families they visited. We haven't had so many baptisms in years.

And now our crazy minister is cooking up something for the winter. He sidled up to me and said, "I'm thinking of having you and Mrs. Tertius do a little visiting!" Looks as though I'm caught.

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INDUCTION & MANSE OPENING

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. T. Baxter). D. H. Smith, Director of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. in Vic.-Tas., gave the charge to the minister, R. T. Baxter, and to the congregation at an induction service on Jan. 28. After a buffet dinner the manse was officially opened. The church board chairman, R. J. Fitzgerald, conducted the dedication service. Mr. and Mrs. Dornling, foundation members, opened the door. Greetings were brought by A. Emmett, for Properties Corporation, and D. H. Smith. Appreciation was expressed to those who assisted in the project: Ivanhoe and Northern Suburban churches; the builders, Messrs. Crisp and Sparke; the architect, R. Drayton; the Properties Corporation and the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. . . . Three married couples have been welcomed into fellowship and a man has been baptised . . . The church has expressed deep appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Bannon for their interim ministry . . . The church school is using C.L.C. material.

NEW TEACHERS

(CHRISTIES BEACH, S.A., G. Smith). Church school is away to a good start with a number of new teachers namely Mr. and Mrs. Brindley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Karren . . . Mr. and Mrs. Riches will leave us for most of the year to conduct a special ministry at Pt. Lincoln . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Collins have been transferred to Alice Springs in the Education Dept.

CHANGE OF STUDENT

(DUNOLLY, Vic.). Our minister, M. Gibson, concluded his ministry here on Jan. 15 and R. Morris, from the C.O.B., commenced on Jan. 22 . . . Two young girls were baptised on Jan. 8 . . . In our S.S. many new pupils are enjoying the new curriculum.

THINGS TO COME

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
- FEB. 15-MARCH 3:** Deputation in W.A. by Mrs. Keith Ludgater, W.A. Women's Auxiliary Overseas Missions Living Link.
- MID-FEB:** Morning Tea for Mr. and Mrs. John Main and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ryall en route from India, in the Christian Centre.
- VICTORIA**
- FEBRUARY**
- 22 Eastern District Youth Kirk and Collee.
- 25 Federal Board of Christian Education — Induction Service for R. W. Lawton (Director-Editor) in the College of the Bible Chapel.
- 28 C.M.S. Photography Competition closes.
- 28-March 1 Exodus Programme for Young People.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- FEBRUARY:**
- 24 1970 Session begins, Woolwich College.
- QUEENSLAND**
- MARCH:**
- 13-15 Women's Camp — "Camp Cal," Caloundra.
- 15 Aborigines Offering.
- 21 Swim Carnival.
- 26-30 Easter Camp, "Camp Cal," Caloundra.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

WORD TALK

No. 6 LUKE 9: 3.

"No bread, no bag, no money."

If the message of the new way of life was to reach the people, there was only one way it could spread. By word of mouth: and those who told the message would have to travel on foot. So Jesus gave them a commission. "Take nothing for your journey," he said, "no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money." And he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal. (Luke 9: 2-3 R.S.V.). This was a working commission. They were not going on a holiday. They had to travel far and fast, so they had to travel light.

They were even to live off the gospel. Since they were to receive hospitality, there was no need to carry much at all. They were to get on with the job. As Halford Luccock said, "More than once the urgency of the mission has been lost through a worried concern about incidentals. A fussy preoccupation with accessories, or a delay until the perfect equipment was ready, has blotted out the evangelistic purpose. The means can supplant the end."

Up till now, the disciples had mostly been with Jesus. They had learnt to rely upon him. If things went wrong, Jesus was there to put them right. Now they

were on their own. They did not know it, but their experience on this journey was their preparation for the years beyond the Cross. This was the last great testing time in which they were to put into practice what Jesus had told them and shown them of the Kingdom of God. Campbell Morgan said that the journey may have lasted nearly a year. They "made a tour of the villages" and that would not have been done quickly.

The disciples made such an impact that news of their activities reached right up to the court of Herod the Tetrarch and moved that troubled ruler to desire to see Jesus.

FOR TODAY. We have more possessions and the church has more accessories than ever before. Everything we possess may have a purpose, but we can rely too much upon things—too much upon the buildings, the furnishings, the literature, the gadgets, and the amenities. We can only justify them if they are a means to an end, and that end is the building of Christ into the people and the building of people into the church. The church may use things, but the ultimate resources are within us, the resources of the spirit.

BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

Visitors to the 18th Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights (March 27-30, 1970) will have the opportunity to hear two speakers for the first time. These are Rev. Mariano Di Gangi, D.D., the North American Director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship, who was formerly pastor for six years of Philadelphia's historic Tenth Presbyterian Church as successor to Dr. Donald Barnhouse, and Rev. Ray Davis, D.D., the General Director of the Sudan Interior Mission, who will be coming to Australia after visiting mission areas in Africa. The third speaker, the Rev. John Fritchard, is Senior Lecturer of the N.Z. Bible Training Inst., is making his first visit for Easter.

BEGUN AT ORMOND

(Vic., L. F. Barker). L. F. Barker was inducted into the church as minister by A. E. White. Members of the church had an evening in the hall to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Geoffrey and Cheryl. Mr. White was thanked for the service he gave whilst leading an interim ministry . . . The men have had two working bees at manse, putting the gardens in order. Manse has been extended, renovated and painted for the new minister and family . . . Mrs. Croft is home after an operation.

MINISTER LEAVES DALBY

(Qld.). The church farewelled A. Weedon on Jan. 25 and presented him with a wallet of notes. Des Stow, of Kenmore Christian College, will serve for the remainder of the year . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Hart and family visited here

These Easter gatherings, at the popular Convention Centre in the Dandenongs, are attended by over 2,000 visitors. More than half will stay in the many Youth Camps conducted regularly in association with the Convention. Since Belgrave Heights is only 28 miles from Melbourne, day visitors—also expected in large numbers—will find ample car parking space and excellent facilities on the grounds for picnic lunches, with tea and light refreshments kiosks provided.

A good programme, featuring morning Bible studies, Convention, Evangelistic and Missionary meetings will afford a splendid opportunity for Christian fellowship.

on Feb. 8 when Mr. Hart spoke at both services and a fellowship tea . . . In the past month three young couples have been married . . . R. Gallas is Superintendent of the B.S.

PAST PRESIDENT GIVES CHARGE

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. H. McCormick). The induction service for J. H. McCormick was conducted by F. J. Funston, a former President of Conference. Following the evening service which included items by the Chorales, an informal social evening was held to meet Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and family . . . S.S. has commenced new Christian Life Curriculum. New teachers welcomed include Mrs. Coventry and Jill, Mr. McCormick and Howard, and Jants Conning . . . Norm Fisher is president of tennis club for 1970. The secretary is Margaret Darby.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

ANOTHER SMALL STEP FOR MANKIND President Nixon's administration has received little applause from liberal Christians. When "The Christian Century" decided to summarise the achievements of the President's first six months in office it used a full blank page where it usually prints its editorial. Its point was that there was simply nothing to report. Maybe Nixon has been moving too cautiously and too slowly in areas of military commitment, inflation, education, civil rights, and poverty. But the President has done some things which could point the way to a greater hope for all mankind. In November last he declared that the U.S. had renounced all production and use of biological weapons of war and had also renounced first use of chemical weapons. He has now followed this up by saying that the U.S. has also renounced the use of toxins as offensive weapons. Somehow, these weapons escaped the November announcement. They include such devices as toxin bullets which inflict illnesses similar to food poisoning, and such horrors as snake venom and tetanus which can be effectively sprayed into the air that is breathed by enemies and friends alike. While we may marvel at the twisted minds that first thought up these weapons and put them into production, we must applaud Nixon for taking us one more step toward sanity.

THE PANNING OF POT The much publicised efforts to have marijuana legalised drew a strong reaction from a man who tries to repair lives that have been broken by various forms of drug addiction. He is Dr. Joseph Santamaria (brother of the president of the National Civic Council). Dr. Santamaria is senior physician to the Alcoholism Clinic and senior associate physician in the University of Melbourne's Dept. of Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital. The doctor claims that the "legalised pot" campaign is being organised by a group of intellectuals who call themselves humanists and find it convenient to work through universities in propagating their concept that everyone is entitled to self-gratification because this does not harm anyone else. He said, "There is considerable evidence that marijuana, like alcohol, is detrimental to the mental and physical health of those who engage in it continuously . . . Experience in India and the Middle East shows that those who smoke marijuana constantly gradually 'slow down.' Their intellectual capacity drops, they have no desire to advance socially or economically. Slowly a great lassitude envelopes them, and they finish up on the lowest level of society. The experts say that 90% of the people who become addicted to narcotics graduated from marijuana." Dr. Santamaria, who was one of the speakers at the International Congress on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, said that he did not hear of one doctor or talk to one doctor who advocated legalising marijuana. It appears that those who are most vocal in advocating removal of restrictions on marijuana are, apparently, the least aware of the consequences of their demands.

MELBOURNE'S CALCUTTA Whether or not "Oh! Calcutta" gets started in a Melbourne theatre this week is not certain. If it does it will surely be less than the overseas version. The script of the musical (or the obscenity, depending on your point of view) is prohibited from entry into Australia, but we guess that someone has a copy! Sir Robert Helpmann, balletomane and Director of the Adelaide Arts Festival, and Dr. A. H. Wood, former principal of the Methodist Ladies' College, made common cause against the unpleasant intruder. Helpmann, who saw "Oh! Calcutta" in New York, thought it both pornographic and inartistic. Dr. Wood, who presumably will never see it, says that "Calcutta" deserves contempt, and that theatres in London and New York, with the most degrading exhibitions in modern times, were showing the sub-human levels into which present-day society was sinking. "Theatres overseas might prove that pornography was profitable for entrepreneurs. It would be refreshing if Melbourne showed that 'Oh! Calcutta' was not profitable and repudiated by all decent people." We are afraid that Melbourne will let Dr. Wood down. "Oh! Calcutta" will make a lot of money if it is allowed to reach the stage. There are not enough decent people to stop it. Because nudity is profitable, the musical is assured of success. Our dependence is rather on the Minister for Customs, Mr. Chipp, who banned the script, and upon the State Government, if we are to be spared "Calcutta" and similar productions. There are no absolute standards by which to assess the decency of a play. We rely upon value judgments by responsible individuals on the basis of generally accepted standards. These are not easily gauged, and they are subject to change. It is, however, a Christian responsibility to support those who are being subjected to pressures to give in too soon to too much. The danger of pollution to the mind of man is just as menacing as the poisons that threaten his environment.

GOOD GRIEF! Auckland's R.C. Archbishop Liston last year sacked two editors of the R.C. journal "Zealandia" for what most of us think was objective reporting and fair comment. All other full-time members of the journal's staff resigned in protest. The 88-year-old Archbishop met the crisis by appointing an enthusiastic but inexperienced priest to the editor's chair. In his second issue the new editor asked his "darling readers" for their prayers and told them what "terrific fun" it was to run a newspaper: "Hard work, mind you, but fun. It calls upon every faculty, employing them to the full. Every reserve of energy is tapped and drained. Exhilarating!"

LONG MINISTRY ENDS

(NORTHCOOTE, Vic.). On Feb. 6, Mr. and Mrs. Withers were farewelled after faithfully ministering to the church for over 13 years. W. T. Atkin presided and Dr. R. Killmer (Conf. Pres.) and Rev. W. Turner (Ministers' Fraternal representative) were also on the platform. The 200 present included members of sister churches, brotherhood representatives and members of local churches. A presentation was made to both Mr. and Mrs. Withers, both of whom suitably responded. Mr. Withers gave his farewell messages on Feb. 8. After the gospel service message two girls from the B.S. made their decision for Christ.

HEAR

RON McLEAN

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HOLIDAY CHURCH

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., M. Humphries). Always a busy place at holiday times, there were considerably more visitors than ever at summer services. The C.Y.F. invited both young and older folk for regular Sunday fellowship in the hall with music and refreshments. Singing groups from other churches gave items . . . Robt. Geyer spoke at both services on Feb. 8 . . . Mrs. Whitfield, church recording secretary, has had to return to Sydney . . . Mr. Marks presided for the first time on Feb. 1.

VIC. TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

Alliance speakers are available for church services and/or meetings. Films and literature are available on request.

The Alliance would be pleased to receive invitations or enquiries from churches, or interested bodies concerning the "Education for Abstinence" programmes or any other of the Alliance activities.

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OFFERINGS INCREASE

(HARCOURT, Vic., J. Byrnes). Since review of Planned Giving, offerings have shown a steady increase . . . On gaining her Dip. Ed. degree at Monash Univ., Lois Carr has been appointed to Robinvale High School. Dorothy Symes has commenced nurses' training course in Bendigo . . . Plans are under way to form a C.E. Society . . . Recent speakers were W. Hayes (Gideon International), Harcourt Youth Group, and A. Mudford, Bendigo.

HELP GIVEN

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Assistance was given monthly at Eursbridge during 1969 and has commenced again for 1970 . . . 12 from Box Hill visited Emmaus Home for evening service when Harold Smedley was speaker. . . 10 J.O.E.'s received awards in State C.E. competition . . . Mrs. Barber, Sr., is in Heidelberg Repat. Hospital; Mrs. Broussard suffered a recent fall; Keith Farmer is making slow progress in Fairfield Hospital.

MISSION OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED

(BERWICK, Vic.) Following a very successful centenary celebration, Berwick church has sent \$100 to each of the following: Aborigines Mission, Overseas Mission and the Mission to Lepers. Basil and Nancy Goldsteen were farewelled on completion of two years' ministry at Berwick. Mr. Goldsteen has taken up service at Sunshine church. Roger and Helen Holland have taken up residence in the manse at Berwick. Roger, a final year student at the College of the Bible, will share the ministry with Principal E. L. Williams during the next 12 months . . . Following a request to Home Missions, Ted Keating outlined to the board a plan of action over the next six months to increase church membership.

Following the first successful year of "Project Arena"—the policy of the Christian Television Association of Victoria of making one-minute spots which are used like an advertising campaign—many unexpected awards have come from the television, film and advertising industry. These spots have been greeted with overwhelming response by the industry, who see the Church up-dating itself in its presentation of the Christian message.

In the recent Melbourne film awards for all T.V. commercials produced in Australia, C.T.A.V. won seven silver medals, awarded by a New York Judge. Recently, representatives of C.T.A.V. were called to Canberra to the Australian Film Institute to receive from the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, the silver award for outstanding work in Australian television. Alexander Stitt, one of the principals of Weatherhead and Stitt, the film house which has worked in conjunction with C.T.A.V. in the production of these spots, received the award on behalf of C.T.A.V. This award is indicative of the new professional standard of the Church's work in mass media. Very rarely has the Church ever surpassed the big tobacco companies, breweries and motor industries in their own specialised field where their fantastic budgets allow for advertising work far beyond the resources of the Church. While the original series of spots were created without any thought of the industry's recognition, they have been outstandingly successful. The series has been purchased in six States, and enquiries for their use have come from many overseas countries.

Of course, these one-minute spots are only one aspect of C.T.A.V.'s programming. Every night in Victoria and N.S.W., C.T.A.V. provides Epilogues on the Nine Network, there are regular half-hour programmes in depth on the Church's mission and message, and there are the usual Christian films and children's programmes still being produced. The one-minute spots provide a small segment of C.T.A.V.'s production, but because they are shown in prime time, they have received a great deal of audience acceptance.—G. Moyes.

\$240 FOR BOWL

(PARKDALE, Vic., B. Crowden). A combined carol service with the Methodist church was held in our chapel . . . \$240 was donated to Christmas Bowl Appeal . . . B.S. is using the new Christian Life Curriculum . . . We thank God for restoration to health of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cuddy after their car accident and for Mrs. L. Wells and Mrs. A. Scott after surgery.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

Opening devotions of the February Council meeting were given by Mrs. Shaw. Theme of devotions was "Christ Our Life," (Colossians 3: 1-4). 160 delegates and visitors representing 54 churches were present. Mrs. de Jager led in prayer of intercession.

Mrs. Dulcie Anderson, home on furlough from Lebanon, spoke on the work of the Lebanon Evangelical Mission. Mrs. Anderson and her husband have been serving with this mission for 17 years.

A greeting was brought by Mrs. Jones, Federal President of C.W.F., at present in Melbourne as delegate to the A.C.W. Conference. Mrs. Win. Beale, on furlough from New Guinea, also brought greetings to Council.

Dates to remember: C.W.E.F. March Effort—March 17, in Lower Town Hall; Camp at Monbulk, March 13-15.

Next Council meeting will be held on March 6 at 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Win. Beale.—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

BORONIA MINISTRY

(Vic., D. R. Olafsen). After two years of waiting the church was full for the induction of D. R. Olafsen by Principal E. L. Williams . . . A worship committee has been formed to plan the year's programme . . . B. D. McIntosh conducted January services. R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Mission Board secretary, enlightened church on new moves in mission work.

SLUMP IN ATTENDANCE

The number of U.S. adults who attended church in a typical week during 1969 was 7% less than in 1958, a Gallup poll says. While the fall-off was twice as great among Roman Catholics as among Protestants, the greatest decrease was among young adults of all traditions. In 1969 the percentage of those 21-29 who went to church was 15 points lower than in 1958. Still some 42% of the U.S. adults reported church attendance in 1969.—E.P.S.

TRAGIC DEATH OF POLICEMAN

(WOLLONGONG, N.S.W., D. W. Mansell). David Reher, a young policeman, and a member of the Wollongong church, was tragically killed on the Sunday just prior to Christmas. He had been married for only three months and his death came as a terrible shock to the church and community. The funeral service was conducted by David Mansell from the Church of Christ and over 300 people were in the building and approximately 250 listened outside. Senior members of the Police Department and nearly all the local police conducted and preceded the cortege through the city. All city traffic stopped as a tribute to a fine Christian young man. Through the tremendous Christian testimony of David's wife, Kathy, Kathy's sister and brother-in-law have come to accept Christ and have been baptised.

ALL-AGE EDUCATION

(TELOPEA, N.S.W., B. H. White). Telopea church will commence All-Age Christian Education and Family Worship at 9.30 a.m., commencing March, 1970. The programme will cater for the whole family, from a crèche right through to Senior Citizens' Group. At 10.30 a.m. all will come together for family worship concluding with the communion service, the programme to finish at approx. 11.15 a.m. . . . Group leaders, teachers and interested church members will meet each Wednesday night to prepare for the Sunday programme. The programme will include prayer, Bible study and discussion, led by the minister, Mr. White.

SEVEN HILLS MINISTRY

(N.S.W.) After a ministry in the strategic field of Federal Evangelism at Townsville, Qld., Barry Reid will serve the church at Seven Hills.

HORNSBY BAPTISM

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). A young girl was baptised by Mr. Oldfield on Jan. 18. He also led the Bible Studies at the Teens' Evangelistic Assn. Camp at Lake Illawarra, Jan. 19-26. A number of our young people attended. . . . Speakers on Jan. 25 were Ron, Bartholomew and L. Riggall . . . B.S. held annual promotion service on Feb. 8 and the Dedication of the Teachers took place during the 11 a.m. service. Young people conducted the gospel service.

VISITING MINISTERS

(TAREE, N.S.W., L. E. Wylie). Ministers of churches who visited us recently were M. H. A. Pleper, Don Norling (Sydney), Roger Falletta (Tamworth), D. W. Mansell (Wollongong) and Bruce Munro from America. Bruce Munro preached on Jan. 18. During the visit of Mr. Mansell the minister and secretary of the Taree church were able to discuss further plans of the mission to be conducted by Mr. Mansell in March . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greenhalgh are now living in retirement at North Haven, a seaside resort near Taree.

A. G. Leane, formerly of Naracoorte, S.A., commenced at Carlingbah, N.S.W., on Feb. 1, following an induction service on Jan. 30 when Dr. Elliott, of Woolwich College was the preacher.

David G. Hammer has moved from Bexley North, N.S.W., to serve with the church at Naracoorte, S.A.

Barry Benz has been farewelled from Gilgandra, N.S.W. and is entering upon his new ministry at Albion, Qld.

Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, after more than 10 years with the church at Rockdale,

was farewelled on Feb. 1 and will take up the work at Beverly Hills. George Elliott has begun an interim ministry at Rockdale.

Colin Crago was inducted into the ministry at Loftus Park on Feb. 15. Dr. Elliott, of Woolwich, presided and delivered a challenge to the congregation and the preacher.

Maxwell Hall, following a ministry at Inverell, has accepted a call to Mayfield. He should prove to be a welcome addition to the preaching force among the churches in the Newcastle district.

W'WICH STUDENTS DO WELL

(N.S.W.) Commendable results have been recorded by present students and graduates of Woolwich Bible College in recent University examinations. Good passes were gained by Garry Walker (Sydney Univ.) and Phillip Lethby (Melb. College of Divinity), also Russell Craig (New England Univ.), Ron Kallmiller (Melb. C. of D.) and Keith Farmer (Univ. of N.S.W.). Post-graduate work is also being pursued further by Graeme Chapman, Dennis Nutt and George Elliott, and Graham Warne is preparing for further studies through the External Dept. of the Univ. of London.

ADULTS JOIN CHURCH

(WOLLONGONG, N.S.W., D. W. Mansell). Services are very well maintained with an average of 200 and over 200 at gospel services. There were seven adult baptisms on Jan. 10, including three married couples . . . Young people have done well in examinations. Wilma Cairns, a recent convert, was dux of Wollongong High School and secured place listings in the State for Maths and Science. Robert Davies passed his Science Degree with high distinction, also Neil Preston received an excellent pass for his Science Degree . . . Margaret Upsall gained an excellent pass as a qualified accountant, Veronica Baker has obtained a degree in Industrial Chemistry. Chris Hutton received straight A's for his School Certificate and obtained a

Commonwealth Scholarship . . . Barry McMurtrie preached here prior to taking up ministry in Ballarat, Vic. Barry was one of our own young people and graduated from Woolwich last year.

"OPEN DAY" AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.) The N.S.W. Bible College commences first term on Feb. 25, when 12 new students, coming from W.A., S.A., and N.S.W., will be welcomed. "Open Day" at Woolwich will be held Saturday, March 14, when various aspects of the life and work of the College will be featured.

LIQUOR AND MISSIONS

The Board of Missions of the Aust. Presbyterian Church has decided to let each Aboriginal mission and reserve under its care determine for itself whether or not to allow the use of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

SURPRISING DEVELOPMENT

The Swiss Reformed parish of Reug-sau, outside Bern, will give 20% of this year's budget to development aid. At the regular assembly the parish council proposed that 4% be allocated for this purpose. But a counter-proposal from the floor increased the figure fivefold, and the motion carried. Some Sw. Fr. 16,000 will go to the Swiss Protestant relief organisation "Bread for the World" and Sw. Fr. 4,000 for mission.—E.P.S.

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Christine Brown, Marie Watts, Dunolly, Vic.

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Judith Newton, Ruth Shew, Annette Shoberg, Hornsby, N.S.W.

L. Hainsworth, Briar Hill, Vic.

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Julie Sleep, Thomsons, Vic.

Miss Kaye Cameron, Robinvale, Vic.

James McRobert, Fremantle-Hillton, W.A.

Trevor Sharpe, Bordertown, S.A.

MARRIAGES

Anne Cole to Kevin Bailis (Qld.); Joan Surridge to Russell Kay, Ormond, Vic.

Gail Macdonald to Ron. Spark; Carolyn Verco to Len. Payne, Bordertown, S.A.

Cheryl Poynter to John Mudford, Glugandra, N.S.W.

Sabina Meyer to John Rensen, Canley Heights, N.S.W.

Judith Staley to John Schultz (at Lutheran Church, Mildura), Robinvale, Vic.

Miss L. Mullins to J. Scudd, Christies Beach, S.A.

Gail Symes to Geoff. Cole, Berrwick, Vic.

Ruth Lohse to Ron Andrews; Desley Johnson to Barry Miller; Marce Hopper to Terry Deacon, Dalby, Qld.

Wendy Chatley to Ken Ayres, East Preston, Vic.

Kay Williams to Robert Crowden, Ulverstone, Tas.

DEATHS

Mrs. Griffiths, Cheltenham, S.A.

Amy Dungey, Bordertown, S.A.

Eliwyn M. Lewis, Canley Heights, N.S.W.

Miss Jane Chappell, Mrs. M. M. Ratcliffe, Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.

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Mrs. Metchen and Mr. Murray, to Marrickville, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammon, from Strathmore to Thomsons, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Karren, from Col. Light Gardens; Mr. and Mrs. Rod. Cunningham, from Clovelly Park to Christies Beach, S.A.

Mrs. Jan Bergman, Nth. Essendon to Berrick, Vic.

IN MEMORIAM

GARTH, Harold Henry—Died Feb. 26, 1967; Emilie Reeves, died February 24, 1969. We treasure their memory.—Inserted by their loving family.

STAFFORD, Vivian Charles—Feb. 23, 1968. Treasured memories of our dearly loved husband and father. "In God's presence there is fullness of joy for evermore."—Muriel, Jeff, Ken, Laurie, Marjory and Collin.

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DEATHS

CARTMEL, Nellie—On February 6 at Murrumbidgee, Vic., loving wife of the late A. E. Cartmel, loved mother of Noel, Collin and Daryl (U.S.A.); loved mother-in-law of Joan, Daphne and Beatrice; loved grandmother of Ian, Robert, Barbara, Richard and Pamela; Karen and Brendan; Warren, Bronwyn and Jennifer. Aged 83. Grateful thanks to Matron, staff and companions at "Emmaus." "Just to believe that God knows best, Just in His promises sure to rest."

HIGGINS, Coral Eva—On January 31, 1970, at Loxton Hospital, S.A., beloved wife of the late Fred. Higgins, of Loxton; loved mother of Neela, Merle (Norseman Mission), Leo, Winsome and Raynour, also Joyleen (dec.). Aged 58. "With Christ."

TILLEY, Donald John—On January 31, (result of accident), at Bougainville, New Guinea, Donald John, dearly loved son of Ruth and John Tilley, of 5 First Ave., Glenelg East, S.A., and loved brother of James and William; loved brother-in-law of Mary and Val; fond uncle of Tony, Charles, Danny and Lana. Age 27 years.

TULLY—On February 9, Albert Thomas, 496 Doncaster Rd., Doncaster, Vic., beloved husband of Hilda, loved father and father-in-law of Russell and Eunice, Gil and Lorna, Joyce and Keith, Bunt and Norma; dear grandpa of 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

WOOLAN, William Andrew—At Bendigo, Vic., on Feb. 6, 1970, dearly loved husband of Lols and loving father of Betty, Edna, Bill and Linda. "Beyond the sunset."

WOOLAN, William Andrew—Dearly loved father of Linda (Mrs. Cavill), father-in-law of Graham and much loved grandpa of Suzanne. "Always remembered."

TULLY, Albert T., of Doncaster Rd., Doncaster, Vic.—Passed away on February 9, 1970. Loved son of the late John and Rosina Tully, and loved eldest brother of Rose (Mrs. Clay), John, Ada (Mrs. Petty), Nellie (Mrs. Cameron), Elsie (Mrs. May) and Roy, all deceased. In loving memory of Uncle Albert.—Inserted by his nieces and nephews.

BIRTHS

LADGROVE (Ramadge)—Lyn and Barry are very happy to announce the arrival of Karen Joyce at "Airlie," Ivanhoe, Vic., on February 7, 1970. Grand-daughter for Myra and Laurie.

SMITH (Hook)—To Ailsa and Collin on Jan. 23 at Brisbane, a son—Michael Collin, Brother for Peter Jon.

ENGAGEMENTS

JORY-GRIFFITHS—Mr. and Mrs. K. Jory, 42 Ardrie Rd., East Malvern, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. E. Griffith, 10 Kings Ave., St. Arnaud, announce with pleasure the engagement of Lynette and Barry.

NICHOLSON-SWAN—The engagement is announced of Diane, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicholson, of Lakemba (Greenacre Church of Christ) to Steven, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Swan, of Turramurra, formerly of Balwyn, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

KENNEDY-LITTLEJOHN—The marriage of Terrie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Parkdale, Vic., and Peter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Littlejohn, Richmond, Vic., will be celebrated at Parkdale Church of Christ, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 4.30 p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING

McINTOSH-HENLEY — Congratulations to our parents, Eric and Hilda McIntosh, on their 50th wedding anniversary, solemnised at Auchenflower, Brisbane, on February 28, 1920. With love from Beryl (Mrs. Stan. Muller, Chinchilla, Qld.), Gwenda (Mrs. Keith Horne, S.A.), and Neola (Mrs. Don. McLucas, Cardna, Qld.). Present address: 52 Carter St., Northgate, Qld., 4013.

SMITH-WHISSON—The family of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith have much pleasure in announcing the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents. The marriage was solemnised at Bill's Gully Hall, Kaniva, Vic., on Feb. 12, 1920, by the late A. R. Benn. Present address: 274 Middleton Rd., Albany, W.A., 6330.

RUBY WEDDINGS

BANKS—It is with gratitude to God that Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Banks announce the 40th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated February 22, 1930. Present address: 10A Francis St., Belmont, Vic., 3210.

BELL-HAWKEN—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bell announce with pleasure the 40th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated February 15, 1930, by the late Joseph Whelan, at Chatswood. Present address: 13 Rounce Ave., Forestville, N.S.W., 2087.

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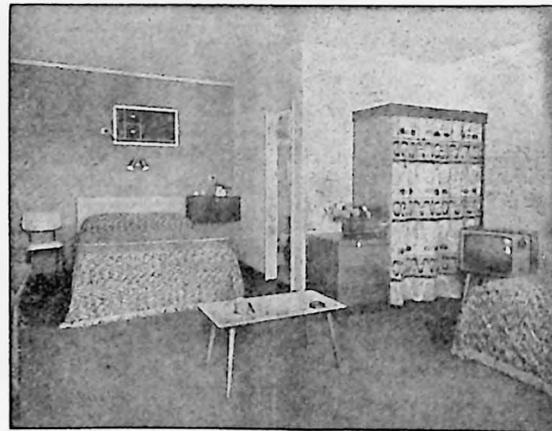
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THE CHURCHES AND THE NIGERIAN CRISIS

(Geneva). When during Jan., 1965 the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches met in an Israeli-built luxury hotel in Enugu, Nigeria, few participants thought that only a few years later the pleasant countryside around them would be the scene of a fierce civil war pitting the majority of the Ibo people against the Federal forces they themselves had helped to build and support.

When secession took place, followed by civil war, the Christian community within Nigeria was divided as to its causes and aims in the same way as churches in the rest of the world. At the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1968 the member churches on both sides of the conflict

were represented. The W.C.C. offered them a chance to meet. But the Assembly was unable to do more than to call for peace and authorise the raising of a large sum for relief to both sides.

The World Council of Churches strictly kept its neutral stance, which the Assembly established in 1968. This policy was not inspired by fear to take sides. It was based on the simple principle that there were equally committed and equally respected Christians on both sides of the conflict. Also, anticipating that the Nigerian civil war was either going to be long or have long-lasting consequences, the W.C.C. stated that a long-range policy was necessary. This was by no means easy.—E.P.S.

COMMUNION WITH STH. INDIA?

The Anglican Church in Australia has expressed a desire to enter into full communion with the Church of South India and has resolved to foster the fellowship and co-operation this involves. Similar action has been taken by the Anglican Church of Central Africa. The Church of South India, formed in 1947 by a union of Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, is not a member of the Anglican communion. However, the 1968 Lambeth Conference passed a resolution urging Anglican churches to consider such action with respect to the C.S.I.

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS

Seventy-seven teachers, a doctor, nurses, tradesmen and other skilled workers left Australia in January to serve abroad under the Aust. Volunteers Abroad scheme. They will work for one or two years in countries of Asia, Africa and the Pacific. The volunteers come from all Australian States and include Dr. Kingsley Gee of Melbourne, the first doctor to serve under the A.V.A. scheme. He will lecture at the Papuan Medical College, Port Moresby.

The A.V.A. scheme is organised by the Overseas Service Bureau, a community organisation established in 1961 to encourage Australians to work in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific. The bureau is sponsored by over a hundred organisations such as Rotary, Apex, Community Aid Abroad, Jaycees, N.U.A.U.S., Aust. Council of Churches, and the Aust. Catholic Relief.

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BOOK REVIEW

"THE PLACE CALLED CALVARY"

By Marcus L. Loane. (Zondervan). \$2.20 Aust.

"The Place Called Calvary" was first published in 1956 under the title "The Voice of the Cross." It is now revised and re-written. The author's devotional writings have helped many to keep a like sacred trust with the Saviour.

One way to suggest the beauty of the work is to quote a sample sentence from the comment on each of the "Seven Words of Love."

"Father, forgive them: 'Divine mercy spoke in its most tender accent at the very time when human meanness had sunk to its lowest level.'"

"Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise: 'The cry of the thief had referred in a vague way to the future: 'When Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.' The Lord's reply referred to that time as immediate—'Today!'"

"Behold thy mother! 'Behold thy son: 'They were kindred spirits who were wholly at one in their love for the Son of God, and He means to honour each in the eyes of the other.'"

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?": "It was one thing to be disowned by the scornful spirit of man; it was far worse to be deprived of the comfort of His Father's presence. This was sorrow upon sorrow, and it wrung from Him a cry in terms for which there is no final human answer."

"I thirst: 'To all who refresh His heart, assuage His thirst, and fill His cup with joy, He will yet say, 'I was thirsty and ye gave me drink.'"

"It is finished: 'The cross was not in vain; it told of a loving Saviour and a gracious Father, and that shout of mighty triumph rang out before He bowed His head to die.'"

"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: 'He knew that those hands were safe, yet gentle; soft, yet mighty; and He could trust them to bear Him up when the world of sense and time trembled and failed.'—J.E.B.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Take a gander at our new buggy! Er, by the way, better see us NEXT year about the church budget."

RUSSELL BANKS RETIRES

(Vic.). After a ministry of more than 42 years with various Churches of Christ in Victoria, R. A. Banks has retired from the active ministry.

Mr. Banks has been serving in a part-time ministry with the church at Thomson, Geelong.

His ministries have included churches at Drumcondra, Wangaratta, Doncaster, Castlemaine and Swan Hill.

Mr. Banks has spent more than 21 years at Geelong, coming to the church at Drumcondra in 1927.

He served there for seven-and-a-half years and returned 21 years later to serve with the same church for 10 years.

In 1969, Mr. Banks began part-time work with the church at Thomson and so concluded an active ministry with the Churches of Christ in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks look back over the years as years of happy fellowship and service.

Living in retirement, they will continue to attend the Thomson church, and serve where they can.

—Geelong "Advertiser."

ALSO FROM THOMSON

Minister and representatives of all the Geelong Churches of Christ met for tea on Feb. 1 to thank R. A. Banks for his four years' ministry at Thomson. G. Vaflopius made a presentation on behalf of Latrobe Tce. and Thomson. Geelong Youth for Christ Choir rendered items and two of its members, Lynn Gavln and Graham Middleton, teachers in our B.S., were farewelled as they leave for M.B.I. . . . 25 young people under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. K. McGregor held a camp at Indented Heads . . . C.W.E.F. was given a fruit juice demonstration by Mrs. Beeson of Melb. . . Geelong district Good Companions' party was held at Thomson and toys made by the girls were given to "Auntie Rita" for distribution.

EXPERIMENTAL SERVICES

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). During the holiday period a series of experimental Sunday evening meetings were held in an attempt firstly to make use of this period rather than waste it and secondly, attempt to present the gospel in an informal atmosphere. Services on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 were held in private homes when an average of 70 crowded in each night to share bright singing, testimonies and listen to guest singers. An informal Fellowship Hour on Jan. 11 and a cabaret-style service and film discussion on Jan. 18, were followed by the final meeting on Jan. 25 in the church courtyard and when 105 heard a stirring testimony by Jim Strickland, ex-Chicago gangster, and Sheila Lighton, guest singer.

B. GOLDSTEEN TO SUNSHINE

(SUNSHINE, Vic., B. Goldsteen). S. Wilkerson was given a farewell and presentation on Jan. 25. Mrs. Wilkerson was also given a presentation from the ladies of the church . . . Mr. and Mrs. B. Goldsteen were welcomed to an interim ministry on Feb. 1. The Ambassadors Quartette contributed messages in song at evening service . . . Miss Janice Dorgan has been appointed S.S. Supt. . . . A modern Christian drama, "Quiet

Revolution," was presented by the young people with Robert Wiseman as production manager.

MARRIES LUTHERAN MINISTER

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). Church farewelled Judy Staley and wished her well as Mrs. John Schultz, and her new task of being a Lutheran minister's wife . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogerson and family were also farewelled as they left to take up their new appointment in Mildura. Church welcomed Don Smith and Cliff Warmbrunn of Home Missions, and also G. R. Strling of C.O.B. . . . Jan Hunting, Lyn Close, Margaret Rule and Barbara Nolan visited C.W.F. and Prayer Meeting.

COMBINED OPERATION

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). During holiday period, the church combined with Burwood Congregational Church for evening services. Meetings were held in respective chapels, and addresses given by Mr. Savage and Rev. Roy Alexander . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Davis, whose husband was suddenly taken seriously ill. Also to Mrs. Illingworth and Mrs. Kenny whose respective fathers died recently. . . . The church secretary, R. Tyler, was admitted to hospital for surgery.

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50 YEARS AGO

(February, 1920)

FROM the "Aust. Christian":

"N.Z. Christian," Editor: I. A. Pater-noster. Hitherto circulating in the North Island, the "N.Z.C." now seeks to serve all N.Z. churches.

Fed. Conf. The approach of the 10th Federal Conf. leads us to hope that some great forward movement may be made that will be of permanent value. This year we ought to make history. Classified Criticised. "In last Saturday's 'Herald' an advertisement of the annual camp conference of 7th Day Adventists appeared under the heading of Churches of Christ, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Salvation Army, and C. of E. We do not know how Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and Unitarians secured immunity. We presume that the 'Herald's' serious offence was in great part due to ignorance."

FROM the News:

Food. The price for bread was fixed at: one lb. loaf, 3d, including delivery charges; 2 lb. loaf, 5½d; 4 lb. loaf, 10½d. The price of sugar was increased to 6d per lb.

War losses. The final American Expeditionary Force's casualty returns for the Great War show:

Killed in action	34,844
Died of wounds	13,960
Wounded	215,423
(85% returned to duty)	

No to N.Z. Passenger restrictions on travel to N.Z., imposed as a war-time measure, were still in force, Feb., 1920. No one could leave Aust. for N.Z. without a passport or permit.

Nikkel. The British Government had given a contract for large supplies of nickel to replace silver and bronze for coinage.

FROM the Ads.:

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7 WARD

CHRISTINE

Christine has been in splints for ages in a very uncomfortable position to correct her hips.

Last Monday two of the Churches of Christ Aunties had to turn away with tears in their eyes because this little pet joyfully remarked, "I'm so glad to have those splints off; now I'll be able to kneel down to say my prayers."

Do you remember us at 9 a.m. on a Monday morning?

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

FROM THE FIELDS

NEW HEBRIDEAN MISSIONARIES FOR NEW GUINEA

Bill and Janette Bull, from New Hebrides, have been appointed to New Guinea as missionaries. They arrived in Madang on Feb. 7. There are now four missionaries from the New Hebrides serving on our New Guinea field.

Bill Bull graduated from Banmatmat Bible College and for the last year has been serving in remote villages in the New Hebrides. He married Janette last December. Janette is a nurse having trained at the Ndul Ndul Hospital.

Aloust and Maclene Ben were the first missionaries from the New Hebrides to arrive in New Guinea and they have been particularly well received. We believe that Bill and Janette will also be blessed in their ministry in New Guinea. The New Hebridean churches to whom we send missionaries are now sending out their own workers not only to New Guinea, but to New Caledonia, and other islands in the New Hebrides.

BIBLE SCHOOL, NEW GUINEA

Starting in Jan., 1970, we have planned for a two-week Bible School to be conducted by Rosalie Rofe and myself at Bunapas. Folk from all our areas will gather to study the Word. The daily programme includes a daily devotional session and quiet time, studies in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit's work in the Old and New Testaments, the prayer life of the believer, basic doctrine, the life of Christ (a series of film strips) and memory verse work.

This is the first time that a course of such concentration has been attempted and is something of an experiment to help the development of the Christian life and sense of responsibility of both our young and not so young Christians. We trust it will be a rich time of blessing.—R. Whan.

PROGRESS AT MUI

A couple of weeks back we had many people here at Mui waiting for Alleen Drainey and Rosalie Rofe. The people were very pleased to see them and talked with them. They really appreciate what the missionaries are doing to help them. They have come to us with questions about things they believe, and wanted to know whether they're true or not, and they're quite prepared to put them away if it's against the God we preached.

I feel the best part of our preaching is to answer questions. Out on patrol we preach to the group, then the night is spent in answering questions as they individually come and ask and sit up till 1 or 2 a.m.

I visit eight villages which takes me away from home for a week and a half. I return home very tired but joy always fills my heart to see their keen minds, quite prepared to receive the message of the

Lord sent us to preach. This year I want to fit in another visit to the mountain men. You'll be pleased to hear that some came down and built a new camp behind Nomare and one or two started to speak the Pidgin—there are 10 of them including women. Some have thrown their wigs away and last week I cut the hair off one of them, and he thinks it is wonderful. He looked at himself more than 10 times in a mirror.

Our radio is not here yet, but it will be here next week when John Bolton is coming to put it up for us.

We are very pleased indeed and praise the Lord to hear of the extension of our time in New Guinea. And we are pleased to hear that the way is possible for another pastor to come from the New Hebrides.—August Ben.

NEW HEBRIDEAN CHURCHES SEND PASTOR TO NOUMEA

Pastor Amos Waki has given a wonderful report on his trip to Noumea. He started meetings in the house of a friend—they went on for six weeks and made a tremendous impact on a lot of young people. The Commandant of Police in Noumea invited him to come back—stated that it was good to have a New Hebridean pastor around. It is planned that Amos will return in February with another pastor—possibly Hosen Bull. I am forwarding to you \$100—this is for Amos' house in Vila—it is from the brethren in Noumea.—D. Eagling.

WITNESSING AMONGST FLAT DWELLERS IN BOMBAY

The Church of Christ in Bombay is reaching out with the gospel in the Tilak-Nagar industrial colony near Shukuntala where we live.

The Lord has given us a burden to reach these Hindus and Moslems with the gospel. Tilak-Nagar is our Jerusalem, so we want to witness here first. There are some 120 buildings in Tilak-Nagar. Every building has 36 flats and in all there are 4,320 flats and the official population is 15,000.

For three Saturdays in succession, we went out with gospel tracts to distribute in every home, and so far we have visited 2,340. We still have 55 buildings to visit. We are accompanied by two Hindu "seekers" in this distribution programme. One is a Sindhi boy, a M.Sc. in geology. He found the Lord two months ago. The second one is a Marathi employee in a shop. Both of these have studied John's gospel by correspondence. They will be baptised next month.

During Christmas we wanted to proclaim the story of the birth of Christ and why he came. We tried to hire a truck, and a public address system. We wanted to cover the Tilak-Nagar and other areas in Bombay. Please pray for the Church of Christ in Bombay as we witness amongst thousands of non-Christian people.—Pastor B. C. Bhorste.

JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

THE 6 most important words: I admit I made a mistake

The 5 most important words: You did a good job

The 4 most important words: What is your opinion

The 3 most important words: If you please

The 2 most important words: Thank you

The 1 most important word: We

The least important word: I.

—Forum.

PEELING A POTATO

(An Arab's Philosophy)

IF you see a young girl you would like to marry, manage somehow to see her peel potatoes.

If she cuts the peelings very thick, you will know she is extravagant; if she leaves in the eyes, she is lazy; if she washes them in only one water, she is dirty; if she uses much fat to cook them, she is greasy; if she lets them burn, she is careless; Leave such a girl—she would not make a man happy.

But if you find a girl who knows how to take a potato, peel it, wash it and boil it—marry her whether she is pretty or ugly, poor or rich; she will make you happy.

WATCH IT

TOM and I went fruit-picking, our sister also came along and helped out as a cook. My sister earned twice as much as I did. Tom, who is older, bigger, and stronger, earned even more. The three of us together earned \$1,200. If I received twice as much as I actually got, and if my sister had received half as much again, my sister and my brother would each have received the same amount. How much did Tom actually earn? (Answer on page 14).

BILLY'S BEATTITOODS

BLESSUD is the man with a short throat, for it isn't so bad when it is scar.

"THE Duck it never cackles
"Bou, its million eggs or so,
The hen is quite a different bird,
One egg—and hear her blow.
The duck we spurn but crown the hen,
Which leads me to surmise;
Don't hide your light, just blow your horn,
It pays to advertise."

THE LAST WORD . . .

PEBBLES

Your little words
Are hard and cold.
You try to use them
In a sling
As David did
To slay the bold
Goliath.
But they only sting.

—May Brinkley.



Heirs of the past, children of the present, makers of the future.

—An English school motto.



"Therefore I tell you, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believe you receive it, and you shall have it." (Mark 11: 24).

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Optimist: Man who marries his secretary and thinks he can still keep dictating to her.



Notice outside a London church, "Heading for outer space? Come inside for your directions."



The wife who used to complain about dishwashing hands is now suffering from push-button finger.



Don't stay away from church because there are too many hypocrites. There is always room for one more.

Bill: I wonder if life is really worth living?

Jill: What else can you do with it?



When a man has money to burn, you can be sure somebody will be around to hand him a match.



Some people have no respect for age unless it is bottled.



At the dinner party the men excused themselves and the ladies started to natter. But a Japanese gentleman remained with them. "Aren't you going to join the men?" asked the hostess. "No," replied the guest, "I don't drink, and I don't smoke, and I don't swear. But, then, I'm not a Christian."

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2. The closing date is March 30, 1970.
3. The story may be hand-written or typed. If typed, please double space.
4. First Prize: \$50.00, Second Prize: \$20.00 (donated), to be awarded by a well-known Australian author.
5. HOW TO ENTER. The name of the author must not appear on the manuscript. The author will write his or her name and address on a slip of

paper and place it in an envelope which will then be sealed. The author shall then write on the front of the envelope the title of the story. The envelope and the manuscript are then to be placed together in a large envelope and addressed to "The Australian Christian Short Story," 119-125 Hawke St., West Melbourne, Vic., 3003.

6. "The Australian Christian" reserves the right to publish the winning entries.
7. No correspondence can be entered into regarding the competition or the judges' decisions.