

# THE GOSPEL FOR ALL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ISSUE



... the church's mission is to people



Most of the people who respond to the gospel are teenagers but the gospel is, above all, for the adult.

Adult Christian Education will be a significant part of the Church's life in the 70's. RICHARD LAWTON, Director/Editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education, writes.

## ADULT HOTCH POTCH

That is the state of Christian education among adults of our Churches in Australia. Most have no continuing or planned Christian educational experience at all. Some go to mid-week prayer and study meetings; a few have Sunday morning classes along with the rest of the Church school; but usually these are a very small minority of the membership.

### AN OLD STORY

Listen to the Bible—  
"Let us then stop discussing the rudiments of Christianity. We ought not to be laying over again the foundations of faith in God and of repentance from the deadness of our former ways. . . . Instead, let us advance towards maturity; and so we shall, if God permits." (Heb. 6: 1-3).

### BREAK-THROUGH

One of the difficulties for churches which have had adult Christian education programmes has been the lack of study material. The break-through has come with the Christian Life Curriculum. Now there is excellent material to keep any weekly study group going year in and year out. Or, better still, there are ample short courses available to meet any particular need.

### HOW?

The big task which now confronts most of our churches is how to introduce a planned system of adult Christian education. How do we convince people—and ourselves—of the need of the adult Christian for a continuous study of the Bible, faith, and life.

And how do we fit adult education into the already crowded programme? For some it will be on Sunday at the same time as the Church School. For others it will be a week-day morning, lunchtime, or evening.



### FAMILY LIFE

An important field which is part of adult Christian education is family life education. All around us families are struggling to teach themselves how to be families. Couples marry with almost no preparation for their new life together. They raise children with almost no preparation. The first one is the experiment and the others, if they are lucky, may benefit from the experience of the first. Then the couple faces middle age on their own, and finally old age. We are all amateurs at each step.

### INTO THE 70's

The Federal Board of Christian Education has been commissioned by the State Directors to research the whole field of adult Christian education, to evaluate the patterns which are being used (those which work and those which don't), and to provide further resource material for the churches.

The 70's may well usher in a great new era for adults in our churches.

This gospel is the same for young adults, but young adults have some distinctive interests and problems.

Boronia minister, DEANE OLAFSEN, directs work among young adults in Victoria, and writes here about this work.

## YOUNG ADULTS

Y.A.E.C. (Young Adult Easter Conference) is another. Over the last four Easter week-ends this conference has provided a stimulating programme of study and healthy relaxation for serious minded young adults. It has involved young adults in creative workshops and experimental worship.

In association with the Melbourne Theatre Company, young adults are introduced to the entertainment and enlightenment of contemporary plays. Approximately 25 regularly go to the Russell Street Theatre.

1970 sees Y.A.F. work breaking new ground. Camps for engaged couples and for young marrieds will be held at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, and will involve key resource persons and materials.

Good resources and leadership are also needed in the local churches. A resource manual is planned for this year, to give assistance and information to local Y.A.F. groups.

Young adults are not the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today! If the church is to survive and be an effective force in society, it may need to give its young adults opportunities for responsibility in decision-making and planning at both local and Conference Department levels.

## TRAINING FOR THE KITCHEN SINK

"Cup of coffee, sir?"

Petite waitress, arms akimbo.

Folk guitar strumming, rattle of cups, murmurs of conversation, reflective pause of chess, click-click of balls, basement stairs.

Do you see your city at night? There is more astir than traffic and neon lights. There is a vast rush of teenagers and young adults abroad in the city. We notice them for their rowdiness, exhibitionism and, worse, their vandalism. Do we notice also their need — with more than a passing thought? Would they recognise or accept our definition of their need? In what way would we explain it? Would they stop and listen?

In the midst of this throng of youth is posed the question of the place and manner of contemporary youth evangelism. Stand with them on the pavement and you are in the Church's front-line.

Here's where our waitress comes in. She's part of the front-line Church—the "Drop-in" Centre.

The table staff, the manager and even the doorman of this establishment are members of the church—trained and ready for the task of encounter in the centre where, without obligation, without strings, youth can gather, come and go at will and, with these persons, grapple with Jesus Christ.

Trained? Do you need ministerial training to dispense coffee or strum a guitar?

Yes! Each worker needs training in theology, in counselling and in reflection upon the ministry of the centre.

Youth's greatest need is the Gospel. South Australian Department has a lively programme to meet that need. DAWN CHEVELL, Secretary of the S.A. D.C.E., writes out:

## YOUTH EVANGELISM

You have to be tired before you can sleep.  
You have to be hungry before you can eat.  
You have to go away before you can return.  
You have to be lonely before you appreciate friendliness.

The world is full of tired, hungry, lost, lonely people . . .  
Many of them are young . . .  
and are searching for something they cannot find . . .

Martin Luther King, Jr., suggested that young people fall into three groups, the largest group struggling to adapt itself to the prevailing values of our society, but profoundly troubled; radicals who believe in complete structural change; hippies who seek flight rather than change.

Has Jesus Christ any answer to offer these young people in their searching, loneliness, enthusiasm, disappointment, hunger, tiredness?

We have to eradicate the picture of the musty, irrelevant, pious church which so many young people have (correctly or incorrectly), and prevent that picture getting in the way of Jesus Christ.

As a Department, we have made some real attempts, with limited resources, to meet the varied needs of young people today.

After-Church Fellowships, filling city halls to capacity, have been an effective means of presenting many of the disquieting and poignant issues which face young people to-

It is easier to talk of the Gospel being for ALL than it is to reach the people who never go near the church building.

DIAN SMITH, Western Australian Youth and Christian Education Director, writes of the coffee shop approach:

But to theologise about sin is not the same as to "encounter" a sinner across a coffee table. To be trained in theology involves the waitress in the lives of real flesh-and-blood people.

It is at the brink of the yawning chasms of the soul's need that this counsellor is needed. She is trained not only to give "the answer" but to recognise her limitations. She is trained to recognise the deep personal needs that lie behind the facades of youth. She is trained to indicate where help may be found. Her training involves her in that deep struggle of the soul for humility. To counsel adequately in the wisdom of God, she need to learn the humility and discipline of listening to the real and not just the imagined need of the soul.

To educate is to change behaviour. It is hardly possible to train the laity for their task in isolation from that task. This is true of Drop-in Centres. The "subjects" of the lessons are real, speaking with many voices, and expressing in behaviour the contemporary dilemmas which the erudite define as "sin." In reflection upon these voices the staff become aware of the characteristic lostness of their clientele. They become more aware of how the Spirit responds to this expression of lostness. So the truth of God's revelation comes to this throng of youth outside the church.

"Coffee, Sir?"

The call today is for front-line workers, who have accepted the discipline of training to do effectively the will of God today.



day. Issues such as drugs, choices, pressures, advertising, the crowd, war, have been honestly examined in a variety of ways. The content of these programmes has been aimed at the thinking young person.

Teen 'n' Twenty Mission has served as an evangelistic thrust to confront young people with a relevant faith in Jesus Christ. These, again, have been carefully planned in the language and forms of young people, with opportunity for them to come to terms with themselves and to think seriously about their relationship to Jesus Christ.

Camping experiences are one of the most effective means of youth evangelism. They provide time to think, time to talk, time to face issues, and time to listen to other young people. Workshop and worship experiences lead them to express their inner feelings, fears, hopes and problems and help them to understand themselves and the Christian faith.

Special Groups for special needs: "The Godly Restless" where young people who want to be "godly" but feel "restless" can talk over disturbing issues. The "21 plus" group find fellowship and new meaning amongst young adults of their own age and interests.

Thank God that our young people ARE thinking and concerned, idealistic and not contenting to everything that surrounds them. God can work through their honest searching if we do not try to stifle a living Christ who loves his church and his world.



Australia is getting younger! Recent statistics reveal that 53 per cent of Australians are under 30 years of age. How are the churches to face this challenge?

A small, but significant, beginning has been attempted by the Vic.-Tns. D.C.E. A committee of five young adults led by Deane Olafsen, and in consultation with Department Director, Ray McKenzie, plans programmes and activities for those in the 18-plus age group.

F.O.Y.A. (Fellowship of Young Adults) is one such venture. It is held four times a year in different centres around metropolitan Melbourne. Young adults examine important social issues — marriage, divorce, mental health, abortion — and hear expert speakers.

MAY 3 IS OFFERING DAY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## CAMPING FOR THE SEVENTIES

For years, church and brotherhood camps have been invaluable both in reaching people with the gospel and in deepening the commitment of young people to the gospel.

**JOHN HUNTER**, Chairman of the N.S.W. Department of Christian Education, reports on the findings of a commission on camping established to determine how to arrest the declining trend in camping in that State.

The number attending N.S.W. D.C.E. camps has steadily declined, but no one could say definitely what had caused the decline. The Youth Centre was not being supported by church groups for their own local church camps, and financially it was not a profitable venture. Various age groupings and different times of the year for the age groups were tried, but were not successful. Towards the end of 1968 the Commission on Camping was set up by the D.C.E., and the following are the general findings in specific areas of investigation:

1. **STRUCTURE OF CAMPS.** Trends in camping — To provide adequate facilities for a planned, progressive camping programme the sites should provide water for swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, canoeing; bush walks, overnight camping, bush lore, nature study, facilities for teaching a skill (using local talent if possible), a gimmick (hay ride, horses).

At least one site should be in close proximity to the city for use at week-ends and as a conference centre.

**Some observations** — The potential of the site should be used to the fullest, as should local attractions and industries. The camp should be part of the life of the community. The "monastic" aspects should be removed.

2. **STUDY MATERIAL.** There would seem to be much value in a study curriculum. This would be purposeful if presented over the period of the camping life of the person

concerned. In general terms this "camping life" can be in two cycles: 12 to 16-year-olds, 16 to 20-year-olds.

This would then require two curricula each of five years, Easter and Christmas camps should complement each other as well as the overall curriculum.

The presentation of the study should include "discovery" by the camper, and should be as varied as possible. In all cases the comprehension of the camper should be tested, at least at the conclusion of the studies.

3. **LEADERSHIP.** Team leadership is highly recommended. Each team to be recruited and trained for a particular camp by the camp director. The study leader could be a guest. Where possible the team should be kept together for a lengthy period so that all are working as a closely allied unit. Leadership training must follow an expression of interest.

4. **SCOPE.** The following groupings seem to lend themselves most effectively for teaching and living together:—

**Junior Hi.** 12 to 16 years. Aim of camp should be to emphasise the meaning of the Christian life. Commitment should be encouraged in upper age groups.

**Senior Hi-Youth.** 16 to 20 years. Should major on whole-hearted commitment to Christ. Some doctrinal issue could be a worthwhile study. **Note:** Potential leaders are drawn from this group. Therefore a training programme could be introduced as part of study.

A strong church programme is a big factor in the effective presentation of the gospel.

The Queensland Department of Christian Education, through its Director, **ALLAN C. MALE**, has worked with churches, helping them to strengthen their programmes. Mr. Male writes on:

This service is offered by the Department to promote—evaluation, renewal and effective service within the life of the local church.

### How does it work?

- The Director spends a week at the church. He . . .
1. Consults with the minister.
2. Meets with the officers, secretary, treasurer, elders, School superintendents and staff, and "key" personnel.
3. Visits all existing clubs and fellowship programmes for youth, women and men.
4. (a) Where there is no activity for midjets, juniors, "tweenagers" or seniors, all the contacts within these divisions are invited to a special session for their particular age-group.
- (b) Where there is a sufficient nucleus, leaders are chosen and assured of receiving programme notes for at least two years, providing the club affiliates with the Department.
5. Inaugurates and commissions the Local Education Committee (L.E.C.) comprising an officers' Board representative, youth representative and four others.
6. Speaks at both services on the Sunday at the end of the evaluation week.

The Director submits . . .

- A detailed report on the self-evaluation which comes

## DEPARTMENT-CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS

from a report of church members at a fellowship night.

- \* Suggestions for renewal.
- \* Possible ways to implement ideas for more effective service within the church and community.

### What is expected of the Local Church?

- \* Prayerful support and cheerful co-operation.
- \* A typed list of names and addresses of all members and contacts, one month prior to start of survey.
- \* Car allowance for the week involved. (This is decided by agreement) and accommodation, if necessary.

### Is There Any Other Expense?

No, although a church may consider donating to the Department the Director's salary for that week.

### Why is this Programme conducted?

1. Because of concern for continuous growth of the Church.
2. Contact with the church and minister is vital for Departments' effectiveness.
3. Personal consultation leads to a deeper understanding and richer fellowship.

There is a need for a full-time specialist in this field to assist churches in their outreach. We await the day when this is possible.

# ENDS AND MEANS AND SELF-UNDERSTANDING

By **RONALD GRAHAM**

At a meeting held at Buffalo, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1809, Thomas Campbell and a few other persons of different religious denominations, formed themselves into the Christian Association of Washington. To define the ends that the Association sought to further, Campbell prepared a declaration and an address, which were delivered at and approved by the next meeting of the Association three weeks later.

The one hundredth anniversary of Campbell's *Declaration and Address* was celebrated at the Pittsburgh Convention in 1909. (I have recollections of Thomas Hagger's vivid memories of it. My copy of the programme was a gift from Principal Scambler.) The 207-page leather-bound programme book includes this claim: "We shall best honour (our) illustrious (forefathers) by contending earnestly for the very thing for which they contended: the union of all believers. . . on a basis of Holy Scripture. . . to the end that the world may be evangelized."

These last three phrases (italicized in the programme) are deceptively simple, and we have not always been sensitive to the different interpretations we have placed upon them. In fact, the history of the three movements that stem from Barton Warren Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and Walter Scott (the four whose pictures appear on the second page of the centennial programme) is in a significant measure the history of these different interpretations.

To put the matter another way, We have long said, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, charity; in all things, liberty." One problem with that slogan is that it does not establish the principle by which what is essential may be distinguished from what is non-essential. Even where we have agreed that the movement stands for these three essential things: the union of all believers, on the basis of Holy Scripture, to the end that the world may be evangelized, we have adopted and promoted varying and sometimes conflicting understandings of what each phrase means.

### 1. "The union of all . . ."

When we have spoken of the "union of all believers," what is the model of union that we have had in mind?

There are those among us who have thought of union as some kind of spiritual unity, trans-denominational in extent and not necessarily embodied or structured in one Church. We have often claimed support for this understanding of union from the Gospel of John, that most "spiritual" Gospel. Historically, this understanding of union has been influenced by American revivalism, which has very frequently been anti-institutional and very much "down on the Churches." All that is needed to achieve the union that is in mind is a common religious experience, usually spoken of as conversion, and a common set of beliefs. Otherwise the present structure of denominations may be left pretty much as it is.

Others among us have had in view something like the penetration of other communions in order to win them over to what we understand to be New Testament Christianity. We have contemplated persuading Anglicans to decide to give up what makes them distinctively Anglican, Methodists to

vote to forsake what makes them distinctively Methodist, and Presbyterians to choose to surrender what makes them distinctively Presbyterian, until, lo and behold, as separate whole communions they come to think as we think, behave as we behave, and organize themselves as we organize ourselves. With this understanding of union, we have rejoiced, therefore, when Anglicans have begun to advocate believer's baptism and when Presbyterians have raised doubts about the continuing authority of the Westminster Confession, while still remaining Anglicans and Presbyterians respectively.

Others again have conceived of union in terms of, say, every Baptist, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic individually joining some local Church of Christ. With this understanding, we have taken fresh heart every time we have been instrumental in converting someone from one of the "denominations." As years ago Seventh Day Adventists converted many New Hebridean members of the Churches of Christ to their own faith—much to their delight and our dismay—so we have thought we would achieve our goal as a movement by winning the members of other communions to one of "our" Churches of Christ. By Church of Christ we mean, of course, a congregation that is the same in all essentials as the Church of the New Testament.

The positions that we have taken may be contracted in another way. Some among us have thought of union as a union of believers. This has often been reinforced by the "Independents'" belief in the absolute autonomy of the local congregation. Others among us have worked for a union of Churches and this understanding in turn has been strengthened by those who are connectionally minded. (We have long had our delegate Conferences and Federal Boards.) Where we have taken the first position, we have adopted one stance: where we have taken the second, we have adopted another. This has been all the more important since the modern ecumenical movement has been a movement of and among Churches. Its Councils are Councils of Churches, that is, entire communions. It has called for institutional involvement, participation by elected or appointed representatives, and decisions made at least tentatively in behalf of all.

### 2. "The union of all believers"

Not only have we held different conceptions of union but we have also relatedly had different understandings of "believer."

Sometimes in the Fourth Gospel the verb πιστεύειν means "to believe" something about someone. It signifies acceptance of a proposition or an idea. But are all the ideas that are found in the New Testament of equal value? If some are of more significance than others, how do we determine which are more significant and which less? Was there, perchance, development of thought in the New Testament? If so, do we choose the later or the earlier ideas? Are some ideas in conflict with others, and if so, on what basis do we choose between them? Suppose we decide that a series of ideas "a" through "n" is the substance of belief, what of the believer who believes only "a" through "m"? Can there be no "union" with him?

Is union possible only on the basis of a maximum number of beliefs or should it be attempted on the basis of minimum beliefs? Prior to that question is this: Is the "truth" to which the Bible witnesses propositional or is it (primarily) some other kind of "truth"?

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At other times in the Fourth Gospel the verb *pisteuein* means "to commit oneself to" or "to yield one's allegiance to." If the union we strive for is a union of those who have given themselves to Christ, how do we men measure that commitment? On what grounds can we set ourselves up as judges of others? What is it that enables us, justly, mercifully, and truthfully to search the hearts of men? Or is it a case of "by their fruits you shall know them" and "they are Christ's, and our brethren, who have 'the Spirit of Christ'?"

The first proposition in Thomas Campbell's *Address* is that the Church of Christ, whose unity he and his brethren sought, "consist(s) of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct."

Alexander Campbell, in answer to a question as to whether he did not after all make everything hinge on the "one fact and institution" of baptism, said: "There is no occasion for making immersion absolutely essential to a Christian. . . . It is the image of Christ the Christian looks for and loves; and this does not consist in being exact in a few items; but in general devotion to the whole truth as far as known."

If we define "believer" as one who professes a maximum number of given beliefs, we are likely to go one way; if, however, we define "believer" as one who may make a minimum statement of belief but who manifests by his "tempers and conduct" a maximum commitment of life, we are likely to go another way.

### 3. "On a basis of Holy Scripture"

Union, we have said, must be on "a basis of Holy Scripture." By Scripture we have commonly meant the New Testament, oftentimes leaving our relation to the Old Testament rather ambiguous. But that is another issue!

Among us, basing things on Holy Scripture has frequently gone by the name of "restoring New Testament Christianity." The problems we have discovered in seeking to restore some idealized form of the Church of the first century call for deeper consideration than can be given in this article. Perhaps three comments will suffice.

First, some of us have been sure that historically the end we have sought as a people is Christian union. The restoration of New Testament Christianity is a means to this end. Unity for us is primary, restoration is instrumental.

Second, others of us have made the restoration of New Testament Christianity primary and have taken pride in calling ourselves "the restoration movement."

Those who have made union the first item on the agenda have often pointed out that there can be no restoring of New Testament Christianity that does not include a serious attempt to achieve as much unity as the early Church possessed.

Third, many times we have established a Church of Christ in some town or suburb that for decades has already had Churches: Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, etc. On the one hand, our unity heritage has prompted us to readily recognise and seek out the members of these Churches as fellow "believers." Furthermore, we concede that they cannot be believers without first having heard and accepted the gospel, and they must constitute a Church, for what does the gospel produce but a community of the faithful? On the other hand, our restoration heritage has tempted us to proclaim, on forming a Church of Christ in such a town: "The pure gospel has been preached" (by us, of course) "for the first time," or "(With our coming) a Church of the New Testament has at last been established."

### 4. "That the world may be evangelised"

That the greater end that unity on the basis of Holy Scripture serves is the evangelization of the world is an interpretation of our past that probably owes more to the revivalism of the latter part of the nineteenth century than to the earlier past. Be that as it may, the winning of the world for Christ has not been without differing understandings.

In the United States differences over the world mission of the Church have centred on the means to be used (through brotherhood Boards or by "direct support") and on what is meant by "the union of all believers." In the Australian brotherhood we have had very few differences over the former and have been able to avoid the latter in great measure by operating in areas in which we have been the sole or major Protestant Christian group: India, the New Hebrides, New Guinea, and Carnarvon. We could, for instance, speak of "Our India" in a way that we could never speak of "Our Sydney" or "Our Brisbane." However, where we have been influenced by what in America is called "fundamentalism" or "revivalism," we have at various times preferred to support such missions as the following: China Inland Mission, Un-evangelized Fields, Sudan United Mission, and Aviation Fellowship.

What has been set forth in this paper has been a catalogue of some of our more important differences about things most surely believed among us. The differences are of long standing and will not easily be resolved. The purpose of the paper has been not so much to judge as to understand, for self-understanding is an obligation laid upon every individual and group. The stance has been one not of scepticism but of doubling, for "by doubting," as Abelard (1079-1142) proclaimed, "we come to inquiry; by inquiry we come to the truth."

(A further article by Dr. Graham will appear in the issue for May 10, 1970).

## World Convention Programme

Programme plans for the Eighth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Adelaide, Oct. 20-25, 1970, have been announced. The Assembly, held only every five years, will have as its central theme, "One Gospel—One World." Daily sub-themes will be presented through the means of major addresses, sermons, panel discussions, and small study groups. Study material to be used in preparation for the Assembly has been published and is available from the World Convention office in Adelaide.

The Assembly will open in Centennial Hall of the Adelaide Fair Grounds on Oct. 20. Sir Philip Messent of Adelaide, President, will preside. Following the traditional Pageant of the Flags which opens each World Convention, the keynote address will be brought by Raymond F. McCallister, Sr., of St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., and First Vice-President.

Daily morning and evening sessions will continue until Sunday evening, Oct. 25, when a Closing Communion service will be held. Jo. M. Riley, Louisville, Kentucky, will serve as the director of the service, and James K. Hempstead, Detroit, Michigan, will preach the sermon. Afternoons during the

week of the Assembly will be free for visitation of churches in the Adelaide area, touring, and sightseeing.

The World Christian Women's Fellowship will hold special meetings during the week of the Assembly with programmes of interest to church women. Mrs. E. V. Lawton of Adelaide, President of the W.C.W.F., is in charge of the women's sessions. Miss Helen F. Spaulding, Indianapolis, Secretary, is working on arrangements for the Women's Luncheon.

According to Laurence V. Kirkpatrick of New York City, General Secretary, well-known Christian leaders of the world will address the Assembly. Among those appearing on the programme are D. T. Niles, Ceylon; Philip Potter, Switzerland; R. S. Garfield Todd, Rhodesia; and Jean Bokelenle, Congo.

One thousand three hundred persons are already registered to attend the Assembly from North America. Several hundred more are also expected to make the trip. Other large delegations will come from New Zealand and Australia. About 25 additional countries will be represented by smaller groups.

## STOP BLAMING THE PIONEERS

# . . . AND LET'S GET CRACKING

## A STRATEGY FOR GROWTH (Part 1)

By G. R. STIRLING

### I. Make the maximum use of our lay potential.

#### A. IN EVANGELISM . . .

i. Realise that our neighbourhoods are full of adults who still have some belief but have dropped out of church life and worship because they have found them irrelevant.

ii. Make lists of these people through auxiliary rolls, neighbourhood contacts and in any legitimate way.

iii. Involve them in auxiliaries, special events, service projects, coffee hours, house groups, with a view to getting to know them well enough to help them to grow towards faith and commitment.

iv. Train lay visitors to call on them, using the "soft sell" method of encouraging them to discuss matters of faith in their own way, to read interesting Christian books, to grow in grace. Eventually some may come to realise deeper needs. Then they will desire and seek instruction. ("Soft sell" involves discussion and questions that give a client insights into his needs and an awareness of need. When he is aware of need he will want the product, or at least more information about it).

v. Be aware of the fact that to invite people to church may be a first step for some, but for others it will be the last step after long development towards Christian commitment.

#### B. IN PROGRAMMING . . .

The church that leaves its social service, evangelism and pastoral care to the "paid minister" is on the way out.

In this age a growing church will have an ongoing programme of service, evangelism, pastoral care, training and prayer, that involves the whole congregation, its homes, its cars, its abilities and skills, and its money. e.g. A programme of pastoral care might involve dividing the church's "pastoral care list" into districts or streets, and encouraging families to look after one another both informally and in planned events.

NOTE: Larger churches get so big that they consider a second minister because the work of evangelism, pastoral care and social service is too much for one. This is all wrong. Our larger churches should be employing an extra two or three ministers to:

1. train laymen for increasing service,
2. increase the programming possibilities of lay outreach and development and providing leadership for the same,
3. minister to "house-churches" further out on the fringes where the Lord's table has been set up,
4. attend to all of the details of full lay involvement,
5. handle all the counselling that will come up from contacts made by laymen fully involved for Christ in the community.

#### C. IN BROTHERHOOD DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY . . .

We live in an age where we no longer work, study, play, and have our recreation in the community where we live. But by some quirk we think that we have to go to church near home. We have almost one car per family. It would seem reasonable then that some able and vigorous families might in effect be lay missionaries within smaller church communities either in inner suburbs or outer suburbs. There are plenty of

people in these areas to work on, but not enough of our people capable of doing the work. It is not enough for larger churches to send presidents and readers and an elder or two to sit on the board. They need to transfer whole families into this total missionary task. Similarly, families need to ask themselves if the religion of the cross is compatible with the comfortable pew they occupy in the larger church that could do without them.

### II. A New Look at Eldership . . .

The most able men no longer have the time to do what was once known as "the work of an elder." But today they can accept responsibility for the church's programme of pastoral care, spiritual growth, service and evangelism, as a group. As a group they involve the whole church in these concerns. This might well involve:

1. Increasing the number of elders. In some cases the present Board could be elders.
2. Having the elders' meeting solely for consideration of the work of evangelism, pastoral care, service, training, spiritual growth and worship. Everything else would be left for the deacons. A representative of the elders could meet with the deacons, and vice versa.
3. In a circuit or in a group of churches with a team ministry, an eldership for the whole group, with a board of deacons looking after the business life of each individual congregation.

### III. A New Look at the "Full-time Ministry"

For growth we need ministers who can take off their coats and roll up their sleeves and build churches, and involve their laymen in helping them. Churches must accept responsibility for sending the cream of our young people into the ministry. We need dedicated young men with imagination, drive, enthusiasm, personality, a sense of adventure, an easy relationship with people, leadership ability, and dynamic energy.

We need to look at possibilities of team ministries . . . with two or three ministers looking after three or four churches . . . or two or three ministers attached to a large church, one or two smaller churches, and several "house churches."

We need ministers who are willing to "make tents" and serve churches part-time while building them up to become full-time churches. However, we need to avoid the danger of drifting into part-time ministries . . . where a man who earns a good salary augments it by preaching on Sundays. He tends to have a vested interest in the church staying small. Often he is too tired to make the church really go.

We will need to find ways of deploying our ministers more strategically. Often the more able and experienced men should be sent to the smaller causes with great potential. Newer and less experienced men could often be attached to team ministries with able men. Our unscriptural congregational independency makes this difficult. A start may be made by Home Mission Committees selecting a few strategic areas and putting into them some of our best men with all the equipment and resources that are needed for rapid development. (To be continued)



## Partake Worthily

The efficacy of the Communion, lies not in the order of priesthood by which it is administered. Nor does it depend on the character or spiritual attainment of the priest or presiding officer.

The efficacy of the Communion lies within the heart of the communicant. The Old Testament linked the sinner with the sacrifice he offered. The ceremony of the Atonement symbolised the laying of sin on the "scapegoat," the sin-bearer. The individual sacrifice for sin spoke to the sinner of the fact that his wrong doing had brought about the death of the sacrifice for sins.

John quotes Jesus as saying, "... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day..." —John 6: 53-57. This has given rise to all kinds of speculation, interpretation, and false doctrine... not least of these, the doctrine of Transubstantiation in which it is claimed that Christ actually comes in to the emblems at the moment of raising in the blessing by the priest.

Let it be sufficient for us, however, to accept that Christ emphasised that to have life eternal one must accept that the body and blood of Christ mean life to us... Christ in his entirety... Christ in his living... Christ in his dying... Christ in his indwelling.

Paul quotes our Lord as saying: "This is my body given for you... and... this is the cup of the New Covenant in my blood..." and then goes on to say, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord."

This does not tell us that we must attain to sinless perfection as some imply that it does, and inform those whom they do not approve that they are "walking unworthily."

We cannot be worthy to partake... yet we can partake worthily. Worthy participation lies in our awareness of our sinfulness, Christ's sufficiency, and God's acceptance of us through Christ.

"The sacrifice of a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart."

—BRUCE CLAPP (W.A.)

### THANKS FOR THE BREAD

As Christ was worthy in his quality of life, may we be worthy in our desire to be like him. We thank you for the Bread of Life. Amen.

### THANKS FOR THE CUP

Because Christ drank the reality of his cup, we acknowledge him in the symbol of ours and we thank you for the Cup of Love. Amen.

## DO YOUR OWN THING! BUT DO IT RIGHT!

Remember, it is the person who initiates the call who is responsible for ending it. When you go out to visit a friend, that friend cannot ask you to leave. The same rule applies when you are visiting by telephone. So don't let the call drag on aimlessly for want of being aware of this generally accepted practice.

If calling the home of a friend, announce yourself as say Joan Brown and, unless they are complete strangers, exchange a few words with them before saying "may I speak to Ann please?" This is more courteous than "Is Ann there?" It is not smart to commence with such openings as "guess who this is." Someone who has never heard of you may be at the other end. It is also bad manners to ask "who is that?" The caller should definitely identify himself and state his case, as it were.

Avoid use of telephone in the house of a friend except in an emergency or reasonable need. Then be as brief as possible and make the necessary payment without fuss.

It is good to teach a child to answer the telephone correctly so that he can do so in an emergency. But it is another matter to let him prattle away, perhaps hanging up without getting the one for whom the call was intended.

(NEXT TIME: VANESSA writes on "HOSTESS AND STAYING GUEST.")

## CHURCH CONSULTATION

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). A representative group (80% of membership travelled to Boyanup for a consultation on church activities at the Methodist church site. Papers were presented on prayer, witnessing and outreach. Children were specially catered for and a family barbecue was held... The B Grade basketball team won the grand final. Best and fairest awards in the four teams went to J. Lang, L. Warry, M. Longwood and G. Carslake. The season concluded with a barbecue and church service when "Venture for Victory" was screened... A Talents scheme with all members being given \$1 each has been introduced to help lower hall debt. Our minister presented a paper on "Communication in the Family" and conducted a church service for the Y.M.C.A. Easter family camp... The Mental Health Seminar in Perth was attended by our minister.

## JUNIOR OFFICERS

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. E. Paver). Elders appointed at annual meeting were R. Pittman, V. Gole and D. Allen. Three junior officers have been added to the Officers' Board: Miss L. Chapman, D. Brown and R. de Jager... Local churches have combined on Sunday evenings for discussion on "Poverty"... There was one decision on March 22... A church calendar, listing brotherhood and local events, has been produced to cover the remainder of the year.

## KALAMUNDA NEWS

(W.A., D. M. Hughes). A presentation was made to Mrs. Mitchell at a combined meeting of the C.W.F. and Homemakers... Services are well attended and is an evidence of the continued beneficial ministry of Mr. Hughes... The Junior Endeavour is progressing, led by Miss Shilling... Miss Cook and John Doublin conduct a "Teeners' Club" of great possibilities... Mrs. Tassell and Miss Tassell were received into fellowship... Mr. Wilton is in hospital. Jenny Dewings is making a good recovery.

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Easter camp at Hall's Gap was attended by 135 young people. The Bible studies were prepared by F. C. Hunting, John Byrnes and A. E. Stevens presented top quality Bible studies and Jack Edwards spoke on the missionary night. The singing was most inspiring, led by Bert Stevens and Max Birch, assisted by Cheryl Burnham, John Bird, Merv. Romeo and Paul Burnham. There was a consciousness of the presence of the Lord in the worship service. Dedication service at night was full of challenge. A number of campers gave testimony and nine came forward as the invitation was given. 89 attended 8 a.m. prayer meeting on Easter Monday. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas who has been cooking at the camp for 20 years, has given faithful service to her Lord. Campers expressed thanks and appreciation. Evangelism '70 is involving many church members. First guest service was taken by the campers singing camp songs and testimony by three campers. Over 300 attended the service.

## NSW & Vic.

### NEW HALL DEDICATION

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Sis. S. Roberts is slowly recovering from a serious car accident and is again in attendance at services. After many years of faithful service as Kinder Supt. she has resigned her position... 10 a.m. morning service has proved very successful. Special dedication services were held on March 8 when newly installed public address system and new church hall were dedicated to God's work. The p.a. system was presented to the church by Mrs. Evers to commemorate the memory of her late husband, Don, who had served on the office board for some years. Following this the new hall was opened and dedicated, and a presentation was made to Mr. Howard prior to him leaving for three months' chaplaincy service on overseas migrant ship... Annual church meeting elected P. Looney, and K. Shaw (elders). Ivan Rose was appointed to the diaconate... Church rejoices in recent confessions of faith and baptisms... S.S. picnic was held at Bolton Point Park on April 4.

### EASTER AT BARMERA

(DARETON, Vic. Conf., M. J. Drake). "A Life To Live—and Give" was the theme of the Upper Murray-Sunraysia Easter Camp held at Barmera, S.A. 55 young people from eight churches shared together in one of those inspiring weekends which makes real and practical the call to Christian discipleship. Under the excellent leadership of R. L. Baxter (Berr) the programme resulted in a telling communication of the relatedness of Christianity and life. The basis of study and action was R. V. Amos' "A Life to Give"; R. Brown (river circuit) led worship on the theme of "The Christian Revolution"; Mrs. J. Shaw was female counsellor. M. J. Drake was responsible for study and the feature Sunday night service at which three young people entered Christian commitments. A significant facet of the weekend was the manner in which the Y.P. of the two groups welded into one and practised in their relationships the principles discussed in study sessions. An offering of more than \$100 was received to be forwarded to B. & P.B.S. and Austcare.

### MOVEMENTS AT BELMORE

(N.S.W., B. Armstrong). Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were farewelled on their way to live at Port Macquarie. Mr. and Mrs. Little received a gift following their move to the Blue Mountains. Mrs. Tandy received a gift in appreciation of many years' service as Girls' Club chaplain... J.C.E. Society has again won the Inasmuch Appeal Award by raising \$23... Mrs. Hing has entered the hospital for treatment... A Boys' Brigade is being formed. Leaders have been trained and a demonstration by Burwood Brigade is to preview activities. Other activities include B.S. picnic at Woronora Dam, Men's Society anniversary, Harvest Festival for Woolwich Bible College and a slide night from our minister's trip in America and N.Z.

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST 20th BIRTHDAY RALLY

On Saturday, April 25 at 7.45 p.m. in the Melbourne Town Hall the 20th Birthday Rally of Youth for Christ will be held.

An extra special programme featuring overseas and local talent has been arranged.

New Zealand's top gospel singing group, The Regency Four, will be the featured guest artists. The team have been members of N.Z. Y.F.C. Teen Teams, and have programmed to thous-

ands in youth rallies, church services and on radio.

Local talent will include The Cherobendys from Geelong.

For this special rally, it is suggested that you be at the hall as early as possible to be sure of getting in, as it is probable that the hall will be packed to capacity. Admission is free and seat reservations for groups of ten or more can be made by contacting the Y.F.C. office, 747 Burke Rd., Camberwell, Vic. 3124.

### WITH THE PRESIDENT

(TAREE, N.S.W., L. E. Wylie). John Morris, N.S.W. Conference President, paid a visit to Taree. He spoke at both services on April 5, also visited Wingham church and spoke at Comboyne. In a day packed full of activity he returned to Sydney by plane the same evening. The church is most grateful for the visit.

### TEMPLE DAY SUCCESS

(HAMILTON, Vic., R. W. Marshall). Church appreciated messages from Dr. Killmer (Conf. Pres.), R. G. Stirling and P. Beale. There was pleasing attendance at every-member-present service on Temple Day at which the giving was \$300... Gospel service has a special feature each night which is in the hands of L.E.C... Women's Christian Fellowship conducted most successful street stall... S.S. picnic at Byaduk was a wonderful day for all... Minister shared in united Good Friday service at Methodist church. He also visited Ararat, and local services were taken by Mr. Newnham (H.S. Chaplain), Messrs. Davey and McPherson went to Coleraine.

### ADDITIONS AT NORTHCOTE

(Vic., G. L. J. Marsh). Two girls were baptized into Christ on March 22 and received into fellowship of the church on April 4... Minister has been using young people in the evening services. Senior and junior youth groups have been formed, meeting on alternate Friday evenings and Sundays after church at the manse. Bible School attendances have improved.

### THANKSGIVING & TEMPLE DAY

(NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). A wonderful variety of goods were on display for Harvest Thanksgiving. College of the Bible, students and needy families in the church benefited. Temple Day offering resulted in \$654. Palm Sunday gospel service featured a service of meditation and dramatic presentation, "Way of the Cross," by C.W.F. members... Y.F.C. team joined in fellowship at a well attended youth tea on April 5, then led in gospel service with bright singing, inspiring vocal and instrumental items, and a challenging message... Congratulations to Peter Thatcher (Australian Junior badminton player) who was one chosen to play badminton before the Royal Family... Haden family was in a severe car collision but escaped serious injury. Mrs. Haden was hospitalized for a few days.

### BIRTHDAY AND INDUCTION

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). About 60 from church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, after evening service on March 15 to honour Les. Brooker, much loved brother, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. This well-known song leader of countless evangelistic missions, S.S. anniversary specialist, amazes all with his boundless energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Ellis spoke on behalf of all present and congratulated Mr. Brooker on attaining to that "young 80." He is song leader at Bamba Road... Manse has been painted, exterior and interior, and kitchen renovated... Induction service was held April 5, K. J. Clinton officiating and giving charge to new minister, K. Berston. A basket luncheon was held in hall to enable members to meet Mr. and Mrs. Berston informally. Evening service well attended... After-church fellowship was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Chys, when young people had informal meeting with Mr. Berston... Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Jeanes and family in loss of her husband... Cricket team was runner-up in final match of 8th grade.

### CHANGE OF PERSONNEL

(ARARAT, Vic.). During the absence of a minister, local brethren and visiting speakers are taking the services... The Coleman family have left to take up residence in Gedong. H. Coleman was treas. for the last four years. The Johnston family will be leaving shortly for Melbourne. R. Johnston was sec. for last nine years and elder for last four years. These two families will be greatly missed for their united efforts in all programmes of church activity. At the recent annual meeting the following were elected to office: Elder, R. Selwood; Diaconesses, I. Welsh, E. Harmer; Deacons, F. Gasen, I. O'Brien, I. Reid; sec., F. Gasen; treas., A. Harmer; organist, W. Erwin.

### A COMBINATION

(BALWYN, Vic.). Good Friday service was combined with Balwyn Baptist. W. J. Thomson was speaker on Easter Sunday whilst minister was away with Blackburn church... C.W.F.F. entertained Balwyn Evergreen Club, and C.W.F. guest speaker was Mrs. Grahmer on Social Service... Shoppers' Service is still holding interest. This month A. Plydon was speaker and Frances Warm-brunn, soloist... Interim minister is H. E. Steele.

## OPEN FORUM

### NOT FREE TO COMPROMISE

To the Editor,

In reply to some of the questions posed by G. R. Stirling, I would like to state that after a long life as a member of the Churches of Christ, during which I have enjoyed fellowship with Christians of many denominations, and in many churches, may I state my conviction that our position in relation to baptism is correct, has grown stronger with the passing years: further I believe strongly that any suggestion that our witness in this matter should be modified for the sake of a "spurious union"—which could only result in increased dis-union—is to be deplored.

May I, at this stage state, that at no time was I taught to believe that those "professing" Christians who had not been immersed were not Christians at all: I know such ideas were held, but my teaching was that each of us must adhere to Christ's teaching as he understands it. Those who failed to do this would be judged—not by us but by God. Even the thief on the cross was promised immediate entry to the Kingdom.

In support of my beliefs may I mention the following arguments:

1. The ordinance of baptism was not

invented by us—or by the pioneers of our movement. Had Christ regarded the method of baptism as unimportant, surely he would not have walked many miles in hot, dusty country to find adequate water for immersion. He could have obtained water for sprinkling with far less effort.

2. We love Christ because he suffered and died for us: do we show our gratitude to a person who has given or risked his life to rescue us from drowning—by carrying out any wish they had expressed in detail—or do we whittle it down to suit our own convenience?

3. More and more theologians, after prolonged study and prayer—after appealing to the Holy Ghost for guidance—have agreed that the method of baptism as practised by Churches of Christ is the "correct" method—but it is being suggested in two countries that the members of the "United Church," if formed, must recognise any form of baptism as "valid"—and further, if a member who has been "christened" as an infant is led by his conscience to demand "immersion," the Church is forbidden to comply with this request, who are we to decide whether an alteration to an ordinance instituted by Christ is "valid"? How long could such a union exist? How many years would it take for baptism, as taught by Christ, to be entirely forgotten?

Baptism surely is one essential on which we have no liberty to compromise—but we do not aid the Kingdom of God by being censorious to those who conscientiously disagree.

From one who has rejoiced to see what progress towards Christian Unity has marked the last 60 years.

—P. Santo Messent (S.A.).

### N.Z. CHURCH UNION

To the Editor,

A. C. Caldicott has the right to his viewpoint on Christian Unity ("A.C.", p. 106) but to write down the present unity negotiations in New Zealand as working towards a "conglomeration of denominations all bundled together" is neither brotherly nor Christian.

Having lived in the N.Z. setting for some 14 years, I cannot speak too highly of the spirit of unity and of love which has dominated the discussions under, I believe, the leading of God's Holy Spirit. Fears, frustrations, animosities and built in prejudices are walls which have already begun to crumble in the newly existing relationships created by the Lord of the Church.

The Proposed Plan is not "the" final answer to the question of the Church's obedience to Christ within N.Z.—there are many things that are being left to the working out of the people of God in the years ahead. The Plan as proposed is a basic framework and results from years of prayer and study together in the name of our Lord. Churches of Christ in N.Z. have made and will continue to make a significant contribution to the cause of Christ because of these new opportunities.

Churches of Christ in N.Z. do not feel threatened by the proposed union. Some may vote against the final plan in the ultimate stage—but at least it will have been the result of many years of study and thought.

To return to Australia after these years of absence is to discover our churches singularly occupied with their own existence—giving little or no thought to our real mission in this day. Until Mr. Caldicott has lived in the N.Z. setting for a few years at least, I would suggest his pronouncements on the proposed union are at least suspect. The reading of documents and the comments of a few correspondents cannot convey the real richness and meaning of being part of a significant move in N.Z. which our fathers in the faith would have rejoiced to see.

—Bruce Burn (Qld.).

### P.-N.G. CHURCH FOR W.C.C.

The United Church of Papua-New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is among five churches recommended for membership in W.C.C.

The membership, recommended by the Council's Executive Committee, will be voted on by the Central Committee in Addis Ababa in January next.

The United Church was established in 1969 by the union of churches founded by Methodist and Congregational missionary work. It has 72,322 members, 1,256 congregations and 237 ordained ministers.

### CAULFIELD (Vic.)

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May 3 to May 10, 1970

SUNDAY, MAY 3—

11 a.m.: Home-coming Service. Speaker: Gordon Stirling, Vice-Principal, College of the Bible.

3.5 p.m.: Exchange of photos and reminiscences.

5 p.m.: Great Fellowship Tea for past and present members.

7 p.m.: Gospel Service. Speaker: Gordon Stirling.

TUESDAY, MAY 5—

"Married at Bambra Road."

Chairman: R. C. McKenzie.

Speaker: Dr. Oldmeadow, Chief Medical Officer, Mental Hygiene Authority.

THURSDAY, MAY 7—

Ladies' and Girls' Night

Speaker: Mrs. Barnett, Ladies' Conf. Pres. Soloist: Miss J. Milne.

FRIDAY, MAY 8—

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"Fact and Faith" Films.

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SUNDAY, MAY 10—

11 a.m.: Mothers' Day Service. Speaker: E. J. Miles (former minister).

4.45 p.m.: Mothers' Tea. Speaker: Marion Davis (Women's Hospital).

The men will serve!

7 p.m.: Gospel Service. Speaker: K. Berston (present minister). Special singing.

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August 8-9, 1970

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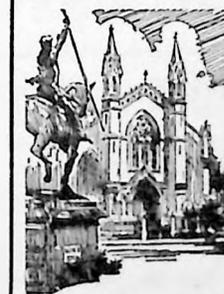
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11 a.m.: Worship—Communion—Preaching.

7 p.m.: Evangelistic — Worship.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### WHERE'S THE MONEY COMING FROM?

To the Editor,

My cousin who goes to Marcion Memorial Church was storming about the minister. He said, "He's always complaining about the collections falling off. But what's he expect? He's the one who's emptying the church by telling everyone that the Church has had it. He's the one who's been saying that prayer makes no difference to God, if we can be sure there is a God! Who wants to support the church when the minister says we're wasting our time in church and fellowship gatherings and that we ought to be out protesting about something?" My cousin paused for breath, and went on. "He never tries to get new people into the church. He says that the new evangelism is to get people out of the church; the new worship is not to find God in church services but to find him in human relationships in pubs and things (but you don't ever mention God) because that would break down the relationships; the new pastoral work is not to visit the flock but to go to the footy and to shows and meet the people there (still not mentioning God of course); and the new morality is great fun!"

Another gasp for breath and on he went. "If the church is a lost cause, why doesn't he give it a quick knock on the head and get another job and not be crying for money all the time? The irony is that those who believe him have gone. Those of us who are left have to listen to all his attacks and then come up smiling and paying? If the church is a lost cause as he says, who wants to give money to a lost cause?"

He still hadn't finished. "Over the road at St. Ignatius they still believe in God. They will believe that when you pray to him you're not talking to yourself. They still believe that it's a good thing to go to church (they've applied to use our empty parking lot). They still think that what the church does on Sundays and the rest of the week is more important than anything else in the world. They even have the idea that what they're doing is sort of eternal. They've got so much money that their finance committee has to meet once a week to devise ways of using it!"

Which all goes to show that my cousin seems to be unhappy with the minister of Marcion Memorial.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

# RESTORING THE NEW TESTAMENT LIFE

By M. H. A. PIEPER

Every facet of the restoration plea made by Churches of Christ is vital.

We are right to seek to restore the teaching of the New Testament concerning conversion as it is outlined by Jesus in the gospels, recorded by Luke in Acts, and emphasised by Paul and others in the epistles. Theological gymnastics at this point serve only to lead us into debates on whether or not God is for "open membership" or, worse still, into compromise with paedobaptist teachings.

We are right also in stressing the need to restore the teachings of the New Testament concerning the organisation and function of the church. I am constantly confronted by people who are either desperately confused or bitterly disillusioned with ecclesiastical monstrosities masquerading as the church.

But we have been gullible, very often, of getting no further. The challenge we constantly face is to give due place to the Spirit-empowered, Christ-controlled life which is the natural evidence of New Testament Christianity. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5: 25).

What then, in more specific terms, is this New Testament life? Broadly speaking, we may say that it covers three areas of experience.

## FAITH

We need faith to come to God and we need faith to go on with God.

This is an unqualified faith. It is the kind of faith that believes and acts upon the stated truth of God's own Word that "with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1: 37). Or again that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3: 20). Gleaning from the translations this verse reads: "God is able to do unutterably more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of through his power which is at work within us."

I have known great joy in experiencing the glorious truths here enunciated, and yet I suppose I have not even scratched the surface of the wealth of God's power! We need an unqualified faith that does not cut God down to the size of our miserable, puny, finite selves. Just one small glimpse of the infinite power of God should result in the kind of un-

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qualified faith so evident in the lives of the triumphant saints of New Testament times.

There is a very instructive word on this point in Hebrews 3: 8-14 where Christians are exhorted to take heed lest there be found in any one an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. It is only as we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end that we are truly made partakers of the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

## SANCTIFICATION

Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul declares, "this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4: 3). This has nothing to do with being made clean from sin. When Jesus said in John 17: 19, "for their (the disciples) sakes I sanctify myself," he wasn't saying that he was cleansing himself from sin, but that he was setting himself apart for the ministry of the cross. He went on to say in that same verse, "that they might be sanctified through the truth." Another word we might use is consecration, and in the experiencing of this area of New Testament life there are two steps involved.

The first step demanded is separation, separation from everything that we are able to recognize as sin. This is the teaching of 1 Cor. 6: 14-18 where we are commanded to steer clear of alliances with unbelievers, unrighteousness, and darkness. Summed up, this simply means that we are not to be "of the world" in any shape or form. Our lives must be absolutely separated from the evil practices of men who are subject to Satan. We also find this same clear teaching in other passages such as Ephesians 5: 11. We are even commanded to reject all that has a look of evil about it! 1 Thess. 5: 22.

The second step in sanctification is dedication. Nowhere in the N.T. is this part of sanctification more clearly described than in Romans 12: 1, 2. Separation is the negative; dedication is the positive, and here it is. Because of God's great mercy towards you, give yourself, a living sacrifice, to him. Not something dead and useless, but something which God can take and use through which to work out his good, and acceptable, and perfect will. This is sanctification!

## WITNESS

What a purposeful part this has in the New Testament life! "We are his witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5: 32), was the bold and uncompromising declaration of Peter and the other apostles. And, for them, this was no arm-chair philosophy. They knew what the word "witness" meant in its deepest sense; it was not just to bear testimony. It also carried for them the very realistic meaning of being martyrs for Christ. Stephen was the first to enter into the deep meaning of this word, and others followed unflinchingly. And in Acts 4: 33 we read that "with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." This sort of experience is normal rather than abnormal when you discover what the life described in the N.T. is all about.

How then, shall we set about to restore it? Our preachers must preach it. Too often there sounds from pulpits the latest commentary on political events or social reform or some other "hot" subject which in itself is important, but fails to lay a solid foundation for Christian living. All of life, and the Christian's relationship to it, is important, but only as the individual is first of all truly related to Christ. The responsibility of restoring the New Testament pattern of life lies also with elders, B.S. teachers and other leaders in the church as they teach it. But that is not all. Those who preach it, and those who teach it, must endeavour to put into practice what is proclaimed—our goal must be to reach it ourselves. This does not mean that by some magic formula we will arrive at a state of perfection individually and collectively, but our sights will be set in the right direction, "stretching forward to the things which are before; straining to reach the end of the race, eager for the prize, God's heavenly summons in Christ Jesus. All of us who are spiritually adult should set ourselves this sort of ambition" (Phil. 3: 13b-15a).

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## INDONESIAN AID FOR YOUTH GROUPS

A national youth programme expected to involve 50,000 young Australians in assistance to Indonesia has been launched by the Australian Council of Churches youth department in co-operation with the Methodist Youth of Australasia.

The programme, named Destination Indonesia, is the second of its kind. Last year a Destination India programme was conducted.

Groups will study Indonesian culture,

politics, religious affairs and community issues and also will raise money to finance aid projects in that country.

The A.C.C. youth secretary, David Parker, said that the programme was expected to raise about \$80,000 for vocational training, education, health and community development projects in Indonesia.

Each youth group which raises \$50 or more towards these projects will nominate one of its members for a free study

tour of Indonesia early next year. Six entrants, one from each State, will be selected to make the tour. Selection will be on the basis of knowledge of Indonesia and suitability as a representative of Australian Christian youth.

Full details of the Destination Indonesia programme are available from Inter-Church Aid offices in all State capitals and from the Youth Department, Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent St., Sydney, 2000 and Methodist Youth of Australasia, 139 Castle-reagh St., Sydney, 2000.

## VIC.-TAS. 105th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, April 26 to Friday, May 1

commences with a

● UNITED GOSPEL WITNESS

in the

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 — ORGAN RECITAL — 7 p.m.

Preacher: LLOYD G. COOKE, of Hobart. Subject: "THE WAY OUT."

Items by Churches of Christ Choral Society and the "Gospellers." Offering for Conference costs and Preachers' Provident Fund.

## ● BUSINESS SESSIONS

NICHOLAS HALL — 150 Lonsdale St., Melbourne

### 1. MONDAY, APRIL 27, 7.30 p.m.

Greetings. Conference Executive report. Devotions. Christian Women's Fellowship report. Focus: Department of Christian Education. Executive motions.

### 2. TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 7.15 p.m.

Focus: Christian Men's Fellowship. Report and recommendation re youth hostel. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: Dr. E. R. KILLMER. Department of Social Service report. Focus: Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. Properties Department report. Executive motions.

### 3. THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 7.15 p.m.

"Abortion" motion. Focus: Overseas Mission Department. Department of Christian Union report. Devotions. "Family Planning and Welfare" motion. Aborigines' Mission Department report. "Decentralisation" motion.

### 4. FRIDAY, MAY 1, 7.45 p.m.

Literature Department report. "Co-opted Members" motion. Devotions. Focus: College of the Bible. INDUCTION OF K. J. CLINTON, incoming president. Election results. Unfinished business. Thanks.

## ● SECTIONAL SESSIONS

RECEPTION ROOM, CHURCHES OF CHRIST CENTRE, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

### 1. MINISTERS' AND SECRETARIES' TEA — MONDAY, APRIL 27, 5.45 p.m.

Tea-table address: Dr. L. V. KIRKPATRICK, World Convention Secretary: "You and the World Convention — Adelaide 1970."

### 2. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE — TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 9.45 a.m., 2 p.m.

MORNING: Panelists, G. K. Moyes, R. H. Patterson, D. E. Stewart, lead in discussion on "Life of and in the Local Congregation." Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick will make a supplementary statement. Business. AFTERNOON: Guest speaker: Rev. GORDON POWELL, of Scots Church. "Communicating the Gospel in the Seventies." Questions and discussion. Business.

### 3. COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE OLD BOYS' CLUB TEA — TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 5.15 p.m.

Annual get-together. Fellowship. Business.

### 4. CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA AND ANNUAL MEETING — FRI., MAY 1, 5.45 p.m.

Fellowship. Business. Election of board. Items. Message. All men welcome. Subscription \$1. Purchase ticket in advance.

### 5. ST. KILDA TOWN HALL — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 10.15 a.m., 1.30 and 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S 84th ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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## Tasmanian Women's Conference

It was Blue Gum Festival in Hobart (March 14-15), the weather was perfect. It was also Tasmanian District Conference, part of which was Tasmanian Women's Conference.

Fifty-six women attended Conference presided over by the president, Mrs. D. Hartam. Mrs. Barnett, Vic.-Tas. President-elect, addressed Conference on her theme for her term of office, "Steadfastly Believing." She also brought greetings from Victorian women.

Conference received with regret the resignation of Mrs. H. Sulzberger who had been Overseas Supt. since 1932 but now owing to ill health was unable to continue. A bouquet of flowers and greetings of Conference were conveyed

to Mrs. Sulzberger by Miss D. Allen (Northern member, Conference Exec.).

Secretary's report revealed that Tasmanian women continued to support Bethany in many ways. They have almost completed furnishing four flats at Bichenor Camp site. They appreciated getting together in camp once a year and their missionary and community involvement is wide.

The treasurer's statement showed that \$2,104 was raised for all purposes during the year.

A short time was spent discussing how future Conferences can be improved.

Mrs. D. Hartam was re-elected President for 1970-71.

## INDIAN IN TASMANIA

(MARGARET ST., LAUNCESTON, L. G. Road). Recent speakers have included Bishop Doralsawmy (India), Principal S. Dinan and C. J. Robinson. . . . 27 ladies joined in a welcome luncheon for Mrs. G. Barnett (President-elect of Vic.-Tas. Women's Conference). Members of C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. have been bottling fruit for Bethany, making souvenirs for World Convention, and preparing dried flowers for Federal Conference.

## BOYS' BRIGADE FEATURED

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). On March 16, Miss Doris Fletcher (Slavic Mission) gave illustrated talk. . . . Church was host to 30 boys and officers from a Sydney Boys' Brigade company. The boys gave displays at Devonport, Launceston and Hobart. They attended church parade on 29th when the guest speaker was W. Ratelli, a former captain of Boys' Brigade Dept. . . . On March 23, C.W.F. joined Uiverstone ladies at a meeting in Uiverstone chapel, guest speaker being Pres. of Women's Conference. . . . G.B. had a camp at Port Sorell. . . . Church extends sympathy to minister in loss of his father.

## THINGS TO COME

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**APRIL:**  
20 Metropolitan Workshop for all S.S. teachers at Maughan Methodist Church.  
25 Study Day conducted by "Sprung Club."  
25 Planned Giving at Mt. Gambier with K. D. Horne.

### VICTORIA

**APRIL:**  
24 D.C.E. East Dist. Youth Programme.  
24-26 Engaged Couples' Camp.  
26-30 Vic.-Tas. Conf.

### QUEENSLAND

**APRIL:**  
16-19 State Conference.

### MAY:

11-15 Tean Ranch, Marburg.  
24 Department Members to Churches.  
29-31 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country.

**WORLD CONVENTION  
ADELAIDE — 1970**

## NEW SCRIPT FOR OBERAMMERGAU

The German Protestant Committee for Service to Israel has urged those arranging the Passion Play at Oberammergau to re-word passages that tend to evoke anti-Jewish feelings in the spectators, in the interests of biblical truth and justice to the Jews.—E.P.S.

## R.C. APPROVAL FOR T.E.V.

Archbishop T. V. Cahill, of Canberra A.C.T., Secretary of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Conference, has announced that Today's English Version New Testament, also known as "Good News for Modern Man," is acceptable by Roman Catholics for distribution at Naturalisation ceremonies.

## VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE PERSONALITIES

★ Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, World Convention Secretary, has endeared himself to many by his presence at and contributions to several Federal Conferences. He will speak at the ministers' and secretaries' tea, and participate in the women's and ministers' sessions.

★ Mrs. R. Muller (Box Hill), will chair the meetings of the Christian Women's Fellowship Conference throughout the day and evening of April 29. Mrs. Muller has endeared herself to the members of the C.W.F. during her presidential term.

★ Dr. E. R. Killmer, former missionary to China and an elder of Thornbury church, will preside over general conference. He will deliver his presidential address, "Christ—Eternal Reality," during the business session on April 28. The doctor's messages have been appreciated by the churches he has visited during his presidential year.

★ Mrs. G. W. Barnett, wife of our Ringwood church minister, will succeed to the C.W.F. presidency following her two-year term as junior and senior vice-presidents.

★ K. J. Clinton is one of our esteemed ministers, a member of Bayswater church and of the College of the Bible

faculty. He will be inducted as president of Conference on May 1.

★ Lloyd G. Cooke, minister of Hobart church, will preach on the subject, "The Way Out" at the united gospel witness which opens Conference in the Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday, April 26, at 7 p.m.

★ Rev. Gordon Powell, minister of Scots Church, Melbourne, will be guest speaker at the ministers' conference. His message, "Communicating the Gospel in the Seventies," should be of intense interest.

★ Mrs. Valerie Main is the wife of a grandson of the late revered Principal A. R. Main. Mrs. Main, a missionary on furlough from India, will speak at the afternoon session of women's conference.

★ Mrs. Kath. Lawton, world president of Christian Women's Fellowship, is a world traveller and one of our most capable women speakers. She is to address the evening session of the women's conference.

★ Others. Yes! YOU and the hundreds of other church members, friends and delegates. Without you there wouldn't be a Conference. So will you be there? We hope you are saying in your hundreds, "We will."

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## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**ONE IN THE WORLD** (From Perth). Having gone west, your editor has been enjoying W.A.'s 80 degrees hospitality. Although there was no opportunity to look over the Aborigines' Missions, or inspect the fabulous iron and nickel areas, there was plenty to see around the capital which is boiling over with exciting projects. New buildings are shooting up, old buildings are coming down, roads and freeways are under construction, there are plans to put the railways underground, and for a population of 600,000 there are more sporting facilities here than anywhere else in Australia.

Bethesda Hospital is also here. This is the only general hospital conducted by our churches anywhere in the world. Even in America, where other churches operate many large hospitals, our churches do not have one.

The West, then, has our churches' only general hospital. It began with the Christian concern and vision of Beryl Hill who served as matron for 25 years before retiring last year. Roy Raymond was the first chairman of the Hospital Board of Management, and Clive R. Burdeu its first secretary. It is amazing how often the name of C. R. Burdeu is found in the development of our brotherhood enterprises. A. D. Pyne is the present Administrator.

Matron Hill was succeeded by Joyce Brand. She is justly proud of her hospital's enlarging ministry. There are 53 beds and a staff of 80. Many of Perth's leading surgeons use the facilities. Last year there were nearly 3,000 patients, 85% of which were there for surgery.

The hospital buildings are at the edge of the Swan River where the Claremont Yacht Club moors its yachts at Freshwater Bay. The buildings alone are valued at \$580,000, and the most modern equipment and the best of nursing services are available for patients, doctors, and surgeons. The most recent addition to the equipment is an X-ray machine which cost \$20,000.

The hospital is self-supporting. Indeed, it is expanding the healing ministry by financing the new hospital to be built in the developing Keram Mission area in New Guinea. Bethesda will also provide \$2,500 a year towards the support of the Nursing Sister who will be in charge of the Keram Hospital. Bethesda is a Christian Hospital, not simply because Matron Brand conducts a daily devotional service over the patients' radio system, or because of the witness given by the small but lovely chapel in the grounds. It is Christian because it is serving the community in response to the call of Christ to care and to heal.

p.s. The W.A. State Conference of Churches of Christ was informed that the men of the West will send a work party to New Guinea in 1971, to build a new Keram Hospital.

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## EASTER CAMPS

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Rolfe). Minister is being ably assisted by associate ministers. F. Langford, who is mainly engaged in pastoral visitation, and G. Strack, who assists with youth programmes. Current membership is 350. . . . Annual business meeting adopted new constitution and the following appointments to Board were made: Elders, J. McCann, J. Minahan, W. Jones; sec., B. Graham; treas., G. S. Daff. At subsequent Board meeting, N. Read was appointed Chairman of Board. . . . Visiting speakers have included missionaries F. Beale and K. Ludgater, also M. Brewer (B. & F.B.S.) . . . Young Adult Fellowship had Easter camp at Warburton and many church families joined in camp at Beechworth, attending Wangaratta church for Sunday worship.

## FAREWELL TO MINISTER

(SWAN HILL, Vic.). Dr. E. R. Killmer, Conf. President, was guest speaker at all services on Easter Sunday. Following the evening service, farewell presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harrison and family as they completed their ministry with the church. R. J. Anderson, en route to Carnarvon, was speaker at services on April 12. . . . Annual business meeting elected elder, W. I. Crowe; deacons, K. A. Anderson, R. D. Hercott, R. H. Rogers, R. N. Anderson, D. F. Scott, E. C. Rogers; deaconesses, Mesdames A. D. Anderson, D. W. Cockerott, N. Henson, C. C. Smith, Miss I. M. Rogers.

## KNOCK-KNOCK

(BRUNSWICK, Vic., M. Gibson). On April 5, church commenced a door-knock campaign to stimulate interest in life of the church. An attractive handbill of invitation to join either the church or Sunday School worship services was handed out. The drive was initiated by the new student minister, Mervyn Gibson, C.O.B.

## A REMINDER TO HOLIDAY PLANNERS

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## COBURG CHURCH (Vic.)

50th

## Church Anniversary

Sunday, May 3, 1970

### SERVICES:

11 a.m. Speaker, Charles Daw, M.A.  
2.45 p.m. P.S.A. and Children's Happy Time.  
5 p.m. Worship. Speaker, Mr. C. Daw.

Buffet Luncheon: 12.45 p.m.  
Afternoon Tea: 4 p.m.  
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## GRANT FOR BOYS' CLUB

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. R. Oakes). Explorer Club received \$50 grant for equipment from the Vic. Govt. Youth Advisory Council . . . C.W.F. entertained guests at Christian Guest Home, with quizzes, quartettes. The minister led devotions . . . At D.C.E. Boys' Clubs' Swim Night, seniors came 10th, Juniors 9th and midjets 4th out of over 30 participating clubs . . . Good Companions shared in D.C.E. picnic at Wattle Park . . . Newly elected Officers' Board has named L. Smith as chairman, H. Taylor, sec., and H. Barnden, treas. . . On third Sunday of each month a discussion time is included in the evening service . . . Executive members of State Men's Fellowship attended men's tea and conducted evening service on March 15. They have decided to form a quarterly men's fellowship.

## BUILDING PLANS ABANDONED

(MILVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams & K. Verge). The M.M.B.W. has rejected a proposal to erect a service station on present church site. This means that plans for a new building on a new site must be abandoned. A special meeting incorporating the annual finance meeting discussed plans to continue and expand the work in the present building. A. L. Fingar was re-elected treasurer. Two working bees have been held to repair leaks in the porch and tower roofs . . . Members attended the combined Good Friday service at Wattletree Road Presbyterian Church. At a further combined service on Easter Sunday evening in our building, Principal E. L. Williams was preacher . . . Errol Holland (formerly of Dimboola) was received into fellowship. Miss Robin Haskell, of Fremantle, W.A., and C.O.B., is assisting Mrs. Verge with Good Companions.

## GIFT OF ORGAN

(RED CLIFFS, Vic., H. Cave). A. J. Brown has made a very generous gift of a lovely Thomas electronic organ which he presented on March 8. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodd and family moved from Robinvale to Red Cliffs where they purchased property . . . Dean Hamilton, Mildura, was speaker on March 15 when district ministers exchanged . . . After Harvest Thanksgiving on March 22, perishable goods were sent to Oakleigh Guest Home, and suitable packaged goods to mission fields.

## DEACON EMERITUS APPOINTED

(NTH. ESSENDON-EAST KEILOR, Vic., R. Hillier & E. Ols). At the annual meeting, D. Floor, and J. McRae were re-elected secretary and treasurer. First deaconess to be elected to the Board are Mrs. F. Funston, Mrs. F. Mason, Mrs. D. Floor, F. Mason was granted life membership of the Board in recognition of his long service as deacon and secretary . . . Ladies are now helping regularly on the service plan . . . Christian Life Curriculum has been received enthusiastically by scholars and staff of both schools . . . Nth. Essendon S.S. cricket team won its first premiership.

## NATIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEEK

★ The National Marriage and Family Week Council has chosen the important theme, "Parents in the New Age" for 1970.

★ Many church and community organisations co-operate in observing the week, May 4 to 10, 1970.

★ A leaflet outlining four practical programmes for groups has been prepared, available from National Marriage and Family Week, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

★ The leaflet states: "Parents need

exactly the same qualities as ever they did—tolerance, tact, diplomacy, patience, truth—only they need more of them, expressed with understanding of trends affecting family life in the 70's."

★ It is hoped that attention will be given to the theme at church services on May 10, and that young people themselves may be involved with adults in the leadership.

★ The chairman of the National Marriage and Family Week Council is Rev. Dr. C. J. Wright.

## MISSION GAINS TEN

(PRAHRAN, Vic., G. Jackel). During a recent mission with White & Coleman, there were 10 responses to the gospel. Happy Hours gained a number of new scholars for the S.S. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. meets regularly at the manse with average attendance of 15. Paul Burnham of C.O.B., assists in youth work . . . Extensive work is being done to church property through voluntary helpers . . . Ladies have undertaken Woman to Woman Evangelism and meet regularly for prayer each week at different members' homes. Home visitation is being planned . . . 16 attend monthly cottage prayer meetings . . . Church has been saddened by the recent death of Mrs. Brady . . . Ian Bunnett is leader of 17 Boy Explorers.

## YORK ST. INCREASE

(BALLARAT, Vic., B. McMurtrie). Mr. and Mrs. McMurtrie, assisted by Miss Mary Pitts, began their ministry recently. Gospel meeting attendances have increased by 100%. Two young women, and a young man, have been received into fellowship. A third young lady made her confession of faith on March 29. There is an after-church fellowship at the manse every Sunday evening . . . The B.S. is settling in with the new teaching material . . . Six students and four leaders attended Easter camp at Hall's Gap . . . Mr. McMurtrie conducted the Combined Good Friday service at Peel St.

## ALLELUIA AT EASTER

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Easter Cantata, "Alleluia," under leadership of E. Hammond was rendered at gospel service prior to combined Good Friday service with the Baptists in our chapel. P. Simmonds (Baptist minister) was speaker and Mr. Grainger presided. . . . 180 visitors joined in J.C.E. highly successful rally at which Pastor Dyer gave gospel message . . . After five months in Fairfield Hospital, Keith Farmer was allowed home for Easter . . . C.W.E.F. visited Warragul Fellowship when S. Sewell was speaker . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tud Gray have been accepted for service in New Guinea by our Overseas Mission Board . . . C.O.B. benefited by Harvest Thanksgiving goods . . . Explorers gained second placing out of 45 clubs at swimming sports . . . Mrs. Thompson congratulated on reaching her 80th birthday . . . Sympathy expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sandells in the sudden death of Max in W.A.

## VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Muller, welcomed 137 visitors and delegates to the April Council meeting.

A Thanksgiving Service was presented by Mrs. Muller with Mrs. Stewart as soloist. Mrs. A. Allison led in Prayer of Intercession.

Mrs. Stafford reported on the Australian Church Women's National Committee Annual Conference held in Melbourne during February which she attended as an observer.

Mrs. May Barnett reported on her visit to Tasmania for the Tasmanian Conference and where she was able to meet with C.W.F. groups.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Muller for her leadership during her year as President.

There will be no Council meeting in May. Next Council will be held on June 5 at 11 a.m.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Secretary.

## THEY SERVE

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic.). Those elected to official board are J. Machin, L. Trezise, R. Wilkie (elders); I. Brandsma, G. Bryant, W. Fordham, B. Marks, W. Paton, J. Tille, F. Whittington (deacons); Mesdames Kempster, Paton, Williams (deaconesses); sec., J. Tille; treas., J. Machin; B.S. Supt., R. Pitches. Membership is now 69. Plans were discussed for alterations to platform area of chapel . . . Sewing group is meeting monthly in church hall . . . M. Humphries is student minister.

## TALK AND EAT

(EAST PRESTON, Vic., A. V. Page). Annual meeting was held on a Sunday and included a basket tea. All officers and leaders were re-elected . . . The new format and curriculum for Sunday mornings is proceeding according to plan and will shortly be reviewed. Attendances have increased in the mornings — no evening services are held . . . Men took part in a combined Easter service in Presbyterian church. Communion was conducted by our minister . . . Some Y.P. attended Easter Camp . . . C.W.F. continue to send parcels to overseas and Aboriginal missions . . . Church shares joy with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harper following their marriage on Easter Eve. Mrs. Harper (formerly Mrs. H. Andrew) has had long and faithful association with the church.

# South Aust.

## LONG B.S. SERVICE

(COWANILLA, S.A., E. S. Thomas). N. Dawson who has been B.S. Supt. for over 12 years, advised that he was unable to continue owing to his duties as incoming President of S.A. Conf. . . . H. Jones was chairman of annual business meeting on March 23 . . . Plans for 1970 include more intensive visitation of both members and non-members. The church will participate in three evangelistic crusades.

## HARVEST TIME

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). A fine display of produce and groceries marked Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 8. Goods were distributed to Christian Rest Home, Morialta Children's Home and Norseman Mission . . . Special Easter services on March 22 included excerpts from Stalner's "Crucifixion." . . . The Methodist and Congregational Churches joined with us in a Good Friday communion service. The Rev. J. A. Cameron was speaker . . . The Florence Cameron Memorial Fund has passed \$300. This fund was established to enable Indian girls to train as nurses.

## ADULT C.I.C. CLASS

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). B.S. has adopted Christian Life Curriculum, and church has arranged to hold adult class each fortnight. Leader, H. E. Greenwood . . . Circuit has replaced church car with later model for minister's use in circuit . . . Combined Methodist and Church of Christ Good Friday service was held in C. of C. building. Rev. Secombe, Methodist, was speaker, assisted by H. E. Greenwood. . . . B.S. Senior and Junior C.E., and Ladies' Fellowship are all active. B.S. has help from two teachers from A.B.I., Victor Harbour.

## THEO EDWARDS PASSES

(S.A.). After much illness over recent months, Theo Edwards died on March 16 . . . At the funeral service, fellow preacher and contemporary, H. R. Taylor, paid tribute to his long years of service to the brotherhood. I. J. Chivell also assisted K. J. Harvey in the service.

## UNGARRA MINISTRY

(S.A., K. Edwards). Farewells have been said to Brian Ricketts and family at a family tea prior to a gospel service when a young man made his decision . . . K. Edwards and family have been welcomed and are settling in. . . . Men attended the circuit men's camp at Redcliffs when I. J. Chivell and B. Coventry were leaders.

## C.I.C. HOUSE PARTIES

(BRIGHTON GARDENS, S.A., K. J. Harvey). Three weeks of meetings in homes concluded with a 50% attendance of non-church families. Response to new C.I.C. materials has been beyond expectations. The Griffin and Fitzgerald families have been received into membership . . . Over 200 gathered at a

recent family service to farewell Jim and Lucy Lester who go to Alice Springs for 12 months serving with a social worker as interpreter. Alice and Hedley Thomas are travelling through the Orient combining business with pleasure. Jeff Guess led a packed youth service recently; new youth after-church programme has received real acceptance . . . Paul Criddle addressed 45 men at breakfast on "Selling the Church." . . . B.S. picnic was held at Loftia Park . . . E. C. Keating is conducting a planned giving programme. . . . Boys' Brigade made \$150 from paper and bottle drive . . . A team of visitors are involved each week in pastoral care.

## MUSIC IN THE MOOD

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., W. N. Bartlett). Proceeds from garden party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Molloy netted over \$70 for Overseas Missions. Mrs. Marie Harrison spoke of mission work in New Guinea . . . C.W.F. enjoyed a talk given by Mrs. Graham White on a recent tour of the Far East. Coloured slides screened by Mr. White were also enjoyed by members of the church . . . Youth service was followed by a Coffee Hour when 150 Y.P. attended. The service was conducted by five local Y.P. assisted by a children's choir, Ron Dix (organist), Mr. Bartlett (preacher) and visiting artists, Mr. Haworth and Mrs. P. Johnson. Artists at the Coffee Hour were P. Johnson, P. MacDonald, P. Searle, E. Haworth and Mrs. P. Johnson.

## GIRLS' WALKALONG

(CLOVELLY PARK, S.A., A. W. Morris). Girls' Brigade held a "Walkalong" which raised \$85 for Girls' Brigade Week . . . C.W.F. were very interested in a talk by a representative of the Police Rescue Squad . . . During the first term of A.C.E. this year, Mr. Moore has been conducting a Lay Institute For Evangelism seminar. Also on these nights, church had a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Rod. Cunningham, on their transfer away and witnessed the baptism of an officer from Woodside Army Camp . . . Visiting speakers have been Mr. Weir (Aborigines Dept.) and Robert Morris (C.O.B.).

## GOING FORWARD

Is the practice of "going forward" scriptural? A survey of 60 evangelical teenagers in Illinois, U.S.A., revealed that 95% dislike the practice. Reasons ranged from "I went forward and nothing happened" to "I was scared." Many said that public invitations repulse and scare visitors and often use too much emotion and manipulation.

## MIXED MARRIAGE RULING

(Germany). Word that the Vatican may soon issue a directive recognizing the validity of a mixed marriage performed by a Protestant minister drew a warm reception from Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Evangelical Church of Hannover, one of six presidents of the World Council of Churches. He said it would be a "turning point" in the mixed marriage controversy, one of the major obstacles to better Protestant-Catholic relations in Germany.—E.P.S.

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**CAVILL (Woolan)**—On March 30 at Bendigo, Vic., to Linda and Graham, a daughter—Janelle Lynda. Sister for Suzanne.

**GAUNSON (Sanderoock)**—To Pat and Bruce, 5 Hocking St., Nambour, Qld., a daughter—Wendy Kathleen.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BALLINGALL - MOODY**—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ballingall, 46 Ouston St., Mosman Park, W.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Julie, to Kevin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moody, 17 Saladin St., Swanbourne, W.A.

**THOMPSON-RIVETT**—Mr. and Mrs. K. Thompson, 21 Moylan St., East Bentleigh, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. B. Rivett, Portland, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Pat and Ken.

### SILVER WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. ASHLIN, 58 Watt St., Kingsville Sth., Vic., give thanks to God for his many blessings, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. They extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byard, Ridgely, Tasmania, also, for their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Both marriages at West Hobart (Tas.) Church of Christ, on April 21 and 19, 1945, R. V. Amos officiating.

**ASHLIN-PEARCE**—Love and congratulations for your Silver Wedding Anniversary on April 21.—From Lynette, Kaye and John.

### PEARL WEDDING

**HASKELL (Crellin)**—Flora and Arthur give thanks to God for thirty years of married life and blessings. The marriage was celebrated at North Williamstown Church of Christ on April 27, 1940, the late Jas. E. Thomas officiating.  
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### RUBY WEDDING

**MURNANE-THOMAS** — With gratitude and thanks to God, Jack and Amy announce the 40th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated on Easter Saturday, April 19, 1930 at Church of Christ, Dawson St., Ballarat, by the late G. T. Fitzgerald.—Present address: 28 Bowen St., Warragul, Vic., 3820.

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### DEATHS

**BROADBENT, Dorothy** (nee Brooker)—On March 18 at hospital, dearly beloved wife of Frank Broadbent, 20 Divett Place, Alberton, S.A., loving mother of Frank and Alan; loved mother-in-law of Elma and Colleen; devoted Ma-Ma of Mark, Michael, Debra, Joanne and Andrew. Aged 62.

**EDWARDS**—On March 16, at 43 Stopford Rd., Hove, S.A., Theo, loved husband of the late Elsie May, and loving father of Naomi (Mrs. Hodges), Ruth (Mrs. Mumme), and Theo; dearly loved grandfather of Lesley and Noni, eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Aged 89 years. "Our loved ones reunited."

**SANDELLS, Laurence Maxwell**—On 30-3-70, at Albany, W.A., dearly loved son of Robert and the late Olive, loved stepson of Dorrie, dearly loved brother of Win and Keith, devoted uncle of Jennifer and Ruth, loved stepbrother of Ron and Barb, Malcolm and Val. Aged 31 years.

**WILLIAMS**—On March 26 at Kaniva District Hospital, Gladys Eileen, dearly loved wife of Edwin, loving mother of Gordon, Leslie, Murray and Stanley; loved mother-in-law of Helene, Hilary and Ruth; loved friend of Glynette; grandmother of Roderick, Karyn, Des-iree, Lynden, Phillip, Mark and Andrew. "In heavenly love abiding."

### IN MEMORIAM

**SUMMERTON, Norman Alfred James**—In loving memory of our son, brother, and uncle, called home suddenly, April 6, 1969. "His presence we miss, his memory we treasure; God did what he thought best, when he took you home to rest."—Inserted by Dad, Jesamond, Desmond, Audrey, Alwyn; brother-in-law of John, Joan, Ben and Grace; nieces and nephews.

**CUTCHIE**—In loving memory of Albert, passed away April 11, 1966.  
—Mary, Janice, Shirley and Barry.

**HINRICHSSEN**—Cherished memories of our devoted parents, parents-in-law, grandparents and great-grandparents; Bessie Olive, who was called home April 25, 1963 and Albert, Feb. 3, 1964. "Always remembered" by all the family.

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Any past members not already invited please contact: E. C. Rogers, 76 Stradbroke Ave., Swan Hill, Vic., 3585.

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Lee Yeaman, Hornsby, N.S.W.

Alice Rutherford, Sharon Mearling,  
Lorraine and Beverly Reid, Paul  
McMurtrie, Kay and Bevan Dunne,  
Mrs. Ryan and Marie, Warrawong,  
N.S.W.

Heien Manning, Brighton Gardens,  
S.A.

Greg. Innes, Lois Crump, Robert  
Barker, Belmore, N.S.W.

### MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harper, from  
Mt. Compass to Balaklava, S.A.

Miss Gwenyth Jacobs from Mt.  
Compass to Windsor Gardens,  
S.A.

Mrs. R. E. Hunt and Graham, from  
Wamboony to Mt. Compass, S.A.

Miss Bronwyn Matthews from Al-  
bert Park, S.A. to Preston, Vic.

Lyn, Barbara and Bronwyn Fitz-  
gerald, from Magill; Neil and Lee  
Griffin, from Glenelg to Brighton  
Gardens, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodd, Judith and  
Alan, from Robinvale to Red  
Cliffs, Vic.

N. Dallinger, from Asquith to Horns-  
by, N.S.W.

Errol Holland, from Dimboola to  
Malvern, Vic.

Miss Lois Carr, from Harcourt to  
Robinvale, Vic.

David and Ruth Johnson, from  
Fort Kembla to Warrawong,  
N.S.W.

Helen Fraser, from Mayfield to  
Hamilton, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKenzie,  
Bruce and Francis, from Ormond;  
Mrs. Standen, from Ivanhoe to  
East Bentleigh, Vic.

Graeme Piedmont, from Chatswood,  
N.S.W.; Ursula Prestwood, from  
Bundaberg, Qld., to Albion, Qld.

Mrs. C. Howlett, from Maryborough  
to Blackburn, Vic.

### MARRIAGES

Valerie Harris to Robert Munson,  
Kensington Park, S.A.

Roma Brereton to Dennis Darling-  
ton, Ungarra, S.A.

Barbara Goldsworthy to Daryl  
Anderson, Kaniva, Vic.

Judith Alexander to Howard Price,  
Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic.

### DEATHS

Mrs. E. E. Pugsley, Snr., Ungarra,  
S.A.

Mrs. Mary Evans, Reginald George  
Baker, Maryborough, Qld.

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### DANDENONG CHURCH (Vic.)

### New Times of Services

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# N.S.W.

## AID FOR BROTHERHOOD

(WAGGA WAGGA, N.S.W., P. French). At half-yearly meeting it was decided to ask the Overseas Mission Board about a further missionary project. The church also voted \$50 to assist brotherhood funds, plus extra 1% of all offerings to help in brotherhood financial crisis. . . . The church continues support of the work at Orange. . . . 22 young people attended Easter Camp at Lake Illawarra. . . . C.Y.F., serving the "Teens," 15 years and over, has average Saturday night attendance of 35. . . . Special services in all Wagga churches on March 14, commemorated 100 years of local government. Wagga church is now 85 years of age.

## SUBSIDY WAIVED

(NTH. SYDNEY, N.S.W., Noel Flint). At the annual meeting gratitude was expressed to the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., for assistance over the past four years, but the church felt it could now go off the subsidy and allow another area to be helped. Harry Palmer and Dennis Foletta were elected as elders to serve with Bob Jones. . . . The church has asked Mr. Flint to extend his present ministry. . . . Misses Helen Ward and Helen La Forrest were welcomed into fellowship. . . . Glen Cue, a first-year Woolwich student, is assisting. . . . Mr. Foletta was elected S.S. Supt. . . . Young people gave \$100 to the Organ Fund. The Thomas organ is greatly appreciated.

# 50 YEARS AGO

April, 1920

To Let. At Chelsea, 2-roomed house, with sleep-out accommodation for 8 or 9, 5 mins. station, shops, beach, no children. £1 a week.

President III. W. C. Brooker, President of Federal Conference, is ill, and will probably not be able to come to Melbourne to preside at the Federal Conf. meetings.

Here and There. The Horsham, Vic., church appeals to the brotherhood for help in clearing off the debt of £400 on the chapel. . . . Two serious accidents befell brethren in the West Moreton circuit, Qld. At Rosevale, Harold Primus was seriously injured; presumably his horse fell and rolled on him. At Marburg, W. Fenny was killed; his horse bolting, threw him with great violence.

Vic. Conference. W. C. Craigie has served 14 years as treasurer and for the second time was appointed Conference President.

Federal Conf. Resolutions: That a fund be established to be used as a Capital or Guarantee Fund for the purpose of Federal evangelism. . . . That the Fed. Exec. Comm. be asked to confer with the Directors of the Austral. Pub. Co., with a view to bringing the institution under the Federal Conf. of Churches of Christ in Aust.

## A. W. STEPHENSON IN MINISTRY

(NORTH TERRANURRA, N.S.W.). A. W. Stephenson commenced a part-time ministry in February, in conjunction with student minister, Ray Smith. Reaching out to non-members has been the keynote to the ministry. . . . 34 men attended Saturday breakfast and fellowship at 7 a.m. . . . Girls' and Boys' Brigade held quarterly church parade. The student minister visited every home of S.S. scholars. . . . A Parents' Dedication service was conducted on a Sunday

afternoon and the B.S. picnic was at Clontarf. . . . Young people conducted a gospel service followed by a coffee hour in "Daniel's Den." Several youths with no former church affiliation attended. . . . Attendances at 9.15 a.m. worship service have averaged 108. . . . David Verec is again worshipping with us and has resumed work after illness; Mrs. Margaret Morris is home after major surgery; Mrs. Beth Hore is still hospitalised.

## MISSION AT TAREE

(N.S.W., L. E. Wylie). The Community for Christ Campaign, March 10 to 15, concluded on a note of stimulating interest. The minister of the Wollongong church, D. W. Mansell, was the evangelist and was supported by Miss Betty Hareus, a former artist with the Christian Broadcasting Association as soloist. Over 170 were present for the final message. The campaign was preceded by a two and two visitation team of 14. In this a helpful ministry was given before the meetings commenced. There were six decisions. The thankoffering gifts received at the final meeting together with the usual offering for the Sunday amounted to \$350. Opportunity was taken at the final service to express thanks to Mr. Mansell and Miss Hareus. The church is most grateful to the Wollongong congregation for the release of their minister.

## "ALL-AGE" BRINGS INCREASE

(TELOPEA, N.S.W., B. H. White). The recent introduction of a programme combining All-Age Christian Education with an abbreviated worship service has resulted in a significant increase in attendances. The whole church meets at 9.30 for 45 minutes of prayer, Bible study and discussion. They then come together for worship which includes a 10-minute message and the Lord's Supper. The whole programme ends a little after 11 a.m. Studies are prepared by the minister and the leaders are familiarised with the study notes each Wednesday night. . . . Boys' Brigade (No. 2) led by Captain Alan Senter, has an average of 30 per night. . . . The new church secretary is Frank Stimson. . . . Plans are being made to repaint the church building. . . . At a recent Missionary service \$164 was given to Sister Dawn Campbell to purchase a clinical microscope for her work in Nepal. Most of this was raised by the Ladies' Fellowship. . . . Kevin Rankin, a student at Woolwich Bible College, has come back to us for this year as the student assistant minister.

## CALLED TO GILGANDRA

(N.S.W.). I. R. Martin has accepted the call to the ministry in Gilgandra. . . . The church has been saddened at the death of D. J. Butler. He was a pioneer member of the church at Gilgandra and had a distinction of being the oldest resident in the town. . . . The following were elected at the annual business meeting: Elder, W. Quayle (secretary) and W. Mudford (treasurer).

## U.S. MINISTER AT BEXLEY NTH.

(N.S.W.). Jack Regouby has accepted appointment as full-time minister with the church. He studied at the Mid-West School of Evangelism, Iowa, and the Preacher Training School at Oregon. He was ordained in 1956 and served churches in Iowa and Colorado. He was Youth Director and Music Minister of the Christian Church, Colorado, 1964-1969. The Regouby family are a musical group for which Mrs. Regouby acts as pianist. They gave a family item at their official welcome at Bexley North. . . . There have been four baptisms over three Sundays. . . . On March 15, boys from Dunmore House were entertained for tea. Gifts from the Harvest Festival were accepted by Mr. Dalton, the Supt.

## TO ASSIST PRESIDENT

(WOLLONGONG, N.S.W., D. W. Mansell). Roger Clarke, final year student at Woolwich Bible College, has been engaged as assistant to the minister, and particularly for the time of Mr. Mansell's term as president of State Conference. . . . Meetings are still conducted at Nowra each Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the C.W.A. Hall, Berry Street, Nowra. Church members travelling through the area are welcome to attend for communion and worship service. For details in Nowra, contact Max Smith, 10 Junction St., Nowra, N.S.W. 2540.

## EASTER CAMP

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). R. Bartholomew conducted the Good Friday morning service which was well attended. A Y.P. camp was held at Coal Cliff over the Easter week-end under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield. There were 43 campers. In the absence of the minister the speakers were Messrs. Alerby (Hornsby) and R. Stocks (Pendle Hill). A teenage lass was baptized on March 15. Y.P. conducted the gospel service on the 22nd.

## UPLIFT AT WARRAWONG

(N.S.W., R. Aitken). The small membership of about 40 active members has been greatly encouraged and strengthened by 11 additions in recent weeks. Two were transferred from a local denominational church and nine were added by faith and obedience. Three more have confessed Christ and are awaiting baptism. . . . At the annual meeting plans were made to extend the building for greater convenience. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Aitken are resident in the manse, Mr. Aitken attending Woolwich during the week.

# Victoria . . .

o VIC.-TAS, D.C.E.

## NEW ASSOCIATE

(RED HILL, Vic., J. Turner). Doug. Smith is associate minister. He and Mrs. Smith have been welcomed. Apart from preaching, Mr. Smith has actively associated himself with the B.S. and C.Y.F. . . . Three ladies attended the Monbulk Missionary Camp. . . . On March 22, G. Grainger, of Box Hill, was guest speaker for the church anniversary. After luncheon at church, Mrs. Grainger told of the Opportunity Shops assisting Social Services Dept. In the afternoon, members, with visiting artists, presented a musical programme.

## SUCCESSFUL CATERING

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). The ladies' catering committee has raised \$900 since it commenced last year. All their own equipment has been paid for and \$400 presented to the Board to reduce the debt on the hall. . . . A car rally and church picnic was held on March 9. The rally winner was the church secretary, A. Kneec. . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Mornington. . . . The C.M.F. has drawn up a syllabus for the year. . . . C.E.W.F. had a demonstration of wigs and wiglets. . . . A tape-recorder has been purchased and morning services will be taped for replaying to "shut-ins."

## VISITING CHAPLAIN

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). Guest speaker on March 15 was Chaplain Denby Holmes of the Army Apprentices' School, Balcombe, Vic. "Believers Incorporated" of the Reservoir church, provided items. After the service Chaplain Holmes was guest of Young People's Club. . . . Two films, "Saloon Today" and "Indonesia Today" were screened on March 22. We were indebted to the Thornbury church for providing a projector and projectionist. An offering of \$21 was received for relief through Vision International.

## NEW STUDENT MINISTER

(THE PATCH, Vic., W. Condon). A fellowship and musical evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker enabled members to welcome our new minister, W. Condon, of the C.O.B. . . . J. Shaw, of Doncaster, was guest speaker at church anniversary. . . . Scholars shared in morning service on March 15 and received their prizes. . . . C.L.C. material is being used in the school. . . . Various member participation features are being introduced at 7 p.m. services. . . . C.W.F. general meeting and election of office-bearers was held on March 25.

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★ Sixty boys plus leaders attended Junior-Hi Canvas Camp at Eppalock on a weekend in mid-March.

★ The first Young Adult function for the year was a barbecue and hayride at

Principal E. L. Williams' farm. Over 100 attended.

★ 250 young people registered for "Exodus"—a gathering of country and city young people. Three trains were chartered to convey them to the various venues of activity.

★ On April 7, 40 attended a meeting of Churches of Christ students studying at universities and other tertiary institutions. It commenced with an evening meal the cost of which has been donated.—R. McKenzie (Director).

# West. Aust.

## GIRLS FORM BAND

(SUBIACO, W.A.). Following the visit of the Greenford Girls' Band from England in 1969, the Subiaco company has formed its own band. 20 girls attend regular practice as well as their own Brigade night. They now have six trumpets and are working to buy their own drums.

Nola Althorpe leaves on April 13 to attend the International Pantomime at Singapore University. 15 Australian girls

## HELP FOR PARAPLEGICS

(SUBIACO, W.A., J. A. Manallack). The C.W.F. began the year with an evening on Paraplegics and collected funds to send entrants to the Para Games. Mother Michaela from the Home of the Good Shepherd told the morning group of work with girls from broken homes. They are assisted through school and into jobs. Many of the girls are regular members of our C.Y.F. . . . Chas. Nelson directed the choir in the cantata, "Faith Triumphant." Organist was Ron. Raymond and soloists were Mrs. G. Marshall, Mrs. L. Hogben, Mrs. H. Furr, E. Walters and R. Gething. . . . "Man for All Seasons" was screened as a pre-Easter film. . . . The church is being renovated by volunteers led by Fred Bowen.

## STRONG WITNESS

(NOLLAMARA, W.A., D. Nelson). Over 300 have been attending the gospel services. This has necessitated meeting in the large hall on site. There have been 25 recent decisions for Christ. Most were from university-level students. Application has been issued to local shire for chapel extensions, but satisfactory permission seems unlikely owing to present maximum building accommodation already erected on property. . . . Our minister, Des. Nelson, has received many calls for preaching appointments at interstate conventions, youth camps and missionary conventions. The church is giving serious consideration to engagement of an assistant minister to help alleviate the pressure on resident minister. . . . Both Boys' and Girls' Bri-

will attend this week-long training camp for Brigade officers and girls. Nola raised her own money for air fare and expenses with help from the Subiaco Company which held a 12-hour "ping-pong-athon" and raised \$100. Before returning home Nola will tour Malaysia.

Merrilyn Blakemore, another Brigadier, won the "W.A. Sunday Times" Youth Travel Scholarship for 1970. This includes air fare to and from the region chosen for the scholarship project. In Merrilyn's case it is Europe. The scholarship is valid for 12 months. She will make London her base, but will spend three months in Sweden to study youth work, and the influence of drugs and alcohol.

gades are growing weekly. The Company has the largest membership in W.A. . . . 300 children attended B.S. picnic at Wanneroo Showgrounds. . . . Ladies who attended the State Women's Convention at Araluen were challenged by the messages by Mrs. Feschuk, of Sydney. . . . Mrs. K. Ludgater from the New Hebrides, spoke at Youth Tea and showed slides of work following gospel service.

## DRUG TESTIMONY

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., M. Humphries). Vern Gardner (C.O.B.) took part in an Easter service, and after-church C.Y.F. Coffee Lounge. He spoke of the seriousness of the drug habit. Part of his testimony was a recent day miracle. . . . Mrs. Edna Webster is home after being in hospital.

## EASTER & GRAPE HARVEST

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). Combined service with United Church, Good Friday, was chaired by E. K. Morrison with P. A. McGregor as speaker. As folk were busy with the grape harvest attendances were lower. . . . Sixteen young people attended Easter Camp at Hill's Gap including one from Bureage, N.S.W., and Pyramid Hill. . . . The visitation programme has strong and vital support. . . . For Sunnyside Ministers' Exchange on March 15, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cave, of Red Cliff, visited Robinvale. E. K. Morrison attended Marbin. . . . Minister sharing in a series of films and discussion with Fern 5 of local High School on "Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking."

# QLD. C.W.F. AT "CAMP CAL."

From mid morning on March 12, 1970 campers arrived at "Camp Cal." There were campers from Dalby in the west, Southport in the south, Bundaberg in the north and from the "in between" areas from Toowoomba to Hervey Bay.

The subjects for study were "The Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit" and "Contact in Soul Winning." The "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Session was stimulating. All agreed that PRAYER has priority in Christian living.

Camp Cal. Capers in the evening left Graham Kennedy's I.M.T. programme in the shade. What talent! What courage! What cheek!

In the grey dawn on Sunday morning, walking in two's and three's, women made their way to the sea, to watch the sunrise in radiant splendour. A lonely fisherman in his little craft out yonder could have heard the singing:

"As of old Apostles heard it by the Galilean Lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for His dear sake."  
"Sunrise by the Sea," where prayer was wont to be made.

Words are insufficient to describe the communion service in the open-air

chapel. In reverence the worshippers sat beneath a sky of azure blue—the silence being broken only by a magpie warbling, and the tiny birds chirping as they flitted from branch to branch on the bottle brush trees. This spot was sacred ground, and for a while the area was turned into a sanctuary where the presence of God was felt as the solemn words of Jesus were uttered "do this in remembrance of me."

The Woman to Woman Evangelism hour moved women to tears as the challenge of this mission gripped them, testifying how God had spoken to their hearts—causing them to feel the pressure of the nail pierced hands of Christ.

Five "gentle giants" (male cooks) made a tremendous contribution to the success of the camp, by their diligent supervision in the kitchen, and their "on time" service of goodies. Diets were forgotten.

The exodus on Sunday afternoon was speedy, as each camper waved goodbye with the camp theme chorus ringing in her heart—

"Lord lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me.  
Help me by faith to play my part,  
To win that soul for Thee."

## MINISTRY TO TERMINATE

(MARYBOROUGH, Qld., T. H. Ede & F. L. Van Lnar). T. H. Ede has advised that he will be terminating his ministry at the end of this year to enable elders sufficient time to arrange his replacement. . . . J. Hunting (Jewish Evangelical Witness) addressed 600 in the City Hall on the Middle East . . . C.Y.F. has regular attendance of over 50. Three C.E. groups also have over 90 attending, many being picked up in the Church Gospel Express (Kombi van) . . . The church was saddened by the tragic death of Miss Heselwood who was knocked down by a car while being picked up for bowls at Fair Haven . . . Tenders are being called for the New Children's Home to cost about \$22,000 and house 10 children under care of foster parents . . . At induction of 1970 officers, C. W. Hamann and H. H. Onkley were elected Elders Emeritus. E. L. Wiltshire was also elected to the Elders' Board which meets separately from the Deacons' Board . . . Daily Bible Studies on Romans are distributed to 180. The same studies are also used at Thursday prayer and Bible Study meetings.

## VICTORIAN TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

The Annual Conference of the Vic. Temperance Alliance will be held in the Auditorium, Methodist Church Centre, 130 Little Collins St., Melb. Wed. April 29 commencing 10 a.m. The H. R. Francis Memorial Lecture will be delivered at 2 p.m. by Dr. J. M. Santamaría, Physician in Charge, Alcoholism Clinic, St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne.

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## EGGS BY THE DOZEN

(ALBION, Qld., B. Benz). J.C.E. egg appeal yielded 13 dozen eggs for the Aged Christians' Home at Burdeu House. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Benz have visited most members in their homes. Attendances at services have been well maintained. A large number of young people attend and take part in Sunday evening services. . . . Peter Whitnall showed slides of his work on missions in the New Hebrides. . . . About 100 visited the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horne, Glasshouse Mountains, for barbecue and fellowship. Mr. Benz gave brief address and took part in an outdoor musical programme.

## NEW LEADERS

(ROMA, Qld., D. H. Paddon). The Junior-Intermediate C.E. Society celebrated its first anniversary on March 13. Mr. and Mrs. Paddon who commenced the C.E. a year ago, have handed over the leadership to Mr. and Mrs. Alec Waldron. They will be assisted by Edden Waldron and Miss Janice Guyatt. . . . The ground is being prepared for the erection of a new manse . . . Syd Ritchie of the Qld. Temperance League, conducted after school Sunshine Hour meetings on a combined basis. . . . The chapel exterior has been painted by voluntary workers. . . . A combined after-church prayer meeting, organised by the Roma Ministers' Fraternal, was conducted by the minister in our chapel on March 22.

## ALLAN WEBB LEAVES CAMP HILL

(Qld.). On March 22 the S.S. anniversary singing was led by Miss Gay Spencer. The children received their prizes from Mr. Webb who was also guest speaker. Julie Webb, Bronwyn and Bruce McLucas, Kay and Ross Barfield received extra book prizes for 100% attendance.

The Boys' Brigade had tea at the church prior to their enrolment service.

215 people attended. It was the final service of Mr. Webb's 4½-year ministry. There were two baptisms and two declarations. At an informal supper after church Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Julie and Graham were farewelled as they left to take up a ministry at Swanston St., Melb.

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## OBITUARY

### Alexander Cleveland ALCORN

Mr. Alcorn died very suddenly in the Rockhampton General Hospital on March 24. He was born at Boonah, Qld. in 1892. In 1914 he married Emily Sarah Burns. His trade as a master baker took him to many towns. However, his life as a Christian was mainly with the churches at Maryborough and Rockhampton. As no baptism was available in the Boonah district at the time, Mr. Alcorn was baptized in Tiviot Creek and since that time, 62 years ago, he has faithfully served his Lord. At the Maryborough church in Queensland he served as deacon, elder and chairman of the Board for many years. During his retirement he and his wife endeared themselves to the members of the William St. congregation in Rockhampton. We extend our Christian sympathy to his wife, his son Clive and family (Mackay, Qld.) and his daughter Alexia and family (North Mead, N.S.W.). The writer conducted his funeral service from the William St. chapel, Rockhampton, on March 26.—B. M. Nowitzke.

### Mrs. Dorothy H. BROADBENT

Our sympathy and prayers are for the family of Mrs. Dorothy H. Broadbent who died on March 18, 1970 after much suffering and a most severe illness at the age of 62 years. Mrs. D. Broadbent spent a life-time in the Queenstown (S.A.) church. As the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Brooker, a very much loved and esteemed minister of the Queenstown church, she came into the church as a child. She was baptized at the age of 14 with five other young people, some of whom are at Queenstown today. Her love for Christ and his church occupied a central position in her life. She was well known, loved and respected in the church and in the community outside the church. To many she was a very real friend. To her family she is forever a most precious mother, wife, sister, and mother and sister-in-law, indeed.

—G. Selsman.

### P. W. BROOKER

Our sympathy and prayers are for the family, relatives and friends of P. W. Brooker who died on March 28, 1970, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Brooker was baptized at the Hindmarsh (S.A.) Church of Christ. He was a B.S. teacher and a deacon for many years. He transferred his membership to Semaphore in 1942 where he became a Life-Deacon in the church. He was a man of a quiet and strong faith. He was always ready to help others in need. Our memory of P. W. Brooker is that of a humble and a good man.—G.S.

### Mrs. Elizabeth PUGSLEY

The church at Ungarra (S.A.) lost a mother and grandmother when Mrs. Eva Elizabeth Pugsley died in Tumbay Bay Hospital on Jan. 15. All Ungarra church members, which includes the majority of her family, loved and respected her. She was born Eva Elizabeth Olston, at Mackay, S.A., in 1888 and moved to Eyre Peninsula with her parents in 1902. There she later married her late husband,

Frederick A. Pugsley. The family took up land in the hundred of Moody in the Ungarra district in 1921. This is still owned by a member of the family. She and her husband became members of Ungarra church during a mission held there by the late Chas. Hunt in 1936. Mrs. Pugsley was minister. Mr. Pugsley died in 1954. She maintained her pioneering spirit throughout her life and was faithful to her Lord and his church. She was president of the Ladies' Guild for a record number of years and remained keen and active until the last. Sympathy is extended to the family who are all active Christians in the district.—F.J.L.

### Fred REEVES

Fred Reeves died on Jan. 26 as the result of a heart attack. Born at Stroud, he accepted Christ at the age of 14 at Wingham under Mr. Crossman's ministry, moved to Lismore where he married Lorna Walker, and then to Newcastle where a lasting tie was forged with the Georgetown (N.S.W.) church. It wasn't long before the brethren saw the dedication of this man and he took up the treasurer's task in 1953, a position he held until 1967. Fred was a quiet, unassuming man, loved by all not so much for the great deeds he did, but for what he was and how he lived Christ. He was a "ministering spirit" to the preacher, to the needy, to his work-mates. His gracious and kindly spirit, and happy smile revealed Christ in him and through him. His end came after a brief stay in hospital. To the sorrowing loved ones we extend our loving sympathy.—D.P.H.

### Mrs. Sebra Edna SMITH

Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hermann, of Albion church who were best known as leaders of Queensland's Overseas Mission Committee for over 40 years. The mantle of her parents fell on her for she had been treasurer of that committee since her parents passed away. Mrs. Smith, known generally as Sebra, had several interests: she was treasurer of the Qld. churches for 13 years; secretary of the World Day of Prayer for five years. During the last three years of her life she was employed in the office of our Social Service Committee. She was a very capable one day before she died. Mrs. Smith frequently used her car to transport old people of our Home in Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, to church and outings. She came to Albion church with her parents in 1911, the year the church was founded. For years she taught in the Bible School and was church organist in the earlier days. Mrs. Smith died peacefully at her home, 34 Alton Terrace, The Gap, Brisbane, on March 19, 1970, and was privately cremated at Albany Creek. Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband and three sons, Noel, Kevin and Graham.—C.R.B.

### Albert Thomas TULLY

Mr. Tully was a member of the Doncaster (Vic.) church for 70 years. The esteem in which he was held was evident in the representative number attending the funeral service on Feb. 12. His death at the age of 84 brought relief from pain from which he had suffered for the past six years. Albert Tully loved Christ and he loved the church. A member of the Board of Management, choir leader for 40 years and a trustee of the church. He will be remembered

for his good humour and kindness. There are many within the church who are related to this man and the quality of their lives is testimony to his influence and living. His father, John Tully, was President of the Vic. Conference in 1918. In 1910 Albert Tully married Hilda Petty and this year would have completed 60 years of a happy marriage. Because of sickness over many years he had been unable to attend services, but he maintained his interest in the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tully have been outstanding in their work and witness. Their ministry has been continued in the work of their family within the church; Russell, Gilbert and Albert (Bunt) serving within the church school, on the Board of Management and in the choir. They have also been involved in leading the building programme. A daughter, Joyce (Mrs. Sharp), is a member at Balwyn and within that fellowship has given outstanding devoted service. Mr. Tully's passing brought grief and sadness, but it also brought joyous satisfaction for a life given in the service of Christ and his church.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

Local churches throughout Australia are being asked to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from May 7 to 17, 1970 (Ascension to Pentecost). The theme is "We are fellow workmen for God."

Material for use in the observance is available from the Week of Prayer Committees in all States.

Suggestions for ministers and other leaders:

1. The week should be used as a time to review the commitment of our churches to unity and mission.
2. Perhaps the week provides opportunity to draw attention to the needs for reconciliation in the local community as well as among Christians.
3. The basic reason for the Week of Prayer is so that Christians may all be renewed in prayer together.
4. In some areas, churches have found it helpful to arrange a common meal at some point during the observance. In others, people attend each other's Communion services.
5. In recent years, many people have felt that instead of a common meal, a fast is more appropriate as a means of showing their unity with the starving and under-privileged of mankind.



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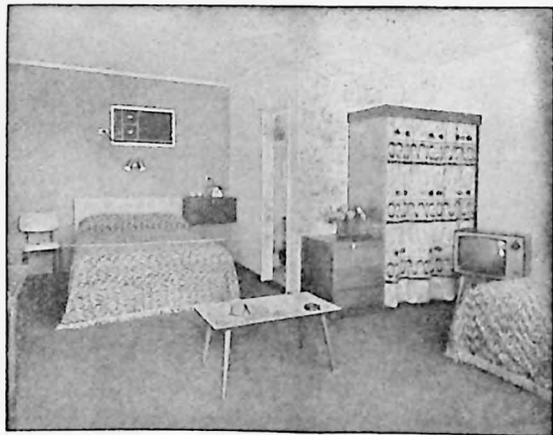
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## BOOKS

### "THE STRATEGIC GRASP OF THE BIBLE"

By J. Sidlow Baxter. (Zondervan). \$7.20.

Dr. Baxter, who was born in Sydney, is a conservative Bible scholar whose international fame is growing. This book is a wide view of the Bible, showing its unity and its basic message. He argues that there is a clearly defined structure in the scriptures. He says, for example, that the Pentateuch, "those first five books of Moses not only give us a synoptic retrospect covering the first 2,500 years of human history; in their main features they set forth what has been called 'the order of the experience of Gods' people in all ages.' In Genesis we see ruin through the sin of man; in Exodus redemption through the blood of the Lamb; in Leviticus communion on the ground of the atonement; in Numbers, direction during pilgrimage . . . in Deuteronomy, renewed and completed instruction." (p. 99).

"Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, are the Pentateuch of the New Testament. The Book of Acts is the N.T. Deuteronomy. Strikingly enough both Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the O.T., and Acts, the fifth book of the N.T., are records in which God gives his people a second chance." (p. 318). These examples may give an exaggerated impression of the mechanical unity Baxter finds in the Bible, but it does fairly express his conception of its spiritual unity. The author's two main divisions are not mechanical and spiritual but "Mainly Architectural" and "Mainly Dispensational." Relating to the first, he says of the N.T., it "consists of five historical books, making a solid five-fold slab of basic fact beneath our feet. Then, rising up on each side, like two beautifully wrought pillars, are the nine Christian Church Epistles and the nine Christian Hebrew Epistles; and these two nine-fold pillars are connected and arched by the Four Pastoral Epistles, the whole making a symmetrical archway of truth into the Church of Christ and the Kingdom of God." This summary, like the structure of Matthew (The Tenfold Message, The Ten Miracles, The Ten Reactions) is not simply coincidental or an exercise in mnemonics, they reflect Baxter's view of the way the Bible was planned or structured.

The Dispensational section of the book is a study of the meaning of "The Kingdom of God" and contains a defence of the 1,000-year reign of Christ upon earth. Baxter declares that all history is foreplanned, and he says that the millennium is clearly a part of that planning. "The Israel theocracy shall at last be actualised (and) integrated in a completely global Christocracy.

### "THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH"

By S. M. Lockridge (Zondervan). \$2.20.

Dr. Lockridge is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California. A negro, he is one of the most outstanding spokesmen of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions of America. He is in frequent demand as a speaker.

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### "JOHN THE BAPTIST AS WITNESS AND MARTYR"

By Marcus L. Loane (Zondervan). \$2.30.

John the Baptist was the child of Divine promise, whose birth, like that of Jesus, had been announced to his parents by the Divine messenger.

The preparation for his ministry was the lonely and hard life of the desert. He called the Jewish populace to repent

of their sins and be baptized in preparation for the coming Messiah.

Among those coming for baptism was Jesus.

John pointed out Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." To many questions as to whether or not he himself was the Messiah, John gave a resounding denial. His relation to Jesus was not that of Bridegroom, but rather that of Bridegroom's friend.

Crises came when John condemned the tetrarch Herod for taking for himself his brother Philip's wife. He was imprisoned in the fortress of Machaerus.

John in his prison fell into doubt and sent two of his disciples to ask whether or not He was indeed the Messiah. But Jesus swept all his doubts away in a tremendous eulogy of John without equal in Scripture.

So doom hastened on. In an orgy, Herod, inflamed by the dancing of Herodias' daughter, swore to give her what she wished, and she demanded, at her mother's behest, the head of John the Baptist on a charger.

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### "ALL THE TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS OF THE BIBLE"

By Herbert Lockyer. (Zondervan). \$5.40.

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The book also contains descriptions of religious occupations such as those of minister, pastor, priest, elder, bishop, and deaconess.

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**HARVEST FOR HOMES**

(CARNEGIE, Vic., M. Glezendanner). The large quantity of goods displayed for the Harvest Festival was given to the Homes at Murrumbidgee . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Carrum . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Miles and family in the death of her sister, Miss Joy Eaton . . . Ladies attended the seminar at Monbulk . . . Easter services were combined with the Methodist church . . . Mrs. Allan Mudge has entered hospital for surgery.

**C.L.C. CAUSES OVERCROWDING**

(BURWOOD, Vic., G. J. Lord). Because of the new Christian Life Curriculum it is increasingly difficult to house the S.S. and three groups are meeting in private homes . . . E. C. Keating addressed the church in preparation for the 1970 Programme of Evangelism . . . Bill Tabernee spoke at the first guest service. He and his wife sang duets . . . The Board now comprises the minister, five elders, seven deacons and four deaconesses . . . Many pairs of shoes have been collected for the Camberwell Kiwiana Club for children who have none . . . Good Companions' attendance exceeds 80 and Explorers have 120 — the largest in Victoria. Midgets came first in recent swimming contest.



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**C.W.F. MISSIONARY CAMP**

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loway. This session proved a very challenging experience. An hilarious "Night at the Theatre" was organised and produced by Mrs. O. Monish, with all campers as members of the cast. Early morning Quiet Times, and the Sunday Morning Communion Service led by Mrs. Heard, were times of inspiration and re-dedication. Mrs. Betty Ryall, on furlough from India, presented the Bible Studies on the Sunday morning, with Mrs. Win Beale, and Mrs. Shirley Ludgater bringing messages from the Mission Field.

—Helen J. Hall.

**SECRETARY RETIRES**

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). Charles Dahl has retired after 27 years' faithful and effective service as church secretary. He has been succeeded by Gordon Lee . . . The Good Companions raised \$20 for their project when they held an Hawaiian Cabaret. Their leaders are Lynette and Glenys Lee . . . Carl Moeckel was baptized on March 22. After church the members farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Smith. Doug has entered the College of the Bible.

**FAMILY SERVICE**

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). B.S. scholars and their parents joined with church members in a family service on March 15. At monthly youth service F. Archer was song leader with W. Galletly at the electronic organ. Three young people made decisions . . . The young people attended the Sunday Sing Out at the Camberwell Town Hall . . . Three ladies attended Missionary Camp at Monbulk . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale from New Guinea were present on March 22. Mr. Beale spoke to the church . . . The three team captains took part in a tennis club church parade service. After church there was fellowship and discussion in the church hall . . . Sympathy is expressed to the McGregor family in the death of Mr. McGregor's father.

**VISITORS FOR COFFEE**

(ASHBURTON, Vic., Malcolm Gray). Led by our student minister, Paul Holmes, and C.Y.F. president, Bruce Robinson, 17 young people welcomed the Hartwell group for an after-church coffee.

**STAINER AT HARTWELL**

(Vic., M. J. Savage). On Palm Sunday, Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered by combined choirs of Hartwell C. of C. and Burwood Congregational Church. Soloists were Messrs. John Cockerill and Eric Hancock with Rex Cleland, organist. Mrs. D. Willing, choir leader and Rev. R. Alexander, Congregational minister, assisted . . . A special communion service was held on Good Friday and on March 29 the school and church shared a family service at 10 a.m. . . . On the 15th, car drivers from the church took folk from "Emmas" and Christian Guest Homes for drive through the hills to Montrose where afternoon tea was served. The outing was organised by F. Haycraft.

**YOUTH FEATURED**

(BAYSWATER, Vic., M. D. Keatch). A service conducted by the young people was indicative of the youth potential in the church . . . Explorers acquitted themselves well at the State Swim Night in Richmond Baths . . . A family service preceded by a cup of tea and period of hymn singing was conducted by Daniel Hills . . . Mrs. Frank Beale visited the S.S.

**TOP OF THE HITS**

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). A Hymn Hit Parade was held on March 15. Leading the Top Ten was the Shepherd Psalm . . . 30 young people camped at Lake Wartook in the Gramplains over Labour Day weekend . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods were sold to benefit Bethany Boys' Home . . . Mrs. Michie died on March 9 . . . "C" Grade tennis team won the grand final.

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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

**Much to Pray About**

Last week John Bolton, and Bill Bull from the New Hebrides, made a trip up to Gokto in the Schraeder Ranges. This was Bill's first look at the area where he will be working. Two of the workmen from Bunapas also went up and they are still there and are working with the Gokto people in building a home and another general purpose building for Janette and Bill. John and Bill were able to help them to get started and will go back a little later to assist if necessary. Some materials were taken in but more had to be obtained from the bush. The Gokto people made a great feast for Bill, Bill and Janette also spent time with John and Joyce Bolton before returning to Mul.

This week marks the start of a new venture. Eleven men from the Keram area are coming across to Asau where they will be trained to teach Pidgin

weaker and weaker and it seems that his mind started to wander and he passed quietly away. Quite a crowd gathered and he was buried early the next morning. He was buried before I knew anything about it. Some folk arrived for the funeral after he was buried.

You may remember that I mentioned Eremit visiting the lower Ramu River area while he was on vacation from Christian Leaders' Training College. He arrived at Minung just after they received news of the death of one of the Minung men in Madang. God had certainly chosen the time and Eremit was a tremendous help to them all. As a result about 30 folk (a cross section of the village) have asked for more instruction in the Christian way of life. Six from here have just completed a course of instruction and have expressed a desire to go all the way. Pekene, an ex-school boy and a Christian, has been meeting each day with them.

In the Pir area about 40 have asked for further help. This is also a cross section of the village. Here Ndeke, an ex-school boy and a Christian, has been having a meeting with all that wanted to come each Monday night.

We learned at lunch today that one of the work boys at Bunapas, Kauke, from Dibu, one of the villages up from Chungribu, has come asking for help to learn more of the Christian way of life. At the prayer meeting held each Friday night at Bunapas the Christians have been praying for Kauke and so they can see the answer of their prayers.

John and Evelyn Friebel are now in Port Moresby. They will be there for six months as John does a special teacher's course. Carol Newman, a voluntary worker, would also appreciate your prayers. She will be with us for twelve months assisting in the medical work. She will be staying at Bunapas while she learns Pidgin English and New Guinea medicine.

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"He's awfully worried about his son, poor fellow."

"Why, what's he got?"

"The car."

**BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET**

**G** was a garden, a favourite resort. (John 18).

**H** was a city where David held court. (2 Sam. 2).

**I** was a mocker, a very bad boy. (Genesis 21).

**J** was a city preferred as a joy. (Psalm 137).

**K** was a father whose son was quite tall. (1 Sam. 9).

**L** was a proud one who had a great fall. (Isa. 14).

(Last issue's answers: Ahasuerus, Belshazzar, Caleb, Deborah, En-gedi, Festus).

**HOWLER**  
"Stability is taking care of a stable."

**PORTRAIT**  
**S**HE was a "sunbeam"—  
So pleasant and bright.  
Shedding her cheer  
Both to left and to right.  
Doing her bit  
With zeal unabated.  
She was a sunbeam.  
And boy, was she hated.  
—Hal Chadwick.

# THE LAST WORD . . .

## I AM ONLY ONE

I am only one  
But I am one.  
I can not do everything,  
But I can do something.  
What I can do,  
I ought to do;  
And what I ought to do  
By the grace of God I will do.  
—Canon Farrar.



Friendship is almost always the union of a part of one mind with a part of another; people are friends in spots.  
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People count up the faults of those who keep them waiting. French Proverb.



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"Dear," said mother trying to soothe her little Alice, "I thought you said your earache was better. Why do you keep on crying?"

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