

*...to give light to those
who sit in darkness...*



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CALCUTTA

— LIKE A TIME BOMB!

By MISS H. SKUCE, of India



Hema Kothari, Correspondent, Calcutta

THERE is no place more critical in all India than Calcutta.

With her teeming millions, Calcutta seems to sit on the banks of the River Hooghly like a time bomb about to explode. It is easy to despair in Calcutta. The numbers seem so endless, the problems seem so acute, and darkness seems to have settled on the whole city.

But though there is today great darkness, there are many lights in the darkness to bring us hope. God is working, as often God does, in secret. The world's publicity points out the evil, and rarely the good.

With so much attention focused on Calcutta, we have only seen the dark side of the picture. One area, known as 24 Paraganas, has been in the news constantly. The reports are of violence, despair and dissatisfaction, but we know that here in this area there are many young people who are searching for something that can bring them peace, hope and satisfaction.

Letters from 24 Paraganas are coming that is in the hearts of young people (aged 15-25 years) to seek a way of living that can bring them peace, hope and satisfaction that they are searching for. These are the lights that are beginning to shine here, and in many other parts of India today.

We receive requests daily for our Bible Study courses, and we know that these courses are leading many to the Light of the World, and as they come to the True Light, their lives are shining as lights in the dark. Today it is our responsibility to see that the Word of God goes forth so that all may have the opportunity of coming to the True Light. Together let us pray for the lights to shine in Calcutta and other parts of this great land of India.

By R. S. A. McLEAN

\$157,000 FOR MISSIONS

\$157,000 is far more than could be expected for one person or one church to give for Overseas Missions, but it is not too much for a concerned brotherhood such as the Churches of Christ.

Giving over the past few years from the brotherhood is as follows:

1967	\$156,220	1969	\$155,451
1968	\$150,335	1970	\$148,723

While giving has fluctuated from year to year there is sufficient evidence to say that with renewed effort and a vital concern to send the gospel to other lands, the brotherhood could contribute \$157,000 needed for missions this year.

Costs of maintaining the work have risen sharply. There have been increases in missionaries' salaries and allowances, and expenditure for travel, freight, customs, etc., continues to increase.

Why is so much needed? The answer is in the various ministries being conducted on our mission fields in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides. These ministries include:

- Maintenance of six hospitals, eleven schools, three children's homes, one Bible College.
- Witnessing through personal evangelism, distribution of Christian literature, Bible Correspondence, Open Air preaching, Radio Broadcasting, Church Worship.
- Reaching thousands living without Christ in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides.

To conduct these various ministries, we support a staff of 12 missionaries in India, 21 missionaries in the New Hebrides and 26 missionaries in New Guinea. In addition there is a large staff of over 100 national workers who serve as evangelists, teachers, nurses, dressers and technical workers.

\$157,000 is needed to maintain the work during the next financial year. On Sunday, July 4 the Annual Offering of Overseas Missions will be received. This will be your opportunity to contribute.

How much should you give for missions? Perhaps the question should be, "How much should you withhold?" But if you insist on having a suggestion on how much you should give—is ten dollars too much?

Is ten dollars too much?
When you remember
It could help
A hungry child
Receive food, a sick person
Receive healing, an illiterate
Understand.

Is ten dollars too much?
When you know
It could enable
A lost sinner
To hear God's Word
And be saved
For eternally.

Is ten dollars too much?
When you hear
Of people living
Without Christ.
Enslaved by idolatry
Dominated by evil spirits
Dwelling in darkness.

I am not rich
Yet I pay
More than ten dollars
Each year for television,
Plants for the garden,
Maybe birds' seed,
Pleasure trips in my car.

Considering these things,
Ten dollars is not too much
For me to give
On Sunday, July 4.
It is the least I can do
For people beyond the seas
Needing Christ.

Other Sheep I Have

By R. S. A. McLEAN



ON April 29, 1873, David Livingstone, missionary, explorer, philanthropist, died in the village of a friendly African chief called Chitambo. His servants called a conference of all the men. "We must take the master back to the coast and across the sea to his own people," they said. They buried Livingstone's heart under a tree near Chitambo's village and then started on the long perilous journey of one thousand miles, to the coast, which they reached nine months later.

Livingstone's body was then placed on a ship bound for Zanzibar and from there on to England reaching Southampton on April 15, 1874. It was then carried through the streets of London and buried in Westminster Abbey. On the stone which marks his grave these words from John 10: 16 are engraved, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring."

Christ had been teaching concerning himself as Shepherd, of his one flock and fold among the Jews, and of those who, hearing their Shepherd's voice, had followed him and were his own. And then he paused, or so it seems, and was silent for a time, and ceased to look at his disciples. They were silent, and puzzled, and then he spoke these beautiful words which revealed his inmost thoughts, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring." He was thinking of the whole Gentile world, the multitudes living, even in the uttermost parts of the earth that were to be redeemed.

Almost the entire ministry of Jesus was devoted to the Jewish nation, but Jesus was ultimately concerned with people of all nations, so he said, "Other sheep I have that are not of this fold, them also I must bring. . ."

The importance that Jesus gave to bringing in these other sheep, world evangelism, is clearly shown in the teaching he gave to his disciples after his resurrection.

Jesus appeared to his disciples on several occasions after his resurrection, and we note that at these various interviews, he did not attempt to refresh the minds of the disciples concerning all the truth, he had already taught them.

Eric S. Fife in "A Highway For Our God" writes, "There were two truths he seemed determined to establish on their minds, and he spared no pains to make it perfectly clear that they understood.

"The first truth: He had indeed risen from the dead. The second truth: They were to be witnesses of this fact throughout the whole world."

In John 20: 19-23, on the evening of the resurrection day, the disciples were meeting behind closed doors. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." When he had said this he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

In this interview Jesus "showed them his hands and his side," and in doing so taught the first truth that he wanted to establish, the fact that he had risen from the dead.

He then went on to establish the second truth, that he was committing to them the most important assignment ever given to any group of men in the history of the world. "As the Father has sent me, even so send I you." God sent Jesus into the world to redeem mankind and Jesus linked his commission

with that of his own disciples, "even so send I you." He sent them out to evangelise the world, to preach to the Jew and the Gentile "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Matthew 20: 16-20 records an interview that Jesus had with his disciples on a mountain in Galilee. When they saw him some doubted but most of them recognised him as the risen Lord and worshipped him. Once again these same two truths were expressed, first he had risen from the dead, and second there was the truth of world evangelism for on that occasion Jesus said to them, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

These same two truths are again made clear during the last interview Jesus Christ had on earth, the first that he had risen from the dead, the second that they were to be "witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Luke wrote that Jesus showed himself alive after his death by many convincing proofs and he appeared to the disciples from time to time for a period of forty days.

Of all the truths Jesus could have taught during these days before his ascension, he gave priority and emphasis to two, his resurrection and his desire that his disciples should go into the whole world and "preach the gospel."

The significance of this must surely arouse the church to its God-given mission of world evangelism. Jesus said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring." To bring them, Jesus Christ was crucified, "The good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Through his death and resurrection Christ has provided a way whereby people of all nations might be brought to God and he gives his followers power for the task of bringing in the "other sheep."

When Jesus said, "other sheep I have" he included the thousands in the cities and villages of India, the people who live in scattered villages along the Ramu and Keram Rivers and the Schrader Ranges in New Guinea, and those who dwell in the remote Islands of the South Pacific, the New Hebrides.

It is our task to bring in these "other sheep" by serving as missionaries, or if we cannot go ourselves, through earnest prayer and sacrificial giving.

The World

Its people are hungry, who will feed them?
Its people are sick, who will heal them?
Its people are naked, who will clothe them?
Its people are illiterate, who will teach them?
Its people are confused, who will guide them?
Its people are sorrowful, who will comfort them?
Its people are pagan, who will redeem them?
Only the gospel of Christ is adequate.
Share in the Task . . .

Preaching the Gospel in the Regions Beyond

PAUL wrote to the Corinthians that it was his desire "to preach the gospel in regions beyond you and not have to boast of work already done in another man's field." (2 Cor. 10: 16).

Our New Hebridean missionaries in New Guinea are doing this as they preach the Good News in remote villages in the Upper Koram and Schrader Ranges. They are not "working in another man's field" as they are the first missionaries to serve in these areas. The people in the villages being contacted in the Schrader Ranges live in very primitive conditions, wear practically no clothing, have no knowledge of Pidgin English and have not heard the gospel.

As yet we do not know how many people live in the area, but our Lord has told us to go and make disciples of all nations, and this includes these people in these remote villages in New Guinea. The indigenous church in New Guinea is not able at present to send workers to them so it is our God-given responsibility to send missionaries.

August Ben writes, "We have been encouraged a lot this year to see many changes in the people, their co-operation in the work and their change of lives. Two of our men who were baptized at Asau are a great help to us. Maeline is kept busy looking after the family, sewing classes and medical work. She delivers two or three babies every month. There are problems and hardship but the joy of him who calls us has covered all. We felt sure that he has a work for us in New Guinea."

Bill Bull also writes encouragingly concerning the work in the Schrader Ranges. "The site for the mission is all cleared



New Hebridean missionaries, L.-R.: August and Maeline Ben, and David; Bill and Janet Bali.

and the first house is being built. In addition to the studies or classes we started last year, I have commenced a Sunday School and all is going well. We are now contacting five places where the 'mountain men' live. The most distant village is two days' walk from here. We also reach ten other villages and the people are showing much interest in the gospel. Some men walk two days to the Bible study which is held once every second week and every week more new ones are coming in."

If people are so eager to hear God's Word that they are prepared to walk for two days to attend a Bible class, we who are blessed by having the Bible in several versions, easy access to prayer meetings and Bible studies, the opportunity of hearing God's Word proclaimed at the nearby church every Lord's Day, must surely be prepared to pray and give so that the gospel might be preached "in regions beyond."



A NEW GUINEAN NURSE?

By
SISTER M. HORNE
(New Guinea)

VISA is a young married woman. She worked at Bunapas Hospital as a nurse with the Maternal and Child Health Clinics. One day she didn't turn up. She had gone off with her husband to prepare supplies of food.

Koram completed Standard 5 at school and worked as a nurse at Bunapas Hospital. She worked fairly well and was settling in to the routine. But one day she didn't come to work. She had been promised in marriage and had gone to live with her future in-laws.

Goma worked at Bunapas Hospital. Though she was slower in picking up the work she seemed a steady worker. But one day she was caught stealing and was dismissed.

Now, I am sorry to say, we have no nurse.

New Guinea is a growing country and many of her people are only now learning about the better ways of caring for their children and are realising the importance and helpfulness of medicine. There is a oneness between people of the same coloured skin and from the same country that we "whiteskins" can't achieve. Now Guineans are better able to teach and understand New Guineans.

We do ask for your prayer support in choosing and training young women, that they will be permitted by the village men and elders to train as nurses and not be forced into situations that will prevent their training and working and be able to witness by their lives and words of the love of Jesus Christ to the hundreds of women that attend the clinics.

SKUL (SCHOOL) AT BUNAPAS

By CHRISTOPHER
CAMPBELL (New Guinea)

AILEEN Draney, Aileen Hardie and myself teach at the Bunapas School. We teach children the Primary 1 (Territory) Syllabus with the hope that children will pass their Standard Six Certificate at the completion of their schooling.

The school has 120 students attending, most of whom board at Bunapas during the week. The majority of children come from neighbouring villages and go home to be with their families at the end of each school week.

The children are busy establishing their school gardens and also developing a sports ground. They rise from sleep at 6 a.m., and work in their gardens before beginning school. Sometimes they go fishing in the Ramu River and extra long worms are found for fishing bait. They enjoy swimming in their creek pool during the lunch hour and can swim like fish. Each day at school we have Christian Education. The children also have their nightly devotions in their dormitories. They study God's Word and share in prayers to God. We have varied activities like Christian Endeavour, reading, games and clubs.

Practices are beginning for the Sports and Choral Festival at Bogla, on the coast. All are looking forward to this exciting time. For some children it will be their first sight of the ocean.

When in prayer please pray that the children will learn more of God's love and for a desire to witness with him, and for those students attempting Standard Six who will need God's guidance in what he would have them do next year.



G. R. ELLIOTT

THE term "native pastor" probably does not convey to the average Australian church member what it does to someone who has actually seen one in action. If this is so of a village pastor, it is certainly so of Pastor William Vuli. He is unusual in that his duties as Chaplain of our Ranwadi School are different from those of a village pastor. He is however not unusual in his devotion to the gospel of Christ and his unswerving faithfulness to the Word of God.

He organises Sunday services in which he shares the preaching with missionaries, the rostering of missionaries, teachers and their wives to share with him in morning devotions and also the supervision of meal table devotions. Annette, his wife, is a wonderful asset and she shares the respon-

A NEW HEBRIDEAN PASTOR

By G. R. ELLIOTT, New Hebrides

sibility of the meal table devotions. Because boys and girls eat in separate dining rooms, she takes charge of the girls. The children are encouraged to take part by leading the studies. The Vulis are making a unique contribution to the church in the New Hebrides.

As leader of the cubs, William provides a strong spiritual influence, while in matters of general school discipline he is a helpful advisor. Annette is a leader of the Girls' Club. William also conducts some of the Scripture classes, in which he is taking the children through some strategic events in the Old Testament. He is also responsible for the new converts' class. Pastor William is a capable builder and is always doing necessary repairs. He is very useful in making extra buildings from bush timbers and bamboo. Soon, when the materials arrive, he will supervise the building of a chapel. This will be fittingly symbolic of his work and will mean that our church services will be held away from the atmosphere of the classroom. On top of this work, like every native pastor, he must grow his own vegetables. I can think of a few Australian ministers who would starve to death if this was necessary for them.

Of course, in his position he has no visiting to do, but he is constantly with his wife, in contact with the children, leading them by word and example to the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

"MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH LOVING CONCERN"

By SISTER MARGARET LUHRS, New Hebrides

THE stillness of the night was rent by a loud cry—a cry of anguish and grief torn from the heart of a mother who had just watched her little girl die. This child was one of many admitted to our hospital at Duindul during a recent epidemic of gastro-enteritis. Unfortunately she had been very sick for several days in the village, and through fear and ignorance, the parents had not sought medical help. When they did eventually come, it was too late! In the same ward of the hospital were other little children well on the road to recovery. Their parents had realised the importance of coming early for treatment. They had attended health talks given by nurses and dressers out in the villages, and the message had got through to them. A flannelgraph lesson on healthy living had helped. This had been made possible by the gift of a flannelgraph board by a young married couple in one of our Australian churches. Although this couple had limited financial resources, they had wanted in a small way to express their gratitude to God for his blessing in their own lives.

That same night, another cry rang out—this time the cry of a newborn babe safely delivered in the midwifery section of our hospital. "Mama no piccannini am i gud tumas." (both mother and child are very good) was the announcement made to the proud father. This child brought great happiness—for previously, through lack of any care during the ante-natal period, this same mother had lost a baby in a remote village. What a different picture! Here was a mother who was well prepared—she had attended clinics at the hospital—had learnt how to live a clean, healthy life—had had suitable laboratory investigations and received medicine to correct a condition



Hospital laboratory, Duindul, New Hebrides, made possible through loving concern.

of anaemia—had been attended at the delivery by a nurse in clean surroundings. This preparation resulted in the joy shared by those parents in the new life given to them by God. The hospital itself, the equipment, the facilities for student nurses, the medicines, the medical care in the villages, and so much more, have been made possible by the sacrificial giving and loving concern and prayer of our brethren in Australia as well as the people here. For this, we thank God.

But the needs are still great. Our dedicated young nurses and dressers are sometimes short of food. They receive very low wages, and many of them are away from their own islands. They need YOUR help and prayer in this healing ministry.

Perhaps you could pray this prayer with me: "Let me so pray, so share, so sympathise and try to understand, that I may serve them in thy Name."

GIVE FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS, SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1971

WITNESSING AT INDAPUR

By PASTOR D. DONGRE, India

WE now have 105 members on the roll at the Friendship Centre at Indapur. I praise our Lord and Master Jesus Christ for this. Every day 50 to 60 members come in the morning and the evening to read daily newspapers.

At Bhilmanagar, about eight miles from Indapur, there are two Anglo-Indian families. Ten people gather together for worship every Thursday and I intend to go there on Sunday afternoons as well. I praise God for giving me these opportunities to proclaim the glorious gospel in surrounding villages.

The people are interested and we are well received. The head man of one of the villages invited me to his home for a cup of tea. The friendliness shown by this man was encouraging. At another village some old people asked many questions about the Lord Jesus Christ. They kept on with their questions until they were satisfied. As a church we are praying for the salvation of men and women in this area. I have strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that he is definitely going to give us souls. In every village we distribute gospel tracts. We earnestly request prayer for the work we are doing.



Pastor Dongre (centre) and Mr. Shinde (right) sharing God's Word with an Indian farmer.

OPPORTUNITY IS NECESSITY

By DR. D. M. COULTER



Men from non-Christian villages, Santo, New Hebrides.

house, in churches, in a missionary's house, at camps for men and women, or Scouts or Girls' Brigades and in the hospitals and schools. There has been the opportunity and necessity of preaching in action as we care for the sick in hospitals, dispensaries, or villages, as we teach the three R's in schools, as we teach sewing, nutrition, mothercraft, how to fix an engine or build a house, all in Christ's name—and your name because he chose you to send us.

There have been opportunities taken for training elders, deacons, pastors, teachers, nurses and dressers, mechanics and carpenters—training them to care and to preach in word and action. These opportunities are still there and still a necessity, but they have opened up even wider opportunities to the mission and church, working as one, in the New Hebrides. Many of these opportunities are open to us alone. Some have been with us for years, and we have so far failed to meet them. Some opportunities are now.

First there is opportunity in the towns of Santo and Vila. A definite population shift to the towns has brought many of our young people there to work. Young families are moving and settling in Santo. There is great need for a continuous pastoral ministry, but so far pastors have only gone intermittently. A house is needed for a married pastor and a new church. There is also a real need for evangelism among other New Hebrideans in the town and Chinese and Europeans. In Vila we have students attending Secondary School and Teachers' College and many of our young men and women are working in Government and other positions. There is need and opportunity for pastoral care and evangelism. We have a pastor in Vila, but he has to have other employment that provides accommodation because we have no house for him. Neither has he a church building to use. A full-time ministry is needed.

In the French city of Noumea we have an increasing number of our young men working. Plenty of jobs with high wages are available. A pastor has visited this city twice with a wonderful response not only from New Hebrideans, but also Noumeans. Again we need a house for a pastor and a church building.

In the bush in the New Hebrides on two of the largest islands, Santo and Malekula, there are very primitive people untouched by the gospel. There are almost 8,000 of them. We have the opportunity to carry the gospel and the doors are open only to us. It is a necessity. The doors may close if we do not hurry.

The New Hebridean Church is doing everything it can, but hasn't the physical resources to meet the needs. The mission and church together could. Let us make certain the necessities become available to meet the opportunities.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our young minister is a bit cagey about his theological beliefs. When he is asked a question he usually replies, "What do you think?" When he gives the invitation he does not talk about salvation through the blood of Christ, but asks people to make Christ Lord of their lives. Do you think church members should have the opportunity to question a young minister's beliefs and practices before he starts with them?

You probably won't care much for this answer. Maybe you will think that it is a bit cagey, too!

It is evident that you do not care much for your minister. This makes it hard to have the right kind of pastoral relationship. A minister cannot do good work unless he has the loyalty of the congregation. It is hard to preach and serve well if a minister knows he is watched with criticism.

I cannot defend your minister against your charges because I do not know who he is or what he is like. Much of what you say may truly reflect his lack of conviction on basic theological truths. He may be dodging questions that he ought to answer. It may be, however, that he feels he is being questioned so that what he says will be used in evidence against him. When Jesus was questioned in this way, he also refused to answer, not because he was being cagey, but because he refused to play the game under false rules. It may be your minister's way of saying "If you have already reached an answer to your question, why ask me?"

A minister should have deep spiritual convictions and he should be ready to declare his faith and his reasons for it to those who are genuinely interested. He is not obliged to open up to those who are trying to put him on the spot. Maybe he does not use the forms or

phrases which an earlier generation used, or which other ministers may use today, but this does not necessarily mean that his beliefs and practices are unworthy. His way of inviting people to Christ may differ from others, but if your minister is successful in having folk respond to the invitation to make Christ Lord of their lives, then you ought to be glad for them and for him!

It would be a sad day if a minister had to face an inquisition. The church elders and deacons (or their selected representatives) have a responsibility to see that the man who is called is suitable for the church. They have the right to ask him about his beliefs and the way he does things. The church board will also have the advice and help of the State advisory committee. The officers should choose the minister with great care, but it would degrade the ministry if the choice of the board were to be subjected to harassment by church members in public or private discussion.

Maybe it is wrong to make too much of it, but twice you refer to your minister as young. If he is young, maybe he has not yet developed the experience and wisdom that more mature ministers possess. If youth is his problem, then you should do all in your power to encourage him. You also refer to church members in a way that suggests that you are not a member of the board of officers which called the minister. With all respect, if this is the case, it must be because you have not offered yourself for this service, or if you did, the congregation did not choose you. In either case, you would do well to consider your own position before your Lord and to question your own reasons for your attitude to your minister.

Maybe, if you gave strong support to the man who has been chosen by your church, you will learn to love him and serve with him in spite of some shortcomings. Your own spiritual life will be greatly benefited, even if your minister is not the best in the world. This is the way of the Master. He helped some very ordinary men, with lots of faults, to become very good ministers. It could happen today.

The elected representatives of a church are not infallible. They may make mistakes, but they will surely be making every effort to be true to Christ and the church, and the church members should back them up. They should also support their minister—and this means you and your minister!

WORDS
TO TREASURE

Love

By
DOSTOEVSKY
in
"The Brothers
Karamazof."

Love will teach us all things; but we must learn how to win love; it is got with difficulty; it is a possession dearly bought with much labour and in a long time; for one must love not sometimes only, for a passing moment, but always. There is no man who doth not sometimes love: even the wicked can do that.

And let not men's sin dishearten thee: love a man even in his sin, for that love is an likeness of the divine love, and is the summit of love on earth. Love all God's creation, both the whole and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of light. Love the animals, love the plants, love each separate thing. If thou love each thing thou wilt perceive the mystery of God in all; and when once thou perceivest this, thou wilt thenceforward grow every day to a fuller understanding of it; until thou come at last to love the whole world with a love that will then be all-embracing and universal.

WORD TALK —GORDON MOYES.

No. 29—1 THESS. 2: 16 (RSV)

"The Wrath of God"

Paul was so sure that God's anger would fall upon the Jews who opposed Him that he claimed it as an accomplished fact. "The wrath of God has overtaken them" (1 Thess. 2:16, Rotherham). Some scholars following the lead of Dr. Moffatt believe that this latter part of the verse is a later interpolation included after the fall of Jerusalem some twenty years later. However, it is the same thought: God doesn't let deliberate transgression of His will go free. The wrath of God is mentioned several hundred times throughout the Bible, with at least 24 different Hebrew and Greek words used to describe it.

The basic Hebrew word "to be angry" is the same as "to snort through the nose" — the nose being the seat of anger in Jewish physiology. God was angry and "smoke went up from His nostrils." (Psalm 18:8). In the Old Testament the wrath of God came against nations, rulers and individuals who opposed His purposes. Sometimes it was applied in an irrational way, but usually it was felt against sin. Strangely the wrath of God is heightened in the New Testament where it is contrasted with His grace. The New Testament looks forward to the Day of Wrath when judgment will come upon sinners. (Jude 6, Rev. 6:12-17). Those who are in Christ, however, will not come under the wrath of God, but they have already been reconciled to Him. (1 Thess. 5:9).

The meaning of 1 Thess. 2:16 is clear. The Jews who had persecuted the Christians in Thessalonica were the same in spirit as those who killed the prophets, who crucified Christ, who opposed Paul, who failed to please God and who have decided to keep God's love to themselves. Hence they deserve what they will get, and so sure is God's judgment that it has come upon them already.

FOR TODAY

How we love to think of every opponent — "God will get you for that." Sometimes we hope it is so. We are glad when the Herod who slaughters the innocents of Bethlehem dies himself. Yet children in Vietnam and Biafra still suffer. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (Rom. 12:19). The Greeks of course had a word for it — Nemesis, the god who wrought justice. The Nobel prize winning historian Theodore Mommsen says, "History has a Nemesis for every sin." Sometimes we interpret natural calamities as a sign of God's wrath, a natural but a theologically unsafe assumption. The New Testament gives us a safer interpretation. God's wrath is constrained by His love. Our repentance saves us from His wrath. The New Testament nowhere suggests that God will administer only mercy and love. There is His wrath against sin even while He loves the sinner.

"MEET MY FAMILY"

By Mrs. DORINE MORROW

"In Thy seed (Christ) shall all the families of the earth be blessed."
Gen. 28: 14.

In the life of every true Christian there is an interesting story. In ours there is a family saga, for it is the story of two families becoming, by the grace of our Lord, so integrated as one that we think and speak of ourselves as the Byrne-Morrow clan.

Arthur Morrow, my husband, was converted under the preaching of E. C. Hinrichsen at Kalgoorlie in 1925. He joined the Kalgoorlie church and later became one of its officers. For me, Dorine, the story began in 1948 in the farming town of Woodanilling, where, at a small Baptist church, the Lord sought me out.

Separated by distance, and still unknown to each other, the two families shared similar experiences as the children grew . . . responded to the call of Christ to commit their lives to him . . . sorrowed in the loss of a parent . . . and the older ones began to prepare for Christian service. Arthur's four girls trained as nurses, and my eldest son, Brian, now a teacher, went to Mt. Margaret Mission (U.A.M.) north of Kalgoorlie, where he met the Morrow household.

Looking back, one can clearly see the Lord's hand at work, leading us together . . . not only in this meeting, but as both families moved to the metropolitan area in early 1955. By this time, Arthur's eldest daughter, Donella, was in Perth Bible Institute, studying for missionary service, as was my second son, Donald. Two years later, Arthur's second girl, Valda, came in to train, and she and I sometimes shared the hard-form desks during lectures, for I also had entered P.B.I. as a day student.

1957 was a memorable year. Brian sailed for India to teach in Mt. Hermon (Christian) School, Darjeeling; Donella and her husband, Herbert Neville, left for Africa with Sudan Interior Mission, and Valda Morrow fell in love with Donald Byrne.

It was not until three years later that Arthur and I met. Donald was in the

Philippines with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and Valda, now wearing his ring, was about to leave for Singapore on route to language training, missionary service, and marriage. From a time lapse of eleven years it is difficult to say just how and when we first met, but Valda sailed in April, 1960, and Arthur and I married in October the same year.

Others of the family had already married. Arthur's third daughter, Joy, and her husband, David Street (of U.A.M. background) were farming, and the third Byrne son, in the Army, was with his wife and small son at Enoggera in Queensland, but we still had six unmarried children to fill our home at Como, W.A.

As I write, we have sold the big five-bedroomed home, "the-house-with-the-expanding-walls," where so many young people found a welcome, a meal, or a bed. We would have rattled around in it like two lone peas in a pod when the last of "our" family married three years ago, so we moved into the hills south of Perth, into a young, thriving, striving Church of Christ fellowship at Kelmiscott, where there are many opportunities to serve the Lord and others.

It is a tremendous joy to have "our" family all Christians, with Christian partners and grandchildren (30 of them) growing up in homes where the Lord Jesus Christ is honoured. Of them all, Donella, Donald, Valda, and Avril, are with Overseas Missions, and John commenced theological training at Woolwich this year. Those on the home front are actively engaged in Christian service with their particular church.

We've shared sorrow, too, in the death of Basil in Vietnam, and the placing of Rae, a retarded child, in a special home. But with every experience of joy or sorrow, homecoming or parting, there are underlying all, "the everlasting arms" of our God.

We touch hands by faith and prayer across the distance which separates, and thank our Lord for the privilege he has given of knowing him in a vital Christian family relationship.

EXPULSION OF E.P.S. CORRESPONDENT

Don Luce, 36, Vietnam correspondent for Ecumenical Press Service, left Vietnam on May 9 after nearly 13 years of service as a social worker and journalist. He flew to Bangkok after being refused permission to remain in the country by the South Vietnamese Government.

Mr. Luce was scheduled to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington, D.C. on May 13.

Last July he accompanied two U.S. Congressmen on a visit to Con Son Island where political prisoners were being held in overcrowded cells called "tiger cages." The South Vietnamese Government subsequently announced that it had moved the prisoners from these cells.

The U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches meeting in Albany in late April condemned the expulsion of Mr. Luce and said the aspirations of the Vietnamese people would be best served by a liberalising of restraints imposed upon the domestic and foreign press in Vietnam.

The representatives of 27 Protestant and Orthodox communions in the U.S. affiliated with the W.C.C. paid tribute to Don Luce for his humanitarian service to the ordinary people of war-ravaged Vietnam.—E.P.S.

DEATH OF "JOE" BONEHAM

(Melb.). For nearly thirty years, J. D. Boneham was secretary of the Victorian Baptist Men's Society and during that time he became widely known for his organising ability, vision for service, and personal Christian commitment.

He led the significant Baptist men's visitation campaign at Pentridge Gaol and for many years arranged for Christmas parcels to go to the children of prisoners.

In business life he was a printer and was factory manager for the Austral Ptg. and Pub. Co. for fifteen years, retiring only last December, for health reasons.

His effective leadership in men's work resulted in his becoming secretary also of the Australian Baptist Men's Board, and last year, when he and Mrs. Boneham attended the Baptist World Alliance meetings at Tokyo, "Joe" was appointed Australian Vice-President of the Men's Board of the World Alliance.

His interest in the witness and service of Christian men led him to seek the co-operation of other Protestant men's groups and this resulted in the formation of the Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies. He was also Chief Usher at both of the Billy Graham Crusades in Melbourne.

Mr. Boneham died suddenly on May 25 and at the funeral service at the Baptist church at Ashburton, where he had been in membership and served for many years, a fine tribute was paid by his minister to a man who served Christ with devotion and enthusiasm in a practical and wide reaching ministry. The sympathy and prayers of his many friends will help to sustain Mrs. Boneham in her loss.

EDITORIAL

WHETHER a look into the future is a dream or a vision depends, maybe, on whether it is realised or not. Early in this century Christians had a dream, or a vision, of trebling our missionary forces and confronting the whole world with the claims of Christ — in one generation. Some who look back think it was a dream fantasy inspired by a romantic hangover from the Livingstone era of adventure. Others are convinced that the great World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh in 1910 was given a vision which could and should have been realised.

The dream — or vision — of Edinburgh was not achieved. One reason was the nightmarish First World War which stopped, slowed down, or diverted the churches' missionary programmes. There was much disillusionment evident when the Second World Missionary Conference was held at Jerusalem in 1928. It was also a time when some liberal theologians exercised strong influence and they blunted the evangelistic spur to missionary endeavour. They seemed to be saying, "It is good for us to be here. Let us build three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Mohammed, and one for Buddha." The uniqueness of Christianity and the absolute claims of Christ as Lord were being eroded and the sense of urgency in the Great Commission was being destroyed.

There was a reaction at the Third and last of the World Missionary Conferences, which was at Madras in 1938. It was insisted that evangelism must have primacy in missionary activity. But the enthusiasm and optimism of Edinburgh, 1910, were not recaptured. With the population of the world doubled in less than 50 years the tasks were so much more formidable than they had once appeared.

There were a few smaller missionary surveys after Madras at Whitby, Willingen, and Ghana, after which the Inter-

Dream or Vision

national Missionary Council became integrated with the World Council of Churches.

Two factors, which were comparatively minor at Edinburgh, have in later years become major obstacles in the path of successful missionary advances. One is the increasing involvement of the churches in "human" problems, especially in the developing countries. Poverty, human rights, racism and other man-made disasters combined with natural catastrophes to divert manpower and other resources of the Christian church from the business of proclaiming the gospel.

The other factor has been competing missionary activity from other faiths. There has been a resurgence of proselytising by Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other faiths have become aggressively missionary. Islam recently claimed 9 million converts in Africa in one year. In 1967, the first Buddhist missionary to Africa went from Ceylon to Ghana. Soka Gakkai, founded in Japan as late as 1930, already claims 20 million adherents, one-fifth of Japan's total population.

In the light of the magnitude of the missionary task confronting the whole church, our small missions may not seem to be a large contribution, but we have responded to the dream—or vision—by the commitment of men and women and resources to three overseas areas, India, New Hebrides, and New Guinea; (China was lost to us).

The difficulties which churches talk about in their conferences are confronted personally by our missionaries. They are entitled to our interest, concern, and support. So, too, is the Overseas Mission Board, which is our link with the mission fields. They must be assured of our prayerful interest as they make decisions and frame policies for the realisation of our shared vision.

Life Line

By DON. E. STEWART

"Hullo, this is Life Line. Can I help you?"

"No, I just thought I'd like to tell you something. I'm Dr. — and I've just been talking to one of my patients. He told me how you saved his life last night. I thought you'd like to know."

The second Life Line in Victoria began in Melbourne on April 20 and another will open at Ballarat later this year. The first Life Line was established in Victoria two and a half years ago. It is eight years since Life Line began in Sydney as an offshoot of the Central Methodist Mission — one of those great ideas from the fertile mind of Rev. Alan Walker.

Life Line Latrobe Valley is in one sense vastly different from some of the other much larger Life Line organisations both here in Australia and overseas. It does have in common an attempt to provide, in the name of Christ, a mantle of care, by means of the anonymous telephone for the folk who live in and about the Latrobe Valley.

Life Line is not just for the suicide or potential suicide but for all people who find that the pressures of life are becoming too much for people who are confused by the situation in which they find themselves; in short, by any person who finds that he or she is in some difficulty.

Don Stewart, B.A., Dip. M. & E. Eng., is Minister at Traralgon Church of Christ, Victoria.

The Latrobe Valley is a fairly complex community of about 64,000 people in a group of small towns including Moe, Newborough, Morwell, Yallourn, Churchill, Rosedale and Traralgon. The main industry of the area is that of brown coal mining and the generation of electricity. The huge Hazelwood power station was opened recently, another is being built at Yallourn and another large station is to be built after that. This means that the population is mainly made up of working people. The calls to Life Line are not restricted to the Valley; they also come from the surrounding farming areas, from Sale and other towns of East Gippsland.

Life Line Latrobe Valley grew out of the Church and Life Movement in which it was felt that the compassion of Christ should be expressed to the whole community. Several possibilities were looked into before it was decided to establish the Centre. Life Line Latrobe Valley is entirely manned by volunteers. It has a Director, Rev. Graham Silverwood, who is also the minister of the Morwell East United Parish (Methodist-Presbyterian). The one hundred strong team of telephone counsellors maintain a 24-hour-per-day service and they are drawn from the churches of the Valley area. Before people are permitted to become Telephone Counsellors they must first complete a 13-week training course.

In such an organisation counsellors are required to keep confidential even the fact that they are counsellors. What is said over the Life Line telephone must also remain confidential.

The Life Line Basic Training Course is a two-pronged course, with part being Bible Study and part concerned with the

practicalities of counselling methods and some understanding of the nature of the kinds of problems that can be expected when the Life Line phone rings.

In the first two and a half years of operations there have been 1,514 calls, involving a total of 931 separate people who have called Life Line Latrobe Valley in time of trouble. Our experience has shown that 41% of calls made have been about domestic and marriage problems. Youth problems made up a further 12%.

Counselling need not finish with a telephone call. People are often invited to make an appointment with a Life Line Senior Counsellor, or with other Community agencies. In cases of emergency there are Trouble Teams made up of a man and a woman who go out to see what can be done on the spot.

One of the effects that has come to the Churches of the Valley is that within their membership is a growing number of people who are more efficient as counsellors and witnesses for Christ; who outside the Life Line Movement can use the skills they have learned to be more effective church members. This fellowship of Life Line Counsellors has also been an important factor in breaking down barriers between denominations in an effective Christian witness.

Life Line means that the people who live in the Valley know that at any time, day or night, when they ring Morwell 4-3636 they will hear, "Hullo, this is Life Line. Can I help you?" At the end of the telephone line are counsellors prepared to give of themselves, and beyond themselves to bring the compassion of Christ to the area of distress. Help is as close as the telephone.

BLAKE PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS ART

The Rev. A. P. B. Bennie, President of the Blake Society, has announced the names of the judges for the 1971 Blake Prize competition for religious art. They are the Rev. A. A. Dougan, the Rev. Dr. H. Davis, Messrs. John Henshaw, R. P. Meagher and Stan de Teliga.

The Blake Prize was first awarded in 1951 and the aim of the Society is to stimulate the interest of artists and the public in religious painting.

The 1971 prize of \$1,000 has again been given by the Commonwealth Banking

Corporation. Entries will close on Sept. 15 and selected paintings are to be displayed in the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Sydney, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 13.

Melbourne artist, Roger Kemp, and Sydney artist, Eric Smith, shared the Blake Prize in 1970. The Darcy Morris Memorial Prize of \$400 is to be judged in conjunction with the Blake. This prize, awarded annually, for the best non-abstract religious painting, was won last year by Rodney Milgate.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

ONLY BEGOTTEN

To the Editor,

After reading Mr. Raymond's letter and doing some homework I made the, to me, amazing discovery that Nestle's Greek Text has for John 1: 18, "mono-genes theos" or "only begotten God." It appears right to translate "uniquely God."

The point made by Messrs. Moyes and Raymond is therefore quite legitimate, except that it is perhaps a matter of the correct text rather than translation.

If the authority of the text of Nestle (1960) is accepted, John has four times used the word translated "only begotten" as meaning that our Lord is uniquely son of God! Once, in John 1: 18, he uses it to mean "uniquely God." I am sorry that I questioned this significant fact.—Frank Griffiths (W.A.).

BASIC DOCTRINES

To the Editor,

The letter from Miss Grace Mogaery in "A.C.," May 1, calls for comment.

Firstly, it is asserted that man is sinful by nature. This seems to me to be quite unacceptable. God, in his greatness

and goodness, has made us free agents so that we can choose between right and wrong but this choice is not weighed down by a nature already inherently sinful. Such an idea is not borne out by our Lord's teaching.

Secondly, the statement is made that "hell is eternal separation from God." In fact, the word "hell" (Hades) is synonymous with death, the grave, or the state of death, and, as such, certainly does not indicate eternal separation from God, but rather a sleep from which his children shall awake at the resurrection as Jesus taught in Luke 20: 35 when he said, "... they that are worthy ... of the resurrection from the dead."

Thirdly, Paul, in 1 Cor. 9: 27, states quite frankly that it was possible even for him to become a castaway. If this is so, how can anyone claim that, by evangelism even by world-renowned preachers, "multitudes were swept into the kingdom." This does not seem to have happened even on the road to Damascus. We can make certain of a place in the kingdom but only by "patient continuance in well doing" (Rom. 2: 7) right to the end.
—L. R. Reeves (Vic.).

BUDDHIST IN W.C.C.?

To the Editor,

I am perturbed about a misrepresentation of the World Council of Churches which has been circulated in at least one Queensland church newsletter as an extract from a newspaper entitled "Buddhist appointed to World Council of Churches." The article goes on to criticise the W.C.C. for such an appointment of a Buddhist.

From Rev. Chris Mackay, S.A., Secretary of W.C.C., I find that the appointment is that of Mrs. Kiyoko Takedo Cho, 53, who was born into a Buddhist family. At 21 she was converted to Christianity and has been an earnest Japanese Christian for the past 34 years. She holds a doctorate by the University of Tokyo. She is Dean of the Graduate School of the International Christian University in Tokyo. She is a member of the United Church of Christ, in membership with the Toshiba Komagome Kyokai Church in Tokyo. She is married to an economist, Yukio Cho, who teaches at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and they have a 15-year-old son.

The type of misrepresentation of this appointment of Mrs. Cho as a President of the W.C.C. does much harm to the cause of Christ. It grieves me that such criticisms are circulated in church circles.—H. G. Norris (S.A.).

[ED. Although the appointment of Mrs. Cho did give rise to some misunderstanding, for another comment on this question see White Papers, page 15.]

N.Z. MISSION

To the Editor,

The Associated Churches of Christ at Matamata were joined by the local Methodist congregation in the programme of evangelism directed by Allan Avery, Wallace Harford (N.Z.) and Gordon Moyes.

The local aims were: a. To bring to commitment a number of young couples with whom the congregations had been working over a period of two years. b. To inspire the membership of both congregations to deeper commitment. c. To develop deepening relationships as both congregations recognise the exciting possibilities of church union negotiations in N.Z. d. To encourage unattached members to become committed to membership.

Each of these four aims have been achieved beyond expectation and the pervading atmosphere and enthusiasm within each congregation has given both ministers great encouragement.

We would like to thank the Dandenong and Cheltenham churches for the release of their ministers over this period. We also thank the Australian churches for their prayer and interest for the churches in N.Z.

—Ian Richer, Church of Christ.
—Eric Eastwood, Methodist Church.
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BAPTIST FINDS CHURCH ALIVE IN RUSSIA

The church is "astonishingly alive" in the Soviet Union, despite restrictions little known outside the U.S.S.R. This was reported by David S. Russell, general secretary of Britain's Baptist Union, following a two-week visit to Russian and Soviet Baltic states.

Referring to the "genuine friendliness" of Baptists and other Christians he and his British colleagues had met, Dr. Russell wrote in the British Baptist Times: "It is obvious that they have to face restrictions which we in this country know nothing about.

"They cannot organise Sunday Schools and youth work as we are free to do; they have a limited supply of Bibles and hymnbooks; many ministers are starving for theological literature and are eager to know modern trends in theological thought; they are largely cut off from contact with religious affairs outside the U.S.S.R. and do not have the freedom of travel that we ourselves enjoy.

"But in spite of all these things church life in the U.S.S.R. is astonishingly alive. There is a devotion and loyalty that we found most humbling."

Referring to the famous Moscow Baptist Church with its 5,000 members and crowded congregations, Dr. Russell said it had been called only a "showpiece" to impress the visitor. "This is just not so," he added. "Wherever we went on Sundays or on weekdays, we found the churches filled to capacity, the worshippers in some areas standing five deep right down the central aisle for hours at a time."

Dr. Russell also described church scenes in Leningrad, Riga in Latvia and Tallin in Estonia, where he said hundreds of people attended morning and evening services. "In each one, the singing was led by magnificent choirs," he said.

Referring further to restrictions placed on the people's freedom in churches of the Soviet Union, Dr. Russell observed: "These are considerable, particularly when viewed through the eyes of British Baptists. In spite of these restrictions, however, Russian Baptists are permitted to make converts among their neighbours and, indeed, do so. It is not an easy thing to be a believer these days, not least in the U.S.S.R.; but it is a thrill to see the open and courageous stand being taken by so many and to know that the Spirit of God is powerfully at work among our Baptist brethren there."
—R.N.S.

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CENTRE PAID OFF

(TAREE, N.S.W., R. B. Whan). The church has discharged its last remaining payment to the Commonwealth Bank on its Fellowship Centre. On the highway to Queensland this property with its other three buildings is valued approximately at \$110,000. All property is free of debt . . . The Dr. Billy Graham film "His Land" has been screened and aroused a good deal of local interest. 350 were present . . . The help of Roy Greenhalgh of North Haven (35 miles from Taree) has been greatly appreciated during the absence of the resident minister.

OUTREACH

(DALBY, Qld., R. Holb). The social concern committee represents the church on the local Guide Dog committee and also on the Dalby Relief Fund. Help has been given to a needy family . . . W. Ramage was elected Elder at annual meeting . . . Approximately 17 1/2% of the church budget was given to areas outside the local work . . . The Y.P. entertained an exchange group from Zillmere. . . A number of members are involved with the L.I.F.E. programme being held here.

50 years ago

From the "Australian Christian," 1921

Loyalty. At Petersham the minister's theme was "Loyalty." The Union Jack was displayed at all services and the National Anthem was sung.

Walkerville, S.A. After meeting for 10 years in a dilapidated hall which was once the sample room of an hotel, the church has moved half-a-mile further north to the Druids' Hall, which seats over 200.

Student Protest. When the new Head teacher of Maffra (Vic.) State School stopped the pupils from singing the regular morning hymn, "Father, we thank thee for the night," some of the boys wrote a joint note to the Head teacher protesting against his action. The letter was treated as insubordination and the boys concerned received corporal punishment. Following the subsequent ventilation of the matter in the press and a departmental enquiry, the school got their hymn back, and the Headteacher was sent to another school.

Back to Horsham. Reg. Ennis wrote: "At my last visit the church met in the little old wooden building and consisted of a few dispirited brethren. Today the church has a handsome brick edifice on one of the best corners. A beautiful preacher's residence has recently been erected. Well over 100 broke bread last Sunday. The splendid missions conducted by Chandler and Clay have transformed the church in this important centre."

BURWOOD'S BRIGHTEST HOUR

(N.S.W.). An evangelistic team from Woolwich Bible College conducted a preaching mission at Burwood, May 9-16. With co-operation from the minister and congregation a notable impact was made on the district including Croydon, Enfield, and Strathfield, and Burwood itself. Teams of visitors distributed Gospel Gift Packs and engaged in personal work in the afternoons. The night meetings were splendidly attended. The effort was preceded by district "Crusade" prayer meetings and a "Meet the Team" tea in Burwood church hall. Student preachers included Roy Aitken, Graham Small, Maurice Conry, Laurie Wallace, and David Gurney. The musical team consisted of Robt. Drown, song leader, Russell Ritchie, Patricia Surtees, the "College Quartette" and the Ratten sisters. Sydney metropolitan churches gave helpful support.

WORK WITH COLLEGE

(GATTON, Qld., D. Usher). Mr. Usher has been appointed chaplain of the Qld. Agricultural College at Gatton. A college boy and three other young people were baptized on May 23 . . . An Inter-School Christian Fellowship was formed at Lockyer District High School, Gatton. Weekly lunch-break meetings are held for about 20. Committees formed include Missionary and Prayer, Sing-a-long, Publicity, and Organising . . . 90 attended the Mothers' Day tea with men doing the serving . . . The S.S. picnic at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole featured hay rides, mountain climbing, and animal watching . . . The Joy Tones from Toowoomba sang here recently . . . Jenny Wegner, church and S.S. organizer and youth leader, was given presentation on leaving to take up work at the Qld. University.

ANTARCTIC YEAR

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The C.W.F. held a film evening at which Mr. Garth showed movie films of his 12 months' stay in the Antarctic . . . The 65th church anniversary on Sunday, May 23 had J. G. Shaw, minister of the North Turramurra church as guest speaker. Mr. Ellerby conducted the evening service and was the preacher in the absence of Mr. Oldfield whose father died just before the service. The church extends deep sympathy to him . . . At the annual meeting on May 20, R. F. Bartholomew was re-appointed elder, A. E. Bell was elected an elder. All deacons were re-elected and F. Atkins was added to the board. Mrs. Bishop is deaconess and treasurer, and Mr. Ellerby is secretary.

BAPTISMS AT LOFTUS PARK

(N.S.W., C. Crago). Two young ladies have been baptized and welcomed into fellowship . . . For June, July and August the gospel service will be held from 4.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. . . . The death by heart failure of the husband of Mrs. Kerrison, was a shock for the congregation . . . The response to the recent Stewardship Campaign continues to be very encouraging.

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NURSE FOR NEW HEBRIDES

(KEDRON, Qld., R. Sansome). Miss Eunice Cane has been accepted by the Overseas Mission Board to do four months' missionary service as a nursing sister in the New Hebrides . . . The Kedron ladies catered for meals for the business sessions at the 88th Annual Queensland Conference.

BACK TO U.S.

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). An after-church fellowship was held on May 9 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Alder and family who are returning to America after serving over two years with the Royal Australian Air Force at the Williamtown Air Base. Mr. Alder has been an active member here and his help was appreciated by all. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Alder on behalf of the church . . . Members appreciated very much the messages brought to us by Messrs. Craig, Hall, Looney, Shaw and Combridge recently. The gospel meeting on April 25 was broadcast over station 2KO. Mr. Hall (Mayfield) was guest speaker and Lyall Shaw was soloist.

MANSE PAINTED

(MACKAY, Qld., A. C. Reason). A working bee has almost completed painting the manse . . . The C.W.F. sent a carton of clothing to an Aboriginal mission in W.A. . . . The B.S. invited mothers and friends to an evening . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Bucasia . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Shaw . . . There has been a great deal of sickness.

MIXED MARRIAGE

Regulations relating to mixed marriages in Australia are likely to be relaxed following a week-long meeting of 26 Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant theologians.

The Most Rev. Gullford Young, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Hobart, said that "further advances" in mixed marriage regulations were possible. He said a particular change under consideration could recognise the validity of marriages by Roman Catholics in other churches, so long as permission had first been granted by church authorities.

Dr. Young and the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr. Felix Arnott, are co-chairmen of the Joint Working Group between the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

In a statement released at the end of its meeting, the Joint Working Group said recent legislation in the Roman Catholic Church had created a radically new situation.

"There is an increased number of mixed marriages in Australia," the statement said. "In many Roman Catholic dioceses, for example, 50 per cent of marriages are mixed." The Joint Working Group is asking the churches "for a concerted effort to educate the clergy and laity of all churches in a new and positive attitude towards mixed marriages, and for co-operation in joint pastoral care."

Principal-Emeritus A. W. Stephenson represented Churches of Christ at a five-day meeting.

S.A. and Vic

L.I.F.E. PROGRAMME

(ENFIELD HEIGHTS, S.A., R. C. Sack). A Lay Institute For Evangelism under the direction of D. Grant is being held here, June 21-26. The committee with A. Harris as co-ordinator, is active. . . . Young people led by Darryl Watson led the gospel service on May 16. Ian Filmer preached . . . Missionary speakers recently have been Dr. D. Coulter (New Hebrides), R. McLean (Overseas Missions sec.), and C. Manning (for Aborigines) . . . A young man and three teen-aged girls have made the good confession. Baptisms are being arranged . . . Mrs. R. Oke is recovering in hospital after surgery. Mrs. Sack has been discharged after nine months in hospital greatly improved . . . R. Hacker and his fiancée, Glenda Watson, were in a car accident. They suffered no serious injury but the car was "written off."

IN UNITY SERVICES

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). Church participated for first time in "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" by pupil exchange with United Church, and sharing in "Service of Worship" led by ministers of all five participating churches . . . Ladies' Convention, led by team from Christian Service Centre, was attended by ladies from Sunraysia, Pyramid Hill, Bairnald as well as local area. It will be an annual event . . . Young people used the play "Facades" to emphasise the gospel for our lives today.

Following harvest thanksgiving, goods were given to local hospital and S.C.F. centre. Oranges donated freely; picked and sent to our Old Folks' Home by young people . . . The film, "His Land" was screened to best attendance for some months. A married couple made the good confession at conclusion of screening.

MEN DO THE WAITING

(BALAKLAVA, S.A., J. Dow). On May 9, men waited on tables for the family tea. Mothers of the church conducted the evening Mothers' Day service . . . The C.E. Rally was held in our chapel. . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Veltch have both celebrated their 80th birthdays. Dorcas honoured Mrs. Veltch at their last meeting . . . G. R. Stirling and party visited Balaklava and Owen-Long Plains . . . Ministers in the town exchanged pulpits on May 30 to share the theme of Christian Unity . . . Our youth group combined with the Methodists for a progressive tea.

CHURCH AMPLIFIED

(UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). An amplifying system is being installed in the church, using the legacy from Miss D. Gore . . . Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were leaders at D.C.E. Holiday Camp at Longwood attended by 120 including 100 Junior HI young people . . . The minister and members shared in a district ecumenical evening service in the Unley City Hall during the Week of Prayer. Family tea on May 30 was followed by film and address by Errol Lucas from the B. & F.B.S. At 8.30 there was a youth gathering at University Refectory.

SEVEN SUNDAYS FOR MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

(GARDINER, Vic.). The church here will "spotlight" the varied work of missionary departments and societies in a programme to commence on June 20, 7 p.m., and run for seven consecutive Sundays. Inter-Denominational Missions will be featured as well as Churches of Christ Home and Overseas Mission work. (see advertisement elsewhere in this issue for details). Addresses and films will be used to present the thrilling stories of missionary enterprises and a large display will be arranged in the church foyer and library each Sunday. Members and friends of the church are being challenged to make sacrificial offerings for these missionary groups over and above the usual Sunday offerings. The programme is being widely publicised. Attendance and prayer support by interested friends will be appreciated. We especially commend the screening of the film "Korea Today" (Oriental Missionary Society) and "The Israel Hour" (Jewish Evangelical Witness).

JUNIOR CAMP: HALL'S GAP

(Vic.). From May 13 to 18, 132 girls and boys from 12 of our South-Western District churches, plus 26 leaders and a cook, shared in camp with John Timms of Ballarat as leader, assisted by Jack Edwards of Norlane, and Bert Stevens of Manifold Heights. Features were Bible studies, hikes, sporting and social activities. Sunday night was climaxed after a message from Mr. Stevens, by 31 young people responding to the invitation, 23 for the first time. The Sunday offering, plus canteen profits, totalling \$50, has been sent to a missionary on the field.

GIRLS AT THE TABLE

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). At the Girls' Brigade church parade on May 30, members read the scriptures, and helped at the table . . . At night, Colin Stock spoke on Jewish Evangelical Witness and showed a splendid series of slides. A visiting quartette — Lyn Docking, Helen Baker, Richard Trevaskis and Noel Holmes — presented items. A coffee hour followed with questions and session with Mr. Stock.

YOUNG PEOPLE JOIN

(HINDMARSH, S.A., J. C. Cunningham). Two S.S. scholars recently made decisions . . . The church celebrates its 116th birthday in June . . . Monthly prayer and Bible study meetings are held in members' homes.

NEW ORGAN

(SUNSHINE, Vic., G. Bradley). An Electronic Organ has been purchased and is quite an asset to the church . . . C.W.F. held luncheon, followed by devotions prepared by Mrs. Robinson. A musical programme was provided by Mrs. Norma Johnston and daughters . . . Mrs. Hocking is in hospital recovering from a minor operation . . . Women's World Day of Prayer session was held in our chapel. Mrs. Dizon, from the Philippines, was guest speaker . . . C.W.F. street stall raised \$102 for church work.

SUPPORT FOR PENSIONERS

(CHELTENHAM, Vic.). The church is taking direct action to support the Pension Reform Campaign by sending cards to the Prime Minister, signed by members . . . During Mr. Moyes' N.Z. evangelistic ministry, Graham Chapman has combined with the secretary, G. Hilbig, in giving oversight to the church. Mrs. Moyes left on June 1 to join her husband in N.Z. for the last week of the campaign . . . Four young people reaffirmed their faith at G. R. Stirling's final address. There was one decision during R. W. Lawton's interim ministry. . . . Geo. Coote, journalist, recently returned from the Middle East and the Palestine guerrilla camps, spoke to the C.M.F. May dinner . . . A united churches' service was conducted in the Presbyterian church on May 30.

A HOME OF THEIR OWN

(UNGARRA, S.A., K. Edwards). Gordon Stirling visited the Ungarra-Tumby Bay circuit and the young people of Ungarra were encouraged in their new projects. The youth have recently obtained an unused house on the property of Reg. Telfer (Ungarra) for their club activities . . . The baptistery in the chapel is being renovated.

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A.C.C. AIDS PAKISTANI REFUGEES

The Australian Council of Churches announced that it had given \$17,500 as an initial contribution towards the care and rehabilitation of East Pakistan refugees.

The grant came from funds contributed for emergency purposes by the Council's member churches.

The money is being used by India's Christian Agency for Social Action to provide food, tarpaulins, medical supplies and milk.

The director of the Council's overseas aid programme, the Rev. E. H. Arblaster, said in Sydney that the Calcutta office of the Christian Agency for Social Action has been strengthened to help cope in the present emergency.

Medical personnel from other parts of India had been sent to the area and food and medical supplies were being purchased in India as well as being flown in from other countries.

Mr. Arblaster said there were now 153 refugee camps located along 2,500 miles of the East Pakistan-Indian border. "Maximum action by voluntary agencies and by governments is essential if the human suffering is to be kept to a minimum," Mr. Arblaster said. He com-

mended AustCare, the National Council for aid to refugees, as an appropriate channel for voluntary contributions by Australians.

He praised the Australian Government for its prompt contribution of \$500,000 for use in the emergency and urged that the government explore further opportunities for providing assistance.

Mr. Arblaster said that the Australian Council of Churches was receiving special contributions for East Pakistan refugees from many local churches. Arrangements had been made for these donations to be available immediately to the church agencies providing relief services in the refugee camps.

DON'T BE A DOPE!

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). Over 400 attended to hear G. O. Smith tell of his firsthand experience of living in Phoenix Therapeutic House, London, for ex-heroin addicts for 12 weeks, and for four weeks in Harlem, New York. Slides illustrated his talks and tremendous interest was revealed. The weekend concluded with Mr. Smith preaching at Sunday services. . . . Four young people travelled to Alice Springs during school vacation. Six Junior girls attended Watermans Bay camp. Trevor Welsh was elected head boy of Newton Moore High School. . . . 28 mothers attended Kindergarten Mothers' Day service. . . . Seven new flat units have been built at "Eleanor Villas" and are now occupied.

VICTORIAN MINISTERS' WIVES

(Melb.). The next meeting will be at the Brotherhood Centre on Monday, June 21, 11.30 a.m. The speaker: Rev. Miss Reid of the Ormond Methodist Church. Ladies are asked to bring lunch. Officers-elect at last meeting are Mrs. D. Smith, Pres.; Mrs. Watson, Vice-Pres.; and Mrs. A. V. Page, Sec.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

JUNE: 28 Ministers' Fraternal — Burwood, 10 a.m. Speaker: Rev. E. Rogers (Baptist Theological College).

QUEENSLAND

JUNE: 19 Shindig—Kearmore Christian College.

VICTORIA

JUNE: 11-14 Action for World Development—Training Conference—"Work In" (D.C.E.). 19 F.O.Y.A. "Work In" (D.C.E.). 25 D.C.E. Eastern District Youth Film Night.

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GIFT FROM GLENELG

(S.A., E. P. C. Hollard). W. Tabbernee of the College of the Bible was a recent guest speaker. He was presented with a cheque for \$100, a gift from the Glenelg church to the College. . . . Word from New Guinea that John and Margaret Beaumont have returned to main base. . . . Beverley Beck is in W.A. voluntarily serving on one of our Aborigine Mission stations. . . . Sister Ruth of the Convent of Mercy at Elizabeth was guest speaker at a youth tea. . . . Mrs. Glover celebrated her 95th birthday and R. E. Pittman his 80th.

CALLED TO NOLLAMARA

(W.A., D. G. Nelson). Alan Anderson, now at Morawa, has accepted the call to minister for three years commencing Feb., 1972. . . . Breaking of bread services have commenced in the Warriapendi School, Balga, a rapidly growing neighbouring suburb, led by the assistant minister, Leo Cox, and helped by members. . . . Bruce and Glensy Eagles were farewelled prior to commencing training at the W.E.C. College, Tasmania. . . . Herbert and Lorraine Howell, home on furlough from U.A.M. Warburton Ranges, are sharing fellowship with the church. . . . Several young people have been baptized and received into membership. . . . Sister Gran Sharp (100 years) died on May 3 (see separate notice).

DEATH OF MRS. CUTTRISS, SNR.

The Cuttriss family will be known by the elder members of the Hindmarsh and Moonta churches in South Australia as their minister during the early part of this century.

Mrs. Mabel Cuttriss died on May 7 at Ngaruawahia at the age of 88 years. She exercised a quiet supporting role as minister's wife over many years in both the South Australian and New Zealand churches.

Mr. Cuttriss' present address is 8 River Road, Ngaruawahia, N.Z.

S.U. WINTER COURSES

The Scripture Union, Vic., is conducting Winter Training Courses for those working with children, and young people.

● Four Monday nights in July for those working with teenagers. 1. To provide a deeper understanding of the Christian faith; 2. To give practical help and instruction in sharing the Christian faith.

● A weekend course on story telling, June 25-26. Leader: John Lane, B.A., Dip. Ed., C.S.S.M. Children's Missioner.

● A seminar on adult work at Beach Missions, including ideas for programmes, informal groups and evening specials. Two evenings: July 16 and August 7. Leader: Ted Keating, Field Officer, Dept. of H.M. & Evang., Churches of Christ.

● A residential course on puppetry and script writing, under the direction of Clifford Warne, Production Supervisor for Church of England Television Society Productions in Sydney, July 23-25.

Further details and application forms available from Scripture Union House, 59 Rathdowne St., Carlton, Vic., 3053. Phone 34-9081 (Melb.).

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

MISERY HAS NO MEASURE West Bengal threatens to become a vast understaffed cholera ward, with lessening hope of effective help in time to avert an epidemic of catastrophic size.

Only a few months ago our hearts were moved to pity at Pakistan's desperate plight following the tidal wave that wiped out thousands of men, women, and children. That was a natural disaster that roused our compassion. The present agony of East Pakistan and West Bengal causes us to react with anger.

We are not in a position to pronounce judgment on all of the rights and wrongs of the political conflict between East and West Pakistan. We can declare that President Yahya Khan and his army reacted with a cruelty that matches the worst deeds of an incredibly violent century.

India, already with a poverty problem beyond her resources, has suddenly been confronted with additional millions to care for, and those millions have carried with them one of man's most dreaded diseases. It would be immoral for the rest of the world to allow this problem to become India's alone, or that the family of nations should respond with only token help.

Our response should be immediate, and there should be no limit to what we should be prepared to give of what we have. The only excuse for delay could be ignorance of what is urgently needed. This we now know, and our initial response has already reached India. It is obvious that we shall have to give much more, and it will be to our eternal shame if we hang back waiting until the government makes a tax deduction of our gifts to ease the pain and misery of people who are just a few hours' flying time away.

NO BETRAYAL When a brief news-item announced the appointment of a Buddhist to a World Council of Churches position in South-East Asia, some sections of the church press reacted too quickly and too strongly in condemning the appointment. Even some of our own local church newssheets repeated charges of a betrayal of the Christian faith. Not unnaturally, ministers and others trusted the church journals to make fair comment based on accurate reporting. The news item was accurate enough. Some of the comment was unfair.

The W.C.C. is not above criticism and has been criticised often enough in this journal. Some of the Council's good friends have questioned its policies and actions, and such comment will doubtless continue. There are others, however, who are only too ready to believe the worst, and some asked, what has become of the basis of membership in the W.C.C. . . . "a fellowship of churches which confess Jesus Christ as Saviour"? A Buddhist couldn't confess that. Members of some churches which belong to the W.C.C. said that they ought to withdraw. Representatives of non-member churches said that this kind of thing confirms them in staying out.

What really happened was that Mr. Nguyen-Tang Canh, a Vietnamese economist and a Buddhist, was asked in 1969 to work with Don Luce, a U.S. agriculturist and W.C.C. journalist, in making a report about the kinds of aid and relief that will be necessary if and when the war ends. Don Luce has now been expelled from South Vietnam (you will remember that he was the reporter who revealed the existence of the notorious "tiger-cages" for South Vietnamese prisoners) and the W.C.C. decided to keep Mr. Canh on. His job is "secretary for Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia in association with the Asia desk of World Christian Action (formerly Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service)." He will work in an advisory capacity only.

Frank Northam, W.C.C. Director of Finance and Administration, said that there are no W.C.C. member churches in Vietnam and that the churches there are unwilling to release qualified people because they are short of competent leadership. It is becoming clearer that it is almost impossible for Western minds to reflect the thoughts and concerns of the East. Canh's is a practical, technical job, not at the highest level. He knows the area, speaks the languages, and can interpret the local situation. It should be noted that 80% of his countrymen are also Buddhists. Mr. Northam said that they had not been able to find a Christian with the necessary qualifications.

It is no more a betrayal of the Christian faith or the basis of W.C.C. membership to employ Buddhist Mr. Canh in South-East Asia rehabilitation, than it is for the W.C.C. to work through Hindu and Moslem doctors in relief of East Pakistan cholera victims.

GOOD GRIEF! Eilif Krogager is a Lutheran pastor in Denmark, with a stipend of \$1,440 per year. But he has a few sidelines: He owns and operates the largest charter travel service in Europe, and also runs Sterling Airways, Sterling Catering and Flight Centre, four hotels in Europe, an insurance company, a service station, and 70 long-distance charter buses. He is the only shareholder in his companies which have assets of more than \$38 million. He started the business in 1947 by taking a bus-load of parishioners to Spain. He points out that he is not the first minister in the travel business. Thomas Cook was ordained! Mr. Krogager continues to preach, marry, baptise and conduct funerals. Must be interesting when he runs a stewardship campaign!

Happenings

Principal E. L. Williams has been appointed Chairman of the Victorian Council of Churches.

East Jordan contains 517,136 registered refugees. This is 35% of the 1.4 million refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

The Sea of Galilee may fall a victim to man-made pollution. Seepage from fertilisers from Upper Galilee fields in entering the lake and hotels on its shore are adding to the pollution.

Don. Luce is expelled from South Vietnam (p. 8).

The Australian Student Christian Movement has just celebrated its 75th birthday. It was formed at Ormond College, Melbourne, on June 6, 1896.

N.Z.'s Christian newspaper "Challenge" which closed on May 1, is to be restarted with the aid of a group of Christian businessmen.

Nearly 400 people in trouble call Latrobe Valley Life Line every year (page 9).

She was Australia's oldest citizen (p. 17).

The Director of Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission (Vic.), the Rev. L. E. Styles, is in Geneva attending a world conference on industrial production and human need.

The Queensland police have Bibles (page 27).

Allan Avery and Gordon Moyes, on evangelistic service in New Zealand, report that there had been 53 decisions for Christ to May 27.

VISIT FROM K.D.H.

(WHYALLA, S.A., A. D. Sander). The Home Mission Director, K. D. Home, visited the church and 30 attended the regular Thursday evening family night which was conducted by Mr. Horne. . . . The Girls' Brigade paraded. . . . Young people attended an overnight camp at Port Gibson. Ministers for the Eyre Peninsula met at the same time to discuss co-ordination of churches in their area. Whyalla is now fully involved in the Eyre Conference. . . . The Easter period closed the second phase of the Adult Outreach programme and the third phase looks promising.

Victoria . . .

MISSION STORY TOLD

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Grossman). On May 16, A. Fletcher, our assistant minister, shared insights of his experiences in the New Guinea and New Hebrides mission fields, with the aid of slides and tape recordings. East Preston church joined with us in these services . . . The Preston C.W.E.F. and the Preston and East Preston C.W.F. led the Mothers' Day evening service. The sermon—based on a mother's love and the marriage ceremony—was given by Mrs. H. J. Humphries.

EDUCATION FEATURED

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. A. Allsop). Education was featured when different aspects of faith were expressed by two groups. . . . The young people conducted an evening service where they used "rock music" meaningfully. A thrilling climax was the "decision to follow Christ" made by Lynn Knights . . . The following Sunday evening, a panel of ladies centred their thoughts on home and family . . . C.W.F. ladies travelled to the College of the Bible to "Patch for Preachers." For many, this was their first visit, and there was a conducted tour of the buildings by one of the students . . . Men have entered four teams in table tennis competitions. . . . Daryl Blsmire, church sec., is recovering from recent operation.

EMMAUS GUESTS

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). C.W.F. invited ladies from Emmaus to luncheon at the church after which they were taken for an autumn drive to the Dandenongs . . . The Yukana Singers sang at a devotional session at Nicholas Hall during Conference. The Croydon Senior Citizens were also entertained by that group . . . Children participated in church service during school holidays. The need for grocery parcels was generously responded to . . . The Hospital Visitation Committee visited Mrs. Root at Moruya Rest Home for her 93rd birthday who received gifts and flowers with delight.

"HAPPY TIME"

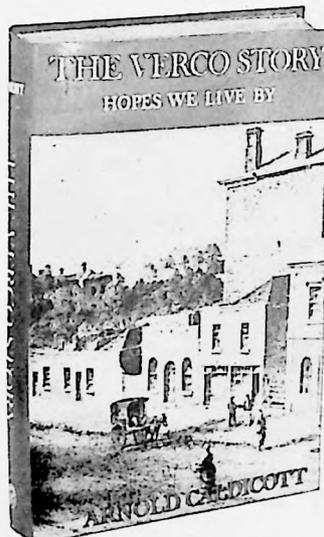
(NTIL, WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Attendances ranged from 80 to 104 when D. Kellond and helpers conducted "The Happy Time" for school children during first week of holidays. Contacts were made for the S.S. . . . K. A. Macnaughtan spoke on Jewish Evangelical Witness recently and afterwards the audio-visual "J.E.W." was screened and Mr. Pitt interviewed Mr. Macnaughtan on the Jewish situation . . . C.W.A.F. had Newport Elderly Citizens stage a concert to raise funds to clothe Aboriginal child. . . . Mrs. Newham, Mrs. Clencie and Mrs. Sanders, representatives from the Christian Educ. Dept., addressed the E.W.F. on "How to Run Meetings." Miss Ruth Cole, Matron of Bery St. Foundling Home, was speaker for C.W.E.F. Mothers' Night . . . Graeme Cann spoke on the Leprosy Mission on May 9. \$50 was contributed to the Mission through Mission Boxes . . . The sympathy of the church is expressed to the Condon family and to Miss Round in the death of loved ones.

SECRETARY AT ANNIVERSARY

(ECHUCA, Vic., B. W. Brown). The Conf. Exec. Secretary, Stanton H. Wilson, was guest speaker at the church anniversary on May 30. A feature was the anniversary tea . . . The W.C.T.U. held a social afternoon with Deaconesses Anguey from Melb. as guest speaker . . . The evening Mothers' Day service was taken by the ladies. Mrs. Hazeldine gave the address . . . Some of our young people attended the Youth Rally at Bendigo on May 22 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jenkins were here on May 16. At night there were slides of Japan and news of the church there. Afterwards the B. & F.B.S. film "Under the Red Pagoda" was screened.

CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL OPENING

(Vic.). On May 8, Springfield Private Hospital was opened in Albert Ave., Boronia. This hospital is especially planned to care for elderly folk, as well as being equipped for general nursing. Registered with the Hospitals and Charities Commission as a medical and convalescent hospital, Springfield is a very beautiful hospital, ideally situated at the foot of the Dandenongs. It is under the care of Matron Goudie. The dedication was conducted by K. A. Macnaughtan. The achievement of this hospital is a Christian service that speaks well of the faith of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Goudie, coupled with C. D. Mason, whose vision brought it into being.



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MRS. ADA SHARP

In 1861 Melbourne was a small city, slowly pushing its way into the surrounding bush. There was no electricity, no telegraphs or telephones, no radio or TV, no motor cars or buses, not even pneumatic-tired push bikes. This was the year and city of the birth of a gracious and virile Christian woman known affectionately in W.A. for many years as "Gran" Sharp. On May 3, 1971, her long earthly journey came to an end at her home, 66 Hillsborough Drive, Nollamara, W.A., six months beyond her 109th birthday. She was Australia's oldest citizen.

At the age of 18 she committed her life to Christ, and for 91 years made a positive Christian witness in every way she could. She was small in stature but forceful in spirit, and her clear statements of her convictions, always graciously made, challenged and inspired many others to adopt similar convictions and make a similar Christian commitment.

Her maiden name was Carr. Her father was a very keen businessman, and set up in business in South Australia when his daughter (Mrs. Sharp) was 15. There were eight other children. She received her early Christian training at home, for there were few opportunities for public worship near her home. Her father was an active lay preacher. She was baptized at Port Pirie, S.A., and came into the fellowship of the Restoration Movement there. She married her husband, James Ross Sharp, at Tetulpa, S.A., in 1886.

Mrs. Ada Matilda Sharp was a prominent figure during two decades in the W.A. Churches of Christ Conferences and in "Keswick" Conventions. She shunned what she called "the old ladies' chair," and worked tirelessly in Christian service, but particularly for overseas missions, beyond her 100th year, to produce money for missions. She was an early member of our Fremantle and Perth churches, and a foundation member of Maylands, Inglewood and Nollamara. Wherever her home was located it became a starting place for Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour

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Societies and churches. The Inglewood B.S. met in her house for two years, and the church for communion services for one year. She saw the B.S. grow until there were 100 in the Kindergarten.

Her daughter, Mabel, served as missionary in China, for 20 years with the China Inland Mission, including six weeks in the hands of brigands. When Mrs. Sharp was 108, at a function for elderly citizens, she testified in a clear and steady voice to her untroubled heart and her faith resting in scripture while her daughter was with the brigands.

Her husband and son, Allan, predeceased her in 1928 and 1939 respectively. Since those bereavements she has lived with her daughters, Misses Mabel and Rose Sharp, who have been tirelessly devoted to her welfare.

In paying tribute to the quality of her life, one can thank God for the courage, energy, devotion and faith of which it was so shining an example. She was abundant in good works, had an implicit faith in God, and an unquenchable hope for the coming of her Lord.

Much of her time was invested in making and selling dried floral arrangements, paintings, and in the earlier years, fine silk collars. The money received was always channelled into the Lord's work. Although the past 12 months were marked by a decline in her physical vigour, Gran retained extremely keen mental faculties until her last breath.

The chapel service was conducted by Des Nelson, with Roy Raymond participating. The graveside service was led by Jack Bond. Constant testimony was made of Gran's radiant joyfulness in the Lord, and how the words of the psalmist, "Praise ye the Lord" evinced the reality of her faith.

Gran Sharp's friends extend around the world, and would unite in this tribute of having been the recipients of the love and inspiration of one of God's truest saints.—D. G. Nelson & J. K. Robinson.

S.I.L. FOR INDONESIA

The Summer Institute of Linguistics, and whose Australian courses are conducted at Emmanuel College in Brisbane, will shortly begin a programme of linguistic studies in Indonesia in cooperation with the Sub-Consortium of Faculties of Philosophy and Arts of the Universities of Indonesia. Indonesian and foreign scholars will work together on the analysis and description of those languages of Indonesia which have not yet been thoroughly described.

Members of the S.I.L. have been engaged, in other countries, in language teaching, dictionary making, preparation of alphabets, preparation of literacy materials and teaching of literacy techniques, teaching of linguistics, Bible translation, application of computer technology to the processing of language data, tape recordings of spoken and musical language forms, and the study and application of ethnomusicology.

It is hoped that many Australians will participate in the new project. Outstanding contributions by Australian members have already been logged in the Institute's projects in New Guinea, India, Nepal, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

SELF-HELP PROJECTS IN LAOS

An improved livestock breeding project and a village school conducted by the Evangelical Church of Laos have been added to the list of programmes aided by Asian Christian Service in Laos for which the World Council of Churches is seeking funds. A.C.S., an agency of the East Asia Christian Conference, has been working in Laos since 1969, primarily giving emergency medical assistance and relief to refugees.

While these projects continue, some long-term medical and social welfare programmes are being organised among the refugees, who number one-third of the country's three million inhabitants. —E.P.S.

PREFER SOCIAL ISSUES

The Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at Bossey, Switzerland, planned as an academic programme of theological study, found this year that its students on the whole were more interested in social ethics and a multi-cultural and multi-confessional living experience.

Prof. Hans-Ruedi Weber, associate director of the World Council-sponsored Graduate School, explained that the 43 students in the 1970-71 school assumed a larger share in shaping the programme than students at former sessions. They also preferred experimentation and work in small groups to formal lectures.

As usual, worship became a controversial issue. According to Prof. Weber, many theological students do not pray any more, at least not according to traditional patterns. While some interesting attempts to find new forms of worship were made, he said, none was fully convincing or won acceptance by the whole group.

An innovation in the programme was a series of four practical theological workshops on the Bible and worship, Bible translation, communicating a biblical text and the Bible in hymns and art.—E.P.S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

(S.A.). The Auxiliary Conference Pres., Mrs. T. Laurie, of Victor Harbour, welcomed 75 to the 14th Conference at Strathalbyn, April 22. Devotional leaders were Mrs. R. Pollard, of Lenswood, and Mrs. J. Griffin, of Pt. Sturt.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Tongerle, an Aboriginal, who works for the Aged People's Aboriginal Home, and is South Australia's representative in Canberra. Mrs. Lella Rankine and Miss Doris Hunter provided musical items. Comprehensive group reports were given covering many spheres of need. Our District Pro-

ject was for Radio Programmes in India, and a cheque for \$215.30 was handed to Mrs. S. R. Baker who represented the Overseas Mission Board.

After an audio-visual entitled "Women in the Church," groups discussed helping Christian women to better understand themselves and their role in today's world.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. R. Pollard; Pres.-Elect, Mrs. J. Griffin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. N. Hall; Secretary, Mrs. B. M. Tuckwell; Asst. Sec., Mrs. L. Jacobs; Treas., Miss R. Howard.—(Mrs.) B. M. Tuckwell, Sec.

STH. EASTERN DISTRICT:

The eleventh S.A. Sth. Eastern Dist. Women's Conf. was held in Mundalia, led by Mrs. E. L. Milne with the theme "Woman to Woman Evangelism."

The 80 ladies were at eight cabaret-style tables with individual hostesses and representation from each of the Conference centres, Keith, Wampony, Mundalia, Bordertown, Naracoorte, Tarpeena and Mt. Gambler. One of the eight State Women's Conference representatives introduced and conducted the discussion period.

The morning devotional was led by Mrs. Morrow, State Women's President, with President-elect, Mrs. Dillon, conducting the dedication of S.E.D.W.G. office-bearers for 1971-72. Mrs. D. Fimmell is Pres., and Mrs. W. E. Fisher, sec.

Mrs. Edwards, State Women's Conference Aboriginals Dept. leader received the project thank offering of \$344.77 for the tennis-cum-basketball courts at Norseman. 1971-72 project is to be divided between the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and the S.A. Christian Education Dept.

A question and answer period on State Conference departmental activities was conducted by the Adelaide team.

At the afternoon session Mrs. R. Saunders spoke on "Preparation of Ourselves"; Mrs. R. Brand on "Evangelism through our Homes"; Mrs. J. Searie on "Evangelism through Friendship"; and Mrs. Dillon presented, on Mrs. R. Holmes' behalf, "Evangelism through C.W.F. and Community." Group discussion followed.

HENLEY BEACH IS 80

(S.A., I. J. Chivell). The 80th church anniversary was celebrated on June 6. A. R. Jones spoke in the morning and N. S. Moore at night. A get-together was held in the afternoon followed by tea at the church. After the evening service slides were shown of events over the past 80 years.

RETURN FROM SERVICE

(COOLWA, S.A., B. Beck). Peter Bowke has returned after working at the Race-lands Mission in W.A. . . . The ladies' fellowship made garments for mission distribution and displayed them before sending them to their destination . . . Young people attended camps at Longwood and Point Sturt . . . Recent speakers have been Stan. Riches and Don. Beller, Mr. and Mrs. R. McLean and family were holidaying here.

RECIPES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). 76 aprons were modelled at the "Apron Parade" and their sale realised \$62 which will be donated to St. George's Rest Home. Also on sale was a recipe book, "Desert Delights," compiled by the women. This also raised \$60 which will go to the New Hebrides for medical supplies . . . The J.C.E. had a share in the Mothers' Day service and rendered a fine item. At night a youth choir sang special songs . . . Gerald Rose, one of our old church boys, and now D.C.E. Director, gave the address at the 62nd church anniversary . . . The Planned Giving programme with K. D. Horne commenced on May 23.

Victoria . . .

"PROJECT MANSE"

(MORWELL, Vic., A. B. Gaunson). A church family luncheon was held to introduce "Project Manse" to the members with the object of completing payments on the manse . . . Deaconess Drew of the Church of England was speaker when the C.W.F. conducted the Mothers' Day service. The offering was for spastic children . . . Janice Wakefield has graduated from Central Gippsland Hospital . . . Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began with services taken by the Rev. W. Bramley, Presbyterian, and the Rev. G. Silverwood, Methodist.

BOYS' OUTING

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). After an early breakfast on May 1, 20 B.S. and Explorer boys left church at 7.30 a.m. for Ferntree Gully and football, hiking, and barbecue . . . Mr. Berston was speaker at Box Hill "Week of Witness." . . . The church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. A. Lunn in the death of Miss D. Lunn at Geelong, and also with Mrs. Joyce Verly in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Flowers . . . Four Asian students living in the district are in fellowship with the church . . . Stanton H. Wilson, Conf. Sec., was guest speaker for homecoming services on May 23. A film festival, testimonies, and family tea were afternoon features. At night Mr. Berston baptized Paul Sarre.

MINISTER RESIGNS

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). At our last board meeting our minister asked to be released, because of ill-health, from his engagement with the churches of the circuit. This was accepted with regret. Consequently he will be leaving and retiring from the active ministry at the end of July . . . Throughout May the churches of Kaniva closed their individual evening services and combined for one united service each Sunday evening. This has proved an interesting and valuable experience and brought a worthwhile response.

NEW MINISTER

(ST. ARNAUD, Vic.). R. L. Baxter commenced his ministry on May 9. A Bible study was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chiswell at night . . . Mrs. Mavis L. Taylor has been welcomed on transfer from Echuca . . . Various visiting speakers have taken the services on the Sundays when Mr. Baxter is at Stawell and Ararat.

SEVEN ADDITIONS

(MANIFOLD HGTS, Vic., A. Stevens). In recent months there have been seven additions through faith and baptism . . . Special features have included "Take Time Out for God" series with N. Gavros of Fullarton, S.A.; 35 young people shared in camps at Hall's Gap, and the C.W.F. provided a new piano for church. . . . Gospel service commences at 5 p.m. for winter . . . Wood gathering day held at Teesdale, May 29, distributed to needy. . . . Over 20 young people involved in "Austcare" collection and approx. \$300 received . . . As a result of recent lay witness mission three renewal groups are meeting weekly.

• D.C.E.

MAY 31st MEDITATION

(Vic.). May 31 was the last day of Christian Education Month and was a memorable one for the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E.

It was the climax of an 11-day visit by Professors Elza and Lois Hawkins of Phillips University, U.S.A. These two talented people shared in 19 meetings (including one at Shepparton) in 11 days—ranging from one hour to seven hours! They made a real contribution—especially in various aspects of Christian

Education, and made many friends by their friendliness and talented team teaching methods.

May 31 was also the day the treasurer of the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F., Mrs. D. Allcon, handed to the writer a cheque for \$1,169.60—half the Golden Bag Appeal from the ladies of our churches. What a magnificent response from our women's groups. Thank you, ladies!

—R. McKenzie.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The new 2000-seat modern Dallas Brooks Hall, 300 Albert St., East Melb., will be the location for the Y.F.C. programme on Sat., July 17 at 7.45 p.m.

The musical programme will include The Living Sound from Nth. Balwyn Baptist Church, the Harmony Three, outstanding vocal group from Ceylon Y.F.C., soloist Fred Strong, Gary and Yvonne Bradley and Neville and Nelwyn Wright with brass and vocal numbers, also soloist Glenys McDonald.

Clive Stebbins, at present in Israel and the Middle East, will be returning the same day to complete the programme. He will be bringing an up-to-the-minute

report of crusades conducted through Sth. East Asia with Ritchie Gunston, and the Cherobendys.

The special speaker will be Garry Coleman from Ambassadors for Christ in N.S.W.

Brian Tizzard will be leading the singing with Len Wallace at the electronic organ and Lyn McDonald at the piano.

Because of the special nature of the programme, and being in a new location, a very large crowd is expected. To avoid disappointment contact Youth for Christ, 747 Burke Rd., Camberwell, 82-1528, 82-6971 for group seat reservation tickets.

PLANNED GIVING

(SWAN HILL, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). The church has just completed a planned giving review programme with E. C. Keating and D. H. Smith (Dept. of H.M. and Evang.). Mr. Keating was guest speaker at 5 p.m. service on May 23rd, after which 35 teenagers gathered for smorgasbord tea and programme . . . Teeners' Club is creating interest and attendances are increasing. Monthly Saturday House Fellowships commenced.

L.I.F.E. PROGRAMME

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic., B. McMurtree). Thirty members are sharing in a Lay Institute of Evangelism . . . Forty-five men heard John Birt speak at a men's tea. Mr. Birt also addressed the church . . . Thursday night attendance is 35, when one group studies church history and another conducts an A.C.E. programme . . . A Junior Camp was held at Hall's Gap during school holidays . . . There have been three recent baptisms and two were received into fellowship.

CHURCH PLAY

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. Paver). The C.Y.F. presented the drama "Picture in the Porch" . . . An Inter-church Council has been established with Mr. Paver as president . . . A Christian Unity service was held in the Roman Catholic church. . . . "Our Church in Review"—a look at

ourselves—is being conducted by the D.C.E. and Dept. of H.M. & Evang. . . . More than 80 ladies attended the first two sessions of "Your Child and You." . . . Youth 1 and Intermediate classes combined for camp at "Mini-bulk" and later shared their experiences with the church . . . Primary and Junior classes took part in church morning service . . . C.W.F. conducted evening service on Mothers' Day. Mrs. Preston was speaker.

LEPER MISSION INCREASE

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Leper Box collection increased 10% to \$173 forwarded to Leprosy Mission . . . The football team is second on ladder with five wins out of six . . . Robert McFarlane is still very ill in hospital.

PLAN FOR CHURCH

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). The church board met for tea on May 30 to discuss a three-year plan submitted by the minister. The plan will shortly be brought before the church . . . There was something for young and old in the Family Service on May 10 . . . The C.W.F. journeyed to Harcourt to help the C.W.F. there to celebrate its birthday . . . G. J. Andrews represented the B. & F.B.S. at Kangaroo Flat and Bendigo churches . . . The Explorer Club held a camp and hike at Hall's Gap . . . Stanton H. Wilson, Conf. Exec. Sec., spoke here on May 30.

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BOOK REVIEWS

DARWIN AND HUXLEY IN AUSTRALIA

By A. J. Marshall, (Hodder & Stoughton). \$4.50.

By coincidence, Charles Darwin and Thomas Huxley both came to Australia, and both spent some time in and around Sydney. Darwin, in 1836, came as official naturalist in the "Beagle," and Huxley, as assistant to the surgeon on the "Rattlesnake" in 1847. Although they were to be joined together in one of the greatest upheavals of thought that the world has known, they were unknown when visiting this land and did not meet each other until much later, in England.

If they had not made the voyages that took them south, it is very likely that they would have stayed comparatively unknown. Darwin, most likely, would have become a country parson confirmed in his early rejection of any evolutionary hypothesis in favour of the Christian cosmogony of Bishop James Usher who had incontrovertibly shown that man had been created by God on October 4, 4004 B.C. at 9 a.m.!

If Huxley had stayed in England he would probably have become a country doctor. Instead, he nearly became the University of Sydney's first Professor of Natural History. The University decided against such a Chair and Huxley was closely acquainted with poverty before fortune smiled upon him, and enabled him to claim as his bride the girl he had met at Newtown, just outside Sydney. It was love at first sight, but only true love could have survived the tests of distance, poverty, time and sickness.

Darwin's impressions of Australia were remarkably shrewd and prescient. After examining his first marsupial he wrote: "A few years since, this country abounded with wild animals, now the Emu is banished to a long distance, and the Kangaroo has become scarce . . . it may be long before these animals are altogether exterminated, but their doom is fixed." This is in 1836!

Huxley, on his part, was nearly exterminated himself. He wanted to go exploring with Kennedy on the Cape York expedition. Kennedy was killed by Aborigines and it is fairly certain that Huxley would have died with him, but he was refused permission to join the expedition by his captain, Owen Stanley.

This small volume is full of interest. Every page is rich with history as the old world and the new are linked through the central characters. The manuscript was first prepared in 1947 by Jock Marshall, but he wanted to polish it before publishing. He was obviously deeply attached to Darwin and Huxley both as scientists and as men and the coincidence of their journeys to Australia intrigued him. Pressure of work and other writing caused Marshall to delay any retouching and he died without fulfilling his plans. Whatever they were, it doesn't matter. The book is just right as it is.

RELIGIOUS SECTS

By Bryan Wilson (World University Library). \$2.30 (approx.).

This is a book about various religious sects—with a difference. Most books on this topic are written with a view to exposing the weaknesses (theological and intellectual) of the sects and establishing orthodoxy. The power struggles of the early church were mainly about beliefs, and doctrine is still the main criterion by which a people are judged, although departure from conformity in religious practice is also an issue. This volume, however, concentrates on the sociological aspects of the sects. It examines the pressures from society which helped to produce them, and also considers their impact upon society in return. The author is Reader in Sociology at Oxford University and he is well equipped to analyse various religious groups as reactions to men's needs and problems.

We rate a mention, as Disciples of Christ, as "a frontier sect." "Simple frontiers-people that they were, they distrusted intellectualism in religion and the theological institutions which debated scholarly matters far removed from what to them was the one overriding issue — the conversion of sinners."

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Although he does us less than justice, he is most illuminating about the real sects! The big ones, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, Christian Scientists are treated in depth, but there are also studies of Scientology, Father Divine, the Maharishi (you know, the one who got the Beatles meditating!), the Dooley Pond Church of God with Signs Following (complete with rattlesnakes) and others of whom we had not previously heard.

Serious students of the church should value this objective study of the origin and development of sects, and their occasional acceptance as respectable diversions from the main streams of Christianity.

NOT ASHAMED

By Douglas Webster, (Hodder & Stoughton). 90c.

The first six of these seven "studies in mission and ministry" were given by Canon Webster of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, as the Moorhouse Lectures in Melbourne in 1969. Somehow we missed them, but we are certainly glad to catch up with them now. They are scholarly but never dull, and they challenge one to a new study of the scriptures in order to find the way of the gospel for the world today. The book is especially recommended for those who think that the gospel has had its day. They will preach with conviction the next Sunday.

WANDERING WHEELS

By Jack Houston, (Baker Book House). \$2.30.

The wheels are those of push-bikes. The project was dreamed up by the head football coach at Taylor University, Indiana, U.S.A. Each year he rides 3,500 miles across America from the Pacific to the Atlantic. He takes with him thirty to forty boys. You would think once is enough, but some of the boys have made more than one trip. They do more than explore their country; they explore also the Christian faith, and how to be Christian in every situation they meet, excitement or danger, or just the grinding torture of a 15% gradient road. Having done the trip by bicycle, Davenport now uses a motor-cycle for control and more effective leadership, but the rest still pedal. The boys become tough and fit, and make a fine, manly Christian witness at every stopping place. The story is well told by a professional journalist.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"As your doctor, I recommend two months in Florida. As your Finance Chairman, forget it!"

Positive Attitudes By VINEY LONGTHORP

There is nothing new about the need for positive attitudes. These people who take Jesus Christ seriously will practise the positive in all situations and relationships. Because of special circumstances some aspects of the Christian life depend upon positive attitudes more than others: or putting it the other way round, they are more prone to be hurt by negative attitudes than are others. One such aspect is adult Christian education. There are several reasons why this is so.

To begin with, there is so much that is new about adult work. Of course, many churches have practised adult work in some form or another for years, but the advent of the Christian Life Curriculum has brought adult work into a somewhat new focus. In such a situation it is easy to claim for adult work more than it can offer. Some leaders are inclined to regard it as a technique which can bring a great measure of success back into alling church programmes. Those who are tempted to play the numbers game may see adult work as a means to this end. Then, when numbers are not up to expectation adult work is criticised and discarded. There is the constant need of bringing a positive approach to this ministry, of appreciating realistically, its role and value in every situation.

Then we may note that once adult discussions get under way, and start probing problems associated with the church and the world (and there are plenty of them), it is all too easy for some people to see nothing else but problems and so make the negative responses: "What is the use? Nothing can be done. I give up." I once shared in a series of discussions with a group, using that excellent publication, "Str." It called for a close look at many of the crucial issues of our time. In our group there were several who reacted badly to these problems, and had it not been for some others in the group

who were able to point out other aspects in certain issues, the group experience would have been a doleful affair. Accentuating the positive is not hiding from unpleasant facts. Handling problems, however, does need a positive approach.

Related to this is the fact that in discussion groups, questions of Christian doctrine and beliefs are examined in much greater detail than most other experiences allow. If, as often happens, a person finds that his point of view is not wholly shared by others of the group, and that many things he says are consistently questioned, it then becomes very difficult for many of these to avoid being defensive and becoming negative. Even where other members act with thorough-going acceptance and consideration, being constantly opposed often results in negative responses.

Another place where negativity can emerge is at the very place where a group is successful. It often happens that people do learn to share their thoughts and express themselves candidly and openly in the group. Some, who feel they can trust the group, will tell of a doubt or a personal experience. Unfortunately it also happens that some other member will respond by being judgmental, or expresses shock. Such negative tactics ruins trust and effective communication. Only the positive response is good enough in moments like this.

Group success and learning means teamwork on the part of all who participate; to get the best out of any course of study or preparation for action, a group needs an atmosphere of trust, acceptance, and openness to one another. These qualities are the essence of what we mean by a positive approach. And being positive needs to be worked at, firstly, by recognising those places where negativity can arise, and being able to spot negative responses, and then, by being willing to accept the gift of God's grace and maturity.

CATTLE TRUCK CAMP

(BERWICK, Vic., R. A. C. Holland). A young people's service highlighted a weekend camp, under canvas, at Seaview, 15 miles from Warragul. A cattle truck provided transport for the camp, including a trip to Warragul church service on Sunday morning. Miss Dorothy Holstein told the church of her experiences on the mission field. The ladies of the church expertly led the Mothers' Day service at which Miss Holstein spoke.

RENEWAL GROUPS

(NORLANE, Vic., J. Edwards). The recent "Lay Witness" Mission resulted in one first decision and ten redecisions. Members are enjoying closer ties of fellowship in Jesus Christ. 35 people have commenced renewal groups at various age levels. . . . 21 young people attended the May camp at Hall's Gap. Mr. Edwards was a group leader. There were three first confessions of faith. The associate minister, M. Humphries, is making a great contribution among the young adults and teenagers. . . . A B.S. C.L.C. camp is planned for June 3-6 at Colac for youth and intermediate classes.

CAMPAIGN PLANNED

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). The church is preparing for a visitation campaign with the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. . . . The men of the church have been busy painting the church manse. . . . On May 2, the G.Y.F. took the evening service. . . . The C.W.F. has held a street stall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

(DUNOLLY, Vic., G. Wake). It is regretted that the S.S. was closed owing to lack of attendance. Mr. Wake is starting an Adventurers' Club with fourteen girls (13-17) very interested. . . . The annual meeting elected F. Robertson as secretary and A. Spiker as treasurer. . . . Mrs. V. Watts is pres. of the C.W.F., Mrs. G. Spiker is sec., and Mrs. A. Cole is treas. . . . A church picnic was held at Tavengower (Maldon) and included an open-air service. There was a barbecue lunch and items were given by Doncaster young adults.

INTEREST AND INCREASE

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Special evening services have greatly added to numbers for May. . . . Great interest was given to the presentation of the play "The Ladder" by Peter Howard. . . . Mothers' Day guest speaker was Mrs. D. Strack, and at night mothers and choir took part. . . . The film "The Clockmaker's Secret" was screened. . . . Youth service with youth participating was appreciated. . . . Church members conducted P.S.A. for Balwyn Evergreen Club. . . . Miss Deldre Banks, of M.B.I., was speaker at C.W.E.F.

MINISTRY AT COLLINGWOOD

(Vic.). C. W. Jackel concluded his interim ministry, leaving the church in a healthy and happy condition. Five have been added to the church and the congregation has increased in number and interest. Mr. Jackel showed slides of Ballarat and Mt. Isa at a sing-a-long

and supper. Appreciation was expressed and he was presented with a cheque. He is free to consider part or full-time ministry with another church. S. Downie was inducted into the ministry on May 23 when the Abbotsford Baptist Church joined in with our congregation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Dandenong presented the film "With Him in the Garden." Mrs. L. Dunn also sang two solos. . . . Five adults have been baptized from the Essendon fellowship. . . . M. Barlay and Mr. Jackel gave the devotions for 25 at Y.P.S.C.E. at the home of Mrs. Story.

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PROFILE:

Ernie Reeve

W. E. Reeve (Ernie as he is known) came to Toowoomba with his parents from Tamworth, N.S.W., where they had lived for about 25 years. His parents joined the Church of Christ at Roma in 1938.

In Toowoomba, Ern naturally went to school with his parents, where he met many friendly young men—two of whom are very well known to the Queensland community, the late Chaplain Charlie (Uncle Charlie) to Melbourne and Roy Pittman of Toowoomba and late of Roma. Roy, in Ern's opinion, was one of the most gracious men he had ever met. While out walking one Sunday afternoon, Ern met four fine young men and realized by their speech and behaviour that they were real Christians. Their influence led Ern to make his decision that Sunday evening. John Parslow was the minister.

Mr. Reeve entered the Federal College of the Bible in 1911. After passing the Bible course, he was called to the Gympie-Wooroolin circuit in 1915. Other ministries were at Tannymorel, Roma and Tynalgum.

He came to Brisbane in 1924, settling in at the Annerley church where his lifelong friend Charles Young was minister and his college friend Arthur Fisher was organising secretary to the Home Mission Committee. At the following Easter State Conference, Ernie Reeve was elected as a member of the Home Missions Committee, and later as Conference Secretary. About this time he also became secretary of the Annerley church.

In 1946 he was elected President of State Conference, and again in 1951-52. He attended Federal Conference in 1948; and led a delegation to Federal Conference in Hobart where the secretary for Home Missions, Colin Orr, arranged for Mr. Reeve to visit all the churches in that State. He attended Federal Conference as well as World Convention in Melbourne in 1952. He also attended Federal Conferences in Sydney and Brisbane.

Since living at Booval and East Ipswich our Mr. Reeve has been very active, and an efficient and influential member as deacon, elder, preacher, etc. He was often called upon to do the preaching at East Ipswich, as well as helping in various ways at Bundamba and in the early stages of the new work at Leichhardt.

He recently declined nomination for eldership owing to advancing years but the church elected him as Elder Emeritus in recognition of his valued services to the brotherhood.

Special reference was made of services rendered at morning worship, May 2. We thank God for Mr. and Mrs. Reeve's witness, and their combined contribution to the welfare of the church.

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In spite of sorrow I have known.
—Berniece Ayers Hall

The chains of habit are too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

One housefly to another: "What strange creatures humans are! They make elegant ceilings, paint them expensively, and then walk on the floor!"



If all the cars were placed end to end on a long hill, some fool would try to pass them.

Maybe it wasn't a slip! "The House of Representatives will sit next week in a final drive! to wind up the present session."



He confided to his old friend that life was not worth living because, "The woman I love has rejected my proposal."
"Well, don't let that get you down," comforted his friend. "A woman's 'no' often means 'yes!'"
"But she didn't say 'no,'" came the reply, "she said 'phooey!'"



Conscience: That still small voice that tells you what others should do.

The cynic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.
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