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"WE ARE TO USE OUR DIFFERENT GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GRACE GOD HAS GIVEN US.

IF IT IS TO SERVE, WE MUST SERVE.

IF IT IS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS WE MUST DO SO.

WHOEVER SHARES WHAT HE HAS WITH OTHERS, MUST DO IT GENEROUSLY.

LOVE MUST BE COMPLETELY SINCERE.

HATE WHAT IS EVIL, HOLD ON TO WHAT IS GOOD.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER WARMLY AS BROTHERS IN CHRIST. SERVE THE LORD WITH A HEART FULL OF DEVOTION.

LET YOUR HOPE KEEP YOU JOYFUL, BE PATIENT IN YOUR TROUBLES, AND PRAY AT ALL TIMES.

SHARE YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOUR NEEDY BROTHERS, AND OPEN YOUR HOMES TO STRANGERS." (Romans 12, TEV)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

SOCIAL SERVICE
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THE WORLD NEEDS THE CHURCH
AND THE CHURCH NEEDS THE
SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT
TO TAKE YOU . . .



GOD in us is more than a spiritual experience. The redemption of Christ is more than an insurance policy for a place in heaven. Evangelism is more than soul-winning. Christ in us and our witness to others must be a ministry to the whole person.

Our immediate need and our neighbour's is Christ's concern. Jesus said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To set free the oppressed. To announce the year when the Lord will save his people." The Apostle James says, "This is what God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion. To take care of orphans and widows in their suffering, and to keep oneself from being corrupted by it."

The objective is to help the individual utilise his abilities for his own welfare and for that of the community. The helping processes of social service are made available through community sponsored agencies, governmental or non-governmental, and through voluntary agencies such as our church departments.

ALTHOUGH economic and political social reform of the 18th and 19th centuries was strenuously attempted and some of the greatest men of the age—Owen, Cobbett, Disraeli, Dickens, Shaftesbury, Carlisle—were demanding mitigation of the dismal fate of the poor, it was left to the Church to initiate action in the early 19th century. The greatest single urge to help the less fortunate and to change the approach to social work towards the end of the century sprang from deep religious experience of men who were concerned and convicted of their responsibility.

HOWEVER, it seems that the wheel is turning and the initiative in social service is being surrendered by the Church and emphasised by statutory bodies through economic and political measures, but mainly by local Governments. This is observable as more and more local Councils employ social workers, develop social aids of all kinds, provide facilities and spend large amounts of money to ensure that social needs are met.

Despite the mass provision of social security, the individual cries out for help with his personal needs and problems. It is here that the Church is in action in our generation—concerned and involved with these individuals and their anxieties, problems and needs. There isn't any doubt that Christ the Lord of the Church was concerned about the indi-

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

vidual, for he said, "I was hungry and ye gave me food . . . Truly I say to you, As you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me."

Through the direction of the Social Service Departments, the churches translate these concerns into action for the 1970's on at least three levels.

1. Environmental and material stresses can be devastating as we attempt to cope with life. Practical problems can undermine our adjustment to life, and so here the Church offers the "cup of cold water."

Provision of Homes for Aged Persons	Hospitals
Food	Clothing
Christmas Cheer	Financial Assistance
Christian Fellowship Association	Accommodation
Children's Homes	Young People's Hostels
Employment	

2. Mental pain and anxiety overwhelm most of us at some stage in our life and many long for a sympathetic and understanding listener during these times.

With our "Wonderful Counsellor" as our teacher, who could be better equipped than the Church to lend the listening ear?

Industrial Chaplaincy	Prison Visitation
Hospital Chaplaincy	Unmarried Mothers
Social Case Work and Counselling	Neighbour Aid and Voluntary Services
Involvement with Migrants	Rehabilitation Facilities & Workshops

3. How often relationships within families, between friends, and between individuals and society are distorted.

Yet we all crave the security of sound relationships and the genuine acceptance and understanding of others.

Again, Christ has the answer. "Love one another," and application of this principle to people with this need is the right of the Church.

Marriage Guidance
Pre-Mental Education
Specialised Group Work
Street Warden Evangelism
Family Counselling
"Supporting Mothers" and Deserted Wives
Fellowship of Rightthinkers
Adoptions

Only an individual can reach out to another individual and express the love for others that Christ exemplified—an organisation cannot do this—but the Church can—and you, the individual, are the Church. It is your privilege and obligation to do this with the guidance and direction of your Social Service Dept.

" . . . Where human need calls us, there Christ is calling us. The pensioner, the Aboriginal, the girl agonising over an abortion, the war-wait in Vietnam, the freedom marcher in the United States—these and many others may wear the flesh in which Jesus the Man still calls to meet us." This is where the action is!



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YOU ARE
THERE . . .

WHEN WE
GO TO
PRISON

Speaking at a church service one Sunday morning the Chaplain said, "If Jesus was here today I wonder where we would find him. Where do you think he would be?" A voice from the congregation answered, "He would be right here in this prison amongst the likes of us because we need him so much."

If the Church should be any where with its message of redemption and hope it is in the prison where the need is so great and the opportunities so many. The men are not difficult to contact. They often come with their requests. As the Chaplain moves around the workshops or lunches with the men they will chat with him. If their need requires a longer conversation arrangement is made for an interview in the office. Here men speak about personal matters that need attention: marriage difficulties, their own spiritual needs, confessions of weakness and failure. Often they are led to repentance and commitment of life to Christ.

Prison for so many men has been the place of beginning again. Some have thanked God for prison because here they have found God and found themselves. For the first time they have seen themselves and been ashamed. They have been shown the possibilities of a better life and offered the power to begin again.

Church services are held each Sunday and men attend not because they are forced but because they are seeking something. This was revealed in church one morning when the question was asked, "What value is church and why do we go to church?" and a voice answered, "Because I want a religion like yours." There's a deep longing in the hearts of many for a better life, and to find a power that will enable them to live it. Six "lifers" were attending the midweek group and this is indicative of the spiritual longing they have. In this group every discussion is spiritually based and God-centred. The scriptures are studied and through them God speaks and through this experience a new spiritual power has been found, and lives changed.

At the close of the Yokefellows group one night an inmate prayed, "Forgive us O Lord for thinking that there would be nothing in prison that we would want to take away with us." Another said, "I thought what a God-forsaken place this prison is, but then I thought, that is wrong. We are not forsaken, God is here! And this has been true for so many. They have found God in prison and when they leave he goes with them."

—A. R. JONES.

PARTNERS IN SOCIAL SERVICE CONCERN



F. M.
COMBRIDGE,
(Vic.-Tas.)



GEO. SMITH
(W.A.)



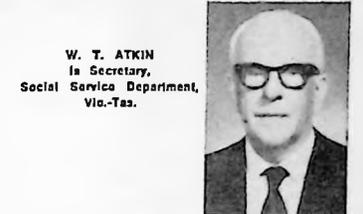
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(N.S.W.)



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YOU ARE
THERE . . .

WHEN WE
CARE FOR
THE AGEING

In all States of the Commonwealth, Churches of Christ are involved in housing the ageing as part of the church's mission. In the words of the psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent," we find the motivation for entering the field of geriatrics.

The word "geriatric" means "the medical science of the disease of old age." This, of course, has a relationship to "housing the ageing" and of providing complete care for our aged persons. Geriatric care provided by our churches covers the needs of ageing people by making available accommodation and hospitalisation for all categories of need ranging from active persons of early pensionable age in self-contained units to those suffering from terminal illnesses.

In recent years, with the aid of modern medicine and surgery the expectation of life has increased, and with it has come also the possibility of loneliness, monotony and weariness. By no means unimportant is the financial strain and stress in trying to maintain the old family home on a fixed income or the age pension. It is paramount that the church should care for aged ones.

The care provided apart from just housing the ageing must include the following: Interest in Living—Comfort—Pleasure—Outings—Self Expression—Friendship—Medical Care—Love and Affection—Spiritual Nurture—and not the least important is Security for the duration of life so that they may have real peace of mind.

The Federal Government has been helpful in making provision for and encouraging the establishment of Homes for the Aged and the churches have appreciated the co-operation.

Our homes provide for active ambulant persons to live in self-contained units, some single and others double for married couples.

Those who are still active but desire to be in room or flatlet type accommodation where meals are provided live in our hostel type homes where there is supervision and care. In such homes there is a community and yet family-like spirit. Occupational therapy is provided, outings and entertainments are arranged, and there are opportunities for self-expression.

In most cases provision is made for a sick bay where temporary illnesses are treated and special care is also given to the frail and less active persons.

There is only one standard for our homes and that is the best and highest possible, every effort is made to maintain the standard and to retain the homely and Christian atmosphere.

—F. M. COMBRIDGE.

THIS IS OUR LAND

DIVORCE		
Decrees granted for dissolution for 1970		12,198
ALCOHOL — Beverages consumed —		
(1970 Year Book for 1968-69)		
Beer	321.8 million gallons	
Wine	22 million gallons	
Spirits	4.3 million pt. gallons	
Convictions for drunkenness for 1968-69		134,173
REVENUE FROM EXCISE AND TAXATION — 1968-9		
Liquor	\$38,427,000	
Lotteries	6,832,000	
Poker Machines (N.S.W.)	26,294,000	
Racing	48,609,000	
ROAD TOLL — 1970		
Total number of accidents reported	65,210	
Persons killed	3,798	
Persons injured	91,554	
PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS — 1968		
42,497 people in Australia, or 3.5 in every 1,000 were sufficiently ill through stress, etc., to require in-patient treatment.		
UNMARRIED MOTHERS — 1968		
19,171 babies were born out of marriage, i.e., 7.96% of total births for the year.		
29.5% of children born in 1968 were conceived out of marriage, i.e., three in every 10.		

• CASE HISTORIES WHICH SHOW
SOCIAL SERVICE CARING FOR

*SMALL of stature, obviously agitated, with the light of battle in her eye she called at the office. Her husband was off work, ill, they needed food. Wasn't the church supposed to help people? Well, she needed help!

The Department helped on the basis of need, and an invitation to call again, if further help was required, was issued and accepted. It took many months to win her confidence. There were four children, the first and fourth were mentally retarded. Her husband had guilt feelings regarding these two children and had gradually withdrawn from all contact with people.

Sunday School for the three eldest was the first contact with the local church; this eventually led to the acceptance of Christ as Saviour by the mother. Her growing faith led to a changed way of thinking. She became more tolerant of her husband's outlook, more self-reliant. She commenced a banking account to help over difficult periods and began to look for ways in which she could help others.

*FOLLOWING the benediction the congregation began to quietly disperse, but the atmosphere created by the president lingered on. He was not well educated and was a hesitant speaker but one knew that he had spoken from his experience of life.

Few in the congregation knew that three or four years previously this man had been serving time in prison. There he was visited by a minister who was concerned about him as a person. Upon his release he made his way immediately to the manse—he needed help and advice but he had also decided to follow Jesus Christ. He faced and overcame many difficulties and disappointments. He lacked trade skills which made it difficult to obtain work and hold a job. His sentence had caused a permanent break in his marriage and separation from his children.

On several occasions the Social Service Department helped to smooth out the difficult places, and with support from the churches he contacted as he moved about seeking permanent work and security he had grown in his Christian faith and life to the point where on this Sunday morning he had presided for the first time. Subsequently he was elected to the deacons' board and is still serving.

*MRS. X came under our care some years ago. Her husband was hopelessly in debt and her inability to cope was no small contributing factor. She became very dependent upon the Welfare Department of the church which called forth the exercising of patience from the staff. Gradually she was weaned through an educational programme towards independence and self-sufficiency. Her children were catered for in the programme of the local church. They were difficult children (three out of the five were mentally defective) and the other two were caught up with emotional problems. The mother's own life history was full of experiences that are best forgotten.

Through warm friendly visitation in pastoral care, this galling little mother was gradually attracted by the transforming friendship of Jesus. It was a joyous occasion when she came asking (not ignorant of the implication) for Christian baptism. It was a moving experience to witness her faith and belief in the forgiveness of sin.

Today she is actively engaged in the life and service of the church. Another shining example pointing out that Social Service work is truly providing for the needs of the whole person.

THE WHOLE PERSON

*HAVING reached the end of the road, Joe decided to travel interstate to make a new start. But it is hard to begin again when one is destitute. A condition only too familiar to Joe, an alcoholic, but he was determined to make that new start. Somebody, somewhere, a member of Churches of Christ, had been kind to him once, perhaps the Church would help him now.

He made enquiries and was referred to the Social Service Department where he was given a sympathetic hearing. Some tins of food, clothing, blankets, a rail fare to the country and a little spare cash were provided, "only as a loan," said Joe. Time passed and as no communication was received from him, the loan was transferred to the gift list.

Eighteen months had passed when Joe called again at the office. This time to repay the loan and make a donation to show his appreciation. He was getting along fine and had completed one of the Bible correspondence courses offered on the radio. Before coming to the city to honour his obligations he had made arrangements for his baptism, following which he intended heading back to the country and his new found life of happiness and security.

*VAL was about sixteen years of age when we first made her acquaintance. She came because she was to become an unmarried mother. Val was the product of a broken home and had gathered her knowledge about life from school friends and workmates, and subscribed to the concept, as she stated it defiantly, "What's wrong with it, anyway? All the girls do it."

Arrangements were made for accommodation with an understanding Christian family. Hospitalisation received attention and provision for her financial needs during the weeks when she would be unable to work.

Val discovered that the personnel of our Department and others with whom she associated were not condemnatory nor over-sympathetic, but people in whom she could have confidence and on whom she could count as friends. Val was encouraged to take up studies once more and subsequently matriculated. She wanted to attend the services of one of our churches where again she was warmly welcomed.

Through this period she thought deeply about the future of her yet unborn child. When her baby was born she made the sacrifice of allowing someone else provide a home for her child. But even that, perhaps, was not the greatest decision Val made for afterwards she retained her friends and discovered the friendship of Jesus as her own Saviour and Lord. Val went on to do a Teachers' Training Course and takes with her into life the memory of an experience which, though painful, has proved to be a blessing because of the friends she found through a Department of Social Service and the Church.

YOU ARE
THERE . . .

WHEN WE VISIT THE SICK

By V. T. PARKER,
Old. Hosp. Chaplain

We don't find them lying on our streets, bodies distorted by hunger and pain, or blood-stained and bloated in the swinging vines of Vietnam, or dehydrated and demanding our drugs as cholera sweeps the towns and villages of Pakistan, India or Ethiopia, but they are in our hospitals and institutions and homes. Some with a philosophical approach to their ailment or misfortune. Others rebellious and still others conquering through the Christ who gives them faith.

Whatever the situation they need our Chaplains and visitors. They need our concern and our Christ and our consecrated Social Service—and we are right there! Our Social Service Departments everywhere extend their ministry to meet this need.

In Queensland our special hospital care is designed to meet the need of country people who come to the city for specialised treatment. Our Christian Women's Conference supplements what is done by constant visitation to all who are in hospital from our churches.

For my part the work involved covers people sent to Brisbane for specialised treatment often requiring extended hospitalisation.

The work varies from place to place. In our Mental Hospitals the State Government supports the work of a Protestant Chaplain covering our communion as well as the others. We supplement this by additional visitation to our own folk.

The Prisons at Brisbane and Wacol come under my personal care. Fortunately we have very few Churches of Christ people to visit but extend our help to folk referred through relatives and friends who are in trouble of this nature. In the country areas at Rockhampton and Townsville the local minister accepts responsibility as Chaplain.

This ministry requires ability to listen with a sympathetic ear. A scripture reading containing the assurance of forgiveness to meet repentance and a personal prayer covering themselves and their loved ones, a sincere handshake and the possibility of conversion and rehabilitation is always there. As one prisoner said recently, "Thank God for our Chaplains. Through their patience and love I found Christ as my Saviour."



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YOU ARE
THERE . . .

WHEN WE FEED THE HUNGRY

By C. COLE



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YOU ARE
THERE . . .

WHEN WE MEET THE STRANGER

For most of us family life is a settled affair. Proportionately, only a few of us are subject to transfers of family and effects either intra or interstate. Most of our moves are territorial, they are seldom geographical. The decision of the migrant family to set out for a new land is a geographical move, and an uprooting to say the least. Prior to departure there are negotiations to be made (sale of home and effects); connections to be severed; a livelihood to be temporarily suspended; relations and friends to be farewellled. It is no small wonder that the migrant family arrives tense and apprehensive and in need of support, guidance and direction.

When we, the Migrant Chaplains, meet the stranger, all this must be in his mind and more. He must empathise with these newcomers and make them feel welcome and wanted. In the midst of all the formality attached to disembarking, whether it be by ship or plane, the Chaplain has a unique opportunity to welcome the strangers on behalf of the Church. His task is to refer them to their nominated church and assure them of continued interest and concern. Where they are of his denomination or where he establishes a good relationship with them, his role is clear. He can follow them up with warm and friendly visits, making them feel at home.

These new people can be placed under the care of selected church members and the local minister. Above all, he must leave them with the feeling that he is open and available at any time to help them in their new land with all the adjustment and adaptation that it demands. When WE meet the stranger—YOU ARE THERE.—T. A. MORRISON.

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Mr. Walkington was elected President of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Adelaide, 1970, and will hold office until October, 1972, when Federal Conference will be held in Perth, W.A. He was President of his own State Conference, 1968-69.

He is in membership with the Wembley Downs church where he is church secretary and has held the position of secretary in two other churches. He is Chairman of the Christian Centre Board, Secretary of the Advisory Committee, a member of the Home Missions Committee where he was formerly chairman, and is a member of the Conference Executive. He is an effective lay preacher.

His academic qualifications include B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed., Dip. Ed. Admin., A.F.A.I.M., and M.A.C.E. He was formerly a Science teacher with the Education Department, and now is Superintendent of Technical Education, responsible for all personnel matters in the Division. Formerly a member of the Teachers' Union Executive, he is now a council member of the Civil Service Association, a member of the Executive of Superintendents and of the Chapter Committee of the Australian College of Education.

He is married, with three teenagers actively involved in the church. He still plays basketball and has always enjoyed a good debate.

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (2)

I HAVE A DREAM....

WHEN I think about it I am not sure I like that title. On the day of Pentecost when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter quoting Joel said, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." A dream is always based upon memories of the past, the experience of old men looking back, but a vision is built upon the hopes and aspirations of young men, who look forward to the future.

I have a dream that gains its strength and power from past experience of what God has done in Christ and from this dream I see a vision of the Church—the world as it might be, as it must be, if Christ is to be truly Lord of the Church and of the world.

Firstly, I look to a church that speaks the truth in love, which proclaims the truths of the gospel out of a deep love and compassion for others and not as a form of psychological weapon to satisfy its own ego, like the Pharisee who thanked God he was not like other men. I see a church that is not afraid to face the truth, whatever its source.

I see a church consisting of Christians with the spiritual maturity to recognise with proper humility their own strengths and weaknesses and yield both to the power and wisdom of God, in order that they might help others to reach mature manhood which is measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ, and so attain the unity inherent in our faith and our knowledge of the Son of God.

I look forward to a brotherhood which is united in love and regard for others, in which people who differ from us in theology are not attacked or branded by innuendo or by labelling, in which my views are less important than the spiritual life of the Church.

I see a church united as one body, with one God, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and yet demonstrating all the differences inherent in mankind; a church which has sufficient maturity to adapt to the needs of all people, while still retaining the essential truths of the gospel, and in which people are not criticised for being different.

I see a Church which seeks to serve others without any reward except the knowledge that it does Christ's will.

Secondly, I have a vision of a world in which it is no longer necessary to protest against apartheid or racial discrimination in any of its forms because all such discrimination has disappeared.

I see a society in which the police are not required to arrest or manhandle so-called demonstrators because both sides have learned to discuss without violence.

I see a world in which, because men have learned the futility of war, they are no longer conscripted to die in wars made by other men, and in which men love their neighbours and their enemies. I look for a world in which men no longer die of hunger while food elsewhere lies rotting for want of economic wisdom to handle our affairs.

I have a vision of a world where the quality of life is more important than political power or material wealth. The late Robert Kennedy once said,

*"Some men see the world as it is, and ask 'Why?'
I see the world as it might be, and ask 'Why not?'"*

With that same sense of vision and optimism, I pray for the day when we really mean

*"Our Father, which art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."*

I believe that day will come, because "When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world: the old order has gone, and a new order has already begun."

(Next Issue: H. RISSON, President, Churches of Christ in Queensland).



R. E. ELBOURNE

(Vic.). Interest is high in this Convention, which will feature inspirational speakers: R. E. Elbourne, S. K. Bannon and W. Tabbernee.

Mr. Elbourne is minister of Glen Waverley church—one of our largest in Victoria. Mr. Bannon has been for seven years a successful High School Chaplain. Mr. Tabbernee, who will lead a Bible Study, has recently joined the faculty of the College of the Bible.

HOSTS TO

Wangaratta:

VIC.-TAS.
HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION

AUGUST 14 - 15

The Convention will be presided over by the Conference President, John B. Alabaster. Opportunity will be afforded for discussion of "Strategy for the Seventies."

Women's Conference will present a programme highlighting their work.

The Wangaratta church has prepared effectively to receive the Convention, and now they offer us a warm welcome to be their guests on August 14 and 15.

WORDS TO TREASURE

Humility and adversity more please me, my son, than much comfort and devotion in prosperity.

And why should a little thing spoken against thee make thee sad?

Had it been greater, thou wouldst not have been disturbed.

But now let it pass: 'tis nothing strange; it hath happened before; and if thou live longer, it will happen again.

Thou art manly enough while there is naught to oppose thee:

Thou canst give good counsel, and hast encouraged others with words:

But when suddenly the trouble cometh to thine own door, thou lackest to thyself both in courage and counsel.

Consider thy great weakness, which thou discoverest often in trifling concerns:

And yet it is all for thy good, when these or such like things befall thee.

Put the matter as well as thou canst out of thy mind; and if the tribulation hath touched thee, let it not cast thee down nor entangle thee.

Bear it patiently, if gladly thou canst not; or even if thou resent this saying and feel indignation, yet govern thyself;

nor suffer an unchastened word to escape thee, whereby the little ones may stumble.

The storm that hath arisen will quickly subside: and thy hidden pain will be soothed by returning grace.

I still am, saith the Lord, ready to aid thee and console thee more than over, if thou but trust me, and beseech thee with all thy heart.

Be more tranquil in mind, and brace thyself to better fortitude: All is not lost, even though again and again thou feel thyself broken or well-nigh spent.

COUNSEL FOR THE COUNSELLOR

By
THOMAS
a KEMPIS

MY NEIGH- BOUR'S PEN



WISDOM OF DOVES

Inexert doves prophesied that sooner or later the conscience of America would have to come to terms with the manner in which the war was being prosecuted. The hawk said: No, war is hell, and the dove is no other way. Now the day of reckoning is dawning and confusion reigns; for one asks how to interpret the many kinds of reactions to the Calley kind of case . . .

From the beginning the doves have railed against terms like "pacification" and "Vietnamization," arguing that the Government of South Vietnam—set up and supported by the United States—is wholly corrupt and is not, as its leaders claim, viable. More and more people are recognising this fact, but more lips will be lost—thanks to the experts' reading of things—before the wisdom of doves is acknowledged.

In church body after church body, the attempt to bring some moral judgment to the war has been repeatedly thwarted by people who have argued: "You aren't expert. You don't have the facts. Listen to the joint chiefs, the Pentagon, the commander-in-chief." It turns out that without the facts, people can't see; the experts, with their kind of facts, could not see. Let us never again suspend moral judgment until the last fact is in.

—Christian Century."

WHO CARES?

The Bretons care about people who make their own "home brew." In a report on the ABC's radio feature "A.M." a representative of the Victorian Brewery estimated that 2,600,000 gallons of home-brewed beer was produced each year. His care was for the \$34,000,000 loss of income to the State and \$20,000,000 loss of revenue to the Government.

The brewery industry raised \$385,000,000 for the Federal Government each year, he said.

Chas. D. Watson, of Maryland, U.S.A., said in *Teenageville* recently: "It has been estimated that for every \$1 spent by Government from duties on alcohol, it costs between \$4 and \$7 for the effects."—"Aust. Temperance Advocate."

OLD PREACHERS

May I raise a question? What should be done with old preachers? If we can and do work out in the church some sort of financial security for them, then have we really solved our problem? I doubt it.

Money is not all that retired preachers need. Frankly in discussing such matters with older preachers and listening to them as they discuss their future problems I have found they worry less about the money and more about not being needed or wanted.—"Gospel Advocate."

EVANGELISTIC IMPERATIVE

Two issues are at stake. One is the teaching of "universalism" which holds that whatever salvation there is will be shared by all men regardless of their religion. To try to win adherents of Judaism (or Islam or Buddhism) to Christianity is needless if someone believes that he has found the truth about the ultimate questions of the universe with which all the great religions are concerned, it would seem quite selfish if he wanted to keep that truth to himself or for the private enlightenment of his own ethnic group or nation. The exuberant sharing of the Good News about Jesus Christ should strike people as no more inappropriate than the sharing of the vaccine against smallpox among all nations. Yet the right to evangelise is frequently abridged, even by persons who are otherwise conscientious defenders of the freedom of speech.—*Christianity Today*.

QUESTING



WITH
A. E. WHITE

When should we call a minister?
(Part 2).

In the last issue we noted that a minister is slow to press his services upon a person who appears to be in need of help, and that a church member often shows an even greater hesitancy in approaching the minister.

The minister is ready and available to share with others at all times, but the kind of ministry he gives usually requires the initiative to be taken by the member.

Some years ago, a well-known counsellor and author, Russell L. Dickes, offered a list of suggested occasions when a member could well request the assistance of a minister.

This is the list he offered:

1. When a loved one is seriously ill and facing death.
2. When a relative continues to be dependent following the death of a loved one.
3. When you are facing a surgical operation.
4. When you are facing adjustment to a physical handicap.
5. When you are going through a long convalescence.
6. Following the birth of a baby.

7. When you desire to join the church.
8. When you have begun to worry about excessive drinking.
9. When a loved one is drinking excessively.
10. When you are having difficulty in your marriage.
11. When you are choosing a life-work and feel uncertain about your choice.
12. When you are choosing a life-mate and have doubts about your choice.
13. When as a parent you are concerned about either of the above decisions for your son or daughter.
14. When you are discouraged and life has lost its meaning.
15. When a loved one has become dependent for no obvious reason.
16. When the behaviour of a loved one shows marked and rapid change, whether it is towards excessive misbehaviour or excessive interest in religion.

A minister is usually able to judge fairly quickly when a situation requires resources beyond his own capacities and he is able to recommend appropriate medical, counselling, legal, or other required assistance.

Most people feel an urge to share their troubles with someone, and sometimes they choose an acquaintance who is not equipped to give the required counsel or assistance. Well meaning friends can sometimes make a difficult situation worse and the wrong kind of help can be even worse than no help at all.

The right kind of relationship between a pastor and his church members would make it easy for a person in trouble to think first of his minister and not wait until the problem becomes desperate. A minister can build this relationship in his normal pastoral visitation. He will become so much a part of the family situation that he is the natural person to turn to in a time of need.

WORD TALK

—GORDON MOYES.

No. 33—ACTS 26: 14 (J.B.P.)

"Kick against your own conscience."

On the Damascus road Paul heard the metaphor from the risen Christ that has come down into our language. "It is hard for you to kick against the pricks." (Acts 26: 14). "Pricks" was used in the New Testament of the pricks of death (1 Cor. 15: 55-56) and of the pricks of a scorpion when it stings a man (Rev. 9: 5). The "pricks" are also translated "goad." (R.S.V.).

The goad was a pointed stick for driving cattle, especially oxen, when ploughing. It was also used to clean the ploughshare. Sometimes it was tipped with iron (1 Sam. 13: 21). Iron for the tip of the goad was highly prized by the Israelites who warred with the Philistines who had the monopoly on iron until the 10th Century B.C. Samson became a hero using the weapon used by politicians of every generation—"the jawbone of an ass," and Shamgar killed 600 Philistines using an oxgoad in a fashion after Samson. In a metaphorical sense the goad or pricks applied in our lives as a result of the words of a wise man who stirs us to action (Eccl. 12: 11) or of the moving of God through our conscience: "It is hard to kick against your own conscience." (Acts 26: 14, J.B.P.).

What conscience? Stephen's death! Having witnessed it Paul went "sillil breathing threatenings" on a slow journey of 160 miles through a barren landscape accompanied by his thoughts on the way Stephen prayed as he died, on his old teacher's advice concerning tolerance and his desire to fulfil his own conscience. The vision of Christ rocked him. As he spoke to the Romans "conflicting thoughts accused." (Romans 2: 15).

FOR TODAY:

Great crimes have been committed in the name of conscience. It has been called "one of the most appalling scourges of mankind." Conscience may inhibit and repress a man, sanction cruel customs and turn a happy person into a dominated worrier. The Inquisition came from acts of conscience. The Crucifixion was an act in line with the conscience of some sincere men. Paul himself persecuted the church in all good conscience. He acted conscientiously but was conscientiously wrong. Conscience is a product of our environment and may differ in different cultures.

"Conscientious objectors" may be sincere but sincerely wrong. Conscience is no guide to absolute moral correctness, but is the reflection of our environment and culture. The conscientious objector—not just to war but to many issues in modern society—must realise that he can react not only to society and to cultural values but that he also can have his conscience formed by the pressure of his peer group. We each need to educate our conscience for it may be imperfectly formed (1 Cor. 8: 7-12) or seared (1 Timothy 4: 2). We need to "be prepared to make a reasonable defence to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is within you." (1 Peter 3: 15).

August 7

A.B.C. TV NEW WORSHIP ADVENTURE

(W.A.). A group of our W.A. young people were encouraged by the ABC to present, in their own way, their worship and the motivation of their service organisations in a programme televised throughout Western Australia.

The Dalkeith Road church became a "studio" for a few days with a producer and staff of a dozen to handle and operate the three truck-loads of highly valuable equipment. The organisation and expense were, in a sense, frightening but in another sense an eye-opener to the opportunities for communicating the gospel.

The church organ was moved out and replaced by the musical group "5 4 Christ." Their numbers were "There is a World", "City Smoke" and "Can it be True?" Members of the group took the Bible readings.

The congregation was led by vocal guitarist Haydn Pickersgill while singing the "pop" hymns "You've got to do more than that" and "When I needed a Neighbour."

Margaret Sewell led the worship by reciting several modern poems to the accompaniment of Michael Dove on the solo guitar. Selected modern prayers were led by John Beard.

Dr. John Penrose spoke for a few

minutes on the work of the young people of our W.A. churches in the service organisation Task Force.

John Somerville, chairman of the W.A. Conference Youth and Christian Education Dept., and minister at Dalkeith Rd., spoke on the Bible readings from James, "I will show you my faith by my actions" and from Luke, "The Good Samaritan."

Many said that one of the highlights of the worship was the dance interpretation of Simon and Garfunkles' "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" by a young married couple, Kim and Fay Stephens.

The ABC are considering showing the programme nationally in the Sunday morning series "Divine Service." Some W.A. churches watched the programme in place of their normal 11 a.m. service recently.

The programme is recommended, not just as the best in modern entertainment, certainly not for those who feel they do not wish to change their established worship patterns, but for those who would encourage any effort by young people to speak to their age group and in their own way about the challenges of Jesus Christ.—Wal. Bennett.

(This programme will be telecast in S.A. on Sunday morning, August 8, and in Vic., N.S.W. and A.C.T., August 29).

FEWER MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

(New Delhi). An increase in the number of Indian pastors has resulted in fewer missionaries being needed in India and shows the growth in national leadership throughout India.

There are now less than half the number of missionaries. Government authorities said there are now 2,469 missionaries as against 5,783 in 1954.

The decline is in line with the policy of Indian churches and missionary societies in the ecumenical movement to encourage national leadership. There has been a sustained increase in the number of Indian pastors over the past 20 years.

The figures released by the Government do not include missionaries from the British Commonwealth who numbered 2,434 at the beginning of 1950.

—E.P.S.

NEW APPOINTMENT TO A.C.C.

A Presbyterian theological student and former public relations officer has been appointed to the staff of the Australian Council of Churches. He is Mr. Bruce William Edwin Best, B.A., a 24-year-old assistant minister of Woolahra and Double Bay Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Best will join the staff shortly and will be responsible for general promotion and public relations for the wider work of the A.C.C.

Mr. Best will replace the previous Public Relations Secretary, Vauzhan Hinton who has accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches/Roman Catholic Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development.

50 YEARS AGO

(From "A.C." August, 1921)

"Crime of Prolixity." "Yesterday I heard a preacher, who was an intolerable bore, guilty of the heinous and aggravated crime of prolixity. Don't tell me that he meant well and that his heart was right. His judgment was woefully astray and his common-sense conspicuous by its absence. Why, the first prayer was 20 minutes, so diffuse and rambling that it led anywhere but to the throne of grace. It was 12 o'clock when we reached the sermon and then it droned on interminably until I was ready to shriek aloud. No wonder that people will not go to church."

Here and There . . . There were 20 additions at the Harvard-Robbins mission at Roma, Qld. . . In Perth, W.A., Shee Ping, our Chinese missionary, said in an interview in "The Call": "In China, people are gradually adopting the Western mode of living and customs and it is only natural that in time they will all espouse Christianity."

Spurgeon & Clifford. When C. H. Spurgeon went to preach in Dr. John Clifford's church he said in the vestry before the service, "I cannot imagine, Clifford, why you do not come to my way of thinking." "Well," replied John Clifford (a Calvinist), "you see, Mr. Spurgeon, I only see you once a month, but I read my Bible every day!"

—E.P.S.

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ELEVEN NEW FILMS

The premiere of eleven new films will be held during the 1971 Religious Film Festival throughout Australia between August 13 and September 18.

Special features include a new dramatic youth film entitled "Troubled Waters" filmed along the treacherous Yampa River, Colorado, U.S.A., this 40-minute film was produced by Ken Anderson Films, U.S.A. in co-operation with Youth for Christ, Denver, Colorado. Ken Anderson Films have also released a new Venture for Victory film entitled "Man to Man." This is filmed in the Orient and is centred around the Venture for Victory basketball team which visited Australia recently. Other new titles include "T.V. & Thee"—a unique 22 min. colour film; "Whiter Than Snow"—a new children's film; "What's it all about anyhow?"—a new contemporary musical featuring the New Hope Singers; plus four new training films which follow the release of "Like a Mighty Army"—with Dr. James Kennedy, produced by Gospel Films Inc., U.S.A.

Best Film Award

An excellent youth feature film entitled "Three" is also being shown at the Festival. A 75-minute dramatic production which shows the deep motivating implications of faith, hope and love. This year the National Evangelical Film Foundation (N.E.F.F.) of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., awarded the film "Three" the distinction of being the Best Film of the Year. The Best Actor Award went to Peter Thomas who was "Ben" in "Three." Teri Ketchum, who played "Rochelle" in the same film received the Best Actress Award. The Director of "Three," Heinz Fuzzle, received the Best Director Award. Ken Anderson, producer of "Three" is one of America's top religious film producers.

The 1971 Film Festival, presented by The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd., will show a total of 18 religious films over five nights each in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

The Melbourne address of The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd. is 211 Latrobe St., phone 663-1232 and the Film Festival at Melbourne runs from Aug. 27 to Sept. 4.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

WORLD NEWS

BIBLES FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

An import licence has been granted by the Czechoslovak authorities for the import of 70,000 Czech Bibles (Kralice Version). These Bibles will be sent by the headquarters of the Bible Societies' Continental European Production Fund in Stuttgart. They are being distributed through eleven Protestant denominations on a basis approved by the Division for Bible Work of the Czech Council of Churches.

A year ago the Bible Societies sent in 41,000 Bibles under a similar arrangement, and these proved at once to be very acceptable to the Christian communities in Czechoslovakia.—B. & F.B.S.

WOMEN ORDINANDS FOR N.Z.

The Anglican Diocese of Wellington has no objection to the ordination of women for the ministry. Its annual synod voted "in principle" for women ordinands and will make a final decision after a report from a study committee is received.

—E.P.S.

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.

SUPPORT FOR LION

To the Editor,

I was not concerned at Ross Rugeley's judgment of C. S. Lewis's "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" as a work of art, even though I disagree with his evaluation.

The thing that did bother me was that some readers might accept his son's reaction to the book as typical, which I do not believe it to be.

As General Superintendent of the Bible School at Doncaster, I was fortunate enough to visit the Intermediate class on the Sunday that the book was introduced.

There were about 35 children present. All but about six had finished reading the book which had been handed to them the previous Sunday. The remaining six were well on the way to completing the book.

As a High School teacher with over twenty years' experience in the teaching of English, I was amazed and delighted at the tremendous enthusiasm the book generated amongst the whole group, and thrilled at their perception of the allegorical representation. I came away completely satisfied that some really worthwhile teaching was being done, and that we were indeed leading these children to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, his life, his death, his resurrection, his love for us, and the richness and meaning of life when we live it with him.

So impressed was I that the next day I discussed the whole teaching and learning process of this unit with a colleague at school. We, as experienced teachers, sought to analyse and learn from the tremendous success in the presentation of this splendid book by the C.L.C.

—Robert Nelson (Vic.).

CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS

To the Editor,

Leslie Weatherhead's suggestion ("A.C." July 24) that most resolutions passed by committees and conferences fill the wastepaper baskets of influential people" is a little shattering for a brotherhood that spends a good portion of conference time passing resolutions condemning this or that.

His alternative, the "Christian politician" or "Christian Councillor" is striking in its naivety. For underlying his suggestion is the assumption that a Christian politician (or doctor, teacher, carpenter, dentist, plumber) is better than an atheistic, pagan, or communist politician (doctor, etc.). Such an assumption is hard to hold when faced with the choice, say of, a "good Christian but mediocre surgeon" and an "atheistic but outstanding surgeon".

Further, in the complex world of inter-territory, party politics, national security, international diplomacy and

global economics his simple alternative is just unrealistic.

In the game of politics the belief that a "Christian politician" is necessarily a better politician is widespread. If one followed George Target's definition of a professional politician as one who is "a compromiser, a reconciler of opposing views, one who is continually modifying his policies in response to changing circumstances, trimming his sails, to every shifting wind of opinion, and surviving where others drown" ("Confound their Politicks") one wonders whether Christians should ever contemplate playing the game or not.

In the context of Australian party politics, with the antics of the chosen visible to any who bother to take any notice, the claim that "Christian politicians" will make any difference is difficult to accept. One would wish that all politicians, whether "Christian" or not, would read both James Jupp's single descriptive analysis of Australian politics, "Australian Party Politics" and G. W. Target's "Confound their Politicks" — the former to inform them and the latter to humble them.

—Alan Matheson (Vic.).

C.L.C.

To the Editor,

The "C.L.C." has been criticised, but no one seems to have asked what the young people themselves think about it.

We are the young people in a Youth 2 class and we feel that we would like those critics to know that we enjoy our C.L.C. lessons.

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3. The electives of the C.L.C. enable us (and our teacher) to choose materials that suit us. There is no compulsion to use any one particular method; there is a wide choice.

4. The study on communication through art, music, literature made us much better at talking about our Christian faith amongst ourselves and others.

5. The studies and organisational books for C.L.C. camps will really do something for us.

6. We are given training in defending our beliefs, and it helps us a lot to be allowed to criticise poetry and arguments by non-believers.

7. Our C.L.C. lessons are helping us to relate our every day living, our school life and our problems to the Bible and particularly the gospel.

8. Our lessons now are no longer lectures. We feel we are being trained to work things out for ourselves.

9. The C.L.C. helps us to help ourselves, and not just to learn things off by heart and so become cogs in a machine.

10. The C.L.C. is really different in that it has a very good way of getting over to us that the Bible really applies to the world of today.

—"Youth II": S. Fielder, P. Oakes, N. Edney, G. Tagg, Chelsea, Vic.

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○ "FAMILY FLASH POINT"

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○ "FLASH POINT — WOMEN"

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○ "FLASHPOINT — YOUTH"

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○ "FLASH POINT — MEN" (Men's Breakfast)

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"THE WOMEN'S ANGLE ON THE COLLEGE."

Bible Studies by G. R. Stirling

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

HUNGER

To the Editor,

We have a tremendous group of young adults at our church. It hardly seems any time since they were scatty teenagers interested in no one but themselves. Now all that is changed.

It all started when they "walked against want." They walked, the oldies paid (an excellent division of function). They send for and hand out masses of literature from World Christian Development, and they plaster our church noticeboard with pathetic pictures of hungry children. They got us to give one percent of the church income to Freedom from Hunger. Their latest project is getting us to sign a petition for a commission of enquiry into local poverty. Last church business meeting they attended en masse and told us that the things we were discussing were unimportant in a world of crying need. They moved that we support Austcare and we carried it unanimously. They got it off the ground; the oldies went out collecting. I must say it's a real treat to see young Christian adults so concerned with humanitarian causes.

But there's something that puzzles me. They all have new cars. They wear the latest "with-it gear." (It looks a bit scruffy, so I thought they must get it cheap until I saw some price tickets in one of the "gear shop" windows). They always seem to be going to shows either preceded by dinner or followed by coffee in one of the "joints." (Being an eat-by-the-TV character, I wouldn't know how much all this costs. Maybe it's quite cheap). But I do know that they think nothing of \$250 holidays. And you should see the way they deck out their rooms and flats! When I see them putting up their hunger posters my warped mind keeps thinking of all of these other things.

Some of them talk about the coming Revolution. Perhaps self-discipline for the sake of others comes after the revolution; when some benevolent dictator sees to it that we do.

Up the revolution! Editors of religious journals have nothing to lose either way!

TERTIUS.

Shaunston St. Church

TEN WEEKS OF PREACHING

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"Highway to Happiness" (Beatitudes)

AUG. 15 "It Hurts But It's Heavenly!"

AUG. 22 "Don't Mind My Tears!"

7 p.m. Pastor A. L. WEBB, B.A.

"Fundamentals of the Faith."

AUG. 15 "Good-man or God-Man?"

AUG. 22 "Which Church Should I Join?"



IN THE HEART OF MELBOURNE
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DR. ALLAN W. LEE IS NEW WORLD CONVENTION SECRETARY

Dr. A. W. Lee, pastor of the First Christian Church, Seattle, Washington, for the past twelve years, has been named to succeed Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick as General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ. He will take up his new duties on September 1.

A graduate of Phillips University, Peabody College and Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University, Dr. Lee has also done graduate work at Union Theological Seminary. He served as President of the Washington-North Idaho Convention of Christian Churches, is a life-member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, and a member of the General Board of the Christian Church.

Dr. Lee has travelled extensively in Europe, the Middle East and Mexico, and was one of the official tour organisers for the 8th World Convention Assembly in 1970.

He has written many books and stories and one of his Australian stories was published in the "Aust. Christian" for Jan. 23, 1971. He has agreed to write again for the Australian churches.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee, who will reside in New York City, have a daughter, Cyndi, at present a student in a college in California.

"CERTAIN GREEKS" CAME TO WORSHIP

(MILE END, S.A., Neal Hodgekiss). History was made at Mile End on July 25 when the Greek Evangelical Fellowship met with the Mile End Church of Christ for a combined communion service, using both languages. The Greek Fellowship is an independent evangelical group, comprised of families from all over Adelaide, who meet regularly each week for services in the Mile End Hall. Their services are conducted entirely in Greek language.

For the combined service, Henley White, elder of the Church of Christ, presided, and his remarks, as also the address of the preacher, Neil Hodgekiss, were translated by the Greek pastor, Emmanuel Glinatsis. One Bible reading was used, being read first in English, and then in Greek. There were also one English and one Greek prayer for the emblems, and then of supplication. The hymns were sung in Greek and English at the same time. Representatives of the brotherhood were invited to assist in the service, and so we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Colin Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Syd Beck and Sir Phillip and Lady Messent.

Mr. Hodgekiss spoke about the oneness of God's people and expressed his joy that all barriers of nationality, language, background and politics could be broken

down at the table of our Lord, and the recognition of our salvation.

Mile End church is now located in an area where about 80 per cent of the people in the district are Greek and many of them do not speak English very well, or at all. We are thrilled to be associated with this Greek Fellowship — while many of the members come from outside the area, they have obtained new contacts and are a constant witness of Bible-based Christianity to those who live near and can speak the same language.

At the conclusion of the service members of both fellowships mingled and greeted each other, expressing their happiness that such a moving experience had been shared.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND UNION

The General Synod of the Church of England provisionally agreed on July 14 to unite with the Methodist Church. During the next seven months the proposal will be put to the rank and file members and a final vote taken by the General Synod in February.

The Methodist Church approved the first stage of a unity plan in 1969.—E.P.S.

EVANGELISM IN NORTH-WEST

(Carnarvon, W.A., R. J. Anderson). The church in Carnarvon, W.A., has been greatly encouraged in the Volunteer Mission by J. K. Bond and Harold Jones, supported by their respective churches, South Perth and Kelmscott.

The two weeks' campaign began with the B.S. anniversary on July 4, with 300 children.

Before the mission commenced, prayer-cells were functioning in many parts of the district, and increased as the mission got under way.

"Happy Hours" were conducted by Harold Jones after school, and many children asked the Lord Jesus into their hearts.

Attendances were good on most nights, increasing to between 200 and 300 each Saturday night at the screening of the films "His Land" and "Oil Town U.S.A."

One young man (recently delivered by Christ in Perth) felt so burdened for his past workmates in Carnarvon that he obtained time off from work and travelled the 600 miles in order to witness to them just what Christ had done in his life.

The results stimulated the church with some 20 decisions and 23 re-dedications. In all, 113 children and adults sought a closer walk with God. Four were baptized.

A very vital ministry was also conducted with the Native Mission Staff.

The final night brought a Thank-offering of \$365.00 which covered all the outlay, with a surplus for future evangelic effort.

R. L. Jones, Secretary-Elder, spoke sincerely of the church's appreciation to the missionaries.

VIRUS ATTACK

(MORAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). Most members suffering from virus prevalent in district. Mrs. Burns, transferred from Rivervale, has returned to Perth. . . . The funeral service of Jack Harris, of Dalwallinu, took place recently in Perth. A. Anderson conducted the service. . . . Bible studies of Hebrews resumed after seeding break. . . . Friendship meetings continue to hold interest of non-church ladies. Two latest meetings were on Road Safety and Winter Warmth.

JERUSALEM INTERNATIONAL

Israel has no objection to the internationalisation of Christian and Muslim holy places in Jerusalem, according to Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem.

Mr. Kollek said the holy places could be given extra-territorial status similar to that of embassies.

"We have nothing against the internationalisation of the holy places but not the internationalisation of the old city," he told the meeting. He said it was now up to the various churches to get together to enable the government to pass legislation.—E.P.S.

"FLASH POINT — PERTH '71"

"FLASH POINT — '71". The phrase flashed into the active mind of K. J. Patterson, W.A. Home Missions Director, while he was meditating on a possible title for a Mini-Mission being conducted by the Home Missions Committee with Gordon Stirling of the College of the Bible as guest preacher. The idea grew on him until it became officially the title of the programme to run from August 18 to 22.

"Flash Point" is the word used for a build-up of temperature until the flash of flame and light occurs. It suggests the light of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. It suggests the moment of decision for those who have seen the light of God in Christ. It suggests "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

"Flash Point—'71" will feature five programmes, all at the Christian Centre in Beaufort Street. Wed., Aug. 18 will be a family night with plenty of music and a Knockout Bible Quiz for junior teens. Thursday, Aug. 19 will see women informally gathered round dozens of tables for "Table Talk," more music, interview and message. Friday will be sponsored by the Dept. of Christian Education, and will include "with it" music, testimony, interview and challenge. A Men's Breakfast will have men up at the crack of dawn to be at the Christian Centre by 7 a.m. Leading Perth personalities will be on the programme. The climax "Flash Point" will be on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Stirling will accompany Mr. Stirling to Perth and will speak on "The Women's Angle on the College" to a series of women's district rallies. These will be chaired by leaders of the W.A. brotherhood women's work. Each rally will include a Bible Study by Gordon Stirling.

While in W.A., Mr. and Mrs. Stirling will be with the churches at Harvey, Bunbury and Colle on Sunday, August 15. They will be sharing in women's rallies, evening rallies and school sessions in the four main centres of the Eastern Wheat Belt, from August 23-26.

Western Australians are already active in prayer and visitation for "Flash Point — Perth '71."

NO ONE HAD HEARD OF HIM!

Around the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, the staff used to chuckle about Kasson Avery. "What a character!" they would say in the most loving kind of way. A bachelor, he was one of the Drake's two permanent guests, having checked into Room 803 shortly after the hotel opened in 1928. There was nothing unusual about his appearance; tall, slender, neatly dressed, and always exceedingly polite.

What made him a "character" was his excessive thrift. The staff was amused that every night he would walk up and down the halls with a paper bag,



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picking up empty bottles that the other guests left outside their doors and taking them to a grocery store for cash refunds. And he could never pass the phone booths in the lobby without checking the return slots for coins. Now and then he would check with the hotel manager as to whether there was danger of his rent being raised. He was assured not to worry—they were pleased to have him as a permanent guest.

Well, the careful Mr. Avery died at the age of 87—and left a net estate of \$1,848,000. Under the terms of his will, the Salvation Army got \$924,000 and the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. of San Francisco got \$462,000 apiece—much to the startled delight of the officers of these organisations. They had never heard of Kasson Avery!

MACKAY IS 34

(Qld., A. G. Risson). At the 34th church anniversary, E. T. Hart was guest speaker. The evening meal was shared by everyone who came to the meeting. After the tea, Mr. Hart showed a film on the Qld. Social Service Dept. Another film, "Just a Stranger" was also screened. The theme of the anniversary was "Nowtime." At the annual meeting R. Jenvey was elected to the Board of Officers. The others were re-elected. Guest speaker recently was G. Hinspeter, of Townsville church. He came with the Gospel Outreach team, an interdenominational group which took a Sat. night meeting on behalf of Christian Youth Crusade with which our church is affiliated.

MINUS TEN PLUS FOUR

(MT. GAMBIER, S.A., Bernard Duff). Ten members have moved from the district in the past 12 months, while four members have come to us. The B.S. continues to grow, with new scholars coming almost every week. The C.L.C. material is proving satisfactory as guide to Christian education in the whole church. The C.Y.F. have been involved in a programme of concern with paper drives for the Heritage Workshop, car wash, taking children of "Supporting Mothers" on picnic, and visiting the sick and lonely. Guest speakers have been from Jewish Evangelistic Witness, the B. & F.B.S., Miss D. Holstein, missionary from India, and I. Simmons, Naracoorte. As president of Ministers' Fraternal the minister led an ecumenical service on Race and Racism in the R.C. church.

VIC. MINISTERS' WIVES

The Victorian Ministers' Wives' Assoc. will meet at the Brotherhood Centre on Monday, Aug. 16 at 11.30 a.m. Book reviews will be given by Mesdames Barnett, Lloyd and Morgan. Please bring your lunch, tea is provided. Hostesses are Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Amos.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

AUGUST:
20 Woolwich Bible College, 2nd Term ends.
23 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, 10 a.m., Burwood.

VICTORIA

AUGUST: CHAIN OF PRAYER—H.M. & Ev.
7 Inter-Church Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.
14 C.E. Intermediate-Y.P. Function.
14 Hair-Beauty Convention, Waverley.
15 ANNUAL OFFERING—SOCIAL SERVICE
15 D.C.E. East. Dist. Kirk and Koffie.
23-Sept. 4 Boys' Camp at Monbulk & Hall's Gap.
.. Girls' Camp at Hall's Gap.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUGUST:
7 "Dinner Down Under" for young people, Christian Centre.
10 Bus trip to Harvey arranged by Women's Auxiliary (9 a.m.).
28 Car Trial, organised by C. of C. Women's Basketball Association.
18-23 Mini-Mission at Christian Centre, with G. R. Strirling.
30-Sept. 3 Junior Boys' Camp, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman.

QUEENSLAND

AUGUST:
8 H.M. Comm—"Operation Enlistment"
12-18 "Tweemajers" Camp—Magnetic Island.
15, 22, 29 H.M. Comm—"Operation Enlistment."

TASMANIA

AUGUST:
7 State Quarterly Meeting, Ross, 10.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Discussion of L.I.F.E.

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BUSINESS AT KENMORE

(Qld., F. L. Ewers). The annual meeting elected three elders, D. Hammer, S. Jones and A. Wilson. The secretary, A. Burnham, and treasurer, C. Connell, were re-elected. Robert Hammer, a Kenmore College student, was elected as B.S. Supt. Seven additions to the church through faith and baptism were recorded during the past year. This was the first year that baptisms had taken place at the College. A total of \$3,064 had been given to the College where the church meets and which provides most of the ministry of preaching. The building fund for the erection of a chapel stands at \$1,200.

WIDE RESPONSE

(ROCKHAMPTON, Qld., B. M. Nowitzke). Visitors from as far as Sunnybank and Townsville attended the church's anniversary when A. C. Weedon of Townsville was guest speaker. K. Paton leads a weekly youth Bible Study. North Rockhampton: Ladies have re-commenced their combined evening meetings which are held bi-monthly. A feature was a talk and practical demonstration of T.V. by Mr. Paton. Closed circuit T.V. was used. Morning tea was conducted by the combined C.W.F.'s with proceeds being Rockhampton's share towards the support of Dorothy Howden on the New Guinea mission field. Clothing has been donated for an Aboriginal boy in W.A.

C.M.S. ANNUAL DINNER

(GLENELG, S.A., E. P. C. Holland). Five girls from Glenelg were chosen for State side in Interstate Girls' Netball Carnival. 180 attended church family dinner. The Mayor and Mayoress of Glenelg attended the church's 79th anniversary on July 18. Dr. Richie Gun, Federal M.P., who visited Pakistan to give medical aid, was interviewed at a recent evening service. State C.M.S. annual dinner was held in our building. Over 200 men heard Dr. John Court of Adelaide University speak on "Censorship."

WORLD REVIVAL

Dr. Robt. Coleman, Professor of Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary, believes that "the world stands on the verge of the greatest spiritual awakening since Pentecost." He thinks that the Great Commission will be fulfilled in this generation.

According to "Christianity Today" there is supporting evidence. Whole villages in Indonesia are said to be willing to convert to Christianity but they have no teacher. Church growth projections in Africa are phenomenal, but hundreds of tribes are without a missionary. Through radio and television it would now be possible for every person on earth to hear the gospel if there were enough funds.

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE U.B.S. Bible Sunday seemed a good time to recall that having a Bible does little good unless it is read, but it can't be read until it is translated, printed, and made available. This makes Bible Sunday a good time to give thanks for the United Bible Societies. It (or they?) has just celebrated its 25th anniversary. There seemed no shortage of Bible societies in 1946, but there was a great shortage of Bibles. Thirteen of the societies came together in Sussex, England, to talk about the most economical way in which their limited resources could be used in giving the Bible to the world. They decided that a continuing body should be set up to pool experience, skills, materials and finances. During the first year sixteen societies joined the new U.B.S. which now has 32 full members and 18 associate members. In 50 other countries there are Bible Society offices which are related to the U.B.S.

Through the U.B.S. there is co-ordination of translation, production, and distribution, and the results speak for themselves. Ten years ago the annual distribution was 35 million copies. Last year 173 million scriptures in 1,431 languages were distributed in whole Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions. Bibles are big business, but the Bible Societies do not chase big business for the sake of business. They produce Bibles for the sake of man. While millions of copies of Today's English Version have been sold around the world, the smallest of groups can command the resources of the U.B.S. in obtaining the Scriptures. For example, the Tokelau Islands, in 1969 there were about 1,745 Tokelau people living in this N.Z. dependency north of Western Samoa. No Scripture was available to them in their own language. Now, a team is hard at work translating portions of the Bible and very soon the Tokelau will have extracts of the Gospels available to them in their own tongue.

One of the splendid aims of the U.B.S. is to encourage the establishment of "indigenous societies, firmly rooted in the local churches." No wonder that it proudly uses the sub-title, "A World Fellowship of Bible Societies." We wish the U.B.S. a happy silver anniversary and a golden future with a reminder that our representative in the team is the B. & F.B.S. in Australia which depends upon your support.

GOOD GRIEF! A new third-floor hair-dressing salon in Sydney has a church decor. The receptionist greets clients and makes reservations from a pulpit and the customers sit in pews whilst receiving attention. The hair-dryers are attached to the back of the pews. The proprietor says that the prayer-book racks are excellent for holding ash-trays and magazines. Expense prevented the installation of an organ. There are no hymns or prayers, and certainly no freewill offerings!

TWO DECISIONS

(KALAMUNDA, W.A., D. M. Hughes). Two young people have made decisions. C.W.F. held a successful jumble stall. Ladies are sewing for Welfare Dept. Recently ladies of church conducted an evening service. At combined service of all churches in Anglican church, Mr. Hughes was speaker. June holiday youth group held successful camp at Moore River. Evening services have been beneficially maintained by Mr. Laycock and team with film "Venture for Victory" and B.S. youth groups.

RALLY PLANNED

(MARYBOROUGH, Qld., Roger Clark). Inspired by the State Youth Rally at Ipswich, at which our minister, Roger Clark, was evangelist, our local youth group will stage "Focus Week-end," Sept. 3-5, to contact Maryborough young people. Guest speaker is Barry Benz, of Albion. To raise \$100 for expenses, they are undertaking various projects. A car wash netted \$35. After displaying the "merchandise" complete with ball and chains at the evening services, "a slave market" was held and prices reached record levels for house-washing, typing, ironing and other menial tasks regularly performed by married "slaves." Other pro-

jects include a street stall and white elephant sale. There have been six recent decisions. Young people have formed their own pre-gospel prayer meeting. The Board of Officers is experimenting with a pre-planned agenda for their meetings.

SOCIAL AND MORAL LEAD

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). At the annual meeting, a special committee was formed, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Wood and Mrs. Joan Hickman, to examine social questions and moral issues in order to give a lead to members in ways to make informed comment to the appropriate people, e.g. in local government, State and Federal Government, and business houses.

OPEN DAY

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). S.S. open day for parents proved a success as they saw the classes in action. During our minister's visitation week in Kalamoorle we thank K. Patterson, D. Jackson and W. Paret for talking services. The film of B. & F.B.S. work in Hong Kong and Taiwan was shown at church recently. Mrs. L. Mager is still very ill in hospital.

Happenings

The death of Dillman Samuel Bullock, an American minister, at the age of 93, ended a remarkable missionary partnership in Chile. He and his Canadian-born wife (who died last year aged 102) had given over 50 years' continuous service as missionaries in Chile.

Alan Matheson, back from service with an Ecumenical Work Team in Sicily, has resumed his work with the European-Australian Christian Fellowship in Melbourne.

Obedying Pope Paul's call for a simpler style, Cardinals and Bishops who work at the Vatican have exchanged their Mercedes Benz cars for Fiat.

The French now have their own translation of "Today's English (?) Version."

A merger is in sight between the Congregational Union of England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England. The projected new body, the United Reformed Church, will have a membership of 250,000.

Mrs. Lois H. Stair is the first woman to be elected Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The "Church Chronicle," published in Brisbane by the Anglican Synod since 1890, will cease publication this month. Increased printing costs and reduced circulation are the causes.

Drug addiction in Ireland has increased 800% in the past 18 months.

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Qld. & W.A.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

For the prayer meeting of the Qld. C.W.F. Conference at Ipswich a bus load travelled from Brisbane. Miss Dorothy Howden, our Living Link from New Guinea, was the speaker there and at the monthly meeting at Ann St.

The monthly prayer meeting held at Annerley took the form of discussion groups, topic being "God's World Today."

The July meeting at Ann St. was led by Rosewood C.W.F., their subject being "Get your priorities right, keep Christ in the centre."

A profitable meeting took place with presidents and secretaries of fellowships and Conference Executive. A new report sheet was introduced to assist the presentation of a full assessment of Qld. C.W.F. activities.—J. Stevens.

STUDENT MINISTER

(MA MA CREEK, Qld.), R. Mitchell, Kenmore College student, has taken up residence in the manse with his wife and two children. He has accepted week-end engagement with the church for an indefinite term. The interior of the manse has been painted and the furniture renovated. . . . H. Christensen, H. Scholl and M. Müller recently showed slides of our mission work in New Guinea. An offering was taken up towards a tractor for use in our New Guinea mission fields. At this function a farewell and presentation was given to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Winter who had rendered much appreciated and faithful weekend service to the church over a long period. . . . The church has been saddened by the passing of a faithful member, E. J. Metcalfe, grandson of pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Metcalfe. He had undergone surgery in the Toowoomba Base Hospital. The church extends loving sympathy to his wife and son, John. . . . H. J. Walmsley, Leprosy Mission, was speaker on July 18.

\$2 CLEAN-UP

(SCARBOROUGH, W.A., K. Duffy). Recent youth activities have included a car trial, cleaning windows for \$2 per house, attending Impact at Christian Centre, and in organising an Oriental Night. A combined camp with Dalkeith Rd. young people was held at Karagullen, with Mr. and Mrs. R. Beard as camp cooks. A camp reunion tea was held at Scarborough, after which young people participated in the evening service and music and items were given by "5 4 Christ" team. . . . The C.W.F. family concert was recently repeated at Carinya Village and will also be taken to Joondanna Guest Home. . . . D. Moyle has been appointed church secretary.

MORE DECISIONS

(IPSWICH, Qld., E. O. Stevens). There have been three further decisions in recent weeks. A married woman from the country has been baptised and now meets with the Church of England in her home town. . . . The officers now meet in sub-committees (Evangelism and Teaching; Finance and Property; Social and Service) prior to full Board meeting. Members are invited to meet with committees,

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. D. R. Manning, President-elect, presided over the July auxiliary meeting. Morning meditations were led by Mrs. P. Newcombe and prepared by Mrs. Anderson, of Carnarvon. Soliste was Mrs. C. R. Johnstone. Prayer of intercession was led by Mrs. G. A. Ewers.

Roll Call was answered by 81 ladies representing 23 C.W.F.'s.

Social Service Supt., Miss V. Dean, introduced Mrs. Carey Drake Brockman, newly-appointed social worker who will work in co-operation with the Christian Welfare Centre and more specifically with migrants.

Guest speaker was Brian Stitt, Director Youth and Christian Education, who told of the concern for the parents of young people and the task of responsibility of understanding young people, also of young

share discussion and put forward suggestions for more effective working. Response has been good and valuable contributions are being made. . . . The minister is now serving in Industrial Chaplaincy in the railway workshops. . . . More than 100 ladies attended the C.W.F. birthday celebration. The programme included plays with a Christian message, a recitation and solos. The President, Mrs. Stevens, led the meeting. There were 93 ladies for luncheon.

AUSTCARE CAN HELP

(MERREDIN/BRUCE ROCK, W.A., D. A. Good). The Bruce Rock United Youth Group led by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Arnold, held a "canathon." Members were sponsored up to 1c per can picked up along the three main roads leading into the town. A total of 3,463 cans were collected and the sum of \$125 raised was given to the Austcare Appeal for Pakistan refugees. The day concluded with a barbecue and social. . . . Mrs. G. Bray, of Merredin (Grandma Bray) recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Merredin

people being alert to opportunities for service and in particular a \$1,000 project for homes for aged Aborigines at Carnarvon.

100 attended the Young Women's Fellowship Dinner arranged by the Women's Auxiliary on July 13. The South Perth Young Women's presentation of "Women of the Bible" was a reminder that human nature has not changed. As they trusted in and relied upon a Living God, so do we in this modern space age.

Points for Prayer and Praise:

o For Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling as they prepare for C.O.B. deputation, women's rallies and a mini-mission in August.

o For the W.A. Work Party, now in New Guinea, to build the Bethesda Hospital.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

members held recent service in "Brays" lounge so as to view the A.B.C. Divine Service from the Dalkeith Road church. Communion was received at end of televised service. . . . H. Short of the Leprosy Mission, visited both churches.

MINISTRY TO CLOSE

(APPLECROSS, W.A., L. P. Austin). Mr. Austin has informed the church that his ministry will end this year. . . . Bible quizzes are being held weekly to determine our representatives for the forthcoming "It's Academic" with two other Sunday Schools. . . . Mrs. Sumner stayed in Canada with past members, Miles and Betty Green, and on return she showed slides to the ladies. . . . Mrs. B. Kidd is well again and has resumed active leadership of the Primary Dept. . . . Three young people have been baptised and others are making enquiries. . . . We regretfully bid farewell to Greg Hamilton, coach of the boys' basketball. Both basketball teams attended a church parade, and both look like making the final four.

N.S.W.

TWO YOUNG MEN LOST

(DAPTO, N.S.W., J. R. Back). The church was saddened by the death of two of our young men, Peter De Vries and Denis Smallbone within the space of eight days. Many tributes were expressed and over 100 memorial Bibles were donated to the Gideon Society in remembrance. . . . An English couple have been baptised and received into fellowship. . . . The church is preparing for the evangelistic mission with Des Nelson, Nov. 10-21. "One Way '71" is the theme. Visitation planning and training are in progress. . . . There has been an encouraging increase in the offerings which is important as we take over more financial responsibilities. The S.S. teachers and the church are supporting the running of the school while the children's offering is going towards mission work.

WEDDING BREAKFAST SURPRISE

(NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.W., Noel Flint). On Aborigine Sunday, Aborigines Carolyn and Jimmy Roe were married in our church and the young people gave them a surprise wedding breakfast at their Young People's meeting. . . . July evening services have been packed with interest with films and nights in Indonesia, Saigon and Korea. . . . Monthly youth nights continue to feature a different school each month. Hunter's Hill High School students presented a "Criticque of Jesus Christ Superstar" with extracts of the music played on tape. . . . Two elderly ladies have been baptised. A few weeks later one of those baptised took an unexpected heart attack and died. . . . The church was given gifts of large radiators and lights to warm and brighten the church. . . . The Coffee Shop, "The Loft" has been transferred because of premises being too small. About 275 were present recently. Our own young people are very active in counselling and speaking.

ENCOUNTER FILMS

(LISMORE, N.S.W., H. C. Wheat). "Encounter" film evenings are held on first Saturday of each month in C.W.A. Rooms, Kyogle, by Mr. and Mrs. O. Wainwright. These are supported by the Lismore members. Mr. Wainwright has recently been appointed an elder. . . . Gospel meetings continue at Byron Bay R.S.L. Hall on the first Sunday of each month. . . . George Davis and family have now transferred to Banagalow church. . . . New radio session, "Power for Today" is being broadcast over 2LM each Monday at 5.30 a.m. . . . The church will again have an exhibit at North Coast Show, Lismore. . . . After-church Coffee Hours are now being held in two locations—one for young people and the other for adults and small children.

SOCIAL SERVICE SUNDAY
AUGUST 15, 1971

THE WORK AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). Second term this year has been full of interest. Student churches indicate a measure of spiritual progress and definite evidence of the leading and blessing of God.

The final year students have recently concluded special courses in Hospital Orientation for Theological Students organised by the Council for Clinical Pastoral Education in N.S.W. Some enrolled for the General Hospital Visitation Course while a number of others shared in the Psychiatric Hospital Course and gained appropriate recognition of their work. All senior students have also been involved in the extra-curricular programme of the N.S.W. Council for Christian Education in Schools. This specialised training has been undertaken in the field of Religious Instruction at Secondary School level. These classes have been conducted at the Teachers' College, University of Sydney.

Visitors to Woolwich have been Rev. D. Mills and Miss Castello, representing Gospel Recordings; Rev. Alan F. Scott, B.E.M., and Bruce Upton, of the B. & F.B.S., and Miss Violet Sampa. Women's Inter-Church Council Scholarship holder from Zambia, who was brought to the College by Mrs. R. W. Stanhope. Other visitors have been Dr. and Mrs. Ron. Graham. Dr. Graham is a lecturer in New Testament at Lexington Theological Seminary, Kentucky, U.S.A.

VISITOR FROM U.S.

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Dr. Ron. Graham spoke on July 11 while on holiday from U.S.A. Dr. and Mrs. Graham and son Kerry stayed with Mrs. Graham's sister, Mrs. L. K. Wilson. . . . The Girls' Brigade took part in a special G.B. concert at Pymble Baptist Church. Some junior girls also made toffees, etc., to raise \$5.57 which they contributed to the special effort for East Pakistan refugees. This appeal realised \$560. . . . A C.Y.F. Fellowship Tea was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hing. . . . Some Chatswood members heard Bishop Chandu Ray speak at a B. & F.B.S. meeting at St. Paul's C. of E., Chatswood. . . . Mrs. F. J. Stephenson has been re-elected Pres. of C.W.F. Afternoon Group; Mrs. Pax, sec., and Mrs. Perkins treas. . . . On Aug. 1, the evening service (pre-taped) was broadcast over Station 2CH.

COMMANDO COURSE

(N.S.W.). Young people from Churches of Christ at Belconn, Mosman, Chatswood, Epping, Parramatta and North Sydney are enrolled for a twelve-week course which is conducted each Sunday afternoon at North Sydney. Called Commando Course, it is basically designed to show young people how they can communicate Christ to their peers. . . . Subjects covered include the Psychology of Salvation, the Theology of Salvation, the Psychology of Communication, and Personal Preparedness. Over 50 have enrolled. The main lectures are taken by Mal. Garvin from Teen Crusaders and group leaders are Barry and Graham Jones, John and Paul Flint, and Wally

The principal and a group of students, attended the annual lecture of the Board of Post-Graduate Studies of the Baptist Theological College, at Eastwood, when Dr. J. A. Thompson, of Melbourne, spoke on "Biblical Archaeology as a Tool for Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation."

It is always a pleasure to receive gifts of books for the College library. A further large consignment of valuable volumes has recently arrived and is in the process of being catalogued. This collection belonged to the late T. A. Fitzgerald who ministered for many years in churches in Melbourne. We are deeply grateful to Ralph Ames for his work in making a selection of the books, and to Raymond Fitzgerald for arrangements to transport them to Woolwich.

Grateful thanks are expressed to Murray Cave, who served so well as College Treasurer, but has had to relinquish this office. However, the Board is pleased to be able to announce the appointment of David Oliver, A.A.S.A., of Earlwood, as the new treasurer. Mr. Oliver's address is Flat 1, 71 Kensington St., Summer Hill, N.S.W., 2150.

The Ollie C.W.F., conducted by Mrs. A. G. Elliott, on behalf of the State Executive of the C.W.F., is enjoying a happy and helpful series of meetings this year. This activity is specifically designed for the benefit of women students and the wives of married students.

—Dr. A. G. Elliott.

Dobson. All are young men from North Sydney who have benefited greatly from previous Commando Courses.

STUDENTS SEEK TO SERVE

(N.S.W.). A group of young men who belong to the Churches of Christ and attend Sydney University spent a week-end in the Blue Mountains during July. The object of this was to get to know each other and find ways in which they could work together for Christ and the Church. Students represented came from the faculties of Art, Agriculture, Science and Engineering. This was organised by John Rogers (Doonooly), John Flint (Nth. Sydney) and Vaughan Beale (Greenacre).

EAST PAKISTAN FOOD NEEDS

East Pakistan faces a serious threat of famine, according to an East Asian Christian Conference (E.A.C.C.) representative who visited Dacca recently. Dr. Metherman Hatch from Indonesia reported to E.A.C.C. General Secretary U. Kwak. Then on discussions he had in East Pakistan with the UN relief co-ordinator, the deputy relief commissioner of East Pakistan and the member churches of the E.A.C.C. The estimates of relief officials suggest that 2 million tons of grain will be needed before October. UN organisations will be looking for around 1½ million tons. The E.A.C.C. and the World Council of Churches are currently examining possibilities of finding and shipping part of the remaining grain needs as well as drugs, medical supplies and building materials. A W.C.C. delegation is visiting Dacca.—E.P.S.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

BIRTH

DUFF (Tipping)—To Bernard and Evelyn, a son—Craig—on July 23 at the Mt. Gambler Hospital, S.A. Both well. We thank God.

ENGAGEMENTS

HILL-THEOBOLD—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hill, 29 Errett St., Horsham, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter, Marlene Joan, to Alan Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Theobald, 14 Magnolia Rd., Ivanhoe, Vic.

JARVIS-CLAYTON—Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen Jarvis, 22 Ann St., Springvale, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. P. Clayton, 42 Princess Ave., Springvale, are happy to announce the engagement of Christine and Perry.

McDERMOTT-HAMMER—Mr. and Mrs. K. J. McDermott, Mount Isa, and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer, Kenmore, announce with pleasure the engagement of Yvonne and Robert, both students at Kenmore Christian College, Qld.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

BLENKIRON-BRIGGS—Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blenkiron, 42 Browning Ave., Plympton Park, S.A., announce with much pleasure the approaching marriage of their elder daughter, Miriam, to Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Briggs, Plympton South, which will take place at Edwardstown Church of Christ, on Saturday, August 21, 1971, at 11 a.m.

BRODIE-WHITTAKER—The marriage of Lorraine, twin daughter of Mrs. Ruth Brodie, Richmond, Vic., and the late Mr. Edward Brodie, to Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Whittaker, Reservoir. The ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Reg. Hillbrick, and will take place at the Congregational Church, Richmond, on September 4, 1971 at 4.30 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING

HADEN (Atherlon)—Rose and Ron, give thanks to God for twenty-five years of married life and blessings. The marriage was celebrated at Dunolly Church of Christ on Aug. 17, 1946, the late Charles Young officiating. Congratulations and love, Glenda. Present address—378 Somerville Rd., West Footscray, Vic., 3012.

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DEATHS

ADAM, Caitlyn Elizabeth—On July 16 (accidentally) at home, 27 Byron St., Box Hill Sth., Vic., dearly loved daughter of Lola and Douglas, loved sister of Timothy, Jillian and Roderick and adored granddaughter of Anne and Wilkie Thomson, and Nancy and Kenneth Aubrey. Aged 2 years.

BULLEN—On July 26, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Moreland, Vic., Harold Stephen of 141 Rose St., Essendon, dearly loved husband of Meryl, loved father of Joyce (Mrs. Sutton) and Ian, father-in-law of John and dear granddad of Gary and Gayle. "Beyond the sunset."

GRIGG—On July 28, at St. Arnaud, Vic., Ellen Bertha, wife of the late John Grigg, loved mother of Lorna (Mrs. Bagot) and Marge (Mrs. McRae), stepmother of Stan. (dec.), Cliff, Beulah, Jack, Claudia, Ulrice and Norman.

GRIGG Ellen Bertha—Loved mother of Marge and Jack, beloved grandma of Greg and Dianne.

LYLE, William Coumbe—At Everard Pk. Christian Rest Home, S.A., dearly loved husband of the late Eva Sarah, loving father of Phyllis (Mrs. Doug. Fitzgerald, Blackwood, S.A.), and Harry (dec.). In his hundredth year.

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER—In loving memory of Bill, passed away Aug. 3, 1967, and his son, Collin Clive, Aug. 17, 1964. Loved husband and son of Dorothy; dear father and brother of Ralph and Phillip, and father-in-law and brother-in-law of Beryl.

FARRAR—In loving memory of my dear husband, John, called home August 6, 1956. "Resting where no shadows fall."—Inserted by his loving wife, Adn.

KEMP—"For though from out our bourne of time and place, The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face, When I have crossed the bar." On August 15, 1970, Alf. Kemp met the Pilot.

LAUNDER—In loving memory of Graham, our dear son and brother, passed away Aug. 6, 1957. Aged 20.—Father, mother, Malcolm and Joy.

MORTLOCK—In loving memory of my husband, Eli, who passed away July 28, 1968. "Beyond the glow of sunset, In the light of Eternal Love, My loved one walks in glory, In God's beautiful home above."—Sylvie.

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CROYDON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

(S.A., F. B. Burt). Features of the jubilee celebrations just concluded were a special men's night, a ladies' night, and a youth night, with full meetings on each occasion. 230 attended the Sat. night dinner which was followed by an address by G. R. Stirling who was also guest speaker for Sunday, July 11. A young married man made confession of faith at night. The thank-offering was \$327.00. . . . The annual meeting received reports indicating a healthy condition. Financial help will again be given for the next 12 months to the River Churches. H. Purdie has retired after nine years' splendid service as church treasurer.

NEW MINISTRY

(PORT LINCOLN, S.A., Brian Hill). The annual meeting reported 45 active members. Average weekly offerings are \$80 and expenses \$94. The difference has been drawn from a reserve fund built up during period without a minister. The B.S. attendance is 28. The Kindergarten urgently needs improved accommodation. . . . The C.W.F. has distributed almost \$200 amongst its various interests. . . . J.C.E. has 32 members and took a leading part in an "Auxiliaries Parade" evening service. . . . Mr. Hill, through Industrial Chaplaincy, Hospital Visitation and assistance with R.I., is reaching out into the community.

LOSS TO TUMBY BAY

(S.A., K. J. Edwards). The church has suffered a great loss in the death of W. O. E. Treasure. Of long-standing membership, and as treasurer, officer and elder, this man had made a valuable impact on the church and in the community. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Treasure and family. We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Ebbs and Mrs. J. Christian in the sad loss of their husband and father. . . . A complete outfit, including a sack-suit, hankies, and covered coat-hangers, etc., was sewn by ladies at their C.W.F. meeting for a young, local motherless girl. Another group of ladies prepared a complete outfit for a Norseman young man, at their Guild meeting. The church kindly donated a retiring offering towards this project.

SOUP KITCHEN FOR GIRLS

(MILE END, S.A., N. Hodgetts). 60 girls attend Girls' Club weekly. Some are needy, and come without sufficient tea. A "soup break" has been added to the programme to combat this. . . . Three young ladies are in N.Z. on an extended working holiday. . . . Netball girls attend monthly church parade in large numbers. . . . Church was saddened at death of aged Mrs. Megson who had been a Mile End member for 50 years. . . . Detective Silverblade of Drug Squad showed film on drugs to teenage group, parents and friends and told parents what to look for in drug addiction. . . . The church is raising money to support Chris Campbell in New Guinea, and is also collecting materials for use in his school. . . . Two young ladies were baptized, and another girl has made confession.

(S.A., L. W. Marshman). Guest preacher for the church's 90th anniversary was H. Prime, minister at Flinders Park and a former member. Mrs. Telfer, also a former member, was soloist. After lunch at the Institute Hall, the P.S.A. had former ministers, M. Williams to preside, and J. B. Baker, Chaplain at Adelaide Hospital, to speak. The Grassy Green Folk Singers gave items, and Mr. Moyle and his sister, Mrs. Pillar, also sang. A thank-offering of \$100 was donated to chaplaincy work. Greetings were brought by K. Dawson, State Conf. Pres.; G. Pearce,

H.M. representative; J. Dow, Pres. Nth. Dist. Conf.; and R. Bache, Chairman, Malloha Dist. Council. Owen-Long Plains Circuit: Keith Chessell, S.A. State footballer and Bible Society worker was speaker at the Children's Anniversary. . . . The manse at Long Plains has been leased and Mr. Marshman lives at Owen. . . . The combined prayer meeting and Bible study with the Methodists each month is continuing, as is the quarterly communion service. Long Plains also holds a quarterly communion service with Pinery Methodist Church.

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN S.A.

At the time of the farewell visit to Adelaide of the Indian High Commissioner and his wife, he invited Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Coventry to visit them for a short time in their suite. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are Christians from South India. Mr. Thomas was a practising lawyer before entering Parliament in New Delhi. Four years ago he was chosen for this important position which for non-Commonwealth countries is termed Ambassador, but for Commonwealth countries, High Commissioner.

In the time spent together the refugee problem, and other issues of interest were discussed, and a time of prayer shared. In bidding farewell he assured the Coventrys of his appreciation of continued prayer support. Then in a letter received from Canberra just before their departure he wrote, "You will be constantly in our thoughts and prayers as we would be in yours."

Here is a Christian couple carrying a very high position and heavy responsibility whom we could all well remember in prayer as they proceed to a new Ambassadorial appointment later this year.

BUILDING ADVANCES

(BROOKLYN PK., S.A., W. J. Philp). The new chapel building (accommodating 200, plus crèche and classroom) is well advanced and expected to be finished in late September. Members have already given \$13,500 of the \$40,000 total project. . . . Youth Groups 2 and 3 under the new curriculum have provided excellent Sunday evening programmes. Over 70 young people camped at Longwood. . . . Newly-formed J.C.E. has 17 members meeting on Friday evenings. . . . Girls' and boys' basketball players now exceed 100—several teams unbeaten.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). For the annual business on July 18, reports were duplicated and in the hands of members after the morning service. . . . The church lost two members by death and five by letter, but gained six by letter and seven by faith and baptism—a net gain of six. . . . Deacons elected were Mrs. Madams F. M. Wilkinson, G. Fisher, P. Crowley and J. Thoday. . . . Miss Lyn. Docking gave two items in song with the guitar at night.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(FLINDERS PARK, S.A., H. S. Prime). Mr. Prime has accepted a further three years' term as minister as from the end of 1972. . . . The church annual meeting elected H. Francis and W. Powell as elders. Other appointments are: Secretary, K. Smallwood; Asst. Sec., Mrs. L. Davy; Treas., G. Smith; Diaconesses, B. Lukehurst, M. Powell, M. Prime and J. Roberts. Appreciation of the services of H. Francis as elder for 30 years was recorded. . . . There has been one confession. . . . 256 were at the Women's and Auxiliaries' Service on June 27. Mrs. M. Chambers, Methodist Church, was guest speaker. . . . The Boys' Brigade 21st anniversary dinner on July 25 had Greg. Chappell, State and International cricketer as speaker. . . . H. Francis is home from hospital after surgery. . . . The church is to be re-carpeted, thanks to the ladies who have raised the finance.

YOUTH FEATURED

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Basketball boys and netball girls took part in youth service on June 27. Musical items were given by Allison Blaskett and Leonie Burton and afterwards at the Coffee Hour when 30 teenagers from Blackwood Y.P. Choir entertained about 150 folk with their bright singing. . . . An Eastern District Prayer, Bible Study and Christian Unity meeting was held in our hall, C. Smith, B.A., B.Com., Dip.Ed., spoke on Christian Unity. . . . Elderly Citizens in the district were entertained by a concert party from Croydon followed by afternoon tea. . . . Sister Dorothy Holstein from our Indian mission station was a recent speaker.

GARMENT DISPLAY

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., T. Lawrie). The C.W.F. had a display of garments made by the ladies for missions. . . . The Men's Fellowship have been conducting working-bees around the church. . . . A series of study nights are being held each week led by K. Adams. . . . Many young people attend our C.Y.F. groups. . . . The annual business meeting showed marked improvements, including Sunday attendances over the past year.

**SOCIAL SERVICE SUNDAY,
August 15**

Vic. & Tas.

TOP MAN

(MORWELL, Vic., A. B. Gaunson). John Ellingham, Explorer leader, has been named top apprentice instrument maker at the S.E.C. . . . To encourage greater attendance the annual meeting was held after a church luncheon. John Wyeth and Vic. McDowell are new officers. The church year will be planned in line with the calendar year and members' suggestions have been invited. . . . Junior and Senior Good Companions took part in the evening service on Girls' Sunday. . . . Anglicans and the Church of Christ in the Latrobe Valley are combining in a series of seven lectures for parents entitled "Your Family and You" with special guest speakers.

WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Storey). "Workshop on Worship" series on Thursday evenings, culminated with tea and study on July 25. . . . Young Adults and Youth 2 have had successful camps. . . . An audio-visual, a Walkathon and a Trash and Treasure Sale have assisted East Pakistan Refugee Appeal and Destination Philippines project. . . . Up to 90% of congregation have stayed for fellowship after evening services. . . . Les. Dewbury (Department for Christian Unity) addressed a recent evening service. . . . Oldest member, Mrs. H. Brown, celebrated her 87th birthday. . . . C.W.E.F. had an open meeting when Mr. Nicholl spoke on multiple sclerosis—his wife has had multiple sclerosis for 20 years. . . . Jim Mynott is making a good recovery after a mild heart attack.

INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., C. J. Robinson). Women's Inter-Church Fellowship Day service was held in the chapel. Boys from St. Patrick's R.C. College Choir rendered items, and Rev. W. Schubert was guest speaker. . . . After 20 years as Cubmaster, Tony Crawford has been appointed District Scoutmaster. . . . C.W.A.F. completed sewing and knitting, and made an acceptable parcel for Aborigines Missions. The J.C.E. also contributed gifts. . . . After a trial period of a month the 5 p.m. service will continue for the winter months. Greatly improved attendances and the presence of whole families have justified the change.

FIVE DECISIONS

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). There were five decisions at a recent youth service. Two have since been baptized. . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Mrs. Smith, Scripture Union, and Pastor Doug. Nicholls. . . . Mrs. R. Plymly is progressing after surgery. Miss Rose Salter is still in Prince Henry's Hospital. The Sterlings are holidaying in Queensland. . . . Sympathy is expressed to Reg. Bullen in the death of his brother. . . . Girls did well in basketball. Their coach is Iris Spencer. . . . C.W.F. afternoon and evening groups held their church parade on July 25. Soloist was B. Hickin. Service was led by Mrs. Drummy. C.W.F. birthday luncheon on July 27 had visitors from local churches. Speaker was Mrs. Morrison, of Hartwell.

FAREWELL TO REG. BOLDUAN

(KANIVA, Vic.). The Kaniva church was packed out on July 25 when the Kaniva and Serviceton churches combined for the final communion service of Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan's six year ministry with these churches. Mr. Bolduan challenged the church to be the church it ought to be in this day and age and to be again the church it was in past generations. One young lady confessed Christ as Lord. Following the service a "farewell luncheon" was given to Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan. Messages of good wishes came from Japan, Canberra, Lobethal, Camberwell and Wangaratta. Letters were read from the Conference Executive and the Overseas Mission Board referring to their 17 years of service on the Indian mission field during a very difficult period, and 27 years of

ministry to Victorian churches. Local speakers included Rev. A. Wall, Methodist church; Rev. V. Quick, Presbyterian church; K. Brownbill, Principal, Kaniva High School; R. W. Rowe, chairman of Officers' Board; A. F. Williams, church secretary; D. R. Williams, J. C. Williams, V. G. Champness and Mrs. A. E. Rowe. The C.W.A.F. and Ministers' Fraternal had previously made their farewells. The church secretary made a monetary presentation and expressed sincere appreciation of their ministry. As they establish their home in Rye it is hoped that the health of both of them will improve to enable them to enjoy doing things which they had previously denied themselves. . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Mathison have begun an interim ministry with these churches.

HOW MANY SCHOLARS IN A CENTURY?

(Vic.). That's one question in the minds of those at the Brighton Church of Christ, where the Sunday School has just turned the corner into the second century. The first class convened on Sunday morning, July 2, 1871, coinciding with the commencement of the brief ministry of Russell Dick as evangelist with the church. Russell Dick has often been credited with the commencement of the school. Four pupils sat in on that first class in 1871; their names long since lost but prominent in the life of the church were names like Ashton, Arnott, Mann, Durrant, Maskell and Crook. Following a brief lapse in continuity the school recommenced in 1869 (June 23) led by J. Quirk with the names of Smalley, Maskell, Wiltshire, Parker and Semkens being among those showing marked interest in the immediately ensuing period.

From small beginnings the S.S. showed remarkable growth. At the beginning of this century there was an enrolment of

over 200 scholars and 30 teachers. This level was maintained and not until the 1950's did the school show a marked decline. Today the school numbers less than 100 scholars but functions with a high degree of efficiency. Trained staff using team teaching methods and the latest materials provided through the Christian Life Curriculum see to both the educational standards and the interest level among the scholars.

However, the question remains, "How many scholars in a century?"—all we can say is "several thousands at least"—many of the present teaching staff and the elders and deacons of the church came from the ranks of the school.

To mark the centenary of the S.S. a special reunion occasion is being planned for former scholars and teachers on Oct. 3. The Brighton Church of Christ is anxious to hear from former teachers and scholars. These should contact the present minister, R. N. Gilmore, 16 Alverna Grove, Brighton, 3186 (phone 92-1531).

CAMP REUNION

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Devonport was host to those who gathered for a Y.P. Camp re-union. A trip to Cradle Mt. was included in activities. . . . On June 20, Miss Ann Armsby showed slides and spoke of the La Perouse Australian Missions Publications. . . . R. Nichols representing Gideons International, spoke on June 27. An illustrated talk was given by Mr. and Mrs. Marie Zarnado of Sardinia. . . . Miss Janet Cliffe, captain of 1st Ulverstone G.B. Battalion leader for Tasmania, was in charge of seminar held here to discuss new badge work from G.B. Co. 20 leaders attended.

WRITER AT C.W.E.F.

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). C.W.E.F. held Mother and Daughter Tea when Miss Marjorie Buckingham, author and writer of Christian books, was guest speaker. . . . After being seriously ill R. Milne and W. Griffith are progressing satisfactorily. . . . Christian fellowship and inspiration were the keywords

when officers and families of Manchester Unity I.O.O.F. were present on July 13 for their church parade.

MINIBULK STUDY

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. H. McCormick). Youth II and III had a weekend of study and discussion at Minibulk with R. Pearson and Mrs. Gwen Conling. . . . Speaker at youth service on Aug. 1 was Bill Tabbarne. Special music—"Jesus Christ, Superstar." The morning speaker was Conl. Pres. John B. Akbester. . . . Bible study was held at the home of Mrs. Elsie Muir.

STUDENT MINISTER FOR S.A.

(TRID HILL, Vic., M. Munyard). Mr. Munyard has notified church he will minister to Forestville church, S.A., early 1972. . . . G. Stirling, Vice-Principal C.O.B., was speaker on July 18. . . . At the church annual meeting, July 25, all retiring deacons were re-elected with addition of K. Jenner, Secretary to T. Smith; treasurer B. K. Prosser; DS Supt. J. Kirby. G. Thomson was elected as Life Elder.

Victoria . . .

FIVE BAPTISMS

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. E. Aikop). Five young ladies were baptized, were welcomed into membership and received communion at a recent impressive evening service . . . 100 participated in barbecue lunch at Monbulk after a morning service. After a time of recreation, 65 attended worship service in chapel . . . B. Jenkins from Chadstone, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Aikop and gave first-hand information of missionary work in India . . . Deaconess N. Barnwell has again collected clothing from ladies to help support an Aboriginal boy . . . The group "Heritage Sound" sang at an evening service.

TRIPLET TRIO

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. Smith/P. Burnham). A musical special comprised Paul Burnham with guitar and Robyn, Lynette and Janese Porter, triplets from Townsville . . . Youth Activity Centre is effective in programming and projects. A church family outing flew kites made by Y.A.C. . . . Girls' Sunday featured a Good Companions' tea and Y.A.C. . . . The assistance given by C.M.F. and Croydon church with Sunday presidents and readers is appreciated . . . Official Board and C.W.F. members are on the "Welcoming Committee" as residents move into the High Rise Flats . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Marg. Graham, an active member for over 60 years, and whose family were foundation members . . . Services continue in the Kindergarten Hall during negotiations for chapel repairs.

VOLUNTEER LABOUR

(SUNSHINE, Vic., G. Bradley). The interior of the chapel has been painted by church members' volunteer labour. The floor has been sanded and polished. . . . The Y.P. Club organised a visit to the Australian Institute of Archaeology. . . . C.W.E.F. have held an art display, a cake icing demonstration, and a linen display . . . Mission Band has dispatched a large parcel of cot blankets, manchester etc. . . . The film "To Russia with Love" made by the Underground Evangelism was shown . . . F. Levitt was the speaker on July 25 to mark the commencement of Bible Week . . . Prayer and Bible Study continues at the manse weekly.

CAR WASH AND CAKES

(PARKDALE, Vic., D. Stow). C.Y.F. made a special effort to raise funds for a new church typewriter by organising a car wash and selling home-made cakes. They raised \$11 . . . Two tennis teams, one Senior and one Junior, have been undefeated in the Baptist and Church of Christ Assoc., and will play in the semi-finals . . . The Bible Schools at Ires St. and Como Pde. combined for social. The minister gave musical items . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Eric Maddocks . . . Pastor Doug. Nicholls was guest speaker on July 18, and F. Combridge on Aug. 1 . . . Two young men have made decisions.

GIRLS' SUNDAY OBSERVED

(DAWSON ST., Ballarat, Vic., F. C. Hunting). 24 Good Companions in uniform with their leaders took part in Girls' Sunday service. They also shared a tea with Mr. and Mrs. Hunting and 10 mothers as guests. Special choirs of Juniors and Seniors sang separately. Their leader, Mrs. Cannon, spoke on theme of "Happiness." Karen Cannon and Lindy Cartledge gave readings. There were two decisions . . . Five new subscribers have been gained for "Australasian Christian." . . . Christian Endeavour is well attended, led by Max Birch and David Jones. A tea meeting was held. . . . Mr. Hunting answered questions on Speaking in Tongues at adult classes.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

(BALIWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). At the annual business meeting reports showed increased interest and loyal support. The official board was re-elected with Mrs. Foulton now deaconess instead of Mrs. J. Burns who is making slow recovery after surgery . . . Glen Johnston has also been hospitalised . . . Older members enjoying warmth of Queensland now include Warmbrunn, Knights and Seelys . . . July p.m. services have appreciated "Singspiration" of Fanny Crosby's life and hymns.

SERVICE FOR MISSIONS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Gralnger). Over 300 garments have been despatched to New Hebrides mission . . . Many useful quilts and table linen were supplied to Oakleigh Guest Home . . . Ladies' Bible Study Group continues to meet in homes. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. entertained guests at Oakleigh . . . Welcome home was extended to Mrs. Holloway after her long stay in W.A. and to Lyn Buchanan after twelve months' student-exchange in America. . . . Mr. Hammond is improving after recent sudden illness . . . Sympathy is expressed to the McCredden family in the sudden death of Les whilst returning

from holiday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Beadle are now residing at Murrumbena Court. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. took part in a gospel service and several testimonies were given. . . . Families are having favourite hymns at pre-gospel song services.

"HAPPINESS IS . . . ?"

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). Japanese dolls were used by Mrs. Lili Curtis to illustrate her talk on "Happiness Is?" for Girls' Sunday; Mrs. Fletcher, former art hostess and missionary, was guest speaker for girls' tea . . . Senior Explorers came second in championships for Indoor Sports . . . Tennis Club conducted tournament which included players from Tootgarook. Winner was N. Edney . . . All expenses for new C.L.C. materials have been met from regular S.S. offerings, each "department" listed separately.

"FLIPSIDE"

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). The film "Flipside" upset our complacency by showing us some of the modern evils facing people today . . . Recent features have been "Focus" times on: Foundation Member views Church Today, Ladies and Church Plan, Being a Christian in my Occupation, and Prayer in my Life . . . Annual meeting received encouraging reports but finances caused a little concern. A service of Dedication of Elders and Deacons was held . . . 38 from Pyramid Hill and Robinvale attended Camp Endeavour, organised and conducted by C.E. at Lake Meran. Study leader was David Cummings of Wycliffe Translators.

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OBITUARY

KENTISH, Edgar Horace

The death of Edgar Kentish on July 12 removed from Dulwich church, S.A., one of its oldest and most loyal members. He was born in 1883 near Laura, S.A., where he lived with his parents on a farm. He received no formal education apart from what was given him in the scant leisure hours of a busy life on the farm by his mother, who had been a school teacher. At 16 years of age he was able to enjoy part of the year at a primary school. Those who have known Edgar Kentish will never have suspected this lack of formal education. His speech and his thinking reflected diligence and dedication to worthy living. An aunt encouraged him to memorise portions of scripture, and as a young man he attended Goodwood Baptist Church. He married Eliza Thomas, a sister of J. E. Thomas, at Park St. Unley, Church of Christ, in 1910. Edgar became a S.S. teacher at Unley, and after two years at Glenelg he and his wife moved to Dulwich in 1923, where he became S.S. Supervisor and elder. Some few years ago he was appointed Elder Emeritus as a mark of esteem. His advice was always wise and kindly. He loved the church and gave generously of his time and ability both to the local church and the wider brotherhood. He was just as much at home in overalls at a working bee, or as a member of Conference Committee. He served on both the Overseas and Aborigines Missions Committees, was chairman of the former, and treasurer of the latter. His lack of formal education did not prevent him from making a success of his business life. As a salesman at Foy and Gibsons, Adelaide, he worked his way up to manager of, and buyer for his department. Later he went to Burkes, now David Jones, where he remained almost to his 78th birthday when he retired. The service at the church was conducted by Charles Dow, assisted by the writer who also read a gracious tribute from A. J. Incham, a co-worker in brotherhood activities for about 40 years. The service at the graveside was conducted by the writer. Mrs. Kentish predeceased her husband almost five years ago. We extend to his daughter, Miss Alice Kentish, relatives and friends our sincere sympathy.—Stan. Neighbour.

RUSH, Charles

Charles Clay S. Rush died on July 18, 1971, at the age of 92 years. He was a preacher of Churches of Christ in N.S.W. and an organising secretary of Conference. Mr. Rush was also a foundation member of Lane Cove Church of Christ. Charles Rush was associated with the Petersham church before he left for America with his wife to train for the ministry. He gained a diploma from the Christian University at Canton. When he returned to Australia he served with

the church at Marrickville where he gained a reputation as a promoter of B.S. and youth work. Later he became organising secretary of Conference. At this period he was invited to be the advertising manager of Marcus Clark. Along with this duty he also took an active lead in church work and helped to organise the opening of a church at Lane Cove. He served as pastor and elder. Some twenty years ago Mr. Rush married Miss R. Saxby and later retired to Newport. From there he continued to attend services at Lane Cove, being a loyal friend to all the ministers over the years. In the Newport area he undertook pastoral duties to those in need. He also conducted a ministry by corresponding with those in trouble.

The funeral service was conducted in the Lane Cove chapel on July 20 by A. W. Stephenson, when Christian sympathy was expressed to Mrs. Rush and to the many relatives and friends present.

—A.W.S.

RAWLINSON, Mary Narelle

Mrs. Rawlinson died suddenly on June 15 at the age of 50 years. She had closed the day with a Bible reading, and also the 23rd Psalm in the modern translation. Born at Gosnock, N.S.W., she lost her father at an early age and was brought up in the Methodist Church. After working on the island of Nauru she came to Sydney and was married to Rex Rawlinson by J. G. Shaw at Bexley North. A short while later they were both baptized by E. T. Hart and they continued in fellowship here until several years back when her husband lost his sight and they moved to the Rock-

INDIA/PAKISTAN APPEAL

The World Council of Churches increased its appeal for refugee work in India and relief programmes in Pakistan to \$4 million.

It responds to additional requests made by C.A.S.A. the Indian churches' relief agency, which is operating medical and feeding programmes among 150,000 refugees in 40 camps in West Bengal and Assam. C.A.S.A. has so far recruited eight medical teams which are busy vaccinating and attending to primary health needs. One team with three jet injectors inoculated 9,000 refugees against cholera on June 26. The food and milk distribution programme has provided 62,927 pounds of milk and 363,354 kilos of wheat. C.I.C.A.R.W.S. committee members Viggo Mollerup of Denmark and James MacCracken of the U.S.A., who took a quick trip to India June 25-29, reported to Director Alan A. Brash that roofing materials, clothing, soap and cotton blankets are urgently needed. All can be purchased locally. C.A.S.A. has therefore requested funds rather than material aid.

dale area. Sympathy is expressed to her husband and only sister, Mrs. Joan Herbert of Caringsbah church, in the loss of a quiet but cheerful soul who was a real helpmeet in the home. Services were conducted by J. H. Regouby and L. Wylie (Rockdale) at the Boxley North church and the funeral proceeded to the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium.—L.C.Y.

STEWART, Mrs. Shirley

The church at Hampstead Gardens, S.A., was shocked and deeply saddened by the death of our Mrs. Stewart in the Memorial Hospital on June 4 at the age of 48. She was her usual cheerful self right up to the time that surgery revealed a terminal condition. She was a devout Christian who displayed a wonderful love for and faith in her Lord, and expressed that through her devotion to his church and people. In spite of much personal hardship she remained always cheerful and ever concerned about the welfare of others. With her family she commenced an active association with the Prospect church, being baptized during the ministry of S. Neighbour. She linked up with the Hampstead Gardens church when it was established near her home, and right up to the time of her passing she gave of her best. The large attendance at the services held in the Hampstead Gardens chapel, and at Evans Memorial Park Crematorium, was a fine tribute to a gentle, gracious Christian lady. Mr. Neighbour, present minister at Prospect, shared the services with M. Williams, minister at Hampstead Gardens. Our loving sympathy is extended to her daughter, Vicki Charlesworth, and son-in-law Malcolm.—M.D.W.

SUMMER SCHOOL ON ALCOHOL

The 1972 Summer School of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs will be held at St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, Melb., 3065, Jan. 26-28, inclusive. The programme will include: Scientific sessions and orientation courses on Management of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

There will be six workshops on the following subjects: a. The role of general hospitals in the management of alcoholism and drug dependence; b. Research needs in the fields of alcohol and drug dependence; c. Alcohol and drug education in the school curriculum; d. Family involvement in the management of alcohol and drug dependent persons; e. Alcohol, drugs and driving—new legislation; f. The Report of the Select Committee on Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse.

Those wishing to present a paper at the Scientific Sessions are requested to forward with their application an abstract of about 400 words, not later than October 11, 1971. Final selection of papers for the Scientific Sessions will be decided by the Executive of the Summer School. Address correspondence to The Director, 1972 Summer School of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, St. Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Vic., 3065.

NEW RUSSIAN PATRIARCH

(Moscow). Metropolitan Pimen of Kroutitzky and Kolonna has been enthroned Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church in the large blue-and-gold domed Yelokhovskiy Cathedral.

The new Patriarch, who is 61, became the fourth leader of the Russian Church since 1918, when the one was revived for the first time after its abolition by Peter the Great at the beginning of the 18th century.—E.P.S.

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300 AT COFFEE HOUR

(EDWARDSTOWN, S.A., R. H. Brown). "Venture with God" programme is effective. Average evening attendance for past two months over 100. Seven welcomed into fellowship in June (including four baptisms). A recent Sunday evening speaker was Prof. Lols Hawkins, U.S.A. . . . After-church youth coffee hour attracted over 300 on June 20 . . . Harold Long will conduct the evangelistic crusade in Sept. . . . A new young married's fellowship is meeting regularly . . . Dorothy Holstein addressed church recently . . . \$40 was raised by ladies to clothe their Aboriginal child . . . Christian development programmes for men and women are being conducted in public reading and praying.

CHOIR AT TATIARA

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., Reg. Combridge). Fifty members of the S.A. Churches of Christ Youth Choir visited the Tatiara circuit on recent holiday weekend. On the Saturday night they gave a community concert in the Mundalla Hall. On the Sunday they took the services throughout the circuit led by John Turner and John Mathieson (conductor). The Sunday night service catered for old and young alike in the Bordertown church which was filled to capacity. Their repertoire was modern and traditional. On the Monday a barbecue was held on the property of Arthur and Jean Milne . . . Mrs. Eileen Riches is the new President of C.W.F. She replaces Mrs. Gwen Lawson . . . A circuit smorgasbord luncheon for C.O.B. and Longwood camp site realised \$216 . . . Les Verco has been transferred to an Adelaide hospital.

GROTE ST. CENTENARIAN

(S.A., H. M. Long). Arch. Rowley celebrated his 100th birthday recently. Still alert in mind, he maintains avid interest in prophecy and reads without spectacles. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Delaine have celebrated their diamond wedding (60 years). . . . Comprehensive reports on the state of the church finances and properties were considered at the half-yearly meeting. Officers were given the mandate to implement practical measures arising therefrom. Steel stairs will replace wooden to top-level Magarey Hall. Ground beside chapel to be paved. Car-park to be bituminised and fees raised. Rents of casual use of properties also to be raised . . . S. Riches deputised on behalf of Overseas Missions' annual offering. Dorothy Holstein (India) addressed a mid-week meeting . . . B.S. weekly teacher training programme is under Supt. Trevor Ellis with an attendance of about 30 . . . C.Y.F. is led by Roger and Velda Beard . . . The "Light Brigade", contemporary-style instrumental and singing group, is in constant demand amongst our suburban and near-country churches . . . C.W.F.'s last meeting involved almost all members in a novel programme entitled "From Cradle to Rocking Chair."

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BOOK REVIEWS

DAUGHTER OF TWO WORLDS

By Audrey Oldfield. (Rigby). \$3.25.

The publishing house of Rigby have continued their commendable practice of encouraging budding Australian authors, with the recent issuing of "Daughter of Two Worlds." For the author, Audrey Oldfield, this is her first essay into the novel. For readers of the "A.C." not the least interesting thing about the author is that she is a member of our N.S.W. churches. Well done, Mrs. Oldfield! Here is a book written by a busy housewife, with time stolen from family chores and the work of a teacher-librarian.

An Aboriginal girl—Melalla—is the central figure of the story. From one of her ancestors, a certain Tim McGhee, Melalla inherited a shock of red hair. But for the rest she was a true daughter of her people living on the fringes of the white man's world, on a cattle station in W.A. As a small child Melalla enjoys the best of both worlds but as she grows older, hurtful collisions of culture occur, as they must.

Essentially this is a tale to be enjoyed but it also arouses our sympathetic concern for Australia's original settlers. No pat answers or happy endings are offered though the book does leave its dusky heroine with the hope of better days after a torrid experience in a basketball match. In this regard the book is an authentic tale.

It was written with young readers especially in mind, and from this standpoint it must be judged a most worthwhile effort. It will help many boys and girls to see the world through the eyes of another way of life and another angle of perception. Without engendering any patronising sympathy for Melalla and her people, I'm sure that this book will earn the gratitude of many young readers because it helped them to understand what it is like for those who have the uncomfortable, and sometimes impossible task, of living in two worlds.—Viney Longthorp.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HANDBOOK

By Jessie P. Sullivan. (Baker Book House).

For many people Children's Church is nothing more than a children's story or children's hymn in an otherwise adult oriented service by grown-ups for grown-ups. Mrs. Sullivan believes this is not good enough. Her Children's Church is a full service for children from four to eight years, on the first, fourth and fifth Sundays in the month. At nine, she says they are old enough for the adult service. This little book gives reasons why there should be a separate service for children, what part adults play in it, how it is conducted, and, for good measure, suggests thirteen programmes.

SERMONS ON UNFAMILIAR TEXTS

By Dinsdale T. Young. (Baker Book House). \$2.95.

Dinsdale T. Young was an English Wesleyan preacher who held pastorates in London, Birmingham, York, Manchester and Edinburgh, and in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London. In 1914, Methodism sought to attract people, not by unconventional church buildings, but by building great "Central Halls."

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THE PASTOR'S WIFE

By Sabina Wurmbrand. Ed. by Charles Foley. (Hodder and Stoughton).

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He has told his story in a number of books. Now his wife, Sabina, tells it from her stand-point. It is not a pale reflection of her husband's writing, but stands by itself as a piece of restrained emotion, courage, humility and compassion. One Sunday morning Richard walked alone to church—and disappeared. One evening there was a police raid, and Sabina herself was arrested. She suffered torture, bullying, mockery and humiliation as prison authorities sought to extract information that could be used against her husband. Liberated at last, she was left to make her own way into Bucharest.

All the accommodation she could find was a tiny attic. She could not buy food without a work-card and ration book, so had to survive on the charity of others. Signs of de-Stalinisation lifted their hopes. Then, one day Sabina went to visit friends, and when she returned, there was Richard.

Leaders of the Underground Church met and decided that Richard should attempt to reach the West, to make people understand what was happening. The various Hebrew-Christian Missions in Europe rallied to greater co-operation, and "The Mission to the Communist World" came into being.—J.E.B.

GOD IS GOD

By John Hercus. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$1.30.

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BEQUEST TO CHURCH

(NTH. ESSENDON, Vic., R. H. Hillier). The church has received a bequest of \$1,000.00 from the will of the late Mrs. A. Hocking... At the 45th anniversary services a foundation member, W. G. Mason, and a new member, G. Lofts, were interviewed... Fourteen adults have completed a 10-week Sensitivity Course led by Dr. G. Whiting and members of the Adult Committee. They are now planning a programme of adult education as part of the mission of the church... Four girls were baptized on July 25... R. McKenzie and G. Mathieson led a one-day B.S. teacher-training session... Good Companions now meet in two age groups... Explorers won their zone section in the Indoor Sports.

VISIT TO HOME

(HARCOURT, Vic., J. Byrnes). The C.W.F. visited Ward 3 of Alexander Home for the Aged and presented both male and female patients with afternoon tea and the lady patients with a spray of flowers... The Junior C.E. is under the leadership of Mrs. Joyce Warren... Mrs. A. Farrar is back after a short time in hospital. A. Carr is much improved after his operation... The Rice family travelled to Queensland for the marriage of Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rice.

C.W.F. IS 21

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). The C.W.F. celebrated its 21st birthday with Mrs. A. E. White as speaker at C.W.F. annual church parade. Miss V. Barnden was soloist. Local churches visited us and helped to celebrate our birthday. Mrs. Jean Preston, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. C.W.F., conducted the devotional... The Good Companions gained 10 prizes at their Zone Festival... The B.S. anniversary services concluded with "The Last Supper," a play presented and written by the boys in N. Skillcorn's class.

NOBLE PARK MINISTRY

(Vic., T. Giles). At the church annual business meeting it was announced that T. Giles' ministry would continue for 1972... W. Tabbernee, lecturer, C.O.B., was guest speaker at the church anniversary, and Mrs. Tabbernee sang. The Dandenong Male Voice Choir sang at the evening service... The C.W.F. visited the Kurrajong Ladies' Guest Home on July 7... On July 11, Ron Muller gave an illustrated talk on the various Churches of Christ mission fields.

SNOW TRIP

(KNOXFIELD, Vic., D. W. Nancarrow). On July 24, 60 people went for a day's snow trip to Lake Mountain... 60 attended a forum on "Racism" at the church on July 25. Guest speakers were Mr. Mendue from the Australian Natives' Association, and Chris. Joyce from the Australian Union of Students... The Explorers led by Noel Wolstenroft entered the district indoor sports, the Juniors came 4th and the Magets 7th. They are now running a three-week course on road safety. The Explorers' new leader is G. Sinclair, an ex-Explorer leader from Brighton church and a trained Y.M.C.A. leader... Girls' Club had special evenings run by Mrs. Barbara Stanley and Mrs. Olga Shaw.

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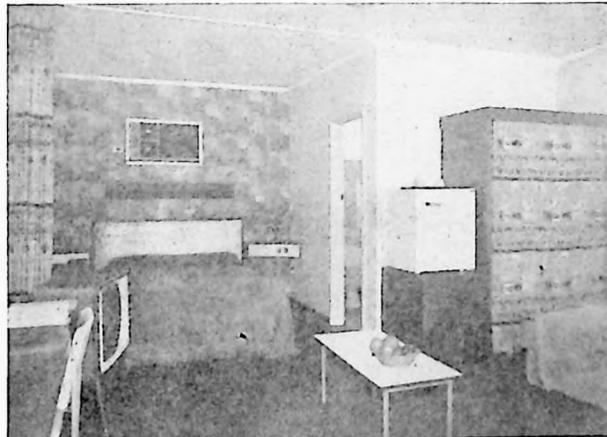
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As in all developing countries, one of the pressing problems is literacy. Most

By JOHN FRIEBEL

people are illiterate, teachers and schools are all too few. Much of the work in the past has been done by mission schools. Now, however, the Administration is trying to weld the whole of the Territory schools into a comprehensive system all working on the same syllabus. One must be fully qualified, or have "E" course to teach in the Territory, where once a permit to teach was given on School Certificates.

Why am I teaching school in New Guinea? The influence of a Christian teacher can do much for the life of a child. Don't we wish there were more Christian teachers in our Australian schools! The main aim we have at Chungribu School is to present Christ as Saviour to the children. Of course we also hope these children will become literate and able to think and reason

for themselves. Then the written Word of God will be open to them. At present so many of our Christians are illiterate and cannot read God's Word.

How would you like to go to school and have all the subjects taught in French? It would certainly make school a bit harder. At Chungribu, as in all Territory schools, the children learn school lessons in a foreign language—English. Other difficulties arise from the very limited experience in some ways of the children. Cars, trucks, ships, telephones, big buildings, the sea! They have seen none of these things.

This year at Chungribu School we have 112 children, with teachers Dorothy Howden, Diana Catts and John Friebe! Of these children, 14 are boarders who have their own gardens and generally look after themselves, the mission providing sleeping quarters for them. Non-boarders walk to school often through plenty of mud and water. The children from one village, after heavy rain, come down the road by canoe!

I think the main desire of the students is to learn English which many New Guineans believe is the key to so much material benefit. But we, as Christian teachers, seek to teach them about Christ, who never spoke English, but is able to save people of all colours and languages.

We ask for prayer for Aileen Hardie as she comes in second term to take over Dorothy Howden's class while she is home on furlough; and that the teachers might impart to the pupils a desire to help their own communities materially and spiritually with the knowledge they attain.

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(Answers next issue)

DR. LARGE: Have you had your iron today?

Willie Small: Yep. I've been chewing my nails.

AS turning the logs will make a fire burn, so chances of study will make a dull brain flame.—Lungfellow.

"I HAVE only fifteen minutes," complained the speaker, "and I don't know where to begin."

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Puzzle: Two Rivers (see last issue): 1. Nile, 2. Jordan.

THE WEEK

Although a week of seven days is very ancient, there were people who did not count time by the week. It was not known among the American natives, the Polynesians, the Japanese, or Chinese, but it was universal in India. The early Greeks and Romans had no weeks. In the 2nd century, Cassius wrote that "the week and planetary names for days have recently been introduced into Rome from Egypt." Another curious thing is that the names of all the months are Roman, but the names of all the days are of Anglo-Saxon origin. They are:

Sunday, the day of the Sun.
Monday, the day of the Moon.
Tuesday, the day of Tiu, God of War.
Wednesday, day of Oden, God of Storms.
Thursday, day of Thor, God of Thunder.
Friday, day of Freya, Goddess of Marriage.
Saturday, day of Saturn, God of Time.

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THE LAST WORD . . .

THE BUILDER

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work, unless
The bulder also grows.

—Edwin Markham.



Men are naturally tempted by the devil, but an idle man positively tempts the devil. —Spanish proverb.

"I am so busy raising money that I have no time to preach Christ" — African pastor.

Anyone can plant radishes; it takes courage to plant acorns and wait for the oaks.



If you want to be miserable, think much about yourself: about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.—Charles Kingsley.



Negro's Prayer: "O Lord, please deliver us from the status quo, menning the mess we're in."



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