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## Outreach in Western Australia

Our missionaries at Carnarvon have always done outreach work as time has permitted, but now, with the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dover, of S.A., to take over the Superintendency of the Carnarvon work, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been freed for outreach on a full-time basis.

A caravan has been purchased, outfit, and already in use in areas north of Carnarvon. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are currently at Onslow working amongst the Aborigine people there, although one trip has been made to Roebourne and Port Hedland.

Over 30 met at Onslow reserve recently to break bread with Mr. Fisher who brought a message to the young Christians. In the afternoon Mrs. Fisher had a group of children on the beach while Mr. Fisher did some visiting. The evening service was held on the lawns of the Native Welfare Hostel when over 150 people gathered including some white folk from the town.

### Further Developments

Some years ago we, as a brotherhood, took a step of faith in our Aborigine Missions' work by commencing a training hostel for teenage working girls at Esperance in W.A. Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogan are in charge at "Fairhaven," Esperance, and the work amongst Aboriginal students and working girls has received much commendation from the Government.



LANCE AND ENID FISHER

The Dept. of Native Welfare in W.A. is building a \$90,000 hostel at Kalgoorlie for working girls and our mission will be taking control of this new hostel in February, 1972.

The Federal Aborigines' Mission Board has also agreed to administer a hostel for high school students in Perth. This new hostel is situated at Yokine, a suburb of Perth, near the Nollamara church, and is to be handed over in about three months' time.

### Missionaries wanted

Five married couples are urgently needed by the end of 1971 to meet the developing work of the Aborigines' Mission field. The growth in the Children's Homes and Centre activities, the opening up of Outreach and Hostel control, have presented the brotherhood with opportunities for service and witness never before experienced to this extent. The Federal Aborigines' Mission Board is looking to the Lord and to the brotherhood to meet the challenge of the hour. Will you pray and ask God—"Lord! what will thou have me to do in the Aborigines' Mission work?"

## AID to Refugees

The Australian Council of Churches announced a further grant of \$10,000 for the churches' relief programme among East Pakistan refugees, bringing the Council's contribution in the present emergency to \$30,000.

The Director of the Council's overseas aid division, the Rev. E. H. Arblaster, announced that letters were being sent to every parish of the Council's 11 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox member churches indicating ways by which they could assist in the present emergency.

The Council is providing its assistance through the Christian Agency for Social Action of the Indian churches. The Council's grants were being used to provide food, shelter and medical supplies

### CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE WOMEN IN MASS MEDIA

(Geneva). The use of scantily clad women to sell everything from liquor to automobiles, the portrayal of housewives as robots to clean the house and tend the children, and the limiting of job opportunities to typist secretary are some of the topics discussed at the first European church-sponsored consultation on the "Image of Woman in the Mass Media," Vienna, June 14-19.

Professional women engaged in the print and visual media were among the speakers at the conference sponsored by the Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group, official agency for co-operation on women's questions between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church—E.P.S.

### "SAFE-CRACKING" BIBLE STUDY

The president of a seminary told the Layman's Leadership Institute in Miami, Fla., that Bible study is like "safe-cracking," and that "a good safe-cracker gets the combination from the safe itself, listening carefully to the tumbler."

"He doesn't impose his own combination," said David Allan Hubbard, who heads Fuller Theological Seminary.

The Bible should be studied, he said, by examining the emphasis of the text, its context, and what the whole Bible teaches.

Too often the Bible is read merely to enable the reader to get a devotional "lift" from a passage, Dr. Hubbard said. "It is dangerous to use the Bible for our own purpose without searching for the Bible's purpose," Dr. Hubbard told the laymen—"The Christian."

### REFUGEE PROGRAMME \$196,000 FROM AUSTRALIA

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, in the 21st Session of the Executive Committee, announced that for the 1971 programme Australia's contribution will be \$196,000, the same as in 1970.

Other amounts are: Canada \$386,473; Denmark \$253,300 (an increase of 21%); France \$450,842 (\$61,000 more than 1970); Sweden \$600,000 (increase of \$200,000) plus a special contribution of \$400,000 for education or other U.N.H.C.R. projects.

for the refugee camps. The grants also help pay the costs of maintaining teams of Indian medical workers sent to the refugee camps by the Indian churches.

The Council also commends AustCare as an appropriate channel for effective help to the refugees. The Australian Council of Churches is a member of AustCare.

A.C.C. offices in all State capitals will also receive funds.

## Top Level Training

The need to train beginners is never in doubt, but the question "who trains the instructors?" arises rather too seldom. Those who give out from their experience, and give of their time year after year, are just as much in need of new ideas as the leaders just beginning.

The Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. Explorer Boys' Clubs Executive recently struck a new high note as they completed a three-year cycle of leader training. In 1969 the training courses were conducted at a Melbourne central venue, one night a week for four weeks, directed at young

clined Ray Laird, boating editor of "The Sun-News Pictorial" and John Augustine, Victorian competitor in the Australian Lightweight Sharpie Championships, as well as Les Stewart who recently completed canoeing and mountaineering courses with the National Fitness Council of Victoria.

Craft work for boys was demonstrated by Grame Kent, instructor in leadership training for the Y.M.C.A. The leaders practised the arts of bark painting, wire modelling, postermaking with charcoal and water paints among other mediums. Even boomerang making got a mention.

Social counselling included the growing problem areas of alcohol, cigarettes and addictive drugs. The leaders received up-to-date information on how to handle these problems, without doing more harm than good, from George Mathieson, trained counsellor and pharmacist, field worker for the D.C.E.

Games for younger as well as older boys were learnt by the leaders as they enjoyed a Saturday night of games under the experienced men John Henley and George Beard.

Over 60 leaders attended this Saturday to Sunday Leaders' Camp at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, June 5 and 6, with Ray McKenzie, D.C.E. Director as Chaplain and L. L. Smith, Explorer Chief, in charge.

Boys' Club Leadership Training is offered by the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. as a normal service to churches of the brotherhood, and a Leader Development Programme can be arranged for any church which can muster reasonable attendance.

By L. L. SMITH,  
CHIEF EXPLORER FOR VICTORIA

In 1970 the instructors moved out to the local churches and gave 8-hour training sessions on various Saturdays, directed at the local leaders actually on club staffs.

Now the cycle has been completed with a weekend Leadership Camp directed at the "top level leaders" including the instructors themselves. Skills and techniques for club devotions were demonstrated by Trevor Robinson, minister of East Bentleigh, Vic., church and a club leader there. Skills for outdoor activities were demonstrated by an experienced panel including Rod Harris who recently crossed Bass Strait in a kayak canoe. The skills included canoeing, bush stretcher construction, hike tent pitching, yachting, rock-climbing and adventure camping. The yachting instructors in-

### WORDS TO TREASURE

In the evenings, after praying with his mother, he would add his own silent prayer for all living creatures: "Dear God, protect and bless all things that breathe, guard them from all evil and let them sleep in peace."

Sometimes the fact of pain shocked him into violent and repeated resolves to so order his life that he would inflict no pain on anything that lived and breathed . . . When he was seven or eight he went out bird-hunting with a friend. Like his friend, he was armed with a catapult. At the moment when young Schweitzer stooped to gather a stone to insert in the catapult, the Easter bells rang out. It was like a sign from heaven. He began to shout and wave his arms, shoaling the birds away, then he fled home. He had discovered the commandment that was to weigh increasingly on him over the years: "Thou shalt not kill."

*Ehrlurcht vor dem Leben.* Reverence for Life. *Ehrlurcht* means more than "reverence." It has overtones of awe and shuddering wonder, and great blessedness. Before God a man may abase himself in holy awe. A man may humble himself before the infinite spaces of the firmament. So should a man humble himself before the ever-present miracle of life.

A man who possesses an entire veneration and awe of life will not simply say his prayers; he will throw himself into the battle to preserve life, if for no other reason than that he is himself an extension of the life around him, life being so holy and every man being part of this holiness. A man rejoicing in that veneration for life is therefore led "into an unrest such as the world does not know, but he obtains from it a blessedness which the world cannot give."

### REVERENCE FOR LIFE

G. ROBERT  
PAYNE  
in  
SCHWEITZER,  
HERO OF  
AFRICA

## WORD TALK

—GORDON MOYES.  
No. 30—1 THESS. 5: 19 (B.E.R.)

### "Extinguish the Spirit's Fire"

Readers of the KJV possibly wondered why the old translation said "Quench not the spirit." Why "quench"? It is because the Holy Spirit is often associated with the symbol of fire. Hence "Do not extinguish the spirit's fire" or as the NEB has it "Don't stifle inspiration." The association of God with fire is as old as theology. Fire was used in the Old Testament as a sign of God's presence either for punishment or purification. Abraham's call (Gen. 15) was confirmed by fire. Moses (Exodus 3) met God speaking from a burning bush. Israel (Exo. 13) was comforted by a pillar of fire. Mt. Sinai was associated with God's presence in the smoke and fire. Indeed God was described as "our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:29). In the New Testament Christ is described as having "eyes of fire." (Rev. 1:14). The Holy Spirit came (Acts 2:3) in the appearance of "tongues of fire." Jesus spoke of His disciples having to undertake a baptism of fire. (Luke 3:16). Paul (2 Tim. 1:6) urged Timothy to "stir to flame the gift of God in you." Charles Wesley sees Jesus coming "the pure celestial fire to impart." (Hymn 884).

### FOR TODAY

The earliest Portuguese explorers who first saw the western coast of Australia on the horizon as a thin line beneath a fiery rising sun called the new continent "The land of the Holy Spirit," yet today Australia needs Paul's injunction "Do not extinguish the Spirit's fire."

We extinguish the Spirit's fire by the cold formalism of our church services. A new convert to Christ attending one church was described as "a new babe placed in the arms of a corpse." Secularism and traditionalism will also extinguish any movement of the Holy Spirit.

On Easter Saturday the local Anglican church conducted a service entitled "Rekindling the Fire." Into the darkened church, a symbol of the Easter tomb, was brought fire to demonstrate the new light that would come with the resurrection. Every tomb-like church needs a rekindling of its fire, and all other churches need to beware lest we "extinguish the Spirit's fire."

As one former editor of this paper wrote: "Visions firing, hearts inspiring, march we onward in Thy name." (Hymn 879).

One aspect of the meaning of the inspiration of the Bible through the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16) is that the Bible inspires men. As D. L. Moody said, "I know the Bible is inspired because it inspires me." As we study and obey the scriptures, we place ourselves in the position where we allow the Holy Spirit to rekindle His fire within us.



"FAIRHAVEN"

# Chandu Ray and Tibetan Bible

Bishop Chandu Ray, while secretary of the Pakistan Bible Society, braved the warring armies of India and Pakistan to rescue a priceless Tibetan translation. He bargained with army authorities on both sides in order to travel from Lahore to Kashmir. There the original manuscript, which took 35 years to complete, was being held by a courier denied a travel permit by Pakistani troops.

He persuaded an official at Amritsar airport to delay for ten minutes an order to ground all aircraft. His aircraft then took off.

Bishop Chandu Ray arrived in war-torn Kashmir to find his access to the manuscript barred by a heavily guarded bridge. He sat all night with the soldiers con-

vincing them he should cross. He then persuaded the Inspector General of Police to give him a priority No. 1 clearance to fly in a military aircraft to Delhi.

Now Tibetans have the Bible in their own language. It is widely used as a reading aid in Tibetan monasteries.

Chinese Communist troops engaged in the conquest of Tibet were advised by their leaders to read the Tibetan Bible as a means of learning the language.

Once a Hindu, Bishop Chandu Ray became a Doctor of Divinity and Anglican Bishop of Karachi for 12 years until 1969. He has a wide understanding of the problems of the two Pakistans.

## TWO BAPTISMS

(LENSWOOD, S.A., H. E. Paddick). Members of our church journeyed to Maylands on June 6 for the baptism of two of our B.S. scholars, Christine and Trevor Pollard. . . . When the church picnic was held at the A.B.I. grounds at Victor Harbour, two of our members, students at A.B.I., Wayne and Helen Filmer, conducted an inspection tour of the College.

## Y.P. BUILD COFFEE LOUNGE

(BRIGHTON, S.A., C. E. Curtis/K. J. Harvey). With assistance from tradesmen, young people spent Friday nights renovating the old kitchen. Suspended ceiling, drapes, carpet and coffee bar are features of their coffee lounge. Study group for "rebels" is held on same night. R. Pryor conducts study and tuition centre for high school students. The lounge will be used for small group programme, \$400 was raised by young people for the project. . . . Three young people have been baptized. . . . Marriage Guidance Council courses being sponsored. Separate programmes are for parents of young children and parents of teenagers, and another for teenagers. . . . 20 house parties to launch concept of team ministry proved valuable educational medium. C. Curtis is having valuable ministry amongst elderly people of community. . . . 60 "Sparetimers" use facilities fortnightly for "somewhere to go; something to do and somebody to meet" programme.

## CO-OPERATIVE MOVE

(DULWICH, S.A., C. H. Dow). A proposal for co-operation with the Rose Park Congregational Church and Gartrell Memorial Methodist Church was supported by a large majority at a special business meeting of members on June 6. Aim of the proposal is for a more effective witness. Details will be further discussed. . . . "A Look at the Music of the Church" was the subject of a comprehensive review by K. Allison at a 5 p.m. service. He traced the history of religious music through the ages and played stereo recordings of madrigals, Bach, and negro spirituals, while the choice of hymns sung by the congregation honoured great hymn writers. . . . Claude Purdie addressed C.M.S. on "A Recent Visit to the Holy Land," with slides.

## SPECIAL WEDDING

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). The church was filled to capacity on June 5 when Mrs. E. O. Eaton was married to J. A. Butcher, foundation member for 60 years, and much respected member of Board of Officers. . . . On June 21 the C.W.F. held the second of three in "The Many Faces of Eve" series. These gatherings are attracting many interested ladies. . . . Sympathy is expressed for the sudden accidental death of Russell, beloved husband and father of Mrs. Myna Crofts, and family.

## 99th ANNIVERSARY

(DUNOLLY, Vic., G. Wake). At 3 p.m. one big service was held with G. Stirling, Vice-Principal of C.O.B. as guest speaker. Ian Steed, of Maryborough, was organist. The Anglican Youth Choir from Maryborough sang under the leadership of Mr. Scott. About 65-70 were present. Representatives came from Bet-Bet, Maryborough, Ballarat and Bendigo. The service was followed by a fellowship tea and Lord's Supper.

(HORSBAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). Robin Pocklington (O.A.C.) was guest speaker on May 23 and 30. There was a "Mini-Conference" of N.W. District churches at Horsham on May 30. . . . An A.C.E. programme has been held over three weeks. . . . Young people visited Warracknabai church on May 30. . . . Minister assisted as leader and young people attended Youth Camp at Hall's Gap over long week-end.

## TEN DAYS FOR UNITY

(MALVERN, Vic., I. E. Adams/K. Verge). Major Guy, of the Salvation Army, spoke on May 16 in preparation for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The church was involved in ten days of meetings in the churches in the district which culminated in a combined service in the Malvern Town Hall attended by churches from the East Malvern and Glen Iris areas as well as Malvern. . . . 5 p.m. service is proving popular, particularly on June 6 when a number of elderly shut-in people were invited to join members for an afternoon drive, followed by early tea in the church hall and the evening service. . . . The church picnic was held at Churchill National Park. . . . Principal E. L. Williams represented the Dept. of Christian Union on June 13.

# OPEN FORUM

## CORRECTION

To the Editor,

I have just read in "The Christian" for May 29 that I baptized Miss Ellie Young, of Tumbay Bay, S.A., in 1924.

This is an error. It was Wally Russell not Wally Bartlett who baptized Ellie. I have checked with Wally Russell to make sure of this. I can say that I had the privilege of being one of the fortunate people to "have my feet under her table."—Wally Bartlett (S.A.).

## U.S. DISCLOSURE

To the Editor,

With the disclosure of the illegality and immorality, and the dishonesty of the propaganda of the Vietnam war by release of official documents in Washington as reviewed by James Reston in the Melbourne "Age," June 15, I wonder whether the many Christian supporters of the war will now have the moral courage to repent of their advocacy of the war and support the Moratorium campaign now proceeding throughout Australia.—L. O. Collyer (Vic.).

## TESTS FOR CHRISTIANS

To the Editor,

The letter by T. R. Mason left a number of unanswered questions.

There is no question that the church should give teaching to new converts.

There is no question that those who are received into church membership should be giving their lives to Christ, nor is there any question that some instruction should be given to those who are about to be baptized.

But these questions remain unanswered by the letter:

1. Is the passing of a test in Christian education to be made a condition of baptism? 2. Can we determine if a person has really given his or her life to Christ on their ability to grasp a lot of doctrinal teaching? 3. Who is to accept responsibility for deciding when a person has given his life to Christ, on the basis of these classes? Will it be left to the ordained minister, the officers' board or a church meeting? 4. Where is the scripture authority for long delay in baptizing people who have confessed their faith in Christ? 5. Does not greater understanding of our faith and discipleship come with the passing of the years as we learn in the B.S., the church and among our fellows and as we grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ?—H. E. Greenwood (S.A.).

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# S.A. & W.A.

## C.O.B. TEAM

(STRATHALBYN, S.A., R. L. Oke). The Glen Iris team visited here during their S.A. tour. Recent speakers have been T. Morgan, C. E. Dinning and Wayne Filmer. . . . Brian Patterson and Alan Bell were speakers at youth tea on May 30. . . . J.C.E. is led by Glenda Maddern and Nita Bell. . . . Ladies' auxiliary president is Mrs. R. L. Oke; Mrs. W. Patterson is secretary and Mrs. A. Keast, treasurer.

## A. W. STEPHENSON GOES WEST

(WEMBLEY, W.A.). Lane Cove church have kindly allowed A. W. Stephenson, Emeritus Principal of Woolwich Bible College, leave of absence to visit his home State. He will lead a brief teaching mission from June 23 to 27.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Our minister, Mr. Bartlett, has been chosen as State Conference Pres.-Elect. . . . At the annual meeting, Graham Smith acted as President and Stan Stevens as Sec. . . . On Pentecost Sunday, Ken. Dawson, Conf. Pres., was guest speaker at the Temple Day and church anniversary. The offering amounted to \$380. . . . Nurses from the Nurses' Christian Movement conducted the service on Red Cross Sunday. . . . S.S. held a picture night to assist Aborigines' Mission and realised \$59.80.

## DRAMA GROUP

(INGLEWOOD, W.A.). Two comedies, "Wife Required" and "Dearly Departed" were presented by the newly-formed Inglewood Drama Club. The successful performances have encouraged the group to prepare for future dramatic presentations. . . . The Girls' Brigade and church school participated in a "litter clean-up" on June 13. This was followed by a tea and a service in which the Girls' Brigade was featured and Margaret Sewell described her recent experiences in Indonesia as the W.A. winner of the "Destination Indonesia" project.

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## VISIT TO STRATHMONT

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). Cyril Wood, Secretary of Men's Fellowship, organised a visit on June 6 to Strathmont Centre, the home-school for the intellectually retarded recently officially opened by H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A party of 40 was conducted around the Centre by Malcolm Gaskin, Public Relations Officer. The visitors were most impressed by the work being done by the staff, and the facilities provided by the Mental Health Services and the Education Dept. The overseas students at the Wattle Park Teachers' College were especially interested. Mr. Gaskin's aim is to make the Centre part of the community, and it is hoped that this visit will result in action in this area of concern.

## MISSIONARY VISIT

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris). Dr. and Mrs. David Coulter and family, including Rhonda, a New Hebridean girl, shared a month of fellowship here and spoke of their work at Duindind. Wendy Martin has left to spend her month's leave at the hospital there. . . . During the June holiday week-end, 60 young people with 14 leaders were in camp at Pt. Sturt discussing "The Significance of Jesus." . . . B. V. Coventry is to give part-time pastoral assistance. . . . Song services were shared with Bill and Sandra Tabbernee of the C.O.B., also our youth choir and duettists, Marlon and Bronwyn Oatley.

## ASSISTING KALGOORLIE

(W.A.). While the church is without a minister several ministers from Perth and country areas have assisted. J. K. Robinson (Nth. Perth) conducted services including teacher dedication service on June 6 and 13, and undertook pastoral work. Mrs. Robinson assisted ladies. Don. Tonkin (Leonora) has conducted many services. . . . On Mothers' Day, B.S. combined with morning worship. . . . A mothers' tea and informal service in the evening had Don. Tonkin as speaker. . . . At a men's tea the speaker was the local magistrate. . . . Young People's group has Kim Martin (from Northam) as leader. . . . J.C.E. commenced with V. Smythe as leader. . . . C.W.F. "At Home" on June 2 gave proceeds to Pensioners' Firewood Fund.

## CHURCH PICNIC

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). A church family picnic was held in Loftia Park, when 120 shared a day of fellowship. . . . K. D. Horne launched a Planned Giving campaign on May 23, after long planning with the official board. 170 were at the church family dinner which was followed by a meeting, short, sharp and to the point. On May 30 all church homes were visited by a team of counsellors. On June 6, J. Dunkley, chairman of the Finance Committee, presided and Mr. Horne spoke. The campaign proved very successful. . . . The C.O.B. team visited here and Geo. Warren, student, preached at night on May 23. At a combined district after-church session, Mr. Tabbernee, lecturer, shared with students. . . . Miss D. Holstein of Dhond, India, spoke on June 13 and afterwards showed slides of the Indian mission.

# MY NEIGH- BOUR'S PEN



## WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN

The perfect and eternal church is a community of persons where an enabling atmosphere brings men together to seek, establish and strengthen relationships—God to man, man to God, and man to man. Within this fellowship, the Gospels are brought into union with the Infinites. As God works through the church, and as the finite and the infinite are joined, transformation of life takes place: alienation is transformed into reconciliation, chaos into order, hatred into respect, and neglect into concern. Men, working together toward one common goal, are brought to a doctrinal attitude toward all life. When this attitude is present, walls come tumbling down, and all of creation becomes a thing of beauty and wonder.

—R. E. Tompser in "The Christian" (U.S.).

## TRIBUTE TO NELS FERRE

An old friend said to me the other day, "Nels was essentially an evangelist, indeed he was. An evangelist with a divine calling, his own, commending the Christian religion with every power at his command because he believed it to be true and satisfying and always pointing to its central figure, Jesus Christ, whose untiring concern he remained to the end."

In prayer Nels Ferre was at his simplest and deepest. He spoke to God as a man does with his most familiar friend. I am sure that the secret of his long and exhilarating ministry lay in his personal intimacy with the heavenly Father.

—Charles Dubois in "British Weekly."

## SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

When faced to define what I mean by the spirit or a spiritual experience, I was much troubled until I realized that anything which can be bought, sold, stolen or coerced is of the material. Anything that is spiritual must be freely given. Thus sex can be bought, sold, stolen, or coerced, but love which is spiritual must be freely given. Obedience can be bought, sold, or coerced, but respect, loyalty, patriotism, must be freely given. Whenever a person gives himself freely and unthinkingly to a cause greater than self, he is having a spiritual experience. He that toeth his life for my sake shall find it! For each of us the cause may be different, but the act of losing or giving oneself freely, selflessly, is always a spiritual experience.

—Dr. A. H. Steinhuis in "World Communicator."

## ONLY ONE EXPLANATION

How then did the cross become the symbol of a movement that infiltrated and finally captured the Roman Empire? How could the Christians have created a symbol that was as notorious as the gibbet or gallows, into an emblem of triumph? Would the death of a political messiah have converted a fanatical enemy like Saul of Tarsus? Would the demise of an inebriated "normal" Pharisee have inspired the conversion of sceptical pagans to the degree that they willingly, yet joyously risked martyrdom for their faith? Surely the only thing that can explain the rise and spread of Christianity is the assured conviction of the early disciples that their Master had risen from the tomb, demonstrating his divinity with the Father—a conviction that was confirmed by the transformation of their lives through the power of the resurrection!

—Edwin Yamauchi in "Christian Today."

## GO-GO OR STATUS QUO

I remember Roger Shinn telling religious editors in Chicago that he sees Christians dividing on the basis of temperament rather than on doctrinal grounds: those who favour change against those who oppose change, the "go-go" crowd versus the "status quo" crowd.

—"Australian Baptist."

# OPEN FORUM

## BIBLE AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

To the Editor,

I am writing to express concern over impressions which have been given by Mr. Tidball of the B. & F.B.S. concerning Bible distribution in communist countries. From statements made by Mr. Tidball which were based on what he had seen on conducted tours within communist countries, one is led to believe that there is greater freedom today for distribution of Bibles than previously, and that the communist governments of Russia, Bulgaria and Romania are allowing greater printing and distribution of Bibles than ever before.

However, the Rev. J. Bass of Underground Evangelism, has presented quite a different story gleaned from those who live under communist rule and do not just visit countries on guided tours. The monthly magazine of Underground Evangelism presents conclusive proof that the Christians in these countries are undergoing persecution and there are very serious limitations on any distribution of Bibles.

It also appears that the Bible Society has been very naive in its dealings with the Romanian Government, trusting them to print 100,000 Bibles on the expensive paper which it provided for the purpose. Reports from sources inside state that the bulk of this paper was used to print communist literature, with a cover printing of not more than 10,000 Bibles to keep face with the outside world. Will the Bible Society give some proof that this paper was used for the purpose in-

tended? Even when this has happened it is understood that the society has plans to send quantities of paper to Bulgaria and who can doubt that it will be used for similar purposes?

Thus the monies of those who support the society have actually been used to provide paper for the printing of communist literature, and this must make donors seriously reconsider the position. Underground Evangelism ensures Bibles reach the hands of the believers by smuggling them across communist borders, without placing any trust in communist governments.

Is the Bible Society prepared to make public statements answering some of the questions which these situations are posing?—Graeme Jackel (Vic.).

The B. & F.B.S. was invited to furnish a reply to this letter and the Commonwealth Secretary, the Rev. J. R. Payne, of Canberra, wrote as follows:

To the Editor,

In any discussion of a disputed matter it is of first importance to state the facts clearly.

The Rev. B. J. Tidball's work inside Eastern Europe cannot be called "conducted tours." In his addresses recently in Australia, Mr. Tidball described how he was able to move quite freely in most places he visited. This official Bible Society person moves in and out of the countries of Eastern Europe and does not have to rely on secondhand reports. This also applies to his European colleague, the Rev. Sverre Smaadahl. They

visit private homes without pre-arrangement and find the Bible in use. They stand outside a Bible House in one capital city and see people going in and out and purchasing Bibles. In another they see a Bible prominently displayed in every book and music shop.

The Bible Society is concerned at all times to publish only what is verifiable by reference to its knowledgeable staff, and other competent sources. In the case of the 100,000 Rumanian Bibles, the distribution was confirmed by an outside body.

This Norwegian organisation, "The Mission Behind the Iron Curtain," used one of its own representatives to find out what was really going on in Rumania. His report was published in the press. "We in the Mission Behind the Iron Curtain," the organisation said, "are happy to confirm that it is a fact that these Bibles have been distributed in the congregations. One of our contacts . . . was able to observe the surprise and thankfulness in the congregations . . . The Bible was produced for the Orthodox Church but some Lutheran congregations also received Bibles . . . It is a great joy to the Mission Behind the Iron Curtain that the Bible Societies have succeeded in helping to produce and distribute Bibles in Rumania."

I may say that the Bible Society made this report widely known in Australia in late 1969 and it was not challenged. Further, the greater "openness" of Rumania today has received wide publicity in the press in the past year or two, and notably during recent weeks. It is in this context that Bible Society work is taking place, and Bible Society staff are personally familiar with the present situation in Rumania and the other countries of Europe.

The Bible Society believes that only evil can be done by public controversy between Christian bodies. It does engage in private discussions with others interested in providing scriptures for Eastern Europe, whenever opportunity offers, and indeed is eager to do so at any time.

May I add that whilst the work in Eastern Europe is important, it is necessary to see it in proper perspective. It is only a small part of the total Bible production and distribution ministry of the Bible Society.

In the whole of the work of translation, production and distribution, the Society stands for the authority of God's Word written, and its entire purpose is to provide the scriptures so that men and women everywhere may come to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ through his Word.

Today is supremely the day of opportunity for scripture distribution. In the last complete year one hundred and seventy million people speaking 1,431 different languages received a copy of God's Word from the Bible Society movement. This was a 20% increase over the previous year.

The United Bible Societies serve the entire Church in more than 150 countries and territories.

Everywhere, people eagerly extend their hands for God's Word. The Bible Society in Australia rejoices with its colleagues around the world in the opportunity to supply their need.

—J. R. Payne, Commonwealth Sec.

To the Editor,

Mr. Lawton's article in the "A.C." states that the C.L.C. is a success story. I wonder if he is aware of the growing dissatisfaction concerning this material.

As one who is expected to teach C.L.C. to teenagers, I am very disturbed at the contents. The C.L.C. teachings are influenced by the findings of a very liberal theologian and psychologist, Prof. Goldman, who says "Teaching of the Bible before adolescence hinders later development, therefore, very little of the Bible should be taught before adolescence." (See Mr. Lawton's reasons for not teaching kindergartners some of the favourite Bible stories). This premise is false. It is based upon an experiment of only 200 children, as against the experience of parents and teachers for years and years. Look around and you will see that the worthwhile Christians of today, are the ones who have been taught scripture and Bible stories from an early age. As it has been said, "Give me a child until he is seven, and he will be influenced for life."

Prof. Goldman also states that the centrality of the Bible in religious education is a fundamental error. Is not the Bible a guide book for the Christian any more? From where do we get our guide lines?

The following are just a few of the lessons that cause me concern:

1. In Youth 2, "A Happening." This lesson consists of tape recorder, T.V. and radio all turned on full blast, whilst at the same time all shout slogans, etc. Colour slides and lights are flashed on and off rapidly. When a peak is reached, all are shut off suddenly and students are invited to comment on their feelings. And this is Bible School!

2. One-third of a whole quarter's lessons are devoted to the study of oil paintings, how to make life discoveries through pop music, films, etc., the challenge of commitment after this is "will you open your life to the true spirit of freedom?" Not life commitment to Christ.

3. In another lesson book, a number of poems are printed, including one in which God is called "a dirty Forgiver."

Parents and church boards need to address themselves to this material to ascertain its value in the light of what the B.S. stands for and the teaching of the scriptures. "Religious thinking and religious education" by K. G. Hawkins, and "The Leaning Tower" by Skelton are two books which will help in assessing.

As a Christian, I want to teach Christ, his life, his death, his resurrection and his love for us and how life is richer and has meaning if we know him, and how his grace and strength are sufficient for our everyday needs. These are the truths that have helped me.—Ron. Muller (Vic.).

[The above letter was referred to the Federal Board of Christian Education for comment and the following reply was received:]

I appreciate Mr. Muller's concern. I accept his final paragraph completely. These, too, are my aims.

As any other teacher realises, of course, the question then becomes "How?" Some teenagers will sit and listen to me while I tell them of the gospel, and they will accept what I say. Marvellous! Many others, however, would not. They are not interested. They do not see what it has

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to do with them. They do not accept it.

I am afraid that I am not ready to judge them as "outside the pale" and to shake the dust off my feet. God has given us lives with many fascinating features, and if I can use some of these to seize the interest of teenagers and to get across to them the gospel message, then I am betraying my trust if I fail to do so.

1. So in Youth 2, the curriculum provides a "happening" as one of three alternative methods within an elective course. One of the stated aims of that session is "To understand that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for people now." That same session has the students reading from their books: "In the middle of our death, he comes with the gift of life. Christ was raised from the dead so that we might live. This is good news." etc.

2. The curriculum also uses contemporary art. An aim of one such lesson is "to see the Christian life as a struggle . . . between light and darkness, love and hate, life and death," and it examines Paul's struggle in Romans 7. The same book contains sessions which concentrate on Jesus' baptism and temptation, his crucifixion, and his resurrection.

3. It's hardly appropriate to take three words of a poem out of context, as it is hardly appropriate on any of these points to take them out of context, but we could well quote another prayer-poem from Youth 1, Term 2, as typical of the intention of the curriculum:

"O God, mould me with the clays of forgiveness and hold me in the hands of love.  
Draw me into wells of your joy.  
Show me how to drink of deep waters.  
And help me, O God, to admit how thirsty I am."

I did not know that Ronald Goldman was "a very liberal theologian." I do know that he is an acknowledged educationist, and that he has done research in religious education. The curriculum planners considered the facts brought to light by his research (which was considered to be statistically valid), and the research of others. The curriculum planners did not accept the scheme that Prof. Goldman built upon his facts.

In relation to the use of the Bible, we do use the Bible with young children. We are careful, however, to make the best possible selection of the material to be used. There is a series on Joseph in this year's Primary material, but most

of the Bible stories in Primary and Kindergarten are stories of Jesus. Other stories are not neglected. They are treated later.

Concerning K. G. Hawkins, who is mentioned favourably by Mr. Muller: his booklet is a critique of Goldman's research. He concludes (pages 47, 48): "We find, then, that Dr. Goldman has drawn attention to serious weaknesses and dangers in Religious Education as it is often taught at present. We suggest that the remedy lies not in a radical alteration of the syllabus, such as he advocates, but in a reformation of teaching methods." This is precisely the remedy which the Christian Life Curriculum has sought to implement.

If I were to accept "The Leaning Tower" as an authority, then I should have to join the Reformed Presbyterian group from whence it came, for that is what it implies I should do. However, I believe in the witness of Churches of Christ and I shall continue to serve that witness.

By next year, with the addition of a new Books of the Bible series, using conservative methods, it will be possible to use almost exclusively Biblical material in teaching teenagers with the Christian Life Curriculum. However, with most teenagers I know, the way to teach Christ may continue to be to use the variety of approach with which God has blessed us.—Richard Lawton, Director.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

To the Editor,

My mate from St. Chad's was fuming. "They can keep their Sunday School," he announced. I remarked that probably they would anyhow. But he ignored that and ranted on that he was resigning as secretary because the lesson materials had been changed three times in as many years. "It's a vicious circle," he said. "The teachers don't prepare well enough. This means that they can't handle the kids. The kids drive them mad, and just about wreck the place. The teachers must blame something, so they blame the lessons. And the next thing they are telling the teachers' meeting that they have heard of another set of lessons guaranteed to keep kids quiet and docile, and with a minimum amount of preparation by the teachers."

As he sped away breathing fire, I fell into a brown study, wondering just what lasting impression Sunday School lessons had left on me. I tried to think of just one lesson that had impressed me. But all I could think of was a kindergarten teacher who smelled and looked beautiful and made me feel that God must be beautiful too. I remembered a teacher who was a top cricketer but rather light on religious knowledge, who made me feel that it was manly to be a Christian. And there was a Bible Class leader with a walrus moustache and a mountain of knowledge, who talked over our heads, but made us feel that there was a place in the Kingdom for people with brains. There was a superintendent, who when he prayed, talked to God as though God was there in Sunday School with us, and knew all about us and was rather partial to irrepressible kids. But I couldn't recall a single lesson.

Perhaps they should have thought of changing the curriculum.  
TERTIUS.



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## EDITORIAL

ARE we too hesitant and indirect in our way of enlisting men and women for the ministry and mission field?

We usually make our appeal to a group, and invite individual responses. We use the pulpit and the press to declare the need and make the challenge, but we do not confront someone and say, "You are the man God wants." We rely upon God's inner voice to speak, and we have thought it not our business to name names.

This kind of general recruitment has come under fire recently from a missionary recruiter who does not much like the method. He says that when we make public appeals for young people to come and offer themselves for full-time service, we may get the wrong people and miss the right ones.

Michael Griffiths, General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, has written a book called, "Give Up Your Small Ambitions." In it he examines the calling and sending passages in the Acts of the Apostles. He did not find that a person under a conviction of call would apply to a church or Christian organisation to send him to preach or to the mission field. Instead, a group or a church laid hands on the individual or the couple, saying in effect, "We believe God wants you to go, and we are sending you."

The individual's own guidance is not minimised in making a decision and he may refuse to go. In any case, Griffiths stresses, the important consideration is the corporate action of the congregation. The congregation is aware of the need, it assesses both the suitability and the availability of the poten-

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tial Christian workers, then it enlists, authorises, and commissions.

Such a method of recruitment may give a very firm nudge to hesitant, suitable, potential candidates for service. It would take away from them some of the responsibility for decision making and transfer that responsibility to the church.

We are not convinced that the Griffiths proposal is a good one. We would not question the devotion and commitment of the congregations, but we do suggest that the church, despite its good intentions, may not be wise enough to direct another's destiny in service. It is a bit too much like a marriage arranged by parents who mean well but who cannot direct love. A love affair is a mutual response, and a personal commitment.

Christian service is also a love affair and one who is stirred by it cannot expect to escape wrestling in his spirit with the doubts and difficulties that are a prelude to commitment of life.

There is no doubt that every congregation should be aware of service needs and challenge the best of her members to meet those needs in effective Christian service. This point by Griffiths is well taken, but when we read through the calling and sending passages in Acts we did not find the emphasis upon congregational direction which Griffiths thinks is clear.

It is our task to call everyone to come to God through Christ, but it is God's business to do the sending to special or definite areas of service.

be carpenters, plumbers, concreters, electricians, labourers and cooks.

The team will also take part in normal mission activities, and some of them may accompany the men on outreach work, in order to gain insight into the work of the mission.

### 90 RESPONSES

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Russell Craig). Norm Harris, evangelist from the Sydney Rescue Work Society conducted a ten-day mission in May. Mr. Harris spoke at almost 30 meetings, including cottage meetings, Y.P. meetings, to the I.S.C.F. and other High School students, one ladies' meeting and finally a combined churches' evening service in the Inverell Town Hall. Almost 90 people responded. Many were primary decisions. Approx. half of this number were referred to other churches. A thank offering on the final evening for the work of the Rescue Society, amounted to \$145.66 . . . The Junior C.E. recently conducted the Youth Gospel service. David Sawley, one of the leaders, gave the address . . . Senior C.E. members journeyed to Moree for the June long weekend. They shared in services of the Aborigines' Inland Mission led by Geoff. Higgins of A.I.M.

### FOR THAILAND

Harold Gross, who has been ministering in Great Britain for four years, will take up an appointment in Thailand under a "Volunteers Scheme" sponsored in part by the Disciples of Christ (U.S.A.). Mr. Gross, a graduate of the College at Glen Iris, served as Director of Christian Education for our churches in New Zealand and later with the Federal Board of Christian Education.

### WORK PARTY DEADLINE

Applications close early in July for the National Work Party to be held in July-August, 1972, at Carnarvon.

Fifteen young people are required to spend six weeks building four flats for elderly Aboriginal people.

The team will work without salary. They will pay portion of their fares to Carnarvon. Youth groups throughout Australia are raising the major portion of the fares and expenses of the team. Any excess will go to the project itself, which is being subsidised two-for-one by the Commonwealth Government. Already, hundreds of dollars have been contributed.

Amongst the successful applicants will

### MISSION '71 AT NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN

(Vic., K. H. Pitt). Six months of intense planning and preparation came to a climax when 100 members and their families came to tea to meet the missionary, Les. Armstrong, of Brisbane.

With the challenge of "Christ for a Changing World" at Mission '71, 261 different people were confronted with the gospel in the night meetings which reached a peak of 160 at the Saturday youth service.

The song-leader was A. R. Haskell, Len Wallace (Youth for Christ), Jeff. Cheal (Essendon) and Mrs. Lynette Leach

## WHITE PAPERS ON LIFE AND FAITH

**VIETNAM AND TRUTH** At the moment, it appears that the U.S. Government will lose its legal fight to restrain newspapers from printing hitherto secret documents relating to U.S. involvement in and escalation of the war in Vietnam. It is acknowledged that Governments have a right to conceal processes by which decisions are reached and surely no one would claim that newspapers should be free to print anything that they can lay their hands on.

There are occasions, however, when the light of truth must be shown on Government secrets and now is such a time so far as Vietnam is concerned. The Vietnam war may be unwinnable. It is possible that the whole business should have been left to the Vietnamese themselves. There may have been wrong decisions. But many of us have at least accepted the integrity of those who committed the U.S. and Australia to the fighting. We have been prepared to believe that they thought they were acting in the best interests of a small country being invaded from outside. Now the question of that integrity is very much up for inspection. It will be unfortunate if the U.S. Government is embarrassed in its relationships with other nations if, as we must hope, that it will be shown that they acted honestly. But the facts cannot do as much harm as continued silence.

The Vietnam affair has been presented as a moral crusade on behalf of a small far away country. Atrocities, corruption, and despoilment of young men through drugs—have been ugly blemishes upon which was claimed to be a good intention. If that crusade was founded on a lie, then the sooner we know the worst the sooner we can begin to put it right. To stop publication now would only confirm fears that guilt is being concealed.

Vietnamese, Americans and Australians are still dying in Vietnam, and the Christian church should press for a full disclosure of all the facts of our involvement.

**GOOD GRIEF!** Some churches, in addition to being non-instrumental, are also non-organisational. Therefore they cannot enter into an organisational relationship with other churches to establish missions or even to establish colleges to train preachers. To do so, they claim, would be unscriptural. However, according to the "Gospel Advocate" (Tennessee, U.S.A.) there is a way of having preachers trained at college and still be true to the scripture. "Specifically, churches could hire young men on their staff of preachers and support them while they are in attendance at a Christian college and preparing to preach. The church would not be contributing to the college, but would simply be supporting the preacher during his time of preparation for preaching. This is scriptural, inasmuch as churches now support the local minister while he is preparing to preach next Sunday. The principle is the same, however, even if the preaching is to be done five years hence, rather than "next Sunday." The church does not have to do the training itself at home in order for her financial involvement to be scriptural. It makes good sense for the training to be done by competent specialists. Let's support the training of preachers!"

In this way, non-organisational churches can be as organised as any others, while condemning the others for being unscriptural!!

### THEY'RE 21

(DALBY, Qld., R. Holt). E. T. Hart was guest speaker for the 21st anniversary of the church on June 5 and 6. Features included a barbecue tea and social evening conducted by the young people. A 21st birthday cake was cut by Mrs. R. Miller and Mrs. G. Pedler, foundation members. The "Joytones" from Toowoomba, provided a musical P.S.A. . . . Some of our C.Y.F. joined with Klingaroy and Murgon in a camp at Hervey Bay for Queen's Birthday week-end.

### NEW CHAPEL ON WAY

(FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.). The contract has been signed for the building of the new chapel . . . Following the "Happy Hour" in April and visitation by teachers of nearby flats, more scholars have come into B.S. where several young people have begun teaching. Over 50 are in kindergarten . . . C.Y.F. functions have included 10th Century Night, Barnyard

Social, "Emphasis India" (hot supper), "Tell the Truth," and "Revolution" — talks given by three youth . . . Christine, Paul and John Grant (Gospel Sound Spectacular winners in 1970) are making a record . . . There was a B.S. hike to "Valley of the Waters"—Blue Mountains.

### NEW ASSISTANT

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). The new student minister is Dennis Ryle. . . . Y.P.F. visited the Australian Paper Manufacturers . . . Barry Ladgrove organised several of the young people to collect for AustCare . . . Keith Gale conducted a book stall in foyer run in conjunction with Literature Month organised by the P.L.D. . . . Explorers entertained the Burwood E.B.C.—boys are collecting empty aluminium cans to sell . . . Mrs. J. Baldwin, Vice-Pres. of Aust. Local Govt. Women's Assn., spoke at C.W.F. . . . Latest of C.W.F. monthly hostess nights was at Mrs. Bannon's home.

## Happenings

H. D. Sulzberger, an elder of the Margaret St., Launceston church, received the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday honours. Mr. Sulzberger and his wife, who died last year, were responsible for the establishment of United Protestant Association Eventide Homes for the Aged, on the outskirts of Launceston.

The Vatican has instructed Bishops and religious orders throughout the world to bar from all church work those who leave the priesthood.

Keith Chessell, the well-known Sturt footballer, has been appointed manager of the Methodist Epworth Book Depot in Adelaide.

The Departments of Christian Education of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in N.S.W. will be integrated from the beginning of 1972.

"My Neighbour's Pen" is back! See page 7.

### JUDY READS TO THE MINISTER

(BLACKBURN, Vic.). For three years Mrs. Peter Owen has experienced a falling of sight to its total loss through a diabetic condition. Under medical care by Professor Taft and by the Alfred Hospital, Judy's strict adherence to diet has restored some sight in one eye. Her first perception of light came last Christmas.

Dr. J. B. Foster has worked on a lens mounted on spectacles. Judy passed a reading test with her glasses and when they came home she and the minister, E. W. Rolley, changed roles and Judy read from Philipians 2: 5-18 (normal print N.E.B.). The minister led in prayer of deep thanksgiving for the Word of God—light, truth and love.

A modern miracle of science—and, Judy insists, of prayer.

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## THINGS TO COME

### OVERSEAS OFFERING — JULY 4

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

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

**JULY:**  
1 N.S.W. C.W.F. "Convention Day," Penrith, 10 a.m.  
26 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, Burwood, 10 a.m. Speaker: Rowley Croucher (Christian Broadcasting Association).

#### VICTORIA

**JULY:**  
CHAIN OF PRAYER—I.I.M. & Evang.  
1-10 Boys' Zone—Indoor Sports.  
2 Innet—Teenagers  
4 ANNUAL OFFERING—OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

10 C.E. Leadership—Seminar 11.  
11 NATIONAL ABORIGINES' SUNDAY.  
12 P.O.Y.A. Young Adult Programme.  
24 Boys' Indoor Sports Final.  
25 Girls' Sunday.

**AUGUST:**  
14 Half-Yearly Convention, Wangaratta.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**JULY:**  
13 Young Women's Tea in the C.C. at 6 p.m.

#### QUEENSLAND

**JULY:**  
4 H.M.C. Project—"Operation Enlistment."  
10 Annual Drama Festival.  
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25 D.C.E. Masoli Gras — Coronation Drive, Brisbane.

# Qld. & NSW

## CHAPEL PURCHASE

(ORANGE, N.S.W., R. N. Hawkins). We are negotiating with the Reformed Church for the sale of their chapel and manse. At present we are hiring their chapel. A teenage lad has been recently baptized and welcomed into membership. Mr. Hawkins is the Industrial Chaplain at Emall (Westinghouse). The first church youth camp was held near Boorowa. Studies compared Samson and Joshua. Granville young people again spent June long weekend as our guests.

## ANNERLEY'S 58th

(Qld., C. A. R. Smith). Special services and Cottage Study Groups were held prior to the 58th church anniversary. G. Brown, chaplain at R.A.A.F. station at Amberley was guest speaker at Sunday services. The theme for these meetings was "People Under Pressure." N. Newton and L. Van Laar led the discussion at the mid-week cottage meetings which were attended by 130 persons. There have been two baptisms and a third confession of faith. The church school picnic will be held at Shorncliffe, incorporating a train trip in the day's outing. One of our young people, Miss Glynthia Finger, who has given 12 months' voluntary service in New Guinea is now training for future ministry at Kenmore Christian College. Nine young people collected \$75 for the Australia annual appeal.

## BACK TO MINISTER

(WARRAWONG, N.S.W., L. Wallace). Laurie Wallace, in early years in membership here, and later served in the Open Air Campaigners in the middle-west of N.S.W., is ministering while studying at Woolwich. A clock has been installed in the church as visible tribute to Mrs. Jenny Sargent. The annual pensioners' dinner was followed by a successful programme presented by Eric Dronfield. Viv. Wallace is conducting fortnightly Bible Class for women.

## OPERATION ENLISTMENT

(ANN ST., Qld., L. G. Armstrong). The church has entered into "Operation Enlistment" programme sponsored by H.M. Committee for the next three months. The theme is "Let's Join Hands." Through June the emphasis is "Enlistment in Worship." H. J. Payne is progressing after surgery. Interior of chapel has been improved by completion of new seating project and rearrangement of layout making centre aisle. A young woman has been baptized and received into fellowship. L. G. Armstrong has been sharing in a mission at North Williamstown, Vic. Guest speakers on May 30 were Rev. McCafferty of Ann St. Presbyterian, and Rev. Lane of City Baptist Tabernacle.

## CORRECTION

(Qld.). In a recent issue it was incorrectly stated that R. Ellis is the minister for the Kedron church. R. K. Sansome has been ministering at Kedron since 1969.

## MUSIC HALL

(ROCKDALE, N.S.W., L. Wylie). A seed from the fertile brain of Mrs. Fac Sawdy blossomed on May 29 in a successful "Music Hall" night, period 1900-1920. The 250 people who attended participated in a supper by candlelight at the end of the evening. The proceeds go towards our new manse fund. Members received first-hand news from George and Wendy Elliott, New Hebrides, recently. Phillip Macready has been baptized and welcomed into the church.

## ROBOT AT CHURCH

(ENGADINE, N.S.W., G. J. Warne). The B.S. anniversary services were held on May 23 and 30. 220 people packed the church for the final service where our minister portrayed the Old Testament prophet Nehemiah. Other speakers were Trevor Kallmiller, from Woolwich, and Laurie Larcombe from Epping, with his 6 foot robot "Torro." There has been an extensive programme leading to Evangelistic Mission with Keith Farmer, of Epping.

## TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

(SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson). Tender submitted by Ron. McMaster and Co. has been accepted for the construction of the new church at \$36,506. Work will commence at an early date. The site, on the corner of North and Scar-

borough Sts., is an ideal position, and the building will incorporate hall and S.S. rooms as well as the church, and will be large enough to serve the area for many years. A youth exchange visit brought 23 young people from Ipswich on last weekend in May. Search Squad (the Sunday School) enjoyed a special treat—an afternoon of games and fun, to celebrate attainment of their target of new scholars. Attendance has reached 120.

## TO CLOSE MINISTRY

(HARLANTON, Qld., Bruce Roberts). Bruce Roberts has informed the church that he will conclude his ministry at the end of the year. The guest speaker at the 49th church anniversary services was Arthur Clarke, of Kingaroy. Talent and thank offering was \$1,103. New Conn organ has been purchased and was installed for the anniversary services. Extensions and improvements have been carried out to the kitchen. C.Y.F. concert raised funds for their project: our mission's expenses with the M.A.F. in N.G. Lyn Large told of her visit to New Guinea at recent Missionary Fellowship meeting. Young worshippers' League has been commenced. Allan Male has visited church to conduct Department-Church Relationship Programme. Combined Walkathon for a tractor for New Guinea Mission raised \$450.

# Vic. & Tas.

## WOMEN'S CONVENTION

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Devonport church was the venue for the Christian Women's Convention on May 31. Miss Cook, of Sydney, gave the addresses. A number of our young people attended the camp at Bichen. Dr. Woods from E.G.M., spoke of mission work in Eritrea. A presentation was made to N. Warmbrunn who is now Elder Emeritus. Girls' Brigade church parade had Mrs. Batchelor as guest speaker.

## SIGN TO FUTURE

(SPRINGVALE, Vic., K. Turner). A sign was erected recently on block of land bought in Corrigan Road, Springvale South, to notify people that a church is to be built in the future on this site. Cheltenham, Parkdale and Clayton churches are making finance available for buildings when they are erected. B.S. is now held at the Springvale South Community Hall. 100 children attend. A worship service is held there every Sunday morning. Barry Ryall, assoc. minister, assists in this work. Over the past weeks a number became members through faith and baptism. A Musical Gospel Service concluded the "Hymn Tune Hit Parade" conducted to raise money for our Missionary Fund. Our church is financially supporting Margaret Randall on a mission field in New Guinea.

## BEQUEST FOR INDIA

(Vic.). Fred. Buckingham, a former minister of Churches of Christ, and well known as an evangelist, particularly in W.A. and Victoria, left, among other personal bequests, \$200 in favour of Indian famine relief, and \$1,000 to the Mervyn Buckingham Memorial Centre conducted by the Churches of Christ Evangelical Fellowship. Mr. Buckingham died on Dec. 1, 1970.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). There has been a regular feature of evening service dealing with faith, belief, and practice. The results of the discussions are reported back to the congregation under the direction of the minister. Mr. and Mrs. E. Tagg celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a surprise party in the church hall. Nine men and young men of the church attended Boys' Club leadership camp at Monbulk conducted by D.C.E. Explorer Executive. Babu, an Indian leper, is being maintained by the church through its Leprosy Mission agent. C.W.A.F. donated \$150 for finance gap, as proceeds from jumble sale and street stall.

## STREET STALL

(RED CLIFFS, Vic., J. F. Sara). The C.W.E.F. raised \$60 at street stall. Mr. Sprigg and Shirley have returned from a trip to South Africa. Mrs. Keith Chislett is home after surgery. G. J. Andrews of the B. & F.B.S., was a recent speaker. Bible Study group meets each week.

## GIFT FOR LEPERS

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Storry). Rev. G. Cam gave us an insight into the work of the Leprosy Mission on May 9. Subsequent gifts towards this field exceeded \$70. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's address on his recent visit to Melbourne was heard by radio as part of the Sunday evening service. Gordon Lee told young adults of the Personal Emergency Service when he visited the group. They have assisted the Multiple Sclerosis Talent Project with two car-wash mornings. Young Disciples, with parents and friends viewed film "No Roses for Michael" as they considered the drug problem. On May 28, Y.D.'s hosted an evening shared by the young people of St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church. Bill Tabernee, C.O.B., presented "Gospel in a Teenage World" on June

6. Mrs. Tabernee was soloist. Welcomed home were Elizabeth Green and Lorraine Bertram from New Guinea; Judy Bertram from W.A., and Geoff. Willcott from Japan, Singapore and Indonesia. Squash court is becoming popular as winter approaches.

## VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The first Council meeting of the new Conference year was presided over by Mrs. Jean Preston.

Devotions were conducted by Eleanor Gelzendanner and the speaker, Stanton Wilson gave highlights of his stay in the United States.

145 delegates and visitors were present, representing 51 churches. Miss Orr from Tasmania and two delegates from Belmont were specially welcomed.

Appointments of representatives to Departmental Committees, and delegates to Inter-church organisations were ratified. Mrs. A. R. Lloyd and Mrs. J. Strack were nominated as vice-president of Victorian Women's World Day of Prayer Committee and junior vice-president of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria respectively. Mrs. Bagot was appointed a trustee of the Annie Moysey Fund.

Golden Bag offering to date, for College of the Bible and Department of Christian Education, is \$2,339.20. This is the highest ever.

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Rope-holders. Over 160 have enrolled in the League of Rope-Holders, whose members pledge themselves to pray daily for Federal Evangelism and to send an offering each year on their birthday.  
Here and There. . . A public meeting was held on June 22 to honour J. W. Baker who has completed 20 years' ministry with the church at North Fitzroy. . . There was a man who did not believe in Overseas Missions. When the offering plate came round on Overseas Sunday, he said loudly, "I never give to missions." "Take something out," whispered the deacon, "the money is for the heathen." . . . On June 5, W. J. Taylor was farewelled from Kadina on going to minister at Mallala. . . The Presbyterian "Messenger" reviewed the book, "The Lord of Glory" by A. W. Connor, Church of Christ minister at Ballarat. "The sermons cannot fail to be helpful to the reader, layman or cleric. They are the work of a man familiar with his theme, of cultured mind, and a sound expositor."

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**BARNARD (Dorgan)**—Wendy and Robert give thanks to God for the safe arrival of their son—Mark Charles—born June 9. First grandchild to Betty and Charl. Dorgan, of Williamstown, Vic.

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### DEATH

**KENNETT, Frank II.**—At the Base Hospital, Hamilton, Vic., on May 17, aged 80 years (suddenly). Loved father of Jack and Ben., and uncle of Florence.

### IN MEMORIAM

**FLOWER** — In memory of our dear mother and grandma, passed away June 24, 1966; also our dear father and grandfather, passed away May 3, 1961. "Remembered always."—Inserted by Arthur, Gert. and family.

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### APPRECIATION

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Wed. 7th, 7.45 p.m.: Ladies' Night.  
Thurs. 8th, 7.45 p.m.: Youth Night.  
Sat. 10th, 8 p.m.: Talk Back.  
Sun. 11th, 11 a.m.: Mr. G. R. Stirling.  
6.45 p.m.: Mr. G. R. Stirling.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to share with us at all meetings.

### Church of Christ LONG PLAINS (S.A.) 90th Anniversary July 11, 1971

Communion Service, 10.30 a.m. —  
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### Church Anniversary JULY 25, 1971

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## WINTER PROGRAMME

(MAIDSTONE, Vic., D. White). Winter programme includes a Family Service at 10 a.m., Bible Study and discussion till 11 a.m., then communion and sermon till 11.30 . . . A successful working bee on June 5 saw enthusiastic workers, painters, gardeners, etc. . . . The Explorers' Club for boys and Good Companions for girls are effective, also Choir and Film Club.

## INVITATION ACCEPTED

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). The church has invited Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes to minister here for a further three years. The call has been accepted . . . There is a lot of sickness. Mrs. Cooper is very ill in the Alfred Hospital after extensive surgery to her head. She is being upheld by the church in prayer. . . . Three car-loads of C.W.F. ladies journeyed to Maryborough to share in C.W.F. birthday celebrations there . . . A new typewriter has been purchased by the Officers' Board for use in church work . . . The Mini-Mission held with G. Cann proved helpful to the church but did not reach the outsider. Items were rendered by the "Challengers." . . . The B.S. is now using "The New Australian Standard Material."

## DEATH OF ELDER

(HAMILTON, Vic., R. W. Marshall). The church has been saddened by the death of our elder, Frank Kennett . . . Three have been baptized and welcomed into fellowship . . . At the half-yearly business meeting reports showed many things accomplished. The officers are planning to visit every church family to discuss the life and witness of the church.

## SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). 5 p.m. winter services commenced on May 30. The special meetings commenced with afternoon tea for the Senior Citizens of our city with items from young people. F. Youens was evening speaker. . . . On June 6 T. H. Ede was S.S. anniversary guest speaker. Following afternoon tea there was a family service with special items from the children.

## PLATFORM EXCHANGE

(GEELONG, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). The president, readers, and speaker from our congregation visited Thomson, whilst the leaders for our service came from Belmont with the message being brought by Don Thomas . . . A special survey of the church area is being undertaken. Householders are given an introductory letter stating that a call will be made within a few days. At this call a questionnaire is completed which relates to knowledge of the church location and its standing and beliefs. If desired a further visit by the minister or elders is arranged and an appropriate booklet is left with the contact . . . The church has been saddened by the death of T. A. Comer at the age of 92 years . . . Mrs. Jean Read was recently baptized and welcomed into the fellowship.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

### A NEW FACE FOR THE CHURCH

By Lawrence O. Richards. (Zondervan). \$6.65.

In the crisis that is confronting the churches, some have reacted in paille and even despair. Others have held on to traditional forms and methods, claiming that if they worked once, they will work again. All we have to do is wait on the Holy Spirit for his gift of renewal. Still others argue that we already have the resources for renewal and what is required is to make use of them. This book tries to do just that. It argues that the church of today is too highly organized and that we have lost the family or kolonia relationships of the early church. There is too little interaction with others. Church members come together for a brief time and their role is mainly that of listening. They come and go without any significant reaction with anyone concerning what they have heard or experienced. When we do meet to talk and discuss, it is usually to seek ways of maintaining the organisation, on the means we use rather than on the goals we should seek. Richards says that church members will have to develop a sense of community, and to do it they will have to spend time together, and learn to know each other well. Renewal will then come from within rather than be imposed by the church leadership. Church structures will have to change and there will have to be new concepts of the mutual ministry. The minister is usually the key to such changes. "If he resists renewal trends, rejects the small group, and uses his influence to restrain objections to the way things are being done, he can probably stifle renewal of the church . . . This course will likely lead to the loss of a growing segment of his church population, and abandonment by the younger generations."

Richards is a conservative, theologically speaking, but he does not believe that this is any barrier to progressive churchmanship. In fact, he holds to the opposite view. The N.T. pattern of the Church as the body of Christ is flexible enough to meet all of the challenges of today.

Some churches may find this book as a ready made answer to their church restructure pressures. It would be better, however, to regard it as a stimulant to local church thought and action rather than as a blue-print. It would be well worthwhile if the church treasurer and secretary were commissioned to look after the pressing day-to-day business of the church to allow the board of officers to use their regular meetings for a period of three months to study the issues raised.

### MODERN ART AND THE DEATH OF A CULTURE

By H. R. Rookmaaker. (Inter-Varsity Press). \$2.30.

Overseas reviewers have given high praise to this book by the Dutch Professor of the History of Art at the Free University of Amsterdam. Malcolm Muggeridge hails it as a book of great brilliance and learning and the London Observer reviewers acclaimed it in their feature "Books of the Year." The "British Weekly" recently published substantial extracts of the book in successive issues.

Prof. Rookmaaker is also quite an authority on old jazz, blues and spirituals, and has a live interest in the music of protest and revolution, as well as pop and beat music. He is a member of the Board of Censors of Films in Holland. As an art historian he tries to understand art in the context of the religious and philosophical attitudes of the age that produces it. The book is an outstanding and highly readable survey of art since the time of Rembrandt and carefully analyses 20th Century art with reference to European, English and American painting and recent developments in music and pop art. Many of the paintings and works of art referred to are reproduced.

This is not just a book for art lovers, but a work which grapples with some basic philosophical and theological issues of modern history. Prof. Rookmaaker's incisive comments and judgments on our 20th Century scene are extremely helpful for the Christian as he faces the cultural situation in the West. The book should be extremely helpful to all who try to

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### YOUTH FACE TODAY'S ISSUES

By Krutza and Di Ciccio. (Baker Book House). \$1.40.

Here are twelve discussion outlines on young people's problems. The topics include sex, drugs, racism, the generation gap, church music and physical fitness. The material is fairly open-ended and is not designed to give the answers to the questions raised. However, the weight of the evidence is on the side of conservative scriptural morality. This is to be expected and where the Bible speaks clearly on a subject, the authors give scripture the final word. There is a lot of resource material in this paperback and youth leaders will find it helpful in leading discussion.

### COUNSELLING CHRISTIAN PARENTS

By William S. Deal. (Zondervan). \$2.40.

There seems to be no end of the books about ways for parents and children to learn about each other and grow together in effective Christian relationships. Perhaps the increasing number of books suggests that the needs are still there. This one is written by a marriage, youth and family counsellor of wide practical experience, and contains a lot of very helpful information. While this reviewer would not place it above other counselling books recommended in these pages it is commended and it can be added with confidence to your church library or your family bookshelf. Some of the chapter headings are Problems of Parents, Same Sex Senses, Troublesome Teens, Mastering Money, Matters about Marriage. Despite the forced alliteration (the writer used to be a preacher!) there is plenty of good stuff here. We were somewhat surprised to find him quoting as one of his authorities, L. R. Hubbard, of "Scientology" fame. The Hubbard quote was not inaccurate or unhelpful but the same thing could have been quoted from much more acceptable writers. Or, maybe, we've just got a thing about Hubbard!

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(S.A.). Two have been received into fellowship by the minister, Brian Beck . . . Young people from several city churches spent the holiday week-end here, led by Barry Heath, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Todd . . . Bible discussions were held and features were a trip to the mouth of the Murray River by the "Aroona," and a barbecue at Colin McKinlay's farm, Nth. Goolwa. Mr. Heath and young people took part in the evening service. The young people and their leaders spent Queen's Birthday on the farm of W. J. Burgar before returning to the city . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tuckwell and small son are leaving for Bowen in Qld. Frank has been an officer and junior youth leader and will be greatly missed.

## ISOLATED MEMBER CONCERN

(TAREE, N.S.W., R. B. Whan). The Director of Home Missions, N.S.W., K. E. Crawford, spoke at Taree church on May 30 and then met the Board of Officers and Roy Greenhalgh to discuss how the church and H.M. Dept. might assist isolated members living on the coastline as far north as Grafton. The whole question is being further considered . . . The 100th anniversary was celebrated on June 5 and 6. Guest speaker was G. L. Chapman, B.A., Senior Lecturer of the Woolwich Bible College.

## FOR ORGAN

(NAILSWORTH, S.A., P. R. Whitmore). Special offering on Temple Day, June 6, aided organ fund. In evening choir presented gospel choral service, "Let's Talk About Jesus." . . . Dorothy Holstein showed slides and spoke of work on the Indian field on June 16 . . . On May 30, ladies took the whole evening service with choir items, a short tableau, and guest speaker, Miss Erica Hammond. A children's play was staged following evening service.

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## WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. L. W. Ladner, conducted the June Auxiliary meeting.

Morning meditation was led by Mrs. R. Ryall, her message, "We are a privileged people for we are children of Light, Peace and Hope." Mrs. A. H. Walkington led in prayer of intercession.

Roll call was answered by 74 ladies representing 21 C.W.F.'s Special welcome was extended to Mrs. Haddon, Vic.

The Overseas Mission Focus was conducted by Mrs. R. Ryall, Overseas Missions Supt. Letters telling of the life and work of women on our New Hebrides and New Guinea mission fields were read by

## ELDER HONOURED

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., C. J. Robinson). Congratulations have been extended to Elder Henry Sulzberger on receiving the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday honours list, for his work in the establishing of the Protestant Eventide Homes in Launceston . . . Bruce Burn of "Lifeline" in Qld. was a recent visitor . . . At long weekend the young people shared in an Easter camp reunion at Ulverstone-Devonport, concluding with a trip to Cradle Mountain . . . The operations of L.I.F.E. were outlined on June 6 by Dr. Pippett, of Launceston, and E. W. Taylor, of Devonport.

## POSTHUMOUS SERMON

(WYOMING, N.S.W.). Church was saddened by the sudden, unexpected death of Bill Morris on May 14. At 65 years, Mr. Morris desired to give more service and became a S.S. teacher about six months ago. His first sermon was preached in March and as his second sermon was prepared in full for presentation on May 23, a written copy was given to all present at the morning service on that date—a posthumous sermon. His bright personality will be greatly missed . . . The men of the church commenced a fortnightly Saturday 6 a.m. prayer meeting. Nine were present at first meeting.

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Mrs. Geoff. Fewster. Other aspects of our three fields were presented by Mrs. Ryall.

## PRAYER POINTS

● Pray for J. K. Bond, conducting a mission at Mandurah.

● For the W.A. Work Party in making final preparations to build the New Guinea hospital, "Bethesda on the Keram." They depart Perth, July 10.

● For Mrs. Rogan as she returns to Esperance after surgery in Perth.

● For the 39 illiterate Aboriginal people at Onslow that they will gain true knowledge as they are taught spiritual truths.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

## MONTH OF SERVICE

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). All three Explorer groups spent a month of service delivering firewood and assisting those in need . . . Recent speakers have been Peter Nelson, J. Hunting and K. A. Macnaughtan . . . Ladies catered for 75 for D.C.E. dinner at Centre . . . Miss Betty Gray showed slides of New Guinea mission work by Ted and Dora Gray . . . Robert McFarlane is making slow progress in hospital. Julie Wilson and Lynette Winkler are very ill . . . Thirty C.W.F. entertained folk at Oakleigh Guest Home.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# Easter in the New Hebrides

Easter, the time when we remember Christ's death and resurrection, has just passed. On each night, Monday to Thursday of Easter week, special meetings were held with various pastors, elders, deacons, young people and missionaries taking part. 100 to 200 people came each night and shared in this time of fellowship and special remembrance. Many were our older school children from Aoba and Dulndul.

On Good Friday we met in a special communion service to remember the

By Miss K. WILLIAMS

price that Christ made on the cross. The Sunday began with our dawn service outdoors at 5.15 a.m. The beauty of the moonlight on the sea and shining on the coconut palms is really unforgettable and will for ever be associated in my mind with Easter Day. Later in the morning the communion service was of praise and thanksgiving as we thought again that our Lord is risen indeed.

As something special for the weekend we screened the film, "Inn of the Sixth Happiness", the story of Gladys Aylward and her missionary work in China. This would be the longest film that most of our folk have seen and with announcements, hymns, etc., between reels (six reels in all) it took a little over three hours to screen. The people appreciated it though and when, at the end, Gladys Aylward and her children finally reach their destination, the clapping from our viewers vied with the clapping and cheers of the people in the film. There were many parts that would have been

hard for our folk to understand, but they were able to see something of the faith and love of this woman in her care for the children.

Life, apart from Easter, has been filled with the ordinary, every-day things. School takes up most of my time, and with a class of 45 girls in Grade 7, with a very wide range of abilities, there isn't much time to get out to the village schools to assist the teachers there. So far, only one visit each to two of our schools has been squeezed in.

There has been quite a severe epidemic of gastro-enteritis in some of the villages and the staff at the hospital has been kept busy. There have been some deaths of young children because parents have been too slow to bring them to the hospital for attention. The epidemic has lasted several weeks, but seems to be abating at last.

During the school holidays we shall be having a women's camp at Longana, some 20 or so miles away on the eastern coast of Aoba. Women will be coming from both Aoba and Maewo to join in fellowship and study. The camp was held from May 5-8. Shirley Ludgater was leader.

The two women who attended World Convention in Australia and whom some of you met, have been busy visiting the villages on our islands telling of their experiences in a foreign country—shoes, cold weather, crowds of people, traffic, and the little things we take for granted; but also telling of the inspiration that they gained from meeting with other Christians. It really is a wonderful experience to look back on.

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## BIBLE CITIES

Name three Bible cities from the following clues:

1. Paul escaped from Aretas, its governor, by being lowered from its walls in a basket. It is said to be the oldest city still in existence.
2. After Joshua's invasion of the Promised Land, it was in alien hands for a long time. It was finally captured by David who made it his capital city.
3. Paul lived there for two years in a hired house and to the Christians there he wrote one of his most important letters.  
(Answers next issue.)

**WHICH BOOK?** (see last issue): The puzzle book was JOSHUA.

**JIMMY'S** father was an English teacher who hated prepositions being used at the end of sentences. Just before he went to hospital with a breakdown, his son asked him to bring the book on the hall table and read to him. His father, however, brought another book. His son yelled, "What did you bring that thing. I don't want to be read to out of you for?"

## PHONE PUZZLE

"Hello! Is this 399-1234?"  
"Yes. Who is calling please?"  
"What? You don't recognise my voice? Why my mother is your mother's mother-in-law."  
"Huh?"  
(What is the relationship of the speaker? Give it a go, before you look below.)

**SENECA'S** words about some Romans who were trapped in ambush. The 300 Fabiae were not defeated; they were only killed."

**TEENAGER** to Father: "Sure I know the value of a dollar. That's why I asked for two."

## DEFINITION:

Modesty: the feeling that others will soon discover how wonderful you are.

On The Phone: Answer to puzzle above. A father is speaking to his child.

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# THE LAST WORD...

## LOVE STORY IN CLAY

Take a lump of clay,  
Wet it, Pat it.  
Make a statue of you  
And a statue of me.  
Then shatter them, clatter them.  
Add some water  
And break them and mould them  
Into a statue of you  
And a statue of me.  
Then, in mine, there are bits of you  
And in yours there are bits of me.  
Nothing shall ever keep us apart.

—Tsung-Ming.



Charity is not just giving a dog a bone.  
It is giving a dog a bone when you are  
as hungry as the dog.

Perhaps we are in danger of forgetting the wholeness of man. Our mission becomes directed, towards the anonymous hungry, the mass illiterates. The sick need "treatment," the poor need "aid"; but the needs of a man cannot be met by such abstractions. He doesn't live by bread alone, nor by money alone, nor by "spiritual experience" alone. The Gospel has to do with the whole of him, or it is no Gospel at all.—JOHN V. TAYLOR.

No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions.



A lot of people consider themselves ahead of the times when they are not even going in the same direction.



The average budget could be easily balanced if our neighbours would stop buying the things we can't afford.

Shouting can be boring.



Things have a way of balancing out...  
...educational institutions are not as bad as you think...  
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