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TRAINING HOSTEL
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227 DAYS TO GO.

Recently a true friend of our Aborigines who has, for more than a quarter of a century optimistically promoted their cause, wrote: "I am not so hopeful now about the Aborigines, for all Aborigines the world over are backward." Obviously he was looking from the depth of a valley of disappointment to the mountains of white civilization's achievement. Aborigines the world over may be backward. BUT WHY?

Years ago the United Nations instituted a survey on the relative capacity of the human brain of different races. The finding was clear and indisputable. The normal human being, whether he be white, yellow, red, or black, given the same circumstances and the same opportunities, is capable of reaching the same standards of achievement.

How long has it taken the white races to reach their present standards of knowledge? Two thousand, three thousand years—or more; with each generation building on the discoveries of the last.

The living and culture of Australian Aborigines required no more mathematics in search of kangaroo meat than one, two, three—then "plenty more" or "big mob." Yet we want to measure them against ourselves whose ancestors for centuries have toyed with and lived by figures and calculations.

Albany Bell, a pioneer in our Churches of Christ Federal work, lived as a young man with only three other whites on a station among Aborigines. One day, he was miles out on horseback with a twelve-year-old full-blood. They came across remains of a night-before campsite of a number of the dark people. In response to the question "Who been there, Moppy?", the lad went round the footprints and named every one in the camp except one he had never met. He said he was "long fella, thin fella, young fella." Weeks after, Mr. Bell discovered there had been a young stranger who met up with and stayed the night with the party. His name was Long Dan because of his lanky physical build. Where is there among top computer, jet-airplane and moonshot scientists who could reach Moppy's intelligence? And which of the intellectual giants left without sophisticated weapons could keep himself alive in Australian rain-limited jungle? It is all a matter of need, incentive and opportunity.

In earlier years enquirers throughout our Australian Brotherhood wanted to know why Aborigines were not assisting and taking responsibility in our

By A. M. BELL

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THEY ARE EMERGING

Missions. The answer was—a few of them wanted to and fewer of them were equipped and ready to do so.

By the decade of the 'seventies there is an increasing number of missionary couples, single workers, song leaders, evangelists, pastors and local church members taking responsibility in various Christian enterprises. The spiritual perception, uncompromising consecration and tenacity of some, outstrips much of our white church performance. Community-wise there are railway gangers, main roads tractor and heavy machinery drivers, Shire Council employees, semi-trailer truckers and many others holding their own alongside the white race. Similar encouragements are found in all States of the Commonwealth.

In Western Australia in 1942 the Department of Native Welfare introduced to its staff the first employee of Aboriginal descent, Miss Joan Dick, telephonist. In its latest (1969) Annual Report there were on its payroll: 1 assistant senior liaison officer, 1 senior housing officer, 2 senior clerks, 28 office workers and 32 domestic staff in hostels. In all, 64 out of a total staff of 252.

Educationally, great strides have been made, especially in the last decade. In 1969, eight scholarships were won in open competition with white children, making 26 scholarships currently running. Eighty bursaries were awarded, making 126 at present operating. Twenty-three students were awarded Commonwealth study grants including 2 degree courses, 3 certified Agricultural (sheep and wool technology), 4 adult matriculations, 10 Commercial and 3 kindergarten teacher courses. There are 12 fully-qualified teachers in the Education Department.

At schools there were 342 pre-school, 5,296 primary and 939 secondary school students. Courses were being taken by 2,740 adults in 153 classes at 48 centres. When our Federal work started in 1942 the figures were negligible. The emergence is comparatively rapid. In a not unreasonably short period our Aborigines are demonstrating the assertion of the United Nations' finding—

Given the same circumstances, the same opportunities and the same encouragements they will rise to the same standards and achievements.

TRULY THEY ARE EMERGING.

JUST ONE YEAR

Some Highlights from 1969 . . .

not only give cause for thankfulness to God, but open the way to great possibilities in 1970.

1. COMPLETION OF CHRISTIAN CENTRE - CHURCH, EIDSVOLD, QLD.

This work is developing under Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Morris. In spite of the culmination of years of drought (now happily brought to an end) the help of Queensland churches and an enthusiastic team of builders brought this dream to fruition, and enabled a much wider and more effective ministry to be performed in this inland town in Queensland.

The church is making progress, and the indications are that the Christian Centre ministry will help all sections of the community, though the emphasis is on meeting the needs of the Aboriginal folk.



An enthusiastic team of builders and helpers put the Eidsvold Christian Centre building up in record time.

2. NEW MANSE AT CARNARVON

The erection of the new manse at Carnarvon, on a block of land purchased by the church at the Christian Centre, makes it possible to fulfil another dream—the engagement of the first full-time minister in 1970. The Aborigines' Mission work was commenced in Carnarvon in 1945, and from it has developed the large and vigorous church in the Centre.

The new manse will be directly behind the Christian Centre, in a new subdivision rapidly filling with new homes. Finances obtained from the sale of the property at Fitzroy, Vic., are being used. The building was up to the lock-up stage before the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson are expected to commence a ministry in May, 1970.



The first Sunday morning service in the building was a memorable occasion for Eidsvold.

3. EXTENSIONS AT 'FAIRHAVEN'

The new section at "Fairhaven," Esperance, W.A., is now in full operation. Bedroom accommodation is available for a further 10 teen-aged girls and for Mission staff. A large common room/lounge caters for leisure time and allows the girls to learn to entertain visitors graciously. A new laundry contains washing machines of various types so that the girls can become familiar with the kind of equipment they will meet with in domestic situations.

With the departure of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stevenson, who made a valuable contribution to "Fairhaven," Mr. and Mrs. Graham Butler, from Carnarvon, have been appointed to the superintendency of this work.

4. HUMAN MATERIAL

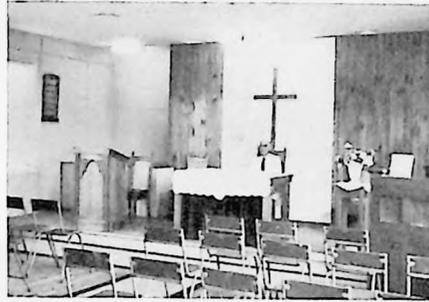
Human material is of infinitely greater value than the best of buildings—and here again many victories have been won for Christ. Some families have been re-established. New hope has come to children through the love and concern of the Christian homes and hostels. Some have been successful in examinations—such as John Higgins of Moorooopna (completed Leaving at Mentene Grammar School and commencing work with the A.M.P. in Melbourne) and Betty Coppin of Carnarvon (successful in Leaving stenography, etc., at Edwards Secretarial College, Perth, and awaiting office employment).

The future offers exciting possibilities. The Aborigines' work needs your prayer and your practical support.—D.G.H.

WITNESS AT MOOROOPNA

It is always a delight to share in fellowship with the church family at Mooroopna, Vic. Predominately people of Aboriginal descent, they meet in a neat chapel in a quiet street in the residential section of the town, under the care of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clydesdale.

Recent improvements to the chapel include a built-in baptistery (finance was supplied by Victorian "Good Companions"), set in the corner of the re-modelled platform, and a separate brick toilet block. A recently erected tubular steel front fence sets off the block. Mr. Clydesdale has been mentor and friend of the Aboriginal people from as far afield as Cummeragunga over many years. People come regularly to Mooroopna for seasonal work on the fruit orchards and in the canneries, and have found him a staunch helper in their troubles. He has now retired from his employment, but this only means that he puts even more time into his work amongst the Aborigines.



Interior at Mooroopna. New baptistery behind pulpit.



Mooroopna Chapel, Vic.

Choir and solo singing seems to have been a tradition amongst these people from way back in the Cummeragunga days, and it is good to know that the tradition is being carried on. There are a number of folk with good voices, who take part as required in the church services. It would be difficult to choose out names, though all would agree that the help of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Atkinson and Mrs. Daisy Higgins is outstanding in this regard.

There was great consternation, and a lot of loving concern, for Jeff and his wife, Bey, when Jeff had a recent spell in hospital with a heart ailment. At first it was thought he would not be able to work again, but it seems now that some light work will be possible. It was good to see him back singing at church once again.

Mrs. Daisy Higgins' son, John, was successful in the 1969 Leaving examination at Mentone Grammar School and has a job lined up with the A.M.P. A church family in Melbourne is providing him with a home, and John is looking forward to his future. The Save the Children Fund has provided most generously over some years to enable him to get a good education, and their help is much appreciated by the Mooroopna folk.

Back in the early days the Mooroopna Aboriginal folk camped down by the river in houses of their own construction, which were subject to flooding when the river rose. However, they have all been living in conventional homes in the town for many years, and taking their place fully in community life. You would enjoy meeting them and sharing in fellowship with them. Call in at the Sunday evening service at 7.30 next time you are up that way. They will make you welcome.

is to have one male and one female boarder of maturity to give a pattern and guidance for living. This has proved successful in every way, but some teenagers are unable to make the grade and do not go on.

From the Centre a sewing class and meeting is held among the women and a general night meeting once a week in the reserve hall. This has proved well worthwhile.

MISSION OUTREACH

This is combined with the Carnarvon church in reaching out through Bob Williams. Seven years ago this man said, "My people will not accept this message unless it starts from the Leonora-Warburton area. These are the most tribal people and do not understand." When suggested that the Lord may want him to go to them he said, "No, not down there!" But throughout these years he has been many times and is now a most welcome visitor. The only criticism is he doesn't go often enough and stay long enough. Using plane travel, it has been possible to make more visits.

Last year had seen an awakening among the people of Cundeleece, Warburton, Cosmo, Newbery, Laverton and Leonora. Aborigines from all over Australia met at Port Augusta in January to discuss how they can take the message of Jesus to their own people.

Already plans are being prepared to move some of these illiterate preachers from place to place in co-operation with Aerial Missions and their "plane."

Pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit among these people and look for great things in 1970.

FAITHFULNESS BRINGS VICTORY

By SONNY GRAHAM

Mr. Graham, of Norseman Mission, reports on his pastoral oversight of the Norseman church:

Greetings from the church at Norseman. In recent days I have been thinking about the Biblical doctrine of the remnant of the faithful few, in whom the purposes of God were fulfilled, which brought blessing and deliverance to many. In the Old Testament we read of Gideon and his little band of soldiers and their great victory. In the days of Elijah there were seven thousand men who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

In the New Testament we read about the faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who turned the world upside down or should we say the right way up. As I look back over the year that has gone I can see this Biblical



Allan Bonney and Sonny Graham at Norseman.

principle in our church life. It seems we are so much in debt to this inner core, the company of the committed. After the big meetings are over and the crowds have gone, the faithful few are still with us. Their faithfulness in attending our services show that the Lord Jesus Christ is so very precious to them.

Because of the faithfulness of the church in prayer we have seen quite a number of decisions and re-dedications and quite a few are continuing on in the Christian way of life.

Let me impress on you how much we need your prayers. There are still so many problems to face and so many people to reach with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NORSEMAN: CHILDREN'S WORK GROWS



Norseman boy.

There is a large central dining room at the Mission which caters for meals for the children. The kitchen and meal preparation is in the hands of Mrs. Sonny Graham and Miss Jeanette Campbell, with Mr. Graham being in charge of the dining room.

Listed below are the homes at Norseman Mission with the home parents' names. This is to help you in your prayer support as well as in your practical support of the work amongst our native people.

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| Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Beach and Miss Higgins. | Girls' home. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorpe. | Girls' home. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsman and Miss Muriel Holt. | Boys' home. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russ Rogan. | Boys' home. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wise. | Boys' home. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Graham and Miss Jeanette Campbell. | Kitchen and Dining room. |

To the above list we must add the name of Harold Olney who at the age of 81 years has given 11 years of service to the Lord at Norseman. He has been of great help over the years because of his electrical knowledge and building ability.

The children play whatever sport is in season and they do very well and really enjoy themselves. The main sports are football, basketball and swimming and the children are taken to Norseman in order to participate in these sports. This is good as it teaches them to mix freely with other children.

D. Butler, Superintendent, supplies helpful information: The numbers at Norseman Mission continue to be high as the Child Welfare Dept., and the Native Welfare Dept., keep on asking about available room for children. There are now 100 children in the homes at the Mission and this number will probably be maintained.

There are five homes for children and each home covers all age groups. For instance, one of the girls' homes has children ranging in age from one year to 16 years. We have found this to be very satisfactory and it is helpful to the older girls who are trained to care for the little ones. This includes making the bed of the one in their care, seeing that the child is properly dressed as well as doing her hair and washing her face and hands before meals, and attending to other needs. The boys' homes also work on a similar system. The children are very happy and there is a fine relationship between the children and the missionaries.

Each home is in the care of a married couple who are the home parents to the children. If a home has over 15 children we endeavour to provide a single lady worker as a permanent help in the home. Our lady missionaries are very busy people and yet it is good to see the patience and love which they have for the children in their care.

FROM THE CENTRE . . . OUTWARDS!

By LANCE FISHER, Field Superintendent, Carnarvon CHRISTIAN CENTRE, CARNARVON

Anything can happen in this work any time of the day or night. The Christian Centre, conducted by Ron and Rhonda Field, becomes what its name says—a centre showing forth the compassion and love of Jesus Christ. This is not always easy when someone knocks on the door in the early hours of the morning asking for something to eat, although they have found more than enough alcohol to drink!

There are set days for distribution of clothing but most of the people either forget or ignore the fixed days and come any day—or night!

Young people using the Activity Hall are not careful with equipment and have to be taught and guided in their ways. The hall is open day and night, so someone needs to be about on call for whatever may be happening.

Out from the Centre, calls are made on one's time to assist families in homemaking, land and housing problems, employment and the many aspects of a people being integrated into a white community.

At the Centre there is the Hostel for young people who have obtained employment in the town and need accommodation. Lance and Enid Fisher, whilst superintending the overall work, live in at the Hostel as "parents." The policy

FAMILY UPLIFT!

WHATEVER IS THAT??

By Mrs. ENID FISHER

Tuesday, 7.30 a.m. Suddenly the Centre Hostel breakfast table is deserted, as the young adult ex-Mission folk form their weekly "chain-gang," loading the van with tea-chests piled high with gay materials and ready cut garments for sewing, a radiogram with hymn and talk records, pictures and a flannelgraph board for the illiterates' Bible Study and time, three hand machines, a box of "windfall" mangoes and tomatoes, five thermos flasks for afternoon tea, cups and "cups," soup for three old sick folk, and each alternate week, cooking utensils and groceries for a cooking class. For this is the weekly Ladies' Sewing and Cooking Class held at the Reserve! Out from the Centre Hall scamper half a dozen small children, with three or four sedate young matrons following—proud owners of transitional or State Housing homes in the town of Carnarvon. These join the general melee in the van.

Six of the younger women set up the hall at the Reserve with the treadle machines and flowers we brought are put in water (later these go to the hospital with a card signed by the class with much sighing and perusing of the design on the card!) "Where is Joan?" I ask and silence falls on the chattering group and with furtive glances over shoulders each whispers to me of a drunken husband's beating and the cutting of the wife's face with a broken bottle. Immediately the group chime in with "We sick of no sleep," "The families brawled and fight all night," "I don't want to live here any more, my boy's always getting into trouble with the police," and "I've got seven children to school, where can we go?" Where indeed?

Long that night Mr. Fisher and I discussed the problem—just two years ago and only between ourselves. For we, with little faith, wondered how the Lord would supply a few simply furnished huts with tin walls and concrete floor, a toilet and ablution block, near the Mission Homes yet not of it, out of town but near enough to school and the children, under supervision of a missionary. Some place where the old could sleep in peace, away from the constant noise, drinking and brawling and vice of the Reserve. But as we ever being constantly reminded in this work, God had already spoken to Mrs. Lewis and her small band of women at Beverly Hills church, N.S.W. They had seen a slide of Dulcie and her eight children—a young Christian widow who had been built a small, two-roomed house on Mission land.

Within a week of our discussion, Mrs. Lewis wrote to say



These and the children pictured below are some of those helped in "Family Uplift."

her band of inspired workers of the Church Fellowship had commenced making nylon-waste coat-hangers and from there came a donation for "Dulcie and her family." So began what Mr. Fisher called "A Family Uplift Fund." From coat-hangers the little band graduated to bath balls and because they found other women were clever in other ways, the original band "financed" them out of their "fund" to make just what they could do best. Thus they have added fluff brushes, babies' bibs, booties, matinee jackets and even "naphthalene ladies and white mice." Some gave small amounts by direct giving because they could best help in this way. They have proved over the last two years that where we have "courage to try it and faith to achieve it, the Lord does the rest and we are rejoicing in his enablement," as wrote Mrs. Lewis as the year's total cheque added up to \$500.

Other avenues of "Family Uplift" have opened up and gifts of towels and sheets or cups and saucers (plastic) have been bought from the fund and the Beverly Hills Group C.W.F. as Christmas gifts. One of Dulcie's sons was sent to Perth for speech therapy and he was helped with his clothing items in this way—in fact so much did he improve he has recently been engaged as "fill-up" boy at a large town store and his first pair of overalls were a gift of encouragement to this lad from the fund. Dulcie and Dolly both quietly witness to the Lord and as Mrs. Lewis wrote "are an example of what can be the result of much loving, and a little interest," and who knows where that influence may reach? God has again proved his promise—"Before they call I will answer" and while they are yet speaking I will hear," and the Lord has blessed us here and made a vision a reality.



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CAN OUR SEPARATE EXISTENCE BE JUSTIFIED?

By G. R. STIRLING, B.A.

The pioneers of the Restoration Movement were forced into a separate existence and remained separate because of their conviction that they were standing alone for truths essential for the whole Body of Christ. They envisaged remaining in existence only until the whole Christian Church came to these truths; and then Churches of Christ would die to find life in the united Church.

Are there still beliefs and practices unique to Churches of Christ that must be preserved so that they will not be lost to the whole Christian church?

It may be easier for us to phase out of existence, for families to by-pass struggling churches to find comfort and fellowship in large ones, for ministers to covet the conditions and status of the ministry in proposed united churches. But we are not being true to God, to the Church, nor to our ecumenicity. If we fail to keep alive for the whole Church, anything that we uniquely hold that is essential for her life and witness.

"Ecumanities" amongst us who cheerfully put unity before conviction, compromise before principle and togetherness before truth, need to remember that the very spirit of ecumenicity demands that every denomination should guard and preserve for the whole Church those things that are important for her life. The ecumenical movement is not a movement towards a recreated church formed by lopping off those matters of faith and order that are not accepted by all. Rather it is the bringing together into the whole Church of God all the richness and diversity of the culture and faith and life of all sections of the Church for the sake of the larger whole. Indeed the ecumenical movement gives free opportunity for us to state our case openly and fully, for the sake of the whole church. True ecumenists of other churches would criticise us for any tendency to compromise or to weaken our witness. They do not expect to compromise on matters of principle; nor do they expect that we should.

The question is, what are the unique things that we stand for today? And are they important enough to justify a continuing strong and virile existence?

This means, are they important enough to inspire our people to be a growing, virile brotherhood of churches with new and imaginative strategies for development? Are they important enough to have us cheerfully sacrificing in the areas of toll and sweat and money and real estate and petrol and time? For it is clear that any witness to anything will only be maintained by a growing, developing, lively, renewed brotherhood of churches.

We propose to look at some things that are uniquely held amongst us. It is up to our people—not the ministers and the leaders, but the rank and file—to say whether they think that these things are important enough to justify our separate and dynamic existence.

Belief that the immersion of penitent believers is the true baptism of the church, is our most unique witness.

Although baptism as the immersion of penitent believers was not part of the earliest history of our Movement it has been the one thing more than anything else that has differentiated us from other churches. Probably this belief about baptism is the one thing above all others that would justify

our continued separate existence, if we believe it to be important enough.

In earlier times our witness to baptism was to persuade others that without it they would be lost, to baptize them and to bring them into the fellowship of our Movement. There was little or no opportunity to witness to New Testament baptism to the whole Christian Church.

Later through fellowship in Christian Endeavour, Councils of Churches, evangelical conventions, denominational missions, Intersarsity Fellowship, S.C.M., and Bible Societies, we discovered the genuineness of the Christianity of many who did not see baptism as we do. In any case we had been singing their hymns and reading their books from earliest times. This gradual discovery has blunted the cutting edge of the evangelistic thrust of earlier generations, for whom evangelism was almost entirely directed towards Christians (active or otherwise) who had not been baptized as believers. (A small minority amongst us would still insist that we have no authority to call Christian those who have not been immersed as penitent believers.)

The present question about baptism is, is our position so important for the whole Christian Church that we are committed to a separate existence for the sake of our witness to it?

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR BAPTISMAL WITNESS:

1. We believe that we are witnessing to a valid ordinance of Christ. We believe that the whole Christian Church is the poorer for the weakening of a dramatic, vivid and biblical method of initiation into the Body of Christ.

2. We believe that the whole Christian Church is weaker for the loss of this strong historic witness to the gospel proclaimed in baptism, whereby Christ's man is one who has died to himself and risen again into a new God-created self-hood with the living Christ, in action in the world.

3. The defection of most Baptists from the main stream of the ecumenical movement has left us almost alone to witness to other churches concerning our beliefs about New Testament baptism. In this main stream our voice can always be heard, and it is expected that we will speak.

4. While our witness to believer's baptism is pointing out to the whole Church the gospel enshrined in its biblical practice, this witness is even more necessary in the light of the almost universal practice of other forms of baptism that have grown up during the centuries. They are practices of doubtful validity, shrouded in superstition and associated with unfortunate theologies such as bad ideas of God, original guilt, mechanical grace, grace by proxy, and circumlocution-substitution. These practices are associated with all of the mental gymnastics of rationalisation that are unworthy of the unquestioned scholarship of many whose other writings are so excellent. This does not mean that we should question the sincerity and integrity of those who differ from us. But it does call for an understanding and gracious witness to our convictions about what we believe to be authentic baptism.

5. Perhaps there has never been a better opportunity for our witness concerning baptism than in this day of theological ferment. It would be a pity to soften this witness when again and again we find Christian thinkers speaking and writing as did the Dean of Perth ("West Australian," 19/8/69). He was reported to have said, "Baptism of children is often based on social pressure and superstition... social pressure from relatives who want the privilege, if not

the responsibility of being god-parents . . . and a deep-rooted superstition that the baby was not quite right until it was christened. The Church goes on dishing out the sacraments as if they were some kind of magic word, consecrating the bourgeois status quo. The Church was being asked to undertake a complete and revolutionary re-examination of the way men and women were made members of the Church. People once were admitted to the Church after a long period of education and preparation. The climax of this period was baptism into the church. Serious thought was being given to returning to this practice."

If baptism is the one thing above anything else that differentiates us from others, is it important enough to justify a separate existence?

However we may feel about the importance or otherwise of baptism, there is no doubt at all that almost all Churches in the main stream of the ecumenical movement give it primary importance. The only ones who think of it as being relatively unimportant are many Baptists, most evangelicals, and a few amateur ecumenists among us who in their first ecumenical encounters think that it is being "pally" to soft-pedal it. The Christian Churches of the world

are going to do a lot more thinking about baptism, under the guidance of the Spirit, whether we are thinking with them or not. It would be good to stay with them.

It is conceivable of course that there could be a scheme for union in which there could be preserved a strong and virile witness to the immersion of penitent believers. But even in such a scheme we would need to safeguard against a spiritual Gresham's Law, whereby bad baptism would tend to drive out good.

What is our decision?

Do we believe that our witness to believer's baptism is important enough for the whole of the Christian Church, to justify our separate existence and witness for the sake of truth, and the Church? Once again the answer is not with our theologians or our brotherhood leaders, but with the rank and file of our people. If we decide in the affirmative, we must recognise that such a witness demands the support of strong, imaginative programmes to make the Movement grow in vitality, spirit and numbers.

Next time.

In our next article we will look at some other things amongst us that may be unique and worthy of a strong witness for the sake of the whole Church.

• DATING AND DINING OUT

DO YOUR OWN THING! BUT DO IT RIGHT!

Although the more rigid of the old customs of dating are out today, there are still rules to be observed and niceties requiring the attention of teenagers as well as adults.

A date is an important event be it the first visit of an Orchestral Concert or going on a Hay Ride. Let us treat the young man who has extended the invitation with the courtesy he merits as we expect him to do likewise. If pleased to accept the invitation, say so. The young man cannot gauge your reaction by a mumbled "yes." Then see to it that you wear the right clothes—nothing more embarrassing for a boy to be landed with a lass in silly shoes on a country trip. If doubtful about gear, consult with someone. Be ready when the boy friend calls and introduce him to your parents if it is his first appearance. Let your escort open the car door and any other door. On reaching theatre, the usher goes first followed by lady and escort last.

It is desirable to let your parents know what time you expect to be home and keep to it. And another word to the young lady—do not be thoughtless about expense. Under some circumstances you can offer to share expenses, considering that you are probably earning almost as much as the young man. However, this can only be tactfully suggested when you have met by accident and decided to do something together. For a straight out invitation it is better, for the beginning of your acquaintance anyway, to graciously accept the hospitality bearing in mind, as we have already said, some concern over cost.

When the evening is over, do express your thanks girls in a grateful manner. Even if the whole affair has not been just exactly to your taste, remember that an effort has been made to please and a financial outlay involved.

For the young man, we would like to suggest that he call for the young lady whenever possible. Do not honk outside but take the trouble to go to the door and be pleasant to the family. If for some good reason, such as working on the other side of town, there is not time to call, arrange to meet somewhere other than a street corner, right inside the foyer of the theatre or in a nearby coffee shop so that the young lady is not left alone in the street.

Perhaps a word to parents would be useful here. It is helpful if you make yourself available for the introduction if your daughter is being called for. Wish them a happy evening and take the opportunity of discussing the time expected home.

Dining out for the young and the mature follow the same pattern. Do be punctual and do accept the courtesies extended by your husband or friend. On arrival at restaurant, the gentleman leads the way to dining room, and when waiter takes over the lady follows him with escort last. Either the waiter or the gentleman will draw out the chair for the lady. After making a selection from the menu, the lady will name her choice to her escort who then does the ordering for both. Table manners have been dealt with earlier in this series. At the end of the meal a lady's graceful way of retiring to the cloakroom is to say "May I meet you in the foyer in about ten minutes?"

NEXT TIME: VANESSA writes on "CORRESPONDENCE."

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In our next article we will look at some other things amongst us that may be unique and worthy of a strong witness for the sake of the whole Church.

NEW GOALS FOR AID

(Geneva). In a major speech to the W.C.C. Divisional Committee of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (D.I.C.A.R.W.S.), its new director, the Rev. Alan A. Brash, said they confronted a 20th-century world where there was a shrivelling of life through hunger and degradation.

If \$3 million an hour could be spent on the Vietnam war, Mr. Brash said, the same wealth could have provided every Vietnamese man, woman and child with an annual income of \$1,500.

If the people of Great Britain could afford £300 million a year on cats and dogs, clearly they were able to do vastly more in economic aid for the Third World than £200 million annually.

"In a world," he said, "where suffering and deprivation come primarily from man's persistent indifference to the welfare of his neighbour, we are called to be ourselves a community of caring and to provide the most relevant ministry of service to people in need that we can."

"Our concern is with the whole man, and our life is in the total Church."

Mr. Brash, a New Zealander, was appointed by the Central Committee of the World Council to be D.I.C.A.R.W.S.'s director in succession to Mrs. Charlotte Browne-Mayers, who had resigned. For the time being he continues as director of Christian Aid, the service and relief arm of the British Council of Churches.

In his address to the Divisional Committee, Mr. Brash stressed: (1) Churches requesting aid must be free to present their greatest needs; and (2) the responding churches must also have some responsibility of choice.—E.P.S.

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• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GERALD ROSE NEW DIRECTOR FOR S.A.



The S.A. Dept. of Christian Education announces the coming of Gerald Rose in Oct., 1970, who will take up his appointment just prior to World Convention. C. H. Dow who has been Director for the past two years has found it necessary to resign as Director owing to his wife's serious illness.

Mr. Rose is a South Australian who grew up in our Maylands Church of Christ. He graduated from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1955. He gained the L.Th. from the Melbourne College of Divinity in 1959 and graduated B.A. at the Victorian University of Wellington in 1967 majoring in Classical Greek and has since completed a second major in Sociology. He has served the following churches in an outstanding way: Port Pirie, S.A., 1956-60; Kilburn, S.A., 1961-65 and Lower Hutt, N.Z., 1966-70. In all of these ministries he has given virile leadership in all aspects of the church's life. He has done exceptionally well in youth ministries in each place and in particular at Lower Hutt where he commenced a Youth Centre

known as Kriptos. There have been attendances as high as 1,000 with averages around the 300 to 400. This has been a real pioneer ministry and it is with real regret that the church at Lower Hutt loses Mr. Rose back to Australia.

Jean, his wife, has talent in her own right as a double certificated nursing sister, a graduated deaconess from the College of the Bible, a competent musician, and a wonderful mother to her three children. Jennifer is aged 13, Stephen 11 and Judith is eight years old. They all enjoy school, sport and numerous other activities including ballet that more than fill their waking hours.

The Rose family will sail from Wellington on October 11.

Your Department believes that with his proven record in local churches, his added training and a deep concern for people, he cannot help but add to the quality of leadership in our brotherhood Departments and also to the effective life in our churches. Your prayers and interest are solicited.

was one of the choir's early members, and her sister Julie sang and painted scenery.

Barbara Turner, a finalist in the Advertiser Aria Contest, is a principal singer, and Harold Coggins will be in the production of "Princess Ida."

Dean Bain is the producer.

A popular concert called "Your Kind of Music" is another yearly presentation.

In October the choir will sing before several thousand people at the Eighth World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held in Adelaide.

They have raised \$5,000 in 12 years, which has provided improved amenities at youth camps.

—Adelaide "Sunday Mail."

CHURCH-HOUSE OPENING

(Adelaide). Some years ago the H.M. Dept. commenced the church at Windsor Gardens, a rapidly growing area on the edge of the city. This work grew with rapidity. E. P. C. Holland (H.M. Organiser at the time) ministered for a year and then A. G. Norris began a full-time ministry.

In the meantime the city moved with more speed towards Tea Tree Gully where a number of Windsor Gardens members resided. The Building Extension Dept. purchased four blocks of land in a well placed position and waited for opportunity to develop it.

On Feb. 15, many dreams came true. A splendid \$14,000 house has been erected on the land with one section set aside as a worship centre. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Brand and family have removed from the ministry at Albert Park and are now in the new Windsor Gardens-Tea Tree Gully situation. Working out of Tea Tree Gully he will be the minister of one church, with one board meeting in two places. The possibilities are exciting.

At the official opening service a number of dignitaries spoke, including the Mayor of the city, Conf. Pres. W. J. Philip, who declared the buildings opened, and K. D. Horne and W. L. Brune representing brotherhood departments.

Over the last year Mr. Horne, the H.M. Director, has given oversight to the church. Numbers at Windsor Gardens have grown quite speedily until membership is 114. The opening at the Gully will take some of these, but now his work sees the whole project off the ground and geared for action.

Choir's Success Story

Bookings for the Churches of Christ Youth Choir's presentation of "Princess Ida" at the Unley Civic Hall (S.A.) were so heavy that the season was extended to four nights.

It is just part of a continuing success story which began 12 years ago when young people at a Churches of Christ Youth Camp decided to keep together as a group.

They formed a choir with Albert Ginstonbury as conductor, and set about producing their first Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

The present conductor, John Mathieson, began as one of the chorus, and business manager, Trevor Williams, also was just a voice in the choir.

It has seen many romances, and both John Mathieson and Trevor Williams met their wives in the choir.

Besides singing, the young people have become experts at scene painting, lighting, and stage management.

The operas have a wide appeal and young people going for the first time with reservations about the music have often wanted to join the choir.

Three young men have gone into the full-time ministry from the choir.

MORE STUDIES

Besides presenting a Gilbert and Sullivan production of high quality each year, the choir has encouraged young singers to further study.

It has kept a lively group of young people together, meeting for practice or singing at many church and community gatherings.

FARM WORK

During the year the group have made study camps. They spend a weekend on a farm at Kingston in the South-East, where they help on the farm while improving their singing.

Tina Lawten, the Adelaide folk singer who died in an air crash a year ago,

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NORTH AMERICAN SCENE

To the Editor,

Dr. Elliott and I have been personal friends for a very great number of years and I have a high regard for his attainments, but I cannot allow his recent articles on the "North American Scene" to pass without comment. It would seem on reading them that he had very little contact with the section of the Restoration Movement to which he refers as the "Disciples."

For the benefit of those who do not appreciate the situation there are three main streams of the Restoration Movement in the United States. The very conservative non-instrumental group is generally known as "Churches of Christ." The second group referred to by Dr. Elliott as the "Christian Church" is more commonly known even amongst themselves as the "Independents." This is because they do not co-operate with the Disciples or any other Christian communion within the country but only to a degree between themselves. Their churches are variously known as the "Christian Church," "Church of God," or "Church of Christ." The third section is known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and it is with this group that our churches have been more closely associated over the years. They work together on an organised brother-

hood basis, and co-operate with other churches in interdenominational programmes and discussions in similar manner to ourselves.

Dr. Elliott refers to the "Disciples-sponsored International Convention attended by 2,500 people." There is no International Convention. It ceased to exist a couple of years ago. In any case I should say that the attendance figures quoted by Dr. Elliott were evidently given by someone outside the "Disciples" fellowship who did not attend the Convention.

In 1968 the Assembly of the Disciples was attended by over 10,000 people in Kansas City, and it was at this gathering that the new form of organisation (more akin to our own) was adopted. In 1969 the Assembly was held at Seattle—about the most distant out of the way place so far as the brotherhood is concerned, that could have been selected. (It would be like a Federal Conference for Australia being held in Cairns). There were over 8,000 registered delegates and over half of these were voting delegates from the churches. Attendances were in the neighbourhood of 10,000. I know, because I was there as a Fraternal Delegate from our Australian brotherhood.

It seems that space has got away from me but Dr. Elliott's comments on U.C.M.S. are also incorrect. Following the Assembly I preached or spoke in many churches in over 20 States including a number of the independent churches. I must say that I saw nothing

to support Dr. Elliott's statement that "obviously the Disciples are a diminishing people both numerically and spiritually."

It is not possible for anyone to make a generalisation concerning the position of several thousand churches after having been with a mere few of them, but as a Fraternal Delegate and a Conference Secretary I was in a position where people talked freely to me concerning the work of the churches. Finally, I endorse Dr. Elliott's closing paragraph, and emphasised it wherever I went. I hope that he and others will take the advice. We can learn much from America, but let us do it ourselves.

—A. D. Pyne (W.A.).

CHRISTIAN TELEVISION

To the Editor,

I often wonder if Jesus Christ had had television to use for the proclamation of his gospel, whether he would have gone to such lengths to say so little as the Christian Television Association does in its present series.

The gospel is in principle, a simple, straight-forward story of a God who so loved this sin-ridden world that he sent his only son to die for that sin, and yet all we apparently can tell the outside world, is that we should wake up to the affairs around us. I agree with that as far as it goes, but I fear that the people outside the Church, may consider that all they have to do, is to put a crumb inside the mouths of the poor, and all will be well with the souls of both the recipient and the giver. In short the Christian Television Association portrays only half the picture.

Let man get right with God first and then whole loaves of bread will fall into the poor man's mouth.

Let there be some telling scripture quoted, for we have been promised that the Word is sharper than any two-edged sword. Again I urge that there be a drastic revision of what is shown—that the gospel be shown in a simple, straight-forward way, so that all may be able to understand the fundamentals of the gospel, for by watching the C.T.A. series in its present state—no-one does.

—K. E. Manson (Vic.).

VIETNAM

To the Editor,

I, too, can be persistent.

Philip Andrews' letter on Vietnam ("A.C." 24-1-70) is like saying, "Let's not have anything to do with Christianity. There are too many hypocrites in the church."

When some individual in the church plays up, it does not mean that Christianity is wrong. The massacre at My Lai does not necessarily mean that our involvement in Vietnam is wrong. It could mean that someone is taking advantage of a particular situation to satisfy his own lust for killing. It could even have been another of the tragic mistakes that have been made in the confusion of the jungle warfare.

We would need more than the massacre of My Lai to justify our defiance of the National Service Act or any other disregard for the laws of the land.

—D. B. Price (Qld.)

CHRISTIANS AND WAR

To the Editor,

I was pleased that Senator Ivor Greenwood wrote in his letter ("A.C." Feb. 7) . . . all Christians are repelled by modern warfare and would wish to see it totally ended."

If Christians really believe that war is not the way to settle differences, why do they allow their governments to make, sell and use weapons, gasses, defoliants, and chemicals, and remain silent when bombs are stockpiled?

Conditions and laws are changed only when people become so intolerant of them that they get up and do something about changing them. War will continue if Christians continue to sit in their comfortable pews asking God to bless the doctors who treat the casualties.

To change this state, Christians will not be popular with the majority of the public, and politicians will call us immoral meddlers, intolerant lawbreakers, communists, and irresponsible rabble, but then Christ was crucified for sticking to his beliefs, and not many people thought he was right.

—Wendy Smart (Vic.).

VIETNAM

To the Editor,

Senator Greenwood's letter once again reveals the shallowness of our Government's thinking on issues of conscience.

He quickly passes over the My Lai atrocities, ignoring the fact that such events are inevitable in the "search-and-destroy" type of war, and in an environment where it is quite obvious to Allied soldiers that the people around them are, at best, passively hostile.

Senator Greenwood seeks to justify our involvement in Vietnam by arguing that we are protecting the Vietnamese from murder, terror and invasion.

But it wasn't the Viet Cong who murdered and raped at My Lai, and it isn't the Viet Cong who have blasted hundreds of houses, churches, and rice paddies into oblivion through saturation bombing of civilian targets.

And who is invading whom? There are well over half a million Americans, Australians, South Koreans, etc., in Vietnam, but no other foreigners.

Senator Greenwood shows his rather limited appreciation of what is involved in "problems of conscience." If his conscience can be assuaged by vague references to the C.M.F. as an escape from confrontation with the vital moral issues involved in the Vietnam war and the conscription which was introduced to fight it, then the consciences of thousands of others cannot.

—Robert Sercombe (Vic.).

VIETNAM AND NATIONAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

Senator Greenwood states correctly in his letter (7/2/70) that "all Christians are repelled by modern warfare and would wish to see it totally ended." But then in the very next sentence he takes leave of his Christian principles to justify war on the grounds that violence must be met by violence. The only way that Christians can show their concern when

murder and cruelty take place, according to the Senator, is to get involved and commit the same un-Christian acts.

My Lai is an unfortunate incident but the whole Vietnam war is nothing more than a list of unfortunate incidents, and no one incident is any less tragic or more justifiable than another. No individual or group of individuals can be held as wrong-doers for any act of war, such as My Lai. The guilt must lie fairly and squarely at the feet of the nations that support the war effort.

The National Service Act is nothing more than a mandatory licence to kill yet the Senator states that refusing to obey this act cannot "be justified on any ground of conscience." The justification is that the Act forces young men, like myself, to hate their fellow-man, i.e. take up arms for pre-meditated legal murders, something which is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Defying the Act is looked upon by many as lawlessness. But in the end it is God who is the sole judge of a person's action and not courts and governments.

Great questions may be involved in the Vietnam conflict but there is no greater question than the one of whether a person has the right to take another person's life. I think the answer is quite simple and straight-forward, especially if one professes to be a Christian.

—Bruce Jones (Vic.).

(Correspondence on this aspect of the Vietnam war is now closed).

INVITATION TO MIRAM

To the Editor,

We sometimes enjoy rich fellowship with folk who call in on us while travelling between Melbourne and Adelaide as we are about half way between the two, are three miles north of the highway, with a bitumen road which leaves the Western Highway 238½ miles from Melbourne according to the mileposts, travelling north-west to Miram, which is easy to find, being on the main railway line and with a wheat silo easily seen, and then continues on to Kaniva meeting the highway again there. Taking this loop road through Miram will add only three miles to your trip.

We conduct the general store here and live next door to the shop and are always able to find rooms and beds for one or two or nine or ten. Or 20 or so

if some brought sleeping bags, etc. Just take us as you find us. If you wish to let us know when you may arrive that would be alright but it is by no means necessary.

A generation ago this home was used in this way frequently, often by preachers making an exchange with another from the other State. A night spent together here enabled them to compare notes, and have a break in the journey, not necessarily restricted to just one night. Our business ties us up from getting to other places and meeting other folk and so we would be pleased and consider it our pleasure and privilege to have Christian folk accept this invitation.

—H. C. Wheaton.

CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM

To the Editor,

I would like to draw the attention of church fellowships to the proposed visit of Stephan Bankov of Bulgaria, to Melbourne during the month of May. To quote from a letter received from Underground Evangelism: "Last May Mr. Stephan Bankov led his family to freedom in a dangerous and daring escape. Details of this amazing man appeared in Communist newspapers. He was one of the ten most wanted men and all because of his love for Christ and his work for Christians in the secret churches.

"Last November, Communist agents made several attempts to remove the Bankov family from Sweden and spirit them back to Bulgaria to stand trial. 'Accidents' occurred, each of the family suffered physical injury and Mrs. Bankov was hospitalised, being on the danger list for some time. Court cases were held in Bulgaria and Mr. and Mrs. Bankov were sentenced (in absentia) to three years' imprisonment each and separation from their children for life. They will never serve that sentence as they are still safely in the free world.

"Mr. Bankov will lead public meetings and report details of the advance of the gospel and Bible distribution in underground churches. This has been his life for many years and he will be sharing facts and up-to-date information never before heard in the free world. He is of quiet disposition, of great faith through suffering, and his ministry is without dramatics and thoroughly challenging."

Details of Mr. Bankov's visit will be available shortly.—Graeme Jackel (Vic.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM

To the Editor,

Until my nephew came home from what he calls "divinity school," I always had the idea that the church was a minority standing for what it believes about truth being revealed by God through Jesus Christ as recorded in the Scriptures. I always knew that the majority thinks that this is a lot of "eye-wash," but that the church goes on standing for it anyhow.

My nephew seems to think that it is useless to try to convert any of the majority to the "truth of the minority." He thinks that the easiest way is for the church to get with the secular majority. For him conversion is not some of them joining us, but all of us joining them. If the church joins their side, we can fondly imagine that they are all in the church, on the basis of "those who are not against us must be for us."

For instance the secular world has gone haywire on sex. So the church finds "Christian reasons" to bless "doin' wot comes naturally." The intelligentsia finds the idea of the supernatural beneath its "scientific" dignity. So the church naturalises Christianity. (Even the golden rule is suspect because it takes a miracle to keep it. And as most people find church tedious and boring, let's get away from "traditional church" and find true Christianity in such things as the fulfilling relationship between the local barmaid and the boys across the bar! If you can't beat 'em, join 'em, is my nephew's philosophy of religion.

Apparently on Sundays I don't go to church any more. I stay home and suck a pipe over the back fence with Charley, and find my religion in fulfilling relationships with him, with one eye cocked towards his shapely daughter sunning herself under the mulberry tree.

What a pity the martyrs didn't hear of this "Christianity of the revolution"! It would have saved them from negative relationships with certain unsophisticated lions.

You'd better amalgamate the "A.C." with "Playboy." If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

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Mar. 15: "When Conscrition Paid Off."
.. 22: "Death-Bed Repentance."



NIGERIAN CHURCHES WORK AT RELIEF

The situation in the former Eastern Region of Nigeria is much less desperate than is generally reported, said Canon Burgess Carr, Africa secretary in the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, upon returning from a 12-day visit to Nigeria.

"Those responsible for carrying out relief and rehabilitation operations are running a race against time and against death," he said. "But if they fail it will not be because they did not try."

Canon Carr went to Nigeria to visit the various projects set up by the Christian Council of Nigeria (C.C.N.) and to see how the World Council of Churches and its related agencies could contribute.

In the regions he saw—Owerri, Aba, Port Harcourt, Asaba and Ibadan—the most pressing need is transport. The C.C.N., officially recognised as a relief organisation by the Federal Government, does not have enough lorries or cars to carry out its task of moving food

supplies and teams of volunteer workers and returning refugees to their homes.

Canon Carr said there are enough food supplies, either in the form of relief supplies or native produce. The C.C.N. has developed a programme that goes beyond emergency relief and involves rehabilitation and resettlement. The programme envisages making available seeds, agricultural tools and funds for displaced people enabling them to re-establish a normal rhythm of existence.

The Africa secretary also reported the need for more staff: administrative and technical personnel capable of organising transportation, specialists in rural and community development.

A third problem is that of money. The Biafran currency issued by the secessionist government is now worthless and useless to those who possess it. The Federal Government has appointed an "ad hoc" commission and it is hoped it will soon arrive at a solution.—E.P.S.

"HIPPIE PRIESTS" REINSTATED

(Brisbane). The Rev. Malcolm Bell, 25, one of the two long-haired Anglican priests suspended by Archbishop Strong last October for not cutting their hair, has found a new job. This month he became the resettlement officer for Australian Inter-Church Aid, working mostly among refugees in Queensland. The other long-haired priest, the Rev. Austin Parry, has been given a new curacy at Palmwoods, about 70 miles north of Brisbane. Archbishop Strong has now restored both men to their official status in the Anglican Church.—E.P.S.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

MISSIONARIES RETURNED FROM INDIA

The Ryall and Main families and Mrs. T. Thomas and children returned to Australia on the "Chusan" in February. The Ryalls and Mains will be in Australia for approximately twelve months, and the following periods have been allocated for deputation work:

Mrs. R. Ryall—Western Australia, April 9 to May 10.

Roger Ryall—South Australia, May 28 to July 5; Victoria-Tasmania, August 8 to December 7.

Mrs. J. Main—Victorian Women's Conference, April 29; N.S.W. Women's Conference, May 21.

John Main—N.S.W., May 5 to June 1, and July 11 to August 9, and October 31 to December 6; Queensland, June 6 to July 5; South Australia, September 5 to October 4.

Deputations arrangements are the responsibility of State Overseas Mission Committees. If you wish to have a deputationist speak at your Church, please contact the Secretary of Overseas Missions in your State. Churches are requested not to approach missionaries directly for speaking appointments.

The Indian Conference has invited the Ryall and Main families to return to India. Mr. Waghmode writes: "The Conference is grateful for the services of Mr. and Mrs. Main, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryall in India, and we cordially invite them to return for another term of service. We strongly believe that their return for another term of service will not hinder the growth of Indian leadership, rather it will help our leadership growth in the right relationship. Healthy growth of the Church in India will only result when we all work together as Co-workers with Christ. While it is in the permissive will of God, let us work together hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder for the glory of God and His Kingdom. We appreciate the good gestures of the Home Board, and the continuous faithfulness of the Brotherhood over these long years. We thank God for all that, and express our gratitude to both the Home Board and the Brotherhood.

Mrs. T. Thomas will not be returning to India, and the Overseas Mission Board, on behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ, expresses sincere appreciation for the many years of faithful service she has given. Dr. Thomas remains in India for several months to assist Indian medical workers assume responsibility of the work at the Dhond Hospital.

A little over 12 months ago the son of an elder of the Baramati Church, and himself a member there for a number of years, Dr. Rajnikant Kolhatkar, was appointed Superintendent of the large Wadia Hospital in Poona. This hospital is run by the Scottish Presbyterian Mission. After completing

his M.B., B.S., in India, Dr. Kolhatkar proceeded to the U.K. where he studied for and passed the F.R.C.S. examinations. After practising there for some years, he returned to India to take up his present appointment. In mid-December an important medical Conference was held at the Wadia Hospital. It was at this Conference that the situation of our Ashwood Memorial Hospital at Dhond was discussed.

The Conference agreed that every effort should be made to secure Doctors to keep the hospital operating. Dr. Kolhatkar and a deputation from the Methodist Medical work were most helpful.

Dr. Thomas writes: "Dr. Ninan, a lady Doctor, starts here first week in April. Dr. Kivraj is appointed as Superintendent. He is about 30 years of age. His present position is Medical Officer of an Ordnance Factory at Chanda."

We are awaiting the date of the commencement of Dr. Kivraj. With these two Doctors in residence it is our prayer that the hospital will continue to meet the needs of the people of the area for many years.

INDIAN BRETHREN ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

Following the deputation to the field in 1969 by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and recommendations from the Board, the Committee of Management has made appointments of Indian personnel to head up more of the work. Mr. Hariba Waghmode becomes the first Indian to become Supt. of the Boys' Home, Baramati. Miss Nalini Jadhav, daughter of a former teacher of the Girls' School, and for many years a Bible Woman, is in charge of the Shrigonda Girls' School. Mr. P. G. Bhalerao is in charge of the Literature work along with the Superintendent of the Dhorja Boys' Home.

VETERAN LAID ASIDE

(Adelaide). The friends of Theo Edwards will be sorry to know that he is confined to hospital in Henley Beach, a suburb of Adelaide. For some time now his health has been falling.

He has now reached the ripe age of 89, and whilst faculties are not as sharp as before, he has always maintained an active interest in the affairs of the church. Since his retirement from active ministry he has been at Brighton Gardens church, worshipping there with his family.

Mr. Edwards has been a stalwart of the brotherhood in this State, serving as President of Conference and Editor of the "Challenge," an early monthly paper issued by the brotherhood.

Prayers are sought for him in this trying time.

Mr. Waghmode, besides having the Boys' Home work responsibility, is also Head Master of the High School, and Conference Secretary. These brethren need the assurance of our constant prayers as they shoulder increasing responsibility, sometimes in trying circumstances.

Appointments to other branches of the work are also under consideration.

HEALTH OF MISSIONARIES IMPROVES

For several months, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sansie and Sister M. Luhrs have been in Australia on sick leave. Latest medical reports are encouraging and it is expected that these workers will be able to return to the mission fields in New Guinea and the New Hebrides in the near future.

NURSES FOR NEW GUINEA

Sister Carol Neumann from Queensland has offered to serve for twelve months as a voluntary worker in New Guinea. Carol will leave for New Guinea on March 11.

It is expected that Sister V. Beckett, who has been serving in New Guinea as a voluntary worker since November 1969, will return in the near future. We are grateful for the service given by Sister Beckett, and for the offer of Sister Neumann.

It is expected that a nurse offering for permanent service will be available to go to New Guinea in June.

MISSIONARIES ARRIVING OVERSEAS DURING FEBRUARY

The following missionaries arrived on the fields overseas during February:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell—returned to India after furlough—located at Dhond.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Matthews—voluntary workers serving at Ndai Ndai Hospital, New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCosker—appointed to Banamatat Bible College, New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fritch—appointed to New Guinea, at present studying at Administration, six month teacher training course, at Port Moresby.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bull, from New Hebrides, appointed to Gokto, in the foothills of the Schrader Ranges in New Guinea.

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INAUGURAL AND GARDEN PARTY

Glorious Melbourne weather encouraged four hundred and fifty people to a picnic tea in the College Gardens on Feb. 21. Glen Waverley ladies provided for the students. After tea the great lawn became the setting for the Inaugural Service with student artists presenting the faith in music. Memorial prizes were presented to P. Salisbury, G. Nelson, K. Turtmann, H. Clark, B. Beck, W. Taberner, C. Clayden, G. Marsh, D. Narcarrow. New students and the wives and families of those who are married were presented.

EIGHTEEN NEW STUDENTS

Eighteen new students have brought the College numbers to fifty-four, twenty-eight single and twenty-six married. The new students are Pamela Bowers (S.A.), Leigh Bullock (Vic.), Paul Burnham (Vic.), and a graduate of M.B.I., Norman Carter (Vic.), Vernon Gardiner (N.Z.), Trevor Giles (Vic.), Robin Haskell (W.A.), Paul Holmes (Queensland), Alan Horne (S.A.), Barry Jenkins (India, returning to complete the course), Robin Macgill (S.A.), Anthea Nancarrow (S.A.), Barry Ryall (W.A.), Douglas Smith (Vic.), James Spiker (Vic.), Greg Strack (Vic.), Gary Wake (Vic.), George Warren (Vic.).

New students were welcomed to the College at the opening ceremony on 18th February. They were solemnly dedicated to their time of training on Feb. 20. The dedicatory service was conducted by the student body and led by student president, Doug Good.

THE MINISTRY OF HOUSE KEEPING

Misses Dorothy Young and Margaret Freebairn resigned as housekeepers at the end of 1969, both to be married. Expressions of appreciation and presentations were a feature of College end of the year functions. Mrs. A. Lawrence has come from South Australia to be housekeeper at the College. She is a past president of the S.A. Women's Conference, and until her appointment was assistant secretary of the Australian Committee for the Women's World Convention of Churches of Christ. Her assistant is Miss Lesley Daniel also from S.A.

WINTER SCHOOL

Many requests have already been made for information about the 1970 College of the Bible Winter School. The school is planned for the Wednesday evenings of June and July 1970, commencing June 10. The Course of Studies will be open to correspondence students. It will cover: 1. "The History, Message and Witness of Churches of Christ"; and 2. "Church Programming for Evangelism."

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MEET THE MISSIONARIES

(Melb.). An invitation is given to all to meet missionaries home from the mission fields. At an informal evening at the Brotherhood Centre, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb., on Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m., an opportunity will be provided to express appreciation.

"UNCLE CHARLIE" IS A PATIENT

Charles Young, who has been a hospital visitor for Vic.-Tas. Social Service Dept. for many years, is himself a patient at the Will H. Clay Hospital. Mr. Young, who is 83, suffered what appeared to be a slight stroke. He is considerably improved. After visiting thousands of patients in scores of hospitals, "Uncle Charlie" is on the receiving end. The hospital is in Wahgoo Rd., Murrumbidgee, Vic.

MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE

(HAWTHORN, S.A.). Cyril Flood has informed the church that he will not be accepting an extension of his present term, and therefore will conclude his ministry here at the end of 1970.

CLOTHING STALL & B.S.

(KALGOORLIE, W.A., A. Coleman). A second-hand clothing stall in the main street realised \$40 for school equipment. The B.S. is using new Christian Life Curriculum teaching materials. At the first teachers' tea and meeting for the year, plans were made for monthly tea, meeting and preparation classes . . . The mid-week Prayer and Study Group is studying "Words of our Faith." A group of young people meet on Monday evenings for similar study . . . Mr. Coleman is to teach scripture as a Junior subject at Eastern Goldfields High School. . . . Badminton has recommenced and is played every Saturday evening. . . . Basketball leaders, Misses Payne Read and Marlon New are busy organising a car trial for funds.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

MARCH:

- 6 Women's World Day of Prayer. (State and local church C.W.F. members sharing).
- 14 "Open Day"—Woolwich Bible College.
- 27 D.C.E. EASTER CAMPS — Lake Illawarra and Lake Macquarie.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MARCH:

- 8-22 Planned Giving Campaign at Colonel Light Gardens with K. D. Horne.
- 7 Red Cliffs Camp.
- 26-30 Easter Camp at Longwood.

VICTORIA

MARCH:

- 6-9 D.C.E. Walkabout.
- 6-9 D.C.E. Adventure Camp.
- 7-9 Cent. & Nth. Dist. Conf., Church Family Camp, Eppalock.
- 13-15 C.W.F. Missionary Camp, Monbulk.
- 13-15 Boys' Camp, Eppalock.
- 14 Girls' Junior Field Day.

QUEENSLAND

MARCH:

- 13-15 Women's Camp — "Camp Cal," Caloundra.
- 15 Aberlones Offering.
- 21 Salm Carnival.
- 26-30 Easter Camp, "Camp Cal," Caloundra.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

STUDENTS AT CHURCH

(SWANSTON ST., MELB., Dr. Lloyd Jones). With the return of many university students to our congregation, attendances have been excellent. On Feb. 15, a baptismal service was held in the morning service after which Matron Jennings, Dr. Zana Herd, Mrs. Ruth Wescombe and Ron Mullen were welcomed into fellowship . . . Nell and Ruth Wescombe have been accepted for service with the Far East Broadcasting Company in the Seychelle Islands. . . . Harry Lyall has returned home after a period of illness in hospital . . .

MEMBERS HELP WITH LAND

(CROWN ST., TOOWOOMBA, Qld.). The first congregational business meeting on Feb. 21 showed considerable progress. The church has now three blocks of land, two at the corner of Crown and Curzon Sts. and a further block in Ramsay St. which is planned to be the main southern outlet road from Toowoomba. Rapid developments are taking place in this area and the church appreciates the stewardship of two of the members who made this purchase possible. The Building Extension Fund amounts to \$1,063. Recent improvements at Crown St. have included the provi-

ZONED FOR STUDY

(UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). On Feb. 15, following lunch in the church hall, a short introductory session led by the minister on the World Convention studies opened a series of group meetings in a church member's home in each of four zones . . . Miss Vera Harding is the leader of the Girls' Brigade for the opening period in 1970 . . . The annual meeting recorded its special appreciation of the work of the minister, the secretary (C. R. Lomman) and the treasurer (W. B. Wharton).

SIX INTO FELLOWSHIP

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Six persons have been received into fellowship this month . . . On Jan. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and daughter, were farewelled. Mr. Barnes, Melbourne City Missioner, took services over the holidays. A presentation was made. Miss Wendy Townsend was farewelled on Feb. 15 on leaving for M.B.I. Wendy has been G.B. Captain, S.S. teacher and pianist for a number of years. A presentation was made at supper.

NEW CURRICULUM

(COLONEL LIGHT GDNS., S.A., T. R. Mason). The church has adopted the Christian Life Curriculum very enthusiastically. Mr. Mason conducted a familiarisation course for all church school teachers prior to commencement. The worship service is held at 9.30 a.m. followed at 10.30 a.m. by a coffee break, then at 11 a.m. church school gets under way. 26 have attended the adult class each week. The enquiry service has also proved a good thing. . . . A stewardship campaign in March will be led by K. D. Horne . . . Miss Jenny Arnold was welcomed home after her trip abroad

Six of our Asian young people have transferred to Sydney for further studies but many new ones are taking their places . . . Dr. Jones has entered the seventh year of his ministry and has begun a special series of Lenten sermons . . . A Choir has been formed under the leadership of Ron Mullen. Building alterations to the front interior of the chapel have been commenced and will permit more room for movement as well as sound-proofing for the large number of young families attending.

sion of a further room under the building, painting of roof and outside, and planting of trees and shrubs in the grounds. R. J. Hill has been elected as elder. The Board of Officers remains: K. Yesberg, chairman; G. Allen, secretary; R. Hill, treasurer; K. Trudgman, R. Varidel and W. Tawns . . . A Junior C.E. Group is being formed under the leadership of Mrs. K. Yesberg. A Y.P. Society is being organised . . . The ministry of W. Hamilton (of Kenmore College) continues into 1970 and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are now residing in Toowoomba.

on a working holiday . . . Keith Chiswell has been selected to sing in the Children's Opera for the Festival of Arts . . . Robt. Rosewarne, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosewarne, and captain pilot for Qantas Airways, has been seriously injured in a car accident in Sydney.

RANDOLPH CRUMP MILLER

(Melb.). Professor Randolph Crump Miller, Horace Bushnell Professor of Christian Nurture, Yale, U.S.A., will lead a residential consultation at Methodist Conference Centre, "Clevedon." The Basin, Vic., April 21 (10 a.m.) to April 23 (4 p.m.), 1970. The major theme will be "The Use and Misuse of Religious Language." The cost will be \$10, all inclusive.

Further information from Division of Christian Educ., 100 Flinders St., Melb., 3000.

HEATHER CLINTON RETURNS

(Ivanhoe, Vic., J. H. McCormick). On Feb. 22, Sister Heather Clinton, who served for five and a half months, as a voluntary nursing sister at Ndul Ndul, New Hebrides, has returned at Ivanhoe. Before leaving the New Hebrides, Heather wrote: "Thank you for the opportunity of serving at Ndul Ndul. I have enjoyed the time I have spent here and feel that it has been a most beneficial experience, and I shall have a greater understanding of the needs both spiritual and material." R. S. A. McLean commented, "Perhaps Heather's testimony may encourage others to offer for voluntary service in the New Hebrides or New Guinea." . . . The Youth Council launched for 1970 has these officers: Chairman, Rod Albury; secretary, Margaret Darby; prayer secretary, John Roffey.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

ONLY A DISASTER—NOT A CATASTROPHE Startling figures were given in an "Age" article concerning losses from the Roman Catholic priesthood in Melbourne.

According to the newspaper about "200 of Melbourne's 3,700 priests have left the priesthood over the past two years. Another 150 are expected to leave this year, meanwhile this year's intake of trainee-priests for the Melbourne Archdiocese is nine, compared with an average of 60-70 in the 1950's."

One gets accustomed to accepting what is in the "Age" as fact. After all, it is a responsible and reputable newspaper. Even so, 3,700 Melbourne priests seemed a bit much. As it turned out, the figure related to the whole of Australia and subsequent letters to the editor pointed out a few more errors in the article. The official Year Book of the R.C. Church states that there are "418 diocesan priests and 374 religious priests" in Melbourne and of these only three or four have left the priesthood in the past two years, not "around 200." The average intake in the 1950's was closer to 20 than 60 and there are considerably more than nine "trainee priests" this year.

Along with these corrections there appeared a letter from the former priest who had supplied the journalist with the figures which subsequently became distorted. He said that the 200 quitting priests referred to the whole of Australia and that this number is substantially correct. There are 14 new seminarians, not nine, but probably the 14 includes priests being trained for other dioceses. When the priests who have left religious orders in the past two years are added to the four diocesan priests, the Melbourne figure is approximately 45. While the argument over the numbers is not yet settled, it is quite obvious that the winds of change have become a destructive cyclone in the R.C. Church. But aren't we all having troubles?

HOME IS THE WRITER Wilfred Burchett is back in his homeland again.

Whether or not he realises his dreams of ferreting in Gippsland or fishing for flounders at Rosebud will depend on whether he can fit in these idyllic activities with his demanding (and profitable) radio, T.V. and lecturing programme.

It is not clear whether he came home because the Government let him in, or because it couldn't keep him out. It is clear, however, that the Government has lost face again, as it nearly always does when it acts negatively. If there is evidence that Burchett is guilty of crimes against his own people for their allies then he should have been welcomed home to a trial by jury. If there is no such evidence, then the Government has itself been guilty of injustice to an Australian citizen.

We are neither pro- nor anti-Burchett, but we are pro-justice; and justice is far more important than political embarrassment or hurt feelings.

GOOD GRIEF! "Minister, 27, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Social Ethics), social activist theologically radical, seeking settlement northeast U.S. Experience includes: adult education, chancel drama, experimental worship, anti-war activity, draft counselling, support for black empowerment. Job interests include: associate or assistant pastor with responsibilities in areas of youth, adult education, social action; specialised ministry with social action agency, preferably church-related." Advertisement in "Christian Century."

AFTER 32 YEARS

(GEORGETOWN, N.S.W., D. P. Holloway). Mrs. W. M. Fraser is making good progress after two weeks in hospital with a cerebral thrombosis. Her retirement after 32 years as Kindergarten Supl. brought Mrs. K. E. Fraser into the position. Mrs. N. Thompson is now S.S. secretary . . . The mid-week meeting is studying C. Bowser's booklet, "Planning for Progress." . . . Plans are being prepared for the erection of a hut at the Swansea Camp site . . . Fred Reeves, for 18 years a deacon and treasurer, died on Jan. 26, after a brief illness.

THE MATHESONS IN ITALY

Early in January, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Matheson and Debra arrived in Italy where Mr. Matheson will spend about 12 months working with an ecumenical team in Southern Italy. At present, Alan is studying the Italian language at the University of Perugia. Before arriving in Perugia the Mathesons spent a few days in Naples and Rome.

NORTH ESSENDON INDUCTION

(NORTH ESSENDON—EAST KEILOR, Vic., R. H. Hiller & E. C. L. O'S). Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hiller and family were welcomed to North Essendon at a family social evening on Feb. 6, and Mr. Hiller was inducted into the ministry by K. J. Clinton, President-Elect of Conference, on Feb. 8 . . . Marilyn and Gwenyth Beale were welcomed into membership on Feb. 15, and created church history by being the first transferees from New Guinea. They are attending secondary school in Essendon.

CHURCH IS 82

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Dr. E. R. Killmiller (Conf. Pres.) was morning guest speaker for the 82nd church anniversary services on Feb. 22. At night the Board of Officers, auxiliary leaders, office-bearers and deaconesses were dedicated for the year's work. A. R. Haskell was soloist . . . Christian Life Curriculum is being used in all groups throughout the Bible School . . . C.W.A.F. commenced year with informal get-together in Williamstown Gardens. . . . C.Y.F. have held a "Fright Night" and a Hawaiian Night. A C.Y.F. member was baptized and welcomed into fellowship . . . Marlene Wiseman has qualified for the Queen's Guide award.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TRAINING METHODS SEMINAR

(Vic.). This will be held at Presbyterian Conference Centre, Mt. Martha, noon, April 6 to 1 p.m., April 10, 1970.

It is open to anyone who has done Stage I of the training, i.e., a "Group Life Laboratory."

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST

CHORAL SOCIETY (Vic.)

Meet in the Reception Room at the Church Centre, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, for practice each Thursday at 8 p.m.

New members are urgently needed.

For further information contact either Valentine Waff, Musical Director, 728-1448; Roy L'Green, Secretary, 848-2969.

NORTH FITZROY CHURCH (Vic.)

97th Church Anniversary

Sunday, March 22, 1970

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

Fellowship Tea 5 p.m.

Staff and Students of College of the Bible participating.

Speakers: K. J. Clinton, Dr. K. Bowes and team of students College Choir.

Theme: "The Ministry of the Word."

Qld. & NSW

8.15 BY BALLOT

(ZILLMERE, Brisbane, Qld.). Ron V. Holt has commenced his seventh year of ministry. After a month's trial a ballot was held about service time. As a result the permanent time of the morning service will be 8.15 a.m. with S.S. at 9.30 a.m. Evening service remains 6.15 p.m. . . . The annual congregation meeting was chaired by J. Van Laar. All except six members returned their ballot papers. The Board is J. van Laar, R. Capell, C. Herrmann, Mrs. L. Kubler, R. Heltman, G. K. Cooper, Mrs. Jenny Schaper, Elders G. Thornton, R. Herrmann and R. V. Holt. . . . Donna Lyn Capell was baptized on Feb. 22 and two radio announcers David Bunt of 2UE, and Russ Walkington of 4BH read the scriptures. Ross Berg, 10, a boy soprano, sang the solo in his choir boy's white robe. . . . We have Brisbane's strongest Boys' Brigade company with 77 boys. Wayne and Carla Rees, our Boys' and Girls' Brigade captains, have moved into their new home in Zillmere Heights. Staff Sergeant Ian Rufford, painted the new B.B. canoe, decorating it with a crest, and the church parade at which it was dedicated was packed with boys and parents. . . . The chapel, built in 1882, is in process of renovations. The minister has conducted 87 weddings since coming here.

IN VIETNAM

(ANN ST., BRISBANE, Qld., L. G. Armstrong). Jeffrey Watson, National Service trainee, is now with the Armoured Regiment in Vietnam in the operational area. . . . John Watson was in Noumea on business for seven weeks. . . . New activity in youth work is combined meeting with youth of St. John's Anglican and Congregational churches, with plans for such meetings at regular intervals. Young teens hold monthly combined meetings with similar group from Congregational church. . . . Holiday slide night provided financial assistance for work amongst Aborigines. . . . Mrs. L. Stocks has been moved from hospital to convalescent home, Miss E. Berlin is home from hospital and making good recovery following fractured hip sustained when struck by a motor car.

FAREWELLED TO HOBART

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Max Hall). Miss Margaret Neville, who won a teachers' scholarship in Hobart, was recently farewelled. Margaret was presented with a N.T. by the young people. . . . David Sawley and Peter Mackie have commenced as new leaders in the J.C.E. . . . C.W.F. and other members attended the Ambassadors for Christ meetings in the Presbyterian church. Ralph Aldridge was speaker.

DREAM COME TRUE

(Qld.). From March 1, 1970, the circuit of Sunnybank/Acacia Ridge will cease to function as each will be strong enough to support a full-time minister. This was the dream of the minister, Vic Parker, when he was invited to the cir-

cuit five years ago. So after five years of untiring service God has rewarded Mr. Parker with the fulfilment of an ideal. From March 1, Noel Newton will be the minister at Acacia Ridge while Sunnybank still awaits prayerfully and patiently for God's choice. . . . 12 new members have been welcomed into the church. . . . In the school holidays we held a V.B.S. and an average of 55 children were present each week day. Three decisions were made and from the V.B.S. our S.S. gained 10 new scholars. . . . The three churches in Acacia Ridge—Baptist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ—will join in an evangelistic Crusade, March 7-15.

ROCKDALE TO BEVERLY HILLS

(N.S.W.). There were large attendances at the farewell services to Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie and family on Feb. 1. Dr. Mackenzie is now ministering at Beverly Hills, N.S.W. George Elliott is the interim minister at Rockdale, having graduated last Nov. from Woolwich College, N.S.W., with honors.

JUBILEE PLANNING

(BURWOOD, N.S.W., M. H. A. Pieper). The full programme of normal church activity again operates. The first "extra" was the gospel service conducted by the Youth Group on Feb. 1. As usual this service attracted a large congregation. . . . This year will include many special features associated with our 50th Jubilee. Commemorative services are set down for the period June 20 to 28.

EVANGELISM PLANNED

(TAREE, N.S.W., L. E. Wylie). A two-and-two visitation campaign is directing attention to the special evangelistic campaign being conducted in March by David Mansell, of Wollongong. . . . Kevin E. Crawford, Director of Evangelism for N.S.W., addressed the church on Feb. 15 and met the Board of Officers for discussion on the following evening. . . . Roy Greenhalgh spoke on Feb. 22. At this service Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh were welcomed into the fellowship from the church at Grote St., Adelaide.

HONOURS FOR NURSE

(TOOWOOMBA, Qld., Dr. A. C. Caldwell). Beverly Grenfell topped the nursing honours with two distinctions at the Royal Brisbane General Hospital, gaining equal place on graduation with another nursing sister. . . . Six were welcomed into fellowship at a recent worship service; a family associated with Pentecostals among those received. . . . Visiting ministers included Mr. and Mrs. D. Roy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sansome. . . . The minister has commenced his fourth year of ministry, the past three years having witnessed over 90 decisions registered in various ways, and 3,000 pastoral visits recorded. . . . Warren Savill has accepted the position of youth counselor. Sue Proud has entered Qld. Univ. to study pharmacy. . . . Recent death of Mrs. Morton brought to an end a life of great service in the interests of Toowoomba churches.

50 YEARS AGO

March, 1920

FROM "THE CHRISTIAN":

C.O.B. The College opened with 19 new students, and two others resumed after an absence. One of these was D. Wakeley, M.M., who recently returned from service abroad.

Chandler-Clay Mission. "Tonight Bro. Chandler made a wonderful appeal, and over 30 people confessed, making a total of 243 to date. People are rolling up for baptism. Best B.S. for years, 220 assembled." (from Moonta, S.A.).

Ivanhoe (V) adv.—"The ideal suburb. Brethren contemplating home-making are invited to consider the claims of this beautiful district. Electric trams have been promised this year."

Reduced "Christian." Printers' employees have begun a strike. Such things are part of the world's unrest, and of the international race between high prices and high wages. We hope that the present troubles will soon pass. If the worst happens, our readers will oblige us by accepting an assurance that the editor has not gone on strike. (Ed. The strike continued for some weeks and for two months the "A.C." published eight pages instead of the usual weekly sixteen.).

FROM THE NEWS:

T. E. Ruth Departs. The Rev. T. E. Ruth was farewelled at the Melb. Town Hall after six years at the Collins St. Baptist Church. The Commonwealth Treasurer, Mr. Watt, was one of the speakers paying tribute. Mr. Ruth had been studying for the Anglican ministry when his understanding of the Bible caused him to seek baptism by immersion. When this was refused by the Anglican Church, Mr. Ruth became a Baptist.

Ross Smith Lands. Completing the long voyage from London, the Vickers-Vimy aeroplane with Capt. Sir Ross Smith, Lt. Sir Keith Smith, Capt. F. Hurley, and Sgts. W. M. Shiers and J. M. Bennett, landed at Point Cook at 10 a.m. (25.2.20) after covering 11,000 miles in 28 days (flying time).

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S.A. & W.A.

40 YEARS AS SECRETARY

(KADINA, S.A., O. Clark). A presentation was given to A. P. Russack in appreciation of 40 years' service as secretary of the church. Murray Allen is the new secretary. . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lawrie returned for the harvest thanksgiving services. Mr. Lawrie took both services, and also showed slides on the Monday night. . . . New chairs have been put into the church hall by the ladies.

MAYLANDS MINISTRY

(S.A., N. S. Moore). I. J. Chivell challenged both church and minister when N. S. Moore was inducted on Feb. 1. A welcome social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family on Feb. 4. Opportunity was also taken to express appreciation to C. L. Smith who has served as interim minister for past 12 months. Mr. Ingham has also given splendid pastoral assistance. . . . Miss V. White, choir leader for many years, has recently resigned. The church presented her with a stereo gram in appreciation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Brian Matthews left on Feb. 16 for four months' voluntary service in the New Hebrides.

WOMEN ON BOARD

(HAMPSTEAD GARDENS, S.A., M. Williams). The constitution of the church has been altered so that women can serve on the official Board at the next election of officers, when two Deaconesses will be elected. . . . The men and friends of the church attended a snooker and billiards evening. Some "Bridge Building" was commenced. . . . The S.S. has reported exciting reaction to the new curriculum, although there is some difficulty with accommodation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawrie have bought a house at Millswood and will soon be moving. We will miss their fellowship and leadership. They have been willing workers over the years.

WORLD CONV. HIGHLIGHTED

(STRATHALBYN, S.A.). I. J. Chivell, World Convention Secretary, visited the circuit on Feb. 15, speaking at Millang in the morning, Point Sturt in the afternoon and a combined circuit evening service at Strathalbyn. Slides were shown on World Convention, with supper to close. On Feb. 17, the Southern Conf. was held. At evening session a panel of speakers discussed local church government.

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"5-4-CHRIST"

(DUNBURY, W.A., G. Carslake). Local Y.P. joined with groups from Busselton, Collie and Harvey for their yearly rally at Binningup. 70 heard the musical group "5. 4. Christ" featured at night. They played at the Bunbury gospel service the next evening. . . . Teachers have been enthusiastic in their use of the C.L.C. materials in the B.S. . . . Selma Faussett, a visiting nursing sister from Ireland, showed her Switzerland slides to a large group of ladies. Two of the four basketball teams are in the finals. . . . One decision was referred to the local church from the Coffee House run by Brian Willersdorf, Dave Kendall and John Hirt. . . . Max White has been soloist during the holiday services. . . . Some of the 12 new aged persons' flats are now occupied. There are already six more firm applications.

INTEREST IN C.L.C.

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A., A. M. Arnot). B.S. has been encouraged with increased attendances and interest shown in the new curriculum. Mrs. L. Jarvis, Mrs. H. Long, Miss P. Thompson and Mr. M. Thompson are additions to the teaching staff. . . . Mrs. F. Morphet, who was loved by all, died on Feb. 3, aged 55 years. The church gives thanks to God for her Christian witness, and bright cheery disposition. . . . K. J. Harvey spoke to the church recently on "Christian Life Discussion Groups". . . . Henley Beach C.Y.F. visited here on Feb. 14 and had a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jarvis at Naturi, 80 young people attended. . . . The treasurer reported gifts of \$190 for the Christmas Bowl Appeal and \$150 for Home Missions. . . . Miss Judy Deed has joined the Regular Navy. Gwynne Phillips has gained a Commonwealth Scholarship. Mrs. J. Tuckwell is now living at Goolwa, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Snr., are residing at Resthaven, and have been welcomed into the church.

PRAYER PREPARATION

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., T. Lawrie). The church is holding early Sunday morning and Wednesday evening prayer meetings in preparation for proposed mission and World Convention. . . . A good representation from Victor Harbour travelled to Strathalbyn for the annual Southern Dist. Conf. . . . After a youth tea the young people assisted in the evening service. . . . S.S. is well attended and experiencing an interesting year under the new curriculum. . . . The Men's Fellowship entertained visiting men from all South Coast churches at tea. J. Dunn was speaker.

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tries.

7. No correspondence can be entered
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BIRTHS

BATES (Crouch)—On February 24, at
Goroka, New Guinea, to Lorraine and
Ian—a daughter. Both well. Sister for
David.

FISHER (Chatley)—Dawn and Ron. are
pleased to announce the birth of Kelli
Dawn, at Preston, on February 16. A
sister for Dean.

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and Stan., a daughter—Jennifer Ellen,
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E. Boettcher, 1 Abbey St., Ipswich,
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gagement of their only daughter, Janice
Erica, to Adrian Cecil, elder son of Mr.
and Mrs. C. J. Lawer, Pacific Highway,
Burligh Heads.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

BOWRING-BIRD—The marriage of Mar-
garet, the eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. H. Bowering, Ringwood, Vic., and
Douglas, third son of Mrs. E. Bird, Bor-
onia, Vic., and the late Mr. E. Bird, will
be celebrated at Croydon Church of
Christ, on Saturday, March 14, 1970, at
4.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

TRICKEY, William Thomas — Treasured
memories of a wonderful husband and
father, called to higher service on March
3, 1966. "Memories are the golden
chain, That links us till we meet again."
—Dorothy, Lynden, Lois and Noel.

TRICKEY—Precious memories of our
dearly loved son, Will, called home
March 3, 1966. "Till the day breaks and
the shadows flee."—Sadly missed by
Mum and Dad.

HARVEY—Treasured memories of my
dear husband, Charles, called home on
March 4, 1963. Dear father of Ray and
Glady's (Mrs. Stoneham). "Sadly
missed." "Awaiting the glorious resur-
rection."—His loving wife Rose.

CHARLICK, Harry Robert—Called home
suddenly March 3, 1969. Precious mem-
ories of a beloved husband, father and
grandad. "His presence we miss, his
memory we treasure; Loving him always,
forgetting never."—Inserted by his lov-
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D. J. MARR AT HORSHAM

(Vic.) A welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Marr on Sat., Jan. 31. On Feb. 1, Mr. Marr was inducted into the ministry by D. H. Smith, Director of H.M. & Evang. . . . The All Age Christian Education programme has recommenced with P. Finlayson as director . . . On Feb. 22, a fellowship hour was held to farewell John and Evelyn Friebe who are leaving for mission work in New Guinea.

EIGHTY YEARS YOUNG

(PARKDALE, Vic.) 200 friends gathered at an Open Afternoon at the Parkdale Church of Christ Hall on Feb. 15, to greet Miss Alice Allamby and wish her a happy 80th birthday.

Miss Allamby was Supt. of the Young Worshipers' League for many years and some members were present. Some had not met each other nor Miss Allamby during the past 35 years since they were children.

The gathering, which was a surprise to Miss Allamby, was chaired by Stan. Gilmour and two delightful solos were rendered by Tom Cuddy accompanied by Mrs. Eve Ellis at the piano.

Tribute was paid to Miss Allamby whose life has always been full of interest and help to others, particularly young people.

After the cutting of the birthday cake, afternoon tea was served.

HOME FROM CARNARVON

(ST. ARNAUD, Vic., Kevin Caulton). Miss Janice Chiswell, a youth leader at Carnarvon Mission, W.A., has been on vacation with her parents in St. Arnaud. Janice brought interesting slides of the mission which she showed at the church, and at Mrs. A. Wells' home at Berrimall. Members of the Wedderburn circuit were present . . . We regret to report the death of Mrs. M. L. McNicol, of St. Arnaud.

INTERIM MINISTER

(BALWYN, Vic., H. Steele). Increased attendances have welcomed the interim minister, H. Steele . . . S.S. teachers were dedicated by Elder L. Warmbrunn at a morning service. The following Sunday parents and friends were invited to annual prize-giving and Promotion Day . . . C.W.E.F. had Frank Evans speak to them on his work . . . The Shoppers' Service recommenced with Willie Thompson as speaker. He also ministered to us Jan. 10 & 25 . . . Church regrets the death of Mrs. Cuthbert, Snr. Mr. Barker returned from holidays to conduct the funeral service . . . Rice Bowl Appeal amounted to \$129.

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P.A. SYSTEM DEDICATED

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). On Feb. 15 a public address system was dedicated to the memory of Leslie W. Morfiew, who was church secretary, deacon and organist, 1929-1967. Many visitors were present. Three young people made their decision for Christ at services during the day . . . Kath Crossman passed her Matric. exam, and gained a teaching studentship . . . A service to mark the commencement of Christian Life Curriculum in the church school was conducted by Mr. Crossman on Feb. 8.

8 NEW AT COLLINGWOOD

(Vic., R. B. Cutchie). With a baptism in Feb., eight have been welcomed into fellowship through baptism, transfer and restoration since the year began. Prayer and Bible Study has an average of 25 at each meeting . . . John and Evelyn Friebe, missionaries-elect to New Guinea, were guests on Feb. 15 . . . The special missions fund stands at \$400 after eight months . . . The B.S. is being reorganised on a team teaching basis . . . Although Collingwood is an inner suburban church there are no signs of rigor mortis.

COMBINED CAMP

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). 50 young people from Colac (5), Geelong (3) and Oakleigh had a very successful camp at Ocean Grove. Studies were of the attitudes of Christians to racial issues. Communion service was held on the beach where all the colours around about were compared to the colours of people's skins and the saving power of Jesus. At a special Sunday youth service at Oakleigh many modern hymns were sung . . . Jan Chiswell showed slides of Western Australia to C.W.F. just before returning to Carnarvon. C.W.F. Missionary Group conducted a meeting at Christian Guest Home, Mrs. F. Hodges showed slides of her trip to W.A. . . . E. J. Miles preached whilst Mr. Weir was away at the camp . . . Cricket team and both tennis teams are in the top four of their competitions.

NEW SECRETARY

(NORTH BALWYN, Vic.) R. J. McDonald has been appointed new church secretary; appreciation for services of I. A. Loft was expressed at annual meeting on Feb. 25 . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pigdon and their son, were given an official welcome on Sat., Feb. 7 . . . Series of five special Sunday evening services have led to well-attended discussion and coffee hours . . . Current programme planning survey will determine future church life . . . Over \$200 was collected by young people in Blafra Relief Door-knock . . . Ray Harrison is to take up appointment as manager of Herbert Small's Perth branch . . . Creche during morning worship has been re-introduced for pre-school children . . . Illuminated noticeboard, constructed by A. R. Kingshott, is both useful and effective . . . Mrs. Kennedy and John Winters are recovering from illnesses . . . New C.L.C. lesson material is being used by B.S. . . . Visit by Marie and Geoff Harrison from N.G. Mission was appreciated.

MINISTRY EXTENSION

(SPRINGVALE, Vic., Kevin R. Turner). Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Turner have accepted the invitation to extend their ministry by a further three years commencing Jan., 1971 . . . On Feb. 15, Don Barter, soloist; Len Kingsley, saxophonist, and David Johnston, organist at St. Kilda Presbyterian Church and the Dendy Theatre, Brighton, gave items . . . A barbecue was held at the manse and nearly 100 enjoyed the fellowship . . . A record of 305 scholars and teachers attended B.S. on Feb. 22 at Springvale and Springvale South. Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Sosie, missionaries returned from New Guinea, screened a film of the New Guinea work on Feb. 22 . . . Robert Edgar was appointed secretary of the church recently.

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HAPPY BEGINNING

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). B.S. began 1970 with a "Happy Hour" programme . . . C.E. secretary, Miss Faye Hocking, who began studies at M.B.I., was interviewed by minister in gospel service . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodd and family moved to Red Cliffs on a dried fruit block . . . "School of Prayer" will be held with Frank Hunting of Ballarat in April and a Teaching-Evangelistic Mission with Don. Stewart of Traralgon, in May.

NORTHCOTE MINISTRY

(Vic., G. Marsh). G. Marsh was inducted by W. W. Saunders (Conf. Sec.) on Feb. 15. Elder W. J. Atkin extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the church to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh. On Feb. 20 a welcome evening was held. Items from the College Choir included a dust. Speakers were Major Bennett (Salv. Army) on behalf of the Ministers' Fraternal, Principal E. L. Williams, on behalf of the brotherhood, and W. T. Atkin (elder) on behalf of the church.

LUNCH AT SYLVAN

(BAYSWATER, Vic., M. Keatch). The 1970 S.S. Promotion Service and Teachers' Dedication Service, followed by communion, were led by Mr. Keatch. About a hundred met for luncheon at the Sylvan Reservoir following the service . . . At the evening services we have begun a series of discussions prepared by G. R. Stirling, concerning the Churches of Christ movement . . . K. J. Clinton was a recent speaker . . . Services will be held at Emmaus during February under the leadership of E. Charles.

LIGHT AND HEARING

(WEDDERBURN, Vic.) The Women's Fellowship continues to give financial help to local needs and works for Social Service. The installation of six new fluorescent lights and four hearing aids is being appreciated . . . Pastor A. B. Ball (Baptist) continues to give ministerial service. . . . The youth choir, formed for the S.S. anniversary, visited the local hospital to sing carols . . . Sister Roul, engaged in Aborigine work, spoke and sang at a morning service . . . Ian Hall has been conducting services . . . Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Noyes and to Mrs. Chalmers and family in their bereavements. Mr. Chalmers has been a quiet practical helper for many years.

Good Companions Present Cheque

(Vic.) The Good Companions accepted a challenge to raise \$1,000 for the building of a house in the New Hebrides by the Overseas Missions Committee. When it was completed the cost was found to be almost \$1,500. The Good Companions raised \$1,493.90! The girls nearly always exceed their objectives. To raise this amount they went on Walkathons, made cakes, washed cars, gave concerts, conducted street stalls, and went baby-sitting, etc. At their Fellowship Dinner on Feb. 2, the girls presented a cheque to Mrs. Shirley Ludgater, on furlough from the mission field.

Over 2,000 girls attended Thanksgiving Christmas Parties with their leaders. Many thousands of gifts were received for children in hospital.

THREE FAMILIES MOVE

(RED CLIFFS, Vic., H. Cave). There has been a considerable loss to the work in the removal of three families and two of our active young people. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cook and family have moved to Perth, Barry Marr has joined his brother Allen as Ambulance Officer at Frankston, and Miss Rosalie Richardson has gone to Elcho Island . . . C.E. have started again in two sections—High School students one week, and Primary School.

NEW ASSOCIATE

(CHELTENHAM, Vic., G. K. Moyce). The church welcomed the new associate minister, Graham Chapman, and his wife on Feb. 15. Mr. Chapman preached at our 9.30 a.m. service . . . 51 teachers and officers took part in the annual teacher dedication service on Feb. 15, after having completed three weeks' intensive study of the new Christian Life Curriculum . . . A church family luncheon held after morning services on Feb. 15 gave all members a chance to meet after the holidays . . . A new Young Adult Fellowship has had its first meeting. A year's programme of study and discussion for adults is also starting.

NEW CHURCH, NEW MINISTER

(STRATHMORE, Vic., Stan. Bannon). The new Family Worship Centre was officially opened by Dr. Kilmer, Conf. Pres., on Dec. 6. Dr. Geoff. Whiting was speaker at P.S.A. the following Sunday. D. Patterson spoke at evening service. Over 450 people attended opening services. Credit is due to architect R. Drayton and builder H. Shaw for beautifully designed Family Centre. Thanks due to many who donated items of furniture and equipment. C.W.F. gave \$600 towards organ fund and the B.S. \$200 for new paths . . . A presentation was

made to Mr. and Mrs. G. Marsh at the close of their two-year ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Bannon and family were welcomed on Feb. 1. Mr. Bannon has commenced part-time ministry . . . The B.S. has sent a large parcel of gifts to Carnarvon Mission . . . Gary Sillicorn made his confession of faith in Christ at a Wycliffe Bible Translators' Camp. A B.S. scholar made decision on Feb. 1 . . . Keith Robertson is recovering in E.M.H. following an accident in Tasmania. Judith Slater is recovering after serious car accident.

MEET AT THE MANSE

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Roffey). Mr. and Mrs. Roffey are being introduced to the membership progressively through a continuing series of week-night functions at the manse . . . B.S. has commenced first stage of Christian Life Curriculum at all levels . . . 50 C.Y.F. members were in camp at Cowes, Feb. 13-15, led by Greg Strack and Mr. and Mrs. Norm. Road, with minister and Mal Wakefield, a C.Y.F. councillor and church elder, also assisting . . . Elizabeth Wilson is making good recovery after car accident . . . Several students did well in examinations including David Scambler who obtained special distinction for general excellence in Matriculation exams . . . Two morning services continue at 9.30 and 11 with opportunity for the two groups to meet between services at coffee time.

WHICH PROPHET

(Answers, see page 27)

1. Elijah; 2. Samuel; 3. Jeremiah;
4. Amos; 5. Elshah; 6. Nathan; 7. Zachariah; 8. Joel; 9. Nahum; 10. Isaiah.

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29th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE

The Congress was held in Sydney, Feb. 2-14, with smaller related meetings held in Melbourne and Adelaide. Over 700 people from 30 countries were in regular attendance. Each morning, plenary sessions were held in the great hall of the Wentworth Hotel, while concurrent sessions met in five different halls each afternoon. Flags of the 30 nations represented adorned the walls of the hall. 260 speakers and chairmen took part.

His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W., Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., performed the Official Opening Ceremony, following which the Congress entered upon 13 days of strenuous activity.

The words of every speaker were video taped and, if printed, would probably fill several books. The lecturers themselves were, for the most part, brilliant

delivered an essay on the importance and principles of abstinence. Again and again, speakers spoke of the dangers and evils of alcohol. There was general acceptance of alcohol as a drug, and it was classified in the most dangerous group of drugs—those creating both psychological and physical dependence. There were many references to the Temperance Movement in several countries as being of great influence, and affecting public thinking. The abstainer was frequently misrepresented, but the speakers had obviously been of the opinion that Temperance people have been able to create a conflict in the minds of many drinkers as well as a feeling of guilt.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Special workshops and seminars were held in six different centres, and related to the following:

CAMPAIGN FUNDS SAFE

Recent publicity concerning the funds of the Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign has led many people to express fears that the affairs of the Campaign may not have been managed in a businesslike manner by its National Committee and that donations made for the purposes of the Campaign may have been lost.

The Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign has caused extensive enquiries to be made into its affairs by its honorary auditors, Price Waterhouse and Co. and its solicitors, Allen Allen and Hensley of Sydney.

The Campaign can now report that the National Committee itself, its auditors and solicitors are fully satisfied that the funds of the Campaign are completely in order and that no donations whatsoever have been lost. Furthermore, the Campaign is satisfied that there has been no negligence in the conduct of its affairs by the National Committee.

CHRISTIAN PEACE CONFERENCE CONTINUES

(Moscow). An extraordinary meeting of the working committee of the (Prague) Peace Conference was to be held in Prague, Feb. 27 to March 1, at the invitation of the Czech Ecumenical Council of Churches.

The vice-presidents of the Peace Conference accepted the invitation at a meeting here recently which was convened by Metropolitan Nikodim of the Russian Orthodox Church who is chairman of the conference working committee.

A statement from the vice-presidents at the close of the meeting urged "all members of the Christian Peace Conference to unite in promoting reconciliation,

Traffic Safety, Education, Medical-Legal, Pastoral Care, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Social Welfare.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Australian Government and the community at large recognised the importance of the Congress. There were receptions by the Commonwealth Government, the N.S.W. State Government, and the Lord Mayor of Sydney. There was also a Congress Banquet and other lesser social life for those who desired it. This helped to develop a friendly spirit among all participants.

PERTINENT PARAS.

"Alcohol is a social evil with problems and dangers."
"The consumption of alcohol causes alcoholism."
"Alcohol is one of the major causes of death in Australia."
"Abstainers are puritanical and over-religious."

"The social drinker is affected by alcohol, like the alcoholic, but to a lesser degree."

"As the level of education increases, drinking increases."

"Alteration of the age of drinking will have a big effect on consumption."

"If you are not teaching children to drink, are you teaching them not to drink?"

tion, peace and progress among all nations."

The Christian Peace Conference was founded at an assembly in Prague in 1961 to act as a bridge between Eastern and Western Christians in the field of international affairs. Professor Hromadka was its only president until his resignation on November 14 last year. (Professor Hromadka, aged 80, died on Dec. 26, 1969).

Internal differences reached a head last October when Dr. Ondra, general secretary, was forced to resign after representatives from member churches and regional committees in Eastern Europe, said they had lost confidence in him. Professor Hromadka upon hearing of the events that led to Dr. Ondra's resignation said the controversy was "one of the most tragic experiences of my public life." "I have no alternative but to submit my resignation," he said.—E.P.S.



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OBITUARY

Allan Ernest CAMERON

The church at Mildura (Vic.) has been saddened by the sudden death of one of its very faithful and active members in the person of Allan Cameron. Whilst staying briefly in Shepparton, he suffered a heart attack, and passed away on Jan. 30, 1970, aged 78 years. Mr. Cameron was one of the early members of this church, coming to Mildura with his father, R. G. Cameron, first resident minister, in 1907. He had committed his life to Christ in February, 1902, and found expression for his real love for his God in a wonderfully warm and consistent Christian witness over 68 years in the Mildura and Red Cliffs churches. He first served as a deacon and church secretary for a number of years at Mildura and had a reputation for being a most efficient organiser. After his marriage to Mary Isabel Leng at Mildura in 1912, he moved to Tongala for a short time, returning to Mildura, Irymple and Red Cliffs. He was secretary of the Red Cliffs church for 20 years. Returning finally to Mildura in 1952, he continued a very loyal interest in the outreach of the church, being our representative on the School Chaplaincy Committee until recently. Mr. Cameron spent his life in the citrus industry in this district, and was secretary of the Citrus Co-operative for 25 years. He was an active member of Rotary, being commissioned to inaugurate the Red Cliffs club on his move to that town. No greater tribute to his life could have been given than in that his children have followed his example and are most active Christians themselves, part of the continuing ministry of the Cameron family to this church. The chapel was filled to capacity with the large number of people from industry, church and community, at the funeral service conducted by the writer, assisted by H. Cave. We offer our Christian sympathy to his children, Iva, Wallace, Gwen (Mrs. Caldwell), Elynn (Mrs. Gayfer), Nancy (Mrs. McAllister), and Ken; to his sisters, Ethel (Mrs. Harrop) and Florence (Mrs. Baxter) and brothers, Lindsay, Harcourt and Burwood.

—M. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. Eva Gertrude HALL

She was born in Brisbane, Oct. 20, 1902, and died Dec. 6, 1969. Coming from Caboolture in 1920 she joined the church at Albion, Qld., during Pastor Ethelbert Davis' ministry. She worked in the S.S. as a teacher and as Kindergarten Supt. She was a constant attendant at both morning and evening church services. A firm believer in tithing, she was always ready with donations to missions, church funds, B. & F.B.S., Women's Fellowship and charities. She was Women's Mission Band Secretary, and later supported the Christian Women's Fellowship, of which she was the Treasurer for a time. With her husband she was the agent for the "Australian Christian" at Albion. She was an expert at knitting and crochet and many a gift was produced by her nimble fingers. She was given to hospitality and never tired of inviting visiting members to Sunday meals. On one occasion, Mrs. Hall undertook the mammoth task of scrubbing the entire chapel floors on her own. She was very fond of reading and Bible study and having a noonday meal, she could debate on these subjects. Mrs. Hall reared her daughters in the love of the church and had the satisfaction of seeing them married to active church members. She was a wonderful mother to Mrs. P. French (Wagea Waegal), Mrs. D. Price (Albion) and Mrs. N. Swallow (Albion) and a devoted grandma to her seven grandchildren. Eva Hall suffered much, but was patient to the end and now has entered a well deserved rest. The services at the chapel and the graveside were conducted by Arthur Davis.

—M. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. Lilian Amy DUSTING

Douglas Kent Hillbriek was born at Hawthorn (Vic.) on May 29, 1893, one of two sons of Ernest and Margaret Hillbriek. His father was a brother of Lucy Hillbriek, of Berwick, who became wife of Edwin Waters, one of our earlier members. Doug. was a cousin of Miss Eva Hillbriek, one of the oldest and best known members of the Berwick church, now resident in the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. Mrs. Hillbriek and the two boys attended the Hawthorn church practically all their lives. His mother served the church for 40 years as organist. She passed away some 25 years ago and Doug's brother passed away when he was a young man. Doug. married in December, 1936, but this union was of short duration, his wife passing away within a comparatively short time. These losses made his life a lonely one. Doug. was of a quiet, retiring nature and was a diligent and reliable worker in his trade as a baker. He did not engage much in sport, though he was an indefatigable walker, though seldom in the church. His chief pleasure was his main interest in life. He was always in his place and was ready to render any service from cleaning and caretaking to assisting at the Lord's Table. His strong voice could be heard above others leading the singing. He served Hawthorn as its secretary for many years. Faithfulness, loyalty, love and

Amy Gladys DUNGEY

After a long illness, Amy Gladys Dungey died in the Bordertown Memorial Hospital (S.A.) on Jan. 8 at the age of 59 years. Born on August 4, 1910, at her parents' home at Cannawindra, she was the eldest twin daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Scown. In her early years, the late Mrs. Dungey was baptised at Bordertown. After her marriage she lived with her husband, Victor, in the Bordertown-Mundalla area. Faithful in attendance at worship, she practised her discipleship with a willingness to do the

lesser tasks which often are forgotten. For many years she participated in the church fellowship at Mundalla until she and her husband moved to reside at Bordertown in 1954. She took an active part over the years in the work of the C.W.F. until her illness intervened. She loved dearly her home and her garden. Although sadly missed by all who loved and knew her, we are richer for having known her. The funeral services were conducted by G. Lawrie at the Church of Christ Chapel, Bordertown, and proceeded to the Mundalla Cemetery. To her husband and her loved ones we offer our sincere sympathy.

—Reg. C. Combridge.

readiness to put her first characterised his relationship with the church. Ill-health forced the cessation of his service toward the end of 1968 and he was admitted to the Will H. Clay Nursing Home. He was transferred to the Christian Guest Home where he enjoyed a measure of health and Christian fellowship for eight months. Ill-health again intervened and he was returned to the nursing home where he died on Sept. 23, 1969. To the Hawthorn congregation and to all relatives the brotherhood extends condolences in their loss.

—W. W. Saunders.

Eilwyn Maynard LEWIS

The church at Canley Heights was saddened by the sudden death of Mr. Lewis at the age of 43 years. For more than a decade he had been very active in the church work as church organist, S.S. secretary, Girls' Brigade accompanist and S.S. assistant organist. The children of the S.S. will miss his ability to choose and teach songs which they really enjoyed singing. Mr. Lewis had a rare gift as a musician which he dedicated to the work of Christ. Prior to the family's residence at Canley Vale he was the church organist at Belmont Church of Christ. We join in our prayers and practical support for Mrs. Lewis and the three children, Norrell, Glenda and Lennox. God has wonderfully supplied them with strength during this time of bereavement.—K. Farmer.

Mrs. Jessie Florence SUMMERTON

Mrs. Summerton died on Nov. 5, 1969, aged 73 years. She was baptised by the late Harold Wilson, at the Aspet Vale (Vic.) church. She became a kindergarten teacher at Essendon, under the late Mrs. W. A. Kemp in 1913. Her membership was transferred to Essendon in 1916, where she also gave great help with the Phi Beta Pi Club. She was married to Fred Summerton by the late P. J. Siver, ill-health over a number of years forced Mrs. Summerton to retire from active church work. Her life has set an example to her family who continue to be interested in the work of the Churches of Christ. Mrs. Summerton was pre-deceased by her eldest son, Norman, who at the time of his sudden death was chairman of the Officers' Board at Essendon. Fred Summerton, in earlier years, was also a member of the Essendon Board. To members of her family, we offer our Christian love.

—J. C. Hemslay.

STATE OF EMERGENCY OPPOSED

(Mazou, Lesotho). Church leaders have told Chief Leabua Jonathan that they oppose his seizure of power and appealed to him to end the state of emergency he declared on Jan. 20.

Chief Jonathan declared the general election of Jan. 27 and detained the Opposition leader Mr. Ntau Moleballe when he declared the state of emergency, and suspended the constitution.

The Christian Council offered its services to bring about "reconciliation between King Moleballe II and Chief Jonathan."

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BOOK REVIEW

"HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED"

By Tim LaHaye. (Tyndale House Publishers). Aust. \$3.90 (hard cover); \$2.20 (paperback).

If there isn't an improvement in marital relationships these days it won't be the fault of book publishers. There are plenty of educational resources but, as Mr. LaHaye says in quoting an expert on sex education, "Sex education is 20% education and 80% attitude." This is as true also of money, housing, family, and in-law relationships as it is of the physical aspects of marriage, and Mr. LaHaye seeks to improve our attitudes in all of these fields.

His main target is to help people to know Christ and to grow in him and his title could as well be "How to be Christian though married." Marriage can be a hindrance to Christ, because of the tensions it can cause, but by adding Christ to the partnership a marriage can instead be a genuine fulfilment. Mr. LaHaye speaks confidently about personal and Christian relationships and he calls in the experts to fields that require the word of authority. He comes out strongly for the scriptural position that the man should be the head of the house and the holder of the purse-strings. However, in developing his theses he tends to follow the advice he gives to others. "If you want your wife to treat you like a king, treat her like a queen!"

"GOD LIFTING MEN"

By F. H. Wintmore. (Oliphants). Aust. 85c.

The author of this paperback is Editorial Secretary of the London City Mission and the book is in the tradition of "Finding Men for Christ." The City Missionaries, many of them, came up the hard way, being born in the slums, tarred by the slums, and having lived the kind of life from which they seek to save others. These missionaries in the great city have had genuine, sometimes miraculous, experience of the power of Christ. In some areas, the death or life of God may simply be topics for debate. In these stories, the fact of God means the difference between life and death for man.

"STORY TIME TWO."

By Jacqueline Sibley. (Scripture Union). Aust. 80c.

A clear, large print book of 14 well told New Testament stories for young children.

"THE HIGH COST OF PRINCIPLES"

By Richard Hall. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$4.90.

What happens anywhere, affects others everywhere. This is true of Northern Ireland and Anguilla, and it is certainly true of Africa, and what is happening or about to happen in Southern Africa could have a significant influence upon future world development and the alignment of nations. China thinks Southern Africa is important and is currently making its largest international investment in Tanzania and Zambia and, being there, doubtless hopes to stay there. China is financing and building the Tan-Zam railway because Zambia's Kuanda was unable to obtain financial aid from Britain or the U.S. This is just one of many disenchanting incidents that may well turn Black Africa from the West to the East.

Almost everything we hear about Africa today is disturbing, and this book is even more disturbing than most. Hall was a journalist with London's "Daily Mail." He went to Africa in 1955, becoming associated with a number of prominent African newspapers in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and was also Central African and Congo correspondent for "The Observer," "The Guardian," and "Newsweek." He was editor of the "Times of Zambia" until 1967. His close friendship with Kenneth Kuanda gave him a unique opportunity to learn a great deal about the relationships of Britain and her former colonies. What he learnt brings little credit to Prime Minister Wilson and his advisers.

We sympathise with Britain's dilemma in receiving requests (which often sound like demands) from her ex-colonies, in having the rebellious Ian Smith provoking the United Nations to condemn Britain and in trying to disentangle herself from expensive and unrewarding Far East

and Middle East commitments at a time when her home economic problems are severe. One becomes less sympathetic the more one learns what was behind the official statements and the resultant actions. These actions were often of doubtful morality and the judgments behind them were often faulty. For example, Mr. Harold Wilson said that "on the expert advice available to (him) the cumulative effects of the economic and financial sanctions (against Rhodesia) might well bring the (Smith) rebellion to an end within a matter of weeks rather than months." As the weeks grew into the months and the months into years, the cost to Zambia, Rhodesia's neighbour, grew, her initial difficulties were increased and there was (and is) a danger that Zambia and her copper treasures would even be taken over by the outlawed Rhodesia.

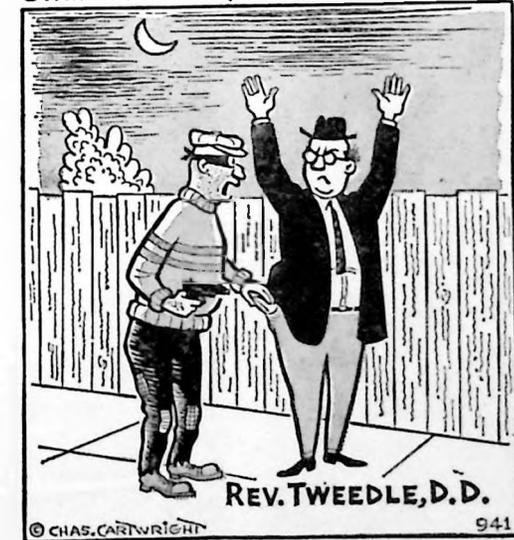
Zambia did not believe that sanctions would work. The expert advice given to Mr. Harold Wilson did not come from Zambia. However, Kuanda agreed to abide by the policies for which Britain accepted direct responsibility. In the event, sanctions failed lamentably and Zambia had every right to expect adequate financial backing, but the amount of reimbursement given by Britain has been most unrealistic. Zambia has every right to feel that Britain does not care very much what happens in Africa so long as the British Prime Minister is not politically embarrassed.

Dominic Mulakho, a Zambian permanent secretary, made a long statement to Mrs. Judith Hart, Britain's representative, in which he said that in supporting Britain's policy, Zambia could suffer a reduction of as much as 25% in its national income. But Mrs. Hart was commissioned to offer only limited assistance with a ceiling of £7,000,000.

It was in order to escape dependence upon the south (Zambia's only effective commercial outlet is through the railway running through Rhodesia) that Kuanda joined with Tanzania in planning a rail project to Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania's capital.

There are not many African nations which are kindly disposed towards the West. There are likely to be even fewer in the light of the present situation. It is not only that judgments and actions have been shown to be faulty and ill-conceived. In the troubled relationships of today's world, these things can happen. The charges against Wilson and his Government are much more serious—they are of deception and betrayal. Hall makes a strong case which requires either refutation or repentance.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Instead of criticizin', couldn't you say somethin' nice about th' other nine Commandments I DIDN'T break?"

FORTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

(W.A.). Tom Maiden graduated from the Federal College of the Bible at Glen Iris in 1932. His first ministry was at Bunbury, W.A. Not long after he began he told the church that he could not be content to spend his days "preaching to a few case-hardened sinners." He purchased an old Whippet car for £25 (\$50), and set out to explore other centres where he could preach Christ and present the Restoration plea. This aggressive spirit took him into the districts of Bridgetown, Manjimup, Pemberton, Donnybrook, and Cowaramup. The seed sown by a young man with vision enabled the church to grow.

Early in the Bunbury ministry, F. E. Buckingham conducted a mission. His soloist was Miss Elsie Dobbie, of Northam. She became Mrs. T. D. Maiden and a strong supporter in his work.

From Bunbury they worked in the Victoria Park-Carlisle area for three years before going to the Eastern Wheat-belt where they travelled over thousands of miles of gravelly corrugated roads. Because of petrol rationing, cars were then powered by charcoal burning gas producers. They were dirty and inefficient but eventually got one where he wanted to go. The farmers were generous and provided the charcoal for their minister, but it was necessary for Tom to rise before 6 a.m. to screen the dust from the charcoal, and his days seldom ended before midnight.

His circuit stretched from Narembeen in the south to Corrigan, Bruce Rock, Muldnubudin, and Wajalki in the north, a distance of 170 miles, plus the extra hundreds of miles of unmade roads between farms. They ministered to people in areas where water was short, where dust storms were common, and where crop failures were frequent. But wherever they went they brought words of

hope and encouragement to people battling through the depression years.

Men and women were brought face to face with Christ and the authority of the scriptures. The Maidens ministered to a family whose little boy was to die of a brain tumor and they brought practical help and gave guidance and a new look at the church and the Bible. Today, every member of that family is Christian and the grandchildren are also being brought up in the faith.

The first baptism, in the Mukdnubudin district was conducted by Mr. Maiden in a portable baptistry set up in the verandah of the C.W.A. rooms. The young man who was baptized is now Secretary of that church and his family are all active members.

He had ministries at Harvey and Geraldton, and Harold Fitch, who shared with him in special campaigns there, was impressed by the consecrated preparation. In both places there were crowded meetings and decisions. Later, T. D. Maiden had ministries at Northam and Scarborough. The term here has been typical of all of the other ministries by this man: quiet, effective, honouring to Christ and elevating to the church. Every ministry has closed with the church stronger and happier than before.

In a tribute given by Mr. Fitch at the Scarborough church he said, "If this man finds that the years of service have left him tired and unequal to the task of a full-time ministry, if he feels that younger hands should hold the reins or younger shoulders should bear the burden, and that he can best serve his Lord in other ways, then . . . we all trust that time will renew his strength and restore his vigour, so that he will be able to exercise a counselling ministry to people and churches and to the brotherhood, and that we will be wise to listen."

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THE WOMEN OF THE WEST

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Text for the Month: "Thus saith the Lord—in an acceptable time have I heard thee and in a day of salvation have I helped thee . . . and I will preserve thee." Isa. 49: 8.

The focus was conducted by Mrs. J. L. Pallot, Aborigine Supt., and missionaries from Carnarvon. There are 200 children under the care of 50 missionaries at Carnarvon and Norseman Missions. They need much prayer, practical and financial help, that all things on the fields might be done decently and in order. Miss Fraser told of the deep valleys of learning and the mountain top experiences of encouragement she knew through her ministry at Carnarvon. With 16 years of missionary experience at Carnarvon, Mrs. Jones knows the great heartache and disappointment of young people who have begun their Christian walk well and shown great promise, but have fallen; she has known also the days of rejoicing when they have returned to the Lord and learned again to be strong and of good courage. Miss Dahl brought the closing devotions.

Federal Overseas Mission's secretary, Ron. McLean, and John Liu, New Hebrides, were guest speakers during the lunch hour. The New Guinea call "Come over to the Keram and help us" is as loud and clear today as it was from the Maccadonian long ago. There is still a great pioneering work to be done. The cry of nationals, missionaries and Conference Committees continues: "Brethren, pray for us."

During the January vacation, 100 Aborigine children and missionaries from the Waterman's Bay Camp shared fellowship at a picnic organised by the Women's Auxillary.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

CONGO CALLS FOR UNITY

(Kinshasa, Congo). The Rev. Joseph N'Senda, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church, has called upon all missionary societies working in Congo-Kinshasa to hand over their legal status to the Congolese churches.

In an interview here with press service of the Congo Protestant Council he said, "Two associations which have the same aim cannot achieve positive results unless they work together."

The Protestant Council in the Congo has 47 missionary societies and 41 Congolese churches in its membership.

The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ missionary societies have already "handed over" legal authority to the churches they founded during the past 100 years.

It is understood here that a draft constitution for a united church in the Congo will be presented at the 49th General Assembly of the Protestant Council when it meets next month.—E.P.S.

UNIQUE OCCASION AT OPENING

(GLENELG, S.A.). The opening of the new Education Centre at Glenelg church on February 1 saw something unique in the history of our churches in Australia, and possibly anywhere else. The opening ceremony was performed by the World President, Sir Phillip Messent, and he was supported in the service by the Federal President, S. R. Beck, and the State President, W. J. Philip. Also present in the service was Mrs. E. V. Lawrence, World President of C.W.F.; Mrs. A. R. Jones, Federal Women's President, and Mrs. R. W. Saunders, State Women's President.

For nine months the church had met in some discomfort, with a lessened area for worship and auxiliaries spread through the city of Glenelg. The new \$50,000 unit of two storeys will meet every need the church may ever face.

On opening day at the afternoon service over 400 crowded into the buildings as Sir Phillip officiated. Government and civic leaders and brotherhood representatives attended. Four members were received into fellowship and three baptized.

The Building Committee of W. I. McGlasson (chairman), R. A. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baker, R. K. Beaumont, M. K. Roberts and S. R. Beck have worked with efficiency and sacrifice. A set of Communion plates suitably inscribed were presented to the church as a memento of their untiring efforts.

Many gifts were made by members and friends which have enabled the church to dispose of almost all of its old materials. The Kindergarten has been completely refurbished as a gift, the latest movie projector given, a stained glass window for the baptistry given, and a multitude of gifts from minister's desk and furniture to tiles on the floor. Two donated refrigerators have set up both kitchens. In addition the thank-offering in cash is now well over \$3,000. The church has much to be thankful for, and as a token of its gratitude to God has undertaken to support another church through Home Missions and also to see that brotherhood appeals are more than met.

There were 340 at the family Smorgas-bord dinner on Feb. 3. The church is most fortunate in having Mrs. Ray Warner as leader of catering (Mrs. Warner organised the State Dinner when the Queen was here, and so impressed Her Majesty that she asked for Mrs. Warner to be presented) and with her team of ladies prepared an excellent meal in a most efficient manner.

Special music was presented by the choir at all sessions, and featured a hymn written for the occasion by one of the deacons, Edward Wilson.

The church at Glenelg is just over 70 years young and shows every sign of continued life and enthusiasm. An interesting sidelight of the situation is that the present minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Holland, were baptized at Glenelg, married there, and are now "home" again for a ministry.

115 VISITORS

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). During holiday period, 115 visitors shared our fellowship . . . A social was given to Miss Lena Shipway for her 80th birthday. Her membership covers 65 years with Goolwa church. Lena was Supt. of our Kindergarten work for 40 years. A lightweight rug was presented to her. She has been a very loyal member all her life . . . Miss Remona Martens, one of our members, has been appointed Matron-in-Charge of the Geriatric Hospital at Henley Beach . . . Mr. and Mrs. Brian Slade have resigned from all church work because of their pending removal to the city. Both have been very active in the church witness.

ASCOT PARK, S.A. (S. Russell Baker). Mrs. Locke, formerly of Edwardstown, was received into fellowship on Feb. 15. Mrs. K. Crowley was soloist. Karen Locke, daughter of Mrs. Leeke, made her decision . . . Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study is being well supported in members' homes.

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8. Used destruction of crops by insects as a warning symbol?
9. Prophesied fall of Nineveh?
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(See page 21)

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When interest has lagged — That many books which have been found. Should also have been nuzzed.

AN EDITOR

An editor knocked at the Pearly Gates. His face was scarred and cold; He stood before the man of fate For admission to the fold.

What have you done, St. Peter asked, To gain admission here? I've been an editor, sir, he said, For many and many a year.

The Pearly Gates swung open wide, St. Peter touched the bell, Come in, he said, and choose your hap, You've had your share of hell.

—Timmo Yan.

THE LAST WORD . . .

LIFE AND DEATH

If death should come with his cold, hasty kiss,
 Along the trench or in the battle strife,
 I'll ask of death no greater boon than this:
 That it shall be as wonderful as life.
 —Carroll Carstairs.



When I was part of a living tree, I
 was silent. Now dead, I sing.
 —Inscription on old violin.



God never imposes a duty without giving
 time to do it.

"Truth has nothing to fear from investigation. It dreads not the light of science, nor shuns the scrutiny of prying inquiry. It challenges the fullest, the ablest and the boldest examination."

—Alexander Campbell.

"You were swindled over this Rembrandt," stated the art expert. "This picture is about 50 years old."

"Who cares how old it is," replied the proud owner, "as long as it's a genuine Rembrandt."



"Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children,"

—Bernard Shaw.



If at first you don't succeed, try a little arduer.



O Lord, save us from hot heads that would lead us to act foolishly, and from cold feet that would keep us from acting at all.—Prayer by Peter Marshall.

The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes.



Some people make the mark of a great soul, others the mark of a great heel.



Too many people think that if they have passed their driving test they can pass anything.



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