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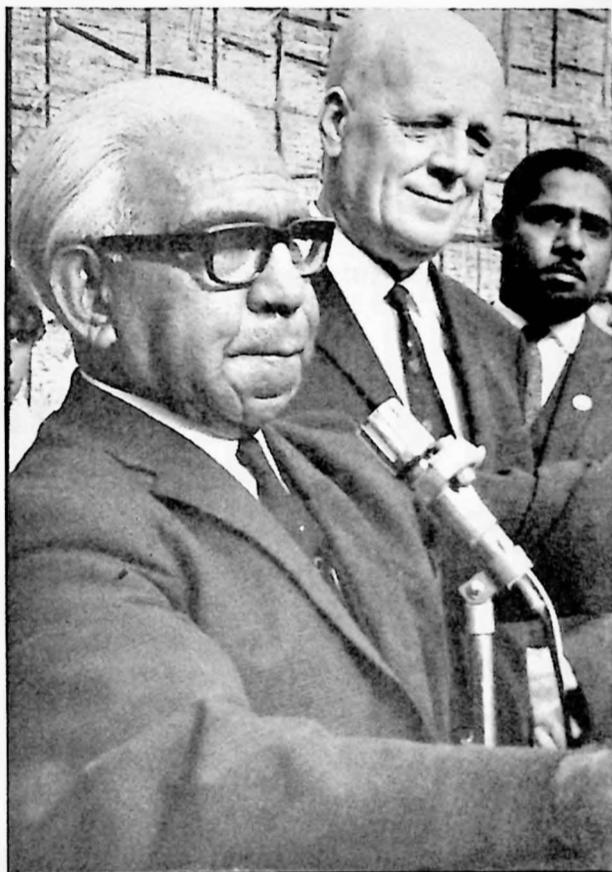
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THE GREATEST NEEDS

By ALAN BRASH

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WHAT are the points of greatest human need around the world and what can the churches do about them?

I have been asked this question and the answer, obviously, is not easy because the judgment as to what is a "greatest need" is somewhat subjective. Also, I am conscious that the judgment of all of us in these things is determined not so much by the actual facts as by what we happen to know of them — and, in turn, that is determined, not by the situation, but by what appears on T.V. and in the newspapers.

But with all these caveats I still want to try to answer the enquiry. I would give the following six points:

(1) **Refugees in India.** When seven to eight million people flee in terror from their homes into the poorest country in the world—how can there be a greater agony than that? What can the Churches do about it?

First they can remember, and keep remembering, that these are people, people for whom Christ died. Then we can, as Churches, stimulate our Government to respond to U Thant's appeal for a massive effort to help.

Secondly, we can give generously and sacrificially for the strategic programmes of the Indian Churches (through the Australian Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches). The first stage of the Churches' response will cost \$4 million.

Thirdly, we can pray.

(2) **East Pakistan.** The need is beyond our imagining. Seventy-four million people, mostly illiterate and agonisingly poor, terrorised and slaughtered by a ruthless army from West Pakistan—and all this added to the fact that in any case they were one of the poorest communities in the world.

What can we do? At this moment, very little. Any goods or money sent in will be confiscated by the enemy.

Relief is irrelevant—or even harmful. So we must exercise any pressure we can on the Government of West Pakistan to reach a compromise solution and be ready to help when it is possible to do so. Until then, we can also pray.

(3) **Southern Africa.** In Southern Africa there is also massive human misery caused by the suppression of the majority of people by a powerful minority. The amount of misery is hard to imagine. Even the highly educated black people not only have no say in their own government, but they are also treated as third-rate citizens.

There is more imprisonment without trial, more beatings and executions in South Africa than in any other country in the Western World. Educated Africans, after eight or 10 years' imprisonment for opposing the injustice of the Government, are released into small arid districts and forced to stay within that area.

What can the Churches do? Of course, we can and must continue to give aid to families of those imprisoned under the race laws—and this we do. It is a very important service.

But, if in the spirit of Christ we want to be identified with the oppressed, we must do far more than that. We must resist apartheid and racial injustice wherever we meet them—not least in our own attitudes.

And included in this we must give any support we can to those who struggle against racism in human relations—including in Southern Africa. The W.C.C. method of trying to do that caused a world-wide debate. But let those who criticise that method suggest more effective methods, lest they be found facing massive injustice and being concerned only to keep their own hands clean, with the result that nothing is done.

Only when we are doing everything in our power is it honest to say that we can pray.

(4) **Vietnam and the Middle East.** I bracket these two very different areas together because they both illustrate the importance of a large programme of service on the one hand, and the inadequacy of such a programme by itself, on the other.

In the Middle East the Churches, through W.C.C. have maintained a programme of service to Palestinian refugees (now costing one million dollars a year) over the past 24 years. Countless people have been helped through schools, vocational training, infant care, and gifts of clothing, food and the rest.

But all the time the problem continues and gets bigger. Only a political solution will bring an end. And a political solution could be either good or bad! So the W.C.C. and its member Churches have to understand the situation in depth, and to work with all involved to press for those solutions which might be constructive. This the W.C.C. does through the Commission on International Affairs—but every Church can share in this situation within its own nation.

The same kind of challenge faces us in Vietnam. The Churches maintain service programmes in both North and South Vietnam—at a financial cost of over \$1½ million a year. It is a strategic and significant operation—but it will not end the war! And only that will bring hope to the people that there might eventually be real peace.

So Christians everywhere have not only to give generously, but also to be dissatisfied with only giving. All over the

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world we must exercise what pressures we can to bring the killing to an end. In fact, many Vietnamese themselves tell us that, unless we exercise such pressures, with understanding, they are not too impressed with our programmes and our consultations on what we will do "after the war." So, with confession, we can also pray.

(5) **Poverty everywhere!** In every country there is the scandalous co-existence of wealth and poverty. There is hunger in some cities of the U.S.A. There is wealth in India. Yet it remains true that broadly speaking there are rich countries and poor countries. There are countries where the average income is less than \$50 a year, and countries where it is over \$3,500.

That's why we have to be concerned with the best possible development of the potential resources of the world and try to

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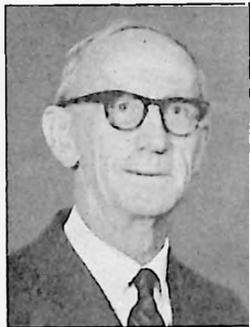
secure that as the world's wealth increases it is justly shared. It isn't enough just to produce more food if a minority of well fed people are the only people able to buy it.

So once again the Churches have to be involved on two kinds of fronts. They must make their direct contribution to developing the earth, but at the same time the Churches have to be constantly alert to find ways of securing greater justice.

Aid is important, but it will never right the injustices of the way we are now running the world. Most food arrangements benefit only the rich. And we must each personally feel the sting of the fact that we are well fed and comfortable and rich, and that to stay that way somebody else stays poor.

The world does not have the resources for all mankind to live at the level of most Australians—and if it did we would all probably shortly die of the resulting pollution of the atmosphere. At this point, also, we must both work and pray.

(6) Population Explosion. This certainly remains one of the world's greatest problems. The present world population will be doubled in 20 years—and the number of people living in cities will double in half that time.



WALTER
BARTLETT
Conference
President, S.A.

ADELAIDE: The South Australian 97th Conference went along with smoothness and little excitement until the Saturday night of Youth Night, and then it really exploded.

They tilted the programme, "Our World", and with quick action slides on two projectors working together with music, and profound silence, they let the audience have it! The programme sheet declared, "It contains conflict, for if the world has been anything and is anything, it is a piece of conflict . . . we challenge you to accept the ideas presented, or to reject them but at least seek your place among them." The young people had prepared to jolt anyone who needed jolting. At the close, the audience sat in dead silence waiting for something to happen. I think we are still waiting! I didn't know whether to re-commit myself, pray, or just suffer shame. I fancy all three. If the young people can do it again next year, then the "powers that be" might accept this suggestion.

All praise to the youth of Croydon church who master-minded the thing, those who helped them, and naturally, that wonderful Youth Choir. How many years? How many singers? How many conductors and accompanists? And still mounting up with verve and inspiration.

President, Ken Dawson, whom you met in a recent issue of the "Australian Christian" is as gracious a President as could be found. In his President's Address he looked his own people over in their local and wider witness. Among other pertinent things he said, "An area that ought to have our consideration is that of the quality and relevance of our corporate worship."

"Our practice of lay leadership in our morning service can be at once our strength and our dilemma. The quality and the relevance of our worship depends to a marked extent upon the quality of our morning presidents. Every president ought to be a man keenly and prayerfully aware that his task is to lead the congregation in a deeply worshipful experience of the most sacred ordinance of the Christian church."

"I believe that every man who is appointed to preside should be prepared to submit himself to a course of instruc-

At present rates, my newly-born grandson, at the age of 70, will see a world population over forty times that of today. And of that increase, 90 per cent will be in the poorer countries.

Yet we cannot say that, therefore, population growth doesn't matter in the affluent countries. Actually, in terms of using up limited resources, and of creating pollution (which is a threat to human survival already) an increase of 100,000 people in the Australian population is as serious a threat to the world situation as an increase of ten million in Asia.

And what can the Churches do about all this? The answer is not easy—though of course there are many obvious things that they can do.

A few of these they are already doing, yet I make no attempt to list them, because I confess that they all look so infinitesimal beside the dimension of the problem.

But at least we can know the facts, and share them, and take our share of responsibility for what the world will be like for future generations. And assuredly we must pray.

As we face such needs, one of the values of the presence of Jesus Christ with us, is that he enables us to destroy indifference and to overcome despair. Praise be to him.

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EXPLOSION AT STATE CONFERENCE

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

tion and training and only after that—to take his place at the Lord's Table—also that he should be formally recognised and appointed by the church. (Ordained if you like). This is not in order to exalt the man but to give due emphasis to the importance of the task itself.

"Whilst a warm devotion and sincerity is essential in a president—it is not enough. The president is not at the Lord's Table to display his own personal piety. His primary task is to lead the worshipping community effectively in such a manner that they will grow to a greater maturity in the life in Christ. More care in the selection and training of our presidents, readers and helpers would be reflected in the quality of the worship in our churches. And then the Sermon!

"The sermon is a much maligned part of our church life and far be it for me to add irresponsibly to this. The sermon as proclamation of the 'good news' is not outmoded and I believe there will always be an important place for it in Christian worship. The sermon is an art form and that in common with other art forms it can be a totally uplifting experience when it is good and an intolerable bore when it is bad."

Mr. Dawson leaves his office with credit to himself and his wife, for they moved among the churches, and beyond them, and brought dignity and grace to the office.

The new President is Walter Bartlett (Wally to his friends, which means the whole brotherhood). He is minister of the Kensington Park church. He went there after a monumental ministry of 20 years at Croydon.

The President-elect is Dr. Thornley Thomas but recently returned from India where he was our missionary doctor for some years.

Conference Secretary, I. J. Chivell, has indicated that he will retire from his position at the end of 1973. The Executive is already looking for a successor, and this will be no mean task for Mr. Chivell's drive and enthusiasm will not be easily matched.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

This year all business was conducted at night, with the exception of Saturday. The result was interesting. It is many years since so many voting delegates were present: well over 200! The voting for Conference officers and Departments was done by post. (Some churches returned their ballot papers when Conference was all over!). This brought more of the country brethren into the business and participation was sometimes spirited (as it ought to be).

We continue to show a decline in numbers. Unfortunately this year included a declining number at communal. Bible Schools also told a similar story. And yet, several churches show some health, and the overall picture isn't as sad as statistics suggest.

The truth is that we have lost some thousands of members over a decade and this confronts us with meaning and concern. A notice of motion submitted by the General Executive showed that some homework had been done, and something will be attempted. The fact that "it is happening to everyone" should be a spur and not a refuge.

PERSONALS

The facile pen of H. R. Taylor is undaunted for he has now written an account of the Magarey family. Whilst not a published effort in the usual sense, it is a document of real worth. For 20 cents it can be in the hand of many.

Two men did not stand for re-election to the General Executive. Donald K. Beller, after 25 years, has an enviable record of service. Conference applauded, and we believe, so did the past, for great years. He remains on the Rest Home Board. And Syd. R. Beck, for a decade gave the wise lead



THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO THE DOGS

NOT to the sport? (of greyhound racing, which is enjoying a mild boom in Victoria, but to a meeting called by the Council for the Defence of Government Schools to do something about State Aid. At this meeting the DOGS announced that a legal challenge will be made to have existing State aid to schools in Australia declared unconstitutional. Over 900 of us were present in the Dallas Brookes Hall to hear an authority on church and state relationships, the Rev. C. Stanley Lowell.

We met Mr. Lowell the night before at a dinner given by the Protestant Federation. He is a U.S. Methodist minister and editor of "Church and State" magazine, the organ of "Americans United for the Separation of Church and State." A.U. has 100,000 members whose sole purpose is to maintain the separation of church and state, a separation which is safeguarded by the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

At the DOGS meeting, Mr. Lowell gave the background to the 1st Amendment debate which reached its climax this year in a judgment by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Two hundred years ago there were no public schools in America, only church schools. Education was for those who could afford it. The high concept of compulsory education was introduced and it was decreed that Governments should pay for it. All of the churches, except one, gave up their schools. The Roman Catholics alone insisted on having a separate educational system for the purposes of religious development, religious indoctrination, and recruitment of clergy. The R.C. school system was financed by the church.

Low paid teaching orders within the church made the system feasible until fairly recently. Now the church finds it impossible to maintain its schools without massive government aid. Since 1960, the already considerable pressures were increased and attempts were made to get round the 1st Amendment. For political reasons these attempts were supported by most politicians and, in particular, by President Nixon.

Mr. Lowell spearheaded a challenge in the Supreme Court of the U.S. against the use of public funds for church schools, and in June, 1971, the Supreme Court gave an 8 to 1 judg-

ment for the opponents of State Aid and ruled that all such aid offended the provisions of the 1st Amendment. Refanda in Michigan and Nebraska also overwhelmingly defeated State aid proposals. Mr. Lowell was at the forefront of all of the action and his experience and counsel has been warmly welcomed in Australia.

Preachers at Conference were of a high order. Dr. Diern Geard, head of the Department of Sociology at Salisbury Teachers' Training College, and a minister, gave a stimulating address to ministers on "The Crisis of Identity."

Rev. Keith Seaman, the new incumbent at Central Methodist, spoke to the Social Service Rally on "The Church and Social Issues." Miss Dorothy Howden, of New Guinea, brought a breath of the mission field to the Overseas Missions night. Bart Bartt, minister at Croydon, gave the Conference Sermon on the theme, "That all our joy was touched with pain."

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Two years ago R.I. in the State Schools ground to a halt because of dissatisfaction with methods and material. Since then the schools have, in the main, been without the weekly visit of ministers and others. Many ministers breathed a sigh of relief from the boredom of the sessions, others felt that it was a precious opportunity wasted. The churches have sought a better way. Conferences between church Christian Education leaders and the State Education Department have been held, and now it seems that something may now be looming on the horizon. It is anticipated that R.I. will be given only in the higher grades at State Schools and in the High and Technical schools. Also, that only trained personnel will be used, and that presentation will undergo drastic revision. Just when this will take effect will be determined by the working of the plans now submitted. It is possible that R.I. will occupy time of ministers from somewhere in the coming school year 1972.

There are very close parallels between the U.S. and Australia in this matter. The very wording of the 1st Amendment was written into the Australian Constitution as Section 116, and the discussion which took place at the Constitution Convention in 1901 showed that the intention was the same: to prevent Government aid for any kind of religious purposes. For many years this was the understanding of governments and their leaders. In recent years, however, there have been many attempts to evade the clear intention of Section 116. These, too, followed similar evasive tactics employed in the U.S. The main principle of evasion was to seek aid for the child or the parent rather than the school or the church which operated the school. It was argued that the government aid being given was solely for secular tuition, e.g., science blocks. This argument did not impress the U.S. Supreme Court. They were unanimous in saying that it doesn't matter into what area the aid is given. If it is to an institution owned and operated by the church, then it is ruled out by the 1st Amendment. Lowell's illustration was that if you give a man some money, it doesn't matter what pocket he puts it in!

Mr. Lowell denies the charge that he and his organisation are anti-Roman Catholic. He says that there are many Catholics in Americans United, and that there are even Catholics on his staff. He pointed out that he actively supported the R.C. Archbishop of Oregon, when the Catholics there were pressing for the establishment of a church school. No subsidy for the school was being asked, the Catholics declared that they could finance it themselves. Lowell firmly upholds the right of churches to establish their own schools if they wish to do so and to support them. It is the use of public money for such purposes that is strongly opposed and Lowell points out that the one Roman Catholic President, John F. Kennedy, also opposed State aid of any kind for church schools.

Whether the High Court of Australia will regard Section 116 in the same way that the U.S. Supreme Court regarded the 1st Amendment remains to be seen. We cannot even be sure that the case will get that far. Now that the DOGS have committed themselves to legal action, a long and expensive road has to be travelled. They know that they will have to rely upon the common people for support and for funds. They will get little help from other sources. The Liberal Party introduced State aid, the Australian Labor Party is com-

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SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (6)

First generation Australian—father, English—mother, from Guernsey.
John B. Alabaster was born at Prahran, Victoria. He made his decision for Christ at Ormond Church of Christ in his early teens and served the church there as D.S. teacher and D.S. secretary.
He has been Conference Treasurer since 1964, was a member of Overseas Missions Dept., and Dept. of Home Missions and Evang. is Trustee of C.B.T. and Chairman of Co-Ordin. Committee.
After his marriage to Dorothy Swindley in March, 1956, the Alabasters moved to Glen Waverley. There he served as D.S. teacher, deacon, church secretary and Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Alabaster is a deaconess and has served as President of the local C.W.F. The Alabasters have a young family of three sons and one daughter. Joined E. S. & A. Bank in 1950 as Junior Clerk. Now a Personnel Manager in the Administrative Headquarters of the A.N.Z. Banking Group. (The A.N.Z. and E.S. & A. Banks merged last year).



JOHN B. ALABASTER,
President, Vic.-Treas. Conference.

BE REASONABLE — DO IT MY WAY!

SOMEONE said that all men are alike. It's only that their faces are different so people can tell them apart. Outwardly, people really are not alike and we can thank God that this is so; just imagine a world full of Bill Bloggs or Mary Smiths!

Whilst we are not alike in outward appearance, there is much common ground and affinity in and amongst us on ideals, social issues and political matters. In fact, we receive strength and encouragement from people of like mind who have the same objectives or similar ambitions to ourselves.

However, within the Church it seems a little different. Whilst we profess to have the same objectives, we seem to be the most uncompromising sector of the community when it comes to differences of opinion, approach and even Christian stance. It seems that when someone does differ from us, we tend not to accept their rationale or point of view but rather propound our own philosophy with all possible effort and proceed to force it home as though ours is the only point of view and of course the correct one as well.

Christ accepted and still accepts men as they are, in terms of their highest potential — Eternal Life — why can't we?

Just what are our motives when it comes to differences of approach and opinion within the fellowship? I believe that the acceptance of each other, with all our faults and peculiarities, is a healing ministry—a ministry which engenders encouragement, expectation and unity, drawing people together. In all honesty, how genuine are we and how sincere are our motives when it comes to differences within the fellowship?

Exercising ready acceptance of people is a discipline of life and we need to work on it. The discipline which we undertake to apply to ourselves, surely indicates just how mature our commitment is to Christ. It is an index of whether we are growing, or suffering from arrested development.

Christ accepted both Jews and Gentiles with their separate prejudices and so should we, being patient with one another, and in a spirit of Christian helpfulness.

No matter whether we possess all the acknowledged qualities to have a successful walk along life's pathway, the plain fact is that we need to have an awareness that the people with whom we rub shoulders within and without the Church fellowship have different points of view from ours.

So if we have an unresolved difference of opinion, let us agree to disagree, but don't break the fellowship. As the Church fulfills its role and as it displays its readiness to accept men as they are, Christians in particular should show the world what integration really means.

Paul said, "Care as much about each other as about yourselves . . . accept one another as Christ accepted us, to the Glory of God."

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mited to it, and the Democratic Labor Party (drawing most of its membership and support from Roman Catholics) will continue to press for more aid. There will be powerful church and commercial interests in support of present aid, and even an increase to such aid. Eminent Queen's Counsel have given their opinion that the present State aid programme cannot be stopped.

The position seems hopeless. Yet all of these discouraging factors were present in the U.S. The DOGS may draw some

comfort from the fact Mr. Lowell and his team won against odds that were just as great.

One thing is certain, Section 116 will be a common topic of conversation from this time on. Thousands of copies of the 1898 constitutional debate have been printed by the Vic. Protestant Federation, and forgotten men will again have their day in court. The president of DOGS said, in making an appeal for funds, "It is time to 'Cry havoc, and let loose the dogs of war.'" Let legal battle commence!

WORD TALK —GORDON MOYES

No. 37—HEBREWS 10: 14

(ROTHERHAM)

Being made Holy

In the early 1920's the R.C. scholar Ronald Knox began to write a book on Protestant "Saints" like Wesley and Booth as "a kind of rogues' gallery," but as he came to understand them they became less roguelike and more saintlike. In Hebrews 10: 14 the sacrifice of Christ both saves men and works to make them holy. All living Christians are "being made holy" where they allow God to continue to work in them. The grammar of this sentence indicates that holiness is not our achievement but we are sanctified by God's grace and then expected to continue to grow in holiness. The word for "being made holy" is variously translated as "to separate for God's use," "to consecrate," "cleanse," "purify," "sanctify."

In the O.T. holiness was a powerful indwelling potency in any thing or person separated by God for divine use. The Ark of the Covenant had a powerful "charge of holiness," garments, vessels, places, the Temple, priests and even sacred prostitutes in the Canaanite Fertility Rites were revered as holy. Then the children of Israel because they were separated for God's use "were to be holy as God is holy." (Lev. 19: 2). In the N.T. holy is predicated to things, men, scripture, sacrifices, and members of the Christian Church. (Acts 9: 13, 32). Holy people were called saints. It was the work of the Holy Spirit to make saints ("Sanctify"—26 times in N.T.). Sanctification is the process of making people holy. Sanctification pre-supposes justification and indicates what should take place in the Christian's life between the time of conversion and the time of Christian perfection when we have become mature in Christ (Eph. 4: 16) usually after death.

FOR TODAY:

A saint is often the wife of one who thinks he is! The Church has always had problems with its saints. Some like St. Jerome were canonised for their service to the Church rather than for any quality of character they may have possessed. In most religions there is a desire by men for holiness. Christians believe they have already been made holy by the sacrifice of Christ on their behalf (1 Cor. 6: 11). Nevertheless we are expected to grow in holiness.

But growth in holiness is not character achievement in place of personal service in an unholy world. Grace before God and service towards man must go hand in hand. "Saints alive!" is not just Grandma's expression on hearing the news of a new grandson, but a vital need for the 20th century Church. Personal holiness is best achieved through personal involvement in Christ's work in the world.

In Romans 12: 1-2 Paul declared that our worship consists of presenting ourselves "holy and acceptable to God." November 1—All Saints' Day—is not a bad day for us to take up his suggestion.

CARNARVON WORK PARTY 1972

The Chairman of the Federal Board of Christian Education, R. H. Hillier, has announced the names of the team members chosen to help in the construction of flats for elderly Aborigines in Carnarvon next year.

Team members are:

Margaret Abernethy (Vic.)
Allan Carr (Vic.)
Neil Ewart (Vic.)
Malcolm Hillier (Vic.)
Lindsay Parker (S.A.)
Graham Rawlings (S.A.)

Barbara Richards (Vic.)
John Richards (Vic.)
John Telfer (S.A.)
Denise Tully (Vic.)
Kevin Winch (Vic.)
Bruce Whyatt (S.A.)

Work is planned to start on July 3 and extend to August 11, but this time may be extended depending on team members' availability and the amount of work still to be done.

Already youth groups in Australia are raising money in aid of this worthwhile project. Any donation your church or youth group may wish to make, please send to your local State Department of Christian Education.

One or two additional members to the team may be included nearer the date as their work commitments become clearer.

Christian Television Praised

The TV critic of the Melbourne "Age", John Pinkney, who is highly regarded in the TV industry, commented on the latest series of one-minute scatters produced by the Christian Television Assoc. of Vic. These are used in every State of Australia by C.T.A. and are shown on some 24 channels and are soon to be released in colour through the Hoyts chain of cinemas.

Mr. Pinkney wrote on Sept. 1: "As an agnostic who resents being beaten about the eyes with a bible, I confess to deep admiration for the Christian TV Association's new commercials.

"Exquisitely animated by mini-Michel Angelos, Alex Stitt and Frank Hellard, each ad. packs more emotive power into a minute than many feature films manage in 90.

"In the past, producer and holy huckster Doug. Tasker has philosophised rather fuzzily, but never, in this series, does he set a directional foot wrong.

"His ads. (also shot in colour for cinemas) are as gorgeous to gaze upon as stained-glass windows in a pop-art cathedral. Bruce Smeeton's musical scores bedazzle the ear. The humane scripts are, blessedly, dogma-free.

"Every person," writes the priestly propagandist, "is a mystery that must be learned — slowly, reverently, with care, tenderness and pain. And is never learned completely."

"Tasker, who now makes Australia's best commercials, would earn a fortune by defecting to detergents.

"God should urgently raise the man's salary."

South African Leader Bans W.C.C.

Prime Minister John Vorster has told representatives of the nine South African churches belonging to the World Council of Churches that he is not now prepared to let a W.C.C. delegation enter the country under any conditions.

(Last June a scheduled consultation between a W.C.C. delegation and representatives of the South African churches was postponed indefinitely by the W.C.C. after Mr. Vorster had imposed certain conditions which were termed "totally unacceptable" by the World Council of Churches.)

A delegation from the South African Council of Churches called on Mr. Vorster on September 10 to re-open the question of the visit. In the course of a two-

hour conference the Prime Minister warned that if the South African churches retained their links with the W.C.C. the Government would not allow any funds to be sent from South Africa to the world body.

COMMENDED BY U THANT

The World Council of Churches has received a letter from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Hon. U Thant, in which he expressed gratitude for the allocation of "a further \$200,000 for humanitarian purposes such as legal aid, and social, health and educational services to certain organisations of oppressed racial groups combating white racism and organisations supporting victims of racial injustice."—E.P.S.

MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN



REINHOLD NIEBUHR

It was not just Niebuhr's artistry with words that mollified so many of us. He restored much of the orthodox vocabulary of Christian faith to authentic religious experience—words like sin and grace and mercy.

Beyond words, he helped to liberate the liberal mind from its rationalistic fixations by the power of a prophetic biblical theology which portrayed the human predicament on the grandest possible canvas. A formidable polemicist, he sometimes fashioned rough caricatures of his opposition. But he disclaimed any pretensions as a professional theologian and any interest in "the nice points of pure theology."

The most Protestant of Protestants, he tolled with passion and wit to reconcile Protestants with Catholics and to remind Christians that we are all Semites spiritually. A Jewish friend liked to say, "Reinhold is my rabbi!"

—From a "Christian Century" tribute to Reinhold Niebuhr who died this year, aged 78.

HELP AND HELPLESS

If we can provide work for the able bodied, we must do it. Their bread is another if they can't. If they are able-bodied, and can work, and won't work, let them starve. We are under no obligation to feed the unprofitable servant.

I have a great deal of sympathy for people who have been born mentally defective. It is not their fault. They need care, compassion, comfort. So that they will not propagate more of the same they should be sterilised. It would be for their own good, for how could they care for their progeny with any degree of competence?

—Chester Sillars in "The Christian."

"GOD HAS RESIGNED"

"In the once-blessed province of Cotabato, God has gone on leave. In fact, in some of the towns, He has resigned." The rhetoric of this report may be exaggerated but it spotlights the problems that continue to bedevil the Moslems mainly in the Philippines.

More than 30 people died last week in further rioting in the Southern Provinces of Cotabato, Lanao del Sur, and Marikina plus Sulu, a necklace of white coral islands strung between Mindanao and North Borneo, where the 3 million Moslems live.

Despite peace conferences called by President Marcos to stop the killing between Moslems and Christians through rivalry and jealousy, the situation seems to be deteriorating.

It was in Cotabato last June that 23 Moslems—13 of them children—were gunned down in a mosque.—"The Bulletin."

THE STATE AND PACIFISM

What are the functions of the State and how far do they come under Christian criticism? The primary function of the State is to provide peace and order, and both are congruent with Christian principles. There must always be a place for the individual pacifist who, by his witness, points to a way of living which makes war impossible. But the State cannot be pacifist because its minimum duty is to protect its citizens from lawlessness within and violence outside its borders. It must be able to use force but always in the service of order.—Mildred Edwards in "British Weekly."

QUEENSLAND D.C.E. ROUND-UP

(Qld.). Mardi Gras at Moorlands Park was a huge success. Youth Conference President, Noel Culbert (Ann St.) was in charge of planning and presentation of the first Mardi Gras with profits going to the "Camp Cal" appeal.

Moorlands Park on beautiful Coronation Drive was set out as a mini-carnival site with stalls, displays of judo, drama, fence-painting, trampolining and a Miss Mardi Gras Quest. The Australian gymnastic champion, Barry Chales, gave several displays of trampolining that delighted the large crowd.

Miss Mardi Gras was won by Janelle Homann (Camp Hill); 2nd, Judy Bennett (Kenmore); 3rd, Gay Merrin (Camp Hill). This quest was judged solely on the amount of money raised, and Janelle raised \$135, Judy \$126, and Gay \$110.

Overall figures of profit amounted to \$1,100 for "Camp Cal."

ROSS BAKER, WORLD CHAMPION ORGAN-PLAYER

Ross Baker of Annerley has broken the world record, with 55 hours of organ-playing, held previously by another Queenslander. Ross's attempt raised \$1,000 and was given great press, radio and television coverage. He was supported during his marathon by the "Ablon Anchors" Youth Group who promoted the idea as their effort for funds for the "Camp Cal" appeal.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CAMP DATES

"Camp Cal" on the Sunshine Coast is the venue for the vacation camps: Mid-

gets (7-9 years) Dec. 12-17; Juniors (10-12 years) Dec. 17-21; Seniors (15 yrs. +) Dec. 25-Jan. 3; "Tweenagers (13-15 yrs.) Jan. 11-18.

"BROOKLYN"

The self-contained cabin for six which is operated by the Youth Department at "Camp Cal" on the Sunshine Coast, 60 miles north of Brisbane, has been used by many folk from our churches.

Apart from local members, holiday accommodation has been provided for people from Inverill and Tempe, N.S.W., Glen Waverley and Cheltenham, Vic., and Balaklava, S.A.

"CAMP CAL" CARETAKERS

The Chairman of the Department of Youth and Christian Education, Allan Dunn, announced the ministry of Wally and Dot Sleaford (Rosewood) to commence as caretakers at "Camp Cal" by Christmas, 1971.

This extremely talented couple will ably fulfil the role of caretaking/catering for camps and conferences at this seaside setting. Mr. and Mrs. Sleaford have been very active at camps in recent years and are affectionately known as Uncle Wally and Auntie Dot. Mrs. Sleaford was formerly Dorothy Vanham, daughter of Stan. Vanham, former State pastor-evangelist who is still respected for his splendid contribution to so many of our churches.

A new home is to be built on site for our new residents and donations that attract a tax-deduction are being sought as part of the "Camp Cal" appeal.

VISIT OF CITY MISSIONER

(NAMBOUR, Qld., R. McLean). The Brisbane City Missioner, C. S. Trudgian, M.B.E., was guest speaker at the C.W.F. birthday luncheon. Mr. Trudgian gave an apron parade . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore from Hobart, were recent visitors. Mrs. Moore spoke on Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. to our C.W.F. meeting.

AGENTS FOR MISSION

(DALBY, Qld., R. Holt). The church has been accepted by the Brisbane City Mission as their agents in Dalby. A store-room has been added to the buildings giving greater space in the kinder room. . . . Three table tennis teams were in their respective finals, two winning and one defeated. . . . Members journeyed to Hopelands for the Western Churches Fellowship, Sept. 11-12. . . . Miss Vi Callanan spoke on Sept. 18 and at a fellowship lunch Mrs. Robbins represented the Home Mission Committee.

VACATION SCHOOL

(GATTON, Qld., D. Usher). Our church combined with four others to conduct a Vacation Bible School. There were 100 enrolments. 200 parents and friends were at concluding service at which the children displayed their handicraft. . . . The Crown St., Toowoomba, Ladies' Fellowship was welcomed by Mrs. Metcalf at the C.W.F. monthly meeting. The visitors led the service. Mrs. Pedler gave a reading and an address on "Prayer." Lunch was served by Gatton ladies. . . . Mrs. Flint, from Redcliffe, was guest speaker at the Ladies' Fellowship birthday. Visitors were also present from Rosevale and Ma Ma Creek. A cake made by Mrs. Marion Rowney and iced by Annette Taillor held centre place on the table.

MANSE PROGRESS

(ROMA, Qld.). The new manse has progressed to the lock-up stage and will be completed by the end of the year. The Ladies' Fellowship visits the hospital once a month, taking books and cakes. The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Cooke, one of the pioneer members. . . . Being without a minister, local laymen have conducted the services. Attendances have maintained a good average. Cottage prayer meetings are conducted each Tuesday and Senior and Junior C.E. on Thursday and Friday evenings.



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SUDAN CHRISTIANS

The number of Christians among the 5,000,000 people in southern Sudan is growing more rapidly than anywhere else in Africa, according to Canon John Taylor, general secretary of the Church Missionary Society (Anglican). One clergyman in Equatoria, a southern province, reported baptising more than 10,000 members of the Moru tribe. In a radio interview Canon Taylor said it was wrong to describe the strife in Sudan as a religious war. He likened the massacre last year of 50 out of a congregation of 60 at a village church to a My Lai, "one of those blind atrocities that soldiers of any race can commit when reason breaks down."—E.P.S.

COMBINED CAMP

(HAMPSHIRE GDNS, S.A., M. D. Williams). Our youth combined with Long Plains for a camp in August, during which they shared in a fellowship tea and evening service at Long Plains. Results of the campers' studies were presented at the combined service. . . . The basketball club and Women's Fellowship combined to arrange a Basketball Bonanza with proceeds to be used for the women's project. \$17 was raised.

TO ASSIST PRESIDENT

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., W. Bartlett). Presidential duties will take our minister to other churches. A. Cremin has volunteered to preach on these occasions. . . . Basketball season has now ended. The under 16 boys won the finals. A match between boys and girls resulted in a win for the boys. A barbecue tea followed. The film "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" was screened. Proceeds amounting to \$40 was forwarded to the Hospital Chaplain Fund. . . . C.W.F. had a sewing day for New Guinea mission.

FIVE DECISIONS

(BROKEN HILL, S.A. Conf., T. Meares). Five people have made decisions in the Home Bible Study course. Four were baptized in morning services. . . . Interested parents attended S.S. open day. 108 attended S.S. anniversary. . . . About 100 young people consistently attend monthly coffee shops. . . . Good Companions paraded recently and provided items. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Meares and Sharyn Folkes represented the church at the S.A. annual Conference. . . . Offerings are now averaging \$4.50 per communicant. . . . All enjoyed "Back to Childhood" social, organised by social committee.

WALKATHON

(GAWLER, WILLIAMSTOWN, KERSBROOK, S.A., R. V. Chamberlain). Young people of the circuit raised \$210 for the B. & F.B.S. in a 15-mile walkathon. . . . The Islington Slingers were guest artists at a youth tea and service at Kersbrook. Several young people took part. Miss Dorothy Howden, missionary on furlough from New Guinea was interviewed and showed slides at Gawler. . . . United services with Methodist churches in Williamstown and Kersbrook and Baptist church in Gawler have been held recently. . . . Gawler Junior 1 basketball team won the grand final in District Basketball Assoc. . . . Picnic for circuit was held at Sandy Creek Oval.

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ADDED TO ASCOT PARK

(S.A., S. R. Baker). The following have been welcomed into fellowship by Elder G. J. Outlaw: Mrs. Jeanette May, Mrs. Pauline Hampton, Mrs. Stephens, and Mr. and Mrs. Bull. . . . Robin Fret was a recent soloist. . . . An evening service was led by the Young Adult Fellowship. Miss Dianne Wilkinson, assisted by Geoffrey May, led the meeting and Darrell Thoday gave the address. Mr. and Mrs. Sugars and Mrs. M. Loman sang a trio. The Y.A.F. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

B. & F.B.S. SUPPORTED

(PORT LINCOLN, S.A., B. Hill). C.W.F. ladies conducted the evening service for "Auxiliaries on Parade." Ladies also joined other church's to conduct a stall in aid of B. & F.B.S. . . . At our Guest Service the film "One Came Back" was screened. . . . A. R. Jones from S.S. Dept. was guest speaker at Men's Fellowship and evening service. . . . B. Galliford and R. Fatchen were recent speakers. . . . Several car loads travelled to Tumbay Bay for C.E. Rally on Aug. 14. . . . Some members attended the 7th Anniversary service of A.A. and A.L.A. in the Catholic Hall.

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HYMN BOOKS

To the Editor,

Merle Watson's letter ("A.C." Aug. 21) and your comment opens up the question of the new hymnbook. True, there is considerable justification for a new book and we have tried the patience of our organists to the last mile with a multiplicity of tune books . . . but there are other considerations.

Like the starving millions, like the threat of cutback in New Guinea missions ("A.C." Sept. 4), like local churches in trouble servicing debts, like the postponed rise in ministerial salaries in Vic., Tas. because the churches cannot afford it—but we go ahead with a project which, if it is to be economically feasible, must involve most of our congregations and must involve outlay of a huge sum of money if taken in toto and must be expensive in the light of the restricted constituency of Churches of Christ in Australia.

Are we unaware that the United Church of Australia partners have finished their first draft of their new hymnbook and are now giving opportunity for requests for specific inclusions in the final draft? Due for publication in two to three years to serve a much wider constituency the U.C.A. hymnbook is surely a more economic proposition and I cannot see why it would not be suited to our needs (with a "supplement" if you like—we are used to supplements!).

History has overtaken us and it is time that the terms of reference of the Federal Hymnbook Committee were altered to meet the changing church situation of Australia—they have done good work and we should appreciate that, but now is not the time to go it alone in a new hymn book.—R. N. Gilmore (Vic.).

[As the "final draft" referred to is as yet only a list of hymns and tunes—to be available in a few weeks—full comment is impossible. However, Methodist and Presbyterian lists of 1968 were closely examined and we reported to Federal Conference that comparisons of these with our own showed "a surprisingly small amount of agreement . . . despite our striving to maintain an ecumenical outlook." We cannot assume any significant change in the new list and, even given an extensive supplement, usages would be the rock on which possibility of a combined work would founder. Nevertheless, the list is awaited with interest. This committee has been constantly open to the will of Conference (which indeed initiated the plan for a new book) and equally conscious of costs, but has repeatedly been given "the green light" to proceed. Capital outlay, when related to the "working life" of a book, is not excessive—in 40 years nearly 100,000 copies of the present book have been sold.

—Frank J. Funston, Hon. Sec., Federal Hymn-Book Committee.]

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

OURS IS A N.T. CHURCH OURS IS!

To the Editor,

The "N.T." is New Testament, not Northern Territory.

We have many women in our church who are more dedicated, capable and reliable than many of our men, but of course they don't take part in the morning service because Paul advised Timothy not to use illiterate first century housewives in certain missionary situations. That makes us a N.T. church!

The N.T. is all for prayer. Our business meeting unanimously opposed the abandonment of our prayer meeting, although only I attend it. That makes us a N.T. church!

The N.T. is all about evangelism. As N.T. Christians we support evangelism by paying our minister to do it by winning souls on Sunday nights. Apart from some of us going along to listen to him roast the sinners, we don't propose to do anything about evangelism. The N.T. says, "some were evangelists." Our ministers in that lot. We are a N.T. church!

We have written into the church constitution that communion will be half way through the service because it has to be central. Our N.T. reference is the church at Troas which is recorded as meeting on a certain first day of the week to break bread because Paul was going through. (The Greek N.T. says it was Saturday night.) That makes us a N.T. church!

In the true spirit of the N.T. we have open communion, but we don't have open membership. This means that after the N.T. pattern the unimmersed cannot register an unscriptural vote at an unscriptural business meeting because they are not on an unscriptural church roll according to the unscriptural constitution. But we are still a N.T. church!

Any one wanting to see a N.T. church in action had better visit our church. But don't get mixed up with St. Chad's across the road. They aren't a N.T. church. They have candles and robes. In the N.T. they must have had electric lights and lounge suits.

TERTIUS.

WRITE TO YOUR M.P.

To the Editor,

We have reached crisis point in our world population—millions are dying of starvation. We ask ourselves and other Christians have we already started the immoral process of eliminating our excess population?

Christ died that we might have eternal life! Wonderful statement of our assurance, but unfortunately we can take very little comfort from it, as words of Jesus keep intruding—"I was hungry and you did not feed me, thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, naked and you clothed me not." It must be an enviable feeling these days to say, "I'm saved" whilst looking at comfortable home, well fed children, car, good works in local charities—we qualify for these, but they leave a nasty taste in the mouth. Quite frankly, we don't feel Christians were ever meant to have it so good.

Let us write to our local M.P. demanding Government-increased aid to these desperate people even if it does hit our pockets—we must accept a lower standard of living in order to share our abundance of this world's goods, help in mass education for family planning in less fortunate countries, because from a purely selfish viewpoint, over population, the pollution western countries are causing through increasing industrial development could eventually destroy us all.

—Ray Sanderson, Margaret Keegel (Vic.).

IRAN'S 2,500th BIRTHDAY

The 252 member churches of the World Council of Churches are asked to offer special prayers on October 10 or 17 for the Christian churches of Iran which will join in celebrating the 2,500th anniversary of their country, once the Persian Empire. Although a minority in this predominantly Muslim country, Christians plan ecumenical services, lectures and films as their contributions to the anniversary festivities.—E.P.S.

BROOKLYN PARK (S.A.)

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OVERSEAS NEWS

NO 40-HOUR WEEK

(Switzerland). Protestant ministers in Zurich spend almost as much time on administrative duties as on preaching, according to a survey conducted by the Institute of the Psychology of Work at the Federal Polytechnic School. The inquiry showed that pastors work 55 to 75 hours a week broken down as follows: preaching 19%, teaching 18%, counselling 16%, organisation and administration 13%, interparish activity 10%, work with parish groups 9%, further training 7%, parish affairs 3%, local activity 1%, miscellaneous 3%. A similar survey among Roman Catholic priests gave almost the same results.—E.P.S.

CUTS IN OVERSEAS MISSIONS

(U.S.A.). Mission personnel of major U.S. Protestant denominations has decreased by about 10% or 1,000 persons during the past three years, according to Dr. David M. Stowe, top mission executive for the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Meanwhile the fundamentalists and

pentecostals increased their numbers at about the same rate as the mainline churches' decrease, he said.

"Worldwide inflation and the deterioration of American economic power whittle away at the buying power of our mission dollar," said Dr. Stowe. "We shall have to rediscover the Christian graces of poverty and sacrifice."

He was addressing some 50 missionaries on furlough at an annual conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which have joint work in Latin America and India. The United Church of Christ now has 320 missionaries in the field and will have about 300 next year. The Disciples have 150 abroad.—E.P.S.

PEACE CONFERENCE TENSION

(New York). The U.S. Association for the Christian (Prague) Peace Conference has broken off relations with the parent body and did not send any official delegates to the Fourth All-Christian Peace Assembly in September.

Dr. Charles West, chairman of the U.S. group and a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, said the group will reorganise on a "more autonomous basis." It will broaden its efforts to cultivate contacts with Christians in Eastern and Western lands. A new name will be chosen.—E.P.S.

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WRITERS:

On the "Personal" page there is a notice of the deadline for the next two issues. The deadline is the last day material can be received for the current issue but by that time most of the journal has been completed and some of it has already been printed. Articles are required at least a week before the stated deadline. Send in material as early as possible.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—

11 a.m.: Worship Service. Sir Philip Messent, Past President of World Convention, to preside.

7 p.m.: Gospel Meeting. Special Choral Items.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26—

7.45 p.m.: C.W.F. Night, including a Pageant of the Past, "Fashions and Facts of Yesterday."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28—

7.45 p.m.: Choir Festival, Supper to follow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30—

7.45 p.m.: Youth Night, to include audio-visual "20th Century Good Samaritan."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31—ANNIVERSARY DAY

11 a.m.: Worship Service. W. Bartlett, State Conference President, to preside.

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1 p.m.: Luncheon for all.

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IN THE HEART OF MELBOURNE (Opposite Public Library)

"PASTOR DOUG" STEPS DOWN

Doug. Nicholls came from Cummerajunga, near Echuca, Vic. He was the son of full-blooded Aborigines, and in sixty-one years he came a long way. Last week he announced his retirement.

He feels frustrated and dissatisfied, but no other is so well known as a champion of his people, and no one has worked harder for the cause of Aboriginal freedom, equality, and justice.

As a youngster he was fanatically keen on Australian Rules football and offered himself to the Carlton, Vic., Club. He was only 5' 2" in height and they turned him down. Doug, was nothing if not persistent. He fought his way into the Northcote Association side, then into the Fitzroy League team, and was selected six times to play for Victoria. In addition he was a fine sprinter and a good boxer.

Joining the Church of Christ, he became a minister and served with the Aborigines Mission Board, and won acceptance as a forceful and sincere leader of his people. He knew Prime Ministers, dined with the Queen, was awarded the M.B.E., became a J.P., told off politicians and kept up a relentless pressure on behalf of Aborigines everywhere. The Gladys Nicholls Hostel and the Doug. Nicholls Recreation Centre in Northcote are tributes to the work of Doug, and his wife.

At his retirement Doug, was said to be depressed, bitter, and "fed-up." "Yes," he said, "I've got a lot of friends—all colours, but I honestly don't know if I've accomplished anything."

Stan, McBride, in a letter to the Melbourne "Age," disagrees with Doug's statement that he has accomplished nothing.

ing. Mr. McBride is a member of our church in Ballarat and is Secretary of the Ballarat Branch of the A.A.L. He recalls that Doug, Nicholls shared in the founding of the League.

"At that time Aborigines in this State had no leader, no voice to express their agony, were living in city slums or in humpies on the banks of rivers. They had no vote, no Social Services, in short, they had no hope. They were not even counted in the National Census.

"What changes have been made can be traced to the organisation he helped to found. The Victorian State Government has adopted as policy virtually all the aims and principles which were formerly denounced by the Aborigines Welfare Board, and which are set out in the Constitution of the Aborigines Advancement League. Aborigines are consulted in their own affairs, and are given priority in housing and education. They have a vote, receive Social Welfare, and are counted in the Census. Without the political lobbying of the League and its national organisation and progeny the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, I doubt whether even these advances would have been made.

"He has indeed built an empire, founded on the regenerated pride and spirit of many Aborigines. Others take on his work, using different methods. The militancy he speaks of is being grafted onto his organisation by young Aborigines. This is their way, and only time will tell what it will achieve.

"That Pastor Nicholls has been disappointed in the failure of his vision is not his fault. The blame lies on all Australians, the whites who would not hear him, and the Aborigines who did not respond to his call.

"The many who have been stirred out of their shameful apathy by the great Australian can only thank him. For them his achievement has been worthwhile."

ORGANISTE RECOVERING

(IPSWICH, Qld. E. Stevens). Our church organist, Mrs. Mavis Fraser, is progressing in a remarkable way after an extended period in hospital following surgery . . . Men completed painting of church hall at saving of approx. \$900. . . . Miss Lucille Coward has received Queen's Guide Badge as a Ranger. . . . Mr. Arthur Davis of Kenmore College begins a full-time ministry with our suburban church at Leichhardt, in 1972. . . . Mrs. Hammer spoke to C.W.F. recently about work of Aborigine Missions. . . . A representative from Qld. Health Council addressed C.Y.F. regarding the drug problem in the community . . . Another young lady recently confessed Christ.

WINTER PREACHING

(SWANTON ST., Melb., Dr. Lloyd Jones, Allan Webb). The winter preaching programme of the church over the last 10 weeks has been well supported by members and visitors and we have welcomed many new overseas and local university students and nurses. Morning worship services have regularly exceeded our aim of 200 and on Sept. 19 there were four baptisms and six new members were welcomed into the church membership. The active membership of the church is now at its highest for over 50 years . . . We have received with regret the resignation of Geoff. Price as treasurer because of removal to an outer suburb. The Lyalls have been welcomed back from abroad and Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Jack Smith from Queensland. Mrs. Dulfer recently suffered a broken arm at Ennemaus Home. The church mourns the passing of Mrs. Duff-Furbus recently after much suffering. . . . Gratifying reports are coming regularly from Asian young people who have returned to their homes and are beginning to provide much needed leadership in their local churches. A widening ministry has been made possible by taped sermons and devotional scripts which are being sent to many parts of the world, particularly South-East Asia for re-broadcast.

NEARING CENTURY

(PORT PRIDE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). 96th church anniversary services were held on Aug. 22 with Choral Society from Adelaide providing special music. Speakers were Frank Green and Rev. Frank Woods . . . K. D. Horne made final official visit as H.M. Director on Aug. 15 and addressed meetings and informed Board on Stewardship programmes. Red Cross paraded at 11 a.m. service . . . There are 56 active members with 55 average communicants. Six deacons and six deaconesses were elected . . . M. T. Lawrie is I.T.I.M. chaplain at Smelters.

INVERELL IS 66

(N.S.W., R. Craig). At the 66th church anniversary on Sept. 12, David Hammer, lecturer at the Kenmore College, Qld., along with two Indonesian girl students, were guests. Ria and Helena brought delightful messages in song, their duets being in both Indonesian and English. After a fellowship tea on Sunday, Mr. Hammer screened informative slides on the work in New Guinea and also among the Aborigines in Australia . . . Guest speaker for S.E. anniversary, Aug. 15, was State Conf. Sec., Ron. Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt presented awards to scholars at the evening service. The State Conf. Pres., Ron. Bartholomew, also visited Inverell and addressed the church.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

(NTI, ESSENDON, Vic., R. H. Hillier). The church regrets that Mr. Hillier will terminate his ministry at the end of 1972, or earlier by arrangement . . . Women's Evening Fellowship held fashion parade on Sept. 6 . . . The first day's response to the One Day's Pay for Overseas Relief was \$270 . . . Members collected for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign . . . For a series of sermons on Prayer, the minister prepared printed material for continuing study.

WHITE PAPERS ON LIFE AND FAITH

WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY Although we all know that if the women withdrew their support from the churches the whole structure would probably collapse, the ministry has been so much the special domain of men, that even in these liberated days it is still very difficult for a woman to fulfil a strong call to the ministry of the church.

Many of us firmly believe that the apparent restrictions placed by the New Testament upon women in the church reflected current social attitudes and were not a divinely ordained division of service. Although barriers to the ministry are gradually breaking down, we are still far from readily accepting men and women on the same basis.

Even when women are admitted there are still difficulties. At the annual meeting in London of the Society for the Ministry of Women in the Church, a Lutheran lady minister who is serving in Manchester, Eng., declared that while only average men are frequently accepted for the ministry, women must be above average. She said, "Women are treated as a symbol and must not only be well qualified, but charming, sweet, sympathetic, well dressed and attractive. Men get away with a standard which is far less near perfection.

Mrs. Forester, M.A., B.D., young, attractive, is highly qualified. She received her training in Edinburgh in the same way as men and as the wife of a missionary in the church of South India, was a lecturer in a theological college. She had had more preaching calls than she could meet, but she has not received the ordination she has been seeking for many years.

Most women ministers find that congregations and colleagues are at first opposed to the idea of a woman pastor but soon grow to appreciate and champion her, and become enthusiastic supporters for women in the ministry.

Recently there was a Consultation on the Ordination of Women, organised by the W.C.C. in Madras. Among the resolutions passed were these: that the W.C.C. recruit more women staff members and thereby set an example, that an educational film be made showing how churches can make better use of their women, that more scholarships be given to women, and that more women be appointed to theological colleges.

Women are much nearer to equality in the church than they have ever been, but there will probably be a few last ditch stands by men before Galatians 3: 28 is applied to the ministry.

p.s., Miss Norma Hall, B.Th., is serving as minister to the churches in Warracknabeal-Brim in Victoria.

DEATHS CAN BE CHECKED We are fairly used to politicians making promises which they don't or can't keep. It is rare for a politician to resign because he was unable to keep his word. Dr. Abbot has kept his word. He has tendered his resignation as Tasmania's Health and Road Safety Minister as he pledged to do if the road death toll in his State was not reduced within a reasonable time.

In most Australian States the toll this year has been lowered, but in Tasmania the number of lives lost on the roads in 1971 is slightly more than in that time last year. Dr. Abbot has kept his promise and resigned.

He has not been idle in his efforts to make the roads safer. He is firmly convinced that the road safety problem can be solved, but the measures he has advocated have so far been unacceptable to his Parliamentary colleagues. These measures include:

1. The removal of the alcohol impaired driver from the road.
2. Removal of the irresponsible driver by a points demerit system.
3. Annual tests of vehicles to ensure roadworthiness.
4. Greater use of seat-belts.
5. Improved driver education.

(Ed. We learn on going to press, that Dr. Abbot has withdrawn his resignation so as not to embarrass his Premier. He would rather embarrass editors!)

GOOD GRIEF! The holy water containers have been emptied in the church at Castello, a village inland from Naples. The new parish priest, Fr. Giuseppe Esposito, said, "I ordered them emptied because I could not talk the people out of a local superstition that holy water is good as a baldness cure. Bald men kept dipping their hands into the water and rubbing their heads with it."!

LITHUANIAN CHURCH SUFFERS

The Lutheran Church in Lithuania is now down to 27 parishes with 20,000 members from a high point of 200,000 adherents in 100 parishes during the period between the two world wars. A large portion of the German and Polish people in Lithuania were "resettled" during the war, according to Jonas Kalvanas, the church's spiritual leader.—E.P.S.

G.B. GRADUATION

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). At G.B. term break-up, 18 cadets graduated. . . . On Aug. 23, Ned Blaskow screened the film "To Russia with Love" . . . E.B. personnel and friends went to Cradle Mt. . . . Miss Wendy Townsend of M.B.I. screened an audio-visual of the college, with tape recording . . . Mr. J. Ward, B. & F.B.S., spoke on Sept. 12.

Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mason and family will fly to the U.S.A. in early December. Mr. Mason, who is concluding a ministry with Col. Light Gdn., S.A., will work in the Doctor of Ministry Programme at the Univ. of Chicago, and will serve in a part-time ministry with the Congregational United Church of Christ, Douglas, Michigan, where the Masons will reside.

Churches are asked to join in prayer with the Christians in Iran who plan services, lectures and films as their predominantly Muslim country celebrates its 2500th birthday in October.

The Australian Hymnbook Committee (representing the Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches) has completed the first draft of the list of words and tunes for a new hymnbook.

The Mormons plan to open in 1974 their largest Temple, a six-towered, \$14 million building on 57 acres in Washington, D.C.

The Presbyterian church in the Morlake (Vic.) district is exploring the possibility of raising cattle to supplement falling church income.

A minister and 13 students who visited China recently said that there was no likely return of missionaries to China in the foreseeable future.

An anti-conversion bill (to restrict Christian missionaries) has been vetoed by the Indian Parliament.

AGRICULTURE CRISIS

(MOEAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). The business meeting showed that a.m. services increased from 26 to 33; p.m. decreased from 30 to 25 . . . The economic crisis in agriculture has widespread repercussions . . . S.S. anniversary speaker was R. Cooke. The Board Chairman, R. H. Carslake, is also S.S. Supt. . . . K. Parry (State Pres.) visited here recently . . . The Sept. Friendship meeting had an art demonstration.

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25 N.S.W. Ministers' Friendly Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

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OCTOBER:
3 ANNUAL OFFERING — COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.
3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.
5 C.W.F. Missionary Convention, Gardiner Church (All day and evening).
6 D.C.E. Engaged Couples (III).
8-10 D.C.E. Youth 1—"Small Group Camping," Monbulk.
13 D.C.E. Engaged Couples (IV).
15-17 D.C.E. Young Marrieds' Camp, Monbulk.
29 D.C.E. Explorers' Annual Meeting.

QUEENSLAND

OCTOBER:
20 Atmosphere Crusade in Cairns in Nov. 14.
21 Rosevale Country Carnival.
29-31 Half-yearly Conference at Southport.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

OCTOBER:
13 Fifth C.W.F. Convention at Rockingham.
19 Day of Prayer—observed in half-hourly watches.
26 Concert in the Christian Centre.

TASMANIA

OCTOBER:
23-31 Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stirling, C.O.B. deputation.

"DISCIPLES CONCERNED" MAKES CALL

A group calling itself "Disciples Concerned" comprising members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S., has expressed concern about evangelism, overseas missions, Christian education, seminary education, social action, stewardship and unity.

"Disciples Concerned" called for the elevation of evangelism to first priority in the church's life.

The group also asserted:

- That overseas missionaries have as their primary objective "the winning of persons to Jesus Christ."
- That Christian education curriculum be "Christ-centred and biblically oriented."
- That "a new and positive emphasis" in seminary education be placed on proclaiming the gospel.
- That social action be "responsible."
- That "oneness in the spirit" be sought, and voluntary co-operation with every other Christian, "instead of pressing for structural unity."

Victoria...

"CHARLIE CHURCHMAN"

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. Morrison). The last of three films, "Charlie Churchman and the Youth-quake," aimed at youth, but with a deep message to adults, was screened on Sept. 11. The film clearly depicts some of the major pitfalls in the evangelism of today's young people. On Sept. 3, Mrs. W. Merrilweather of the Ash Pacific Christian Mission, spoke to local ladies of her work and experiences.

APPRENTICE ACHIEVEMENT

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). Congratulations to Grème Watt who gained top apprentice awards in the Bendigo district. Appreciation is expressed to all who have helped in conducting services during the absence of Mr. Keatch. D. H. Smith, Director of H.M. & Evang., was a recent speaker, assisted by Mr. Baxter. The message was illustrated by slides.

C.M.F. VISIT SWAN HILL

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Dave Watt, Fred Drummond and David Hutchins (Christian Men's Fellowship State Executive) visited the church and assisted in both services on 19th. Gospel services revert to 7.30 p.m. for summer months. 30 young people attended a casserole dinner following youth service on Sept. 12. Members of Swan Hill and Woorinen churches held a family camp at Hall's Gap, Sept. 24-26. Miss Dorothy Howden, on furlough from New Guinea, was recent visitor.

**COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE
ANNUAL OFFERING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd.**

WORLD BIRTHDAY

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). A Women's Christian Fellowship World Birthday Service was conducted by the ladies. Guest speaker was Mrs. Lorraine Clencie, and soloists Mrs. Lennye Westaway. An offering was received for the Haiti Literacy Project (a world project for women). Mrs. E. Charles, who has been indisposed for some time, is able to get around a little better with the aid of a wheelchair.

MEN PLAN WORSHIP

(DAWSON ST. BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Presidents, readers, door stewards and ushers met for instruction and to discuss the ways to conduct services. Howard Tresize was chairman. Various duties were reviewed by Mr. Hunting, John Morris and Peter Mitchell. A tea meeting was held prior to this and a good percentage of men gathered. A youth rally was taken by a team from M.B.I. Items were given by Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Thomson and other members of the group. The message "Is Your God Flat?" was given by Geoff. Thomson. One responded to the claims of Christ. About 70 attended a smorgasbord tea.

SERVICE RECOGNISED

(PARKDALE, Vic., Des Stow). The church half-yearly meeting expressed its gratitude to Mrs. Wells for her efforts in supervising the removal of the debt on the church building. C.W.E.F. had a work night for Children's Hospital. Members joined in the Vintage Steam Train to Mornington with other Bayside churches. Fathers and Sons shared a tea and service on Sept. 26. At a "Family Worship" service, B.S. scholars took part as readers and presented a "Play." At night, a young lady accepted Christ as Saviour.

SPORTS HONOURS

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). Our teams have done exceptionally well in sport. A football team entered for the first time. Lloyd Warburton won the Association "best and fairest" award. He also won the goalkeeping with 150 goals. The club was declared the best and fairest club in the competition and also won the premiership. Anne Bence and Jenny Melhuzzen won association trophies for basketball. Ladies of catering committee donated \$200 towards Hall debt. A concert was given by "The Changing Moods." Proceeds were divided between Dept. of Christian Education and our Hall Debt. A film was recently screened showing the work of the Leprosy Mission.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

In September the President, Mrs. L. W. Ladner, presided over the smallest auxiliary meeting for some time—41 ladies represented 19 C.W.F.'s School holidays and other special functions made it necessary for apologies to be made.

The morning meditation was prepared by Mrs. J. Sewell, Busselton, and presented by Mrs. Robartson. Mrs. D. Hughes gave the message in song and also led in the intercessory prayer.

Many expressed appreciation of special functions in August—the bus trip to Harvey and the hospitality of those at Mandurah for morning tea and Harvey for lunch. Mrs. Isaac brought the message on "Mary, Mother of Jesus."

The special Women's District Rallies conducted by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling and the Women's Evening Rally during the mini-mission did much to build up the faith of the women. Attendances were approx. 250.

The guest speaker was H. Jones who gave a demonstration of teaching with visual aids and flannelgraph material.

Superintendents' Reports: Aborigines—(Mrs. J. L. Pailot). There has been much movement amongst the mission staff.

T.V. IN W.A.

The morning service televised at Blackburn, Vic., will be viewed in Western Australia on Sunday, Oct. 10. The minister, E. W. Roffey, presides, and the preacher is Principal E. L. Williams on "Life is Commitment." For those who may wish to use the service on church T.V. screens or follow the service at home, the hymns from our hymn book are Nos. 49, 254, 588, 878.

BACK FROM WORK

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). Murray Tasslecker has returned home from New Guinea, and he addressed the church on Sept. 5. Forty youth heard an illustrated talk at a youth tea on Sept. 12 on his impressions whilst with the Work Party. Increased interest is being reflected in added numbers at the meetings and in youth work. There have been eleven first decisions of faith. On Sept. 12, there were six baptisms and a further two decisions.

CALLED TO MINISTER

(KALGOORLIE, W.A.). Robert Taylor, Narrembeen, who came for short period has accepted the call to the ministry at Kalgoorlie as from next year. The officers and boys of the Nollamara Boys' Brigade Band were guests of the church for weekend. A fete organised by the B.S. raised \$200. B.S. picnic was held at Lake Douglas. Sympathy is extended to C. Beasland on the loss of his wife. F. Griffiths came from Perth to conduct funeral service. Visiting speakers have included Bill Thornton, Rev. Urquhart of B. & F.B.S., Mr. and Mrs. Neville, missionaries in Ethiopia. The local St. John's Ambulance officers paraded at an evening service. The mid-week Bible Study group is using the College of the Bible Winter Correspondence Course.

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PLANS AT GREENACRE

(N.S.W., David Surtees). At the half-yearly business meeting it was unanimously decided: 1. That we accept the concept of an All-Age B.S. being commenced and conducted. 2. That we set up and conduct a Pre-school Kindergarten. 3. That the building committee prepare and present plans for a suitable building to accommodate the All-Age Bible School and Pre-School Kindergarten. The B.S. and church conducted a Vacation B.S. which involved almost 200 children and many workers. Over 40 young people went for a snow weekend recently. A new manse is to be built on land at rear of the chapel. Men's Fellowship was featured for Father's Day. A young man made his decision that night.

RESPONSE FOR KERAM

(WYOMING, N.S.W.). Our month of special services concluded with Dr. A. G. Elliott as guest speaker on Aug. 1. He also presented slides at a Fellowship Tea on College life. C. Cole addressed the church on Social Service. M. Hall was also a recent speaker. On August 15, Miss D. Holstein showed slides of India to the S.S. children and spoke at morning service. Miss M. Allen, Fort Macquarie High School, spoke on the Christian teacher in education. R. Furze has been a patient in Gosford Hospital after suffering serious burns. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Minna Smith and family in the death of Tom Smith. The Keram River project has reached \$562.

VISITORS TO HAMILTON

(N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Visiting speakers during Brotherhood Month were Ray. Smith and Ken. Rankin, from the Woolwich Bible College, and student minister, Robert Cambridge. On Aug. 23, Mr. Craig was speaker for the evening service broadcast over station 2KO. K.-N. Shaw was soloist. C. Cole (Social Service Director) was guest preacher on Sept. 12. Miss Phillipa Box was baptized at night. The church celebrated its 48th anniversary on Sept. 19, with G. Chapman as preacher. After many months' absence through illness Joyce Roberts was welcomed back into fellowship.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

BIRTHS

ILIFF (Wheaton)—To Gwenda and Geoff, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic., on September 8, a daughter—Karen Narelle. First grandchild for Harold and Joyce Wheaton (Miram) and first grand-daughter for Ron, and Glenice Iliff (Eldon).

TAYLOR—To Cath, and Keith, on Aug. 20, at Burwood, Vic., a son—Andrew Ewin—a little brother for Christopher.

ENGAGEMENTS

CHIVELL-STAIT—Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Chivell are happy to announce the engagement of Noelle, their youngest daughter, to Noel Stait, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stait, Beverley Hills, N.S.W.

SEFERTH - STEELE—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seferth, Burwood, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Steele, Box Hill, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of Anne and Ian.

CHISLETT-THYGESSEN—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chislett, Block 34, Red Cliffs, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Roberta Lois, second eldest daughter of Mr. R. L. Chislett and the late Mrs. E. A. Chislett, to Barry Peter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Thygesen, of Morawa, W.A.

DEATH

WHITE—Peacefully at his residence, 34 Williamson Ave., Strathmore, Vic., Frank Hewitson, loved husband of Elsie, devoted father of Maureen (Mrs. McNeill), Elaine (Mrs. Moev), Mel, and Coral; father-in-law of David, Moev and Betty; fond grandfather of Heather, John, Cheryl and Kerry.

WHITE—On September 26, our brother, Frank—Doris and Leo, Vera, Ron, and Alice, John and Elaine, Alf and Beverley, Alice and Ken., Joy and Alvin.

IN MEMORIAM

BROAD, Ernest Edward—Called home, Oct. 8, 1968. In the quiet knowledge, we will meet again.—Your loving wife, children, children-in-law, and grandchildren.

PARNELL (nee Leng)—In loving memory of our daughter and sister, Judy, who passed away on September 24, 1961.

THOMAS, Darryl William—Passed away at Broken Hill (result of accident), Oct. 4, 1970. Aged 24 years. We miss you so much as husband, son and brother, but with sorrow comes rejoicing, for we know you are with the Lord.—Kay, Mum and Dad, Malcolm and family; Neville and family.

CEMM, Hilda—Treasured memories of our beloved mother, who was called suddenly on October 10, 1969. "Time passes, but fond memories linger."—Her loving children, Rita, Arthur and Joy.

APPRECIATION

DORGAN—Mrs. Betty Dorgan and family desire to thank their many friends everywhere for the floral tributes, letters and cards, prayers and Christian love extended to them in the loss of a loving husband and father, Charles Dorgan. Would all please accept this as a token of their appreciation.

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The Missionary Aviation Fellowship and Sudan Interior Missions were represented, and our own Churches of Christ Overseas Mission was represented by Miss Dorothy Holstein, on leave from India, and Frank Richards—leader of a Work Party in New Guinea. Films and audio-visuals were shown.

PETER NORMAN AT CHELSEA

(Vic., D. Oakes). After smorgasbord for boys and men, Peter Norman was guest speaker on theme, "First Things First." Peter Norman is the second fastest sprinter in the world for 100 metres and is a dedicated Christian. At night Explorer boys took part, and Gordon Stirling gave a stirring address. On Sept. 25, many members and friends joined with other seaside churches for vintage train picnic to Mornington. S.S. staff has decided to close down the S.S. during all school holidays.

RESERVOIR MINI-MISSION

(Vic., A. Baker). The Mini-Mission in September featured a special youth service and "coffee den" on Sept. 19. Speaker was W. Tabernee of the College of the Bible. Items were given by Mr. and Mrs. Tabernee and "Believers Incorporated." Jeanice Reid is recovering after a serious car accident.

"WALKATHON"

(NTH, WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). C.Y.F. had 62 participants in a "walkathon" to Werribee which raised \$374 (incomplete) for their "Care-Inn" project. During C.Y.F. weekly meeting 32 young people helped pack 200 "Vlet Kits" for World Vision of Aust. As the C.Y.F.ers saw the film "No Greater Love" they realised the 17 miles of sore feet and aching legs was well worth the effort. Visitors from other churches attended C.W.E.F. 23rd birthday when the play "Growing Up or Just Growing Older" was presented by Mrs. V. Morris.

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The final meeting of the Convention was the Sunday night Combined Missionary Service where each missionary took part. Miss Holstein spoke on "True Discipleship." Book stands and displays were supplied from Christian Endeavour, Scripture Union and each of the missions.

Well over \$600 in offerings and pledges was received for the support of these missions.

As a result of this weekend there are families coming into the church fellowship to worship.

Plans are already under way for the next one to be held next August.

son (Hartwell). Miss Phyl. Davis, Matron of Francis Perry Wing, Royal Women's Hospital, was guest speaker. Our own C.W.F. members in the "Minstrel Group" rendered items. Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Milne and family in the loss of a loved one.

SIX DECISIONS

(MITCHAM, Vic., E. Heard). Winter months have seen well attended evening services. Six young people have made decisions for Christ. "The Changing Moods" brought the message in song and verse in the evening service in the High School Assembly Hall. The Good Companions held a successful street cake stall. C.W.F. clothed an Aboriginal girl. Recent speakers have been Stan. Gilmour, Royce Fisher, of the New Guinea Work Party, and Miss Dorothy Howden, also from New Guinea.

NEW NAME FOR CHURCH

(EAST KEILOR, Vic., E. C. L. Ots). Formerly known as the Milleara Road church, we are now officially the East Kellor Church of Christ. An "early risers' service" is held at 8.30 a.m. in addition to 11 a.m. Sunday worship. Christians in Fellowship are now included on our roll. The S.S. numbers are around 150, many of the children have had no previous experience with a church. Sport is being catered for in the newly-formed tennis club.

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MODERN TEMPO

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). Sunday, Aug. 29, "The Silvertones" music group led the evening service in modern tempo hymn singing. Afterwards a coffee hour fellowship included young people from other churches. On Sept. 5 the B.S. teachers attended a teaching seminar at the Dandenong church. M. Roher (president) and D. Hutchins (preacher) of the Christian Men's Fellowship, led worship on Sept. 5. J. Alabaster, Conf. Pres., was a recent speaker. Planned programme of evangelism is continuing with visitation programme.

EXPLORERS LEAD

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). At both services on Boys' Sunday, Explorers took an active part as president, Bible readers, communion helpers and in prayers. Peter Nelson spoke at gospel service. Recent visiting speakers have been Roy Edwards, C.E. National President; Kevin Berston at Inter-Y.P. Rally; and John Tudor at Y.P.C.E. Endeavourers packed and delivered two truck-loads of papers, proceeds from which are for a missionary project. Gary Fromhold had to withdraw from big bike race in Adelaide owing to sudden illness and hospitalisation. Lyndon Pletsch voted best and fairest player of football team. Keith and Julie Ware were farewelled prior to their taking up residence in W.A.

50 YEARS AGO

(from "The Aust. Christian," 1921)

Anglicans and Baptists. "We are sorry that we have to warn our people against an insidious sect calling themselves the 'Church of Christ.' Their assumption of that name is full proof of their arrogance and bigotry, pharisaism and hypocrisy. There is no case of baptism by immersion in the N.T., while there are many cases of baptism by pouring and sprinkling. If they (the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission team) can prove a single case of baptism by immersion to us, we will buy them a new tent."—Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Coburg, Vic.

This is an extract from an article of some length, which was replied to at even greater length by the "A.C." Editor who, while polite and restrained, was rather devastating in his treatment of the Vicar's position. Example: "Holy Trinity Vicar offers to buy a new tent—on certain conditions: That they can prove a single (N.T.) case of baptism by immersion? Not exactly; else he would lose his cash. On a far different condition: 'can prove . . . to us' His money's safe. To weigh evidence, one must have an open mind, a judicial temperament, a spirit of fairness. What would be proof to such a man need never be proof to one capable of writing the article we have quoted from 'The Trinitarian.' Now, had Anglican scholars been made the judges instead of the Vicar, we could have had that new tent. It would be comparatively easy to fill this paper with Anglican testimony to immersion as the primitive form of baptism."

OBITUARY

GRIGG, Mrs. Ellen Bertha

Mrs. Grigg died at her home in St. Arnaud, Vic., on July 28. In her we have lost a loyal and strong member of our brotherhood. Mrs. Grigg was born in 1894 and first lived in Melbourne. She moved to S.A. and finally to St. Arnaud where she spent the remaining 50 years of her life. She became associated with the church at Ascot Vale and was baptized there 70 years ago. She later became a foundation member of the Essendon church. Mrs. Grigg had been associated with the church at St. Arnaud in a very active capacity. She married a widower with seven children and also had a family of her own. Her husband died some 15 years ago. One of the things which impressed all who knew this lady was her outstanding faith, clarity of thought and knowledge of the scriptures. She loved to read and discuss the Christian faith. She loved the College to which she gave her name. Mrs. Grigg's faith led her to become involved in the community. She was a member of the Red Cross, a life member of the Blind Institute, and also served with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. To all who knew her, Mrs. Grigg was an inspiration, a friend and a helper to all. We are deeply grateful for her witness and her loyalty to the brotherhood.—R. L. Baxter.

HALL, Mrs. Hazel

After 55 years in membership with the church at North Fitzroy, Vic., Mrs. Hall died on Aug. 5. The church lost one of its most loyal and devoted members. As Hazel Turner she confessed her Lord at South Richmond where she attended from an early age. Here she met and married her life partner, James Hall, an association which lasted 53 years. They linked up to North Fitzroy church. Mrs. Hall was a devoted wife and mother, and endeared herself to all with her happy smile of greeting and friendship. She was a member of Mission Band and worked enthusiastically for its aims. She loved the fellowship and worship of the church, and it was a source of regret when failing health restricted this, but she maintained her interest. We are the poorer for her passing, but we rejoice in her fellowship. Our sympathy is extended to her family who mourn her loss.—V.J.F.

JONES, Mrs. Lilla Charlotte

Suddenly, when she appeared to be improving in health, Mrs. Lilla Jones died on July 21. She was born 67 years ago in the Blanden family who came to be highly esteemed by the Maylands (S.A.) church through the years that followed. All her life was spent in the same district and she gave her Christian service through the Maylands church. As a girl Mrs. Jones was present at the laying of the foundation stone, when the Maylands congregation moved from a district hall to the first chapel erected on the present site. In 1929 she married Harry Jones and in their home they welcomed their only son, Graham. She was a quiet, faithful worker who helped behind the scenes, sharing in the ministry of flowers, singing children, working for missions and singing in the choir. She was a member of the World Convention Choir last year in Adelaide. She supported her husband as he served the church as a leader, teacher, deacon, secretary and elder. The faith of the parents lives on in the service that Graham gives to the Clovelly Park church. In the disappointment that they faced as a family and under the limitations of the condition that finally resulted in her death, Mrs. Jones maintained her quiet, brave faith. She has walked through the valley of the shadow into the light of God, but we are grateful that first she walked with us here.—N.S.M.

KINGSTON, Edward John

Mr. Kingston died in the Nambour Hospital, Qld., at the age of 99 years and seven months. Born at Mt. Walker, Qld., he joined the church at an early age and remained faithful to his Lord till the end. Having moved to Victoria with his parents at the age of 20, he and other members of the family were the foundation members of a small church led by Thos. Hagger. Later with his wife and five sons and three daughters he moved to a place where they were isolated from church meetings. 25 years ago they came to Woombey, Qld., and with the help of A. J. Fisher the Lord's Table was set up in the Kingston home. Later on, the Kingstons were foundation members of the Nambour church. His wife, a son and a daughter pre-deceased him. He lived in retirement in Nambour for 14 years. After a service conducted by R. McLean in Nambour chapel he was laid to rest in Nambour Cemetery.

PAGE, Alexander Campbell

"Alex" Page, who died on Aug. 6, served as church secretary for 27 years. Baptized in S.A. where they served at the Murray Bridge (S.A.) congregation all his life. His parents' home was used for early meetings of the church before the erection of a chapel. Two of his sisters were foundation members of the church. Alec had a keen interest in the membership and property of the church. His wife helped him make their home a hospitable place for many who visited the church. Illness some years ago limited him to invalid life, yet he was as regular as possible in attendance at the communion services. Always a kindly, courteous man, with a sense of fun, he became most gracious and lovable, enjoying the fellowship of the church. His wife, despite ill-health for herself, had not spared herself in caring for Alec in his restricted state of health and still their doors were always opened hospitably to any who could visit them. Norman, their eldest son, died last year. Mrs. Page, Catherine, Elaine, Steve, and Dean survive him. A packed church paid tribute of love and respect for the life of Alec Page. P. R. Whitmore conducted services at the church and graveside.—B.W.

RODDA, Mrs. Mary Ray

On July 21, Mrs. Rodda came indoors with her husband lay down to rest, and quietly "went to sleep." The next day would have been her 88th birthday. Born at Nairne, S.A., Mrs. Rodda had been a school teacher before meeting her husband in the Kadina district. They lived on a farm at Wallaroo before Mr. Rodda became a machinery manufacturer. They were later in membership at Mile End (S.A.), Geelong (Vic.) and Maylands (S.A.). From the first their united lives were devoted to Christ and the Restoration Movement. Together they were baptized in the sea at Wallaroo and were among the first members of our church there. Fervent in faith and earnest in Bible study, they spent their lives in witness for Christ.

They gave hospitality to many, including many well-known in the history of the brotherhood. Mrs. Rodda was musical, played the violin in many S.S. anniversary orchestras, and sang in a choir until well in her seventies. She will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her, but especially by her husband, Bertie, and her family, Effie (Mrs. Russell Baker), May (Mrs. Stief, Sydney), Una (Mrs. Eastwood, Melb.), Honor (Mrs. Gray) and Donald (Melb.). She was grandmother and great-grandmother to 38 children. We thank God for the inspiration of her life.—N.S.M.

ROOTES, Mrs. Mary Rachel

Mary Rachel Owen was born 63 years ago in N.S.W. and joined the church at Emmore. She married Garfield Rootes after his return from Lexington, Kentucky, where he trained for the ministry. Following a ministry at Petrusham, N.S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Rootes moved to S.A. where they served at Kadina, St. Morris (Kensington Pk.), Sumphore, Victor Harbour Long Plains, Nth. Adelaide and Gawler. When they retired in 1954, they became members at Maylands. Mrs. Rootes was an able co-worker in their ministries and always a leader in the women's work. She was President of the Women's Conference in M.S.W. and twice served in that office in S.A. Following the death of her husband in 1963, and with failing health, Mrs. Rootes and her sister, Miss Owen, who had lived with them and shared their work for many years, moved into our Rest Home at Esplanade Park. Mrs. Rootes' devoted sister until hospitalization was necessary. Mrs. Rootes died on Aug. 13 and was buried privately. Her bright personality and active service will be lovingly remembered by Miss Owen and many friends of earlier days in our S.A. churches.—N.S.M.

SKINNER, Raymond George William

Ray Skinner was born in 1897 at Cosgrove, Vic., where he spent his boyhood and at an early age he made his decision for Christ. He entered the teaching profession and in 1922 was transferred to Oakleigh South. He came into membership with the church at Oakleigh where he served for many years as deacon, elder, teacher and friend of the young people. He organized a cricket club for the church and played with it for many years, playing as a fast bowler until he was well into his fifties. He retired from the teaching profession in 1962 when he was head teacher at Oakleigh Central School. He will be long remembered as a guide and mentor in the Oakleigh church where he befriended many people. E. J. Miles gave a moving tribute at the funeral service on July 28. Mr. Skinner leaves a widow, Evelyn, and four children Neil, Mary (Mrs. L. Draper), Arthur and Dick. We commend the loved and sorrowing ones to the care of our Heavenly Father. The funeral services at the church and a private cremation were conducted by the writer.—T.V.W.

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CREATION

By DON. E. STEWART

The opening words of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth," is basic to the Jewish and the Christian faiths. This is an affirmation that the universe, with an expanse that makes earth a tiny space-ship amidst the millions of distant suns and numberless circling planets—galaxies upon galaxies, is not a meaningless mass of cosmic dust whirling about in nothingness. It is an affirmation that behind it all is the Creator-God who was revealed in Jesus Christ.

A theory called evolution is an alternative explanation as to how the universe came into being. But evolution is not a single concept, but rather a family of theories. One theory states that the whole universe is a meaningless conglomeration of haphazard permutations and combinations. History is going nowhere and anyone who seeks to see in history a concept of meaning is off his rocker. Life is just a meaningless glob in the midst of the whole puzzling mess. This atheistic theory has little to offer to mankind. It spells out nothing but hopeless despair.

Another variety of the theory, and one which is embraced by a large number of sincere Christians, is an account of world development where God brings about the progressive changes. It is a belief that the creative activity of God did not cease with a primitive world, but that his creative activity is still continuing today. Change and adaptation are all involved in God's creative activity today.

With any theory of evolution there are tremendous areas of uncertainty. How can we know, really know, what has happened over the millions of years, if scientific assessment is right that there were millions of years? Even the fossil record is too scattered and scanty to enable anyone to speak with authority as to how it all happened.

Our problem often lies in that we ask the wrong questions. If we ask, how did all this come about?—we are asking a scientific question. It is a question that needs research—a stepping back into the pattern of cause and effect, testing each step as we go, tracking down the function of the universe.

It cannot be denied that research has revealed some very interesting results. Take the nature of matter. We know now that it is not solid as we once thought, but is mostly space and whirling atoms—and atoms are spoken of in terms of protons, electrons, neutrons, alpha, beta and gamma particles. They are being spoken of as charged particles, tiny bundles of energy. It all makes sense of Einstein's equation. He equated mass and energy—said they were the

(Mr. Stewart is minister to the church at Traralgon, Vic.)

same things in different forms. Some would say that the creation of the material world can thus be reduced to a simple mathematical formula $E=MC^2$ (where E = Energy, M = Mass and C is a constant). Such people could say how simple a thing then is creation, for God, the Almighty, to use a little of his energy and convert it into matter and thus the worlds were born.

The great question that Christianity answers is not the question of how the world as we know it came to be, but something far more fundamental: Why is there anything at all?

The only answer that has ever been seriously proposed to that question is the one given in the opening words of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

In creation God certainly used some process, that there is an explanation for the way creation was performed. But that is not the issue. The way of creation is basically irrelevant to the Christian testimony that God is the Creator.

The only way to test the answer to our question of why there is anything, is by looking at the evidence of our world, and attempting to see if the world makes sense as creation by the God of the Bible.

Certainly it includes the evidence of science. Science is concerned with what can be measured and the striking complexities of precision patterns has caused many a scientist to describe this world as a mathematical world. To see this,

one has only to look at the fascinating patterns of chemical combinations that the chemist has built up, or to look at an advanced text book on physics, to see a book of mathematics. Even in the biological sciences, mathematics is playing an increasing role in theory and research. Our world is a world of patterns, everything functions in patterns. How well that evidence fits in with a world made by God for a purpose.

But even science has to admit that there is more to this world than it can measure: love, affection, kindness, hate, joy, beauty. These immeasurables are the real stuff of life. This pattern and one revealed in the Bible is part of the way that life is lived at its best. John, speaking of Jesus, said, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1: 4). Almost 2,000 years of Christian testimony backs up this statement, for Christians have found that faith in God is life. It fills life with meaning, it gives direction and purpose, it creates increased sensitivity to life, it provides a way through the turmoil of life.

It doesn't finish there either. As one adventures in the Christian faith, there are to be considered the "mysterious" workings of God. Things like prayer, healing and guidance; people strangely changed. It may not be possible to spell out the chain of cause and effect from the utterance of a prayer to the bringing about of the thing prayed for, but the number of answered prayers go beyond the realms of chance.

The meaning of God the creator of the heavens and the earth is that creation functions within the will of God. Our universe is not a meaningless jumble. Even though we deny God, he is still faithful, though we seek to destroy the knowledge of God, he still awaits our response in love, so that he can recreate us to serve his will, and in so doing find the way, find life as it ought to be, find the truth, for Christ says, "I am the way, the Truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."

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REVIEWS

ROMANS: Atonement and Justification

By D. Martin Lloyd-Jones. (Zondervan).

The author is a well-known British preacher with a high reputation for expository sermons. This book is the first of several which reproduce the addresses given at Westminster Chapel, London, on Friday evenings, from 1955 to 1968! Although he preached from 1: 1, this book commences at 3: 20, because in print he wanted to get to the heart of Paul's teaching as quickly as possible.

This first volume covers 3: 20 to 4: 25, and the 17 sermons are fine examples of a great expositor's craft. This epistle is regarded by many great scholars to be the most significant from Paul's pen. Dr. Lloyd-Jones shows how all of its great truths are embedded in God's revealed concern for man throughout the Old Testament and he stresses the internal consistency of the epistle and how it meshes with the rest of the New Testament. This book will deepen respect for the Word of God.

THE WORLD ON TRIAL (Studies in Romans)

By Richard W. De Haan (Zondervan). \$4 85

Like some great passages in the Old Testament, Paul's Epistle to the Romans is couched in terms of a courtroom scene in which the whole human race is arraigned before God, the Righteous Judge.

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In the glorious climax of the eighth chapter, the Apostle exults, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?" The case is dismissed.

Some may find Romans rather heavy reading, but Mr. De Haan's book, written in a clear style, will help us to fuller understanding. And not only is its reasoning cogent. It sounds the deep note of personal experience.

Not all of us will be able to agree with everything in these studies. The author occasionally emphasises the point of view of his particular "school." For example, there is the doctrine of "Once saved, Always saved."

"The Bible teaches that one who receives Christ is justified or declared righteous, and thereby given perfect position or standing . . . This takes place at the moment a person receives Christ, and needs never to be repeated. This standing in the place of grace and favour is permanent and unaffected by anything the believer might do. Even when a Christian sins he does not lose his position, which God has given him once for all."

One senses danger here. Does Paul really say that? But, in the book as a whole, and in the personal challenge with which he closes each chapter there is no mistaking the authentic note of the Gospel.—J.E.B.

A CALL TO CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Editor, Dr. Bruce Shelley. (Zondervan). \$5.95.

Eleven evangelical scholars of the "Conservative" Baptist Theological Seminary (no more precise location given), have been seized with a clamant need to revive in the church the experience and expression of holiness, or, as they prefer it, "a recovery of Biblical piety."

Many liberally inclined churches are preoccupied with social activism, and others of a more conservative character are identified with the American cult of outward success.

Christian service and social activity is good, and essential. But Dr. Shelley states emphatically, "they can only be offered by those who are truly Christian, and that means constant attention to character, to quality in living, in a word, to piety."

Some of the chapter headings are: "God's Summons to Holiness" (Piety in the Pentateuch); "The Truly Happy Man" (Piety in the Psalms); "Seek Good, Not Evil" (Piety in the

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Prophets); "Giving First Place to the Kingdom" (Piety in the Teachings of Christ); "Living Sacrifices" (Piety in the Epistles).

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OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

By Mark M. Lee. (Zondervan). \$5.95.

One of life's greatest problems is the stress and strain between the generations in our homes. "The adolescent needs his parents, even while he finds himself rejecting them. This blockage is most obvious in matters of sex," the author says. "The fault for the failure to communicate seems to rest with both sides. Absolutely basic to understanding is that true love is the love of 'no motive,' God's kind of love, who loves us for no reason at all outside of himself." He makes this point: "In no time in life are we more guilty of the things we criticize in others than when we are young. Children are less forgiving of their parents than their parents are of them." Discipline is needed, on both sides, and the author declares: "Discipline, fairly administered, inspires obedience. And obedience is the virtue through which integrity is learned. Integrity is the inner motivation to be obedient to oneself." Wise parents, of course, know that the time comes when children's discipline must become "less physical and more sophisticated in nature."

Adolescents are impatient of delay. Dr. Lee advises young people not to "date" the same person twice in a row. That seems a stringent note. The reason: It is "largely agreed that steady dating leads to a considerable amount of sexual experimentation for a youthful couple."

Our author has some wise suggestions for steady young youth in these surging days—develop better relationship with groups; confide in an adult of high ideals; find at least one important friend your own age whom you consider better than yourself; fill the time of youth with constructive work.

It is not surprising that this volume of ten speeches and sermons, delivered on various occasions should have brought the request for their publication. "Our Children are our Best Friends," is the title merely ironic? At least, if we cannot say, "Our children are our best friends" must we not say, "Our children should be, and could be, our best friends." They can help us by forcing us to face our responsibility and to seek those resources of character without which we cannot be the sort of people they need us to be.—J.E.B.

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CARE GROUP

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. E. Paver). Following the formation of a local branch of the Victorian Council of Churches, a "Care Group" has been formed involving all district churches. This group will be able to help in times of distress . . . The Adult Study Group sponsored a forum, "Towards an Understanding of the Homosexual." Four speakers presented the problems of this group of people.

SPRING MINI-MISSION

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). The church is preparing for a Mini-Mission. A 24-hour Prayer Circle will be held from 6 p.m., Sept. 22, until 6 p.m., Sept. 23, also at 6-7 a.m. each morning of the Mission . . . Minister has exchanged pulpits with J. Timms, of Ballarat, and G. Wake, of Dunolly . . . Mrs. Lunn is recovering from surgery.

STUDENT TEAM

(MALVERN, Vic., I. Adams/K. Verge). O.C.B. students, Ken. Verge and Miss Robin Haskell, will continue in a team ministry for 1972. Ian Adams will graduate and moves to full-time ministry . . . Evening services are at 7 p.m. following combined service at Spring Rd. Methodist Church . . . The hall has been used for lectures and films presented by the Family Life Movement and for Explorers' zone indoor sports . . . Good Companions have attended Impact programmes, a camp at Monbulk, a service conducted by George Mathieson, D.C.E., followed by tea at which he spoke on the drug problem . . . The Girls' Sunday service had Mrs. G. R. Stirling as guest speaker. Other speakers have included Geoff. Pearce, Springvale, for Overseas Missions and the Conf. Pres., J. Alabaster.

NEW GUINEA PROJECT

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. Baxter). The New Guinea project has now raised \$270 from which six sewing machines have been sent to New Guinea mission field. . . . Intermediate and Youth grades of church school held camp at Rita Roberts Lodge, Monbulk . . . Manse road construction has commenced. C.W.F. has donated \$100 towards manse water main costs . . . The congregation has been considering a constitution for the church. . . . A tennis team has been formed . . . Boys' Explorer Club held a father-and-son camp . . . Church and school picnic was held at Wattle Park . . . R. Fitzgerald and F. Combridge have been elected as elders and four deacons were elected. H. Weedon was elected church school Supt.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND BIBLE

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). The Bible came alive through the medium of slides, shown by K. J. Clinton, of important archaeological discoveries . . . The feature of Boys' Sunday was Bayswater High School principal, Mr. Adamson, as guest speaker. After ten together, some of the boys participated in the service . . . Sharing meetings, led by Dr. Bowes, are continuing in private homes. . . . A presentation of a Bible was made to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cliff.



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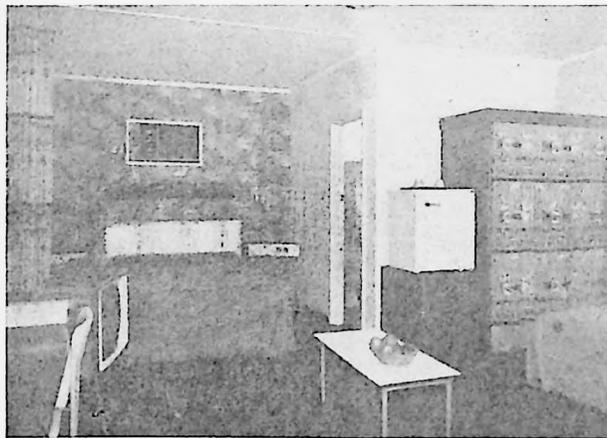
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By R. S. A. McLEAN

After spending eight weeks in the New Hebrides visiting mission stations and churches on Aoba, Maewo, Pentecost, Santo and adjacent islands, I flew to New Guinea via the Solomon Islands.

I have been in New Guinea for two weeks and most of this time has been spent with New Hebrideans who are studying, or serving as missionaries in this country.

In Port Moresby I was met by Edward Tamblari from Pentecost Island in the New Hebrides, who is a first year medical student at the University of Papua and New Guinea. During his first year of study Edward has been jointly sponsored by the Overseas Mission Board and the New Zealand Lepers' Trust Board. If he is successful in his studies then the Lepers' Trust Board will provide 90% of the expenses involved for the remainder of the five-year course.

Edward showed me over the University and it was encouraging to see the progress being made and the availability of tertiary education for the people of Papua and New Guinea.

Moving on to our mission area, I spent a night at Chungribu and the next day went up the Ramu River to Annanberg. Here I was met by Bill Bull, our New Hebridean missionary from Pentecost Island, and we walked for six hours to Gokto, where Bill and Janet are working.

I was deeply impressed with the zeal that Bill and Janet have to spread the gospel not only at Gokto but to numerous villages in the Schrader Ranges. To reach these villages, Bill has to walk through the rugged jungle trails, some of the villages being a two days' walk from Gokto. He is often away for a week or more, and during this time Janet is left in charge of this lonely station.

The site chosen for the mission at Gokto is in thick jungle country. Dozens of huge trees have had to be cut down and these are now scattered over several acres of land around the unfinished mis-

sion house. There is much hard work ahead clearing the area to make way for more mission buildings and the planting of lawns and shrubs to make the mission station attractive.

Bill, a graduate of the Banmatmat Bible College is kept busy in addition to building a new mission station, preaching and teaching scores of people in the area, the Word of God. The gospel is new to many and they are eager to hear the Word of God explained. Some, often called the "Mountain People," have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Janet trained as a nurse at the Ndul Ndul Hospital, and she is kept busy treating the sick as well as looking after her small son. Every morning there is a long line of patients waiting to see Janet and as a result of her ministry, pain-wracked bodies are healed, lives are saved, and people are helped in their understanding of Christian love and concern.

To go to Gokto and see the pioneering work of this young New Hebridean couple, was an inspiring experience. Their willingness to work cheerfully in this most isolated area is an indication of their faith, zeal and courage which must encourage and inspire us all. (I could write similarly concerning August and Maeline Ben, our other New Hebridean missionaries who serve at Mul in New Guinea, whom I visited after leaving Gokto.)

During the several days that I spent with Bill and Janet, the thought that often came to my mind was, "they deserve a medal for what they are doing." But this is the last thing they want. What they, and all our missionaries need as they serve in isolated areas, and trek through the jungles (sometimes walking for hours because the budget at times is inadequate for them to travel by boat) to reach more villages for Christ, is not medals, but the earnest and faithful support of the churches at home and the assurance that the home churches are behind (not too far we trust!) them.

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THREE MOUNTAINS

Can you identify these three Bible mountains? (Answers next issue).

1. On its slopes Moses saw the vision of the burning bush.
2. Not very high but one of the best known in all the world. The whole Jewish people made it a place of pilgrimage. Songs are sung about it and its name sometimes stands for the Christian church.
3. Just outside Jerusalem, and has the Garden of Gethsemane located on it.

ANSWER: Who am I? (see last issue).

The girl who loved her mother-in-law was Ruth.

CAN YOU MATCH THEM?

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| 1. Robin Hood | a. Salome. |
| 2. Dr. Watson | b. Ira D. Sankey |
| 3. Gilbert | c. Minnehaha |
| 4. Guinevere | d. Sherlock Holmes. |
| 5. Aquilla | e. Marian. |
| 6. D. L. Moody | f. Sullivan. |
| 7. Hiawatha | g. Pricilla |
| 8. Herod. | h. King Arthur. |

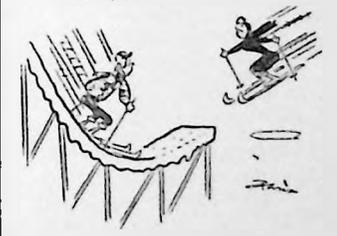
(See below)

MRS. to Mr.: "Where is the paper plate I gave you with your piece of pie?"

Mr. to Mrs.: "Paper plate? I thought it was the crust."

HE who thinketh by the inch and talketh by the yard deserveth to be kicked by the foot.

Matched (see above): 1e, 2d, 3f, 4h, 5g, 6b, 7c, 8a.



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THE LAST WORD . . .

PRIORITIES

To dress, to call, to live, to break
No canon of the social code,
The little laws that lackeys make,
The futile decalogue of Mode—
How many a soul for these things lives
With pious passion, grave intent!
And never has even seen in dreams
The things that are more excellent.



Pain makes man think . . .
thinking makes man wise . . .
wisdom makes life enduring.

"Thou shalt not kill has been ingrained in us since Mount Sinai. It was inconceivable ten years ago that the Jews should break this commandment. Unfortunately they are breaking it today . . . I hang my head in shame when I have to speak of this fact."—CHAIM WEIZMANN, to U.N. Committee on Palestine.

When you're at home, watch your temper,
When you're in company, watch your tongue,
When you're alone, watch your thoughts.

The "haves" and the "have-nots" can often be traced back to the "dids" and the "did-nots."



When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.—Mark Twain.



Snobbery is the pride of those who are not sure of their position.



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