

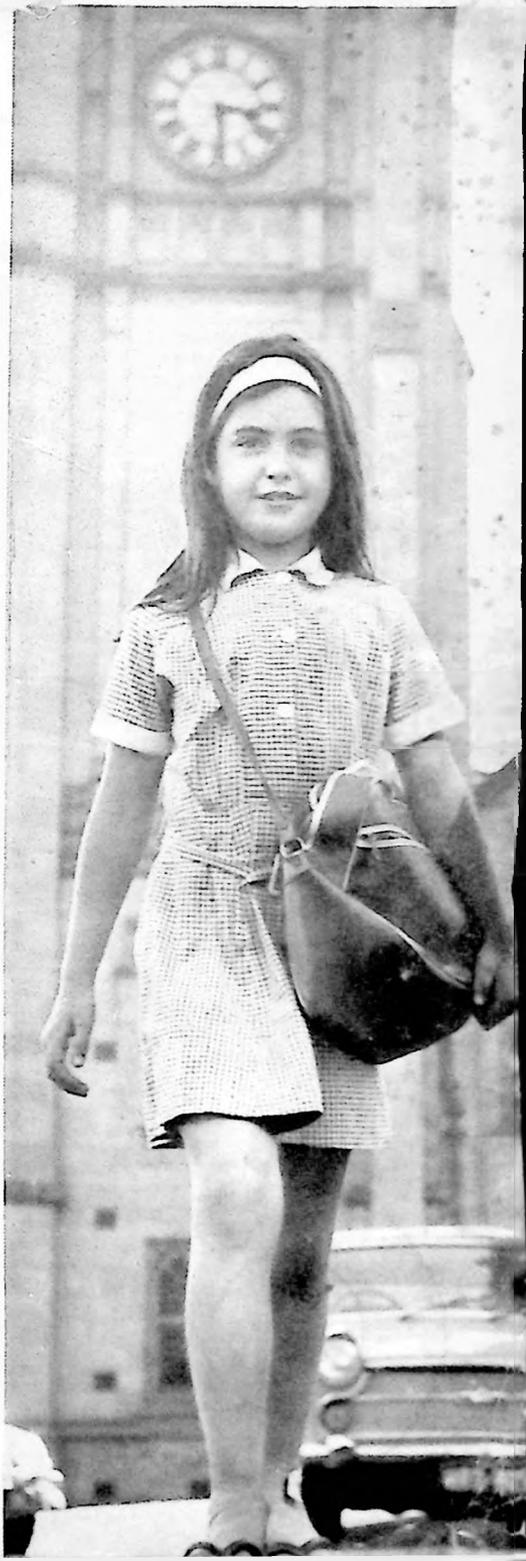
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LETTER FROM INDIA

(Extracts from letter from P. G. Bhalerao, Supt. Dhorja Boys' Home.)

"Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour. The boys have just returned from the Divale (Hindu New Year) holidays. There were 19 lads in the home up till Divale which is six lads less than last year. Two or three of them did not pay their small fee (between \$3 and \$4 per year) so I had to discipline the parents by not taking the lads back in the Home. They did not miss their schooling as they attended as day scholars. As a result of the disciplinary action the parents paid up the arrears and the boys are now back in the Home. We have now, since Divale, 21 lads in the Home.

"So far accommodation was limited, but now that our school is taken over by the Zilla Parishad (known commonly as "Z.P." a government educational body) and after the end of the present school year, they will move into their own school premises. From the beginning of the new school year in June 1971 not only the class rooms, but also the teachers' quarters will be available for the use of the Boys' Home. If the Committee of Management of the Conference spares the buildings for the use of the Boys' Home, it will be possible to accommodate adequately between 40 and 50 lads from June, 1971.

"Just before the Divale holidays, the School Inspector visited us. He is a Brahmin by caste, and he ate with my family. He was a very friendly person and we had open discussion on many

subjects. One was the future of the Dhorja School whether it would continue as a full primary school teaching up to Grade 7, or revert to a village school teaching only to Grade 4. He told me officially that the school would continue to be a fully-fledged primary school. This means that the Conference can continue to have a hostel in Dhorja. There is a bright future for the Christian ministry through the Hostel in Dhorja. One door of service (the school) is closed but the other one is wide open. Therefore, the ministry through the hostel presents a tremendous challenge."

Vimal, Pandhrinath's wife, is also a school teacher, and when the government took over the school they took over the staff as well as their employees. He wrote regarding this: "Thank you for sharing the concern about Vimal's service in the Z.P. school. So far things have worked out well. She is such a splendid help in my ministry in hostel as well as in the church matters. It would certainly create complications if she is transferred from here. She is trained to teach in High School up to Grades 8 and 9. She will feel disappointed if she has to give up her services or resign because she is transferred from Dhorja. No doubt there will be financial loss also. We are praying for all of these matters. She is prepared to sacrifice her services and stay right here and con-

tinue to share my ministry. If things work out this way, we want to obey the Lord and stay in the centre of his will. I am sure that the time has come for us to count the cost of discipleship. We assure you that we will do everything to please the Lord and glorify him in our life and ministry for him.

"If we can increase the number of lads up to 40 or 45 from June, 1971 we will supply lads to this Z.P. School to help its teachers. The most important thing is that we will be able to give these lads Christian teaching. In the villages so many of the Christians are illiterate so it is important that their children not only learn to read and write but have sound scriptural knowledge that they can pass on to their relatives and friends."

"There are some other difficulties living in a small village centre: We only have milk deliveries twice per week, and never see a dairy product. Market: Vegetables are most difficult to get nearest market is two miles away and this is only once a week and not very good. For variety and quantity we must go to Shrigonda, 10 miles away, or Ahmednagar, 30 miles away. Hospital and medical treatment: Our own Dhorja Hospital is 28 miles one way, and Ahmednagar 30 another way. For emergency cases we have to go six miles to Kolgaon, and the two private doctors there charge very high fees. We often think over the need of either a motor car or a motor cycle, as unless we can fit in with the daily bus service, we have to go by cycle or bullock cart.

"Thank you very much for the assurance of daily prayers and remembrances.

"Yours in His love and fellowship — Pandhrinath Bhalerao."

EXPLORE THE SILENCE

Explore? Man! We're good at that!
Out-out into the mysterious unknown of space
Our representative men have capsuled their way—
Paving highways on which coming generations can—
"Get away from it all!"

Or—probing from the known—into the sea of
Universes—the penetrating beams of radio telescope
Feel—with sensitive fingers for affectionate response
From a partner planet—as yet unknown—out there.
La Balsa raft—like timorous lover—is carried
By currents too strong to be denied in the
Kiss of brine and balsa.

Explore? We idolise the very thought of
Captain Cook—and Burke and Wills and all that stuff!
In fact—Aunt Maud—she just adores a trip to
Town, and makes her way to Myers—to try on hats!

By
LLOYD COOKE

(Dr. McCallister said at World Convention, that we need to "explore the silence beyond the noisy confusion.")

Yet! deep in the fibres of my being there comes the
Craving to Explore the land of Quiet—stroll down its
Lanes of Meditation, and pause by shrines of Silence.
I'll seek out those who know the country well, and
They will lead me to the vantage points of knowing.
But I belong to a noisy world whose passionate
Dread is—silence! For into this clanging
Confusion I was born—crying!

"ABLE —

FOR A NEW YEAR"

By G. K. MOYES

IT is a sobering experience to read through your minister's diary when the year draws to an end. It is amazing upon reflection just what has happened over the past year in the lives of those whom we hold dear.

Page after page of mine reveals the names of friends for whom that week was to provide the greatest crisis of the year. Unknown and unexpected events that were to change their lives came upon them with stunning force. Only their names are recorded and the appointment times. But I can remember the details of the events that pressed them so hard.

Night after night, I read the names of people who came to talk with me about some problem or difficulty. Many of them young people, many of them confused with the changing patterns of friendships, morals, and home-life.

On an average once every week, I united a couple in marriage, twining their lives together for years to come but knowing, sadly, for every second marriage it wasn't planned to be exactly like this at exactly this time.

Every four or five days one of our members or friends entered hospital for surgery. Some are still recovering months later. Some never recover.

Once every fortnight, I laid the mortal remains of some dear soul to rest. Often this passing has brought hardship, loneliness, despair into the lives of dear ones, but for all of them it has brought unexpected change.

Once a month, I sat down with a husband or a wife, or perhaps with both and sought hard, ever so hard, to bring the crumbling remnants of their marriage close back together. Usually it was too late.

Once every eight weeks, I spent time with someone who was fighting against the obvious conclusion that they must enter a psychiatric hospital, for although they can control most things about them, they cannot control their own mind!

These are the sad readings that one remembers late into the night.

There are the happy things also. The young couple who come in close to midnight because they want you to know about their engagement. The unexpected letter that brought a word of appreciation. The solicitor who wrote and said his client had agreed to a meeting with his wife to be arranged in your study at your convenience. The proud parents holding their new-born baby, oblivious of everyone else in the hospital ward, so radiantly different from the troubled youngsters who tried calmly to discuss the pros and cons of abortion a few months before. The student who rings the doorbell four times, intoxicated with the results of the examinations.

I am the luckiest man in our community, for I share with so many people their most sacred moments of joy and sadness. No other profession allows a man so close to the hearts of his people.

When we stand at the doorway of a new year, it is just as well we cannot see into the days ahead. We would want no foreknowledge that would rob us of the surprise by joy that comes so unexpectedly, and if we could only foresee that sadness that lies in store we would feel we would not be able to bear it.

To know what lies ahead would be to rob us of the happiness and to overwhelm us with the fears. We would not be able to bear what would come, if we were to know it was coming.

So we stand before the new year—uncertain and unsure.

For the man outside God, there is nothing by this uncertainty which leads to a desire to be blind to the future, to put from our mind any thought of coming difficulty, to live for nothing but the pleasures of the present moment.

But for the man of God, there is a willingness to trust God, a certainty that comes from knowing no matter what may come, he will share it with us, and we will share the overcoming power to face life as it is, and the sure knowledge that no matter our weakness, he is able to meet any situation.

What a New Year message: He is able to meet any situation.

This is precisely the lesson from my diary. This is the testimony of the people of God who walk through its pages: No matter what the situation, he is able to meet it!

From the throbbing pages of the New Testament, the diary that records their lives and testing when men and women live such vibrant lives in the face of every extreme, this is the message of their experience: "We are not able . . . but He is able!"

Through the pages of the New Testament how this exultant cry rings in every emergency.

In a time of deficiency, he is able to supply. In a time of difficulty he is able to sustain. In times of disbelief, he is able to strengthen. In times of depression, he is able to surprise. In times of disgrace, he is able to sanctify. In a time of death, he is able to save.

In one of the miracles of Jesus, there is a parable of our dealings with him on the doorstep of this new year: "As Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him crying aloud: 'Have mercy upon us, Son of David.' When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' And he touched their eyes saying, 'According to your faith be it done unto you.' And their eyes were opened!" Matthew 9: 27-30.

So we stand before him at the beginning of a new year, unable to see what lies ahead, blind to what will come upon us, and we cry in our uncertainty and darkness: "Have mercy upon us, Son of David."

And Jesus, seeing our need to overcome times of deficiency, difficulty, disbelief, depression, disgrace, death, stands before us and says, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

And we say, "Yes, Lord!"

And he replies, "According to your faith, be it done to you."

And our eyes are opened. For now we see how we can enter into this New Year with all that the unknown may bring: According to our faith we find he is able!

TRUSTING and DUSTING!

HE was carpet sweeping a side aisle of the famous old Scots Church in the heart of Melbourne. Turning off the sweeper and looking up from his work, Norman Drinnan discovered me wandering as a visitor and stepping down from the pulpit in the dignified and flag-bedecked sanctuary.

Greetings were exchanged. He recognised me as an American and soon guessed that I was on my way to the World Convention of our churches to be held in Adelaide in a few days.

Making possible my request for an interview later that Sunday with the distinguished pastor of the Scots congregation, I quizzed him about his work.

"Oh, I'm just the custodian," he replied. "Several months ago, I asked the Lord to give me a job and he certainly gave me one!"

Laughing at the comment, we parted. But I could not get the man or that statement out of my mind. Most church custodians feel their work is a drudgery. They complain because of long hours, of being overworked and underpaid. Here was a man who indicated his custodial duties were a divine call. I sought him out the next day. I had to hear more of his life story.

Returning on Monday morning, I stepped into the office of the minister's secretary. It was a surprise to her when I asked to see the custodian rather than the pastor-author of this great Australian church. Yet, she kindly sought him out and brought him to me.

To my amazement, as he entered the room, I greeted him apologetically, "Why, you were the beadle last night at the evening worship! I didn't recognise you with your black robe on."

"Oh yes, I have rather a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde job, which does surprise some people."

We went into the session room. He courteously offered me a chair and then sat in front of me. I studied him for a moment. Slightly greying around the temples, he was red cheeked and had a sparkle in his eyes. An unusual radiance came from his face. I soon learned the reason for this facial glow.

"Tell me about your work," I queried. "What are your duties?"

"Well, I take care of the house of God. I live here in an apartment, I'm a sort of modern day Levite."

I asked him just exactly what he did.

"I dust and sweep and keep the church clean. I'm the beadle carrying the Word of God into the pulpit preceding the pastor's prayer and sermon. After office hours, I answer the many phone calls as people seek out the ministers. I prepare the church for weddings and usher the bride to the altar. In preparation for Communion Sundays, I dress the church giving each row and pew the effect of sitting before a table. The services are broadcast over the radio and I'm responsible for the loud speaker and amplifying system. I'm what you call the church officer. My basic responsibility is the care of this church and the ministers. This is what God has called me to do!"

(Dr. Lee is minister of First Christian Church, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. He is the author of many stories and took his pen with him on his way to the World Convention in Adelaide).

By ALLAN W. LEE

There was that mention of divine calling again. It crept into his conversation continuously. I pressed him more on this point, asking him about his life and faith.

"Oh yes," he responded affirmatively, "definitely the Lord has called me to this job."

"Before coming here, I was a professional soldier for twenty years. When I retired, I needed work. I was only a nominal Christian, although my daughter is a missionary and my son is in Bible College. With two youngsters in full-time service for the Lord, I decided I should do something meaningful with my own life. So, I gave myself to God. I asked him to give me a job. I didn't realise I'd ever get a job like this working in the Scots Church."

With a laugh in his voice, he continued. "This call came to me twice, you know. I didn't answer it at first. Then it came again, almost like Paul on the Damascus road. The church officers were somewhat hesitant about hiring me. I wasn't really a churchman, you see.

"An ex-soldier, separated from my wife and a greyhound trainer, they questioned my stable qualities as a servant of the Lord. So, I prayed about it and vowed to change my ways. If the Lord wanted me to do this work I could certainly be a different person. The officers accepted me on this basis.

"I've been here six months now and never looked back on these former days. They are all behind me. I am happier than I've ever been in my life. Just as there is a great spirit moving in this church and through our ministers, so a new spirit has come to me. I'm glad the Lord is using me and working through me in this way."

Norman Drinnan looked happy. I knew why there was a radiance on his face now. It was because there was a new spirit in his heart and soul. He had given himself to God and was finding personal satisfaction in serving the Heavenly Father.

As we concluded our conversation and shook hands, this dedicated church custodian made one more meaningful comment.

"In our church hymnal there is an old song called 'Simply Trusting.' Well, around here, I'm simply dusting! But I'm dusting for the Lord."

A knock came to the door and Drinnan was called out of the room to other duties. I walked on back through the church and sat down in a pew. I offered a prayer of gratitude for this humble servant so divinely called.

As I rose to leave, a card at the end of the pew caught my eye. I read the words in silence.

"A room of quiet . . . a temple of peace,
The home of faith . . . where doubts cease,
A house of comfort . . . where hope is given
A source of strength—to make earth heaven,
A shrine of worship . . . a place to pray,
I found all this . . . in my church today."

I knew I had found all this and more in the church today. I had met Norman Drinnan, servant of God, custodian and beadle.

Stepping out onto busy Collins Street, I thanked God for this man, this man who is simply trusting and dusting for the Lord.

• NATIONAL C.Y.F. CONVENTION

"THE MAN AT THE CENTRE"

"Convention truly inspiring, many friendships made, personally of great help in my Christian life."

"Got more out of it socially and spiritually than I can express."

"I will be back next time."

"The inspiration of sharing faith with others of common age group has been really stimulating."

"Stimulated my desire for future leadership."

So went the evaluations of the Fifth National Youth Convention, held during January in Melbourne. It was a great experience for over 200 young people, who came from all over Australia (and one from New Zealand).

"The Man at the Centre" was the theme. A nationwide hymn competition was held to find a Convention theme hymn. The successful hymn writer was Robert Haines, of Surrey Hills, Vic. His hymn:

*"Man lives his life in quiet peace,
He neither knows nor cares for God,
He finds he's satisfied complete
When he can say, 'I made myself'.*

*And yet there is this nagging doubt,
That life is more than self-made men.
What if there were some higher power,
Which can control and guide our lives?*

*And so some search and others find
That God is life, that God is love.
Now man can say, 'Life has a goal
I believe that God is love'.*

*For life can now be lived, complete
Within ourselves if we know God.
No longer just an aimless drift!
"But life with purpose, life with power."*

A play was especially written by Viney Longthorp and produced by Mal Gaskin to set the theme at the Welcome Dinner.

"The Man at the Centre" was also the theme of the Bible studies on Colossians, led by Gerald Rose of the S.A. Dept. of

Christian Educ., and of the evening addresses by Richard Lawton (Director, Federal Board of Christian Educ.), Gerald Rose, and Kevin Harvey (of Brighton Gardens, S.A.).

The young people came and shared their faith with each other. Their faith grew as they spent hours each day in workshops on topics such as youth ministry, communicating the faith, creative writing, creative worship, and church music.

Their ability to handle and appreciate life grew as they shared in workshops on morality for moderns, pressures on young people, Christ in the concrete city, and film appreciation.

Apart from the addresses, features of the evening programmes were singing by "The Changing Moods" and by Ian Tippet, congregational singing led by Ted Keating, audio-visuals on "The World at the Centre" (prepared for the occasion by Terry Lane) and on Convention Highlights (scripted by Malcolm Gray), imaginative reports on the workshops presented in word, song, mime and placard, and a climactic closing worship which expressed the feelings of conventioners in prayers of thanksgiving, confession, petition and intercession.

Early morning worship was led at the University residential colleges by Dawn Chivell and Dean Olnfsen.

On the Sunday morning, conventioners attended Melbourne churches and enjoyed the hospitality of those churches.

The Convention was sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education. Local arrangements were handled extremely efficiently by Dr. Keith Bowes, Ray McKenzie, Val Williams, and a dedicated, hard-working team of young people.

The congregation, at the closing service, broke into applause when it was announced that the Sixth National Youth Convention would be held in Canberra, A.C.T., in January, 1973. Preparations for the sixth convention have already commenced.

• VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

Field Officer Appointment

A. George Mathieson, A.U.A., Ph.C., of South Australia, has been appointed a Field Worker (part-time) with the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education.

Mr. Mathieson has a Diploma of Pharmacy (Adelaide University) and also completed the College of the Bible Diploma Course. He has served with four of our churches in S.A., and in 1963 was a voluntary worker in our Ndui Ndui Hospital, New Hebrides. He has a vital interest and considerable experience in Christian Education. He will work as a pharmacist, part-time, and be domiciled at the College of the Bible. The Department of Christian Education is encouraged and excited by Mr. Mathieson's willingness to serve in this way. He will commence in February and an official welcome and introduction to the brotherhood will be made at the opening of "Minibulk" at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m.

WORD TALK

No. 19 — GALATIANS 6: 5 J.B.P.

"Shoulder His Own Pack."

All men bear burdens. Some burdens can only be borne by the individual concerned. Other burdens may be shared, and some may be taken up on another's behalf. Jesus always was concerned with the burdens both of individuals—like Zacchaeus and the woman who touched the hem of His robe, and of the crowd—particularly with widows and orphans and the poor. Christianity is concerned both with the individual and the community. Paul makes this point: "Bear one another's burdens." (Gal. 6: 2). "Each man will have to bear his own load" (verse 5). Life is a solo where we bear our own load, and a chorus where we share another's. The "burden" that Paul speaks about was a word used of a load of freight or of a ship's cargo (such as in Acts 27: 10, the cargo that had to be thrown overboard in the time of storm) or of the pack of a soldier which only he could shoulder. So Phillips and Barclay both translate "each man will have to shoulder his own pack."

FOR TODAY:

There are three types of burdens: there are the unnecessary burdens that we bring upon ourselves because of the limitations of our own beliefs or the stupidity of our actions; there are the inevitable burdens that come upon us through the evil of man or some calamity of nature; and there are the voluntary burdens that we take up on behalf of another. "We who are strong ought to bear with ourselves" (Rom. 15: 1). There is an individualism in Christianity—for each must "shoulder his own pack," as well as a compassion for others, "bearing with the weak."

Every Christian has the responsibility to carry as much as possible of his own load, but he has also the privilege then of seeking to share it either with God or his brother in Christ. As we have the privilege of expecting help when the burden becomes too great, so we have the responsibility of taking upon ourselves (according to our capacity and not according to what other people do—Gal. 6: 3, 4) the voluntary burden that belongs to both Christ and our brothers in Christ. Jesus claims that to take up his is a burden that is light (Matt. 11: 30). Jesus also claims that when we take up the burdens of another we really are taking up him (Matt. 25: 40). To help share another's burden then is to add to our own burden, but it sometimes happens that the increased burden we bear becomes a burden as wings are to a bird and sails are to a ship. When we stoop to lift, so we find ourselves lifted. When we help, we find ourselves helped. The Christian's concern is both to support himself and his neighbour as himself (Gal. 5: 14), and in helping his neighbour he frequently finds he has helped himself.

—G. K. MOYES.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

MARY

To the Editor,

I was telling you about Mary; Mary with her fine head way up in the clouds. When she comes to earth it's usually to get us all involved in the latest good cause. But when every one gets under way no one can find Mary. She's on the track of another good cause. Her great delight is the weekly Bible study, when she doesn't forget the night. The minister says he likes to preach when Mary is at church, hungrily absorbing every word. Her house is full of books, and clothes waiting to be ironed. Her children are horrors, but fairly well adjusted horrors. The church folk hope they will never be brought to socials, which Mary loathes but supports out of loyalty.

The Women's Catering Committee hope that she'll never volunteer to help in the kitchen. She wouldn't get anything done herself, and she'd probably hinder others from getting anything done. They needn't fear; Mary hasn't found the kitchen yet.

Mary loves and prays for every one. It's just as well it stops there, for if she offered to help, the last case might be worse than the first. Mary delights and exasperates us all. Her husband alternates between thanking God for her and wondering why he ever married her.

I'm sure the Lord thinks a lot of her. He thought quite highly of her namesake at Bethany.

Yes she'd certainly be the one to write that article you were talking about, if she ever got round to it!

TERTIUS.

(Next issue: "MARTHA.")

OPEN FORUM

SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL

To the Editor,

"Social" and "spiritual" cannot be anonymous. Mr. Cutchie must settle for either the "social-individual" or the "spiritual-physical" dichotomies. His argument (Nov. 14) seems to rest on the former. But this premise is false. I defy him to define the "spiritual" in man without reference to man's "physical" life. Even such favourite concepts as "sin," "repentance" and "eternal life," used biblically, have definite physical references.

The gospel is for man as a whole and not in part. Jesus proclaimed the gospel: "The kingdom of God is upon you; repent and believe in the Gospel." (Mk. 1: 15). This kingdom Jesus brought was the Rule of God over man's physical-spiritual problems such as fear, ignorance, hunger, sickness, sin and death. We are familiar, too, with Jesus' use of Trito-Isaiah (Is. 4: 18, 19), the criteria of judgment (Mat. 25: 31-40) and James' definition of "religion pure and undefiled" (1: 27). "God so loved the world—a very concrete, physical body of people. It is invalid to spiritualise these concepts out of physical existence.

Mr. Cutchie's words imply that we should withdraw medical missionaries and disband Social Service enterprises—indeed, bring about the emasculation of the whole mission of the Church.

Mr. Cutchie also asks, "What fellowship has truth with error?" He is saying that "we" have the truth while "they" (Catholics and Orthodox) have only error. Could it be that we, too, have our share of error (Mat. 7: 1-5)? And that they have a share of truth? What of the gracious Christian spirit of these "representatives of false doctrine, superstition and idolatry" who deluged to fellowship with us at our World Convention?

Let's grow up, out of our infantile bigotry and intolerance. We can have fellowship across denominational barriers, and, believe it or not, without compromising "the restoration of N.T. Christianity," which, incidentally, is not our "basic stand" but only the means to an end.—Tom R. Mason (S.A.).

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

I was deeply moved to find myself represented at the Ecumenical Service held in Sydney by our greatly esteemed brethren A. W. Stephenson and Doug. Nichols. Of course many will miss the tremendous significance of this incredible service, and some, unfortunately, may be offended because of our participation in it, but I believe that we must give thanks to God for this event, and be prepared to join the stream of those who recognise the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing Christians together in this historic meeting.

It is opportune for us to examine the breadth and depth of the great doctrine expounded by Thomas Campbell that the Church is "essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one!" We should recognise that it is impossible to speak of divisions within the Church for it is impossible to divide that which God has made to be "one body."

As a Christian, I hold it to be my duty, and find it to be my joy, to

accept, that he who loves and seeks to serve my Master, is indeed my brother. In my wildest imagination, I could not have expected to see the day that I should join in worship and praise with Pope Paul, and pray with him for the unity of the Church, and I am profoundly grateful to be represented by Christian statesmen of the dignity and worth of Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Nichols.

We should not miss the significance of the action of the Pilgrim Pope, in being the last to follow in the procession at the close of the service. There could be no better example of humility and in a very wonderful way this seems to climax a pilgrimage which has taken him, and us, much further than from Rome to Sydney. All glory be to God!

—Ross Rugendyke (A.C.T.).

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The first Council meeting for 1971 will be held in the Reception Room at the Churches of Christ Centre on Friday, Feb. 5 at 10.30 a.m. (delegates please note change in time of commencement). Margaret Fletcher is the speaker and Maureen Jenkins will lead devotions.

HELD OVER

Because of pressure of space for this issue, the following church news items have been held over until Feb. 6: Qld., Chinchilla, Redcliffe. W.A., Bridgetown, Harvey. S.A., Ascot Park, Bordertown, Kensington Pk., Magill, Maylands. Vic., Ashburton, Bentleigh, Box Hill, Castle-maine, Caulfield, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Croydon, Footscray, Gardiner, Harcourt, Hartwell, Horsham, Malvern, Parkdale, Pyramid Hill.

Overseas Missions - Today!

★ Report on Indonesia

Barry and Anne Cutchie returned from recent tour of Java.

COLLINGWOOD CHURCH

Stanton St. (opp. Town Hall)

Saturday, February 13

8 p.m.

★ Farewell to Ray Warry

Missionary elect to New Hebrides.

★ Highlights from New Guinea

and South Korea by recent visitors to these areas.

in co-operation with
The Victorian Overseas Missions Board.

TWEED HEADS Coolangatta

Florence Street
Greenbank
Tweed Heads

Official Opening & Dedication

PEACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

FEBRUARY 27, 1971, 3 p.m.

By Kevin Crawford, Guest Speaker.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN VIC.-TAS.

is inviting applications for the position of

CAMP SUPERVISOR

at
CAMP WATERMAN, MONBULK

to commence duties July, 1971
Intending applicants can obtain full information of duties and conditions by writing to the Chairman of the Department:

Dr. K. R. BOWES,
299 Mitcham Road,
Vermont, Vic., 3133.

Applications close March 15.

HOUSE TO LET

DONCASTER AREA, from March 17 to May 10, 1971. 3-br., separate Lge., Dln. rm. & Kit., double carport, fully furn. all elec. Nominal rental at \$8 p.w. Would suit newly married couple, or country family on holiday. Write to "Doncaster," c/o "Aust. Christian."

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PLANO—Old, wooden frame, may be of use to small cause, or in utility hall. Contact M. R. Sheehan, Secretary Church of Christ, Burwood, Vic. Phone 232-2360 (Melb.).

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TARRA VALLEY?
INVERLOCH?

or anywhere in scenic South
Gippsland?

You are invited to worship with us.

The South Gippsland
Church of Christ

in the TOORA HALL at 11 a.m. on
the following dates:

DECEMBER 27

JANUARY 10

JANUARY 24

FEBRUARY 7

Sec.: E. L. Payne, Boolarong South
via Foster. Phone Boolarong Stn. 1R.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF

'MINIBULK'

Sunday, February 21, 1971
at 3 p.m.

Come to Camp Waterman, McCarthy
Road, Monbulk and see our provi-
sion for small group camping.

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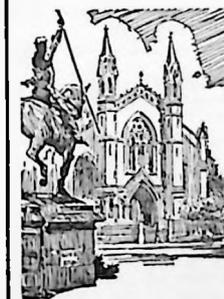
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"Mission is Urgent, — Desperate"

Christian missions still face many of the same issues and challenges that confronted the pioneers of the missionary movement when they met at Crans, Switzerland, in 1920 and agreed to form the International Missionary Council, the Rev. Philip Potter told the Divisional Committee on World Mission and Evangelism. Yet the context of the mission today is even more "urgent, desperate and exciting," he said.

Asked why he thought mission boards and agencies were now more capable of solving these problems, Mr. Potter, director of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism, said: "In the 1920s the Christian mission movement had many advantages. It was tied to the colonial, imperial powers and had superior resources of personnel and funds. Today the People of God around the world are more critically articulate than formerly and they are simply not going to wait for church leaders and mission agencies to agree to change." Lally, youth groups and others, he said, are experimenting in new forms of missionary presence despite the opposition of the establishment. The problem is to relate these experiments to the renewal of the institutional Church.

Comparing the missionary situation after World War I to the present, Mr. Potter saw "a surprising coincidence" of concerns. He said the war made the whole world one suffering community — "all countries were caught up in the same destiny." The relation of mission and politics was evident even then. Prophetic voices writing in the *International Review of Missions* called on missionaries and Christians everywhere to participate in the liberation of peoples under colonial rule.—E.P.S.

CASTLEMAINE'S CENTENARY

(Vic.). After two years of planning, preparing and praying, the centenary week-end of Nov. 28-29 brought an unexpected response of people and the venue of the Castlemaine Library Hall had to be moved to the Town Hall where on the Saturday night almost 300 people sat down to the Reunion Dinner. Here a wonderful time of fellowship was en-

joyed, reminiscences indulged in and friendships spanning over 50 years re-established. Many greetings and congratulations were brought to the gathering. The centenary cake was cut by Mrs. Lacey, the oldest member both in age and membership.

The dinner concluded with choir items being brought to us by the "Lamp-lighters," a Bendigo group.

By 11 a.m. on Sunday over 300 had gathered in the chapel and annex for morning service presided over by Geoff. Barnett, minister from 1955-60, with our Conference President, K. J. Clinton, minister from 1952-54, bringing the message.

At the conclusion of the service, centenary photographs were taken of the gathering.

After lunch the celebrations moved again into the Town Hall for a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon where the "Gospel-alres" presented a programme.

At night a sing-a-long preceded the service when C. Curtis, minister from 1941-46, gave the address. At the conclusion of the service a Fellowship Hour was enjoyed and old photographs and relics viewed and discussed.

Two of our local church folk wrote special songs for the occasion, and a programme of "One Hundred Days of Love" was entered into by quite a number of the fellowship.

As one thrilled to this wonderful experience, for it was an experience, the words of the hymn "How Great Thou Art" aptly describes the centenary.

And now, yearly at this time, and upon request, it is planned to have a Castlemaine reunion gathering so that this experience and established friendships will not be lost. The only notification will be through a notice in the "Australian Christian."

RICHMOND CHURCH CLOSED

(Vic., D. McKay and G. Nelson). On Dec. 6, the 81-year-old Richmond church was closed. A crack opened up on the west side of the building and the Dept. of Health ordered that no further meetings be held until the fault is corrected. Warm and friendly services began in the Kindergarten Hall, encouraged by visitors from the Croaydon church who presided and read the scriptures. . . . A morning memorial service was held for a much loved member, the late Mrs. M. Kelly. Her Christian integrity and maturity was a source of spiritual strength to the church. Her ministry came from a life-time of Christian experience and service.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

(BENDIGO, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). At a dedication of a memorial window to the late Mr. and Mrs. Duus nineteen relatives were present. They had travelled from Castlemaine, Chewton and Melbourne. . . . C.W.F. Talent Bags received \$59.25 with more to come. . . . Many members are ill. . . . The church fair raised \$582. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lacey have been welcomed home after touring Queensland and attending the World Convention.

CONVALESCING

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). Mr. Crossman is convalescing at home following recent surgery at Preston Community Hospital. . . . F. T. Morgan, Dr. G. Whiting and A. V. Page filled the pulpit during our minister's absence. Steven Mill arranged relay of services from church to manse while Mr. Crossman was confined to the manse. . . . G. R. Stirling was preacher at an evening service when Mrs. A. Witt and P. During were baptized. . . . Mrs. H. Jenkins is convalescing following surgery at the Royal Women's Hospital.

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N.S.W.

FOUR FOR ASQUITH

(N.S.W., D. Krause). Four more young people were recently welcomed into fellowship. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Main, missionaries from India were mid-week guest speakers. Slides were shown and the Indian work described. . . . The Boys' Club held its annual camp. . . . David Forrest was guest speaker at the monthly youth service.

U.S. VOICES

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W., J. Regouby). The church was uplifted by the mission conducted by Gerald Parriott of Nebraska, assisted by other American visitors. Personal visitation by members and bright services resulted in four being baptized and welcomed into fellowship. . . . David Coward, as result of thesis written for the University, won a trip next March to Engineering Convention in the U.S.A. . . . The C.W.F. raised \$196 for Talent effort, and also \$125 at street stall.

TAREE CRUSADE

(N.S.W., L. E. Wylie). Following the World Convention in Adelaide, the John Barry Crusade in Taree was an enriching experience for the local congregation. Mr. Barry is minister of the Valley Christian Church, Pacoima, California, and brought challenging and refreshing messages on Biblical truths. There were four decisions. Besides the evening services, Mr. Barry spoke at other organised meetings for men, women and young people. On the final evening appreciative remarks were made by Mrs. L. E. Wylie on behalf of the women and the secretary on behalf of the church. A presentation was made to Mr. Barry of a wallet of notes as a token of gratitude.

MISSIONARY VISITORS

(EPPING, N.S.W., B. Mills). David Brewster illustrated with slides the work of C.M.R.F. in New Guinea and John Main gave an address to the church on Indian missions. . . . Young people conducted a gospel service. Their challenge covered a wide range of outreach to many in need of Christian love and fellowship.

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40,000 DOUBLE COURSES

(LANE COVE, N.S.W., R. B. Elbourne). The first week in December saw the close of the 11th year of our All-Age Christian Education Family Night. The mid-week gathering of the church catered for the whole family in Christian learning activity. We have met on nearly 500 Wednesday nights and have eaten together about 40,000 two-course knife and fork meals, prepared by a loyal band of ladies.

The study groups have changed in personnel each year and so each of us by this mixing now knows all the others at deeper levels of Christian experience than are given by the usual worship together.

We have had group leaders who were able and conscientious. When the programme started there was no study literature of the sort we wanted, so we

had do-it-yourself study material prepared for four years by E. W. Roffey and for seven years by R. B. Elbourne. We look for many more years of this life-making experience together.

Having completed seven years of ministry, Mr. Elbourne goes to Glen Waverley, Vic. At a farewell meeting representatives of the church, the Ministers' Fraternal, the community and the N.S.W. brotherhood, spoke of his many sided and capable contributions to Christian life and witness in this community and State and of the gracious and competent activities of Mrs. Elbourne. It has been a good ministry, regrettably terminated to answer a call to service elsewhere, but leaving a mark upon the work of this congregation for which we are, and shall always be, grateful.

NEW WINE AT COFFEE POT

(INVERELL, N.S.W.). Church young people combined for a "Coffee Bar Crusade" weekend. The manager of the local "Coffee Pot," a popular resort for teenagers of the town, generously made his premises available for the occasion. The "New Wine Singers" from Armidale University entertained each night and also gave testimonies and messages. . . . At the quarterly combined service held in the Anglican Hall, a youth spectacular—"Tell it like it is"—was presented. . . . The film "To Russia with Love" was shown at the Youth Gospel Service. This film portrayed the plight of Christians under Communism in Russia. . . . Sympathy is extended to the Lowry family in the death of Lorna Rutherford in a recent car accident in Inverell.

CHURCH FILLED

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). The church was filled to capacity for the annual Christmas tea and Carols by Candlelight. The B.S. party and Christmas Tree was held on Dec. 17 and the kindergarten on Sat., Dec. 19. . . . We extend our thanks to guest speakers Ken Shaw, Rev. Trigger (Central Methodist Mission) and R. Combridge for preaching during Mr. Howard's illness. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Tregloan from Adelaide were among holiday visitors. . . . We still have many away through illness. . . . C.W.F. held their final meeting of the year and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Rose.

FOUR BAPTISMS

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Four young men were baptized in Dec. The climax of Christmas functions was the Christmas Day service. At this service the "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering of \$270.50 was received to assist the Underground Evangelism Organisation to provide Bibles for Christians in Communist countries. . . . Recent speakers have been Messrs. Bonser, Ellerby, Webb and R. F. Bartholomew.

AMERICAN VISITOR

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. Krause). John Webb (U.S.A.) was a recent speaker. He visited Australia for about 10 weeks. . . . Miss Resala Rofe, a missionary serving in New Guinea, gave a talk on the missionary work.

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MINISTRY CHANGE

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Arnot were farewelled on Jan. 3. Presentations were made by G. Bywaters and Mesdames R. Watts and V. Hennig. Speakers included Rev. Newell (Presbyterian), Rev. Christopher (Methodist and Ministers' Fraternal), A. Kilgibiel and Miss P. Thompson. A. H. Coleman of the Kalgoolie church will commence his ministry on Feb. 7 . . . \$500 was presented to the church by Mrs. V. Hennig to pay off the debt on the church building. The amount had been raised by the ladies by catering . . . The church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Page in the sudden death of their son, Norman Page, and also G. Howell in the death of his father . . . Two young B.S. pupils were baptized during Mr. Arnot's last communion service.

FAREWELL TO PRITCHARDS

(BENDIGO, Vic.). On Dec. 20, Spring Gully, Kangaroo Flat and Bendigo combined for a Christmas service on the church lawn. During an after-church fellowship opportunity was taken to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard for their work in the circuit before their departure to Swan Hill. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard and members of their family. Mr. Pritchard responded . . . Church Fair effort has now reached the aim of \$600.

MINISTER FOR COLLEGE

(HURSTVILLE, N.S.W., David Eagling). Mr. and Mrs. G. Chapman and family were farewelled prior to their leaving for Woolwich at the end of the year. W. French and W. Walton expressed thanks on behalf of members. At our first service with Mr. and Mrs. D. Eagling and family, David Mansell gave the charge to our minister and members of the congregation . . . A. Saunders after splendid service as B.S. Supt., relinquished this position, although still active in the school. P. Toomey has been appointed superintendent.

AID AIM EXCEEDED

(DONCASTER, Vic.). A target of \$1,000 through the Christmas Bowl was exceeded when the congregation gave \$1,225 . . . After seven years' successful ministry, Doncaster farewelled Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shaw. Speeches on behalf of the church, Inter-Church Council and the community were voiced in appreciation of their work. Presentations were also made. . . Led by Mrs. G. Crouch and organist C. L. Ward on Dec. 20, the choir presented the Christmas cantata "Night of Miracles." . . . A. W. C. Candy commands the pulpit during January and the church also welcomed student George Warren and wife to the work of youth in 1971.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA
JANUARY:
29-Feb. I.C.Y.F. Walkabout—Wilson's Promontory.
29-Feb. I.D.C.E. Banksia Holiday Camp.
29-Feb. I.D.C.E. Grade 4—Boys' Camp at Monbulk.
FEBRUARY:
3 D.C.E. Good Companions' Annual Dinner.

VICTORIAN MINISTER FOR AFRICA

R. N. Gilmore, minister of the Brighton church (Vic.), one of three Australian members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, attended a 19-day meeting of the Central Committee in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, this month.

Mr. Gilmore, who is also a member of the Executive of the Australian Council of Churches, was elected to the Central Committee at the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1968. He will attend a meeting of the Structures Advisory and Re-acting Group, a sub-committee of the Central Committee, prior to the meeting of the full Committee.

MINISTRY CONTINUES

(MAIDSTONE, Vic., D. A. White). David White has agreed to another term of ministry . . . A Christmas Tree was held for kindergarten, also a Christmas social for combined activities of the church. Carpet fund is progressing with generous donation from ladies, also from other members . . . Graham Bradley was guest speaker at Ararat church on Dec. 13. Our young men also held services at Mt. Royal.

LAUNCESTON MINISTRY

(Tas.). L. G. Read concluded his ministry on Dec. 27. The church is pleased to announce that Dean Hamilton of Mildura has accepted an invitation and will commence a ministry in Jan., 1972. In the meantime C. J. Robinson will conduct an interim ministry for 12 months. . . . On Dec. 13 a farewell service to the Read and Wilson families was held. A wallet of notes was presented to Mr. Read and a canteen of cutlery to Max and Elaine Wilson. The Reads move to Brisbane and the Wilsons return to Hobart . . . On December 20 the choir rendered Petersen's Cantata "A Song Un-

ending" with June Younger and Peter Arnot as soloists and Mrs. M. Stevens organist . . . Felicity Summers leaves shortly to study at the Sydney Missionary and Bible College. Peter Nelson has enrolled at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

Following the Addis Ababa meetings, Mr. Gilmore will fly to Europe, where he hopes to arrange an itinerary which will take him to some creative centres in church parish life. He will spend some 10 days in Europe before returning to Australia via East Asia, planning to arrive home early in the first week of February.

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FRED. REES FAREWELLED

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A.). Mr. and Mrs. F. Rees and family were farewelled following Mr. Rees' concluding message on Dec. 27. He had served the church for more than six years. Individual gifts to the children and other gifts to the family as a whole were made by the church and auxiliaries . . . Fremantle students on vacation from College are kept in practice by pulpit engagements at Fremantle and Hamilton Hill: Robln Haskell and Don Sonsee (C.O.B.), Margaret Cornish and John Ismael (Kenmore). Barry Ryall (C.O.B.) of Rivervale, has also preached. . . . The Fremantle Y.P. held a camp at Jarrahdale over the New Year weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. Robertson as camp parents . . . Marjorie and Michael Jackson have left to reside in Canberra.

Austral Manager Farewelled

(Melb.). Joe D. Boneham, factory manager for the Austral. Ptg. and Pub. Co. for fifteen years, has retired. He took this action on the insistence of his doctors.

At a dinner on Dec. 16, the Austral Co. honoured Mr. and Mrs. Boneham. L. J. Butler, the Chairman of Directors, presided and R. P. Morris, another Director with a long association with the Austral Co., spoke appreciatively of Mr. Boneham's service to the company.

The Austral Co. are general printers but they specialise in church and Christian education printing. Mr. Boneham, a strong churchman, was therefore happy in his close association with Christian editors and writers in the printing of Churches of Christ Lesson Material, Baptist Sunday School material, and latterly, the New Curriculum for the Joint Board of Publication. Dr. Geoffrey H. Blackburn, Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Education and Publication, spoke of his long association with Mr. Boneham and of the value of the latter's contribution in many areas

of the life of the churches.

Staff speakers included A. O. S. Baker, N. Warren, and the General Manager, A. R. Haskell. Mrs. Haskell presented Mrs. Boneham with a sheaf of flowers.

Mr. Boneham is a member of the Ashburton Baptist Church and has been, for many years, the Secretary of the Victorian Baptist Men's Society. In this office he has promoted many local church and missionary projects, and he has led the Society's visitation programme at Pentridge Gaol. He was Chief Usher at both Melbourne Billy Graham Crusades.

With his wife, Mr. Boneham attended the Baptist World Congress at Tokyo earlier last year and there he was elected a Vice-President of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. This well-deserved honour comes as a fitting climax to a life of Christian witness and service and it is certain that Mr. Boneham will continue to exercise an effective Christian lay ministry so long as he is able.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

FRINGE BENEFITS The majority of Christians have never been cargo cult minded. Men and women who follow Christ do not expect material advantages. We expect to pay for the privilege of being Christian, not gain from it. Just the same, it appears that there was a few fringe benefits. The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in the U.S.A. studied the relationship of socioeconomic factors to disease and one of the things they turned up was that regular churchgoing has a health bonus. Those who are usually to be found in church on Sundays tend also to clean living habits which enable people to avoid such health hazards as heart disease, cirrhosis of the liver, tuberculosis, cancer of the cervix, even fatal one-car accidents and suicides. Of course, Christians are not immune from these diseases and there are many causes for them apart from indulgence in the soft life. However, the area where the studies were made is 80% Protestant and most Protestants who attend church regularly are not likely, for example, to be heavy drinkers or smokers. One significant finding was in respect to arteriosclerotic heart disease. The rate was about 500 for every 100,000 persons among weekly churchgoers, but nearly 900 per 100,000 among those who attended less than weekly.

ONE NIGHT WAS DARK For many years, it has been a tradition for David Street, Georgetown, Newcastle, to become gay with Christmas. Every house in the street, and a few around the corner, join the celebration with hundreds of lights and elaborate presentations ranging from the manger scene and the wise men to Santa Claus and a red-nosed reindeer. Hundreds of children and their parents, some of them travelling many miles, crowd the short street each night. One or two of the residents use the opportunity to invite concern for others. Will and Gladys Fraser, for example, play Christmas music and a brief notice beside their green water fountain announced that over \$400 had been received on this occasion to feed hungry children throughout the world. During this summer's presentation the lights of three houses were extinguished. The owner of the centre house had died suddenly. On the evening of the day he died, the whole street became silent and dark for a short time as, over the loudspeaker, Will Fraser told the crowd that sorrow had come to the street of light. The people were still and quiet as "Abide with Me" brought its message of hope. Then the lights shone again.

GOOD GRIEF! Dr. Gordon Livingstone was an army surgeon with the 11th Armoured Cavalry Regiment under Col. Geo. Patton III, when Patton asked the chaplain to pray for a big body count of the Viet Cong. Dr. Livingstone said that the standing order of the 11th Regiment was "find the bastards and then pile on." One Sunday night the chaplain prayed: "O Lord, give us the wisdom to find the bastards and the strength to pile on." The former army surgeon was giving evidence to an unofficial enquiry into U.S. atrocities in Vietnam. ("Advertiser," Dec. 4, 1970).

C.O.B. IN 1971

(Vic.). The 1971 year commences at the Federal College of the Bible at Glen Iris on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Those who desire to attend between 9.30 and 10.30 (and morning tea) are cordially invited.

BAPTISMS IN NORTH-WEST

(W.A.). Lance Fisher, of Carnarvon Mission, reports: "Allan Bonney and I have just had another weekend in Onslow. We left after lunch on Friday, and returned in time for the evening service at Carnarvon Christian Centre. Once again we had a wonderful time, and three middle-aged men were baptized. Others are asking to "go into the water" as they are truly new persons by trust and obedience to Christ.

"On Sunday morning, Alland and Stanley Hubert immersed the three men, and then at 9 a.m. we sat on the grass with about 30 people. We had an enamel plate with bread and mugs containing water. Twelve of us partook of the Lord's Supper. It was a good time, and Stanley Hubert and Jim Joseph will carry on each Sunday."

B.E.M. AWARDED

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. Carslake). Reg. Taylor was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honour List. It was for work done for the conservation of wild life. Reg. has been a member of the local church for just over two years . . . There was a large crowd at the opening day of Eleanora Lodge. Representatives were present from Commonwealth, State and local levels. 33 of the 47 units have already been filled . . . There was a large crowd at the 8 a.m. Christmas Day service and \$84 was given for the Christmas Bowl of Remembrance . . . Students from Glen Iris College, Ken. Verge and Don. Sonsee, preached here during their vacation.

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THIRTEEN BAPTISMS

(COWANDILLA, S.A., E. S. Thomas). The church participated in the Reggie Thomas Crusade at Mile End and during and since the Crusade 13 people were baptized . . . At the 48th anniversary of the church S. Thomas and K. D. Horne (Director of Home Missions and past minister) were speakers. Mr. Rodda who was the first secretary, spoke at the anniversary tea . . . B. V. Coventry recently told of the work at the Dhorja Boys' Home, India. The church is contributing to the work of this home as a Christmas Bowl project . . . A new study for the minister built in memory of E. Mason was opened on Dec. 20.

WALTER BROWN, M.B.E.

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. H. McCormick). In the New Year's Honours the M.B.E. was conferred on our Walter Brown for his outstanding service in charge of Heidelberg Repat. Hospital Psychiatric Wards. We rejoice and congratulate him . . . Judith Fisher sent greetings from London. She is now in Norway . . . Associate minister, Bill Tabernee, was farewelled and a presentation was made. Bill, Sandra and Nicole will be greatly missed.

MEMBER HAS ASIAN POST

(AINSLIE, LYONS, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright & C. G. Dredge). The Fergie family leave shortly for Japan for a stay of 18 months. Ron takes up a U.N. Development Programme appointment as a lecturer at the Asian Statistical Institute . . . Ainslie and Lyons C.W.F.'s combined for end-of-year function . . . Ainslie Boys and Girls' Brigade were in camp at Sturt Island . . . There have been further commitments to Christ at Ainslie with seven recent baptisms . . . Pastor Amos Wald and Miss Rosalie Rofe have been recent visitors and addressed both churches. Both talked to C.Y.F. . . . The Lyons fete yielded \$600.

MISSION WEEK

(NTH. BALWYN, Vic., A. R. Pledon). A week of special meetings was addressed by John M. Webb, Academic Dean of Lincoln (Theological) College, Illinois, U.S.A. After the final mission service a suitable presentation was made to our American brethren . . . Hospitality was extended to folk journeying to the World Convention from other countries . . . Successful picnic was held at Belgrave Heights Convention grounds . . . B.S. contributions to missionary work totalled \$275. Three scholars have recently made decisions for Christ . . . Average attendance at Good Companions has reached record peak of 65.

COOKING FOR BADGES

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). To gain advanced cooking badges, Pioneer girls gave a "family tea" and presented items . . . At a recent G.B. parade there were two decisions . . . At a combined B.B. parade a number of boys advanced from Sect. 1 to Sect. 2. Awards were presented . . . Recent guest speakers were R. Whan of New Guinea and Dr. Steward . . . The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Vic Perry and family when Mr. Perry was transferred.

West. Aust.

T.V. GOES TO CHURCH

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). Television sets were used in church for World Convention opening telecast. At Convention echo weekend, returning delegates took part . . . Evening services attendance increasing . . . T. Bamford, N.Z., was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary, 1971 B.S. officers are A. Moyle, Supt.; R. Patterson, Sec.; Miss B. Chatfield, Primary Supt. . . 1971 C.W.F. officers are Mrs. Robinson, Pres.; Mrs. Roberts, Sec., and Mrs. York, Treas.

NEW BUILDING ANNIVERSARY

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A.). The Hamilton Hill B.S. deferred its anniversary so that it could be celebrated in the new building. Mrs. Bennett of Dalkeith Rd. was guest speaker. Prizes were presented by Mrs. J. Webb of the U.S.A. . . . The J.C.E. concert was enthusiastically presented . . . The H.H. C.W.F. fete realised \$170 . . . The Fremantle C.W.F. made a Christmas Cheer visit to a local hospital. Their closing meeting took the form of a Christmas service. 1971 officers are Mrs. R. Thompson, Pres.; Mrs. T. Marshall, Sec.; and Mrs. D. Plenty, Treas. The C.W.F. sponsored the Christmas Cheer and Thanksgiving service and displayed foodstuffs ready for distribution . . . The church renewed fellowship with students on vacation from C.O.B. and Kenmore.

SECRETARY HONOURED

(WEMBLEY, W.A., D. Beavis). At the 31st anniversary church family tea followed by a social evening, a foundation member, A. Innes, made a presentation on behalf of the church to A. D. Pyne in recognition of over 30 years as church secretary. Ron. Cook, of Mandurah, led devotions, and was also Sunday's guest speaker . . . The "Wembley Christian," the church's news-sheet, has been registered by the Postal Department and will be posted weekly to absent members . . . Andrea Champlon was dux of her high school . . . The J.C.E. gained first place at the annual J.C.E. sports . . . Mrs. D. Beavis, the minister's wife, is Pres. of the Ladies' Fellowship . . . A. Smyth has returned from a business trip to London.

LOSS OF MEMBER

(ALBANY, W.A., E. B. Clapp). The church membership has been saddened by the death of our beloved member, Mrs. Freer, who, when health permitted, attended regularly at communion services, and was a very faithful member of our C.W.F. The church funeral service was conducted by Mr. Clapp . . . B.S. continues to grow, and the youth work under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Rock has increased in membership. Local brethren were speakers while our minister was attending World Convention and Federal Conference. 13 members attended World Convention.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS BOWL.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. D. Nelson led the December morning meditation "Worship Is Man's Highest Glory." Prayer of intercession was brought by Mrs. Walkington.

It was with great regret that the resignations of Mrs. D. G. Hammer, Prayer Supt., and Mrs. Peter Shannon, Overseas Missions Supt., were received. They will both be going east and have made a valuable contribution to the work in W.A.

The guest speaker was Conf. Pres., H. Heyhoe, who challenged all to "Look Unto Jesus."

The 75 ladies present represented 19 C.W.F.s. A special welcome was extended to Eastern States visitors, Mrs. Ken. Verge, Mrs. Roffey and Mrs. Holloway.

In November, Mrs. G. A. Ewers and Mrs. J. L. Pallot covered a distance of

OBITUARY

BRAMSTEDT, Maud

In the second wedding in the Warragul church, Vic., Maud Pedersen married Charles Alfred Bramstedt in 1914. When they moved to Melbourne they were in membership with the Newport, Moreland and North Essendon churches. There were eight children and at one stage five of their daughters and one son were together in membership with their parents at North Essendon. Mrs. Bramstedt was strongly attached to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She took a keen interest in their growing up, their educational development, their sporting interests, their business ventures and, above all, she was interested in her family's spiritual growth. She had a strong faith and it needed to be strong for it was tested often. She suffered a great deal from illness, and carried heavy burdens of grief when she lost her husband and her son, Russell. A mother-in-law eight times over she was much loved by her family and by the many friends she made at each stopping place in her life. When she died at the age of 79, she was quite ready for the new adventure. R. H. Hillier and A. E. White led the funeral services.

SCAMBLER, Mrs. T. H.

Beatrice Ruth Violet Scambler, who died recently, was born at Mooroolbark, Vic., in 1887. Her parents were members of the Churches of Christ and from her earliest years she grew up in the background of the Restoration Movement. At the age of nine years she moved with her family to W.A. where she became a schoolteacher. Mrs. Scambler met Thomas Scambler at Bunbury where as a young man he was serving his first ministry. After marriage the young couple travelled overseas to the U.S.A. where Mr. Scambler completed his education at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Returning to W.A., the Scamblers served the churches at Kalgoorlie and Maylands before coming to Victoria to a long ministry at Hawthorn. Here Mrs. Scambler pioneered kindergarten work in the B.S., introducing many new ideas and techniques. She was also active in women's work and served as State Women's President in 1930-31. When Mr. Scambler became first a lecturer, and then later Principal, at the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Mrs. Scambler identified herself with student welfare and exercised a ministry to young people who found in her a confidant and friend.

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The Home Missions feature was attended by 100 ladies. Ministers' wives from Home Mission churches gave reports. Christmas Cheer was received for Christian Welfare and Hospital Visitation.

Approx. \$900 was received from the well supported Carinya Village Fair.

Prayer and Praise Points:

o For Don Butler, newly-elected Fed. Aborigines' Mission Secretary.

o For Christians on Aoba and Maewo Islands.

o For the Indian Christians that they will be challenged to take up positions of leadership and responsibilities.

o For the missionaries on all our fields. There are big changes as the work grows and develops.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

Though she did not enjoy good health, and indeed suffered a great deal, only those closest to her knew this and she exercised right up till her removal to hospital in recent weeks a kindly ministry of concern and care for others. A keen mind, a lively sense of humour and a natural graciousness made her a great joy to visit. Though, over the past several years, she was unable to attend worship she maintained a keen interest in and care for both the local church and the brotherhood which for so many years and in so many places she had served so faithfully and well. Loving sympathy is extended to her daughter and two sons who together with other relatives and a large circle of friends will greatly miss her. The funeral, a private one, was conducted by the Hartwell minister.—M.J.S.

JACKSON, Annie Alice

Mrs. Jackson was born on Oct. 11, 1881, at Kensington. Her maiden name was Peet, a surname well known in the early history of Churches of Christ in both S.A. and Vic. Except for a short time spent at the Nth. Melb. church as a girl, Mrs. Jackson was associated with the Lygon St. church all her life. Here she was baptized by Horace Kingsbury, and married to John Barclay Jackson by J. E. Thomas. Her late husband was an officer and secretary at Lygon St. For the last few years she attended the Carnegie church but retained her Lygon St. membership. Mrs. Jackson displayed a deep love for Christ and was a most loyal member of his church. In conversation she spoke with warm appreciation concerning those who had ministered to her. On Nov. 1, the date of her wedding anniversary, and the date of the Lygon St. church anniversary she suffered her first serious illness in 79 years. She did not suffer for long, and on Nov. 1, Mrs. Jackson passed away. To her daughter Joan and to her sisters we convey our Christian love and sympathy.—M.S.G.

MARTIN, Mrs. Edna

Mrs. Martin (nee Lobbe) of Springvale Road, Springvale, Vic., died on Nov. 21, after a long illness at the age of 83 years. The funeral service took place from the Springvale Church of Christ. Mrs. Martin was converted at Albury Church of Christ at the age of 10 years and for the following 23 years of her life she had endeavoured to walk consistently before the Lord. Her life had been one of active service in spite of failing health. She was an ex-student of Woorich Bible College and a very active officer in the work of Girls' Brigade. The church at Springvale extends sympathy to her husband Jack and the three children—to her mother Mrs. Sewell and her sister Marlene, both of Albury.—P.T.K.

S.A. and Vic

NO FURTHER TERM

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris). It is with great regret that the church has received the intention of Mr. Norris not to seek a further term after 1972. . . . The church board has formed committees for more effective handling of business to leave more time for forward planning. Officers are also considering a thoughtful letter from young people seeking changes in the 7 p.m. services, with emphasis on more active congregational participation. Young people conducted a Christmas service . . . Recent speakers have been Gerald Rose, the new Director of D.C.E., and Miss Judith Simpson, a missionary from New Guinea. . . . Women's Fellowship raised more than \$110 at a morning tea for the work of World Vision . . . The Brewer family after being involved in a serious car accident are now home from hospital and are improving.

DIRECTOR VISITS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). Gerald Rose, the new Director for the D.C.E., was guest speaker at the quarterly guest service. There were two decisions. At the following coffee-hour Mr. Rose again spoke. Miss Sammels was guest singer at both services. Community singing was led by Roger Duffy and Robin Frost.

POST IN THE PORCH

(BAYSWATER, Vic., M. D. Keatch). A letter box for Christmas cards placed in the porch of the church, has enabled members to give and receive greetings. The money, normally paid for postage, was placed in a tin for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

ELDERS AT STRATHMORE

(Vic., S. K. Bannon). Noel Skillcorn and Fred. Robertson have been appointed as elders . . . At our 21st anniversary, Mr. Bannon, Gordon Moyes and K. J. Clinton were speakers for the day. Many visitors helped us celebrate. The Good Companions presented \$50, and C.W.F. presented \$1,000 to the church . . . John McNeill, Steven Mitchell, Helen Baldry and Julie Shaw were awarded scholarships . . . On Sunday evenings in the Christmas period we joined with the Anglican church for worship.



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S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Every church in the metropolitan area answered the roll call at the December meeting of the S.A. Women's Conference. The President, Mrs. Morrow, welcomed Miss Judith Simpson on deputation from New Guinea, and Mrs. Reid, of W.A.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Dillon (Pres.-elect). Carols were sung, interspersed with scripture readings and interesting history of church music and hymn writers. Solos from Mrs. Millikin

TEMPERANCE EMPHASIS

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). Mr. Jenkinson of the Temperance Alliance, stressed need to support the T.A. especially in efforts to eliminate driving under the influence of alcohol . . . A splendid benefit of the Dr. Kenneth Munson Mission at Victor Harbour is that three churches, V.H., Mt. Compass and Goolwa, have been drawn closer together . . . Richard Spencer, church treasurer, gained 6th place in 500 who sat for the P.M.G. Postal Clerk examination.

N.S.W. MISSIONER

(WHYALLA, S.A.). The Post-Convention Mission led by Jay Back enabled many contacts to be made. There was one decision, two were made earlier. 110 attended opening dinner . . . C.Y.F. made a return visit to Windsor Gardens church . . . C.W.F. "break-ups" included afternoon tea and gifts for pensioners. Evening Ladies' Fellowship held "Outdoor Carols" and gospel film "Tush of Tibet."

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANT

(NORLANE, Vic., J. Edwards). Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Humphries are now living at North Geelong. Malcolm, who has just graduated from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, will be working with A.N.S.V.A.R. in Geelong, and has been called by the church to give his services, in a voluntary capacity, as assistant minister here to Jack Edwards. He will be inducted on Feb. 14, 1971.

and Australian carols in duet with Mesdames Brown and Jarrett conveyed the feeling of Christmas.

The Conference moved to support the League of Women Voters in their campaign against advertising which is detrimental to Australian standards of living.

Pound packs of home-made biscuits brought to the meeting will be distributed to shut-ins by the Prayer-meeting Committee under the leadership of Mrs. A. G. Mathieson.

CELEBRATION FOR EMMAUS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Y.P.E. provided and served Christmas tea for Emmaus guests and prepared gifts for hospital Christmas Cheer . . . Cricketers took part in a gospel service—the sermon "That Second Innings" . . . C.Y.F. camp at Anglesea raised \$23 for East Pakistan relief . . . Rod Ferris appointed treasurer to the State Committee C.Y.F. . . . Mr. Davey has been transferred to W. H. Clay Nursing Home. . . . Jenny Lloyd left for three-month visit to Germany on a Friendship Scholarship . . . Recent speaker was J. Hunting, of J.E.W. . . . Gary Fromhold was injured in motor accident . . . Sympathy expressed to Wiese family in the loss of Norm Wiese, a pioneer member.

Community Welfare Foundation

The Rev. Norman C. Pearce, B.A., A.C.I.S., has been appointed to care for the elderly citizens in residence at Judge Book Memorial Village, and for the elderly living in the community of Eltham. He had served with distinction as a pastor with the Methodist Church, and also spent ten years in inland mission work in Alice Springs and Darwin. He has been secretary of the Board of Finance of the Methodist Conference since 1963.

The Rev. John A. Edwards, L.Th., Dip. R.E., joins the staff as "Public Relations and Research Officer."

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BIRTHS

BROADHURST (Fallon) — Leonie and Robert welcome with love and gratitude—Timothy Dean—to their home at 4 Argyle St., Donvale, Vic.

LARDNER (Wadsley)—To Jenny and David, a son—Andrew David—on Dec. 14, 1970, at Mitcham, Vic. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wadsley and first great-grandchild for Mrs. Maymie Kilgour.

MORRIS (Ferris)—To Wendy and John on Jan. 10, 1971, at Canberra, a daughter—Ailson Elizabeth—sister for Peter.

PADDICK—To Pam and Ern, a daughter—Wendy Lee—on January 6. Address: 7 Trinity St., Reynella, S.A., 5161.

THOMAS (Carnegie)—To Neville and Gwen, January 10, at P.A.N.C.H., God's gift of a son—David Andrew. Grandson of Holley and Rowland Thomas.

ENGAGEMENTS

COLE-ALDRED—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, "Seven Oaks," 60 Adderton Road, Carlingford, N.S.W., have pleasure in announcing the engagement on December 10, 1970 of their twin daughter, Dorothy, to Robert, son of Mr. Thomas Aldred, Brookvale, and the late Mrs. Edna M. Aldred.

DAHL-KILWORTH—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dahl announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Caryl, of Carnarvon, W.A., to Roger, son of Mr. G. A. Kilworth, of Leicester, England, and the late Mrs. Kilworth.

FIMMELL-NEVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Fimmell, Mt. Lel, via Mt. Gambier, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, LeRay May, to Brian Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Neville, Netley, S.A.

HOOD-TAGG—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hood, 9 Osborne Ave., McKinnon, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Lols Joy, to Ronald Ernest, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tagg, 18 Field Ave., Edithvale, Vic.

HUDD-COLLINS—Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Hudd, Dukes Highway, Bordertown, S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, of Mundalla, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Kathie and Robert.

NEWCOMBE-WILD—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newcombe, 7 Salisbury St., St. James, W.A., announce with pleasure the engagement of their only daughter Beverley, to Richard, only son of Mrs. Lorna Wild, Kyeema Ave., Cumberland Park, S.A., and the late John Wild.

NEWTON-WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Newton, 6 Cordite Ave., Marlborough, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Kaye Patricia, to John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Williams, 119 Woodland St., North Essendon.

QUAYLE-WESTON—Mr. and Mrs. V. Quayle, 34 Davies St., Brunswick, Vic., together with Mr. M. Weston, 35 Kent Rd., Pascoe Vale, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Rosemary and Jeff.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

MATTHEWS-ARNOLD—At 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 31, 1971, Bronwyn Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Matthews, 60 Findon Rd., Woodville West, S.A., and Roy Lindsay, son of Mrs. D. C. Arnold, Cumberland Park, S.A., and the late Mr. A. E. Arnold, will be married at the Church of Christ Chapel, Albert Park, S.A.

SILVER WEDDING

SELWOOD-BROWN—Roger, Jill, Bryce and Narelle happily announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, Norma and Murray, who together give thanks to God for all his blessings. Solemnised at Bamba Road Church of Christ, Caulfield, Vic., Jan. 26, 1946 by the late R. L. Williams. Present address: 164 Hearn St., Colac, Vic., 3250.

BURTT - McGREGOR — Margaret and Bart, 20B Henry St., Croydon, S.A., happily celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. S. Neighbour officiated at the ceremony in the Oakleigh Church of Christ, Vic., on February 9, 1946. Congratulations and best wishes from Allison and Wayne, Christine, Roger and Janine.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

KAYE (Thompson)—Mr. and Mrs. V. Kaye announce with pleasure and gratitude to God the 50th anniversary of their wedding celebrated at Church of Christ, Raleigh St., Footscray, Vic., on January 15, 1921 by the late Pastor E. G. Warren.

ROSENBERG - BLACKWELL — The Church of Christ, Gatton, wishes to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of Eric Rosenberg and Edna Blackwell, celebrated at Zillmere Church of Christ, on December 23, 1920, solemnised by H. E. Kingsford. "He leadeth me."—1 Hals St., Gatton, Qld., 4343.

THOMAS-WARNE—Mr. and Mrs. Drummond Thomas announce with pleasure the 50th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated December 18, 1920, at Church of Christ, North Melbourne, by the late A. E. Hurten. Present address: 24 Diana St., Croydon, Vic., 3136.

DEATHS

CLARK, Reginald Percy—On January 7 at a private hospital, Hobart, dearly loved husband of Elsie Isabel, 25 Nile Ave., Sandy Bay, Tasmania, loved father of Ernest, Rona (Mrs. A. J. Hagger) and Ralph; fond father-in-law of Robin, Alf, and Lesley and brother-in-law of Minnie (Mrs. R. K. Gerrand), loving grandfather and great-grandfather of all his grandchildren. Aged 81 years.

FISHER, Elsie—28/12/70 at Donvale Hospital, age 87 years. Loved mother of Mrs. Banks (Avice), Theo. (U.S.A.), Lance (Carnarvon, W.A.) and Corree. "With Christ which is far better."

MANNING, Robert James—On Jan. 12 at his son's residence, Oklands Park, S.A., beloved husband of Kathleen, loving father of Mavis, Phillip and Jennifer; father-in-law of Charles and Kaye; grandfather of Suzanne and friend of Neville. Aged 49 years.

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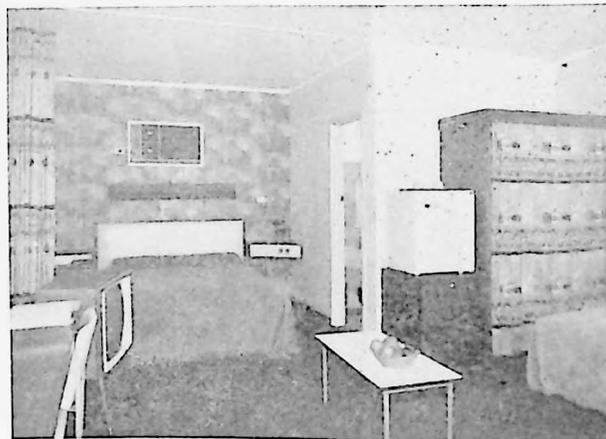
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REVIEWS

GOD AND ONE REDHEAD

By Carol Christian & Gladys Plummer. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$4.25.

This is the story of Mary Slessor, the mill-girl of Dundee, who became "Everybody's Mother" in Calabar, close to the region of today's ill-fated Biafra. A less-likely looking missionary prospect never went to a more outrageous place to serve. Her father was a compulsive drinker who made the life of his family almost impossible. Most of her brothers and sisters died young. Her mother was wonderfully faithful and loyal to her family, but a bit weak. But she shared her faith with her children, had long taken an interest in the Presbyterian mission in Calabar and no doubt she helped to inspire her son, Robert, to plan to go there as a missionary.

When Robert died, Mary offered herself in his stead. She was 27, and after three months' training at a normal school she left for Africa. Calabar had been demoralised by its long dependence upon slavery, it had murderous customs which were built upon superstition and witchcraft, and the country was so hazardous to health that shipping companies were used to selling one-way tickets. In addition, Mary Slessor was a woman in a land where women were suppressed. It was not a situation calculated to make for a successful missionary career, but there is no name but Livingstone's that stands higher in Africa's list of great missionaries.

Although the work in the coastal mission station was difficult and often depressing, Miss Slessor did not rest until she obtained permission to move inland. Here she identified herself with the African people, battled against superstition and built a Christian community. Gradually she won admiration and acceptance by native rulers and government officials. Her knowledge of native customs and skill at arbitration won recognition and she was appointed the first woman magistrate in the British Empire. The story of Mary Slessor is one of the great missionary adventures of all time. This account of her life and work by two established and competent authors deserves reading. It is well worth a place in every church library.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

By Viney Longthorp. (Pamphlet Club, No. 185).

The population explosion concept no longer seems to frighten people. We are not sure if this is because we are resigned to it and its consequences, or whether we are so easily persuaded by a few out-of-step agronomists or self-interested government representatives. Viney Longthorp is not among those who speak comfortably about this problem. Even if the world can support more people than are now living, the quality of life must be limited unless there is a greater measure of population control. This Pamphlet Club publication defines the problem, states its causes and consequences, and suggests some action. It is valuable both for general information and for group study.

THE HAPPY FAMILY SERIES

(Hodder & Stoughton). 90c.

This is an economically attractive and an altogether helpful series of paperback studies on everyday problems. They are written for Australia and New Zealand by men and women who belong to the Down-under environment. The authors are experts in their fields and the books are a practical attempt to answer some of the questions that are troubling most of us. Nearly a dozen are now available.

Plan Your Retirement by Frank Weatherall, who has retired, but he hasn't stopped. Formerly Chief Probation Officer in N.S.W. he served as deputy chief of the Field Division of Child and Social Welfare. He believes that old age can be prepared for in matters of economics, health, leisure, and general interests.

The Adolescent Years by Wilfred Jarvis. Dr. Jarvis is well known as a public lecturer, and radio personality. He is Senior Lecturer in Behavioural Science in the Univ. of N.S.W. and has made a special study of young people and the effects upon them of rapid social change. His chapters on problem parents and problem teenagers, adolescent sex, and the damage done by competitive school systems, are particularly helpful.

Girls at School, by Betty Archdale. Mrs. Archdale was a Secondary School Principal and is well-equipped to write about the role of education for girls in today's world. She argues that "the type and length of education affect (a girl's) whole life and is probably the main determinant on where (she will) eventually end up." She talks about the choice of schools, the selection of subjects, when and why coaching is justified, what life is all about and what values are needed to cope with it.

YOUNG'S LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE (Baker Book House). \$5.70.

This literal translation is for students and is not in competition with modern English versions such as the New English Bible, T.E.V., or Barclay's New Testament, which admit to interpretation as well as translation. But students who wish to explore meanings will find Young's scholarship of immense value, whether they are students at college, or who, in their ministries, are still thinking deeply about scripture meanings. And, of course, it will be of value to those who are neither in college or in the ministry.

The Literal Translation was first published in 1862 and it was based on Robert Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible. Young made it clear that he regarded the Common Version as being confused and lax at many points. He further felt that Cruden's Concordance perpetuated some of the confusions. For example, the English verb "to bring" in the Common Version, represents no fewer than 39 different Hebrew words. Young's Concordance distinguished these different words, whereas Cruden's lumped them all together.

Not that many users of Cruden's worried about this. They tended to use that popular concordance simply to locate passages in the Bible.

The Literal Translation incorporated the best of scholarship available at the time but it had no prospect of becoming a popular version. It was too stilted, and was concerned only to bridge the gaps between the old languages and the new. This new edition gives the Bible student a chance to compare the texts in modern idiom. A paperback, it is priced within the range of the home library and is also recommended for colleges.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"You've been a wonderful influence on my husband! He still drinks and gambles, but he doesn't enjoy it as much as he used to."

Victoria . . .

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. M. Barnett, welcomed 125 delegates to December Council. Mrs. Newham presented devotions based on "God's Unending Love for Us." Intercessory prayer was given by Mrs. Candy. Mrs. D. Strack spoke on her experiences at the 4th Asian Women's Conference held in Djakarta.

With a legacy received from the estate of the late Miss P. Ellis the "Ellis Holiday Fund" has been established. It was with regret that the resignation of Mrs. M. Weatherhead as Supt. of the Hospital Visitation Committee was received. A change had been made in the starting time of Council for 1971-10.30 a.m.

Dates to remember: Next Council, Feb. 5, 1971 at 10.30 a.m.; Missionary Camp, March 19-21; March Special Effort, March 16, 8 p.m.

NEW OFFICERS

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). E. Hicken is new president of C.W.F. (evening) and J. G. Galletly is secretary. C.W.F. officers are Mrs. Burch, Pres., and Mrs. Sterling, Sec. . . . The church family picnic was held at the Basin . . . A. B. & F.B.S. representative was speaker when the film "Under the Red Pagoda" was screened . . . R. Bullen is home after a time in Austin Hospital . . . Sympathy is offered to the Holden family, J. Tibbals and family, and Mrs. F. Sterling, in the loss of loved ones . . . John Alabaster spoke at an evening service, and Mrs. Drummy was soloist, after which the Y.P. viewed a film at Chadstone.

MEMBERSHIP GROWS

(BERWICK, Vic., R. A. C. Hollard). Seven young people were baptized recently following an "Outreach" Crusade conducted by Ted Keating from Dept. of H.M. & Evang. Several transfers have also increased the membership . . . Full-time ministry will commence in Feb., 1971 with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollard. Both have been with us for the past 12 months on a student

part-time basis . . . A Talent Programme is currently in progress . . . At the annual meeting T. Clift was elected elder for two years. C. Minns is the other elder . . . Cliff Cameron has vacated the secretaryship after many years of devoted service, and will remain on the board as a deacon. Alan Funston is the new secretary.

MEN ACTIVE

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). R. Kenley was appointed new secretary of C.M.F. The men's aim of \$100 for surgical instruments for Bunapas was reached and money forwarded . . . The ladies' mini-market realised \$273 in great effort. The C.W.E.F. gave \$100. Both these amounts go to our Christian Education Centre building fund . . . An invitation was issued to anyone associated with the church for Loyalty Sunday. The service featured the singing of the Ward twins.

CHURCH CO-OPERATION

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. Paver). A combined worship service was held in the local hall. The building was packed to capacity. Dr. Geoff Whiting was the speaker, with local laymen taking part in leadership, prayers and readings. An offering for aid to Pakistan reached \$88 . . . This year there has been more co-operation between churches than ever before. Ministers from other churches have shared in worship with us, a combined Christian Educ. Committee has met regularly, and we have had a series of evening services dealing with poverty, including poverty in our own district. . . . There has been one decision during the month.

CHANGE AT NOBLE PARK

(Vic.). T. Giles of the C.O.B. will commence a student ministry in February. . . . There was a recent baptismal service . . . The C.W.F. held a progressive tea, and also visited "Kurralong" (ladies' guest home) . . . W. Little was a recent speaker. He has been farewelled after two years of service with the church. Jill Woodman was also farewelled.

THOMSON SECRETARY

(Vic.). Ken. Turner has been elected secretary in place of Keith McGregor who has been secretary since the church commenced . . . Kevin Gaulton will begin a ministry in the new year . . . Mr. Banks, after interim service at Swan Hill, took services to relieve Mr. Small who was ill . . . November stall realised \$70 for the building fund . . . Latrobe Tee. Girls' Brigade presented items at a Sunday service . . . Some Roman Catholics accepted an invitation to attend young people's social . . . Speakers at C.W.E.F. have been Mr. Phillips of Adelaide on Lifeline, and Mrs. Joy Williams on World Convention.

DANDENONG MISSION

(Vic.). For two weeks Dandenong church had the services of two of the brotherhood's most talented men.

Ted Keating conducted a series of house meetings in which some fifty ladies met for four morning coffees and approx. 100 members and friends met for four house parties. These sessions were of an informal nature and Mr. Keating expertly guided the discussion to the point whereby he was able to apply the New Testament to life situations.

He also conducted a series of early morning prayer workshops which were a spiritual stimulus to the church.

A highlight was the hayride and barbecue evening for young people when some 80 rode on the back of a highside truck out to a property at Narre Warren.

Gordon Moyes came for the second week and demonstrated great preaching powers. Twelve people made response which means that Dandenong has seen 38 decisions during the past twelve months.

Mr. Moyes used his humour, Bible knowledge, clear mind and life illustrations to demonstrate the power of the gospel in the 20th century.

Dandenong would like to thank both these men, the Dept. of Home Missions and a vast array of 60 people who helped us present the gospel.

We would also like to thank our sister churches for their very strong support.

Dandenong has been strengthened in its fellowship, increased in faith, deepened in prayer and enriched in its evangelistic outreach.

TOO MANY SICK ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

(W.A.). The Annual Report of the Princess Margaret Hospital (the large Perth Children's Hospital) has just been presented. It contains interesting and challenging figures concerning Aboriginal children.

In W.A. only 2½% of the population is Aboriginal, but Aboriginal admissions to the hospital accounted for nearly 5% of the total. To add to this, Aboriginal children require to stay longer in hospital with the result that 10% of the beds at any one time are occupied by Aboriginal children.

The hospital report attempts to give reasons for this 400 per cent disproportion, and claims that it is because of poverty, lack of education and the social deprivation of the parents.

The tragedy is that all of these can be remedied. To be quite fair, many attempts are being made today by trade unions, Government schools, Christian missions and the community in general, to alter the situation, but the steps taken are too slow! The figures given above would be even more out of proportion, were it not for the splendid work of our own and many other church missions to provide homes, food, education and opportunity for many Aboriginal children in need of such help. These institutions provide immediate and urgent help to the innocent victims of this intolerable situation, but it must also be realised that stronger measures must be taken to get to the root of the problem. And they must be taken promptly!—D.G.H.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Overseas Mission Board announces the appointment of the following new workers:

Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliott (N.S.W.): Appointed to Ranwald in the New Hebrides. Mr. Elliott is a graduate in Arts and a graduate of the Woolwich Bible College. Mrs. Elliott is a double-certificated nurse. The Elliotts leave for the New Hebrides early February. During the past twelve months they have been serving at the Rockdale church.

C. Campbell (S.A.): Appointed to Bunapas, New Guinea. Mr. Campbell is a Primary School teacher and a member of the Gawler church, S.A. Mr. Campbell will leave for New Guinea at the end of January.

Miss Aileen Hardie (W.A.) is a Prim-

ary School teacher and has offered to serve as a voluntary worker in New Guinea for twelve months. Miss Hardie comes from Bassendean, West Aust. She will leave for New Guinea towards the end of January.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gray (Vic.), short-term workers, have offered to serve for a full term (2 years 8 months) in New Guinea. Mr. Gray is an A Grade automotive engineer and Mrs. Gray is a double certificated nurse. They have three young children. The Grays are members of the Box Hill church, Vic. and leave for New Guinea early Feb., 1971.

We give thanks to God for all of these appointments and pray for his blessing and guidance as each one prepares to go.

HELP WANTED!

A cameraman, a nurse, an English professor, an X-ray technician, a child-care officer and a master carpenter are being sought by D.I.C.A.R.W.S. for short-term service in a developing country, helping to train local people in much-needed skills. Among the 38 openings listed by D.I.C.A.R.W.S. are a number in the Nigeria rehabilitation programme and in the eumenical teams working with the Algerian Government.—E.P.S.

I.T.I.M. APPOINTMENT

(Vic.). The Board of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission has appointed C. E. Watson as office manager as from the middle of January, 1971. This is a part-time appointment.

Mr. Watson, who has served our churches in Vic. and S.A., recently retired from the position of State Director for I.T.I.M. in S.A.

JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

People were always asking questions of Jesus. Here are some of them. Do you remember what Jesus said in reply?

1. John the Baptist was in prison and discouraged. He sent a message to Jesus, "Are you the one that should come, or do we look for someone else?" What did Jesus say?

2. A young man came to Jesus and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" What did Jesus reply?

3. Some clever Jews, who hated the Romans and also hated Jesus, asked him, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?" What did Jesus say?

(Answers next issue)

THEY laid the poor man out on the police station floor, and the young policeman who brought him in, stood while the doctor examined him. The doctor said, "This man has been dragged." The young policeman went pale and shivered. "That's right, sir," he said, "It's all my fault. I drug him along the street, he wouldn't walk!"

TWO monks set up a roadside fish 'n' chip joint. One morning a smart customer asked one of them, "Are you the fish friar?" "No," came the reply. "I'm the chip monk."

CRAZY BOOK TITLES

"The Cry of Hunger" by Phyllis Quick; "Warfare" by Tommy Gunn; "The Russian Escape" by Lizy Nickl-noff; "Big Knockout" by I. C. Stars; "The Talkative Boy" by Willie Stopp; "Public Nukance" by Amos Quito.

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THE TRAGEDY

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Not that men are poor;
All men know something of poverty,
Not that men are wicked;
Who can claim to be good?
Not that men are ignorant;
Who can boast that he is wise?
But that men are strangers.

—Edwin Markham.



A Christian is not peculiar in that he walks by faith, he is peculiar in the faith he walks by.



Corrupted freemen are the worst of slaves.

It took man roughly 475,000 years to arrive at the agricultural revolution and another 25,000 years to come to the industrial revolution. We have arrived at the space age in a hundred and fifty years, and while we do not know where we go from here, we can be sure we will go there fast—CHARLES FRANKEL.

Repentance brings freedom: Surrender brings guidance: Discipline brings zest: Obedience brings power.



I have so much to do, and so little strength with which to do it that I have to pray.



Daddy bought a little car—
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